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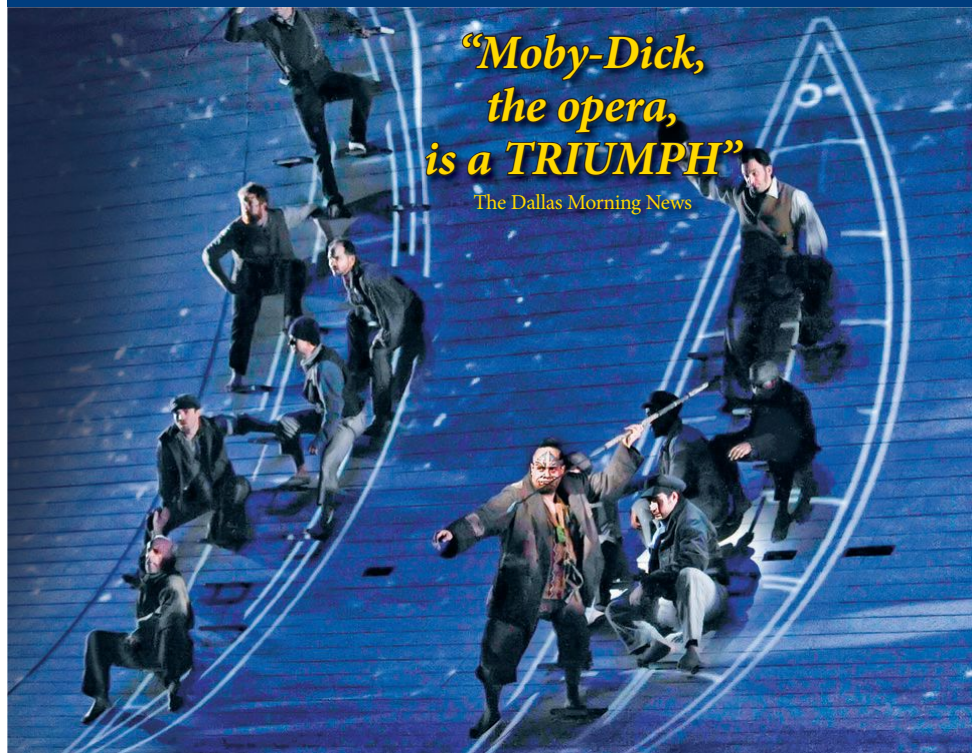
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UNDER THE RADAR

Jerry Brown's horse race The election isn't until 2014, but Democratic governor **Jerry Brown** is already out raising money for his reelection campaign. Recent donors include beer-making giant Anheuser-Busch, with a \$25,900 donation on January 28, and the California Academy of Eye Physicians & Surgeons PAC, with \$17,500



Jerry Brown's reelection campaign gets \$20,000 from horse-racing interests.

on February 3. Then there is the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, operator of the famous track here, with \$5000 on January 30, and the Thoroughbred Owners of California PAC, with an address in Del Mar, which kicked in \$15,000 on February 3.

What makes the timing of the latter two contributions of interest is a recently reported lobbying campaign by the cities of Del Mar and Solana Beach regarding four possible upcoming Brown appointments. As governor, Brown enjoys a big role in shaping the ultimate fate of the racing emporium, and political and horse-racing observers note that controversial plans to sell the state-owned fairgrounds, where the track is located, to the two cities have gone nowhere since Brown became governor.

Now serious jockeying has broken out among the various parties of interest regarding whom Brown should appoint to the 22nd District Agricultural Association board, which that oversees the complex. As the *Coast News* reported February 2, "[O]fficials in Del Mar and Solana Beach are working to ensure that at least one of those appointments is a resident from their cities, something they feel will result in better representation from the agency that governs the state-owned Del Mar Fairgrounds." The story went on to quote Del Mar mayor **Carl Hilliard** as saying Brown seemed in a hurry

to make the appointments.

"Hilliard said in December he received two emails in one day from different people telling him his recommendations were needed. He said he also got a voice message from **Sonya Logman**, [the governor's] deputy appointments secretary, telling him he should just submit the names verbally." But Brown spokesman **Evan Westrup** denied there was a rush. "That was probably just our appointment's office doing

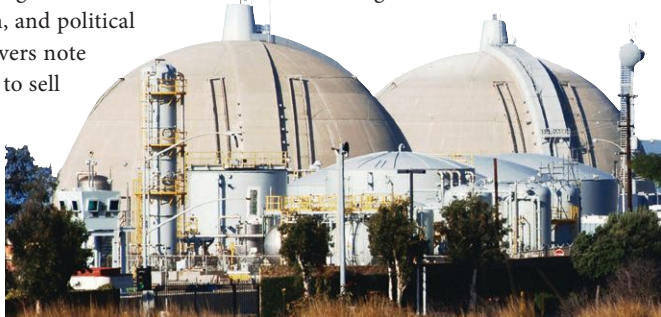
what it does best, which is talking to the candidates and making sure we get the right people in those positions," Westrup told the paper.

Interviewed by phone earlier this week, Hilliard said there have been no fresh developments and that other gubernatorial appointments have apparently taken precedence over filling the four Del Mar openings. He maintained that the timing of

the Thoroughbred association campaign contributions to Brown is likely a coincidence.

In an email, Brown spokesman Westrup said: "We are in the process of identifying and selecting candidates to fill these seats. Our focus is ensuring we fill these vacancies with top-notch candidates. That ultimately dictates the timing of our appointments."

Affirmative dining Sempra Energy, beset by a leaking reactor at San Onofre and illegal bird-



A radioactive steam leak at San Onofre is one of a few problems plaguing Sempra Energy.

space penetrations in East County, among other troubles, has been currying favor among state officials in the firm's traditional way, by providing them with free food and drink. According to its most recent lobbyist filing, the corporation hosted assemblymembers **Steven C. Bradford** and **Bonnie Lowenthal**, along with her assistant **Niki Tennant**, at Donovan's steak house in San Diego on October 26; total tab for the trio came to \$184.18.

But the giant utility's biggest political blow-

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San Diego Gas Wants You to Pay for Its Negligence

By Don Bauder

Your pocket is being picked in an alleged conspiracy between San Diego Gas & Electric and the California Public

Utilities Commission, which is supposed to regulate utilities but actually mollicoddles them. This chicanery, spelled out in a lawsuit filed February 6, could cost every SDG&E

The utility has 1.3 million rate meters. That comes to \$356.85 per customer paying the bill. That sum could go up or down because of a number of variables, including law-

and the utility commission's own Consumer Protection and Safety Division have shown, much of the 2007 fire damage was the result of SDG&E's improper design, construction, and maintenance of power lines. Yet, in desiring to shift the financial burden to its customers, the company implies that the disasters were an unavoidable accident, such as an act of God, like Florida hurricanes. Joseph Mitchell, a fire expert with a PhD in particle physics, points out that the power lines were not built to withstand strong winds, and their clashing ignited the



SDG&E wants customers to pay \$463.9 million in costs incurred during the 2007 wildfires.

bill-paying customer more than \$350 initially and far more than that later.

Basically, the company and its parent, Sempra Energy, want to shift part of the cost of past and future wildfires to their customers instead of to their shareholders. Consumers would pay fire costs not covered by SDG&E's insurance. The utility wants customers to pay for costs of the 2007 fires and then indemnify the utility against future costs in excess of insurance coverage.

At a hearing January 11-13 in San Francisco, an SDG&E executive admitted that customers might be required to pay \$463.9 million for the uncovered costs of the 2007 fires alone.

suits, but the point is clear: if the local utility and the utilities commission sneak this one through, SDG&E customers' bills could soar beyond many people's ability to pay. A serious fire every few years, for example, could drain many households of savings.

This is not just an accounting adjustment; it is an actual payment, explains Scott Logan, an analyst with the utility commission's Division of Ratepayer Advocates, which represents consumers. "The utility wants ratepayers to pay the costs," although the payments might be amortized over several years, he says.

As studies by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire)

fires. "Ignitions are not an act of God, and you have to have ignition to start a catastrophic fire," says Mitchell.

His wife, Diane Conklin of the Mussey Grade Road Alliance in Ramona, has requested a public hearing on the matter in San Diego. The commission normally would hold a local hearing on matters affecting rates. At this kind of public-participation gathering, the commission's administrative law judge and/or the commissioner in charge of the case would hear from aggrieved customers. SDG&E doesn't want any such hearing until the commission has set up a mechanism for putting the financial burden on ratepay-

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Bugged by U-T Litterbugs

By Russell Goltz

Am I the only one who can see them? All over my neighborhood are plastic bags filled with newspaper advertising. The circulars are *everywhere*.

I live in Pacific Beach and first noticed them in December. On my way home from my Saturday-morning walk, I spotted several lying in the street in front of my apart-

The circulars are distributed by the *San Diego Union-Tribune* — it says so right on the plastic bag. They are a subpublication of the *U-T*, delivered not just to the paper's subscribers but tossed in front of every residential building.

On my morning walk the following Saturday, down Opal between Mission and Bayard, it was the same thing, about 50 newspapers lying around. I noticed several from the week before, their plastic bags missing and the damp and sun-bleached newsprint decomposing. Now we had a new crop strewn on the streets and sidewalks.

I resolved to resolve this



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Calls to the *U-T*, the police, and the City haven't stopped the indiscriminate paper tossing.

problem.

I figured the first step was to contact the *U-T* directly, just in case they were unaware of how their advertising was being distributed.

This is the email I sent:

Hi, Every Saturday the UT has an advertisement. Instead of delivering them to the door, they are just left on the sidewalks. Pacific Beach is now covered with these, nobody picks them up, and they are all over the place. I think this is littering, and you should stop doing it. Russell

Their response:

Dear Russell,

I apologize for the inconvenience. Your address has been added to our "do not deliver" list for Local Community Values and your request has also been forwarded to the appropriate distribution company.

Jimmeace

U-T Customer Service

Second email:

Hi Jimmeace, I don't think you understand. I'm not just concerned about my own place, but the entire town is strewn with them. Please see the attached photos. They are from ONE SINGLE BLOCK of a street.

Here is their second response:

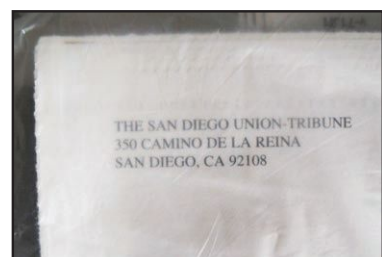
Dear Russell, I do understand how frustrating this can be. Our system only allows us to look up address by address so I am unable to do anything at this time for the entire block. Each resident would need to call in to be removed. If there is a homeowners association that can provide a complete list of addresses faxed to our office we can make sure the third party company who delivers this publication is notified and the addresses removed from their route. The fax number to our main office is 619-293-2331.

Sincerely,

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I did not know what to do next, but since littering is against the law, I called the

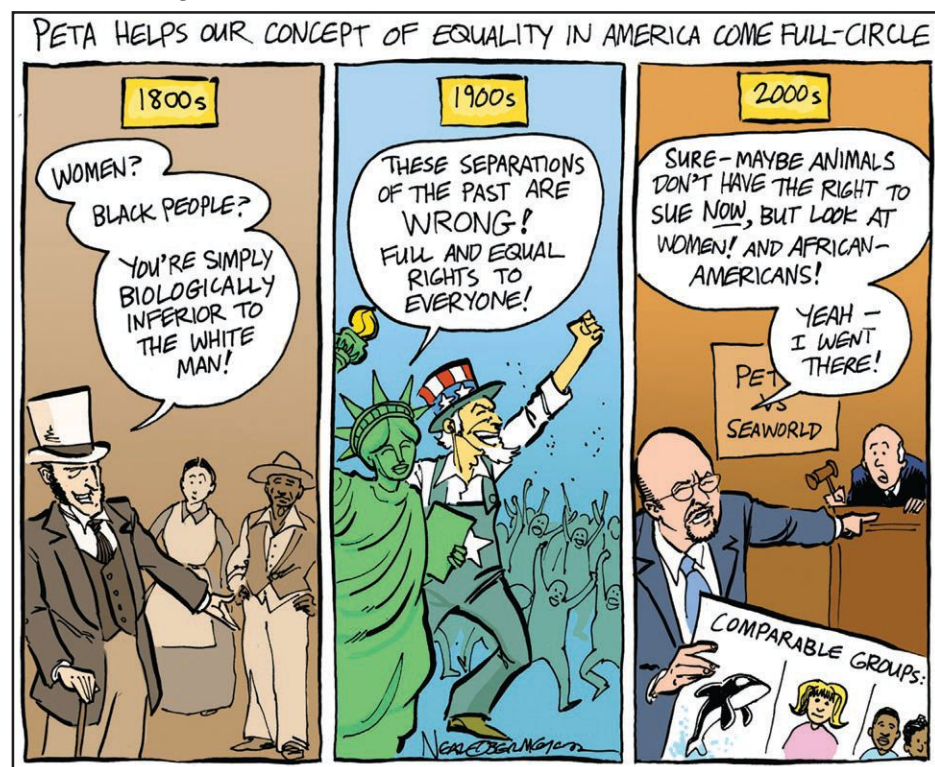
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The advertising circulars littering the author's PB neighborhood are a *U-T* subpublication.

ment complex. I hate it when guys come into the complex and place a circular before each door, but I really hate it when they leave them out front.

Neal Obermeyer



NEWS TICKER

District Dissolved

Judgment Reached Over Assessment District

Golden Hill/South Park — The judgment is final. Now, a group of residents in Golden Hill and South Park — which has spent more than four years fighting the formation of the Greater Golden Hill Maintenance Assessment District — can rest, knowing the district will be dissolved.

Yesterday, the clerk for the San Diego County Superior Court filed a decision from judge Richard Whitney that found the assessment district to be "invalid."

The Golden Hill Neighborhood Association filed the lawsuit back in August 2007. The suit claimed the city tilted the ballot results in its favor by placing more weight on open-space land. The group's lawsuit didn't stop there. The group also accused the Golden Hill Community Development Corporation of mismanaging funds.

The amount of refunds to be issued has not been determined. An attorney for the residents plans to file a motion soon.

By Dorian Hargrove
Friday, February 10

Object of Anger

Texas Nonprofit Joins Fight for Cross

Mount Soledad — The Liberty Institute, a nonprofit firm based in Dallas with the goal of "promoting Judeo-Christian" values, is taking the fight over the Mount Soledad Cross to the Supreme Court, reports the *Associated Press*.

"An upcoming battle involves the Mount Soledad Memorial, a 29-foot-tall Latin cross erected as

a veterans memorial and located in San Diego with religious symbols from other faiths surrounding," reads a message posted on the group's website.

"It is outrageous to think that a memorial placed over 75 years ago by veterans could be the object of such anger, but this is worth fighting for. If even one memorial is torn down, it will mean that no memorial with any kind of religious imagery is safe."

By Dorian Hargrove
Thursday, February 9

Bye, Bye Bubble

Home Values May Bottom This Year

San Diego — San Diego is among a group of metro areas whose home values will likely hit bottom late this year, according to Zillow. Others are Dallas, Denver, Miami, New York, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, and Tampa, says the housing research firm.

San Diego home values dropped 0.4 percent in last year's fourth quarter and dropped 5.2 percent for the year 2011. They are now down 36.9 percent since hitting a peak during the bubble.

By Don Bauder
Thursday, February 9

Back of the Pack

Mayor Supports Dumanis on YouTube

San Diego — Mayor Jerry Sanders isn't shying away from his support for Bonnie Dumanis to become San Diego's next mayor, despite a recent poll from KGTV/Channel 10 that has the district attorney in the back of the pack with 14 percent of the vote.

Sanders showed his support in a YouTube video by asking that people give donations to Dumanis's campaign.

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A 'Nam Fantasy

After reading your cover article "Citizen Pot Bust" (February 9), I don't know who is more dangerous, the people in the forest growing marijuana or a bunch of military wannabes carrying loaded guns playing vigilante. Could this article have been any more self-serving? I hope that the DEA and the authorities discourage this kind of untrained and unskilled macho Rambo behavior. I also found it amusing that in their minds they were in Vietnam chasing Charlie. Unless you are at least 56 years old, which they didn't appear to be from the picture, you were never in Nam. Please do us all a favor and grow up.

Robert Richardson
Pacific Beach

Pot Story A Big Bust

I'm really surprised about your article "Citizen Pot Bust" (Cover Story, February 9). It's about the weirdest article I've ever seen in your paper. I mean, it's like you're advocating people to

go out and put on jungle fatigues and hike around in the woods with guns looking for pot growers. It's ridiculous. I don't know if you know it, but it's illegal to hike off the trails in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. These guys, they said they went there a dozen times? Broke the law every time. It's illegal to hunt in Cuyamaca state park. They're up there with guns hunting, poaching illegally, breaking laws again. They're walking around with loaded guns, ready to fire at anybody that happens to step out of the bushes? It's like you're advocating these psychos, okay? And what cracks me up is that then you turn to the last page and you're taking money from pot stores, helping sell pot. It's ironic.

Bill McCoy
Spring Valley

According to a ranger at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, it is not illegal to hike off the trails, but it is illegal to hunt in the park. — Editor

Co-Authored By The DEA

I so far got off on those pix of charcoal-smear, camo-bros with their climbing gear out in the Cuyamacas hunting down Mex alien pot farms for the DEA ("Citizen Pot Bust," Cover Story, February 9). Dude, my brother (not my bro, 'cuz bro's something different and way superior, dude), he works for the DEA, and he says that article is way authentic *because this s*** happens all the time!!!* People really do help the

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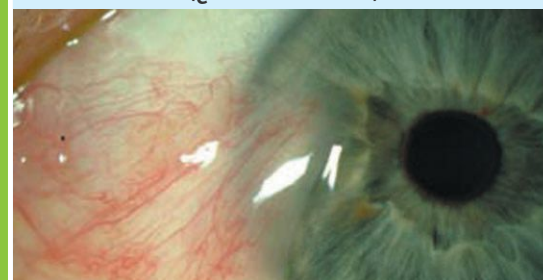
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by Barbarella

Follow the Talent

David and I have taken to watching ice hockey — David's always loved the sport, and I've learned to appreciate the skill it takes to chase a tiny black disc around a slippery sheet of ice while skating backward on steel blades just a few millimeters thick. But the best thing about game night is that neither David nor I care who wins. As such, we can appreciate when anyone, from any team, does something awesome. On the flip side, we feel no need to remain loyal to the team of any player who does something rotten.

During the World Cup playoffs (soccer is another sport we enjoy watching), it was the same — there was no particular country I rooted for. I just wanted the best team to win, regardless of whether it was the U.S. or Ukraine.

Most people I know, both conservative and liberal, would agree that prejudice is born of ignorance, but that has more to do with lack of world experience than innate dimness.

I can't relate to people who freak out when "their" team loses. But that doesn't mean I don't want to know where they're coming from. Human behavior has always fascinated me. Cultural anthropology was my favorite course in college; I regularly peruse psychology and science journals for new studies that might reveal why people act the way they do.

When I dug into the psychology of sports fans, I began to understand why some fans get so emotional. First, a team can provide a sense of identity and self-esteem. A professor at Indiana University found that "men and women

who were diehard fans were much more optimistic about their sex appeal after a victory" and more hopeful "about their ability to perform well at mental and physical tests." But when their team lost, all that optimism vanished. I couldn't imagine placing my sense of self-worth in some stranger's hands, but, apparently, lots of people seem willing to do just that.

Sports fanaticism involves "us against them" thinking. In her article published in *Psychology Today*, Dr. Susan Krauss Whitbourne writes, "[Sports fans] are passionate about their teams, know every detail about the players, and religiously follow the progress of their hometown heroes. The only factor that differentiates these groups is the team they root for. Yet, people create arbitrary distinctions between the teams (and fans) they love and those they hate. It's doubtful that knowledge of this social psychological principle will lead to fans of the Patriots to reach out and hug fans of the Giants, but theoretically

they should recognize that they are more alike than they are different."

Though I appreciate scholarly insight, I don't always leave it to the experts. Pesky sibling that I am, I have a penchant for pushing buttons. My own little social experiments disclose things to me that I wouldn't otherwise know. For example, whether or not someone is super-glued to a particular belief, regardless of whatever contrary-but-reliable information might surface.

When I came across a recent headline that proclaimed, "Intelligence Study Links Low I.Q. to Prejudice, Racism, Conservatism," I clicked to learn more (but not before I posted the provocative headline and link on my Facebook wall). The actual title of the study, which was published in *Psychological Science*, was, "Bright Minds and Dark Attitudes: Lower Cognitive Ability Predicts Greater Prejudice Through Right-Wing Ideology and Low Intergroup Contact."

Basically, the study found that children "whose level of intelligence was below the median at age 10" were up to 65 percent more likely to display "above-median levels of racism during adulthood." Most people I know, both conservative and liberal, would agree that prejudice is born of ignorance, but that has more to do with lack of world experience than innate dimness. One psychologist explained it this way: "Reality is complicated and messy. Ideologies get rid of the messiness and impose a simpler solution. So, it may not be surprising that

people with less cognitive capacity will be attracted to simplifying ideologies."

What I gleaned from the study is that stupider-than-average people have "poor abstract-reasoning skills." When I brought this up to David, he said, "Makes sense. People are threatened by things that are different from themselves. It takes an open mind to consider and accept that people can be different than you while still not posing a threat. The basic instinct is, 'We're right, we're good, and those different people over the hill are not, so we're afraid of them.'"

I've witnessed stubborn, unpromising convictions tossed up from both sides of the fence. I don't think it's a liberal/conservative thing so much as a close-minded/open-minded thing. And the tighter the doors on one's mind, the more difficult it becomes to shine any light through the cracks.

Despite my button-pushing prediction, I recoil from heated arguments. Experience has taught me that the more passionate someone seems to be about a given topic, the less reasonable they will be in discussing it. Such people have already chosen their team and they will remain loyal, discounting any contrasting opinion simply because it comes from a member of a different team.

I treat politics the same way I treat sports — I follow the talent. As a registered Independent, I'm not overly attached to any one team. I've voted both Republican and Democrat. Sure, I have

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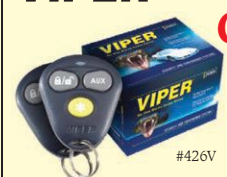
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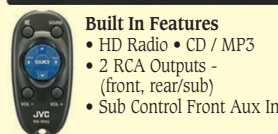
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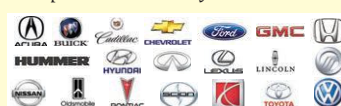
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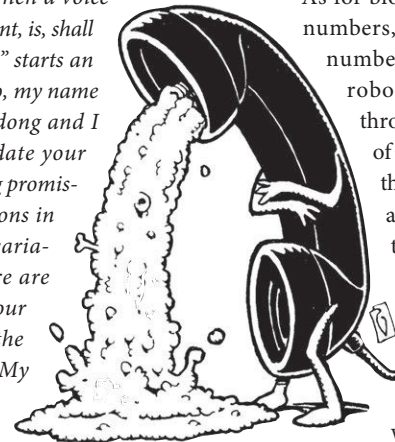
STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Hey Matt:

Every day, seven days a week, I get odd, distracting, disruptive phone calls that drive me to drink! No, not the ones from my ex. The phone rings, I answer with my usual happy salutation, then I may or may not hear a "click" or a momentary pause. Then a voice that, judging from the accent, is, shall we say, from "out of town" starts an obvious script with: "Hello, my name is Ramma-lamma-ding-dong and I am simply calling to update your free..." or, I get a recording promising that I can get ga-zillions in "free grant money" (or variations on the theme). Here are the issues I would love your thoughts on: 1. I am on the national do-not-call list. My phone is for customers and friends. 2. The call-back may be blocked, 3. The

number displayed may be something like 000-000-0000 4. Or, when the number displayed, if apparently "legitimate," is called back, it comes back as invalid or "unavailable" without the option of leaving a message. There have been times (and I can print out the proof) that the same number tries to reach me 1/2 dozen times a day! Sometimes 15 minutes apart! What...if anything...can a citizen of this fine country do to track these knuckle-heads down and give them a telephonic wedgie?

— Bill Thompson, San Diego



message gives you the chance to "press star if you don't want to hear this message," don't do it. Hang up. Otherwise, all you've done is notify the caller that the phone number is good and is answered by a human being who speaks English.

As for blocked and fake call-back numbers, anyone can block their number when calling out. But robocallers make their calls through a PBX board — a lot of robophones connected to the main phone line through a single point. One clever thing you can do with a PBX board is program in a fake call-back number. And calling half a dozen times a day at 15-minute intervals? That's what robophones do best.

Back to who makes these calls, other than people offering you low-cost lottery winnings. Do Not Call federal legislation excludes certain types of businesses from their restrictions. The feds claim that because of FCC/FTC jurisdictional limitations, they can't regulate calls from charities, legitimate telephone surveys, or companies with which you've established a business relationship. And, because legislators are so good at passing laws that don't apply to them personally, political parties are also exempt. Of course. (Grandma sent care packages of ear plugs and Xanax to the Florida Alices recently.) So are your creditors or their collection agencies, which are ruled by a different set of laws.

Beware of that "businesses with which you have established a relationship." That includes any business you've called with an inquiry, a business you've submitted a job app to, a business you've bought something from. See that "Call Now!" number in that infomercial; "We only have a dozen left!"; "You only have five minutes to respond"? Don't do it. That's a "business relationship."

Your only recourses are to file a complaint with the FTC or FCC (have very specific details at hand) or, if you are talking to a live person, you can request to be put on that company's Do Not Call list, and they're obligated to comply. But let's say you signed up on Do Not Call many years ago. There's an outside chance that your number has automatically been removed. This will eventually happen if you abandon the number or it's otherwise shut off, even briefly; but it might also occur automatically if you make any kind of service or billing change with your phone company, even if your service is not interrupted. Check your DNC status at donotcall.gov.

I like that telephonic wedgie idea. But of course, it's a dream never to be fulfilled. So, I guess from your description you're talking about a land line registered to a business. (It's flat-out illegal nationwide to make robocalls to cell phones or "voice over IP.") But business-to-business land-lines and fax machines are not covered by the Do Not Call laws. You're fair game. The system has worked pretty well for the nine years it's been around. But recently robocallers seem to have decided to flout the law and call anyway, since it's so tough for people to ID them. A survey of several states shows that the top consumer complaints are about robocalls.

The odd pauses and clicks you hear are the robomachinery registering that your phone's been answered by a live person. This isn't necessarily what they want. They know you'll hang up, so they'd rather talk to your answering device, which will sit still and listen. If instead, a live person comes on the line, they're just following the law. Robocalls must have a live person to speak to you to tell you who they are and give you the chance to opt out on their exciting robo-offer. A bit o' advice? If a robo-

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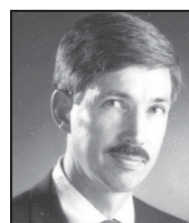


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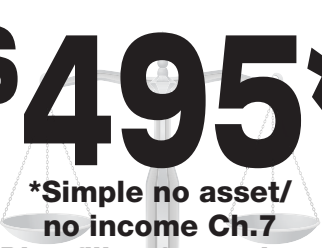
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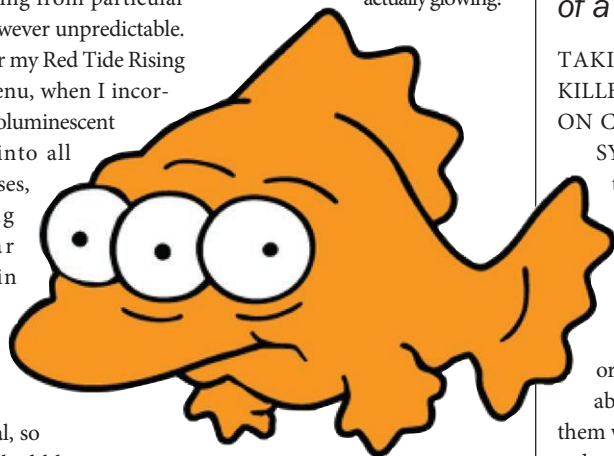
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Judges Say Gay Stay Still in Play for Today in CA

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals recently issued a decision rejecting Proposition 8's constitutional ban on gay marriage in California. However, it also left in place a stay on gay marriage put in place by a lower court, pending the inevitable appeal from Prop 8 proponents.

"There is no legal justification for Prop 8's denial of the term 'marriage' for gay and lesbian couples," wrote Justice Rhinehart in a private email to his golf buddies. "But we're gonna leave the moratorium in place because, ew, sodomy. What two consenting adults do in the privacy of their bedroom can get pretty gross."

However, in a more public email written to the gay-rights group California State

Homosexual Oppression Watch and Business Interest Zone (Cal-SHOWBIZ), Rhinehart struck a slightly different note. "We're hoping that, now that we've issued this ruling in support of their rights, California's gays will stop going on and on about marriage — an institution that is intimately bound up with sexual behavior, including the icky kind that gay men practice — and instead focus on what makes them truly valuable and distinctive members of society: producing quality entertainment for the masses. Theater, dance, fashion, even television and movies — all of it relies heavily on the wit and sass of the gay



community, and, frankly, this Prop 8 thing has had many gays distracted lately. At least, that's the impression I get from a hot mess like season two of *Glee*."

In related news, Prop 8 supporters estimate that they should have an appeal on Rhinehart's decision ready sometime around the year 2180.

Pro-Life Group Piggybacks on PETA Whale Slavery Case

After Animal-Rights Group Sues on Behalf of San Diego Sea World's Orcas, Pro-Lifers Jump into Nonperson Lawsuit Scrum

BBB Head Matthews: "If someone can sue on behalf of a whale, then we can sue on behalf of a fetus."

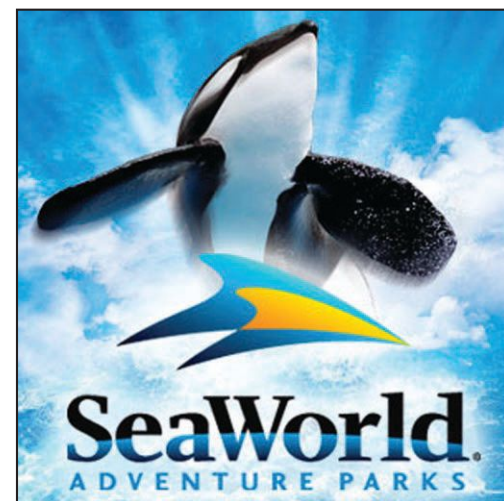
TAKING IN THE MAJESTY OF THE KILLER WHALE WHILE MUNCHING ON CHURROS AND LISTENING TO SYNTH-POP, SEA WORLD: Sometimes, Martha Matthews wonders what it is about whales and the unborn. "I mean, I was never in Greenpeace or anything like that," says the head of the San Diego chapter of the Baby Burial Brigade, an organization devoted to collecting post-abortion fetal remains and providing them with funeral services. "In fact, I used to have one of those bumper stickers that read, 'Be a hero, save a whale; save a baby, go to jail.' But after that whole episode with

the fin-whale fetus that got dumped in the Miramar Landfill and now this..."

"This" refers to her organization's followup lawsuit to the one filed by PETA alleging that Sea World's practice of holding killer whales and forcing them to perform is a violation of the United States Constitution's 13th Amendment — the one that outlawed slavery.

Recalls Matthews, "I got the idea when [U.S. district judge Jeffrey] Miller asked that PETA lawyer [Jeff Kerr] about the history of the 13th Amendment, and how it was intended to apply only to humans held in slavery. Kerr said the right to sue had never explicitly been granted to animals, but that

the same had been true in the past for other groups, such as African-Americans and women. And I thought to myself, *And the unborn!* The 13th Amendment outlawed slavery, but the 8th prohibited excessive bail. Couldn't we argue that unborn babies are held prisoner in their mothers' wombs, with the bail being the life-sustaining nutrition that Mom provides? It's a bail that can't possibly be paid, and that sounds pretty excessive to me. It's true that a win in such a case might lead to more women deciding to abort rather than come under legal scrutiny, but it would also be a foot in the door for getting fetuses recognized as persons. Or at least whales."



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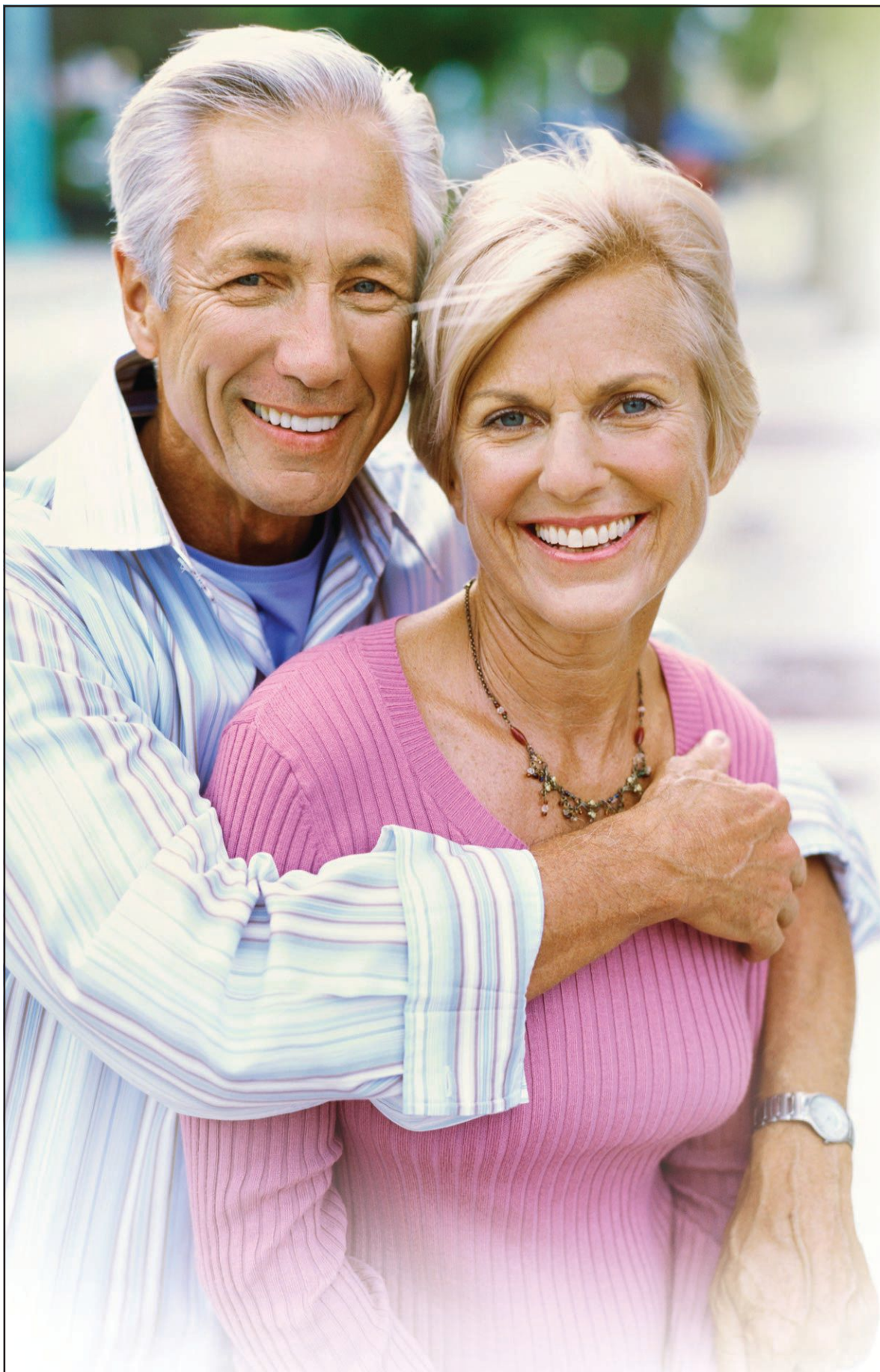


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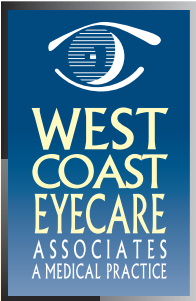
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I have been walking the face of the Earth for a little more than seven decades. Along the way, I have had some thoughts about some subjects. I have also had some ideas. If you can tell me the difference between the two, I'm ready to listen. Anyway, two nights ago, I was lying in my bed suffering from the pain that an attack of gout inevitably brings on. As I lay there, I was occupied by a brain that would not stay quiet. I had this inspiration to note a specific thought that caught my fancy for every single day of one year. The longer I lay there languishing in the no-man's-land between sleep and fiery pain, the stronger the conviction came to do this.

POST TITLE: MY CADILLAC NEEDS SERVICE? RE-PAIR? MY HONDA, TOO!? @%#^&*@@!

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Beware, what is coming is a primal cry for understanding. It is the "coming of age" story of the relationship between an adult and his sent-from-heaven car.

I was driving a nice mid-60s Olds Cutlass which I had bought through connections for \$150.00 in 1977. Then a friend of mine, who was one of the last gas station/repair shop wizards, told me that he had this "cherry" 1964, four-door Cadillac sedan for \$750.00.

We all know that Cadillacs are perfect, right? Right. Just like we all know that Hondas are perfect. Cadillacs have been around for a long time, and they have had good years and bad years. However, and I mean this, *However*, we still walk around in our waking hours with the conviction that they are perfect. We love it when one goes by us and all we hear is the gentle *hissss* of the perfect tires going by. We dream and dream and then one day, a friend offers us the perfect car that has been driven by the proverbial old maid on weekends. We gobble it up.

It doesn't take long before we learn that the perfect Cadillac is a machine. Note that we can't bring ourselves to say that it is "just" a machine. We have to somehow force ourselves into the reality that what we considered to be

perfection is "just" a machine. I got my first awakening when the timing started to not be "right." I figured that this small aberration was not a big deal — the car was 14 years old, after all — and mine was going to be the only car in the garage.

I got the shock of my life. I had a one-hour wait. There was a long line of warped perfection in front of me. I could not believe it. I struggled with it. I brought myself to try to say something witty to one of the mechanics and failed. Whatever it was that I said, his reply was, "Caddies are a piece of shit." What? I paid \$750.00 for perfection

that was being blasphemed by this uneducated, uncouth, blue-collar knave? I tell you, it was a very long wait for the car to be delivered to me. I caressed it lovingly, gently and smoothly got in and experienced its resurrected perfection. The boorish buffoon of a mechanic be damned. Caddies are perfect, I know. This one was all the more perfect because it had a bench style front seat. You know [you oldies know], the one that we used to call the SOB seat. This in opposition to the birth-control, bucket-style seats that are still the rage. I have a Canadian cousin who still maintains that this style was designed by the European branch of Planned Parenthood.

After two or three years of babying my piece of perfection, I had grown into the realization that Cadillacs were indeed just machines, and machines by their very nature have strong points and weak ones. Just like human beings. I thought that I had learned my lesson and that I was a big boy now. Then I made the mistake of buying a \$2400, brand-new Honda Civic Hatchback in 1981. I still had the Cadillac, and as far as I was concerned, it had downgraded itself to "less than perfect." Soon, the Honda became perfect. I was convinced that I had found mechanical perfection. It took a long time, but it too fell into desuetude after about 210,000 miles, and I had to part with it.

No matter what, Cadillac or Honda, it's still only a machine and machines do wear out and die, long before we humans do. I try not to be the harbinger of bad news, but I figure that we all have to learn.



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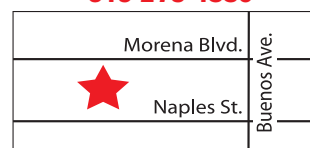
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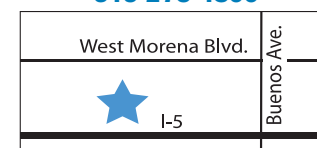
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Injury Report

And so, baseball. Padres pitchers and catchers report to Peoria on Sunday. Once again I have been suckered into a fantasy baseball league by quaffing one drink too many in the company of bad men.

Major League Baseball is a collection of genetically mutated primates who are able to bat, pitch, and throw a 5¼-ounce sphere better than 99.999 percent of their brothers and sisters. For these esoteric skills, players enjoy an average yearly salary of \$3.3 million. Along with money come better hotels, better parties, better booze, better clothes, travel, housing...all that betterness topped off by a gratifying collective gasp the moment a room full of strangers realize you've walked through the door.

The gap between players and the rest of us is so wide you might think there are no intersection points, especially after confronting the reality of your crummy dreary house, crummy dreary car, and crummy dreary job you have to go to every crummy dreary Monday morning.

That's simply not true, Hoss. We share something more than mere material things with our baseball heroes. Ours is a spiritual connection. To wit: we share the same stupid injuries. Indeed, we are brothers in pain and stupidity.

With thanks to master chef Peter Moore, follows is a tiny sample, just a few of the injuries we have in common with MLB players.

A class favorite is Nolan Ryan, pitcher, 27 seasons in the bigs, played for four teams, Hall of Fame guy. According to the *Los Angeles Times*, "Ryan was bitten by a coyote on his left hand..." The idiot reached into a dog pen that housed three coyotes. Why coyotes in a dog pen? Why three coyotes and not four? Where were the dogs? Was Ryan drunk?

John Smoltz (pitcher, 21 seasons, 4 teams), scalded himself while ironing a shirt he was wearing.

Joel Zumaya (pitcher, 5 seasons, 1 team),

hurt his wrist playing Guitar Hero. His team, Detroit, was battling in the postseason, and he sat out three games.

Kevin Mitchell (LF, 3B, 13 seasons, 9 teams), strained a muscle while vomiting.

Clint Barmes (SS, 2B, 9 seasons, 2 teams), broke his collarbone while carrying deer meat up a flight of stairs. He lost his balance, fell, and since he was cradling a package of venison, did nothing to break his fall.

Glenallen Hill (OF, 13 seasons, 7 teams), crashed into a glass table while having a nightmare about being covered in spiders.

Adam Eaton (pitcher, 10 seasons, 6 teams), stabbed himself in the stomach with a paring knife while trying to cut the plastic wrapper off a DVD case.

Sammy Sosa (RF, 18 seasons, 4 teams), took a 15-day DL after spraining a ligament in his back by sneezing.

Roger Craig (pitcher, 12 seasons, 5 teams), cut his hand while undoing a bra strap.

Marty Cordova (LF, 9 seasons, 4 teams), made the disabled list after burning his face in a tanning bed.

Cal Ripken Jr. (SS, 3B, 21 seasons, 1 team), broke his nose while posing for an All-Star Team photo.

Jeff Juden (pitcher, 8 seasons, 8 teams), was out for a week because his tattoo got infected.

And, quickly, Larry Anderson strained a rib muscle getting out of a Jacuzzi, Charlie Hough broke a pinkie while pinkie shaking, Tom Glavine broke a rib vomiting airplane food, Rich Harden strained his shoulder setting his alarm clock, Mark Smith hurt his pitching hand by sticking it in an air conditioner, Ricky Bones picked up a finger injury by changing the TV channel, and Phil Niekro broke his hand shaking hands.

Finally, Bob Ojeda (pitcher, 15 seasons, 5 teams), cut his middle finger off while gardening with an electric trimmer. Said finger had previously been ensconced on his pitching hand. Doctors were able to reattach the digit, though baseball experts say he was never the same. Lost some spunk, they said.

Let's finish with a Bob Ojeda bonus round. Then with Los Angeles, Ojeda offered this explanation for his lousy pitching during a 1991 game against the N.Y. Mets (Dodgers were crushed, 9-4). Ojeda blamed his poor performance on voodoo. He told reporters that his ex-wife had been sticking pins in a voodoo doll that had Ojeda's face on it.

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Bob Ojeda believed he was a victim of voodoo, said his ex-wife was sticking pins in a doll with his face on it.

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Cathedral Catholic forward Xavier Williams elevates to the hoop between Mission Bay guards Jared Kane (left) and Dylan Holler (right).



Cathedral Catholic forward Brendan Reh loses the ball in midair between two Lincoln defenders.

Sparked by Cobb, No. 4 Lincoln Gets Even with No. 3 Cathedral Catholic

Carmel Valley — Lincoln has been awaiting the return of Jerry Cobb for nearly the entire season — and so far the senior point guard has proven worth the wait. In his second game back on Friday night, February 10, Cobb provided the spark for the fourth-ranked Hornets as they knocked off third-ranked Cathedral Catholic 72-68 to close in on the Western League crown.

"This was a must-win game for us, and we took that upon ourselves," Cobb said.

Lincoln (16-8, 9-1 Western) led 17-10 after closing the first quarter with a 10-3 run. Hornets junior guard Tyree Robinson hit three three-pointers in the opening quarter — each off assists from Cobb.

"He gives us that extra person to take the pressure off the [Robinson] twins," Lincoln head coach Jason Bryant said of Cobb. "He makes everybody around him better, and that's his role on the team."

The game was tied at 51 entering the fourth quarter when Lincoln took control by holding Cathedral Catholic to two points in the first four minutes while building an eight-point lead.

Lincoln had a 70-63 lead with 16.5 seconds left when the game took a sour turn. Hornets junior forward Jeremiah Turner was fouled underneath the Cathedral Catholic basket, and after the whistle sent Dons junior guard Michael Rosenberg to the ground with an elbow that led to a short scuffle.

As a result of the scuffle, two technical fouls were called on Lincoln. After Turner missed both his free throws, Cathedral Catholic had four technical free throws — and the opportunity to have the ball down by one possession if they all went in. But junior guard Nick Prunty made three of the four attempts and the Dons turned the ball over

on the ensuing inbounds pass, allowing Lincoln to hold on for a four-point win.

Coaches vs. Cancer Showcase: No. 6 El Camino Edges No. 5 San Ysidro

San Ysidro — With the top-seed in Division I up for grabs in the marquee game of the Coaches vs. Cancer Showcase on Saturday night, El Camino senior big man Danny Garner delivered his biggest performance of the season. Garner scored a season-high 20 points and the go-ahead layup with 19.9 seconds left to lift the sixth-ranked Wildcats over fifth-ranked San Ysidro in a 57-56 thriller.

"We've got one goal — to keep winning," Garner Jr. said. "We'll see how far that takes us."

Garner Jr.'s game-winning basket came off an assist from Wildcats senior forward Dayton Boddie, who drove into the lane and drew the attention of two San Ysidro defenders before dish- ing the ball to Garner under the basket before the defense could collapse.

On the ensuing possession, San Ysidro had a good look at a game-winning shot, but junior guard Keeko Sinegal missed a three-pointer as time expired and El Camino prevailed. The missed three capped a wild finish that saw five lead changes in the final 2:24.

Week 12 Top 10

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3. Hoover (24-4) 2
4. Cathedral Catholic (23-3) 3
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"This time of year, you can plant the cool-weather flowers such as pansies, snapdragons, and calendula," said Fausto Palafox, owner of Mission Hills Nursery (mission-hillsnursery.com; 619-295-2808).

"In terms of annuals with colorful foliage, as our nights get cooler the ornamental kale do well and color up pretty. For shady areas of the garden, the cyclamen is one of the popular cool-season plants. It's also a good time to start some of the plants that will bloom in the spring, such as foxglove and delphinium."

The Kelly home has multiple gardens: flower, vegetable, and a low-water shrub garden. In my veggie plot, Palafox suggested, "This time of year, you can plant leafy produce such as lettuce, cabbage, kale, kohlrabi — any of the leafy-type vegetables are your safest bet. Also, artichokes and rhubarb. And fruits such as strawberries will do well."

What about the possibility of frost?

"Most of these plants can handle some frost. One little nip at night, especially along the coast, is no big deal. But persistent frost, especially if they were recently planted, will damage the plant. You can drape a frost cloth over the top of them to provide protection [Easy Gardener 10'x12', \$15.99 at Mission Hills Nursery; DeWitt N-Sulate 10'x12' frost cloth, \$12.99 at Walter Andersen Nursery]. But even just a cotton bed sheet will help. For most, such as the pansies, you're better off protecting them from the rain more than anything else because the rain tends to trash the flowers."

If you are planting a garden now or planning on a garden next month, Palafox continued, "You should start amending your soil, adding some organic material. We sell an organic product called E.B. Stone Planting Compost [\$11.99 for 2.8 cubic feet at Mission Hills Nursery; \$7.99 for 1.5 cubic feet at Armstrong Garden Center] and GreenAll Soil

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Booster [\$7.99 for 1.5 cubic feet at Mission Hills Nursery].

"Both of these products bring organic material into the soil. A starter-type fertilizer is also good, especially if you are putting in mixes or mulches that do not contain fertilizer. You want a combination of nitrogen and phosphorus potash. We sell starter fertilizer Sure Start [\$7.99 for a four-pound box at Mission Hills and Evergreen Nurseries]. That helps get everything going when you first plant. You can mix the starter fertilizer in with the soil boosters.

"The one other product we suggest is called DynoEarth [\$19.99 for five pounds at Mission Hills Nursery], which is basically a humic acid. Humic acid helps augment the soil by getting better water retention and attracts the fertilizer, especially nitrogen, to stay around. Often, the nitrogen just washes through the soil, especially in the summer months when people tend to water more. The humic acid makes the fertilizers more available to the plants."

For sprays, "For the dormant trees, there are different types of dormant sprays that help minimize disease or fungus that attack as the trees begin to grow.

In the case of evergreen trees such as the citrus, it's an ongoing thing. But in the cold weather you typically don't get much in the way of bugs. Bugs don't like cold weather. After a week or two of warm weather, citrus will start pumping out a lot of new tender growth, and that's what the aphids go after. Make sure you put some kind of a pesticide on them early on. Neem oil is an excellent product [Green Light Rose Defense, \$10.99 for 24 ounces at Mission Hills Nursery; Green Light neem oil, \$11.97 for 16 ounces at Home Depot]."

Palafox left me with one last tip. "We carry a seed line called Thompson & Morgan, and they always introduce new plants that you won't find with any of the other seed companies [packages start around \$2.79]."

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MESSAGES FROM TIJUANA

by Rene Peralta

We went one day about a month ago/ to have a little fun in Mexico.

We ended up in a gambling spot/ where the liquor flowed and the dice were hot

So here we are in the Tijuana jail/ Ain't got no friends to go our bail

So here we'll stay 'cause we can't pay/ Just send our mail to the Tijuana jail

— "Tijuana Jail," by the Kingston Trio

La Ocho

It has been over a month since the Tijuana police station (also known as "La Ocho"), located on the corner of Eighth Street and Avenida Constitución in downtown Tijuana, met its demise. On December 30, the mayor's office ordered the destruction of the infamous station and jail. A few days earlier, the city council had voted to sell the public plot in a private auction.

At nightfall, the bulldozers began to tear down the walls. Early the next morning, onlookers began to gather, some with tears in their eyes, others with signs demonstrating their angst against the act of *urbicide* they where witnessing. But the demolition continued and did not stop with the police station; they cleared the

entire ¾-acre site, including Estación de Bomberos #1, the city's first fire station. The fire station had been built in the '60s and had all the necessities firemen needed to do their job well — it even had a covered basketball court on its second level.

In less than a week, the two historic buildings were leveled and a pile of rubble stands as testimony to the hegemony of Tijuana's National City-born mayor, Carlos Bustamante.

When is a Building More Than a Building?

Sometimes when we think of preserving structures, "time" is reduced solely to dating buildings. The Tijuana jail and fire station were built in the 1960s, but this fact defines only part of its historical legacy. The mayor of Tijuana mentioned that his decision to demolish the buildings was because they were old and had structural damage, a questionable assertion (no documents of the structural survey were ever published). Yet, the mayor didn't consider that collective memory also plays an important role in the legitimization of a building as a historical artifact.

Bustamante also added that the history of the

building was evil and "tiene muy malas vibras" ("it has bad vibes"); therefore, its continued existence would only serve to promote the negative image of the city... as if the act of demolishing the buildings eliminates the negative image of a shady government and its notorious under-the-table deals.

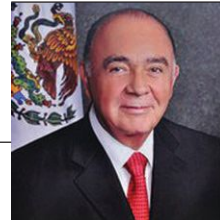
What are the costs of the demolition of these structures, and are these costs



"We don't agree with the demolition of the Tijuana fire station," protesters' signs say.

unavoidable for the progress of Tijuana? So far, the end does not justify the means: the fire-department staff and equipment sit on an empty lot with a trailer as their office and await a new fire station.

TIJUANA MAYOR CARLOS BUSTAMANTE SAID THAT THE HISTORY OF THE TIJUANA POLICE STATION WAS EVIL AND HAD "BAD VIBES."



TJ mayor Carlos Bustamante: The police station "has bad vibes."



Dr. Tito Alegria: typical move by the city.



A cell door from the razed downtown jail.

The police department had the desire to make a museum of the old station. Not only did the fire and police departments demonstrate their displeasure with the demolition, but a few groups picketed the site.

One of the loudest voices against the demolition and selling of the plot came from "Todo Somos Tijuana," a preservationist group consisting of intellectuals and artists whose main demand is to prevent the selling of the plot to a private entity and to persuade the city to use the space for cultural, artistic, and educational functions.

Maria Curry, an architect and expert in historic preservation (and a current member of the San Diego Historical Resources Board), posted the following on Facebook: "Unfortunately preserving historic buildings is not part of the preservation policies in Tijuana, which is a

mistake because old buildings can bring many economic and social benefits if they are properly used and integrated to urban planning...."

A member of Tijuana's Professional College of Architects, Diana Nieto, used her blog to express that adaptive reuse might have been a better future for both structures. Nieto wrote that many countries, including Mexico, have readapted decommissioned jails to function as public and cultural institutions; for example, Mexico City's Lecumberri Penitentiary, also known as the "Black Palace," now houses the national archives. The building is surrounded by a large public park and research facilities. Nieto's list of adaptive-reuse examples includes other penitentiary buildings in Mexico.

There is no doubt (except in the TJ mayor's office) that cities need old buildings as much as we need new ones. Jane Jacobs wrote in her book *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*, "Cities need old buildings so badly it is probably impossible for vigorous streets and districts

to grow without them. By old buildings I mean not museum-piece old buildings, not old buildings in an excellent and expensive state of rehabilitation — although these make fine ingredients — but also a good lot of plain, ordinary, low-value old buildings, including some rundown old buildings."

The buildings of Tijuana are exactly what Jacobs describes: ordinary, low-value buildings of pseudo-architectural styles from California Revival, Neo-classical, and early Modernist eras. Their primary value is in the role they play as artifacts of memory and their place as part of a greater whole that is downtown Tijuana and its original grid of 1889. Buildings like La Ocho fit well within the urban fabric of downtown.

It's Only Natural

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TIJUANA'S MIDDLE CLASS THAT FLED THE CITY DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS HAS RETURNED FROM SAN DIEGO.



Protesters rallied outside to no avail. Bulldozers leveled the 1960s-era building soon after.

It seems that most *tijuanenses* are not interested in going out to defend public space. For some, it's hard enough to deal with their daily existence. For the middle and upper classes, why would they worry? When things get dirty they can go to San Diego.

Dr. Tito Alegría, an urbanist at El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, a think tank on border issues, mentions that Tijuana city government has had a long history of selling of public land to obtain revenue. Even when the population is invited to participate in the decision-

making process of city-improvement programs, they don't participate. In 1994, the city established PAU, "Plan de Activación Urbana" ("Urban Activation Plan") and, according to Dr. Alegría, only 5 percent of the population participated in the decision-

making process. "Therefore, the dismantling of the police station and selling of the property is natural procedure for the city," he says.

To be fair, recently we saw more preservationist groups organize to defend public space, such as the group that camped in the Benito Juárez Park to stop the construction of a large concrete square plaza (known as Zocalo 11 de Julio) by private entities. Yet, these groups are small and lack credibility with the rest of the population, even if they mean well. Recently, Mayor Bustamante evacuated the occupying group, and now the future of the park and its public space are uncertain.

Tijuana is lacking a cohesive social culture, one that defends public space and its right to shape the city's future. Currently, we are witnessing a revival of

certain parts of the city and a gradual economic growth in the service sector. In the past five years, we have seen the resurrection of the nightlife in downtown Tijuana. Our middle class that fled the city during the past three years has returned from San Diego. Yet, our understanding and desire of public space is still

just a vision that we find difficult to grasp or defend. I hope that soon we will have had enough of "the business as usual" politics and, like in J.G. Ballard's novel *Millennium People*, we will at least aspire to be like every obedient professional and arrive punctually for our appointment with a revolution.



A chunk of Tijuana history heads for the dump.

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twitter addict

You know that commercial where a man and a woman sit across the table from each other, engaged in what appears to be an intimate conversation, but the guy keeps sneaking looks at the football game playing on the phone in his lap?

If you ask Kevin Williams, husband of San Diego blogger Deb Williams, he'll tell you, "The guy in that commercial is Deb. She pretends to pay attention to me while she's checking — I'm not sure what — her blog statistics or something."

"Yeah, I know," Deb says. "The truth is, I'm in front of the computer way too much. That's my life, and it's not always well perceived."

It's the week before Christmas, and we're dining on salad and a large pot of minestrone soup at the Williamses' family home. Seven-year-old Toots, the elder of the couple's two daughters, sits at the table with the grown-ups, cramming overly buttered bread into her mouth. Booger, her five-year-old sister, watches television in another room.

When I met Deb last August, I found out within the first ten minutes that she takes antidepressants and that her husband claims not to recognize her if her face isn't bathed in the blue glow of her laptop. We were at R Gang Eatery on Fifth Avenue in Hillcrest, discussing obsessive blogging with three other female local bloggers and "Twitterati." When the food came out, all four women snapped photos of their strawberry-basil salads, chicken sliders, and tater tots, but it was Deb who, 20 minutes later, admitted that she was forcing herself not to check her phone to see if anyone had responded to her food-pic tweet.

A few days later, curious about her Twitter usage, I counted three days' worth of Deb's tweets. On August 1,

she tweeted 58 times. On August 30, 31 times, and on the 31st, 23. That's an

when I'm not obsessive, and I check my stuff." And that's not

"I check my email, I check my Twitter. I check everything."

average of 37 tweets per day. If you multiply that by 31 (for the month of August), you get a total of 1147 tweets.

Even on Twitter, Deb's candor is compelling. In my favorite tweet, she wrote, "I use my husband's nose-hair clippers on my girl mustache. It's noisy but effective."

Today, Deb tells me that her obsession with social media is one that ebbs and flows. At the moment, it's more ebby than flowy, with "only two or three tweets a day," probably due to the holidays, she says. But the routine remains pretty much the same.

"This is my normal schedule, always, even when I'm not obsessive: I wake up early, and the first thing I do is check my phone. Then I come down to my computer and check my stats [site views on her blog]. I check my email, I check my Twitter. I check everything." She dips a piece of bread into her soup. "Then the kids will come down, and usually they're waiting for me for a couple of minutes, maybe ten. 'Can we have breakfast?' And then I sign off, but I always have my phone. I check my phone all the time. I go to bed with my phone. I wake up in the middle of the night, at least once every night, even now

obsessive?

"No," she laughs with a cheek full of bread. "That's not *my* obsessive."

Deb explains her personal definition.

"Normally, I'd be on Twitter from 8:00 to 10:00 at night. I'm tweeting back and forth, I'm commenting on blogs, I'm on Facebook. So, I guess what I mean by less obsessive is that I'm not tweeting as much on Twitter, but I'm still always checking [for comments and mentions]. My phone is very much an appendage."

In her first blog, which she started in 2001, Deb shared the experience of planning her wedding with friends and family. After the wedding, the blog morphed into what she calls a web diary of personal stories. In 2007, she quit her job as a communications director for a nonprofit and began to work from home as a full-time freelance editor for an overseas IT market-research company. Around that time, she began her current blog, San Diego Momma, another public diary of sorts, though this one excludes stories about her sexual relationship with her husband or their finances — topics Kevin has declared "off-limits."

One unspoken rule in the blogosphere is that bloggers read and

comment on the blogs of others. This, and an active presence on Twitter, responding to and re-tweeting the tweets of others, are requirements for a successful blog. For some bloggers, that means freebies from companies and their public-relations firms (for reviewing products) or fees from advertisers who want to take advantage of the blog traffic. Deb makes approximately \$150 per month from advertisement on her blog, but the majority of her success comes in the form of more opportunities for freelance writing and editing work. These average about \$750 per month.

"I interact for a living," Deb says. "The interacting and engaging online is what brings in the work. It's not like a 9:00 to 5:00 thing, but it has definitely taken over."

At the other end of the table, Kevin nods emphatically.

"I think you have a warped view about how much people need to be in contact," he says. "I don't need to know what everyone else is saying or thinking, and I think you do because you're so caught up in your small little blog world."

Deb sips red wine from a glass. She is quiet for a moment.

"It's not so much a need to know what people are doing or thinking," she says. "It's more checking in, so I'm not forgotten. Like, 'I'm still a part of this.'"

That night in August at R Gang Eatery, another local blogger at the table, Stacey Ross of San Diego Bargain Mama fame, let slip that she is in the midst of writing a book that is, in part, about obsessive use of social

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media. Earlier in December, a week or so before my dinner at the Williams home, I caught up with Ross and her co-author, Dr. Michael Mantell (a local psychologist known in *San Diego* magazine and on Twitter as “Dr. San Diego”), over the phone.

“I call social-media networking one of the greatest time-sucks of the century,” Ross says. “When you’re doing it for business and you’re doing it for pleasure, there’s an overlap, and that’s where it can get fuzzy, if one

isn’t clear with his or her boundaries.”

Ross’s own experiences made it clear to her that those fuzzy boundaries can lead to obsessive behaviors and a disconnection from real life.

“I had a very difficult time for a few days a couple summers back,” she says, “when I had no access to my computer and no phone, even — no Twitter! — until the end of the day, when we could drive up the hill and take care of business. I felt like I was missing a part of myself — a lifeline. I

even got the shakes. I felt disconnected from a network that I felt I ‘needed’ more than I did. Twitter was a relatively new tool for me, and, irrationally, I felt that if I didn’t check it while I was gone, I would lose some sort of rapport with my followers. I would think and sleep in 140 characters, and it was becoming obsessive.”

For the book, whose working title is “The Things I Wish I’d Known Before I Hit Send,” Ross has done 100-plus formal and informal interviews with other social-media

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users (40 percent are from San Diego); many have experienced this type of

lives,” she says. Then she immediately adds, “I’m just kidding.”

“Social-media networking [is] one of the greatest time-sucks of the century.”

obsession.

“The thing is, as a work-at-home mom, I’m networking so much with others that are work-at-home, and we need that water-cooler time,” Ross says. “We don’t have that break room, so Twitter and Facebook sometimes leads to that. It’s usually a healthy time to chit-chat about things that are going on, to relate and have a little chuckle.”

Dr. Mantell, whose role in the book is to write up a psychological analysis of the stories Ross has collected via her interviews, says that problems arise when social-media usage begins to replace real life.

“What I see and hear is, we go out for dinner, she’s busy texting. She can’t put it down,” he says. “It’s the seduction of that digital world. The biggest danger I see to relationships is that we’re not present. We’re in a virtual world. We’re dreaming.”

Back at the Williams home, Kevin adds his own psychological read of the situation.

“I think a lot of blogging is people who need affirmation from other people,” he says.

Seven-year-old Toots pipes in with her take on the subject. “Mommy, I think people who blog are people who don’t have

and approval from virtual friends and followers have an “internal lack of self-esteem [that] comes from this erroneous belief that self-esteem hinges on what you think of me, not what I think of me.”

Deb says that when she first began to blog, she “started out wanting to write, and then after awhile, for sure it does become [partly about] affirmation. But I wonder if you have it in your personality that you need affirmation, or do some people also develop it when they’re interacting online?”

After contemplating this for a moment, she concludes that, for her, the need is built into her personality. “Before I was online, I was an obsessive voicemail checker.”

While Deb does maintain social relationships via tweet-ups (in-

person meet-ups with Twitter friends) and does not consider herself in danger of withdrawing from what Mantell calls “the real world,” Kevin claims that his wife’s social-media usage occasionally threatens family time.

“Let’s just say, I’m the one who’s read to the kids for four or five days now.” He stands to clear the table. As if to soften the blow, he then quips, “But the longest our kids have gone without eating



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is only a week."

Ross says that boundaries and schedules have been necessities in keeping her own potentially obsessive social-media behaviors at bay. Because of the nature of her work within the sphere of social media, "those boundaries always need to be redefined."

For Deb, the reinstatement of family dinners is a recent attempt at maintaining consistent interaction with her family. It's a first step, but not the only one she needs to take.

"I'm sensing that I'm disconnecting from certain parts of myself, and I'm wondering will I go too far and not be able to reconnect those parts," she says.

It's been awhile, for instance, since she last worked on the "middle-grade supernatural thriller" she's been writing for 11 years. The writing she does do is "getting more choppy, more and more like, 'Let's get through this. Let's get through this.' It's a by-product of all this being online, because everything is so instantaneous and

quick and concise, though there's really such beauty in *not* being concise."

And though she has

When I ask Deb if she's ever set goals to limit her time on social media, she says, "This weekend, I don't think

"The biggest danger I see to relationships is that we're not present. We're in a virtual world. We're dreaming."

been in a book club since 1998, Deb hasn't read the last six books.

"I really mourn that loss," she says. "Reading." Then she corrects herself, saying she still does read, "just not books."

"What about *your* book?" asks Toots, who has returned to the table after helping her father clear dishes.

"Nothing," Deb says. "I was just saying I don't read as much as I used to."

"That's bad!" Toots exclaims. "I have a bunch of books."

I tweeted at all. I still checked [for comments on her blog and mentions on Twitter], though."

So, could she go for, say, two days without checking?

"That just made my stomach hurt." She wrings her hands. "I could, I guess. That would be extremely hard for me. It would be a goal. It would be me white-knuckling it through a weekend."

A pause, and then she says, "I'm afraid you'll forget me, if I do that." ■

— Elizabeth Salaam

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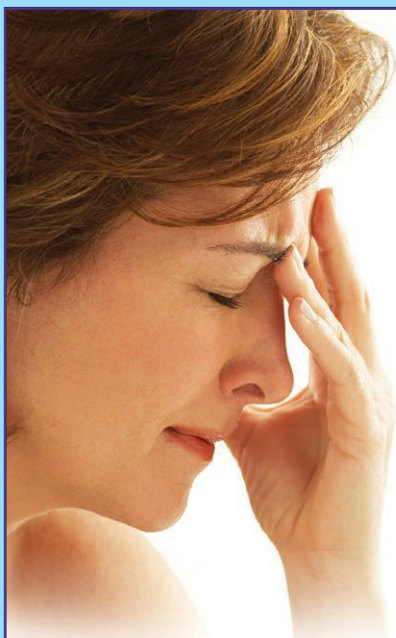
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When the Coronado bridge opened in 1969, "traffic was not expected to increase so rapidly."

LATE TO CHANGE LANES

"Forty years of no real action is a long time."

In Coronado, alternative transportation mostly means bikes, scooters, skateboards, legs. The options end at the bridge, where a link to San Diego is provided only for cars and motorcycles.

Some say the bridge favors traffic in another way: its lack of a carpool lane. One carpool lane moves as many people as two regular lanes, according to the Riverside County Transportation Commission. People choose to carpool more often when freeways have HOV or "high occupancy vehicle" lanes, a report by the Legislative Analyst's Office found.

Coronado has unusually heavy traffic because residents share their streets with the Navy. Two commuter routes have turned quiet streets into highways. The high cost of Coronado rents and limited on-base housing means most military employees commute. They come from all over the county and as

far away as Oceanside and Orange County.

In 2010, after voters nixed the idea of building a tunnel underground to divert traffic, Coronado resident Kevin Reilly drafted his own "incentive plan" to get the City to add HOV lanes on the bridge. "How much worse does it have to get before carpool lanes are implemented here?" he asked.

Reilly's plan is a gradual approach that encourages carpooling by reducing commuting time. He also criticized the original planning for the bridge. Connecting this "major thoroughfare directly to the residential grid of a small town at an almost random point is a big traffic-engineering no-no," Reilly wrote.

In 1986, the California Department of Transportation attempted to cut bridge traffic by up to 1000 cars a day by testing reduced tolls for drivers with one passenger. (Tolls haven't been collected since June 2002.) The



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Los Angeles Times reported that “Crew members of three aircraft carriers based at North Island Air Station have contributed to the increased traffic.” A Caltrans spokesman said that when the bridge opened in 1969, “traffic was not expected to increase so rapidly.”

According to a traffic study commissioned by the town, congestion spills onto San Diego freeways, making Coronado’s issue a “regional” one. The bridge is controlled by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), which touts carpooling and mass transit in its new 2050 Regional Transportation Plan. But Coronado won’t find relief there.

“SANDAG is not proposing any HOV lanes on the bridge in the tunnel’s place,” says agency spokesman David Hicks. The only change for Coronado is Rapid Bus Service...in the year 2030. Hicks says there will be improvements to local bus service frequencies to 15 minutes...by 2020. Can’t wait for the 10-minute frequency? It’s coming — by 2035.

Hicks says there are several incentive-based programs in the Regional Transportation Plan that include “carpool and bus-pool incentives which would greatly help the residents and employees on Coronado.”

But Coronado councilmember Carrie Downey, who is on the SANDAG Transportation Committee, says, “What’s in the [Regional Transportation Plan] won’t solve our problems.” What would: “Getting people out of their individual cars.”

There are over 100 different projects in the plan, says Downey, who asked the city council for recommendations she could present to SANDAG before the plan was released.

Other members stated in town meetings that they wanted projects to help with congestion.

Although Coronado voters rejected further study of the tunnel, they

didn’t want to give up on other options. Prop H asked if they supported the continued study “of long-term traffic relief options, including a tunnel” between the bridge and

Naval Air Station North Island. Voters saw it as being all about the tunnel.

After spending ten years and over \$13 million on the issue, many saw it as a distraction that prevented

the pursuit of more practical solutions, like carpool lanes. Downey, who supported the tunnel as one of several ways to reduce congestion, says alternative transportation was delayed

because so much time and money was spent on a tunnel voters initially wanted.

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planning, and the board of directors. But nothing related to traffic is simple in Coronado. "Forty years of no real action is a long time," Reilly said in his post-tunnel citizen-plan. His father, a "student of traffic planning," had battled the same problems after the bridge was built.

In April 2011, the town formed a new transportation commission under Caltrans to consider ways to solve the problem. Their focus: finding a way to work with the Navy.

The Navy, however, has its own culture and community, with goals separate from those of a town. They resisted the tunnel, including having it open on base, for security reasons. And in January 2010, the Navy discontinued one form of alternative transportation by cutting ferry service to North Island, also citing security concerns.

In a presentation given to the Coronado Transportation Commission, the Navy admitted they hadn't been "aggressive"

in the pursuit of carpooling.

Coronado council-member Barbara Denny, as ardent a supporter of carpooling as she was a tunnel opponent, argues on her website that "Coronado should let the navy take care of its house and Coronado should take care of its own house." The town has "many other sources of traffic that put cars and trucks on our streets." Denny promotes a range of "smart transportation" options, however, that revolve around the Navy,

such as vanpools, Park and Ride, and Navy Express buses.

At the Traffic Commission's November 10, 2011, meeting, the discussion turned to carpooling.

Mike Giorgione, commission chairman, said that in terms of volume, the issue is commuters to the base, and rush hours. It would be pointless to target Coronado's other large employers, like the Hotel Del, on the carpool issue. That traffic comes by bus or cab.

Other employers are not the problem, commissioner Patrick Garahan said. "You could combine everyone else and it wouldn't have that much

of an effect."

The group wanted to continue to discuss whether the Navy should dedicate the 1st Street gate to carpools only. Giorgione said it would tie into the strategy of an HOV lane — and wanted to make sure carpooling included vanpools for workers.

Vanpools are challenging, another commissioner said. People won't do it because schedules don't permit. Unless the Navy gets their employees into carpools, the problem won't be solved.

It was also mentioned that a resident wanted a dedicated HOV mass transit lane on the bridge.

Commissioner Gara-

han said it should go all the way to Naval Air Station North Island, while Giorgione said the HOV lane should be on I-5, as well.

"And you can see how it gets complicated."

Giorgione proposed to table the idea. In its place, another "strategy for decreasing volume" — which they had discussed with the Navy — was to provide "one of three incentives, or two of three" to get commuters to use mass transit. They included easier access, parking, and cost.

"If gas is \$5 a gallon, people may start thinking about carpooling." ■

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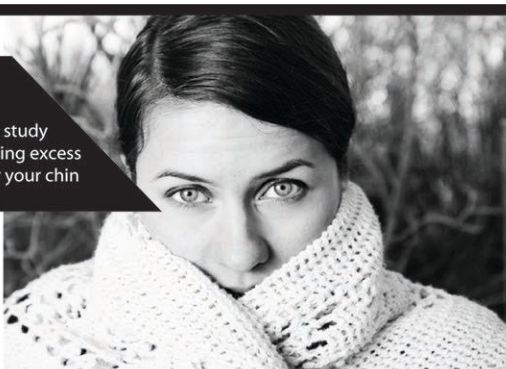
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There was more to his story than that. A lot more, some say. One of them, Christopher Bird, claims that Rife took science "into the micro-beyond."

In the summer of 1934, Dr. Milbank Johnson set up a clinic at the Scripps Ranch, north of San Diego. Johnson, Dr. Arthur Kendall, and Rife would test a non-invasive cure on 16 terminal cancer patients.

Rife, who preferred to be called "Roy," had developed a "Universal Microscope." It had 5682 parts and could magnify objects at least 17,000 times normal size (while most microscopes achieve only 2000 or 2500). Also unheard of: Rife said he could watch a living microorganism change shape. But scientists believed — and most do still — that microorganisms have a single form, and that microscopes only work with dead specimens.

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Royal Raymond Rife

the *Los Angeles Times* wrote in 1931, "and the laws governing microscopes may not apply to it."

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QUOTATIONS

1. Barry Lynes: "Rife employed a system of lighting as unknown to microscopy today as it was in the 1930s. Not simply uncommon, it was UNKNOWN."
2. Mark Simpson: "Research is needed to determine if one can actually blow bugs through the air using a radio frequency carrier wave. This has yet to be proven by modern Rife researchers."

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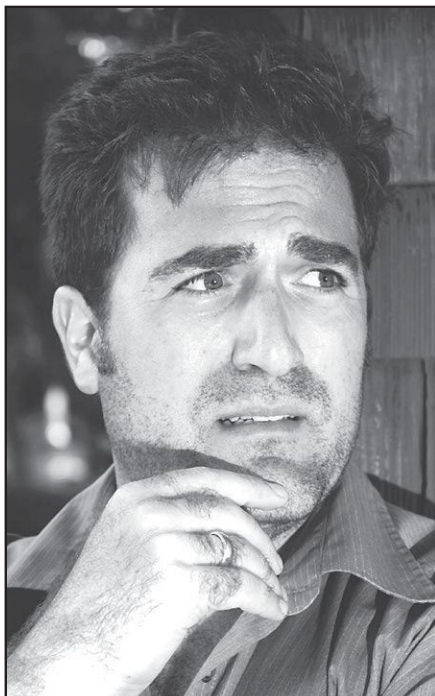
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Rife projected the frequencies through a tube filled with helium. He claimed that the “Beam Ray” could destroy specific microorganisms and not harm others.

A relentless experimentalist, Rife often sat transfixed for long periods, strapped, literally, to his seat. “I’ve seen Roy in that doggone seat without moving,” a friend wrote, “watching the changes in the frequency, watching when the virus in the slide would be destroyed. Twenty-four hours meant nothing to him.” Some say even 48, and he drank only water all that time. One result: chronic eyestrain.

In 1932, using a medium Kendall had devised to grow cancer tissues, Rife made 20,000

attempts to isolate a virus causing cancer. He found it, he said, and called the purplish-red microbe a “BX Virus.”

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One of the patients, Tom Knight, had a large tumor on his cheek. That the darkened lump was visible allowed the researchers to measure how the ray performed from start to finish. In 1935, Johnson sent a letter to two San Diego doctors introducing “Mr. Thomas Knight. He was the one who had the carcinoma over the malar bone on his left cheek that we treated at the La Jolla

clinic last year.” Knight’s skin looked flawless.

In 1946, Dr. James Couche recalled a patient at the clinic who looked like a “bag of bones.” Rife told Couche to feel the man’s stomach. “It was just a cavity,” and “absolutely solid. And I thought to myself, well, nothing can be done for that.”

After two months of treatment, Couche claims, the man recovered completely. The next day, against the doctors’ warnings, the man drove to his farm in El Centro to see about a sick cow. “He was up all night with it. The next day he drove back without any rest whatever — so you can imagine how he had recovered,” wrote Couche. “I finally bought one of those frequency instruments and established my office.”

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of Southern California. Its purpose: supervise the Rife research and eventually announce it. The group, writes Daniel Haley, was composed of “cautious” medical professionals, who “balked at early release of the clinic’s amazing results, preferring instead to gather more data.”

Rife wanted to keep the findings as quiet as possible. By 1934, he knew he needed much more testing before going public.

He told his cohorts never to say “cure”

when talking about the research. “Devitalize” was vague enough to suggest something positive. Offers for his instruments began flowing in, but he refused. “When money comes through the door,” he said, “science flies out the window.”

Rife was an inveterate tinkerer. In 1913, the year he received an honorary PhD from Heidelberg University, he built a plane. He devised a camera that could take 3D pictures, invented new kinds of shotguns and fishing rods, found ways

to speed up a race car. He was also an accomplished musician: French horn (for the symphony), guitar, cello, and mandolin. In 1912, he married Mamie Quin, daughter of Ah Quin, legendary mayor of San Diego’s Chinatown. In later life he became a member of the Baha’i Faith.

Writes Ben Cullen: “In my estimation, Roy was one of the most gentle, genteel, self-effacing, moral men I ever met. Not once [in 30 years] did I ever hear him say one word out of place.”

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Adds Daniel Haley: "A religious man, an accomplished musician... a brilliant man but not... a fighter." Nor were his partners. In the years that followed, they faced, one wrote, severe harassment, "like the Galileo business."

On May 6, 1938, the *San Diego Evening Tribune* announced that, after 18 years of trial and error in his Point Loma lab, Rife had isolated a cancer organism and a means of arresting it. He compared the ray to compatible tuning forks. When one vibrates, sound waves cause the other to vibrate as well.

Rife said the tiny organism may not be the direct cause of cancer. "We can say that these waves of the ray have the power to devitalize disease organisms when tuned to an exact particular wave length." They needed much more

study, but, he concluded, "we can justly say the results so far are very encouraging."

Rife may have made discoveries that are still ahead of our time: a super-microscope; a non-invasive means of killing viruses; microorganisms changing shape. ("Just what *would* you see at that magnification?" asked a scientist.) The biggest boat-rocker: germs may be the result of a disease, not the cause. This latter idea, writes Barry Lynes, "violated the strongest of established biological dogmas: the germ theory of disease. Everyone knew that X disease was caused by a characteristic germ." Rife said otherwise.

He didn't publish his methods or findings. He worried that his experiments could not be replicated without his Universal Microscope, and he refused to share its inner

workings. He also knew his work needed decades of refinement.

In 1937, Ben Cullen, Philip Hoyland, and others founded Beam Ray to manufacture the machine. Rife was not a partner. He approved the company only if it used his original principles and tested each unit thoroughly. Members received 6000 shares. By 1938, they had rented out 14 frequency instruments: 12 to American doctors, 2 to British.

Dr. Richard Hamer installed one at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium in National City. He ran "an average of 40 cases a day through his place," writes Ben Cullen. "His case histories were absolutely wonderful."

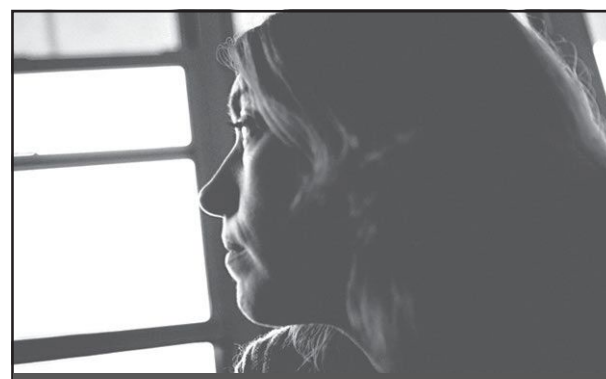
One patient, an 82-year-old man, went home to Chicago and boasted about his miraculous improvement. It was said that Morris Fishbein,

head of the American Medical Association, learned of the cure and wanted to buy into Beam Ray. Fishbein sent a lawyer, Aaron Shapiro, to wine and dine shareholders in San Diego.

"We wouldn't do it," writes Cullen. "The renown was spreading, and we weren't even advertising." When shareholders refused, Rife and his inventions went under assault from without and within.

The Beam Ray, if real, became an unthinkable threat to established medicine. ("Imagine a universal cure," an observer writes, that "makes drugs obsolete.") Pharmaceutical companies demanded more testing and blueprints of the device. The FDA withheld approval.

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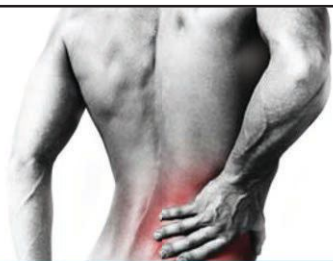
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teria, notes, and records. A fire destroyed the Burnett Lab in New Jersey, where researchers were about to announce astonishing successes with the Beam Ray. In 1944, all the records at USC disappeared.

In 1939, six months after articles about Rife appeared in the *Evening Tribune*, the San Diego Medical Society banned use of all his instruments. "The most important question," writes Daniel Haley, "is who caused the Medical Society to come down so hard on Rife's doctors? Fishbein had already been warning against electronic medicine in the 1930s. Did the Medical Society finally... get around to following Fishbein's advice — or were they pushed?"

Soon after, many of Rife's associates turned against him and denied any knowledge of his

successes.

Dr. Hamer: "Fishbein bribed a partner in the company...we were kicked into court — operating without a license. I was broke after a year."

Philip Hoyland claimed *he* had discovered the frequencies. He demanded a greater stake in Beam Ray and took the company to court. "His lawsuit," writes an observer, "was a naked maneuver to gain control. By owning Beam Ray, he'd be in position to negotiate with Fishbein, or any other outsider trying to buy in."

That the trial was about ownership of the company, and not the instruments, some say, also benefited Fishbein and Cornelius P. Rhoads, of Memorial Sloan-Kettering, who was dictating cancer policies in 1939. The trial could shake up the company without

bringing national attention to the cures.

The lawsuit went to trial June 12, 1939. Hoyland's lawyer, Aaron Shapiro, had earlier regaled the Ray Beam associates. In December, superior court judge Edward Kelley found for the defendants. "I am not convinced of his blameless character," the judge said of Hoyland. "I am denying the plaintiff has clean hands."

During the trial Rife had to testify at least three times. Hoyland's lawyers, Shapiro and Eli Levenson, interrogated Rife, writes Barry Lynes, "in a way he had never before experienced." They ripped into his personal life, questioned his moral character, and grilled him so mercilessly, says Lynes, that "his nerves gave."

"Rife had never been in court and he just became a nervous wreck," writes Cullen.

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"He couldn't stand it." His hands shook, his voice trembled. He started smoking "pretty heavily and inhaling, which he didn't use to before." When a doctor refused to give him calming drugs that might become addictive, he recommended Rife try alcohol.

In 1940, the cost of the trial bankrupted Beam Ray. The Universal Microscope disappeared. And Rife became an alcoholic. "Afterwards," says Cullen, "when he wasn't under the influence of liquor, he would endeavor to progress, but every doggone day at a certain time he would go and get a little nip out of his car and that was the end of it."

For years, he couldn't hold down a job, though he'd been offered work at Convair, Rohr, and Ryan, doing construction at the aircraft companies. Variations of the original devices proliferated, some with partial success, others resulting in death.

In 1944, the Smithsonian Institute published a detailed report about the Universal Microscope, which validated many claims. ("Disease organisms...may be observed to succumb when exposed to certain lethal frequencies.") Within a month, the prism from the microscope disappeared. That same year, Dr. Milbank Johnson, who helped guide the enterprise for a decade, died — mysteriously, some say.

In 1960, though he would live another 11 years, Rife filed an affidavit for a court case that read like a personal obituary: "Having spent every dime I earned in my research for the benefit of mankind, I have ended up a pauper, but I achieved the impossible and would do it again." ■

— Jeff Smith

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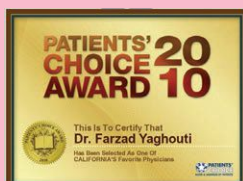
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out of the last quarter was what Semptra called its “Pre En Banc Hearing Dinner and Reception” for the California Public Utilities Commission at the City Club on Bunker Hill in Los Angeles on October 10, which set the company back \$6460. (*En banc* is lawyer speak for all members of the commission being present.)

According to a September news release from the commission, which regulates Semptra’s utility businesses, including SDG&E, the topic of the body’s October 11 hearing was “its ongoing efforts to promote diversity in utility company practices,” with the theme being “From Sprout to Stalk: How to Grow Diverse Businesses.” The release added that the agency “encourages investor-owned utilities to purchase 21.5 percent of its goods and services from diverse firms (15 percent minority owned firms, 5 percent women owned firms, and 1.5 percent disabled veteran owned

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firms).” Commission president **Michael R. Peevey** was quoted as saying, “Supplier diversity is untapped markets, innovation, and richness of human capital; this En Banc is an opportunity to hear from some of our Fortune 500 companies about how they’ve integrated supplier diversity in their overall supply chain to benefit California consumers by increasing competition and lowering overall costs.”

Attendees at Semptra’s big banquet the night before the hearing included a bevy of state staffers and officials, such as outreach diversity officers **Douglas Phason** and **Drisha Melton**; business and community outreach advisor **Marzia Zafar**; general counsel **Frank Lindh**; and energy advisor **Rahmon Momoh**. Commissioners **Timothy Simon** and **Catherine Sandoval** attended, as did Assemblyman **Steven Bradford**, the utility reported...The Barona gambling tribe also played host to a variety of politicians during the last three months of 2011, including Republican

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ers. Then it would be too late, says Conklin. The commission has not yet ruled.

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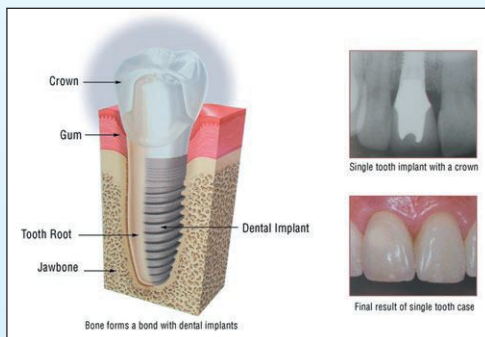
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short-term thinking and carelessness. "The top executives of corporations have a shorter life span in their positions than we as ratepayers have," she says. If the company gets customers to pay for costs of past and future fires, "the executives will be out to maximize short-term profits and be less likely to put in money and time and effort to keep their systems safe," she says.

In essence, says Conklin, the alleged cabal of SDG&E and the commission is a microcosm of cancers now weakening the United States economy: the enrichment of stockholders at the expense of consumers; the "too big to fail" mentality; corporate welfare; and the public being shut out of critical decision-making.

In its annual and quarterly reports to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Sempra has been reporting

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that it expects to get its customers to cough up. In its latest quarterly report, Sempra said, "SDG&E has concluded...that it is *probable* [italics mine] that it will be permitted to recover from its utility customers substantially all reasonably incurred costs of resolving wildfire claims in excess of its liability insurance coverage." So confident is the company that it has already chalked up the money as a regulatory asset, even though it hasn't even formally filed for it.

So why is SDG&E cocksure it can fleece its customers? San Diego attorney Mike Aguirre has done a huge amount of the legal work fighting the utility and the commission. He has tried to find out why this shifting of costs to innocent consumers is "probable." Aguirre has requested answers from the company and the commission and been stonewalled.

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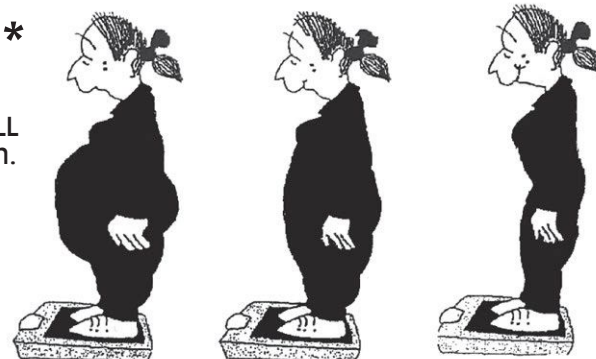
The utility won't testify under oath on grounds of attorney-client privilege, among other things. Tellingly, a commission official said certain statements were made in settlement discussions. "Those communications are protected from disclosure," said the official.

In August of 2009, San Diego Gas & Electric, along with fellow utilities Pacific Gas & Electric and Southern California Edison, sought to have the commission set up a mechanism for recovering future fire costs not covered by insurance. In a commission filing Monday, Aguirre shows convincingly that in the secret negotiations addressing *future* fire coverage, SDG&E said it wanted payment for the 2007 disaster for which it was greatly responsible. As a result of those meetings, cloaked in confidentiality agreements, the local utility became con-

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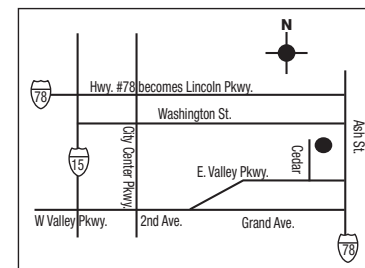
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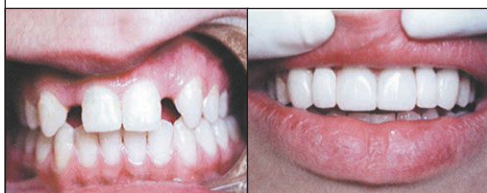
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vinced it would be permitted to knife its customers, thus sparing shareholders who should properly bear the costs of mismanagement. Just before the January hearings in San Francisco this year, Pacific Gas and Southern California Edison backed out.

On February 6, Aguirre filed a lawsuit against the utilities commission in an attempt to force the regulator to release documents that will show what happened at those meetings. In addition, he would like to see San Francisco law enforcement officials convene a criminal grand jury investigation into the matter. Given weak white-collar law enforcement in San Diego, "It couldn't happen here," he says.

Two commissioners, utility press-relations executives, and Michael Shames of San Diego's Utility Consumers' Action Network did not respond to questions. ■

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Bugged by litterbugs

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Law.

I called the San Diego Police Department's non-emergency line, and the dispatcher sent out an officer. He understood my problem but felt I had not given the *U-T* a fair chance. He said I should call them instead of emailing. He also gave me the number for community service officer Alan Alvarez.

My first call to the *U-T* seemed to go well. I had a chat with Aaron. I explained what the *U-T* was doing to the city and suggested that maybe they did not understand how their circular was being distributed. He said he understood and promised that someone would call me back.

I did not get a return call. The next day I gave the *U-T* another call and talked

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again with Aaron. He seemed surprised that no one had called me. As we were talking, we were disconnected. I called back, someone else answered, and I was told that Aaron had left. So much for trying to work directly with the *U-T*.

That same day I took another walk and chatted with neighbors. Everyone I talked to had noticed the problem, but I was the only one who had called the *U-T*. Sally on Loring Street was almost as upset as I was. She had walked up and down her block picking up circulars out of the street. She complained that the plastic bags were useless, too narrow to use for picking up dog poop.

On Opal Street, I caught the distribution guys. I stopped them and asked who had hired them. Someone at the *U-T*, they said, a guy named Oscar. Their SUV was stuffed with thousands

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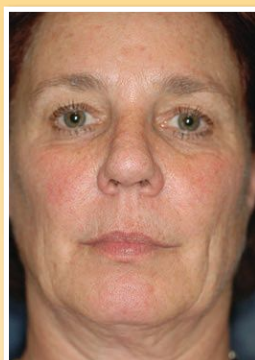
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of circulars. They tossed them from the front seat. I reached inside, grabbed a bunch, and threw them up in the air. "See! That's what you are doing!"

Just then, a woman walking to her car came upon the scene. "Pick those up!" she shouted at me. "That's littering!"

Oh, the irony. "Yes!" I said. "Please, call the police and have me cited for littering. That's my whole point!"

I called Officer Alvarez on January 3. He agreed that littering was going on. He told me to call the Environmental Services Department of the City of San Diego.

I called Environmental Services. Lisa understood because, fortunately for me,

the *U-T* was tossing them at her house, too.

Here is her reply:

Hi Russell,
I received all the pictures. I will review and decide where to go from there (call and/or letter). Our Public Information Officers handle all media related issues. I appreciate your time and concerns and the phone call to clarify exactly what they are doing, littering vs. hand-bill distribution.

Lisa

I guess I have done my duty. I tried to do something that I think is good for San Diego. I never did hear back from Lisa or the *U-T* customer-service department. ■

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In the 20-second bit, Sanders gives the following pitch:

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*By Dorian Hargrove
Wednesday, February 8*

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DeMaio, Filner in Virtual Tie in Mayoral Race

San Diego — A poll conducted by SurveyUSA shows Republican Carl DeMaio and Democrat Bob Filner in a virtual tie on top of the list of hopefuls in

San Diego's next mayoral election.

Filner, who has had a notably small campaign presence (aside from several debate appearances), seems to benefit from a solidified Democratic vote in the officially nonpartisan campaign, though he is still only polling at 24 percent among a sample of 511 likely voters. Republicans, meanwhile, are split between DeMaio (25 percent), Bonnie Dumanis (14 percent), and Nathan Fletcher (13 percent).

If these figures hold through the June primaries, it appears it will be Filner and DeMaio facing off to fill the seat being vacated by the termed-out Jerry Sanders in the fall. A plea for donations disseminated yesterday by Mike Turk at DeMaio's campaign says that the other Republican candidates "have no traction to win a place in the runoff" and that "they can engage in nasty, negative campaigning to create a messier primary," an apparent reference to the fact that a fractured Republican vote would only lend strength to Filner.

*By Dave Rice
Wednesday, February 8*

Locked Jaws

Rottweiler Chomps Man and His Dog

Clairemont — Late Monday afternoon, February 6, a man and his small dog were attacked and seriously injured by a rottweiler in front of their Clairemont home on Boxwood Avenue. The man suffered large gashes to his hand, and Wally, his dog, received serious bites, resulting in three broken ribs and a broken sternum.

The man said the rottweiler was beyond the control of the young woman walking the animal. He said the rottweiler pulled the woman across the street and locked its jaws onto his dog.

He also mentioned that this is the second time in the past three months he and his dog have been attacked and wounded.

*By Gary Cornaglia
Tuesday, February 7*

Generating Concern

More Questions Over Nuclear Station Safety
San Onofre — Concerns about safety and the durability of components at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station are continuing

to surface as the plant approaches a full week of complete shutdown. The plant's Unit 3 reactor was taken out of commission after a radioactive water leak was discovered on January 31, while Unit 2 was already down for scheduled maintenance.

In the immediate aftermath of the detection of a leak in the piping of a recently installed steam generator, officials downplayed any potential threat, noting that the amount of radiation leaked was so small that Nuclear Regulatory Commission rules did not call for a mandatory shutdown. Later it was disclosed that radioactive gas from the leak had been vented to an auxiliary building that did not have the same safety seals as are found on the reactor to prevent radiation from being released into the atmosphere.

Once the Unit 2 reactor was shut down, it was discovered that hundreds of tubes on the generator (replaced in 2009 as part of a \$670-million-plus overhaul using components supplied by Japan-based Mitsubishi Heavy Industries) had suffered

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significant deterioration over their relatively short service lives.

The Unit 2 reactor had cooled to the point last night that it was safe for crews to enter and begin assessing damage, the U-T reports.

By Dave Rice
Tuesday, February 7

Board Games

The Shocking Past of a Former Sweetwater Superintendent
Chula Vista — People are wondering: What was the board thinking when they hired former Sweetwater Union High School District superintendent Jesus Gandara? Did the executive search committee not provide boardmembers with enough information? And how many superintendents will the district have to buy out?

In 1991, former Sweetwater superintendent Anthony Trujillo was bought out by Sweetwater trustees and departed for Texas. According to the local *La Prensa* newspaper, Trujillo was forced to resign "under a cloud of corruption [and] Grand Jury investigations, which were leading to criminal charges."

When Trujillo landed a job as a superintendent in Ysleta, Texas, he began to work with Jesus Gandara. Gandara worked for Ysleta in several positions during the 1990s, including associate superintendent. Gandara even acknowledged Trujillo in his doctoral thesis.

According to *La Prensa*, Trujillo was fired by the Ysleta board in 1998 "on the advice of a Texas Education Agency."

In 2006, the executive search company Hazard, Young and Attea & Associates was paid over \$30,000 by Sweetwater to bring Gandara to Trujillo's old stomping ground. Prior to hiring Gandara, boardmembers Jim Cartmill and

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Arle Ricasa flew to Texas to interview Gandara.

In June 2011, the Sweetwater board gave Gandara his walking papers and a generous severance package. On January 4, 2012, he was charged with eight felony counts by the San Diego district attorney's office.

By Susan Luzzaro
Monday, February 6

Smoke Screen

CPUC Sued for Allegedly Not Sharing Information
San Diego — Attorney Mike Aguirre today (Feb. 6) sued the California Public Utilities Commission in superior court for not disclosing records pertaining to San Diego Gas & Electric's attempt to get its customers to pick up the tab for 2007 wildfire liabilities not covered by insurance. SDG&E has told its shareholders it is "probable" it will be able to stick its customers with the costs.

Aguirre believes SDG&E got a secret go-ahead at a CPUC meeting that was devoted to future customer payments, not past ones. But he is not getting answers from either the CPUC or SDG&E.

Also today, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates, which represents consumers and several public interest groups declared in a CPUC filing that SDG&E has failed to justify the need for relief it seeks, and should seek other methods.

By Don Bauder
Monday, February 6

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\$96 billion. That would be enough to fund the budget of the DEA and the SDPD and a few Republican candidates for the presidency. To paraphrase from one of the article's drop-out heads... So, Editor, heh-heh, what's your reward for running this article, bro?

Bob Dorn
via email

Mitchell, Li Mandri Too Cozy

Dorian Hargrove's article ("Good Advice? Don't Pay Homeowners," "City Lights," February 9) raises red flags, not only for those of us who are downtown residents but for anyone concerned about the reputation of the City of San Diego. The \$10,000 per month paid Li Mandri, the hastily engaged consultant, is clearly excessive, but even more troubling is the manner in which his contract was rushed through by Kris Michell, the president of the Downtown San Diego Partnership. Can we hope that

someone with the Ethics Commission or in the DA's office will have the courage to risk angering Kris Michell once more and insist on some answers about this seemingly inappropriately cozy relationship?

Name Withheld
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via email

We Messed It, You Clean It

The February 9 "City Lights" story "Fed Probes May Help American Engineers" will no doubt provoke howls of racism from a certain segment of your readership. The same folks will also find a racist slant to the cover article about criminals growing weed on public land (which is a good example of why open borders will not work).

It seems to me that only in Europe and North America are the concepts of fairness and morality part of public policy. In the rest of the world, it's dog-eat-dog and devil take the rest — espe-

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cially the top dogs. Western nations also practice environmental protection and population control while other countries don't seem to care at all. "Why bother to improve things here — we can always move someplace else" seems to be the underlying attitude.

These themes are interconnected in ways that affect us all. National self-loathing plus fewer jobs equals despair among our young people, leading to more drug use and alcoholism. And it is not hard to become defeatist and cynical about a country that appears less promising to you than it did to your parents and grandparents.

On the internet, I often read posts disparaging the 1950s. I was in high school then, and, kids, take it from me, America was a paradise compared to what it is now. My generation ruined all that, and it's up to yours to change things. You have more of a challenge facing you than did the "Greatest Generation" during World War II. Some reflection on love of and service to one's own country might be a good place to start. Charity begins at home.

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Case Closed

With regard to the shrill, extremist, irrational, and non-sequitur replies I stimulated by my response to the SDSU Repubs (Letters, January 26) — from John Wise (February 2) and follow-up by "Name Withheld by Request, Oceanside" (February 9) — I REST MY CASE !!!

Ted Rodosovich
via email

Need Juicy Scoops

I must add my frustration with the "Stringers" section ("News Ticker"), in agreement with "Name Withheld" who said that they read like press releases now (Letters, February 9). Where once I eagerly hunted down a *Reader* and turned impatiently to see what was the latest news on couch fires

and car crashes, there is now only painfully grim renderings of boring city council meetings and more yacking on Occupy San Diego. Yawn!

My heart yearns for a juicy scoop on a drug deal gone bad or maybe the latest robbery to go down. How are we to learn of skateboard accidents and condoms on the beach if the *Reader* will not alert us? I cry out to the *Reader* to reinvigorate the "Stringers" with truly neighborhood news once again. Your stable of usual writers is surely gifted, but bring back true authenticity to the neighborhoods section. I have a dream! That one day our children will be able to enjoy the "Stringers" once again for what it truly should be. About the neighborhoods!

Maiden of Camelot
via email

Love From New York

Re "Dr. Bill and GT Surf Hwy 101" (Cover Story, February 2).

Great story and trip! I felt like I was riding with them, and it made me want to follow their tracks. I visit SD every year for a number of weeks to escape the Northern NY weather. Enjoy the *Reader* and the NYC transplant, Barbarella.

Hey, Dr. Bill! If you find another deal on a bike, let me know!

Ben Gruda
via email

No Way Better

I'm calling in regard to the *Reader* article by Barbarella on February 2. The title is "My Ask of You." She goes on to mention her sister and unnecessary words and phrases, and yet toward the end of the article, in the last column, second paragraph down, I'm quoting, "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." There is no such phrase as "way better." Something is either better or not. This is a very detrimental phrase,

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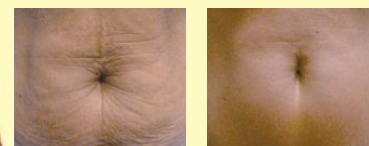
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and I find it ironic that she's talking about her sister and imperfect phrasing and then she herself uses the phrase "way better."

So just a little heads-up, dear Diva. People in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

Dennis Travers
Downtown

Where Ya Gone, Matt?

Sometime within the last year, Matthew Alice changed. I don't know whether there was a change in which legal person was-or-were writing the column or there was an emotional crisis or cerebral catastrophe. But, one way or another, it's not the same person or persons.

Whoever is now writing "Straight From the Hip" is far more inclined to field questions that ought to be easy rather than questions that are interesting, far more inclined to make boneheaded mistakes, and far more inclined to adopt an unwarranted attitude of superiority.

I used to look forward to "Straight From the Hip"; it was one of the highlights of the *Reader*. As of the most recent column, I realized that there isn't reason to read the column anymore, and there is thus less reason to bother with the *Reader*.

Daniel Kian Mc Kiernan
via email

SDQT Makes Up Stories!

About this February 2 "Balboa Park's House of Iran Implicated in Scheme to Funnel Gold to Ron Paul Presidential Campaign Coffers" ("SD on the QT"). There's no person that's quoted here, so it could easily just be made up, and I suppose it is, just kind of a joke to put Ron Paul down. To me, that's not right — making fun of him and putting him down at the same time.

Harold Greenman
via voice mail

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

History Vandalized

The Piedras Pintadas Trail is indeed a scenic and archaeologically rich portion of the San Dieguito River Park's 55-mile "coast to crest" from Del Mar to near Julian ("Roam-O-Rama," February 2). Embedded within this section is a waterfall and Kumeyaay cultural site that is said to be in stewardship of the City of San Diego. It is heavily vandalized with obscene graffiti and frequently littered with weekend beer cans and broken bottles. Apparently, private persons have taken on the responsibility, however misplaced, to erect auxiliary fencing and signage in a valiant attempt to protect what the government agencies have failed to accomplish.

Steve Scarano
via voice

Comments from Reader website

Letters

Published February 8

Hey, Oceanside. Your name ("Withheld") says it all.

By Duhbya 12:30 p.m., Feb 11, 2012

Straight From the Hip Published February 8

Nice info on the sardines. But the only question we have is, what to eat with them!

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By BenB 11:46 a.m., Feb 10, 2012

Pretty easy question, sez Grandma Alice. Peruse any sardine recipe from Spain or Portugal, considered the world center of spectacular sardine cuisine.

Spain's casual snack equivalent to the taco might be the grilled fresh (head-on) sardine, bought from your fishmonger. Hold them in seawater until they're cooked. Gut them, put them in a fish-grilling basket (or stab them on waterlogged bamboo skewers stuck in the sand) and grill 2–3

minutes a side over a lively flame. (Apparently the eyes go cloudy when they're done.) Season with crunchy salt (kosher or sea) and a squeeze of lemon j. Eat 'em as is, on a water cracker, or a slice of bread with your fave cold brew.

In the other direction, fry fresh, cleaned and beheaded, flour-dredged sardines in a pan of hot olive oil. Set them aside when slightly crispy. In the pan, saute parsley (Italian, maybe), minced onions and garlic for five minutes or so. Add a whole bunch of chopped fresh tomatoes and cook for another five or ten. Put the sardines back in the pan, cook another five, and serve on/with thick slices of crunchy bread, again with your favorite beer.

Beer and good bread seem to be the most common go-withs, but Spaniards have been at this for centuries, since fresh sardines are so plentiful in their waters. They've probably tried every combo, so go hunting for more saucy sardine recipes. (Love, Grandma Alice)

By Matthew_Alice 4:01 p.m., Feb 10, 2012

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Stephanie T. says: I visited the Redwoods back in the '80s and the park ranger handed us a cautionary pamphlet about what to do if you stumble into a pot field. One thing I remember was, "You will probably be under surveillance and armed men may be about to head your way. Raise your arms and go back the way you came, repeating loudly, I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO THIS AND I'M LEAVING RIGHT NOW." Not kidding.

By Facebook 2:37 p.m., Feb 8, 2012

The same situation exists in Hawaii. On Maui and the Big Island. If you take a drive across the islands, you should not venture very far into the brush because there are pot farms with trip wires and ground sensors.

Our country's laws, the ancient federal "reefer madness" mentality is endangering peaceful citizens, pun-

ishing medical cannabis patients and basically enriching the cartels by letting them apply the law of risk and return at the expense of our nation. Our federal government is an enemy of the state.

By Ponzi 8:46 p.m., Feb 8, 2012

Interesting story. Just one question: How does wearing desert camouflage in the middle of a jungle supposed to keep you from being seen?

By mercat1 3:59 p.m., Feb 10, 2012

City Lights, by Dorian Hargrove

Published February 8

The UT article that announced that Kris Michell had been hired to become president of the Downtown San Diego Partnership stated that "Its board considered 50 candidates before voting unanimously to hire Michell." Did Ms. Michell advise the Downtown San Diego Partnership Board that she would be hiring

a \$10,000 per month consultant to enable her to do her job? She also hired a new Clean and Safe director, Ryan Loofbourrow, at a salary of \$130,000 per year. This is \$40,000 more per year than any previous director made. The new director also received a signing bonus of \$1,600. Spending our PBID tax dollars isn't a problem for the Downtown San Diego Partnership. Accuracy in assessments and returning tax dollars collected in error is.

By kcasey 4:55 p.m., Feb 8, 2012

Very good article! I couldn't have said it better myself.

Another interesting fact is that Marco Li Mandri, who is consultant for the Clean and Safe Program is Executive Director of the Little Italy Association, which has declined to be a participant in said program. Hmmmm.

By cmarinos 9:25 a.m., Feb 9, 2012

The amount of community maintenance done inside the office in all of the districts is truly outstanding. Interfacing with the city, writing letters to the community, having ideas -- there really just isn't enough time to get out there and clean those sidewalks. An added bonus, they actually save water this way instead of washing things (part of the "Clean" program might involve washing things, if you didn't get the bigger picture). See how effective planning is?

By nostalgic 3:20 p.m., Feb 9, 2012

City Lights, by Don Bauder

I hope someone reconsiders the choice of photo that accompanies this news story. The image evokes those Sarah Palin and Tea Party-inspired -- and ill-advised -- bulls-eye target comments they've been known for the last few years. That said, the article is "tres excellent," as always. Some

great talking points and hints of strategies here that any experienced U.S.-born engineers seeking work can consider using as part of their job searches. Thanks, Don.

By WhatGoesAround 12:29 p.m., Feb 8, 2012

Although I don't have final say on art, I will take the blame because I suggested that photo. I learned yesterday -- too late -- that there is a good photo of that CEO making the "unemployable" remark on Wikipedia. Incidentally, he has never apologized for it. I have had several personal emails on the column and even a phone call from the plaintiff in the Alabama lawsuit today. They have all had interesting things to say, and sent interesting links, and I encouraged them to put something on this comment section to share with others. Best, Don Bauder

By dbauder 2:03 p.m., Feb 8, 2012

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commenting on this scam in your blog, are on the cutting edge of this issue in the media.

I know of no other media or website in America that has had the facts and intense debate over these H-B immigrant worker visas (and the dismantling of America jobs) anywhere in the country than the debates we have had right here.

By SurfPuppy619 2:57 p.m., Feb 8, 2012

SP,

I would consider Lou Dobbs major media. He often brings up the H-1B fraud.

ZaZona has been active fighting this fraud for at least 15 years but mysteriously got spooked and quit updating

the website.

<http://www.zazona.com/shameh1b/>.

By Ponzi 5:56 p.m., Feb 9, 2012

Correction: the State Department says they issue over 100K H-1B visas per year; in light of that, the supposed "limits" or "caps" are irrelevant.

Prof. Matloff uses the term "fraud" only for certain kinds of fraud related to the H-1B visa program, and thus asserts that fraud is only a relatively minor aspect of the problem. I, OTOH, consider the whole "best and brightest" claim to be intentionally fraudulent from the start, the "innovative" claims are largely fraudulent, some of the educational credentials and experience claims by visa applicants are fraudulent (as shown by the back-pedaling

and wailing when USCIS started actually cross-checking such claims), the "limits" or "caps" are fraudulent, the "talent shortage" claims are fraudulent, the vast majority of assertions about who and how "qualified" job candidates are to be fraudulent, the capable STEM workforce estimates are at the very least well below the reality, claims about how "difficult" it is to recruit STEM talent turn out to be fraudulent on examination, the advice commonly dished out by immigration and employment lawyers merely dances along the fringes of fraudulence... Everything surrounding this cluster of issues is soaked in fraud.

By MesaRunner 4:32 p.m., Feb 8, 2012

DIARY OF A DIVA

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my liberal leanings, but I'm not shackled to one perspective. It may not always seem like it, but I make sure to remain open to well reasoned, civilly presented opinions contrary to my own. Conversely, when I encounter someone with a steadfast stance, I tend

to smile and change the subject.

My father-in-law enjoys arguing politics as a competitive sport. I have no desire to engage in debates with him as to who's more reliable — Fox News or Jon Stewart. It's more important to me that we enjoy each other's company and that everyone's blood pressure remains low. This is why, when I find myself in "mixed" company, I find

it best to avoid discussions of politics, religion, how gifted and talented your kid is, how much you just paid for something, your medical problems, taxes, and death. Of course, if someone has a well-reasoned opinion as to why these topics make for suitable dinner conversation, I'm all ears. ■

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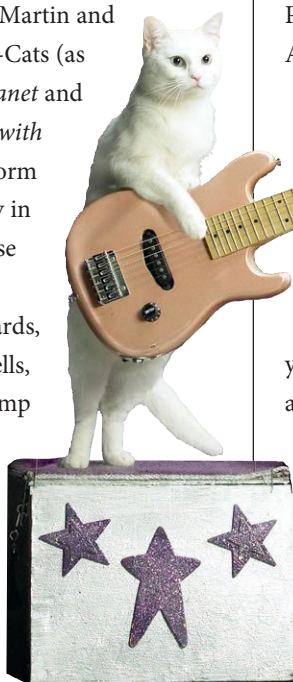
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WHEN: 7 to 8 p.m., also Friday through Sunday

WHERE: David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla. 858-362-1348; circuscats.com



Saturday | 18

LITTLE ITALY CARNEVALE

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WHEN: 5 to 9 p.m.

WHERE: Date at India Street, Little Italy. 619-233-3898; littleitalysd.com

Sunday | 19

FUNGUS FAIR

The San Diego Mycological Society hosts this display of San Diego County wild fungi. Mushroom experts will be on hand to identify specimens for novices. Listen to lectures, watch a mushroom-cultivation demonstration, and shop gourmet mushrooms and foods, mushroom

books, and related items.

WHEN: 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Casa del Prado, room 101, El Prado, Balboa Park. 858-566-3958; sdmyco.org



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WHEN: 2 p.m. (also Friday through Sunday; the circus continues in Balboa Park through February 27)

WHERE: Park Boulevard at Presidents Way, Balboa Park. 877-468-3861; circusvargas.com

masterpiece, “exploring the lethal power of obsession and the need for human connection.” Performed in English with English text above the stage.

WHEN: 7 p.m., check for additional dates and times

WHERE: San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue, Downtown. 619-533-7000; sdopera.com

Wednesday | 22

CLOUD GATE 2

Choreographer Lin Hwai-min created this troupe “to bring his hybrid of Asian gesture, martial arts-inspired leaps, and modern dance vocabulary to local Taiwanese audiences.” For their San Diego debut, Cloud Gate 2 will showcase a range of works “from Taiwan’s up-and-coming Gen Y choreographers.”

WHEN: 8 p.m.

WHERE: Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla. 858-534-8497; artpwr.com

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Mt. Whitney's 14,496-foot summit is a modern-day hikers rite of passage.

Mt. Whitney, California

By Joe Tuborg

On a lonely stretch of Highway 395 in Central California, the Sierras rise from the earth and reach for the heavens. It is here — and, more specifically, Mt. Whitney — where the modern-day hiker goes for a rite of passage. The test is a round-trip trek that traverses over 22 miles with an elevation gain of over 6100 feet. The reward is the 14,496-foot summit, where you step foot on the highest point of the contiguous lower 48.

Towering like an impenetrable fortress above the small town of Lone Pine, the jagged gray edges of the mountain's

east face look daunting to those below. The town straddles Route 395 and pays homage to the region. Streets and businesses abound with the words "Sierra" or "Whitney" worked somehow into their name.

Due to the number of hikers attempting the climb each year, the National Park Service has developed a quota system. Today, no more than 160 climbers can be on the route on any given day. An April lottery is held each year with the number of spots and days drawn by the local rangers.

Unfortunately, like all lotteries, there are few winners. However, the park service does post a calendar and updates it regularly as permits are returned or cancelled. So it's possible to obtain a permit even if you aren't originally awarded one.

Most parties break up the climb into two or three days. Our group chose to do it in one. We arrived at the Whitney Portal trailhead at around 4:00 a.m., our headlights illuminating a black bear emerging from the brush. He retreated when he saw our car but did not seem scared nor in any hurry to scamper away. It was the second bear we'd seen in two days. The first went lumbering through

our campground. Warning signs and bear-proof storage bins are everywhere. Remember, if there is food nearby, there are bears nearby!

Vehicle parking is literally feet from the start of the trail. Although there are no tent sites, many sleep in their car or next to it. A restroom is also located at the trailhead — the last one you will see until you return. As all trash (including human waste) is required to be packed out, I would highly recommend you use it.

With our headlamps ablaze, we took off into the early-morning darkness, putting in over an hour before dawn broke. As night turned to day, the dull, colorless granite was transformed into deep hues of red and bronze. Our backs warmed by the sun, jackets and hats were quickly shed.

The trail begins at an elevation of

over 8000 feet and is constantly moving higher, though the incline is not too severe. A steady pace is easy enough to maintain, and before you know it you've arrived at the first set of lakes and the Outpost Campground sitting at 10,300 feet. With filtration equipment, the water here is safe to drink.

Hike a couple more miles and you arrive at the last water and campsite. At the 12,000-foot Trail Camp, the water is cleaner, the temperature cooler, and the air thinner.

We rested and looked above. The next 2500 feet is the crux of the climb. The trail serpentine upward, switching back and forth 99 times before the saddle is reached at the junction of the John Muir Trail.

Here, in a cruel twist, you lose altitude as the trail drops lower. Although

continued on page 60.

Other Adventures



island602: Riverboat, Belem Brazil, at the mouth of the Amazon, December 2011



Mike1980: St. Peters Basilica, Italy



andynosuna: A cloudy day in "Lagos de Montebello" Chiapas, México

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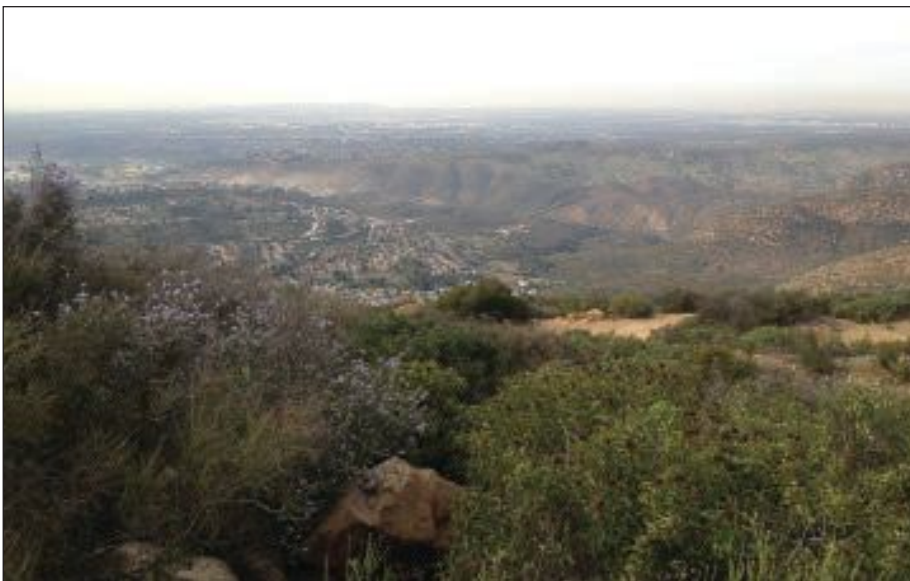
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COWLES MOUNTAIN – EAST

Take the trail less traveled to the Cowles Mountain summit

Directions from downtown San Diego: 15 miles. Allow 30 minutes' driving time. (San Carlos, Mission Trails Regional Park) From I-8, exit north on College Ave. and then turn right (east) on Navajo Rd. Turn left (north) on Cowles Mountain Blvd. and follow it 0.4 miles to Boulder Lake Ave. Turn left, go one block to Barker Way, and turn right. Park on the street. No facilities.

Hiking length: 3.0 miles round trip. • **Difficulty:** Intermediate; 1000-ft. elevation change.



Looking down Mission Gorge from Cowles Mountain toward the ocean

As both the highest peak in San Diego and one of the most popular hiking destinations

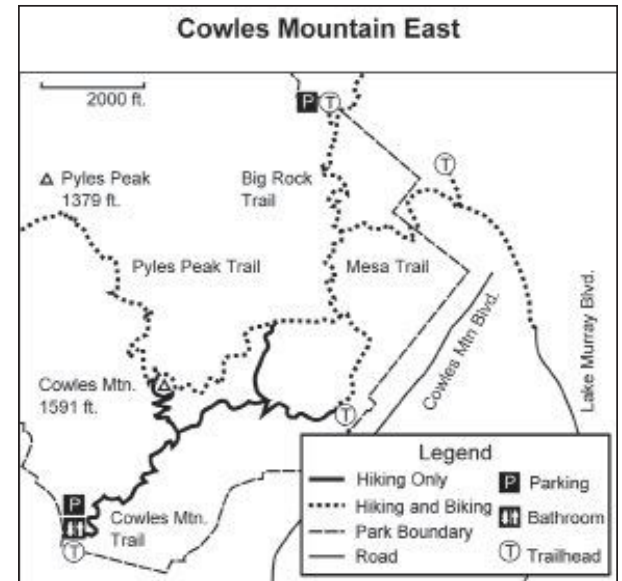
in the county, Cowles Mountain is better known for spectacular views of Southern California than quiet,

wilderness solitude. Indeed, the popular southern route that begins near the corner of Navajo Road and

Golfcrest Drive accommodates at least several hundred hikers daily. But start your hike just a little more than a mile to the east, and you can have the same superb hiking and sweeping vistas that make Cowles so popular with a fraction of the south-route crowds, not to mention an easier time finding a parking spot.

This eastern route begins off of Barker Way, near its intersection with Boulder Lake Avenue. Park on the street and enter through the gate on the northwest side of the road to find a small kiosk with park and safety information. Continue up the gravel road 150 yards and turn left at a sign indicating the Barker Way Trail and Cowles Mountain summit. Stay to your right as you begin your ascent to avoid a southern offshoot that returns to San Carlos neighborhoods. A string of consecutive switchbacks and an escalating heart rate are good clues that you are going the right way.

Continue climbing for about a mile until the trail intersects with the popular southern route, and then turn right to finish the trek to the summit. Although the relative solitude of the east trail is lost at this point, there are good reasons for Cowles' popularity. The 360° views are well worth another grueling half-mile of switchbacks even on a crowded weekend day. The 1591-foot summit offers panoramic views reaching to north-



ern Baja with interpretive signs to help hikers identify natural and manmade landmarks throughout the region.

Return to Barker Way via the same trail or make a loop by turning right (east) on the service road that passes just north of the peak. Either option provides a 3-mile round-trip hike with nearly 1000-feet in elevation gain. Shade is scarce on the exposed southern slope, so this is a great hike for winter or spring when temperatures are milder.

Wildflowers may also be abundant at this time of year. Consider early morning or evening hikes in the summer and always bring plenty of water.

Canyoneers are San Diego Natural History Museum volunteers trained to lead interpretive nature walks that teach appreciation for the great outdoors. For a schedule of free public hikes: <http://www.sdnhm.org/education/naturalists-of-all-ages/canyoneer-hikes/>

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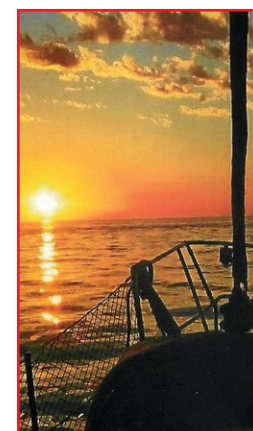
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OUTDOORS

Birding Among the Oaks Walk among gnarly oaks, native sumac with resident birder Jeanne Raimond, who will help with identifying resident and visiting birds. Bring binoculars, bird book (optional). Saturday, February 18, 8am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Insiders' Tour of San Dieguito Lagoon The now-completed \$86 million wetlands restoration project "has attracted numerous marine and bird species." Combination bus and walking tour takes participants inside restoration project areas not

open to public during winter bird migratory season. Bring binoculars. Refreshments provided. Required advance reservations: 858-755-6956 or hikes@sdrvc.org. Sunday, February 19, 1pm; \$25-\$35. San Dieguito Lagoon Boardwalk and Trail, San Andres Drive at Via De La Valle. (DEL MAR)

Miner's Loop Trail Walk Enjoy great views! Arne Johanson leads hike along north face of Black Mountain Open Space Park. Meet at parking-staging area. 858-484-3219. Saturday, February 18, 9am; **free**. Black Mountain Open Space Park staging area, 14850 Carmel Valley Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Organic Farm Tour Seabreeze — a small family farm integrating crops, animals, people — offers farm tour. Walk through farm, see livestock, how vegetables are produced. Reservations required. Saturday, February 18, 9am; \$20. Seabreeze Organic Farm, 3909 Arroyo Sorrento Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

River Tales Wonder about traditional Kumeyaay life along San Diego River? Learn how Native Americans lived during trail guided walk. Saturday and Sunday, February 18 and 19, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Silverwood Cleanup Volunteers invited to help with construction of trails, invasive weed control, trail clearing, maintaining fire clearance zones. Bring gloves, pruners,



You are invited to Yoga Munkey's (Vista) Mandala Art Party — no experience in art, yoga, or meditation necessary.

loppers if you have them. Snacks, water provided. RSVP: 619-443-2998. Saturday, February 18, 9am; Silverwood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

Tidepooling at Hospital Point Aquarium naturalists guide participants into fragile tide-pool communities and highlight the inhabitants. RSVP: 858-534-7336. Saturday, February 18, 12:30pm; \$10-\$12. 2 and up. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

SPECIAL EVENTS

"From Polynesia with Love"

Draw Polynesian dancer Liz during Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School session promising drawing, drinks, music, silly contests, prizes. Bring sketchpads, drawing implements. drsketchysandiego@gmail.com or 858-405-9453. Saturday, February 18, 3pm; \$10. 21 and up. Ruby Room, 1271 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

"The Bass and the Word" Bert Turetzky (contrabass), Chuck Per-

rin (acoustic guitar, narration) "expose the power of the bass and the word in a unique program that harkens back to the 1950's experimentation between jazz and poetry." Concert Hour recital includes performance piece "Mingus Live in the Underworld." 760-744-1150 x2317. Thursday, February 16, 12:30pm; **free**. Palomar College O2 Performance Space, 1140 West Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)

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Brazil Carnival Mardi Gras 2012

Brazilian Promotions presents 20th annual Mardi Gras party with carnival bands, capoeira, parades, Mardi Gras beads, samba show with dancers in glittering costumes accompanied by percussionists playing authentic *batucada* rhythms. 619-224-4684. Saturday, February 18, 9pm; \$25-\$75. 21 and up. 4th&B, 345 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Bring Bikes! International Rescue Committee "helps refugees to survive and rebuild their lives in San Diego and abroad" in many ways, including by "providing bicycles to the incoming refugee population as a means of reliable transportation." Donate functioning or near-functioning bicycles of all types for all age groups, helmets, and other bicycle safety gear during

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the downward stretch is welcome from the previous steady uphill march, you know that the elevation must be regained and a physical price will have to be paid later.

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tain, it begins to move back upward. It is apparent the summit is close, but it's not yet visible until you are within about 300 yards.

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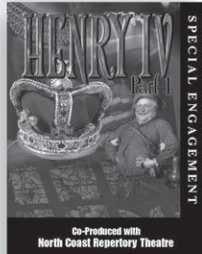
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committee's third-annual bicycle donation drive (donations are tax deductible). *Hong.Tran@Rescue.org*. Sunday, February 19, 10am; **free**. Carmel Valley Recreation Center, 3777 Townsgate Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Circus Vargas Enjoy performances under the blue and gold big top with singing ringmaster Kevin Venardos. Thirty minutes before each show, audience is invited into center ring for "crash course in circus skills and stamina." 877-468-3861. Friday, February 17, 7:30pm; Saturday, February 18, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, and 7:30pm; Sunday, February 19, 12:30pm, 3:30pm, and 6:30pm; \$20-\$60. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

CityScape Adventures Two-person teams compete to solve "12 puzzles and challenges in a citywide race to the finish line." Participants bring a digital camera, pen, \$10 each in singles for public transportation or refreshments, comfortable shoes. Fee: \$100 per team. Rain or shine. Saturday, February 18, 11am; 12 and up. Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

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topic with Civilized Conversation forum. 858-231-6209. Thursday, February 16, 7pm; **free**. 18 and up. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Fungus Fair San Diego Mycological Society hosts displays of San Diego County wild fungi in room 101. Mushroom experts on hand to identify specimens. Lectures, mushroom-cultivation demonstration, gourmet mushroom sales and foods, mushroom books and related items for sale. 858-566-3958. Sunday, February 19, 10:30am to 3:30pm; **free**. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Little Italy Carnevale Enjoy "vignettes of entertainment including live music and dancing, stilt-walkers, art, maskmaking for kids," and more on West Date (at India Street). See how Venetian masks are made, worn to celebrate Carnevale. Saturday, February 18, 5pm; Little Italy. (LITTLE ITALY)

Mandala Art Party Take part in community mandala making, painting event; a chakra meditation with musical accompaniment using the mandala follows painting project. No experience in art, yoga, or meditation necessary. If you'd like, bring a potluck dish and an apron or old shirt to wear while painting. 760-224-3033. Saturday, February 18, 5pm; **free**. Yoga Monkey & More, 410 South Santa Fe Avenue. (VISTA)

Rhyme & Verse Answering Machine A poem by Terry Hertzler

She leaves messages
on my answering machine,
asks for my help,
tells me things
I'd rather not know:

her microwave clock
is stuck on 12:00,
the computer's screwing up,
there's a book she can't find,
at 38 her cousin Crystal
has died of cancer.

You can't do this! I want to tell her.
We're divorced. It's not fair. Instead,
I call her back, explain the procedure
to reset the clock, tell her
I'll look for the book,
how bad I feel about Crystal.

And after I walk her through Norton
Utilities, defragment the hard disk,
and we're saying goodbye,
she asks how I'm doing, and
I tell her okay, I'm doing okay.



Terry Hertzler is a Vietnam vet who makes his home in Las Cruces, New Mexico, where he works as a writer, editor, and teacher. He is the author of two books of poetry and short fiction: *The Way of the Snake* and *Second Skin*. His poetry and short stories have appeared in numerous literary journals and anthologies and his work has also been produced on stage and for radio and television. "Answering Machine" is from his collection *Second Skin*, published by Caernarvon Press. It is reprinted by permission.

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Museum Month! During February, pick up a Museum Month pass at Macy's, enjoy half-off admission at 40 San Diego County museums. Guests with a pass may bring up to three people with them to participating museums to receive half off. 619-276-0101. Daily, through Wednesday, February 29, San Diego County

Music and Art Festival 2012 San Diego Chinese Art and Cultural Society's annual show promises music ranging from classics to jazz

to hip-hop. Program includes *erhu* soloist Karen HuaQi Han — who has more than 100 movie music scores to her credit — performing on the two-stringed bowed musical instrument; California Ballet Company; Greater San Diego Community Orchestra; more. Art exhibit with work by children and adults. Tickets: *MLP7@cox.net* or 858-759-9581. Saturday, February 18, 7pm; \$15. Poway Center for the Performing Arts, 15498 Espola Road. (POWAY)

Shakuhachi Concert Mary Lu Brandwein performs on the ancient Japanese bamboo flute (*shakuhachi*), used by Zen monks for meditation as well as music. Friends of Taka Sumi-e (Japanese brush painting) plan demonstration (1-4pm). Sunday, February 19, 3pm; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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619-218-7835. Sunday, February 19, 10am; **free**. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

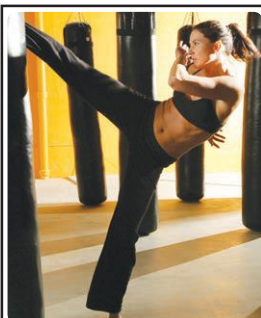
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Whale Watching Adventures Hornblower Cruises leads 3.5-hour outings in search of migrating gray whales, with captains and naturalists from San Diego Natural History Museum on hand to help spot tails and teach guests more about the marine wildlife offshore.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

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)

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"Back to Bach" Fallbrook Chamber Orchestra plans concert with selections by Bach, Scarlatti, Handel, and Locatelli. 760-723-5544. Sunday, February 19, 3pm; **free**-\$10. Community Baptist Church, 731 South Stagecoach Lane. (FALLBROOK)

"Plainsound Glissando Modulation" Enjoy this concert-length work by Wolfgang von Schweinitz during performance by UCSD music grad students Scott Worthington (contrabass), Andrew McIntosh (violin). Thursday, February 16, 8pm; **free**. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Moby-Dick San Diego Opera presents West Coast premiere of Jake Heggie's opera based on Melville's 19th-century literary masterpiece "exploring the lethal power of obsession and the need for human connection." Cast includes Canadian tenor Ben Hepner, American tenor Jonathan Boyd, American baritone Morgan Smith. Conductor is Karen Keltner; Leonard Foglia directs. Performed in English with English text above stage. Reservations: 619-533-7000. Saturday, February 18, 7pm; \$50-\$210. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

An Afternoon of Mozart Sea Breeze Piano Quintet performs "Quintet for Winds and Piano." Ensemble members: Susan Barrett (oboe, English horn), Jim George (clarinet), Cynthia McGregor (French horn), Thomas Schubert (bassoon), Stefani Walens (piano). 760-633-2746. Sunday, February 19, 2pm; **free**. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

California Consort Ensemble performs music by Hummel and Schubert's "Trout" quintet for Chamber Music Society of North County. Consort members: Karen Follingstad (piano), Bert Turetzky (bass), Alyze Dreiling (violin), Susan Ung (viola), Lorie Kirkell (cello). Sunday, February 19, 2:30pm; \$25-\$5. Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, 16889 Espola Road. (POWAY)

Chicago Symphony Orchestra La Jolla Music Society presents concert by group "consistently hailed as one of today's leading orchestras," led by Italian conductor Riccardo Muti. 858-459-3728. Sunday, February 19, 8pm; \$27-\$97. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Classical Pianist Jonathan Biss plans La Jolla Music Society concert. Biss "performs a diverse repertoire ranging from Mozart and Beethoven, through the Romantics to Janáček and Schoenberg as well as works by contemporary composers." 858-459-3728. Friday, February 17, 8pm; \$25-\$75. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Miró Quartet Karatz Chamber Concert series continues with "one of America's highest-profile chamber groups." Program includes Dvorak's "Quartet in F Major (American)," the Barber "Quartet," Beethoven's "Quartet in G Major No. 2 (Compliments)." Reservations: 858-454-5872. Saturday, February 18, 7:30pm; \$40-\$45. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

urday, February 18, 7:30pm; \$40-\$45. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Mozart's "Requiem" Enjoy entire requiem, performed with full orchestra, soloists, and choir. Soloists: Diana Villwock (soprano), Evangelina Woo (mezzo-soprano), Sean McCormac (tenor), Tim McLellan (bass). Donation: \$10. 858-487-2159. Sunday, February 19, 4pm; 18 and up. St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 16275 Pomerado Road. (POWAY)

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Russian Strings in Concert The Los Angeles Balalaika Orchestra — called "the best Russian folk instrument orchestra outside Russia" — joined by baritone Vladimir Chernov for concert. 626-483-2731. Sunday, February 19, 3pm; \$26. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

World-Renowned Violinist! Itzhak Perlman in concert, accompanied by pianist Rohan De Silva. 619-235-0804. Saturday, February 18, 8pm; \$30-\$100. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

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Cupcakes and a Movie Decorate two cupcakes while watching a “kid-friendly” movie with Vanessa Brown (*Cupcake Wars*). Parents invited to “take a night off” from the kids. Refreshments provided. Friday, February 17, 6:30pm; \$30. 5 and up. Cups Lounge and Culinary, 7857 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Exploring Personal Pathways Explore, learn about art on exhibit with Family Drop-in Day’s child-friendly tours and art making for children 6-12.

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“Anomalia” Opening reception for artists Charles Gaines, Erick Meyenberg, Erick Beltrán, and Jorge Satorre, “whose work engages scientific models of research and representation,” including ethnographic data research, cognitive modeling, systems theory. Beltrán and Satorre present “Modeling Standard — A Guided Tour University Art Gallery” during reception (6:30-7:30pm). View exhibition through Friday, May 18. 858-534-0419. Thursday, February 16, 5:30pm; **free**. University

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"Recent Acquisitions" Opening reception for this exhibition, on view until Saturday, March 24. Also opening is the Bishop's School student show "Exploring Expression" (closing Thursday, March 1). 858-454-5872. Friday, February 17, 6:30pm; **free**. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Visual A Priori" Opening reception for featured artist Stefanie Bales and guest artist Maha Comianos. Exhibit continues through February. Saturday, February 18, 6:30pm; **free**. 21 and up. Brokers Building Gallery, 402 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

LECTURES

"A Better World" David Neff, editor-in-chief of *Christianity Today*, examines "how compassion and justice can flourish alongside eschatology." Neff "participates in interfaith dialogue with Jews, Muslims, and Mormons." Saturday, February 18, 9:30am; **free**. Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (TIERRASANTA)

"Artists' Books as Sculpture" San Diego Book Arts hosts illustrated lecture by Daniel Essig promising "a little of the history of artists' books as sculpture, and some of his recent work and collaborations," in McCoy House (across from Old Town Transit Center). Friday, February 17, 7:30pm; **free**. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

"Compassionate Presence" John Paul Lederach, professor of international peacebuilding at Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, explores "Faith-Based Peacebuilding in the Face of Violence." Advance registration required. Thursday, February 16, 7pm; **free**. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, USD, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Dakota Speculators in the Great Minnesota Outback" How a financial panic, Indian attacks, cagey land speculators, and natural disasters disrupted development of the American West, discussed by Western writer Wayne Fanebush when San Diego Indepen-



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dent Scholars meet in room 111-A of UCSD Chancellor's Complex. Information: sagus@sbcglobal.net or 858-342-0866. Saturday, February 18, 1:30pm; **free**. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"New Science and MUFON" Bruce Cordell presents this talk, subtitled "Converging Toward a Final Answer About UFOs," for MUFON (Mutual UFO Network). 760-753-2456. Sunday, February 19, 6pm; **free**. 18 and up. Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Perspectives: Made with Words" Emerging artist Jamilah Abdul-Sabur discusses "her practice as it relates to John Baldessari's work, in particular his work with language." Tour exhibit for free, 5-7pm. Thursday, February 16, 7pm; **free**-\$10. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Ready, Aim, Organize!" Professional organizer Theresa Finnigin helps "with goal setting and staying on track" to get organized for 2012. 760-753-4027. Thursday, February 16, 6:30pm; **free**. Cardiff-by-the-Sea Library, 2081 Newcastle Avenue. (CARDIFF)

"Reflections on Moby-Dick" Nicolas Reveles of San Diego Opera focuses this new American opera, explores "how art and music are often in a kind of open dialogue with the artists, forms, and styles trading ideas and commenting on each other." Friday, February 17, 10am; \$8-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Tall Buildings Since 9/11: The Spectacle of the Technical"

Architect Kurt Hunker, acting provost of NewSchool of Architecture and Design, speaks for Friends of San Diego Architecture. Arrive early for coffee, enjoy "An Architectural Moment" with an image from Ned Paynter Collection. Discussion follows. Saturday, February 18, 9:30am; **free**-\$5. NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Think Like an Archivist" Nancy Loe addresses Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego (10:20am-noon), following user group meetings for Legacy, Roots Magic, Ancestry (9-10am). 858-412-4536. Saturday, February 18, 9am; **free**. Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Who Supports Bailing Out Other Countries and Why?" Consider the answers with Columbia University political science assistant professor Yotam Margalit, who "specializes in the fields of international and comparative political economy." Social Sciences Building, Room 107. Thursday, February 16, 12:30pm; **free**. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Be an Ancestor Detective Wonder about information available on the Internet about your ancestors? Randy Seaver of San Diego Genealogical Society reveals how to discover "where they lived, how they lived, how they came to the U.S., and more." Thursday, February 16, 2pm; **free**. 21 and up. University Community Library, 4155 Governor Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

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Get to Know Polymer Clay Artist, designer, author Christi Friesen plans visual lecture demonstrating use of color, balance, movement in her dramatic jewelry pieces, for San Diego Bead Society. Included in museum admission (\$8 general). Saturday, February 18, 10am; **free**. Mingie International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

SPOKEN WORD

Sunset Poets Reading Brad McMurrey — a finalist in last year's Full Moon Poets Slam — reads "his best slam poems," joined by Native American poetry specialist Gwyn Henry. Host: Sandy Carpenter. Sunday, February 19, 2:30pm; **free**. Vista Library, 700 Eucalyptus Avenue. (VISTA)

Village Idiots Literary Society Join group for open reading. Bring a favorite poem or short story or anything to share. 760-414-1056 or 760-305-8278. Friday, February 17, 7pm; **free**. Gallery 204, 204 Main Street. (VISTA)

SPORTS

K9 Cancer Walk Enjoy one-mile walk "with your best friend." Vendors, guest speakers. Proceeds benefit Morris Animal Foundation. Saturday, February 18, 9am; Walnut Grove Park and Barn, Olive Street at Sycamore Drive. (SAN MARCOS)

North County Lagoon Ride Enjoy 27-mile bicycle adventure with the Knickerbikers, starting at Harvest Ranch Market (park in periphery of parking lot). Bring money for lunch at St. Germain's Bistro. 858-450-0373 or 619-787-7427. Saturday, February 18, 9:30am; Rancho Santa Fe Plaza, 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road. (ENCINITAS)

Pro Hoops San Diego Sol men's team hosts Monterey Seakings in SportsCenter. 619-933-7740. Thursday, February 16, 7:30pm; **free**-\$10. Alliant University, 10455 Pomerado Road. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Ridiculous Basketball Skills! Harlem Globetrotters bring their thoroughly entertaining antics, highly skillful basketball to center court in competition against (rarely victorious) Washington Generals. 800-745-3000. Friday, February 17, 7pm; \$15-\$145. Valley View Casino Center, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

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“Those who are not with us will be eaten by vultures.”

Art exhibitions serve an especially useful purpose if they revise our assumptions and rewrite established narratives, correcting for new information, shifting valuations, fresh polemical agendas, and the mysteries of shared taste. Without a foundational intellectual restlessness, an exhibition can turn into a starchy program. Take,

for instance, the bold-face version of Mexican modernism, which puts at the center *los tres grandes*, the trinity of male muralists composed of Diego Rivera, José Clemente Orozco, and José David Alfaro Siqueiros. Smaller orbs such as Frida Kahlo and Rufino Tamayo circle those stars. If only it were that schematic. In the turbulent years following the 1910 revolution and subsequent civil war, Mexico produced many good artists engaged in a variety of practices, and for the past 40 years they have had as their caretaker the Argentinian-born collector Andrés Blaisten, who has made it his mission to acquire thousands of works, now housed in the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México Centro Cultural in Tlatelolco, that configure a more finely articulated, synoptic version of Mexican modernism. Eighty paintings from the collection are on view at the San Diego Museum of Art in a lively exhibition, *Mexican Modern Painting*.

The narrative running through the Blaisten version of Mexican art is a push-pull dynamic between internationalist inflections and Mexican-ness, *mexicanidad*. Of the major presences, Rivera spent a long time in Paris absorbing the cubist technique, Siqueiros spent three years

in Europe and later traveled to New York (and was, for a time, Jackson Pollock’s teacher), and Orozco lived in the USA from 1927 to 1934. Their work could readily speak in European and

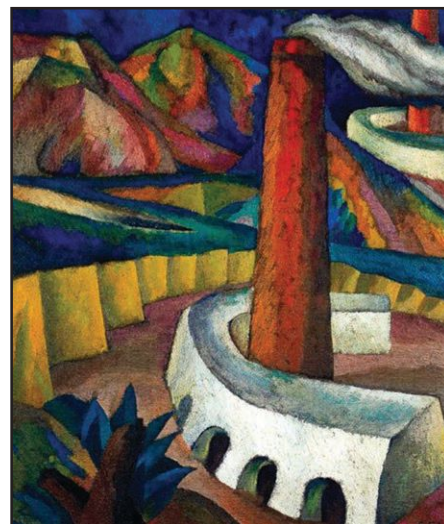
North American idioms, but its material was the folkloric, mythic ways of *mexicanidad*. Traveling far, they remained natives to

their place.

It’s the other painters in *Mexican Modern Painting* that rouse interest. Most Mexican art in the first half of the century had a political context, and much of it manifests the sometimes agonizing political transitions the country was enduring. I knew nothing about the Open-Air Schools, for instance, until I saw the exhibition, yet they were as consequential for post-revolutionary national consciousness as the muralist moment. In 1921, the new president Álvaro Obregón appointed José Vasconcelos minister of public education. Vasconcelos wanted to propagate revolutionary values — land reform, indigenous identity, egalitarianism — by means of art education. He not only sponsored the first murals, with their splashy-severe vision of a politically reimagined Mexico, he also wanted to nurture an entire nation of artists. To achieve this, he established art schools in semirural areas around Mexico City. The Open-Air Schools welcomed farmers, children, and workers, encouraging a simple, “primitivist” style. The schools urged people to paint the world they knew, its physical types, its landscapes and lore. They produced, as you might expect, plentiful pictures of *campesinos*, of the female as maternal or infantilized type, and

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Above: Gabriel Fernández Ledesma's *Industrial Landscape* (1929); at right: Manuel González Serrano's *Equilibrio* (ca. 1944)



Mexican Modern Painting from the Andrés Blaisten Collection is on view at the San Diego Museum of Art until February 19. 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park; 619-232-7931; sdmart.org.

of village life with its open markets and ceremonies, the weddings, communal chores, and ritual dances. They produced not only Ramón Cano Manilla’s *Siesta*, a local-color treatment of the ancient dream of a terrestrial paradise (two peons linger in hammocks beneath the blessings of palm trees) but also a parable of the new Mexico, Gabriel Fernández Ledesma’s *Industrial Landscape*, where a smokestack exhaling effluvia rises among mountains and where both natural and constructed forms are depicted in fine-scored, mineral earth tones.

Few of these artists, however, can be slotted in one or another historical classification, especially because so many of the pictures they made are some variant of *mestizaje*, a blending of Europe and the New World, Spanish and native. Fermín Revueltas was formed at the Open-Air Schools, and his sultry *Bathers* from

1927 derives from the familiar motif worked so hard by Cézanne, Matisse, and other Europeans, but he situates his dark, smoky nudes in a smothering florid setting. And his primal *Dance of the Deer* — the horned flames burning under pots are repeated in antlers worn by the dancers — may look formally Europeanized but it’s the painterly equivalent of magic: it enacts in subject and treatment a threshold experience, the rite of passage when an animal spirit enters a man and overtakes his nature. And while Revueltas in his own way devoted himself to *mexicanidad*, he also associated himself with the modernist, revolutionary fervor of *estridentismo*, a movement that started noisily around 1921. Like its Italian counterpart, Futurism, *estridentismo* was excitably exclusionary. Its manifesto declared: “Those who are not with us will be eaten by vultures.” To avoid becoming

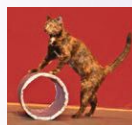
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ing cuddly carrion, it envisioned an urban utopia that would break with tradition, celebrate technology, and defy social norms. Amador Lugo (another artist trained in the Open Air Schools and preoccupied, like so many of his peers, with social realities) made a picture, *Fire in the Colonia de los Doctores*, that catches the urban horror of an out-of-control fire. The scene is populated with ambulance drivers, firefighters, and that recently minted “new citizen,” the city crowd, hundreds of anonymous bodies crowding balconies, rooftops, and sidewalks, triangulating into a deep, unforeseeable distance.

Mexican Modern Painting prickles with surprises. One of its revelations, to me at least, is Manuel González Serrano. His 1948 *Apprentice Bullfighters* conflates different chunks of Mexican life into a

complex, ambiguous scene. In the background stands a corrida ring (it looks like an ancient colosseum) as well as an industrial site of a building under construction. Between them, in a mess of city rubble, boys with red capes practice their untutored passes against a hobby-horse bull’s head that’s an impoverished memory of a more mythic and terrifying soul-presence. González Serrano was a case. Largely self-taught, he seemed almost too at ease with the irrationalities encouraged by the Surrealists. He spent periods of time in mental institutions, went for long stretches without working, and died of a heart attack at 43. His distressed *Self-Portrait* squirms with fleshy, doomed ardor. And the slinky, vulval bird-of-paradise plant in his still life, *Equilibrium*, looks carnivorous.

Equilibrium is one of several pictures in the exhibition that recall Italian Metaphysi-

cal art, a prototype for Surrealism famously practiced by Giorgio De Chirico, whose mystifying objects and scenes — classical statuary, banana bunches, manikins, far-off trestles and trains, dread-inducing piazzas — frequently haunt the precincts of early 20th-century Mexican art. When Surrealism’s supreme chief, André Breton, visited Mexico in 1938 (to visit Trotsky in exile) he declared it an incomparably surrealist country. But long before Breton’s visit Mexican artists were nationalizing Surrealism by trading on casual, matter-of-fact bizarre-ness. The “uncanny” so prized by the surrealists ran in *mexicanidad*’s bloodstream. See María Izquierdo’s *The Racquet*, where an unnerving assortment of objects — megaphone, carnival mask, clothing brush, cigarettes — is deployed on a table before a deep-set window framing a dark and stormy night. It’s a tropical

rethinking of Magritte’s fever-dream arrangements of everyday realities. Carlos Orozco Romero’s *Dream* from 1940 is a swooning reimagining of a De Chirico landscape. And Roberto Montenegro’s stiffly comic *First Lady* theatricalizes the slippage between peasant and aristocratic reality. I love the vinegar-puss dame’s venomous stare — she’s staring at us.

Some pictures that articulate a culture are also so emotionally forceful that they flood historical and cultural definitions. The title of Orozco’s *Allegory of Mexico* sounds nationalistic, and so it is, in its depiction of three creatures — a bull on its back entangled by a serpent that wraps around and faces off a jaguar. The bull goes to Hispanic identity, the serpent is the telluric creature of indigenous myths virtually everywhere, and the jaguar for people of the Americas embodies the irrational, the instinctive, the indomitable. The pictorial action is so ferocious and the handling so muscular that it seems to be wrenching itself apart with conflicting, unharnessable, confrontational energies. Tamayo is painting his own sensation of those powers. As nationalistic art, it’s as personal as it gets. ■

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“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,” through 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 Blaisten Collection. View work by artists including María Izquierdo, Diego Rivera, David Alfaro Siqueiros, Rufino Tamayo, Alfonso Michel, Federico Cantú, Angel Zárraga through Sunday, February 19.

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

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

“Phenomenal: California Light, Space, Surface” Enjoy in-depth look at 13 artists whose work with light as a medium in the 1960s and ’70s defined an era of art making in California. Featured artists: Peter Alexander, Larry Bell, Ron Cooper, Mary Corse, Robert Irwin, Craig Kauffman, John McCracken, Bruce Nauman, Eric Orr, Helen Pashgian, James Turrell, De Wain Valentine, Doug Wheeler. “Combining key works from the museum’s collection” with major loans from public and private collections, exhibit “includes immersive light installations together with rare, ephemeral, and site-conditioned works, some seen in California for the first time in decades.” Through Sunday, March 4. **Free**-\$10. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

“San Diego’s Craft Revolution” This exhibition reveals important contributions of San Diego craftsmen to the post-war Southern California art scene. Show explores progression from sleek modernism to unconventional handmade objects of use

such as furniture, doors, jewelry, ceramics by over 60 artists. Exhibit is part of “Pacific Standard Time: Art in L.A. 1945-1980.” Closes Sunday, April 15.

“A Fantastic Voyage — The Art of Ynez Johnston,” surveys six decades of the artist’s wood and bronze sculptures, paintings, prints, ceramics from 1940s to 2010, including recent works that have never publicly been shown. Closes Sunday, June 17. **Free**-\$7. Mingie 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” through Tuesday, April 1.

“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.” **Free**-\$8. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

“Unusual Suspects” Exhibition of paintings and photographs by Holly Roberts “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.

“Eyes of a Nation: A Century of American Photography” is drawn from museum’s permanent collection, offering a look at “rich history of American photography by artists working in the 1870s-1970s.” Exhibit explores “groundbreaking movements and photographers who helped shape photography at an important time in the development of our country.” Through Sunday, May 13. **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)

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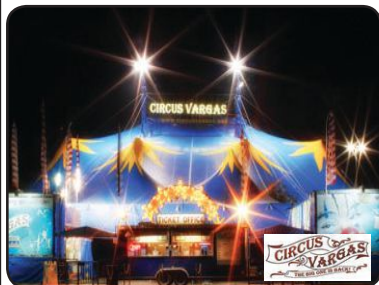
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Borrego Bonanza

The broaching of the subject is inevitable: in any extended conversation, I'll always find a way to sneak in a "Have you eaten anything good recently?" And, quite often, that little question bears fruit.

A good example is a recent conversation with a coworker, Karina, who mentioned that her husband's favorite restaurant was Birrieria La Guadalajara on Third Avenue in Chula Vista. Karina had my undivided attention for two reasons: first, my wife and I had driven past the place the previous weekend and wondered about the shop; second, Karina and her husband's families hail from Guadalajara, where *birria* — usually roasted goat or lamb seasoned with a paste made of various chilies and served in a spicy broth (consommé) made from the drippings of the roasting meat — and *tortas ahogadas* share the crown as the most well-known dishes of the region. So, once I learned that this was their *birria* place, there was no question we'd be checking it out posthaste.

Located in a newish strip mall that seems to have no other active tenants, the *birrieria* is simply furnished; it looks like a miniature version of those

thousand-seat *birrierias* I've seen in photos and on television. There's the flatscreen television eternally tuned to a soccer match; the music, at least when we've been there, doesn't blare. Jorge, the young man who manages the restaurant, always seems to be smiling. Behind a partition on the east side of the restaurant is the heart and soul

of the establishment: the kitchen area, where a woman makes tortillas fresh for every order.

Birria of the species *res* (beef), *borrego* (lamb), *chivo* (goat) — plus

one I can't recall seeing very often, *puerco* (pork) — occupy a good 40 percent of the single-page menu. Each is available by the pound, as a taco, and in two different plate sizes. Did I mention that *birria* is breakfast food? And, of course, I've heard the claims that this spicy stew wards off the after-effects of a night of over-indulgence. Though I love chili-fortified food, aside from putting a couple of drops of hot sauce on my eggs, I wasn't quite sure how I felt about having something spicy for breakfast until we visited Chengdu a year ago and enthusiastically consumed *ma-la* (numbing hot) Sichuan dishes for breakfast. Getting those endorphins going early in the day really agreed with me.

The *birria* (with the protein of your choice) arrives in a shallow bowl engulfed by bright red consommé. The broth here is only mildly spicy and seasoned just enough to enhance the flavor of the meat. The missus and I were unified in saying that we preferred the lamb to the goat. To us, the lamb was more tender, fattier, and had more of a distinct gamey taste, that "flavor of the pasture." Grab a hefty fresh and hot tortilla, throw in some meat, add onions, cilantro, perhaps a squeeze of lime, and one of two salsas, and with a final dip into the broth, you have a rewarding if messy treat.

As much as we liked the *birria*, we've come to find other dishes on the deceptively simple menu that we enjoy even more. The Borrego a la Plancha, the most expensive dish on the menu at



Birrieria La Guadalajara stands in a newish Chula Vista strip mall that seems to have no other tenants.



Cabeza en su Jugo — a cow head slowly simmered to create a soup.



Taco Rojo — a tortilla is dipped in consommé, then placed on the flat-top to brown.

ten bucks and change, is probably our favorite. Roasted lamb is placed on the griddle, creating a lovely crust, then served with a cup of consommé so you can moisten the meat to your satisfaction. Rice and beans accompany the standard garnishes.

We were curious about Taco Rojo. We were told that one of the owners is from Ensenada (the other is from Guadalajara), so they decided to include this delightful dish, where a fresh tortilla is dipped in the consommé, then placed on the flat-top to brown, creating nice crunchy patches. The taco is then filled with the meat of your choice. It is wonderfully salty and full-flavored.

One of the women who works with my wife is from Guadalajara, and she says the dish she misses most is *cabeza en su jugo*, where cow head is slowly simmered to create a wonderful soup, rich with beef flavor. The version here is indeed

rich; the rendered collagen and fat luxuriously wrap themselves around your tongue, and the meat melts in your mouth. Usually, we'll each have Taco Rojo and share the additional dish.

The young manager recently told me that their beer-and-wine license should be approved by the end of February. Also, since mariachi is believed to have originated in the state of Jalisco, once the beer and wine are in place, music will likely follow.

Every year, the missus and I take one or two trips, inspired either by places like Machu Picchu and Angkor Wat, or by certain foods. Our last trip resulted from repeated visits to our favorite Turkish restaurant. After eating at Birrieria La Guadalajara almost every weekend, a trip to that city might be in our future. I've heard it's nice there in September. ■

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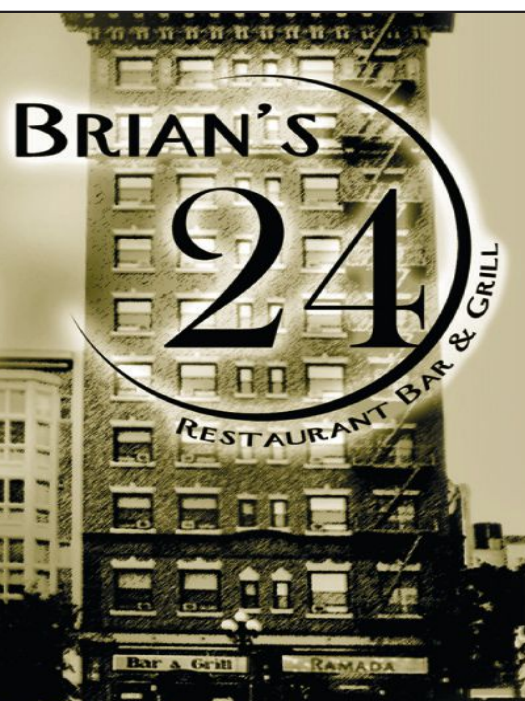
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Farther back, there's some savory stuff displayed that has my nose a-twitchin'. I see everything from lasagna to a wood-fired pizza oven. There are lists of Italian dishes up on the wall, from eight-buck panini to more serious dishes priced in the teens.

Trouble is, I haven't got a lot of jingle to jangle.

"Any ideas?" I ask Zenon. He's the chef at the panini section of the long counter. We happen to be standing by a pan loaded with what look like segments of round focaccia bread stuffed with meats, cheeses, and veggies.

"They're called *schicciate*." He pronounces it "ski-a-chee-art-ay."

I like the look of the one closest to me. It's got all kinds of colorful stuff.

"That's the vegetarian," Zenon says.

"Grilled, sautéed eggplant, zucchini, bell pep-

pers, onions, tomatoes."

"How much?" I ask.

"Four-fifty."

Man — sounds too good to be true.

"It comes with a mixed green salad," Zenon says.

"Still \$4.50?"

"Still \$4.50."

He toasts it, so it's all nice and hot, and serves it on a big plate. Gives me real flatware, too.

I take everything over to a black marble bar, where Jennifer the bartender stands in front of a blue-lit backboard loaded with exotic bottles of liquor.

I go for the cheapest drink, a Bud Light

(\$4), and eat my *schicciate*. It's *delizioso*, in an olive-oil, garlicky way. The focaccia is crisp but fall-apart tender. Salad's huge. But it's the tastes of the eggplant and the great yellow sautéed bell peppers and zucchini

inside that bread that make this a killer combo. All for \$4.50.

Of course, there're a zillion other things to try. I've gotta come back just to try other versions of the *schicciate*.

I take out my wallet and assess the damage. Huh...still got a Lincoln. In that case, must find out what a *cremalose* is.

I ask this guy, John Russo. Turns out he's one of the owners. "We have 48 different flavors," he says. "Twenty-four standards, and then 24 *cremalose* flavors. These are where you have more, say, fruit than gelato. So they're good for you. This is exactly how they do it in Italy. We brought these Oscartielle gelato machines from Italy. We wanted this to be real."

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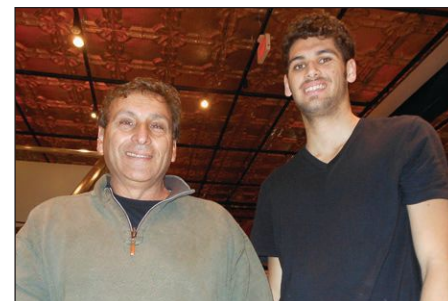
Chef Zenon with my plate of *schicciate* and salad (\$4.50).

shaved ice with sweet fruit juices, and the Romans used to take ice off Mount Etna and Mount Vesuvius, douse the ice in honey, then pig out. As they say, cool, way cool.

Gal at the gelato counter hands me different flavors to try, on li'l plastic spoons. I end up paying \$4 for a mix of strawberry and coconut served in a cone. Sixty percent fruit, she says. And the coconut — I'm actually chewing the stuff. I finish it off at the bar.

Okay, all very interesting, but we're still talking lifestyles of the rich and the famous, right? Conventioneers with tight suits and loose expense accounts?

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John Russo (with his son Michael) says, "We're trying to create a café like in Italy."

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\$10 Lunch: Urban Plates

When I mention I'm looking for a \$10 lunch, a girlfriend of mine who lives in Del Mar says, "I've got a \$10 lunch for you" and takes me to Urban Plates. This is before I know Mary Beth has already been there and found it underwhelming.

The first thing I think when we walk in the door at 1:15 on a Tuesday afternoon (prime time for all lunching ladies in Del Mar) is, "Dammit, we should have come at 11:30." I don't care for cafeteria mayhem or lines that clog up the door. But the choices!

Mary Beth went into detail, so I won't. What I will say is that I've yet to find a quality restaurant with many options, and all for \$10 (sandwiches \$8).

This \$10 lunch features grilled steak (medium rare, yum), beet salad (love), and sesame organic kale (I would go back for this now if I weren't in my pajamas).

Posted Feb. 1
by Elizabeth Salaam

An Education in Ottoman Pastry: La Cafe

I love finding a food that I haven't seen before. I wandered into La Cafe on Regents Road in University City looking for a sandwich and ended up getting educated about *burekas*, also known as *boreka*, *burek*, *byoreka*, and many other names, depending on where it's made.

La Cafe is a kosher restaurant and bakery. They serve vegetarian and Middle Eastern fare, pastries and cakes, along with a few nods to south of the border (breakfast burritos, huevos rancheros).

A *bureka* is a filled pastry made with phyllo

dough or puff pastry. It probably originated in the Anatolian region of the early Ottoman Empire in what is now Turkey. From there, it traveled and evolved into many different forms, with unique regional fillings.

La Cafe's *bureka* is Israeli style, and comes filled with mashed potatoes (\$8.95) or cheese (\$9.95). I chose a potato version, which has a small chopped salad and a hard-boiled egg on the side.

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Well, yum. The warm potato filling was surrounded by phyllo and wrapped into a spiral. The filling was smooth, thick, and just rich enough, and the phyllo was baked into flaky, crisp goodness. The portion was huge — I took most of it home. It reheated well and enjoyed another life as a side dish for two. The salad wasn't anything out of the ordinary, but it was very fresh and provided a nice counterpoint to the pastry.

I also had a good double espresso (\$2.50) to ward off sleepiness from the twofold hit of carbs. Next time I'll try the Shakshuka (\$9.95), a dish of eggs poached in a sauce of tomatoes, chili peppers, onions.

La Cafe, 6104 Regents Road.
Posted Jan. 31 by Mary Beth Abate



Get a kosher education at La Cafe

The Smoking Goat Is Expanding Its Pasture

The Smoking Goat, the casual, busy French/American bistro on 30th just north of Upas in North Park, is expanding.

Owner and chef Fred Piehl has taken over the space next door, previously occupied by the North Park Fish Market, and plans to move the dining area and kitchen into the new area. An expanded bar will remain in the original section.

Chef Piehl, Cordon Bleu trained, had stints at Ave 5 and Nine-Ten before opening his own



Nhung takes the orders. Hai makes the bread.

place. Current plans are for the renovation to be completed in March.

The Smoking Goat, 3408 30th Street.

Posted Jan. 31 by Mary Beth Abate

Underbelly Scheduled for Some Serious Bloating This Summer

For most, opening a modern homage to traditional Japanese noodle houses would be enough to garner plenty of *oohs* and *aahs*. But when the restaurateurs behind the venture also own a neo-urban gastropub with an illustrious built-in speakeasy and hotspot gathering place, we really have something.

Underbelly, the aforementioned noodle house, is the most understated venue from hospitality duo Arsalun Tafazoli and Nathan Stanton. But not for long.

This summer, three upgrades will be completed that will triple the eatery's capacity. Tafazoli and Stanton are adding on a second story that will include an outdoor patio with seating for 30 guests. A percentage of the restaurant's new 1000-plus square feet will be used to house a collection of rare and limited-release whiskeys spirited away from producers across the world (including Suntory Yamazaki single malt).

This will be San Diego's first Japanese whiskey bar, and that added component should complement a raw bar stocked with local oysters and

other oceanic offerings, plus an extensive sake list and hard-to-procure brews from the Land of the Rising Sun.

As part of their redesign plan, Tafazoli and Stanton will be removing the east wall that separates them from neighboring Italian eatery Bencotto. The space between those businesses will be shared, bringing together two of the area's most successful recent culinary additions.

Underbelly, 750 W.

Fir Street.

Posted Jan. 31 by Brandon Hernández

\$10 Lunch (for Two!): Cali Baguette Express

Say the word "sandwich," and my first thought is, *Blah*. I eat them, yes, but rarely do they move me.

The *banh mi* (Vietnamese sandwiches) at Cali Baguette Express, however, do move me. I've said it before, and I'll say it again. They are that good.

So far, I've tried the tuna, shrimp, pork, egg, and chicken sandwiches. All delicious.

Banh mi is all about the bread. Cali Baguette makes their own on the premises, and it's super flaky and delicious. While Mini Me (my daughter) and I dined inside, we watched people come and go for the bread alone.

This \$10 lunch features: One-egg sandwich (hold the vegetables), \$2.75; one chicken sandwich (hold the jalapeño), \$3.25; one giant bag of shrimp-flavored crackers, \$1.50; one Thai iced tea, \$2.50.

Though your lunch date might want her own drink, mine was happy with water.

The City Heights location has a drive-through, but if you use it, you'll miss out on the kitsch and goodies stacked on the shelves inside.

Posted Jan. 31 by Elizabeth Salaam

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The Lazy Hummingbird: Coffee and Culture in OB

In the comments section of my bit on Industrial Grind, a reader suggested I visit Lazy Hummingbird coffee in Ocean Beach. I've done so, and I think that it's got a fantastic name.

The little coffee shop has been open for about six months and seems to be generating a loyal following of caffeine-deprived OBecians. Much like Industrial Grind, the Lazy Hummingbird can be a bit of a trick to find. The shop has signage, and it's on a fairly developed stretch of Santa Monica in O.B., but half the building is a FedEx store and the residual injunction to "Print Pack Shop" is still emblazoned on the purple awning above what is actually the charming little coffee stop.

The entire shop has a lovingly hand-lettered, organic feel that stands a strong counterpoint to the ultra-slick, Euro-cool aesthetic that's almost normative in coffee shops these days. Much like the surrounding neighborhood, Lazy Hummingbird carries a bohemian majesty that is if anything enhanced by its unlikely cohabitation with the

office-supply shop.

The espresso is on point, flavor-wise. And the prices are on the cheaper side of reasonable. Ordering a double Americano (\$2.45) earns an invitation to select a mug from the rack on the wall. Personal choice reigns supreme!

Refraining from using paper cups and disposable goods whenever possible is central to the business ethics at Lazy Hummingbird. I especially appreciate the option to mix coffee with a spoon, instead of a piece of wood. The sound of a spoon clinking around the inside of a coffee cup reminds me of being a little kid and listening to my parents drink coffee on weekend mornings.

Maybe the biggest thing that might set up Lazy Hummingbird in the ranks of the favored few coffee shops is that the little place is host to a litany of cultural events. There's something going on there most evenings. Maybe it's just my skewed perception of the world, but I detect echoes of my beloved 1990s, when coffee shops seemed to carry a greater reputation as artsy, bohemian, cultural centers where cool kids hung out to read nihilist philosophy and draft screenplays for independent movies.

Tambourine-making isn't exactly Nietzsche, but it's not exactly not Nietzsche, either,

and I'm willing to expand my fantasy a bit for a good cup of java and the chance to use an insouciant, rhetorically cunning double negative.

The Lazy Hummingbird, 4876 Santa Monica Avenue.

Posted Jan. 30 by Ian Pike

Happiness for Two at Flavors of East Africa

I'm big on atmosphere. Give me a place where the music and the decor aid my fantasies of world travel or lux living, and I can forgive bad coffee or mediocre fare. My husband, M, can shrug off a cafeteria-like atmosphere as long as the food is spicy, hearty, and plentiful.

A few weeks ago, we found the best of both worlds.

We'd gone out planning on Mexican and were met with a potential 45-minute wait and an impenetrable wall of sound at Ponce's. Using my new smartphone for the first time, I googled "African Cuisine, San Diego," which brought us to Flavors of East Africa, at the corner of Louisiana and El Cajon.

This past Saturday, the huge party of white people that took up more than half of the restaurant's tables made it a little harder for me to fantasize my way to Kenya. No matter, though. The food, the tribal music (interspersed with a

little John Legend and other surprises), and the mask-and-batik-laden walls did give me an elsewhere feeling.

Arian, our super-efficient waitress, and Evelyn, whose smile lit up the night, worked the room with grace, keeping our water glasses filled and our questions answered.

We started with the masala fries (\$4.99), described on the menu as "French fries dipped in a creamy masala tomato sauce." Delectable.

M ordered the goat stew special (\$12.99) and asked them to make it "spicy, but not too spicy." (He learned his lesson last time. Apparently, hot in "Kenyan-inspired cuisine" is really hot.) He chose rice and *sukuma wiki* ("collard greens mixed with cabbage sautéed with garlic and spices") for his sides.

I went for the beef stew (\$12.99 for the dinner plate), rice, and *nyoyo* ("hominy, kidney beans, potatoes, and carrots cooked in olive oil with garlic, tomatoes, and onions").

We licked our plates clean. And then, as if we aren't already happy enough, just before we ask for our bill, Arian says, "Do you have a coupon? No? I'll give you 20 percent off, yeah?"

Total bill: \$28.10.

(Please note: the restaurant has no liquor license, but you can bring your own beer or whatnot. And if you forget,

there's a gas station a few doors east on El Cajon.)

Posted Jan. 30
by Elizabeth Salaam

Dinner at the Range

A few months ago, Barbarella gave the lowdown on breakfast at the Range in Hillcrest at that all-windows spot in front of the Ruby Room. She covered the barbed-wire-and-dairy-crate ambience and even captured the sideways steampunk fan things hanging from the ceiling.

My dad and I grabbed dinner and a beer at the cage-free grass-fed free-range American eatery, the most promising restaurant I've yet seen at the ever-changing location.

We started with the brussels sprouts, a decent portion at \$4. The sprouts were cooked perfectly — slightly softened, but retaining crispness and with bits of bacon-adding saltiness. A pint of Sculpin IPA went well with the bacon Swiss burger, which included homestyle pickle chips, onion, and spring mix.

The quality of the meat was evident in its juiciness and flavor, which was enhanced by a dash of avocado ranch that came with the side salad. Pops got the mushroom cheddar burger and, like myself, a fan of most things food, he said it was good. The sweet potato fries are excellent.

All told, the dining environ-

ment is casual and the prices (burgers \$14) justified by superior ingredients that sit well with the conscientious carnivore.

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The Range, 1263 University Avenue.

Posted Jan. 29 by Chad Deal

The Lunch Side of Snooze

A couple of weeks ago, Mary Beth Abate filled you in on breakfast at Hillcrest's newest "AM eatery," Snooze.

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As a firm believer that breakfast is a meal best spent, uh, snoozing, I recently explored the lunchier side of brunch at the Colorado-based chain, where, with the right set of eyes, one pictures the Jetsons ordering french toast and breakfast tacos on the far side of the retro-themed bar.

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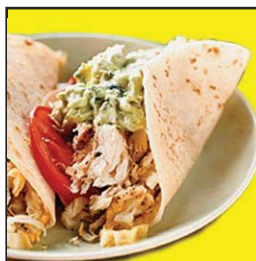


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The brunch menu touts delights such as shrimp & grits, fish tacos, cheesesteak and eggs, burgers, and a BLT, but nothing says, “Hello, fine day” like a warm Reuben sammy.

The corned beef is locally made and the Udi’s pretzel roll is gluten free — though, to its credit, I didn’t know that until after I blissed out on the sandwich, which was made even more awesome when dipped in the yolk of my brunchmate’s *benedictio tuscano* (tomatoes, white beans, kale, and squash on ciabatta bread with two poached eggs, cream-

cheese hollandaise, and shaved parmesan).

And then — ye gods! — what’s this? A complimentary sweet-potato pancake for dessert? I mean, I don’t even like pancakes, but covered in caramel, candied walnuts, a dash of powdered sugar, and ginger butter, this was a welcome finale to the meal.

The verdict? Not cheap but not expensive either, and half orders are available, putting many meals at around five bucks because, as my lovely if not like-minded brunchmate said, “Sometimes you just want a little food and a lot of booze.”

The atmosphere is fun, the service is outstanding, and the food is of considerable quality. Get your lunch on before breakfast is too far gone, as doors close at 2:30 p.m. daily.

Snooze, 3940 Fifth Avenue.
Posted Feb. 4 by Chad Deal

Fish Rolled Tacos at Los Panchos

I won’t claim that Los Panchos is the best taco shop in town, not by a long shot. The food there is hit or miss. But one thing is for certain: their fish rolled-taco plate is incredible.

The restaurant displays a

sign that says their food “Isn’t fast food, [they] just make it fast.” Fair enough, though with the drive-through service and the general appearance of the place, it’s hard to not think of Panchos as a fast food place.

But give them the benefit of the doubt, and stop by for a fish rolled-taco plate (\$4.25). It’s a splendid dish. The preparation mirrors the conventional “five rolled tacos” special that’s commonplace, but the little differences put this plate into a class of its own.

Instead of guacamole, there’s an unusual and delicious tartar sauce smothering the tacos. Lettuce gets replaced with shredded cabbage, and there’s still plenty of cheese and salsa. The

net effect is phenomenal and something I haven’t seen elsewhere. It has everything that’s to love about fish and chips, plus the edibility of taquitos. It is one of those rare dishes where everything comes together as a synthesis of flavor, texture, and novelty.

Los Panchos, 409 Washington Street.

Posted Feb. 4 by Ian Pike

Counterpoint

Just a stone’s throw from a freeway on-ramp, Counterpoint seems out of place on its otherwise unassuming block of 25th Street in Golden Hill.

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The selection of wines by the glass (\$5-\$12) is well thought out and includes interesting varietals such as barbera, gamay, and viognier in addition to the obligatory pinot noir and chardonnay.

This trend continues in the beer listings. With a surprisingly big tap list for the size of the place and a well-composed (if a bit heavy on more oddball items like Scotch ales and sours) selection of bottled beers, there's plenty of stuff for average hop-sniffers. Taps tend to be local/bottles from far, which makes sense.

Pub food dominates the menu, though Counterpoint's kitchen innovates some classier touches. A beet salad (\$8) demonstrated that someone in the kitchen has a superior ability to cook beets. Neither too soft nor too crisp, the earthy, sweet

root veggies were the highlight of the salad. The hazelnut-citrus dressing could have been a little sharper, to offset the delightful muskiness of the beets, but some goat cheese picked up the slack.

Without a fryer — kudos to Counterpoint on that — to produce the iconic Belgian *frites* that most taverns can't do without, the kitchen has to think a little outside the spud. Instead of potatoes, the cooks are broiling up slices of artisan bread and serving it over a deep puddle of fondue. Not fries, but the *pain frites* (\$6) is fun.

Stepping into a magical land of white-trash beautiful culinary genius, Counterpoint's fried bologna sandwich (\$13) is excellent. Buttery, golden slices of pullman bread house the right amount of molten cheese and grilled cold cuts. It's simple and perfect for eating with a beer. The little green salad that comes on the side evokes the taste of bologna, which is just plain cool.

Counterpoint, 830 25th Street.

Posted Feb. 3 by Ian Pike

Lime-Flavored Joy at the End of the Road

This is the end of the road, end of Harbor Drive. Here in

National City, it turns into Civic Center Drive. But it's the start of my first true, real Mexican breakfast beer, along with a chorizo breakfast at one o'clock in the afternoon.

I love this place, a little dive just about under the 5 freeway: Club 13, 640 Civic Center Drive.

In here, guys from the shipyards and some of the fabulous car-tricking places that they have around the neighborhood. But right now it's Norma who's got the guys' attention, with her tight, white, short-short skirt. She hands me the simple green plastic menu. It's mainly tacos, tostadas, burritos, running from four to seven bucks. And she says that José the cook — and *dueño* (owner) — is happy to do breakfast, even though it's late.

They have a choice of four. Chorizo and eggs, machaca and eggs, Spanish omelet, and *huevos rancheros*. Five bucks each. No question: Chorizo it is. I'll get some for Carla — she turned me on to chorizo in the first place — and, dammit, for myself.

Plus, can't resist a taco. Two dollars for the hard shell, \$2.50 for the *camarones*.

Now, question of drink. Coffee, normally...but this guy José comes and sits down with his

buddy next to me and orders "Un vaso chelado con Dos Equis." Norma grabs a glass out of the fridge, turns it upside down on a little plate with a pile of *tajin* — basically a seasoning with salt and hot peppers — so that it sticks to the rim of the glass. Then she cuts up two limes, squeezes them into the glass, adds ice, and then goes and gets a bottle of Dos Equis beer, pours some in, and hands it to José. He pays \$3.50.

"Now, if you really want a hangover medicine," says José, "ask for 'mi chelado' and get it with carrots, cucumber, shrimp, lime, and clams in the bottom, and then add your Dos Equis. Little bit hair of the dog, a lot of *crudo* — hangover cure."

Well, I'm feeling fine right now. I go for the *vaso chelado con Dos Equis*. It all comes together nicely.

I recognize the cook/boss, José Magadan, from last time I came here, soon after the Filipina ladies who used to run it gave up the place. Norma's fixing her makeup in the mirror, Pandora's belting out "Con Tu Amor" on the jukebox, bunch of guys are playing unbelievably hot pool at the table, and the chorizo's great.

And, hey, the beer with the

big lime factor and the salty heat from the rim for breakfast is new!

Norma says come back Thursday nights for the karaoke. "People have fun," she says. "They sing their lungs out and sometimes dance."

"I will if you'll teach me the *quebradita*," I say. That's the Mexican break dance I long to learn so I can teach Carla.

Norma laughs.

The three of us at the bar talk about how the shipyards are dropping workers by the week, and the Super Bowl. By now life seems pretty good, here under the freeway, at the end of the road.

Posted Feb. 3 by Ed Bedford

Buzzed in Sorrento Valley: Zumar Coffee

Zumar Coffee is tucked away in a tiny strip off Sorrento Valley Road in the Golden Triangle, near the train station. Despite the obscure setting, it's a favorite spot of students and workers in the many surrounding technology parks.

The folks at Zumar sure can make a great Americano. I've mentioned before how difficult it is to find a good one.

It's not just pouring hot water into whatever comes out of the machine. I had two Americanos (\$2.75) on my visit (which I will regret later when I am up at 3 a.m.) made by two different people, and the results were spot-on both times. And they use those nice thick mugs that keep it hot for a long time.

There's a small selection of baked goods to go with your drink, made by Opera Patisserie, and bottled juices are available. Zumar's menu has a daily French-press coffee, two daily espressos, a daily cold brew, free Wi-Fi, and beans for purchase.

Zumar Coffee, 10920 Roselle Street.

Posted Feb. 3
by Mary Beth Abate

A Winged Detour: Empire House Urban Palate

I was all set to get some errands done when I noticed that Empire House Urban Palate, on University Avenue in Hillcrest, had 50-cent wings all day. I didn't want to do errands anyway.

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the curse has been broken.

Owners Larry Malone and Susie Baggs have infused a lot of warmth into the renovated space, using homey touches that don't veer into cutesy. The menu has some unique items as well. I had planned on getting wings, of course, but I also wanted a menu item. Tacos or a burger? The burger won out when Keegan, my server, recommended the Zen Burger (\$8, plus \$2 for fries).

The Zen Burger is EH's take on a mushroom burger, using zenmai instead of mushrooms. Zenmai (*Osmunda japonica*), is a dried, rehydrated fern shoot (fiddlehead) common in Japan. Interestingly enough, the fuzzy brown fiber from the fiddlehead can also be spun into a thread used in fly-tying. Useful plant.

I liked the meaty texture and earthy flavor it added to the burger. Additional condiments were a slice of havarti, mayo, and lettuce. I liked the burger, but the meat needed a bit of seasoning before it was pattied and maybe 30 seconds less cooking time. That's based on tasting a chunk of the meat plain, but when I ate it with all the accompaniments it was darn good.

The fries were good, too. They were the longest fries I've ever seen, with golden-brown crispiness and great fluffy interior. The pickle on the side was also excellent — house-made and with a nice bit of heat to it. Highly recommended for pickle enthusiasts.

The wings come with either Frank's hot sauce or homemade red miso BBQ sauce. I tried both, and they were both very good wings — big, meaty, and well cooked — but the red miso BBQ was the winner.

Empire House Urban Palate,
127 University Avenue.

Posted Feb. 3

by Mary Beth Abate

New Find on Fifth: Schiacciate at Cremalose

Open! I've been waiting for this.

Last time I was here, early January, they were frantically trying to turn a hardware store into a proper Italian-style café. We're talking about Cremalose (840 Fifth Avenue, between E and F). It's an Italian gelateria-bar-pizzeria-restaurant-café.

Meaning not just an eatery, but if you listen to their promises, a hang-out, where you can eat a gelato or a panini or just

slurp a coffee. Not like in some of the Little Italy joints, where they kick you out (in the nicest way) if you're not a serious eater and just want a cup of joe.

Tonight, I'm tramping down the shadowy boulevard of dreams. And here's Cremalose, open, shining all gold and red, looking like a brand-new store. Of course it's almost as old as downtown itself, this frontage. A hundred years ago this was Woolworth's. The curved windows date back to around 1912. Still here! So is the tin ceiling paneling.

About nine at night, it looks so cool. Peeps are taking martinis on the terrazza outside, and inside the cabinets shine with rainbow colors of gelati and cremalose (which are like gelati filled with the fruit they're named after).

Actually, the gelati thing isn't big on my list of must-eats. I like 'em fine, but it's all the savory stuff further back that has my nose a-twitchin'. I see the wood-fired pizza oven is cranked up, for starters, and there're lists of Italian dishes on the wall, from \$7 paninis to more serious dishes.

Trouble is, I ain't prepared. Financially, that is. Not a lot of jingle to jangle. "Any ideas?" I ask Zenon, the chef at the panini section of the long counter. We happen to be standing by a pan of what look like segments of round focaccia bread, stuffed with meats, cheeses, and veggies.

"These are reasonable. They're called 'schciacciate,'" he says. I like the look of the one nearest to me, with all sorts of colorful stuff inside.

"That's the vegetarian one," says Zenon. "It's got grilled, sautéed eggplant, zucchini, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes inside."

"Yeah, but how much?"

"That one, \$4.50."

Man. Sounds too good to be true.

"And it comes with a mixed green salad," Zenon says.

"Still \$4.50?"

"Still \$4.50."

He even toasts it, so it's hot throughout. It comes on a big plate with real flatware. I take it over to the black marble bar where Jennifer's standing in front of a blue-lit backboard loaded with exotic bottles of liquor. I order the cheapest drink, a Bud Light (\$4), and eat my, uh, *schciacciate* there.

I swear, it is maxxio deliciouso. And the focaccia is crisp but fall-apart tender. Beautiful combo.

The salad's huge, but it's the taste of the eggplant and the great yellow sautéed bell peppers and zucchini inside that bread that make this a killer combo. I don't know what else they have food-wise, but I'm coming back to try more of that new word I just learned, *schciacciate* ("ski-a-chart-ay").

Of course, I have to taste a *cremalose*. I sample a zillion flavors and end up paying \$4

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for a mix of strawberry and coconut in a cone. Sixty percent actual fruit, they say. And with the coconut, especially, you're actually chewing the stuff. I finish it off at the bar.

The Gaslamp has its cool-anytime café at last. What I'm looking forward to most is coming by at ten in the morning, grabbing a coffee (\$2.75), and setting up shop outside on the sidewalk patio for a session of people-watching and taking care of business with my laptop. They promise: you can sit here for hours and just nurse that cuppa joe.

Posted Feb. 3 by Ed Bedford

Soft Opening at Casa de Luz

Last night we attended the soft opening at Casa de Luz, a new vegan restaurant on University Avenue in North Park. I spoke to owner Wayo Longoria III and executive chef Denise Girard a few weeks ago.

Since it was only their second dinner service, I won't evaluate the service or staff, as everyone is still getting used to being

open for business. I'll make a return trip in a few months to see how it's going. For now, I'll just tell you about the food.

There are plenty of vegetarian and vegan restaurants in San Diego, but this nonprofit is a bit different, from the plant-based, 100% organic, vegan, alkalizing, nutrient-rich meals to the large community tables.

Casa de Luz serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and the menu changes daily. There's no ordering. The chefs cook a set meal, which includes (at dinner) soup, salad, and an entrée plate of several different components. The daily menu is posted on their website.

Last night's menu had two soups, rutabaga and cauliflower mushroom, and a mixed salad with walnut dressing. The entrée plate was sweet potato gratin, black beans, brown rice risotto, braised fennel, and sautéed bok choy.

The rutabaga soup had baked rutabaga, carrots, and onion puréed with herbs and almond milk. It was rich and filling — you would have sworn there was a bit of cream in it. The miso soup was chock-full of cauliflower and cremini mushrooms in a soothing miso broth. Very satisfying.

The salad had a mix of green and red cabbage and romaine and a healthy shot of cilantro leaves, tossed in a mild, creamy walnut dressing.

The entrée plate was generous, with a big square of sweet potato gratin as the main event. This was nothing like the cloying side dishes of marshmallow-topped horror that comes with Thanksgiving dinner — the potatoes did all the talking. It was reminiscent of good scalloped potatoes but made with coconut milk instead of dairy.

The beans were tender but not mushy, well seasoned with oregano. Brown rice risotto was also enriched with coconut milk, nutty and firm, with just the right amount of "tooth."

The two vegetables were delicious, crisp-tender and bright, cooked with a bit of mirin and sesame seed. The simple preparation let the clean flavors shine.

For dessert, we had the sampler plate (\$5). It comes with four choices from the bakery case. We chose a kabocha-squash muffin, sesame cookie, coconut-date macaroon, and a cacao-almond-pecan truffle (our lovely server comped us a lemon chia muffin, too). All were very good, with the truffle being a standout: deeply chocolatey, rich, and smooth. The moist, chewy macaroon was a close second.

If all of this sounds too crunchy-granola for you, I urge you to put your reserva-

tions aside and give it a try. I'm a confirmed carnivore, but I found the meal satisfying and filling. I brought home enough leftovers for another meal and didn't miss the meat at all.

Be sure to check out the cooking school upstairs. Casa de Luz is open for regular business as of today. Healthy eating! Casa de Luz, 2920 University Avenue.

*Posted Feb. 2
by Mary Beth Abate*

Proletariat Sushi in Hillcrest

I've been going to Kiki Sushi for years. I believe that narrow dining patio in Hillcrest was the first place I ate sushi in San Diego.

On nights when I want to be alone, I sometimes go to Kiki with a book. When the little one (who's obsessed with teriyaki chicken and steamed rice) and I are looking for something outside our everyday routine but still familiar and comfortable, we go to Kiki. And when my mom comes to town, we often make a trip to Kiki.

After all this time, it was only yesterday that I realized the sushi's not that great. It's good, yes. Decent but hardly swoon-inducing. But I don't believe every meal has to be orgasmic. Sometimes you just want to feed yourself and get on with it.

Kiki is a few steps above that but not many. Let's call it prolet-

tariat sushi. It's the dependable working class of sushi joints. I can count on it, and it gets the job done. And I can get full without spending too much.

*Posted Feb. 2
by Elizabeth Salaam*

Getting Cheeky at Table 926

Table 926 in Pacific Beach is a pretty, romantic place. The soothing colors, dark sea-foam green against warm honey-colored wood, exposed brick, mood lighting, and soft soundtrack are relaxing and inviting.

Owner and executive chef Matt Richman, a San Diego native, has had previous stints at Pacifica Del Mar, My Place Bistro in La Jolla, and Illume in Little Italy before opening Table 926 in December 2011.

Chef Richman has wisely kept his menu small and focused, changing seasonally. The current edition features several roasted or braised comfort foods.

On Tuesdays, all wines by the glass are half-price. John and I both ordered a glass of Fogmore Creek pinot noir (\$6 on special). Great way to begin the evening. We started off with the appetizer special, potato and Spanish-chorizo croquettes (\$7). They were beautifully golden brown, with a tangy mustardy aioli. The inside was creamy and almost liquid, with silky potato and

smoky, spicy bits of chorizo, sharpened with a bit of grana padano. Delicious.

I ordered the oxtail ragu (\$18.50) over bucatini, topped with a dollop of lemon-mint ricotta. The ragu had plenty of tender, moist shreds of oxtail in a rich, savory tomato wine sauce. The bucatini was nicely al dente, and the ricotta had a good dose of lemon zest and mint. Stirred into the ragu, it enriched the sauce and added a pleasant freshness.

John's glazed pork cheeks (\$19) were also well executed — three pudgy cheeks, shiny with a guajillo-tamarind glaze atop braised dandelion greens and polenta. The glaze was just a whisper of sweet, tangy spiciness, a nice counterpoint to the plush meat. The polenta was velvety and smooth, and the dandelion greens provided just the right touch of texture and slight bitterness to keep the dish from being too rich.

For dessert, we shared a persimmon tarte tatin (\$8). Plump pieces of persimmon were atop a crisp, buttery puff-pastry crust, with a scoop of mascarpone gelato and a drizzle of caramel. The persimmons still had a nice firmness, spicy and not too sweet. The gelato was luscious, ultra smooth and decadent. The perfect ending to a lovely meal.

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No More Rude Radio. “It was pretty scanty,” says Ras Charles about the turnout at last year’s Tribute to the Reggae Legends show at the Sports Arena. “You could have played football in there.” Charles had a vendors’ booth for 15 years at the

gae] artists, like Burning Spear, the Melodians, and Sammy Dread.” This year’s Legends show has been scaled back. Promoter Makeda Dread said that during peak years (2006–2009) the event brought sold-out crowds of 12,000 to the Sports Arena.

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festival, which was previously known as the Bob Marley Day Festival. He says he will not be back this year to sell Jamaican crafts, T-shirts, and posters. “Every year I see the quality of

She said about 7500 attended last year. This year the show will expand from one day to two but it’s been moved to the Port Pavilion at the foot of Broadway, which has a capacity



Makeda Dread keeping reggae in the San Diego air.

artists dropping and the size of the crowd keeps going down. They keep bringing back the same artists, like Don Carlos and Barrington Levy. They need to bring in foundation [first-generation Jamaican reg-

of 2000. Dread launched the first multiartist Bob Marley fest locally 30 years ago. Tradition-ally held on President’s Day Monday, the name of the show had to drop “Bob Marley” in

2006 following legal demands from the Bob Marley estate. The local show had many of the same artists featured at a two-day sister event held on the preceding Saturday and Sunday at the Long Beach Arena. The Long Beach series was canceled after a 22-year run when backer/copromoter Moss Ja-cobs pulled out. Jacobs had also backed Dread’s San Diego show for 16 years. Jacobs’s exit meant Dread could only continue the Legends show locally if she got her own sponsors and became financially responsible for the event.

Because the Long Beach festival is gone, Dread is confident many L.A./Orange County reggae fans will come south for the only Reggae of Legends show left standing. Yet, she knows there is risk. “Right now, all of music is in trouble, but reggae especially,” says Dread. Other longstanding annual reggae festivals, including Reggae Rising (Humboldt) and Ragga Muffins (L.A.), have also bitten the dust.

“Some reggae artists are big in Europe and Africa, but they just aren’t coming to America as much,” says Dread. Then, there are the challeng-es unique to reggae promoters. “People are begging for Eek-A-Mouse, but we can’t get him in the country. Buju Banton is in jail for drugs, and there is always concern over Beenie Man and Capleton because of homophobic lyrics. In the old days, Jamaican artists

didn’t need work permits to come play here. Now you have to get immigration and work permits.” There are also horror stories



According to Dread, “People are begging for Eek-A-Mouse, but we can’t get him in the country.”

about reggae agents. “I know a promoter in Colombia who paid \$10,000 for a 50 percent deposit to get Sizzla. It turned out that agent didn’t really represent Sizzla. You might have someone out there saying he’s taking deposits for Bunny Wailer. Then Bunny could turn around and say, ‘He doesn’t represent me.’”

Regarding Ras Charles’s charges that the Legends show should have more roots artists: “Burning Spear is in retirement. I don’t know if Sammy Dread can get in the country. To be in this business you have to know what’s going on. I know all the artists on this bill will show up.”

Dread says she is proud that she can now pick her own sponsors. “We went local instead of corporate. We got Dr. Bonner’s Soap and Stone beer.

Stone is local and it’s good beer. When we did it at the Sports Arena we had to sell Budweiser for \$12 [a cup].... We had no control.”

Makeda mandated other changes. “The building we’ll be in is a green building. There will be no Styrofoam.... We refuse to get punked by Ticketmaster anymore, so we’re using a ticket company called Purple Pass.... And no more rude radio. When 91X had a ‘Resurrection Weekend’ a few months ago they invited all the DJs from back in the day. I was there for 25 years. I was the only black woman on the radio locally. But they didn’t invite me back.”

Dread now has a reggae show Saturdays from 7 to 10 p.m. on Pala reservation’s new “Res Radio” (KOPA 91.3 FM) and Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. on 102.5 FM. “I don’t have to deal with racism and disrespect in corporate radio.” She also streams music on a web station

connected with *worldbeatcenter.org*. She says all the proceeds from the show will benefit the WorldBeat Cultural Center in Balboa Park, which she runs. “We need drums for our outreach, we need a new dance floor, and we need children’s garden tools. If the community doesn’t support, there will be no Worldbeat Culture Center and no reggae fest. It’s not like Makeda gets a new Mercedes.” But aren’t ticket prices (\$65 per day or \$120 for both) a little steep? “If you see Steel Pulse at the Belly Up or the Wailers at House of Blues, those tickets are \$60.”

This year’s Legends show will feature 20 artists and will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 18 and 19. — Ken Leighton

Two Votes for Ron Paul! Traveling daredevils the Squidling Brothers are currently touring Europe before making their way to the Shakedown on Midway to court death with their entourage of rock-and-roll sideshow freaks.

In anticipation of the preternatural pageant, Matterz the Impenetrable Music Man and Jelly Boy the Clown spoke with the *Reader* about Ron Paul, pickles, and Jelly Boy’s scrotum’s Dutch TV debut.

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Thursday, March 8
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Friday, March 9
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Saturday, March 10
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Sunday, March 11
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Any anecdotes from the current European tour?

“Jelly Boy’s ball sack was broadcast live on national TV in Amsterdam from our performance at the Amsterdam Tattoo Museum. This only happens if we collect 100 euros/

dollars, so it was a special occasion! We also appeared on national television in Croatia and were the first sideshow ever to perform in Serbia!”

Would you rather have for the next president Mitt

Romney or this dill pickle that’s been sitting out in the sun for a week?

“If Barack Obama is the dill pickle you speak of, I would say Obama over Romney. But it doesn’t matter who the president is because obviously they aren’t really in charge. We don’t like to talk about politics, that’s boring. *But*, if we really had a choice, we would vote for Ron Paul.”



Squidlings offer brain surgery — by a man with no arms.

Have any of your stunts gone awry during

shows?

“A few years back, Jelly Boy stuck a running power-drill up his nose and his long hair got caught in the drill. This ripped the bit out of the drill, and

daily blogs

Pip as Shaman: San Diego Opera Moby Dick (2 of 3)

By Garrett Harris — Feb. 13, 12:33 p.m.

Middle East meets West at the Museum of Making Music

By Robert Bush — Feb. 12, 7:19 p.m.

Liquid Geometry and ELEVS Celebrate HM.T DM.T with Freddy Todd

By Chad Deal — Feb. 11, 5:58 p.m.

Longlost “Captain Sticky Theme Song” Recovered, Uploaded

By Jay Allen Sanford — Feb. 10, 10:01 p.m.

Night Sky Sound: If you look up, you might see a shooting star

By Dave Good — Feb. 9, 11:28 p.m.

London Below Losing Co-Founder zOe, Final Shows Feb. 11 & June 16

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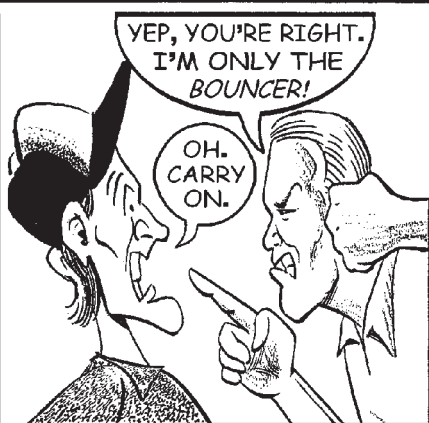
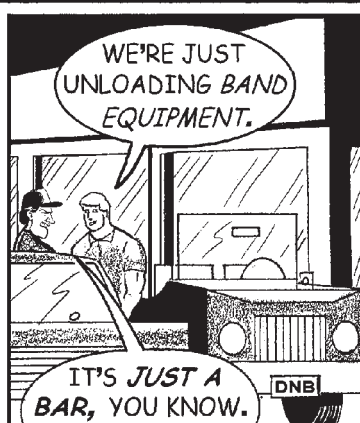
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Jelly squirted blood all over the place. But we continued with the show, burying Matterz in broken glass, and Betty stuffed some cotton in Jelly’s nose. There are pictures out there, somewhere...”

What do you have in store for your San Diego?

“Acts include sword-swallowing with a flame-thrower sword, playing a trombone while walking up a ladder of machetes, live brain surgery performed by a man with no arms, and the human volcano Betty Bloomerz with her amazing fire manipulation. Our shows are unforgettable!”

The Squidling Brothers appear March 1 at the Shake-down.

— Chad Deal

The C Word. “This town is full of musical cancer survivors,” says singer/songwriter Laura Roppé, wishing blues belter Candye Kane a full

recovery from her latest cancer diagnosis. Kane, whose first bout with pancreatic cancer began in early 2008, launches a European tour this week that runs through Belgium, France, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway,



Cancer survivor Laura Roppé lived to write, record, and perform about it.

Austria, and Greece.

“At least I have insurance this time,” says Kane. “Hopefully, it will cover all the treatments after my \$800 deductible.”

Roppé’s new book about her own successful recovery, *Rock-*

ing the Pink: Finding Myself on the Other Side of Cancer, debuts March 8 at the House of Blues. “We’ll have signed copies of the book, and the band will play a set in the Delta Room,” says the Encinitas mother of two. Rop-

pé’s costume-and-dance-filled video for her survival anthem “I’m Still Here” has surpassed a million YouTube views, and her same-named full-length CD also deals with chemotherapy and cancer.

Also recovered from a

recent medical ordeal is Heretic bandleader Darryn Kelly, who says his vocal polyp surgery last year forced him to “overcome incredible setbacks” to perform with the band (for the first time since early 2011) on Friday, February 24, at Brick by Brick. I asked him via email to elaborate, mentioning, “In a world full of people losing limbs and dying of cancer, vocal polyps by themselves don’t sound very incredible...”

“Yes, people die of cancer, lose limbs, and all sorts of other nasty things. But when you’ve based your entire life to achieving something that requires you being able to sing and suddenly there’s a possibility that you’ll never be able to do that again, I think it’s fairly serious.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

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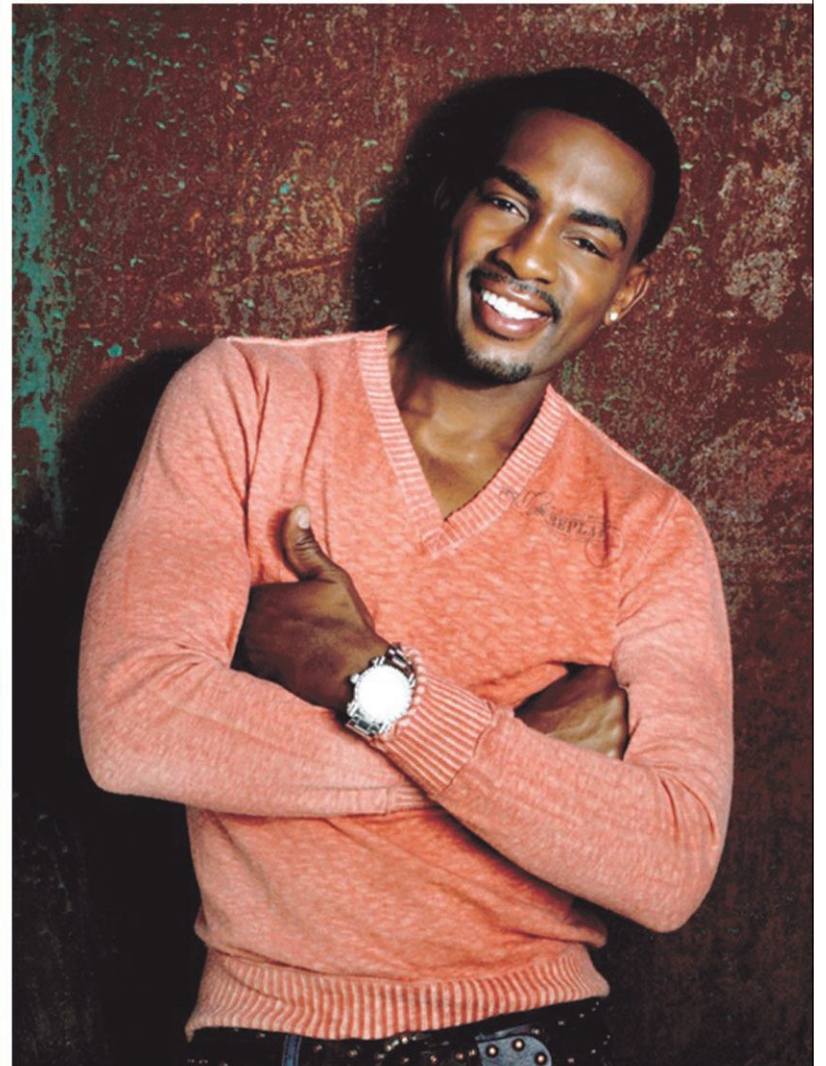
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This Week In Music

Thursday 16

She's the uncommon denominator of roots-rocking punk bands X, Knitters, Original Sinners, and Auntie Christ, the vinyl-voiced punk poetess queen **Exene** will take down the Shakedown with fellow L.A. alum, Blaster **Phil Alvin**. Exene Cervenka's latest Bloodshot batch, *The Excitement of Maybe*, is a feisty-folk keeper that looks at love from 12



EXENE AT SHAKEDOWN

(very listenable) angles, prompting the *L.A. Times* to call it "catchy and immensely singable. The endless vocal refrains aren't going to leave your brain." With yodelbilly Canada band **Petunia** and the **Vipers** (Petunia's a dude, btw — "Imagine David Lynch and Nick Cave had a hillbilly baby — a hillbilly baby that yodeled"), this'd be the gig to see Thursday night. Going to a busy night at the club, so check in with Barnesy regarding the Shakedown Shuttle and leave your car at home: *theshakedownsd.com*.... If you miss the door on Midway, Soda Bar sets up Brooklyn loft-pop four-piece the **Babies**, which features Kevin Morby (Woods) and Cassie Ramone (Vivian Girls). They're touring in support of last year's s/t Shrimper debut, a lo-fi folk-pop affair that suffered some inconsistency. Good thing fans of the brand are into that. With lo-fi locals the **Ditches** digging in first and DJ **Mario Orduno** spinning 'round sets, this is another kill bill.... Best of the rest: San Diego sons **Joey Harris & the Mentals** play their brand of beery, bleary barroom rock at North Park hot spot Bar Pink...and the alt-rocking, piano-pop four-piece the **Fray** hits House of Blues behind its fresh *Scars & Stories*, the Denver quartet's third studio set.



Friday 17

Stay out and step back into House of Blues at 5:30 in the a.m. for San Diego's sexiest comedian, Lauren O'Brien, and her **Pussycat Doll Experience**. This is an FM94/9 *Mikey Show* morning-radio promo, which is kind of confusing, because isn't that guy a straight-edge Christian? "No better way to start the day than beers and broads!" Guess I'm a straight-edge Christian, too.... Friday night finds local faves the **Heavy Guilt** at the Loft at UCSD with country-fried blues-rockers the **Howls** and **Low Volts**. Headliners the Heavy Guilt last year released its sophomore set, *In the Blood*, a savory, rootsy stew of avant Americana and psychedelic pop. Definitely check it out, but this band was built for the stage, and this'd be a fine time and place to catch three of San Diego's best bands. See you there.... Else: **Shiva Trash** blows into Tower Bar with everyone's favorite opening act, TBA. The quartet carries the garage-punk energy of its previous joints, the Sess and Atoms, to a more psychedelic, shadowy place — "dark surf slash punk slash weird." Yup...and **Devils Brigade**, which features Bay Area bassist Matt Freeman (Operation Ivy, Rancid), marches into the Shakedown behind **Dimerunner** and the **Strikers**.

Saturday 18

From New York City via Philly, dark-pop punk Wesley Eisold and his inner new wave **Cold Cave** plays Soda Bar Saturday night. They are out to tout *Cherish the Light Years*, on which, according to the *Pitch*, "Cold Cave sound like they're storming the gates of the mainstream, ready to appeal to anyone with an ear for big, bold, goth-pop." This is an Art Fag joint, so **Mario** will be spinning to set it up.... 'Round town: San Diego party-rock band **Sprung Monkey** lands at Brick by Brick for one of their every-now-and-theners. **Audio Addiction**, **Her Bed of Thorns**, and **Pigeon** set that up...L.A. dance-band revivalists **Big Bad Voodoo Daddy** swings into Anthology...Lemon Grove garage grunts the **Widows** will be out at Tower Bar...and Belly Up books classic Van Halen trib **Atomic Punks** with **Motley Inc.** Anyone want to talk about the new David Lee Halen album? Anyone? Eddie sounds good...

COLD CAVE AT SODA BAR



CRAIG FINN AT CASBAH

Sunday 19

Craig Finn of Hold Steady will be at Casbah Sunday night. The rock-poet laureate of the Midwest this year released *Clear Heart Full Eyes*, the singer-guitarist's first solo effort. My initial spins through the disc came up wanting the pump, pulse, and spit of Hold Steady, but it's got roots in me now. Check out religio-ramblers "New Friend Jesus" and "Terrified Eyes" for all your favorite Finn-isms. Durham's folk-rock **Mount Moriah** opens the show.... Little further down Kettner, Dizzy's draws jazz-guitar guru **Mundell Lowe** into the Back Room at 98 Bottles with **Gary Scott** on sax and badass bassist **Bob Magnusson** — "three legendary performers in an intimate, acoustic performance" Else: Philly son **G Love & Special Sauce** will spill alt-hop and pop-rock all over House of Blues behind that "dirty old man one-man band" from Austin in Texas, **Scott H. Biram**...Uptown, we got **Lustkillers** at Bar Pink...and a **Canadian Rifle** in the Tower...while up-uptown, in La Jolla, Korean-American battle-rapper **dumfounded** will wield the mic at the Loft.

Monday 20

"Cheaper than a strip show," punk-raunch act **Culo a Boca** blasts into Tower Bar with their Santa Cruz sidekicks **Seduce the Dead** and **Krapsmere**. I know, it's just wrong.

Tuesday 21

"There's very little information and no answers/One weird thing is that they're excellent dancers!" It's Fat Tuesday, yo, and there's none fatter than that trip-hopping Canuck **Buck 65**. Out to tout his 20 *Odd Years* in the biznizz, experimental artist, MC,



BUCK 65 AT CASBAH

songs. Do they know any Fugazi? I'd like Gomez to play "Sieve-Fisted Find." Fugazi would've been 25 this year.

Wednesday 22

Humpnight highlights: prog-pop icon and the voice of Yes, **Jon Anderson**, checks in at Anthology behind his latest, *Open*...while around the bend, indie folkie and hometown hit **Anya Marina** appears at Casbah in advance of next month's *Felony Flats*, with country chanteuse **Nena Anderson** and her **Mules** and slo-fi four-piece **Little White Teeth**. — Barnaby Monk



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- 3/2 The Ultimate Stones, A Tribute to the Rolling Stones with Classic Cream featuring Kofi Baker
- 3/3 Jackie Greene
- 3/4 A Tribute to the Music of Gram Parsons feat. Jack Tempchin
- 3/7 Coastkeeper Benefit
- 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
- 3/15 Jungle DJ's Feat Wildkats

- 3/16 & 17 English Beat
- 3/18 Zumba Matinee
- 3/18 Sage Francis
- 3/20 Lucero
- 3/21 Cults
- 3/22 Conspirator w/Marc and Aron from Disco Biscuits
- 3/25 Dazed and Confused Strings Attached
- 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
- 4/1 Elite Elvis Tribute
- Laugh for Recovery Matinee w/Kenny Lane

- 4/2 Heartless Bastards
- 4/4 Paper Diamond
- 4/5 Seedless
- 4/6 Vokab Kompany
- 4/7 Transfer
- 4/12 Dark Star Orchestra
- 4/13 Steel Pulse
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- 4/20 40oz to Freedom
- 4/21 Cat Empire
- 5/4 X
- 5/11 Wild Child (Doors Tribute)
- 5/14 Yann Tiersen
- 5/20 Spiritualized
- 5/21 Trampled By Turtles
- 6/3 Mogwai

Matinee

- 2/25 Bulky Jones Matinee 3:45pm
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Keith Milgaten co-founded Vision of a Dying World with his brother Jackson while the two were growing up in Las Vegas. After the duo moved to San Diego in 2006 and hooked up with local players, they began writing theatrical, ambitious songs, mixing elaborate harmonies with prog-rock guitar, jazz-inspired sax work, and the occasional ukulele solo, earning a nod from *Filter* magazine as Undiscovered Band of the Month in December 2007.

When Jackson shifted focus to Cuckoo Chaos, Keith (who DJs as Keith Sweaty) turned up the heat as Jamuel Saxon, a solo electronic project that has evolved into a full touring and recording ensemble. Their newest full-length, *Pre-Madonna*, was co-produced by Jimmy LaValle (the Album Leaf, Tristeza) at a cabin in Boulder Creek, California, and released on local Single Screen Records. At the August 2011 San Diego Music Awards, Jamuel Saxon took home the trophy for Best Electronic.

Also available is a new EP (CD and digital download) featuring songs that didn't make *Pre-Madonna*, including a club version of the Vision of a Dying World tune "Awoken by a Scene From the End Times" and a Cuckoo Chaos cover.

Keith Milgaten spins as DJ Keith Sweaty before the RAC (Remix Artist Collective) show at the Loft on February 18.

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2. Air, *Pocket Symphony*. "With a perfect blend of ambience and rhythm, these Frenchies never cease to tingle my nerves down to the molecular level."

3. The Strokes, *Room on Fire*. "This represents a period of my life in which I was first experiencing many things: first love, first mushroom trip, first trip to the South, and my first and only drunken makeout session with this Norwegian foreign exchange student."

4. Living Legends, *Legendary Music*. "Volumes one and two. I got hooked on this collection of amazing indie hip-hop gems."

5. Kenna, *Make Sure They See My Face*. "Kenna was a huge influence in my first days of programming beats and writing electronic music. He teamed up with the Neptunes for this record, and it's got some really funky tracks on it that would make just about anyone shake dat booty."

MOST EMBARRASSING SONG ON YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

"Who Let the Dogs Out (Club Mix)."

FAVORITE CONCERT?

"Animal Charm at CineVegas 2003 was audio and visual tomfoolery at its best."

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SOMETHING YOU NEVER RUN OUT OF?

"Vitamin C."

WHAT REMAINS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

"Watch every episode of *Burn Notice*."

SONG THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR LIFE?

"The Power of Love' by Huey Lewis and the News."

ANYONE EVER SAY YOU LOOK LIKE SOMEONE ELSE?

"Macaulay Culkin."

WORST INJURY?

"I drunkenly fell off a 20-foot beach cliff onto sharp rocks in Mexico. My feet were shredded, my body was scraped and cut up real good, and I had a concussion. Anthony Levas [Little Deadman] saved my life by getting me out of there."

BEST AND WORST THING ABOUT LIVING IN SOUTH PARK?

"Plenty of parking but far from the freeways."

WHERE DO YOU TAKE OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS?

"City Deli in Hillcrest."

BRUSH WITH FAME?

"I once ran into Kevin Nealon in the cereal aisle of a Malibu Ralphs."



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Some say Keith Milgaten looks like Macaulay Culkin.

BIGGEST REGRET?

"Going to South by Southwest with Black Mamba in 2010. Aimee [Sanchez] and I were not getting along at all by that point, and I basically had a breakdown by the end of it. I also blew most of my Album Leaf remix dough from Sub Pop Records on that trip, with nothing to show for it other than a week-long hangover and a sore throat from the yelling bouts." ■

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AMSConcerts: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176. *Saturday*, 7:30pm — Cris Williamson. Acoustic/folk/country. \$22.

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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Richard Terfry is a Canadian hip-hop artist who has performed under half a dozen names over the past 20 years, but he's best known as Buck 65. His earlier work was the kind of thing the term "alternative hip-hop" was invented to describe: bare-bones rhythms embellished with Terfry's turntable scratching, samples of TV dialogue, and other, less identifiable sounds, all topped with his gruff voice rapping about nonstandard hip-hop subjects such as Humphrey Bogart and Bette Davis. In recent years, Buck 65 has been exploring a new, underexplored area: the intersection between hip-hop and country. It's a richer vein of inspiration than you

might think. Sometimes Terfry sounds as if he's just putting a drum loop on a '70s-style trucking song (think C.W. McCall's "Convoy"). But he takes the idea wherever it leads him. In "Paper Airplane," he alternates between his pissed-off vocals and the gorgeous voice of guest Jenn Grant singing a country-folk melody, resulting in what sounds like a clumsy mash-up. But when this stuff really works, it sounds like nothing else.

Take "Centaur," in which Terfry speaks from the point of view of a guy who walks around without a shirt on and is "built like a horse from the waist down" but gets offended when people are only interested in him as a sex object. It may seem at first that Terfry is just engaging in some braggadocio and metaphor, but keep listening. No, he's really talking about a centaur. The music itself is a mix of country guitar, hip-hop beats, and a harmonium-like



BUCK 65

drone. It's probably just the kind of music a centaur would like.

Kristoff Krane and the Illuminatus also perform.

BUCK 65: The Casbah, Tuesday, February 21, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$15 advance; \$17 day of show.

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Croce, Sara Petite. *Tuesday*, 8pm — Gomez.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. *Friday*, 8pm — Unset, London Falling, Burden of Truth, Future Falls. Kids 4 Hope benefit. *Saturday*, 8pm — Sprung Monkey. \$12.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355. *Thursday*, 8:30pm — ReTox and Doomsday Student. \$10. *Friday*, 6:30pm — Matthew Good.

\$17-\$20. *Saturday*, 8:30pm — Jesse LaMonaca & the Dime Novels and Blackout Party. \$8-\$10. *Sunday*, 8:30pm — Craig Finn. Frontman of the Hold Steady. \$12. *Monday*, 8:30pm — Get Back Loretta. \$5. *Tuesday*, 8:30pm — Buck 65, Kristoff Krane, the Illuminatus. \$15-\$17. *Wednesday*, 8:30pm — Anya Marina. \$15.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695. *Thursday*, 6pm — Smokestaxx. **Free.** *Friday*, 6pm — Not Katie. **Free.**

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344. *Friday, Saturday*, 9pm — Serious Guise. **Free.**

Dizzy's: Second Avenue & J St., Downtown, 858-270-7467. *Sunday*, 7pm — Mundell Lowe, Gary Scott, Bob Magnusson. \$15.

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El Dorado Cocktail Lounge: 1030 Broadway, East Village, 619-237-0550. *Tuesday*, 9pm — Euphoria Brass Band. New Orleans brass/funk. **Free.**

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Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000. *Friday*, 6:30pm — The Take Off Movement. \$7-\$10. *Saturday*, 6:30pm — Breakdown. \$7-\$10.

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The Griffin: 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista. *Friday*, 9:30pm — Shocks of Mighty, Oceanside Soundsystem, Ottly Mercer. \$5. *Saturday*, 9pm — Total Distortion, Hey! Ho! Lets Go!, Wicked Garden. Rock tribute. **Free.** *Sunday*, 7pm — Gayle Skidmore, Kevin Martin, Bushwalla. \$8.

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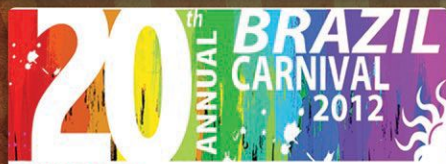
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BY DAVE GOOD

Petunia won't give his real name when he calls from British Columbia, where he lives, which may be a self-protective habit grown of living on the streets and having busked his way across Canada and the eastern United States. He does say that he got the name from a music teacher/mentor, and it stuck. His singing voice is a quick instrument that jumps from Jimmie Rodgers to Hank Williams to Jerry Lee Lewis in a fluid jazz-like drive that is mesmerizing. I'd like to take it apart, his approach to vocals, but he wouldn't. "I'm not thinking about it as much as you'd think. I'm just singing a song. I realize I have a natural ability. You've heard about Gestalt,

about how the sum of the whole is greater than its parts? If you break a thing down, you lose its essence." And he'd rather I don't go on about the yodeling, but it is a factor of his singing that is colorful and hard to ignore. "I used to do a lot more of it, actually. But I got pigeonholed by the media as that guy who yodels."

The Vipers have been around as a unit for a couple of years, and Petunia has worked with each of the members in different configurations in the past. The band's sound is lonesome cowboy and venomous rockabilly delivered in a tent-revival atmosphere, which is to say that emotion fuels a Vipers concert. In San Diego, Petunia & the Vipers will perform with Exene Cervenka of X. "We've never played together on a stage," he says. "We've played a few parties together." Will they split the bill between her music and Vipers tunes? "We'll see what



PETUNIA & THE VIPERS

happens. We might even write some new stuff together. This is a starting point. This isn't the last time we'll play together." Phil Alvin also performs.

PETUNIA & THE VIPERS: Shakedown Bar, Thursday, February 16, 9 p.m. \$10 advance; \$12 day of show.

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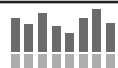


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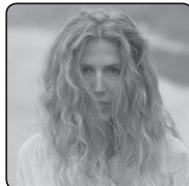
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4th&B: 345 B St., Downtown, 619-231-4343.
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February 26 — McAuley-Schenker Group.
March 1 — Dub Police.
March 3 — El Gran Baile de 2012.
March 15 — Local Hip-Hop Showcase.
March 16 — Bostich+Fussible.
March 22 — Soulfly.
March 24 — Kid Frost.

EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Tomorrow's World Erasure

By Andrew Hamlin

Key concept for 21st-century Vince (Clarke) & Andy (Bell): convergence. That's right, everything's getting closer together, in the mix, in the lyrics, and not so as to stumble and fall, but so as to stand shoulder-to-shoulder. I'd be more suspicious of this all-togetherness (shepherded by producer Frankmusik, born the same year, 1985, that Vince & Andy set up shop), except that, one, in today's climate of us-vs.-themness, "It will fill us with fire.... We will fly into heaven" forms a not-

out-of-line anodyne; and, two, Vince topped off the sound with some of his old analog synths pulled out, perhaps, for that Yaz reunion.

Frankmusikally, you can't tell where old tech ends and new tech begins — again, convergence — and even the audible Autotune or its equivalent integrates into this approach, melding one of Andy's sweet soul tones as much as possible into the next and simultaneously infusing otherworldliness. Think rave music with repetition dialed down a few hairs, all-oneness weighted down deftly with soul music's classic concerns. The lyrics wonder why you aren't closer (except for the cracked actress in "Whole Lotta Love," Zeppelin's "wanna" swapped out for an arch we-don't-want'cha); everything else sets out that same closeness. Come to me, lover, sit down by the fire — cybernetic though it may be — and, hell, melt with me. "Then I go twisting," and in twisting, two sets of arms manifesting the turning, the rotary engine, and finally that helix in which resides life, lies the transcendence. The mighty divine sigh.



"It will fill us with fire..."

Wilco a Wonder at Copley

By Brett Uddenberg

The opulent, gold-tinged walls of Copley Symphony Hall let each note fight for space with Jeff Tweedy's soothing howl as Wilco played a flawless, riveting two-hour set. Touring in support of *The Whole Love*, the Chicago six-piece wowed the sold-out crowd with its catalogue-spanning repertoire. A wealth of sad-bastard tunes was tempered by the bright, kinetic energy of songs such as "Dawned on Me" and "I Might."

Though Wilco's lineup has seen sev-

eral changes, the current incarnation is a well-oiled machine with a snowballing fanbase. Lead guitarist Nels Cline displayed manic virtuosity and remarkable restraint through his solos and backing riffs. The band's range was stretched dramatically by the sharp, metallic core of "Art of Almost," rising abruptly from a bubbly, futuristic intro and making for one of their most intriguing experimental numbers.

An eerie fog hung over the venue throughout the show, resembling something between a gas leak and thin layer of pot smoke. Lights pierced the haze to artfully coincide with the imagery of Tweedy's lyrics and beautifully caromed off of ghost-like appendages hanging from the stage. The night climaxed with a loose rendition of "Jesus, Etc.," which put the audience collectively in kumbaya mode.



A wealth of sad-bastard tunes

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March 30 — Bone Thugs-n-Harmony.
April 14 — The Monsters of Southern Rock.
April 22 — Y&T.

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.
February 24 — Lixx and Rush'd.
February 25 — Ballyhoo.

98 Bottles: 2400 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-255-7885.
February 24 — Sue Palmer.
February 25 — Fred Benedetti.

AMSDconcerts: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
March 3 — Blame Sally.
March 15 — Cheryl Wheeler.
March 21 — Ian Tyson.
March 29 — David Wilcox.

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February 25 — Ladysmith Black Mambazo.



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 March 3 — Al Stewart.
 March 6, 7 — Brian Culbertson & David Benoit: Piano 2 Piano.
 March 8 — William Fitzsimmons.
 March 13, 14 — Béla Fleck & the Flecktones.
 March 15 — Chuck Loeb.
 March 22 — Pat Martino Duo and Eldar.
 March 23, 24 — Mindi Abair.
 March 27 — The Anthology House Band.
 March 28 — Robben Ford.
 March 31 — The Jade Element.

Balboa Theatre: 868 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100.
 February 26 — Lila Downs.
 March 1 — Merle Haggard.
 March 7 — Willie Nelson & Family.
 April 20 — Anoushka Shankar.

Bar Leucadian: 1542 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-753-2094.
 February 24 — Revival.
 February 25 — The Tighten Ups.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
 February 24 — Bonkers! Dance Party.
 February 25 — Toys That Kill, Dirty Ghosts, Bare Wires.
 February 29 — Nena Anderson & the Mules.

Beaumont's: 5662 La Jolla Bl., La Jolla, 858-459-0474.
 February 23 — Allegra.
 February 24 — Brent Curtis Trio.
 February 25 — The Jones Revival.

Belly Up: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
 February 23 — Ra Ra Riot.
 February 24 — The Tommy Castro Band.
 February 25 — Cash'd Out.

February 26 — America.
 February 28 — Los Lonely Boys and the Dunwells.
 February 29 — Boz Scaggs.
 March 3 — Jackie Greene.
 March 8 — Silent Comedy, Dead Feather Moon, the Howls.
 March 14 — The Drive-By Truckers.

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 24 — Raymond Raye and Heretic.
 March 2 — The Aristocrats and Science Fiction.
 March 3 — Adema.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
 February 23 — Hyena.
 February 24 — The Soft Pack.
 February 25 — The Fresh & Onlys, Disappears, and Tropical Popsicle.
 February 26 — Cursive.
 February 27 — Veronica Falls and Bleached.
 February 28 — He's My Brother She's My Sister.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.
 February 24 — Smokestaxx.
 February 25 — Zydeco Blues Patrol.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.
 March 24 — Lady Antebellum, Darius Rucker, Thompson Square.

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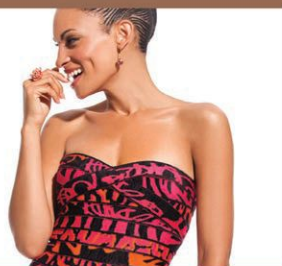
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February 24 — The Good Mojo
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February 26 — Thursday Blues
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Eleven: 3519 El Cajon Bl., City
Heights, 619-450-4292.
February 24 — Hard Fall Hearts.
February 25 — D.P.I.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Bl.,
Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.
February 25 — Reggae and Ska
Fest.
February 26 — English Dogs, the
Casualties, Toxic Holocaust.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143
Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-
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February 25 — Bone Yard.

Flying Elephant: 850 Tamarack
Ave., Carlsbad, 760-434-2660.
February 24 — The Essentials.
February 25 — Missles of October.

Gallagher's Pub & Grill: 5046
Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-
222-5300.
February 24 — Danny & the
Tramp.

The Griffin: 1310 Morena Bl.,
Linda Vista.
February 24 — Small City Calling.
SXO, Split Seeds, Elephant Project.
February 25 — 1957, Bandits, Lyon
Crowns.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave.,
Downtown, 619-299-2583.
February 23 — Hot Chelle Rae.
February 25 — Mat Kearney.
February 29 — The Kooks.
March 3 — Alkaline Trio.
March 6 — Flogging Molly.
March 9 — Lagwagon.
March 10 — Gungor.
March 11 — SOJA.
March 17 — Fan Halen.
March 20 — Ani DiFranco.
March 21 — Young Jeezy.
March 23 — The Ting Tings.
March 24 — The Mother Hips.
March 27 — Tyga.
April 3 — G.W.A.R.
April 4 — Hunter Hayes.
April 6 — Tiger Army.
April 10 — Squeeze and Steve
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April 11 — Katchafire.
April 13 — SBTRKT.
April 15 — Tech N9ne.

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Club:** 2241 Shelter Island Dr.,
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February 24 — Viva Santana.
February 25 — The Farmers.

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April 16 — Elvis Costello & the
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April 17 — Madness.

**Lacey J's Roadhouse Saloon
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February 24 — Lightning Train.
February 25 — Joey & the Sting
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February 26 — The Down-Beat
Big Band.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St.,
Ramona, 760-789-9050.
February 24 — Stone the Giant.
February 25 — Moxie.



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**Old California Coffee House
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Bl., San Marcos, 760-744-2112.
February 24 — Steven Ybarra.

Pal Joey's: 5147 Waring Rd.,
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February 24 — Kitten with a Whip.

Patrick's II: 428 F St., Downtown,
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February 24 — Bill Magee Blues
Band.
February 25 — Johnny Vernazza.

Pechanga Resort & Casino:
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February 24, 25 — Roger Hodgson.
March 9 — Peter Frampton.

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February 25 — Guitar Masters:
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Ramona Mainstage Nightclub:
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February 24 — Drama Club.
March 2 — Sophie B. Hawkins.
March 10 — Jack Russell's Great
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Ruby Room: 1271 University
Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.
February 24 — Ziggy Shuffledust.

Shakedown Bar: 3048 Midway
Dr., Midway District, 619-487-
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February 24 — The Aggronauts
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February 25 — Darsombra and
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Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City
Heights, 619-255-7224.
February 23 — King Britt.
February 24 — Chains of Love.
February 25 — The Grimes and
Born Gold.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl.,
Midway District, 619-226-7662.
February 24 — Jeremiah Johnson.
February 25 — Steal the Scenery.
March 3 — Oh, Guardian.
March 7 — Everyday Avenue.
March 8 — Chelsea Grin.
March 10 — Asking Alexandria.

March 21 — We Came As
Romans.

Sound Wave: 3105 Ocean Front
Walk, Mission Beach, 858-320-
2100.
February 24 — Tomorrows Bad
Seeds and Pacific Dub.

**Sycuan Casino Showcase
Theatre:** 5469 Casino Way, El
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February 25, 26 — Air Supply.
March 3, 4 — Lorrie Morgan and
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March 10 — Puddle of Mudd.

Til-Two: 4746 El Cajon Bl.,
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February 23 — The Beautiful View
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Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth
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February 24 — Le Ra, Shantelle,
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La Costa Grill: Daily, 4-7pm, 9-11pm: \$4 wells, house wines, \$1 off calls & premiums. Appetizers reduced.

Greek Village: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 4-7:30pm: 1/2-off beer, wine by the glass, wells.

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Black Angus: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 1/2-off wells, drafts, 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.

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Pal Joey's: Daily, all day: \$3 personal pitchers.

Satin Lounge: Thursday, 9pm-close: \$1 Bud drafts.

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Bistro d'Asia: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 domestic beer, \$3.75 draft beer, \$4.50 house wine. \$1 off hand rolls.

Candelas on the Bay: Daily, 4-6pm: 1/2-off drinks & bar menu.

Costa Azul: Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, domestic bottles. \$3.50 imported bottles, wells, house wine, sangria. \$3.75 drafts. \$6 margaritas, mojitos. \$2.95 tacos, \$3.50 shrimp, \$5.95 nachos.

Danny's Palm Bar: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 domestic drafts, \$4 wells.

Grumpy Dan's Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$3 domestic bottles, wells, house wine.

Yummy Sushi: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 pints, \$4 large hot sake. 20-50% off appetizers.

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Cafe Secret: Tuesday-Thursday, 4-7pm: 1/2-off large pitcher of sangria. Buy one ceviche, second one 1/2 price.

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

Altitude Sky Lounge: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$4 domestic drafts. \$5 premium wells. 1/2-off artisan flat bread.

Analog: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks and li'l burgers. Sunday, all day: 1/2-off all drinks and li'l burgers.

Anthony's Fish Grotto: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$1 off drinks, appetizers (only in the lounge).

Asti Ristorante: Daily, 3-6pm: 1/2-price cocktails & appetizers.

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The Fleetwood: Monday-Friday, 5-6pm: \$4 calls.

Funky Garcia's Mexican Restaurant: Daily, 3-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks; \$1.50 carne asada and pollo asado tacos.

Gaslamp Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells. Appetizer specials.

La Gran Tapa: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$2 drafts; \$3 cask wine, sangria; \$4 wells.

The Hopping Pig: Monday-Saturday, 2-6pm: \$4 draft craft beer; \$3.50 well & wine.

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Urban Bar & Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-7pm, 9pm-close: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 signature cocktails, \$5 house wine. 1/2-off appetizers.



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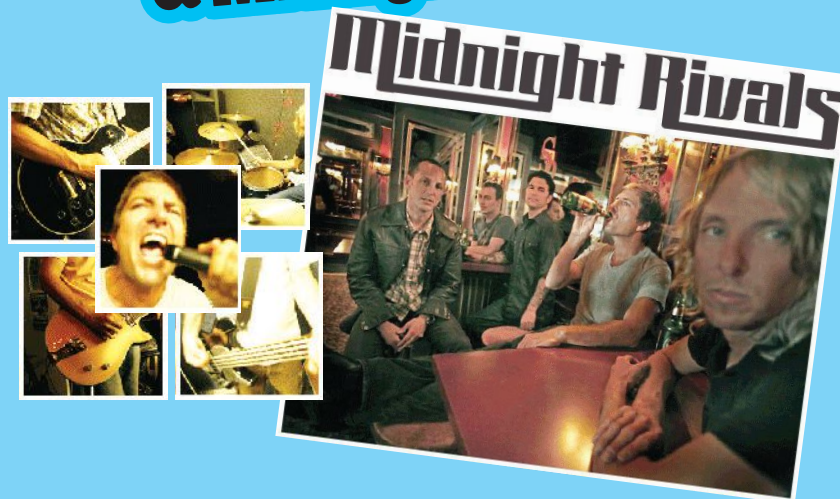
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Hive Sushi Lounge: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$2 domestic, \$4 micro, \$2.50 sake, \$3.50 well, \$4 house wine. Miso, edamame, \$9.99.

Hotel Indigo: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$4 domestic & local bottles, wells, wines.

Monkey Paw: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$1 off drafts and cocktails.

EASTLAKE

Brigantine: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off draft, \$4 house champagne, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 house red, \$5.75 house Chardonnay.

Chili's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts, house margaritas; \$4.99 premium margaritas. \$.50 wings.

D'Lish Gourmet Pasta: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-5pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, house wine, pizza slice, Texas-brisket slider, three St. Louis ribs.

Smokin' Sam's BBQ: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wine; \$3 sangria. Doggy happy hour: \$2 beef & rib bones.

EL CAJON

Blarney Stone Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

Calypso: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2.75 bottled beer (12 oz.), \$3.75 beer (22 oz.), \$7.50 pitcher.

Double D's on Broadway: *Daily*, 10am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$.50 off mixed drinks, \$1 off shots.

El Cajon Grand: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3 wells.

Flinn Springs Inn: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.25 domestic bottles, \$3 wells.

Main Tap Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off 16-oz. drafts, \$2 off pitchers, \$3 calls. \$5 nachos.

ENCINITAS

Blue Fin Sushi Bar: *Tuesday-Thursday*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, sake, select appetizers, sushi rolls.

Bullpen Pub & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 2-7pm, 10pm-2am: \$1 off draft beer, \$3 off pitcher, \$2 off wine.

Cap'n Kenos: *Monday-Friday*, 6pm-midnight: \$2.50 drafts, wells. Free appetizers.

D Street Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 wells, \$2.50 domestic drafts. \$2 off all appetizers.

Savory: *Daily*, 5-6pm: 30% off food & beverages in the bar & lounge area.

Union Kitchen & Tap: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5:30-7pm: Two-for-one all wine by the glass.

ESCONDIDO

Brigantine: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 3:30-7pm: \$1 off draft beer, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 red wine, \$7 Krista vodka cosmo, \$7.50 margarita.

El Galeón: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: Two-for-one draft beer, margaritas.

Holiday Wine Cellar: *Monday*, 5:30-7:30pm: \$5 for five wine tastings.

Tango Restaurant & Lounge: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off bar menu.

Vinz Wine Bar & Tasting Room: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$6 wine, tapas; \$4.50 wells, \$3 doggie bites.

FALLBROOK

Aqua Terra: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$3 domestic, \$9 pitcher; \$4 imported, \$12 pitcher; 1/2-off sushi rolls (no sushi on Monday).

Set 'Em Up, Joe!

BY JOSEPH O'BRIEN

If you're looking for the perfect redneck response to blue-blooded cocktail culture, look no further than the Swampwater's edge at Bub's Dive Bar.

The sort of place that serves silos of canned beer in paper bags and uses discarded peanut shells as a carpet, Bub's is exactly where you would expect to find Swampwater.

Served in a pitcher, this signature cocktail is a sight to behold — a boggy green liquid with a can of Miller High Life bobbing like one of the empties left behind after a nighttime frog hunt.

"It's a fruity melon punch," Bub's manager Rick Borba says. "You bring out this murky-looking drink and the can is bobbing on top. People are drawn to that."

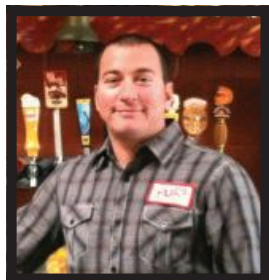
Swampwater is the inspiration of bar manager and Kentucky native Justin Hutchinson. Borba says, "Justin's a big fan of the High Life."

"The beer kind of seeps out as people drink the Swampwater off from the pitcher," Borba says. "You can serve it with some straws and people can have fun with it. But we definitely serve it with glasses as well."

It's also a great way to start an evening or finish off a Sunday afternoon, Borba says.

"I would say Swampwater is a sharing drink for a table of four that want to break the ice and try something new," he says.

Kitchen Proof: *Despite looking like a green-tinted vat of melted crayons, Swampwater is a sweet morass of flavors — with a strong pucker factor found in the melon-and-berry mix. As the Miller unloads its High Life into the swamp with each pour, the flavors find the right depth and mellow balance.*



SWAMPWATER

In a 60 oz. pitcher filled with ice, pour:

- 1 oz. orange vodka
- 1 oz. raspberry vodka
- ½ oz. melon liqueur
- ½ oz. raspberry liqueur
- ½ oz. blue curacao

Fill with sweet-and-sour mix two inches from the top of the pitcher and add splashes of 7-Up, orange juice, and pineapple juice.

RICK BORBA

Bub's Dive Bar
1030 Garnet Ave, San Diego
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bubsdive.com

GOLDEN HILL

Turf Supper Club: *Friday-Sunday*, noon-4pm: \$1 off all beer/wine/spirits. \$5 lunch: 1/2-lb. burger, chicken sandwich, or two Louisiana hot links + chips.

GRANTVILLE

Camel's Breath Inn: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 10:30am-8pm: \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$3 wells.

JT's Clubhouse Pub & Grill: *Monday*, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-4pm: 25¢ wings. *Tuesday*, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-4pm: \$1 tacos. *Wednesday*, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-close: \$1 sliders. *Thursday-Friday*, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. \$5.25 1/2-lb. burger with fries. *Saturday*, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 4-8pm: 1/2-off all food. *Sunday*, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints.

Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints, \$4 house margaritas & well drinks.

HARBOR ISLAND

The Boathouse: *Daily*, 2:30-5pm: \$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.

Baja Betty's: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: \$3 bottled beer, salsa margarita, wells, house wine, sangria, quesadillas.

Bangkok Thai Bistro: *Daily*, 4-7pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, appetizers.

CJ's Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm, 9pm-midnight: All wells \$2.75.

The Caliph: *Daily*, noon-7pm: \$4 wells, \$3 domestic bottles.

Nami: *Daily*, 5-7:30pm: 1/2-off sake, beer, \$3 house wine. 1/2-off sushi rolls, appetizers.

Tre Porcellini: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 domestic bottles, \$3.50 drafts and house wine.

Wine Steals: *Tuesday*, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. *Saturday*, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

IMPERIAL BEACH

Club Bananas at Lydia's Café: *Daily*, open-10pm: \$3 wells & domestics.

KEARNY MESA

Bud's Louisiana Café: *Wednesday-Thursday*, 3-9pm: 1/2-price beer and wine by the glass.

Churasan: *Monday, Sunday*, football special: \$4 hot dog, garlic fries, small beer. *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$4 large Japanese beers.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6:30pm: \$1 off draft, glass of wine. *Saturday*, 3pm-close: 1/2-off bottles of wine.

Pampas Argentine Grill: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4:30-7pm: \$3 wells, \$3.50 drafts, \$4 wine specials. Discounted empanadas and appetizers.

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.

KENSINGTON

Kensington Cafe: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$3 all beers, \$4-\$5 all glasses of wine, all tapas under \$5.25.

The Kensington Club: *Daily*, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

Kensington Vine: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$5 fine wine.

Til-Two: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and imported drafts.

LA JOLLA

Alfonso's of La Jolla: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3.25 drinks, bar appetizers.

Barfly La Jolla: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 pints, wells, house wines. \$4 appetizers (avocado rolls, fish tacos, sliders).

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2 Bud/Bud Light; \$3.50 wells, Bull & Bear wine.

Extreme Pizza: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$3 premium beer.

Jose's La Jolla: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 margaritas. \$2 off appetizers.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

La Jolla Brew House: *Tuesday-Thursday*, noon-7pm: \$2 off craft beer; \$3 wells and house wines; \$3 off appetizers. *Friday-Saturday*, 10pm-close: \$2 off craft beer; \$3 wells and house wines.



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The Shack Bar & Grill: *Daily, 3-7pm:* \$1 off wells, domestic taps.

The Shores Restaurant: *Monday-Friday, 4-6pm:* 5 for \$5 Happy Hour menu: 5 appetizers & 5 drinks for \$5 each.

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Tapenade: *Daily, 5:30-9:15pm:* Wine by the glass, \$6, premium wine by the glass \$2 off; bar tapas menu.

LA MESA

Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Monday-Friday, 3-6pm:* \$1 off drafts, house wine, margaritas, appetizers.

Casa de Pico: *Monday-Friday, 3-7pm:* Free appetizer with purchase of bar drink. \$3.95 margarita.

Centifonti's Restaurant: *Daily, 3-7pm:* \$3 drafts, wells; \$5 off beer boots. \$1 off appetizers.

Parkway Bar: *Daily, 4-7pm:* \$3 domestic drafts and bottles, \$4 mixed drinks, wine specials.

Pete's Place: *Daily, 10am-6pm:* \$2.50 wells, calls, wine, domestic drafts and bottles.

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.

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Coo Coo Club: *Monday-Friday, 6-8pm:* \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

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LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: *Daily, 4-7pm:* \$2.75 wells, \$2.50 beer of the month, shot special.

The Calypso Café: *Daily, 5:30-7pm:* \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

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L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: *Monday-Friday, 4-8pm:* \$2 domestic drafts. \$1 off appetizers. *Sunday, all day:* \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings.

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Brick by Brick: *Daily, 3-6pm:* \$2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.

The New Morena Club | M1319: *Daily, 2-7pm:* \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.50 wells and domestic bottles.

Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday, 3-7pm:* \$3 domestic & Mexican pints, \$4 house margaritas & well drinks.

LITTLE ITALY

Anthology: *Tuesday-Friday, 5:30-7pm:* \$6 wells, wine, featured beer, martinis, margaritas.

Fat City Steakhouse: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* \$2 drafts, \$3 wells, \$4 wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

Puerto la Boca: *Daily, 4:30-7:30pm:* \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* \$2.50 drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$2.50 French fries, \$4.50 chicken wings.

Brick Alley Bar & Grill: *Daily, 3-7pm, 9pm-close:* \$1 off pints, \$2 off tall beers.

Desi's Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday, 2-7pm:* \$3 wells, domestic beers. 11pm-midnight: \$3 drafts.

Wine Steals: *Wednesday, 5:30-7pm:* \$5 wine tasting. *Saturday, 4-6:30pm:* \$10 wine tasting.

MIRA MESA

A Taste of Boston: *Daily, 3-7pm:* \$2.25 Bud draft, \$2.75 bottled beer (except Guinness), \$3 drafts, \$3.75 all wine. Discounted appetizers.

Bamboo Hut: *Daily, 3-6pm:* Buy large beer, get small house sake free. \$2.75 small beer, \$3.25 house wine.

MIRAMAR

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.

Fish Boutique: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 3-6pm:* \$6 fish & chips; \$4 all draft beer.

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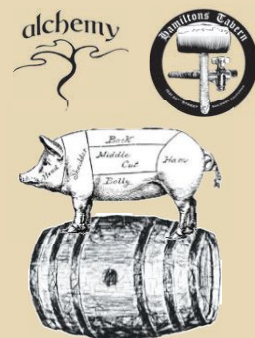
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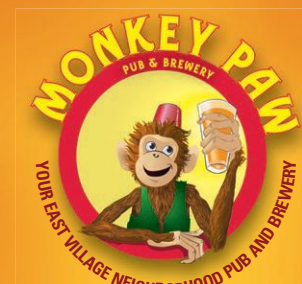
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Cafe Bleu: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$5 select wine by the glass; special prices on starters, hors d'oeuvres, sandwiches.

City Wok: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-5pm: 1/2-off beer, wine, sake, appetizers.

MISSION VALLEY

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 wells, \$6 glasses of wine, \$7 house cocktails.

Ruby's Diner: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2.99 shakes/malts.

NATIONAL CITY

Buster's Beach House & Long-board Bar: *Daily*, 2-7pm: \$2.25 Bud drafts; \$3.50 mai tais, Long Beach tea, margaritas.

McDini's: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

Pier 32 Waterfront Grill: *Tuesday*, 11am-2pm: P32 margaritas, \$5. *Wednesday*, 11am-2pm: P32 sweet tea, \$5. *Thursday*, 11am-2pm: Jim Beam and Coke, \$5. *Friday*, 3pm-sunset: \$2 domestic beer, \$3 import and local beer, \$5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys. *Saturday-Sunday*, all day: \$2 domestic beer, \$3 import and local

beer, \$5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys.

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Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

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Lips Restaurant: *Sunday*, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

The Office: *Daily*, 5-8pm: Two-for-one price on all drinks.

West Coast Tavern: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 wells, drafts, house wine.

OCEAN BEACH

3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 3-6pm: \$4 sangria, \$4 glass of wine, \$5 specialty craft beers.

Blue Parrot: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: All drinks and appetizers 1/2-price (all day Monday).

Sunshine Co.: *Daily*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all pitchers.

Winstons: *Monday-Saturday*, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.

OCEANSIDE

P's & Q's Sports Pub & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$3 premium pints. \$3 chicken wings.

OLD TOWN

Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 3-6pm: \$3 wells, house wine, and drafts.

Harney Sushi: *Wednesday*, \$5 specialty cocktails.

Old Town Mexican Café: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials. \$2 Taco Tuesday (chicken, beef, fish, carnitas); \$2.50 margaritas, Tecate, tequila.

PACIFIC BEACH

Big Kahuna's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2.50 beer, wine.

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.

Sinbad Café: *Daily*, 4-8pm: \$1.50 drafts, \$2 wells, shots, \$2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

Tony Roma's: *Daily*, 1-4pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$3 off appetizers.

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Hidden History

“If America wants to build a wall to keep out the Mexicans — who do you think will build it?”

Dreams don't care about time or space. They freely remix the known and unimaginable. In Culture Clash's *American Night: The Ballad of Juan José*, a kaleidoscopic dream guides the title character on an official tour of American history. Along the way, he discovers some of the “hidden history” the dominant culture has tucked away and bonds with unexpected allies.

A cop in Sinaloa, Mexico, Juan José refuses a bribe from a drug cartel. He must leave his wife and young son and trek to the U.S. To bring his family north, he must become a citizen. So, he crams for the test: “What is the supreme law of the land?”; “What are the two rights of everyone living in the United States?” On the eve of the exam, he drifts off into a “spirit dream.”

American Night is part irreverent slapstick, part nightmare, often both at once. Juan José goes back to 1848 and the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. Mexico ceded Upper California and New Mexico to the U.S. and, says one character, “made every Latino an illegal alien.”

Juan José meets 15-year-old Sacagawea, who aided Lewis and Clark, and goes to Manzanar, one of the Japanese internment camps in World War II. But the dream goofs things up: “Saca-chihuaua”

wears braces and thick glasses, and he watches a jazzy radio broadcast at Manzanar.

Juan José discovers that his official history book is incomplete. He meets Viola Pettus, an African-American who courageously nursed all of Brewster County, Texas, during the 1918 flu pandemic — even the Ku Klux Klan. Juan José writes her into his book, literally.

If history were taught with Clash's humor, it would become the most popular major on every campus. The title recalls Jim Morrison's collected writings, *The American Night*. And, like them, it soars, spins, and sprockets with the logical illogic of a dream.

At the La Jolla Playhouse, the stage is bare. Then, Shawn Sagady's projections take over. The rear wall becomes a mobile panorama of the Sonoran Desert and, later, a passing train full of Industrial Workers of the World — the Wobblies — singing songs of protest. Erase the videos, and the cinderblock and corrugated metal wall becomes the U.S./Mexico border. It underscores one of the play's most pointed lines: “If America wants to build a wall to keep out the Mexicans — who do you think will build it?”

Performances, directed with split-second timing by Jo Bonney, match the fluidity of the

THEATER REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



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Daisuke Tsuji and René Millán rewrite history in La Jolla Playhouse's *American Night, The Ballad of Juan José*.

American Night: The Ballad of Juan José, by Richard Montoya, developed by Culture Clash and Jo Bonney
La Jolla Playhouse, 2910 La Jolla Village Drive, UCSD
Directed by Jo Bonney; cast: Stephanie Beatriz, Rodney Gardiner, David Kelly, Terri McMahon, René Millán, Richard Montoya, Kimberly Scott, Herbert Siguenza, Daisuke Tsuji; scenic design, Neil Patel; costumes, Esosa; lighting, David Weiner; sound, Darron L. West; projections, Shawn Sagady; choreographer, Ken Roht
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Blasted, by Sarah Kane
Ion Theatre, 3704 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest
Directed by Claudio Raygoza; cast: Ron Choularton, Gemma Gray, Steve Lone; scenic design, Raygoza; costumes, Danita Lee; lighting, Karin Filijan; sound, Melanie Chen
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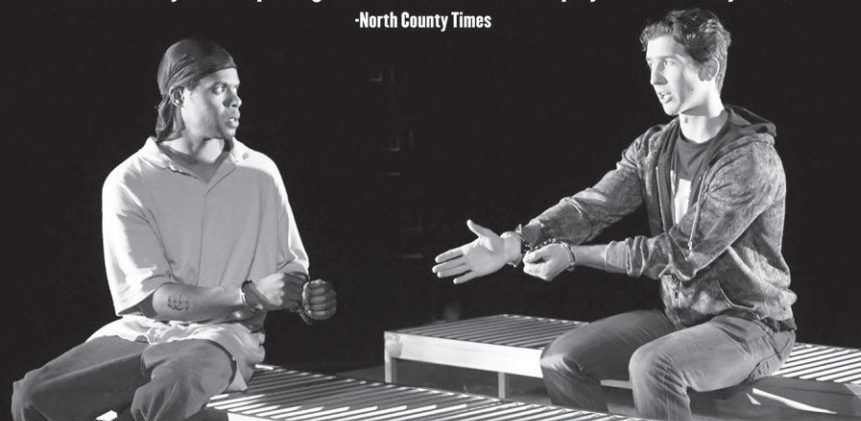
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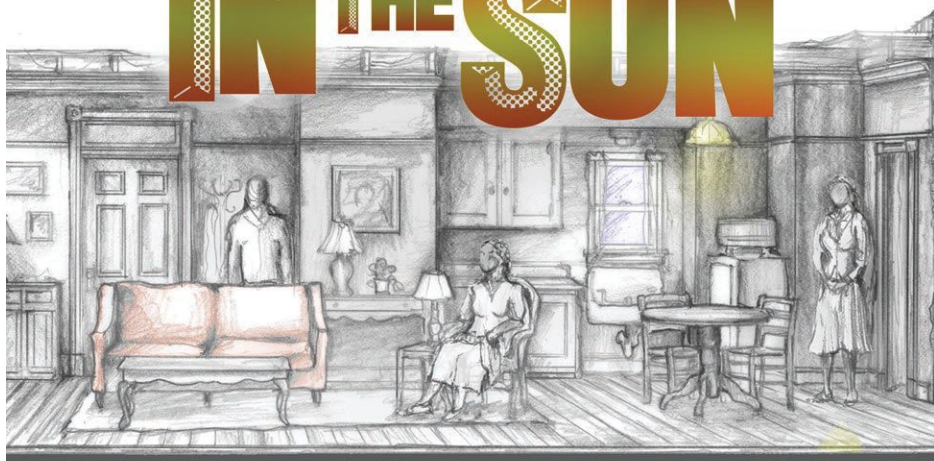
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videos. Nine actors play at least six characters each (backstage changes must be a frenzy, as Esosa's color-wheel-like costumes fly about). Clash's Richard Montoya, who wrote the script, plays everyone from Juan José's grandfather, a Mexican revolutionary, to Bob Dylan at Woodstock (a historical fact the script gets wrong: Dylan, Montoya admits, wasn't at the concert). The Clash's Herbert Siguenza scores with everyone from a gun-crazy Teddy Roosevelt, who splotches the wall with trophies, to Neil Diamante singing a funny, revisionist version of "Coming to America."

The ensemble work is so precise, so wired, it's easy to sympathize with the show's understudy. Imagine: step in, play various historical figures at breakneck speed, sing, and be both a cartoon character and deadly serious at the same time. And do it all, as this cast does, seemingly without effort.

The story is a *corrida*, a folk tale passed on by word-of-

mouth, often for generations. Juan José becomes both a specific person and a legend "with-out end." Rene Millan excels as the man who sheds a stereotype before your eyes. Like Dorothy skipping through Oz, or Alice at the Mad Hatter's tea, Juan José finds his way through thickets of madness to an unforeseen sanity. In the end, he knows more about U.S. citizenship and American history than most of the audience.

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A woman and two men. One hotel room, fairly plush. Outside a war zone, the battle coming closer, but nothing like the one inside.

Ion Theatre, noted for risk-taking, warns potential audiences that Sarah Kane's 90-minute dehumanization derby is not for the faint — maybe even the hard — of heart. The play is part of Ion's "Off-the Radar" series and is just that.

Kane, who committed suicide in 1999, wrote the play when she was 23. You have to go back to the young Shakespeare's *Titus Andronicus* for such a catalogue of depravity on stage. Almost a checklist, in fact: ripe language, nudity, two rapes, extremes of violence on- and off-stage.

The slow first half recalls Sam Shepard's *Fool for Love*, but infected with evil; the second half reaches a place I've never seen in a theater: a bomb-crater, blasted of humanity.

Ron Choularton does spot-on, riveting work as Ian. A chain-smoking, gin-gulping

journalist (already half-dead and committing suicide in slow-motion), Ian's paid to write about inhumane acts. Choularton's jagged intensity never lets up. A camouflaged Steve Lone is effectively blunt and brutal as, Kane suggests, every-soldier. On opening night, Gemma Grey's Cate beamed off and on. She reached some of the play's emotional crudity, but her laugh was stacy, and her rigid, floppy epileptic fits never rang true.

Given Kane's harrowing vision, the ending — "out of the mud grows the lotus" — felt gratuitous (also, some of the violence; Kane force-feeds effects). But the play's final impression has a rare, genuinely disturbing feel. The title accurately predicts how you will leave the theater. ■

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."

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A Behanding in Spokane

Cygnat Theatre warns patrons about Martin McDonagh's "violence and strong language." And if frontal, fun house-warped theater — imagine Sam Shepard on 55-Hour Energy — is not your cup of tea, stay away! *Behanding* bullies its audience for 90 minutes with racism, homophobia, and F-bombs. Problem is: it's also very funny. Carmichael (Jeffrey Jones) lost his left hand 27 years ago and has quested for it ever since. Marilyn (Kelly Iverson) and Toby (Vimel) may have found it and end up chained to a radiator and soaked in gasoline. Nerdy Mervyn (Mike Sears) doesn't care. He's having the adventure of his psychotic dreams.

Worth a try.

CYGNAT THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 19.

A Raisin in the Sun

Lorraine Hansberry's breakthrough drama (1959) is in loving, unflinching hands at Moxie Theatre. Directed by Delicia Turner Sonnenberg, the ensemble and design work are first rate. And outstanding performances by Mark Christopher Lawrence, as conflicted Walter Lee Younger, and Sylvia M'Lafi Thompson, as his mother Lena, make the production one of Moxie's finest ever. The Youngers have lived in their cramped, Southside Chicago apartment for decades. A \$10,000 life insurance check inspires competing dreams. But before they can move out, to an uncertain future, the family must climb out of personal valleys. By play's end, the old, "rat trap" of an apartment cannot contain their pride. **Critic's Pick.** MOXIE AT ROLANDO THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 858-598-7620. 8PM THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 4.

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.

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We sense real bodies in true space, taking risks.

Pina

The first era of 3-D gave us flying lances and tomahawks, but the thrill (like the fad) faded. The process was revived creatively by Werner Herzog's *Cave of Forgotten Dreams* and Martin Scorsese's *Hugo*. A brisk step forward is *Pina*, from Wim Wenders.

While he doesn't hustle the effect — nobody *jetés* into our laps — Wenders has made a dance movie, one of the most enjoyably kinetic ever filmed. He uses our familiarity with live dance, our sense of how bodies sculpt space as a performance necessity. His subject was profoundly aware of it: Filipina "Pina" Bausch, the German choreographer

who died two days before Wenders started shooting (they had consulted in depth).

Taught by Kurt Jooss, Antony Tudor, and Paul Taylor, Bausch (1940–2009) shaped the Tanztheater Wuppertal Pina Bausch into a force. For years she worked with her

key dancers, drawn from many countries, freeing them to tap not only sinew but memories and emotions. Even in ensemble sync they seem individuals, often amusing in their nervy intensity, like Brechtian clowns from a hyperactive circus. Some dancers speak on camera, but mainly they dance (so does Pina in a few clips), and their sweating, puffing realism make us realize the work

MOVIE REVIEW

DAVID ELLIOTT



With *Pina*, Wim Wenders has made one of the most enjoyably kinetic dance movies ever filmed.

inside the art.

What most struck me about the dances, seen in sizeable fragments

(including the epic *Rite of Spring*, with its floor of soil), is how rich in muscular stress the dancers are,

how un-ethereal. No Ariels or Tinkerbells! We always sense real bodies in true space, taking risks. When a woman collapses into a man's arms, we fear she may crash through them. A dancer, whirling near a cliff edge, scares us. Although the great critic Arlene Croce called some Bausch trademarks "flashy schtick," I was entirely engaged by the dancers put-

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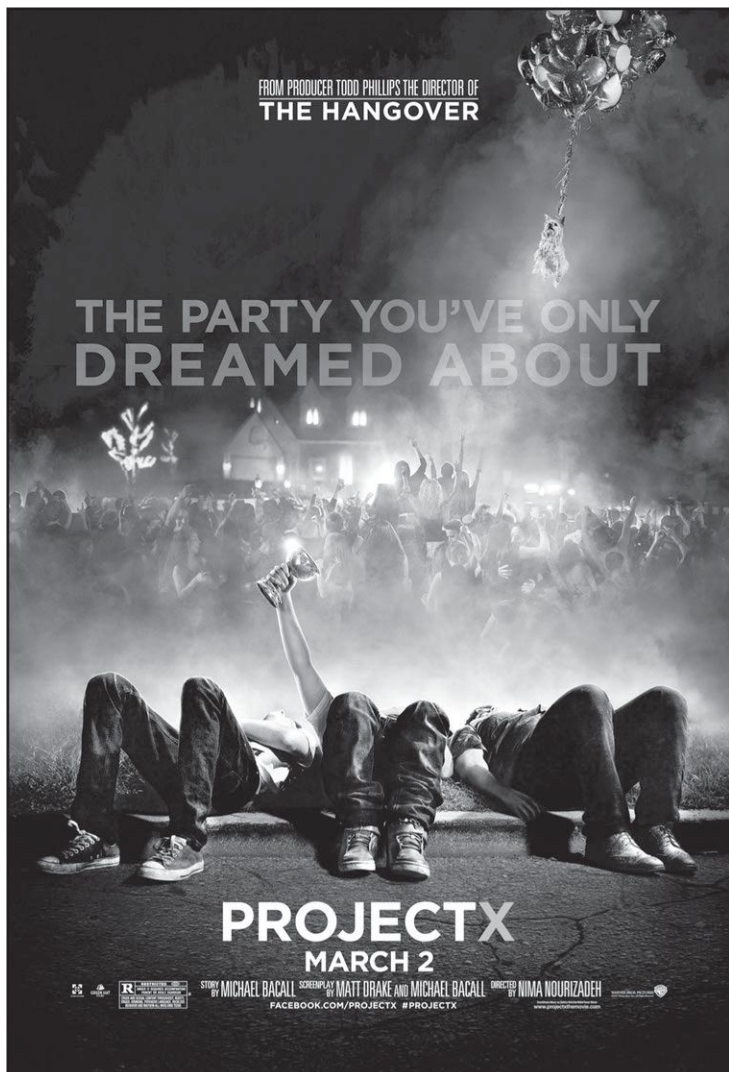
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ting so much on the line without reaching for virtuoso stardom.

Wenders emphasizes the sensuous Bausch motifs (walls, dirt, water, rocks) and uses great spaces such as a gliding monorail and a Miesian glass-box studio in a park. His perceptual tricks, like the dancers seen briefly miniaturized in a mock-up theater, have deft magic, a touch of Prospero. A pretty dancer hopping *en pointe* in classical ballet slippers seems to both rebuke and charm a huge factory behind her. Rather than flaunting the 3-D, Wenders folds it into choreographic spaces. The movie dances.

Bausch was not so fluently witty as Mark Morris, nor a genius like George Balanchine. But her art's respect for gravity throbs with honest, give-and-take tension. Our greatest star dancers on film have seemed to glide a little above the earth and danger: Astaire, Kelly, Baryshnikov. Their hovering muse was Buster Keaton. Bausch was closer in spirit to Chaplin, who knew that every foolhardy, bravura gag could flop and sometimes would, painfully.

Inventively photographed by Hélène Louvart, *Pina* has a funny central image: dancers moving in a jokey, jerky parade line to Louis Armstrong's "West End Blues." Up for two Oscars, *Pina* leaps high and lands close to Wenders's two finest films, *Kings of the Road* and *Paris, Texas*.

★★★★

W./E.

I missed Madonna's *Filth and Wisdom*. So my full entry to her "vision" is, with all due respect to her half-



Safe House — Denzel Washington is a dominator; Ryan Reynolds is decent but lightweight

time show at the recent Super Bowl, her second film as a director, *W./E.* A gilded wallow in sham-glam nostalgia for the love affair between Britain's Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson, a married American, it defines "love" as "He gave up everything for her" (in 1937 Edward abdicated the throne to marry the newly divorced Simpson). To feel the great love of Madonna, we must give up only our taste and intelligence.

The title *W./E.* stands, of course, for Wallis and Edward. She dreamily writes the initials in lipstick on a mirror. On that same level of inspiration is the intercut story of a modern, Wallis-fixated woman also named Wallis. As Wally 2, Abbie Cornish (so fine in *Bright Star*) seems reduced to imitating minor Hollywood royalty: Ali MacGraw.

An American, she is married to William (Richard Coyle), a New York doctor. He is a medical saint but drinks too much, denies her sex, and beats her. With perfect kitsch symmetry, that ordeal echoes the savage beating of Wallis Simpson by her first husband (no, not O.J.). The modern Wallis dreams of producing a child as the past Wallis never could (Edward, as the Duke of Windsor, became her pouting, aging child and is played by James D'Arcy as a simpering fool for love).

Andrea Riseborough does a credible job as the famous Wallis, somewhat prettied up, brainy, catty, chic, a snob by pure ambition (during a youthful year in China she learned Mandarin only for "Boy, bring me champagne"). Auteur Madonna prefers to believe that she really didn't

want the scandal and marriage but could hardly reject Edward's epic sacrifice. Well, what's a go-gal gonna do? For decades, the Windsors were high-society bores in exile, their "great romance" sealed in a wax of vapid fame.

The script seems pulled from back issues of *Vogue* and *Vanity Fair*, gaping at power-black outfits, royal lawns, silver services, jewelry, and palatial hotels. There is a fly-by wink at the Windsor visit to Hitler and much more time for the prince's royal visit to Welsh miners who greet him like Jesus. In the lamest wow, modern W. gets an E. of her own, Evgeni, a "Russian intellectual turned security guard" for (you guessed it!) Sotheby's auction of the Windsor goodies. Poor Oscar Isaac, trying to be more than a boy-toy, is required

to flash some butt when he sits down at the piano.

The best flush for this fluff turd is Noel Coward's comment on the 1963 epic of Egypto bling, *Cleopatra*: "A monument to vulgarity." *W./E.* makes *The King's Speech* seem more witty, nuanced, and humane than ever. They make a perfect contrast.

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Safe House

Denzel Washington is still a dominator. With a smile or the chill charm of the line "I am your house guest," he owns the story, the movie, the audience. The trouble is, we are all still stuck with the movie *Safe House*.

The hero role goes to Ryan Reynolds, who is decent but lightweight. As Matt, he is bored running a CIA safe house in Cape Town, South Africa. Boredom ends with the unexpected arrival of Tobin Frost (Washington). Frost is a genius of ruthlessness, a fabled CIA agent gone rogue, now selling for many millions a tiny cyber file that incriminates about half of the world's spy agencies. To hide it, he needles the thing into his leg (infection is never an issue).

Frost "rewrote the book on interrogation," but director Daniel Espinosa is not about to rewrite the book (or comic book) of standard action pictures. He shows some waterboarding, yet torture just blends into the amorously morbid indictment of all secret government procedures. He works up some competitive bonding between Matt and Frost, but that gets pulverized by the zeal to feed viewers their adrenaline pellets every few minutes: chases, crashes, maulings, a woman trampled at a soccer stadium, a huge (fake) explosion. Villains are disposable, treachery is pervasive, and good actors (Vera Farmiga, Brendan Gleeson, Sam Shepard, Rubén Blades) are plot dots with familiar faces.

Both the story and the action sprees defy close examination. They are so juiced and looped and crazed for quick payoff that we can shut down our minds and become Pavlovian eyeballs. A nice, humane moment over a bottle of wine is soon shattered by gunfire. *The Great Debaters* wasn't bad, but it has been way too long since a first-rate Washington movie. The waste of a great talent fits this film's cynicism.

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— David Elliott

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I Love You, Man 2009. Totes magotes! Peter (Paul Rudd) lacks male friends, and sets out to change the situation with Sydney (Jason Segel) in this comedy boasting a man cave. **Wednesday, February 29, 8 p.m.**

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Sanshiro Sugata

1943. Akira Kurosawa's directorial debut tells the tale of a "stubborn youth who travels into the city in order to learn jujutsu," but discovers judo on his arrival. **Friday, February 17, 2:30 p.m.**

Hakuchi 1951. "A Japanese veteran, driven partially mad from the war, enters a love triangle with his best friend and a disgraced woman" in Kurosawa's interpretation of Dostoevsky's novel *The Idiot*. **Friday, February 24, 2:30 p.m.**

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My Name is Tanino 2002. Paolo Virzi's film follows "an Italian liberal arts student who falls in love with a young American tourist he meets in Sicily and decides to track her down in the United States." In Italian with English subtitles. **Friday, February 24, 7 p.m.**

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by David Elliott, Matthew Lickona, John Rubio, Scott Marks, and Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release, and by rating are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

Albert Nobbs — Glenn Close, looking quite small, revives a role she did to off-Broadway acclaim 30 years earlier. Albert, a parched, remote, miserly, de-sexed “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.
★★ (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; LA PALOMA; 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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.
★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Chronicle — *Spider-Man* meets *X-Men* in the story of an outcast high-school



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kid who gains incredible powers and ultimately decides that he’s now better than all those regular people who used to put him down. But the best part of

the story is what comes in between those events: a growing friendship between three young guys who find they have something very special in common. The

film gets both teenage joy and teenage misery. It’s a pity they decided to toss in the distracting gimmick of making the camera part of the story. Directed by

Josh Trank; with Michael B. Jordan, Michael Kelly, Alex Russell. 2012. — M.L.

★★ (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; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Descendants — Alexander Payne’s film is on Hawaiian time and floats well below his *Sideways*. George Clooney is the rich Honolulu lawyer whose faithless wife has crashed into a coma. He is also trustee for a huge patch of Kauai that excites his greedy relatives and his wife’s lover. His trip with his daughters has some wry humor, leading to live-and-learn pathos. It’s like *The Little Foxes* adrift in a Hawaiian travelogue. Clooney tries hard, but his hair does best. Acting laurels go to subtle Shailene Woodley as the older daughter and Robert Forster as her grumpy gramps. With Judy Greer, Nick Krause,

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Kaplan Theater
1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-0248)
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Shark Night 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:00,
 2:00, 4:00

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11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264
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The Artist (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:00)
4:25, 7:05, 9:35; **Big Miracle** (PG) Fri.-Sun.
(10:50, 3:15) 7:50; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri.-
Sun. (11:00, 1:00, 2:55) 4:55, 7:00, 9:15; **The
Descendants** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:15)
4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **Ghost Rider: Spirit of
Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:15,
3:30) 5:40, 7:55, 10:05; **Hugo** (PG) Fri.-Sat.
(11:10, 1:55) 4:45 Sun. (11:10am.); **The Iron
Lady** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:05) 4:35,
7:10, 9:40; **Journey 2: The Mysterious
Island** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:25, 3:40)
5:50, 8:00, 10:10; **One for the Money**
(PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 5:35, 10:20; **Safe
House** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:55, 2:25) 5:00, 7:45,
10:15; **Special Event** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat.
Sun. (2:30) 6:00; **The Secret World of
Arrietty (Kari-gurashi no Arrietty)** (G)
Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:40, 2:50) 5:05, 7:15, 9:30;
This Means War (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 12:50,
3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:25; **The Vow** (PG-13)
Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 1:05, 3:25) 5:45, 8:05, 10:25;
The Woman in Black (PG-13) Fri.-Sat.
7:40, 10:00 Sun.

Reading Town Square
4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)
The Artist (PG-13); **Big Miracle** (PG);
Chronicle (PG-13); **The Descendants** (R); **Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13); **The Grey** (R); **Hugo** (PG); **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG); **Safe House** (R); **This Means War** (R); **The Vow** (PG-13); **The Woman in Black** (PG-13)

Vintage Village Theatre
 820 Orange Avenue (619-437-6161)
The Descendants (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30)
 3:15, 6:00, 8:30; **This Means War** (R)
 Fri.-Sun. (12:30) 3:15, 6:00, 8:30; **The Vow**
 (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30) 3:15, 6:00, 8:30

Reading Gaslamp
701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)
All the President's Men (R) Sat. 7:00p.m.;
Big Miracle (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:45) 7:10;
Chronicle (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 12:10,
 2:15) 4:20, 5:05, 6:25, 8:30, 9:35, 10:35; **Elite**
Squad: The Enemy Within (Tropa de
Elite - O Inimigo Agora E Outro) (Not
 Rated) Fri. (12:40) 5:35, 9:55 Sat. 5:35, 9:55
 Sun. (12:40) 5:35, 9:55; **Extremely Loud &**
Incredibly Close (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:00)
 7:10; **Ghost Rider 3D: Spirit of Ven-**
geance (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45)
 6:00, 8:15, 10:35; **Ghost Rider: Spirit of**
Vengeance (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45)
 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Haywire** (R) Fri.-Sun. 8:20,
 10:30; **The Help** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05,
 2:10) 5:15; **Hugo** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:40)
 4:30, 7:20, 10:10; **Man on a Ledge** (PG-13)
 Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 4:50, 10:00; **Midnight in**
Paris (PG-13) Fri. (3:20) 7:45 Sat. 7:45p.m.
 Sun. (3:20) 7:45; **My Week with Marilyn**
 (R) Fri. (12:25, 2:50) 5:10, 7:30, 9:50 Sat.
 (12:25, 2:50) 10:00 Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:10, 7:30,
 9:50; **The National Gallery: Leonardo**
Live (Not Rated) Sat. (2:00p.m.); **The Secret**
World of Arrietty (Kari-gurashi no
Arietti) (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:05, 3:15) 5:25,
 7:40, 9:55; **This Means War** (R) Fri. (10:55,
 12:05, 1:00, 2:25, 3:25) 4:45, 5:45, 7:05, 8:05,
 9:25, 10:25 Sat. Sun. (10:55, 12:05, 1:10, 2:25,
 3:25) 4:45, 5:45, 7:05, 8:05, 9:25, 10:25; **Tinker**

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Carnage (R) Fri. (2:20, 4:40) 6:40, 9:05
 Sat., Sun. (2:20) 4:40, 6:40, 9:05; **Ek Main**
Aur Ekk Tu (Not Rated) Fri. (2:05, 4:50)
 7:40, 10:15 Sat., Sun. (2:05) 4:50, 7:40, 10:15;
The Grey (R) Fri. (1:25, 4:05) 7:05, 10:00
 Sat., Sun. (1:25) 4:05, 7:05, 10:00; **The Iron**
Lady (PG-13) Fri. (2:10, 4:35) 7:10, 9:55

Menace 3D (PG) Fri. (1:15, 4:20) 7:15, 9:15, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:20, 7:15, 9:15, 10:10;
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 6:15, 9:35; **Underworld: Awakening** (R) Fri. (4:10) 9:20 Sat. 9:45p.m. Sun. 4:10, 9:20; **The Vow** (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, (2:15, 4:15, 5:00) 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. 1:30, (2:15) 4:15, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:20

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Spike & Mike's Sick & Twisted Animation 2012 (NR) Fri.: 12:00 Midnight; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R)** With "Crazed Imaginations" Shadow Cast, Sat: 12:00 **Midnight; Chico & Rita (NR)** Opens Friday, February 24; Father's Day (NR) Plays Friday, February 24th & Saturday, February 25

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 (Not Rated) Sat. 11:00a.m.; **Big Miracle** (PG)
 Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:40; **Chronicle** (PG-13)
 Fri.-Sun. 11:05, 1:20, 3:35, 5:45, 8:15, 10:25;
The Descendants (R) Fri. 11:30, 2:25, 5:10,
 7:50, 10:40 Sat. 10:40p.m. Sun. 11:30, 2:25,
 5:10, 7:50, 10:40; **Ghost Rider 3D: Spirit**
of Vengeance (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:10,
 5:20, 7:45, 10:15; **Ghost Rider: Spirit of**
Vengeance (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:30, 3:00;
The Grey (R) Fri.-Sun. 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **The**
Iron Lady (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:10, 1:40,
 4:15, 6:45, 9:20; **Journey 2: The Mysteri-**
ous Island (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:50, 4:40, 9:30;
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D
 (PG) Fri.-Sun. 2:15, 7:05; **Safe House** (R)
 Fri.-Sat. 10:55, 1:35, 4:30, 7:15, 10:05 Sun.
 10:55, 1:35, 4:30, 7:15, 10:05; **Star Wars:**
Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D
 (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:25, 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:30 Sun.
 10:25, 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:30; **The Secret**
World of Arrietti (Kari-gurashi no
Arrietti) (G) Fri.-Sun. 11:55, 2:35, 5:05, 7:30,
 10:00; **This Means War** (R) Fri. 11:00, 1:45,
 4:20, 7:00, 9:45 Sat. 11:15, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45
 Sun. 11:00, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; **The Vow**
 (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:45, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:15;
The Woman in Black (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.
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 7:20, 9:45; **My Week With Marilyn** (R)
 Fri. Tue. - Thur: (1:30), (4:30), 7:30, 9:55, Sat. -
 Mon: (10:50), 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:55; **Tinker,**
Tailor, Soldier, Spy (R) Fri. Tue. - Thur:
 (1:00), (4:00), 7:00, 10:00, Sat. - Mon: (1:00),
 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; **Albert Nobbs** (R) Fri.
 Tue. - Thur: (1:10), (4:10), 7:10, 9:50, Sat. - Mon:
 (10:30), 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50; **Chico & Rita**
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The Grey; Journey 2: The Mysterious
Island; Mission: Impossible - Ghost
Protocol; One for the Money; Pina;
Safe House; The Secret World of Ari-
etty (Kari-gurashi no Arietti) (G) Fri.-
Sun. 10:00, 12:35, 3:10, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; This
Means War; The Vow; The Woman
in Black

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Big Miracle; Chronicle; Extremely
Loud & Incredibly Close; Ghost Rider
3D: Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13) Sat.
11:00a.m.; The Grey; Hugo; Journey 2:
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Dudamel Conducts Mahler (Not Rated)
Sat. 2:00p.m.; Man on a Ledge; Mission:
Impossible - Ghost Protocol; Puss
in Boots 3D (PG) Sun. 1:00, 7:00; Red
Tails; Safe House; The Secret World
of Arrietty (Kari-gurashi no Arrietty)
(G) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; This
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The Artist (PG-13) Fri. Tue - Thu: (1:55), (4:30), 7:10, 9:30, Sat - Mon: (11:20), 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30; **The Descendants** (R) Fri. Tue - Thu: (2:20), (5:15), 8:20, Sat - Mon: (11:40), 2:25, 5:25, 8:20; **A Separation** (PG-13) Fri. Tue - Thu: (2:20), (5:20), 8:05, Sat - Mon: (11:30), 2:20, 5:20, 8:05; **The Flowers Of War** (R) Fri. Tue - Thu: (2:05), (5:10) 8:15, Sat - Mon: (11:00), 2:05, 5:10, 8:15; **W.E.** (R) Fri. Tue - Thu: (1:45), (4:20) 7:00, 9:35, Sat - Mon: (11:10), 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; **Thin Ice** (R) Opens Friday, February 24

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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

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2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
Big Miracle (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:25p.m.); **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:35, 4:50) 8:10, 10:45 Sat,-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 4:50, 8:10, 10:45; **The Descendants** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:35) 6:40, 9:40; **Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 12:30, 2:25, 3:15, 5:05) 7:05, 7:45, 9:50, 10:40 Sat,-Sun.

(11:45, 12:30, 2:25, 3:15) 5:05, 7:05, 7:45, 9:50, 10:40; **The Grey** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:30) 6:45, 9:45; **Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri. (5:20) 8:20 Sat,-Sun. 5:20, 8:20; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50); **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:10, 9:55 Sat,-Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:35, 7:10, 9:55; **One for the Money** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50a.m.); **Safe House** (R) Fri. (11:30, 2:20, 3:05, 5:10) 7:15, 8:00, 10:10, 10:50 Sat,-Sun. (11:30, 2:20, 3:05) 5:10, 7:15, 8:00, 10:10, 10:50; **Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:25) 7:00, 10:15; **The Secret World of Arrietty (Kari-gurashi no Arietti)** (G) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:05 Sat,-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:05; **This Means War** (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:15, 4:55) 7:35, 10:25 Sat,-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:55, 7:35,

10:25; **The Vow** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:05, 2:55, 4:45) 6:50, 7:25, 10:00, 10:35 Sat,-Sun. (11:30, 2:05, 2:55) 4:45, 6:50, 7:25, 10:00, 10:35; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7:55, 10:30 Sat,-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:55, 10:30

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Call theater for program information.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade
770 Denmery Road (888-262-4386)

Chronicle (PG-13) Fri. 10:20, 1:20, 4:00, 6:20, 8:35, 10:50; **Contraband** (R) Sat. 2:05, 4:40; **Ghost Rider 3D: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri. 10:30, 1:10, 3:40, 6:10, 8:45, 11:15; **Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri. 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; **The Grey** (R) Fri. 11:10, 2:20, 5:10, 8:10, 10:55; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG) Fri. 10:40, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D** (PG) Fri. 2:00p.m.; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG) Fri. 9:50, 12:15, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:25; **Man on a Ledge** (PG-13) Fri. 10:10, 12:50; **Safe House** (R) Fri. 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:20; **Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D** (PG) Fri. 11:50, 3:20, 6:45, 9:55; **The Secret World of Arrietty (Kari-gurashi no Arietti)** (G) Fri. 11:40, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:05;

This Means War (R) Fri. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:40; **Underworld: Awakening** (R) Fri. 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:35; **The Vow** (PG-13) Fri. 10:50, 12:00, 1:30, 2:40, 4:20, 5:45, 7:00, 8:25, 9:40, 11:05; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri. 10:40, 1:40, 4:10, 6:30, 8:55, 11:10

Regal Rancho Del Rey
1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)
Call theater for program information.

UltraStar Chula Vista
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Barbie in a Mermaid Tale 2 (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **One for the Money** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sun - Thu: 5:45, 8:15; **Haywire** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 5:00, 10:30, Sun & Mon: 11:30 AM, 5:00, Tue - Thu: 5:00 PM; **Contraband** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45, Sun & Mon: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 8:00, Tue - Thu: 5:00, 8:00; **The Darkest Hour** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:00, 5:15, 11:00, Sun & Mon: 12:00, 5:15, Tue - Thu: 5:15 PM; **War Horse** (PG-13) Fri - Mon: 1:45, 7:15, Tue - Thu: 7:15 PM; **We Bought a Zoo** (PG) Fri - Mon: 12:00, 3:00, 5:45, 8:45, Tue - Thu: 3:00, 5:45, 8:45; **Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (G) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30, Sun & Mon: 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, Tue - Thu: 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45, Sun & Mon: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, Tue - Thu: 4:45, 7:45; **The Sitter** (R) Fri - Thu: 9:00 PM; **The Muppets** (PG) Fri - Mon: 12:45, 3:15, Tue - Thu: 3:15 PM; **Happy Feet Two** (PG) Fri - Mon: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, Tue - Thu: 4:00, 6:30; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1** (PG-13) Fri - Mon: 2:15, 7:30, Tue - Thu: 7:30 PM; **Immortals** (R) , Fri & Sat: 9:45 PM; **Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri & Sat: 12:45, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15, Sun & Mon: 12:45, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, Tue - Thu: 3:15, 5:30, 7:45; **Puss in Boots** (PG) Fri - Mon: 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, Tue: 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, Wed: 7:30 PM, Thu: 3:00, 5:15, 7:30

EASTLAKE

AMC Otay Ranch
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
Big Miracle (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:40, 2:30 Sun. 2:30p.m.; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:20, 3:40, 5:55, 8:10, 10:25; **Ghost Rider 3D: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 5:20, 8:00, 10:35; **Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 12:05, 2:40; **The Grey** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:40, 3:35, 6:30, 9:15; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:20, 2:00; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 4:35, 7:10, 9:40; **Safe House** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:10, 1:00, 3:50, 6:40, 9:25 Sun. 1:00, 3:50, 6:40, 9:25; **Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:55, 3:05, 6:20, 9:30 Sun. 3:05, 6:20, 9:30; **The Secret World of Arrietty (Kari-gurashi no Arietti)** (G) Fri.-Sun. 11:35, 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; **This Means War** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:15, 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; **Underworld: Awakening 3D** (R) Fri.-Sun. 5:30, 7:50, 10:20; **The Vow** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:50, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:25, 4:55, 7:30, 9:55

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
Call theater for program information.

NATIONAL CITY

AMC Plaza Bonita
3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386)
Chronicle (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:10, 5:40, 8:15, 10:55; **Ghost Rider 3D: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:45, 12:15, 3:00, 5:45, 8:30, 11:15; **Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **The Grey** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:10, 1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 10:40; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:40; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 1:00p.m.; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 9:45, 12:20, 3:15, 6:00, 9:00; **Safe House** (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:50, 10:50, 12:45, 1:45, 3:45, 4:45, 7:15, 8:00, 10:15, 11:00; **Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:45, 11:45, 2:00, 3:00, 6:30, 8:00, 10:00, 11:15; **The Secret World of**



Calendar

MOVIES

Matthew Lillard, Beau Bridges, Laird Hamilton. 2011. — D.E.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HILLCREST; LA JOLLA 12; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Elite Squad: The Enemy Within — A good soldier used to leading his team of supercops against Rio de Janeiro’s worst offenders gets kicked upstairs. Suddenly, a man used to following orders and accomplishing his mission must wrestle with why the orders are being given and who benefits from them. A satisfying, sometimes thrilling mix of narration-heavy noir, conspiracy thriller, family drama, and police action. Wagner Moura is mesmerizing as Lt. Colonel Nascimento, a man capable of displaying both brutality and tenderness without ever seeming false. 2012. — M.L.
★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

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



This Means War — *High concept, low humor, plenty of sweet bro chemistry*

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.
● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

The Flowers of War — Lest you have any doubt about why they call it the

Rape of Nanking, here is the story of one American man’s attempt to save a group of Chinese schoolgirls from rape at the hands of Japanese invaders in the late ’30s. Subtle, it’s not; but then, war isn’t subtle. Christian Bale stars as a reluctant hero (and plays hero better than he plays reluctant), Ni Ni stars as the leader of a group of prostitutes hiding in the church basement, and the whole

florid thing would make a great opera. 2012. — M.L.
★ (HILLCREST; FROM 2/17)

Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance — Two directors, three writers, eleven producers, and twenty stunt specialists were required to get Johnny Blaze back into vengeful action for the

mayhem-happy sequel. Nicolas Cage is backed by Ciarán Hinds, Idris Elba, Christopher Lambert.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 2/17)

The Grey — Increasingly bushy-haired oil-rig men, their plane downed in an Alaskan storm, face extremely hairy wolves. No contest. As desperate men are picked off, Liam Neeson becomes even more the bravely stoical loner than he was in *Schindler’s List*. Joe Carnahan directed with strong weather effects, okay acting, and deaths not too visceral. This man-cave of morbid feelings is like Jack London’s fiction with its Nietzschean ideas sucked out. With Dermot Mulroney, Dallas Roberts, Frank Grillo, credible wolves. 2012. — D.E.
★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Journey 2: The Mysterious Island — Indiana Jones meets Jurassic Park in a sequel that will amuse children and cause parents to wonder why they dropped the extra money for 3-D glasses. Josh Hutcherson returns, and Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson plays the

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Arrietty (Kari-gurashi no Arietti) (G) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45; **This Means War** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:50, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50; **The Vow** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 1:15, 4:30, 5:15, 7:30, 10:45; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:55, 2:45, 5:35, 8:20, 11:10

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)
Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:00, 2:30, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45, Sun & Mon: 12:00, 2:30, 5:30, 8:15, Tue - Thu: 5:30, 8:15; **This Means War** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00, Sun & Mon: 11:30 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, Tue - Thu: 4:15, 7:15; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, Sun & Mon: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, Tue - Thu: 4:45, 7:30; **Safe House** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45, Sun & Mon: 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, Tue - Thu: 4:30, 7:00; **The Vow** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30, Sun & Mon: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, Tue - Thu: 5:15, 7:45; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale 2** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Star Wars: Episode 1 - The Phantom Menace** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00, Sun & Mon: 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, Tue - Thu: 5:00, 8:00

POWAY

UltraStar Poway
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Ghost Rider 3D: Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 5:00, 7:45; **Ghost Rid-**

er: Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 12:15, 2:45, 7:00; **This Means War** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun - Tue: 10:15 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, Wed: 10:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, Thu: 10:15 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:10, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40, Sun - Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:10, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:05 AM, 12:25, 2:50, 5:05, 7:30, 9:50, Sun - Wed: 10:05 AM, 12:25, 2:50, 5:05, 7:30, Thu: 10:05 AM, 12:25, 2:50, 5:05; **Safe House** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:55 AM, 1:55, 4:30, 7:55, 10:35, Sun - Thu: 10:55 AM, 1:55, 4:30, 7:55; **Star Wars: Episode 1 - The Phantom Menace 3D** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20, Sun - Thu: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20; **The Vow** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:40 AM, 1:25, 3:50, 7:05, 9:45, Sun - Thu: 10:40 AM, 1:25, 3:50, 7:05; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale 2** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Big Miracle** (PG) Fri: 10:10 AM, 1:00, 4:10, 9:30, Sat: 1:00, 4:10, 9:30, Sun: 1:00, 4:10, Mon - Wed: 10:10 AM, 1:00, 4:10, Thu: 10:10 AM, 1:00, 4:10, 7:00; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:25, 9:40, Sun - Thu: 10:30 AM, 12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:25; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:05 AM, 1:50, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55, Sun - Tue: 11:05 AM, 1:50, 4:25, 7:15, Wed: 1:50, 4:25, 7:15, Thu: 11:05 AM, 1:50, 4:25; Parent Movie Morning: “**THIS MEANS WAR**” Wednesday, 2/22 @ 10am. BRING THE BABY! **ReGeneration** (NR) Thu: 8:00 PM

SAN MARCOS

Regal San Marcos
1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)
Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:10, 4:55) 7:40, 10:30 Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:55, 7:40, 10:30; **LA Phil Live: Dudamel Conducts Mahler** (Not Rated) Sat. 2:00p.m.; **The Secret World of Arrietty (Kari-gurashi no Arietti)** (G) Fri. (11:20, 1:55, 4:30) 7:20, 9:55 Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 4:30, 7:20, 9:55; **This Means War** (R) Fri.

(11:40, 2:20, 5:00) 7:45, 10:25 Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:00, 7:45, 10:25

TEMECULA

Ultrastar Temecula Tower Cinemas
27531 Ynez Road (951-699-2205)
Barbie in a Mermaid Tale 2 (Not Rated) Sat.-Sun. (10:30a.m.); **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:30; **The Descendants** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:15) 4:15, 7:20, 10:00 Sun. (10:30, 1:15) 4:15, 7:20; **Ghost Rider 3D: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 5:40, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 5:40, 8:15; **Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:20, 12:45, 3:30) 4:45, 7:15, 10:30 Sun. (10:20, 12:45, 3:30) 4:45, 7:15; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 5:45, 8:10; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:40, 3:15); **Safe House** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:30) 5:00, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:30, 2:30) 5:00, 8:00; **Star Wars: Episode 1 - The Phantom Menace 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **The Secret World of Arrietty (Kari-gurashi no Arietti)** (G) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **This Means War** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:45) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:30, 7:30; **The Vow** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:30 Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 2:15) 9:45 Sat. (2:15) 9:45 Sun. (2:15p.m.)

VISTA

Krikorian Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
Big Miracle (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25, 4:55); **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:10, 5:20) 7:35, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20) 7:35, 9:50; **The Descendants** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:05, 4:45) 7:25, 10:05; **Ghost Rider 3D: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15, 4:40) 7:15, 9:45; **Ghost**

Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:00, 5:25) 7:55, 10:25; **The Grey** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:30, 10:15; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:30; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15); **Safe House** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 11:45, 1:45, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15) 7:15, 8:00, 9:55, 10:35; **Star Wars: Episode 1 - The Phantom Menace 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **The Secret World of Arrietty (Kari-gurashi no Arietti)** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:45, 4:20) 7:00, 9:25; **This Means War** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 7:50, 9:40, 10:20; **The Vow** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 12:00, 1:50, 2:35, 4:25, 5:10) 7:05, 7:45, 9:40, 10:20; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:55

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Moviemax Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Call theater for program information.

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
The Artist (PG-13) Fri. 6:30, 9:00 Sat.-Sun. (4:30) 6:45, 9:00

OCEANSIDE

Regal Oceanside
401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
Call theater for program information.
UltraStar Oceanside Mission Marketplace
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Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) Fri & Sat: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50, Sun & Mon: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, Tue: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50, Wed: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30,

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role of father figure inexplicably vacated by Brendan Fraser. Much ado is made over Vanessa Hudgen’s chest, the generally dependable Luis Guzmán is reduced to grimacing, and Michael Caine picks up a check. Directed by Brad Peyton. 2012. — S.M.

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My Week with Marilyn — A gossipy peekaboo based on Colin Clark’s memoir as an assistant on the English set of 1957’s *The Prince and the Showgirl*. He has a crush on Marilyn Monroe, who reciprocates voluptuously (this may be mostly imagined), while costar and director Laurence Olivier fumes. Eddie Redmayne is appealing as 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)

Oscar-Nominated Short Films — Reviewed this issue. (KEN)

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★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

Safe House — Reviewed this issue.

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The Secret World of Arrietty — Hayao Miyazaki’s Studio Ghibli cartoons Mary Norton’s famous story *The Borrowers*, with Miyazaki scripting and disciple Hiromasa Yonebayashi directing the animation house style of bucolic realism: lush plants, rain, clouds, cute critters, Victorian décor, hybrid (mainly Caucasian) ethnicity. Tiny, very human squatters below the floorboards fear the big “human beings” above, but their teen daughter seeks to bridge the divide. It’s very pretty (plus a song that is like a gumdrop melting in your ear). Girls may enjoy the sweet, rather wistful story more than most boys. 2012. — D.E.

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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)

This Means War — If we can have His and Hers bath towels, why not a His and Hers movie? (Okay, mostly His.) A pair of charming super agents — sensitive Brit Tom Hardy and swaggering golden boy Chris Pine — compete for the heart of a consumer-products tester (a game Reese Witherspoon). The concept is high (spying on the competition!), the humor is low but often effective, and the plot mechanics clank into place with surprising ease for a genre mashup. No surprises — except for some incoherent action sequences from director McG — but plenty of sweet bro chemistry. 2012. — M.L.

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The Vow — Channing Tatum tries to squeeze his hulking, chiseled physique into the role of a sensitive guy whose wife wakes up from a coma with no memory of him and no real desire to resume married life. It’s not a great fit. Rachel McAdams, on the other hand, is impossibly cute as an urban sculptor (*sigh*) who reverts to the privileged suburban princess she once was. It’s slick marketing — how many wives wish their husbands would woo them all over again? — but it loses steam by forgoing the meaning of a vow in favor of the feelings it may (or may not) inspire. 2012. — M.L.

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W./E. — Reviewed this issue.

● (HILLCREST)

The Woman in Black — Daniel Radcliffe takes his first (modest) steps away from Harry Potter. Wisely, he does not stray too far: It’s still England, there are still ghosts to deal with, and the setting is still otherworldly. Only here, it’s a haunted house in Victorian times. Director James Watkins gets the rotting look of things just right, and he knows how to build an old-fashioned sense of dread. But perhaps because it’s a Hammer film — remember those? — the film is less artful when it comes to cheap scares and story mechanics. 2012. — M.L.

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LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26.

An Enemy of the People

In Henrik Ibsen’s famous drama, when Dr. Thomas Stockman learns that the water flowing into the town’s baths is poisoned, he goes on a crusade. And resentment against him grows like a virus. Intrepid Shakespeare Company is using Arthur Miller’s abbreviated version, which plays more like melodrama than Ibsen’s detailed portrayal of social corruption (Miller had his reasons: he turned the play into an indictment of McCarthyism). The characters, and some of the acting, are thin. Within these limits, Matt Scott gives a full-bodied, fully felt performance as Stockman, “he who stands alone.” The uncredited set (on San Diego Academy’s impressive new Liggett Theatre) is functional, though the hyper, early ’50s rock and roll doesn’t fit the moods of the play. *Worth a try.* SAN DIEGUITO ACADEMY, 800 SANTA FE DR., ENCINITAS. 760-752-1121. 8PM THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 19.

Big Daddy Returns

Community Actors Theatre is reprising its popular musical revue, written and directed by Jennie Hamilton, that pays tribute to the blues, jazz, and pop. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH ST., COLLEGE AREA. 619-264-3391. 8PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 3PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26.

Blasted

As part of its Off-the-Radar series, Ion Theatre presents Sarah Kane’s “meditation on the shattering effects of war on the human psyche.” Claudio Raygoza directed. ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 18.

Brooklyn Boy

Eric Weiss’s dream has come true. He’s got the 11th-best-selling novel in the country. Donald Margulies’s comedy-drama puts Eric on a pinnacle, then systematically demolishes it in six funny-serious scenes. Eric’s path is never in doubt, and the conclusion comes as no surprise. What grabs, in the script and the Scripps Ranch production, is how the play becomes funnier the deeper Eric falls. Cris O’Bryon does a fine turn as Eric, slowly peeling away his illusions. Aply directed by Ruff Yeager, the cast defines characters — and caricatures — with skill. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO RD., SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 19.

Golden Child

“When change come,” says a character in David Henry Hwang’s drama of colliding cultures, “it come like fire.” In 1918, Tien-Bin returns from the Philippines to his small town in China. He has been enlightened/infected (depending on one’s point of view, and Hwang offers several) by Western ways. Tien’s decision to become Christian has tragic consequences. The play and the Chinese Pirate production are slow to percolate. Once it does, and once the actors warm to their roles (especially Albert Park, precise and torn as Tien, and Jyl Kaneshiro, a delight as the Iago-like Wife #2), the play grows in clarity and complexity, like a developing photograph, and reveals the intricacies embedded in any change. *Worth a try.* TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-237-4510. 8PM FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 18.

Grace and Glorie

Broadway Theatre stages Tom Zeigler’s comedy-drama about an elderly backwoods woman and a hospice worker whose intentions may have an ulterior motive. Randall Hickman directed. BROADWAY THEATRE, 340 EAST BROADWAY, VISTA. 760-806-7905. 7:30PM THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, 4PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 4.

Guys and Dolls

In Frank Loesser’s classic musical, songs run like New York cabs: another’s always just around the corner, often a great one at that. Lamb’s Players opening-night performance was spotty. The leads, Brent Schindele and Kelsey Venter sang well but played Sky Masterson and Sarah Brown toned down, almost as ensemble roles. Colleen Kollar Smith’s choreography was spectacular in design, though not in execution. Overall, the performance had a “give them a week to settle in” feel. Eileen Bowman’s terrific Adelaide’s an exception. Wearing some of Jeanne Reith’s flashiest costumes, Bowman played the chronic sniffer (“a poy-son could develop a code”) like a dream role come true. *Worth a try.* LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM TUESDAYS THROUGH THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 18.

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying

Welk Resort Theatre stages the popular Frank Loesser/Abe Burrows musical about J. Pierpont Finch’s meteoric rise up the corporate ladder. Ray Limon directed and choreographed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1PM AND 8PM THURSDAYS, 1PM SATURDAYS, 6:30PM SUNDAYS, 1PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26.

In the Wake

San Diego Repertory Theatre stages Lisa Kron’s “epic tale” that asks us to “look for the blind spots that mask us from ourselves.” Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directed. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 8PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 14.

Late Nite Catechism

Welk Resorts Theatre reprises its popular production of Maripat Donovan’s very funny (and serious) comedy. Sister, of the old, spare-not-the-rod school, is substitute teaching tonight. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH MAY 19.

Little Women, the Musical

Moonlight @ The Avo continues its winter season with the musical version of Louisa May Alcott’s popular novel. Kathy Brombacher — SD Critics Circle Lifetime Achievement recipient — makes this the last show she directs before retiring. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN ST., VISTA. 760-724-2110. 7:30PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 11.

National Comedy Theatre

The National Comedy Theatre presents a 100-minute improv comedy show based completely on audience suggestions. The show is “appropriate for all audiences.” NATIONAL COMEDY THEATRE, 3717 INDIA ST., MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. 7:30PM AND 9:45PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Next Fall

Diversionsary Theatre stages Geoffrey Nuffts’s drama about “faith, devotion, and unconventional love.” James Vasquez directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 8PM THURSDAYS

THROUGH SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 25.

Night Stage to Big Shaft

Peggy Sue Productions presents a dinner-theater show set in 1853. “When a new mine and a dead lawyer are discovered, everyone becomes a suspect.” MIKKI’S CAFE, 1639 EAST VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 7:30PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Squawk

SDSU Theatre presents a “madcap adventure...set in a community of birds” holding a Peace Song Competition to foster community spirit. SDSU EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE, COLLEGE AREA, 619-594-6884. 7:30PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26.

The Blood Countess

DangerHouse Productions presents Kevin Six’s drama about the “real” Count Dracula: a woman named Countess Elizabeth Bathory, who may have been a serial vampire. Kevin Six directed. VICTORY THEATER, 2558 IMPERIAL AVE., GRANT HILL. 619-236-1971. 8PM THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 3.

The Comedy of Errors

New Village Arts presents Shakespeare’s comedy of mistaken identities. Director Justin Lang has reset the play in the 1950s, as if being filmed before a live studio audience. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 4.

The Marvelous Wonderettes

San Diego Musical Theatre presents Roger Bean’s “trip down memory lane”: two proms ten years apart, at Springfield High. Bean directed. BIRCH NORTH PARK THEATRE, 2891 UNIVERSITY AVE., NORTH PARK. 619-239-8836. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26.

The Recommendation

Aaron Feldman isn’t just entitled, he’s exempt. He’ll never have a worry in his life. So playwright Jonathan Caren plunks him where the social network can’t reach him: jail. Aaron makes a pact with Dwight (as connected behind bars as Aaron is outside), then fails to follow through. The play has a schematic feel (for the ethical dilemmas to unfold, things must happen in spite of logic), but Caren has a terrific comic touch and a gift for dialogue. And the Old Globe’s hip, brassy production boasts three fine performances (Evan Todd, Jimonn Cole, and Brandon Gill) and outstanding design work. **Critic’s Pick.**

SHERYL AND HARVEY WHITE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26.

Visiting Mr. Green

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Jeff Baron’s comedy-drama about a retired dry cleaner and a 29-year-old corporate exec. and the unlikely bond they create. Christopher M. Williams directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 11.

Who Put the Bad in Carlsbad?

It’s Mardi Gras. The Wizard of Oz is hosting a party that includes Dorothy and Snow White. Shakespeare’s the cook, along with the three witches, who are stirring the pot with evil intent. SCHULMAN AUDITORIUM AT CARLSBAD CITY LIBRARY, 1775 DOVE LANE, CARLSBAD. 3PM SUNDAY.

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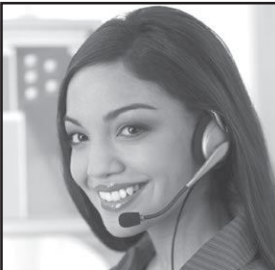


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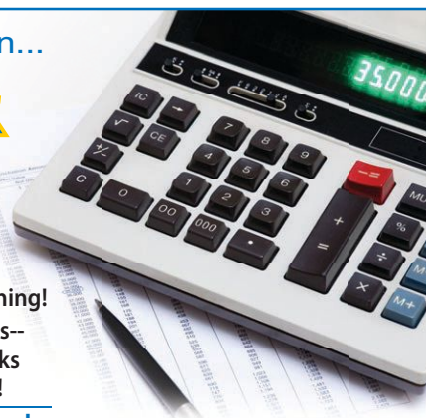
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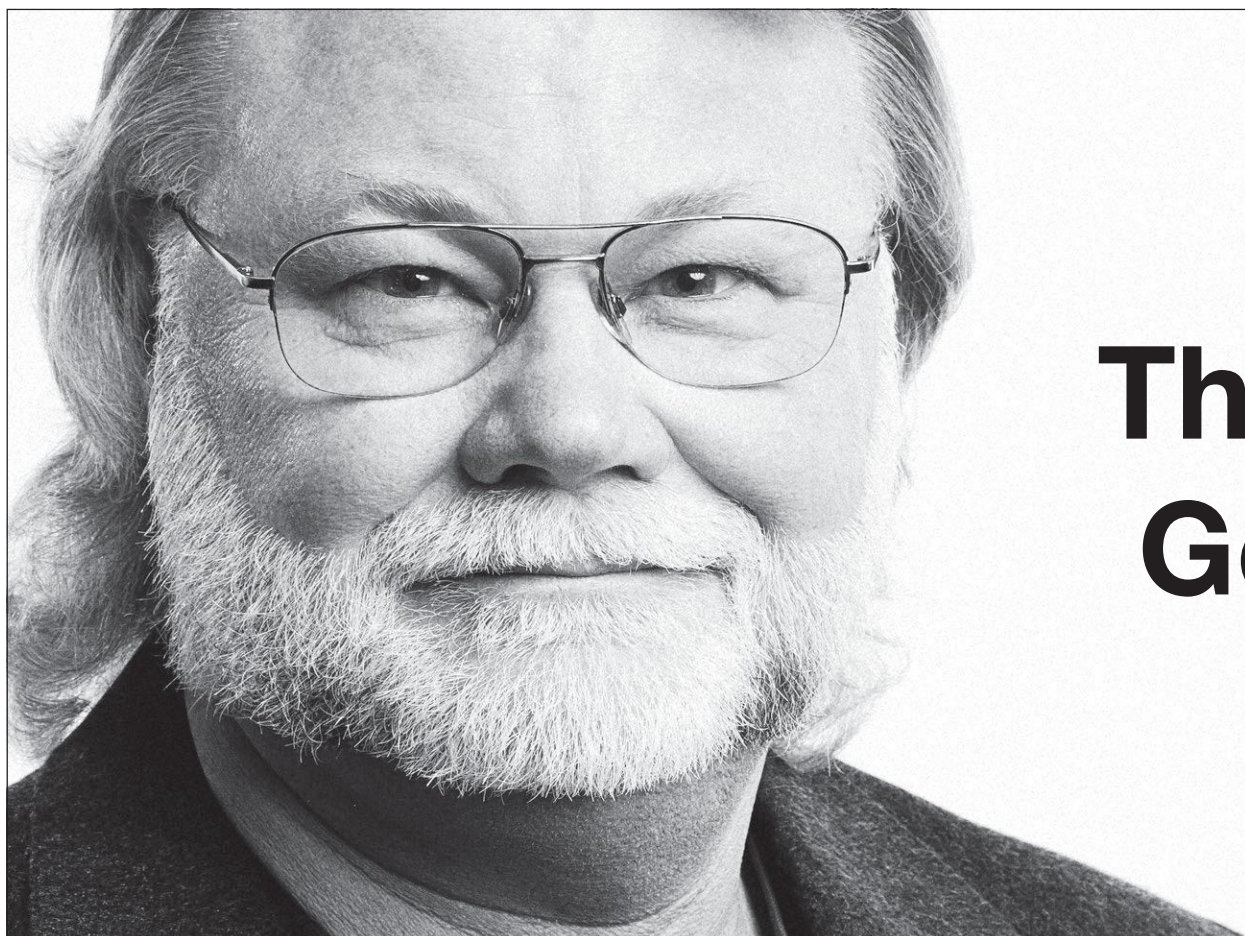
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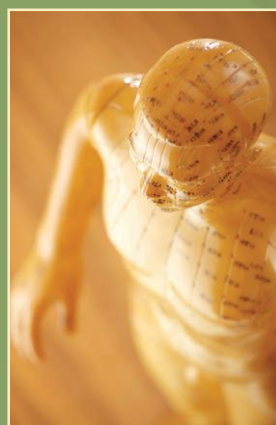


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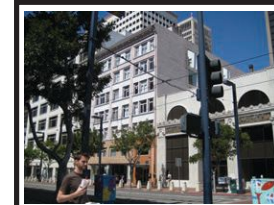
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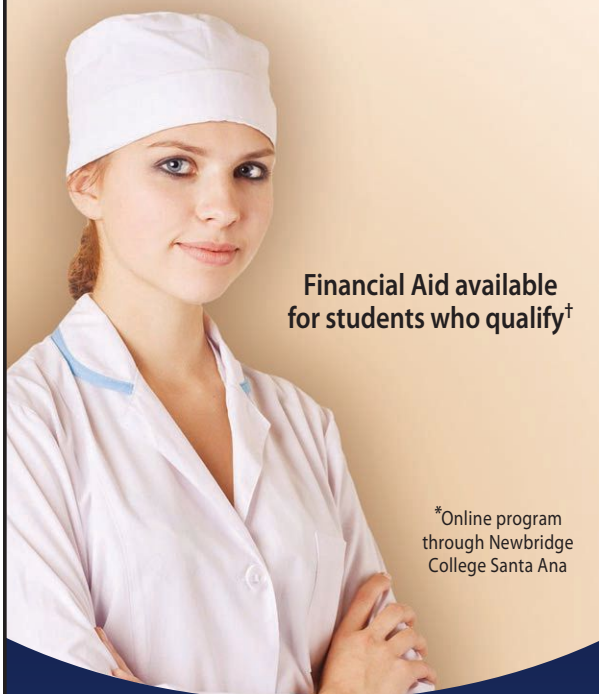
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- 4) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
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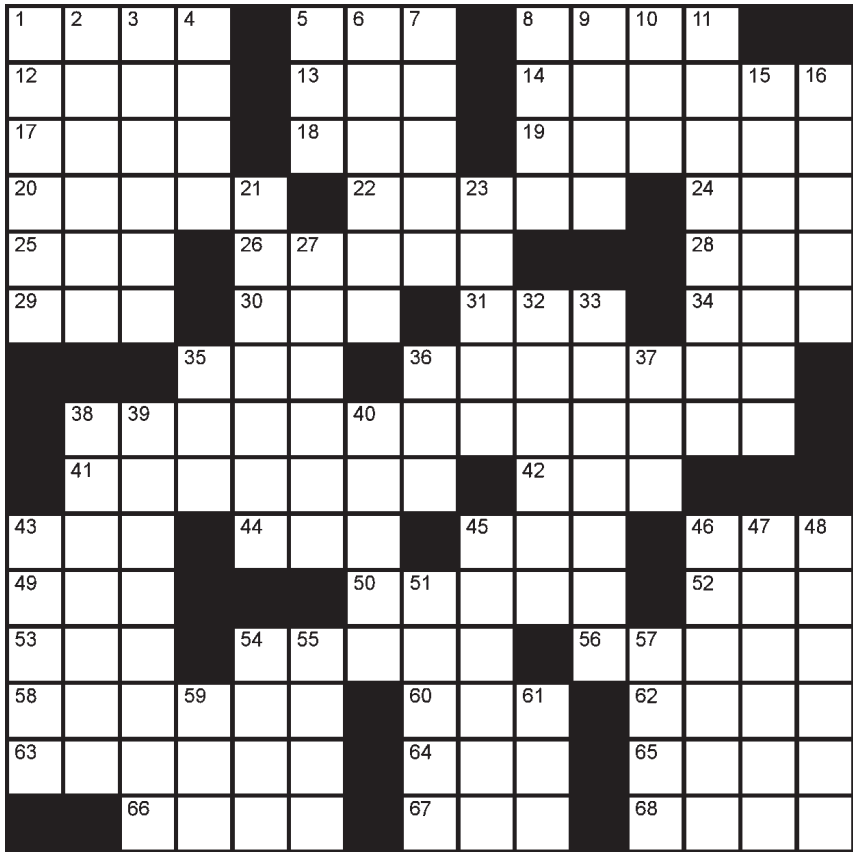
Across

1. [Lion]
5. [Laser]
8. [Gun]
12. Donald, to Huey, Dewey and Louie

13. "The Book of ____" (2010 Denzel Washington film)
14. Have ____ (care)
17. PD ranks
18. "Silent Spring" subj.
19. Used
20. Add up
22. Often-televised celebrity event
24. Fed. purchasing agency
25. Murphy's ____
26. Barely making (out)
28. It merged with the WB to form the CW
29. "Strange Magic" band
30. Filmdom's Max ____ Sydow
31. Use one's scull
34. Faddish 1990s collectible
35. Garment border
36. Spoils
38. Movie theater's enticement ... or this puzzle's theme
41. Bygone diet pill supplement
42. Quattro preceder
43. Kilmer of "Top Gun"
44. 2010 Kesha hit "Tik ____"
45. Turkey
46. Smits of the NBA
49. Cleanup hitter's stat
50. Omit orally
52. Actress Longoria
53. Sock-in-the-gut grunt
54. Plummets
56. Place to get clean
58. More like Cheerios, say
60. Geisha's accessory
62. Jay seen at night
63. Ital. volcano
64. Houston of Texas
65. Kind of shark
66. [Telephone]
67. [Dog]
68. [Door]

Down

1. [Leaf]
2. Like many soccer shots
3. When "Memory" is sung in "Cats"
4. Tabula ____
5. Londoner's last letter
6. Buzz in space
7. Rock climber's tool
8. Outlaws
9. "Cat on ____ Tin Roof"
10. Capture
11. Combine against
15. Answer
16. [Guitar string]
21. Young hare
23. "Hal That's ____ one!"
27. ____ dragon (largest living lizard)
32. Available for siring
33. Stock up again
35. Prince's title: Abbr.
36. Modern ID verifier
37. Seek damages
38. Craft
39. Person who's an inspiration
40. "Family Matters" misfit
43. [Car]
45. Oust from practice
46. Mend again
47. The Donald's daughter
48. [Bomb]
51. Nobel laureate Mario Vargas ____
54. Actress Sherilyn
55. Limp as ____
57. National Mall liners
59. "That's ____ quit!"
61. Global economic org.



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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

🐾 **Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 11.** *I fell off a ladder and broke my teeth. The trip down wasn't the problem; it was that sudden stop.*

🐾 **Carolyn Clark, Lakeside, 10.** *Idea!! Reader flip flops! Reader bikini undies! Reader mugs! Reader dog sweaters! OK, I'm stopping myself now.*

🐾 **Richard Hutchings, Santee, 10.** *It's hard to drink bottled drinks during a double-header 'cause one team always loses the opener!*

🐾 **Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 10.** *I just wolfed down a box of Girl Scout cookies. Does that make me a cannibal?*

🐾 **Archie McAllister, Chula Vista, 7.** *She once called me "Cupid." Now she calls me "stupid"!*

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4	7	6	1	2	3	8	9	5
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EVIL:

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

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Richard Hutchings, Santee,

10. Is an outpatient someone who faints in the doctor's office?

Larry Redner, UTC, 10. In a

perfect world, having flat feet would be a good thing. Wouldn't it?

Jim Upshaw, Clairemont, 8. If

at first you don't succeed, maybe it's not meant to be.

Tom Thetford, Lemon Grove,

3. I hide all presents behind the vacuum cleaner—she never finds them!

Casey Woodie, San Diego, 1.

Mimes without makeup are just French people.



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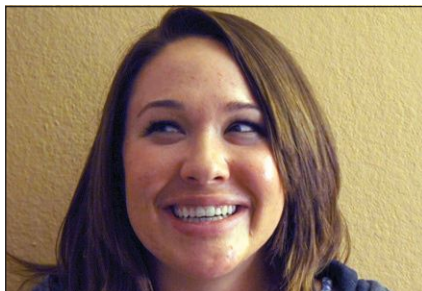
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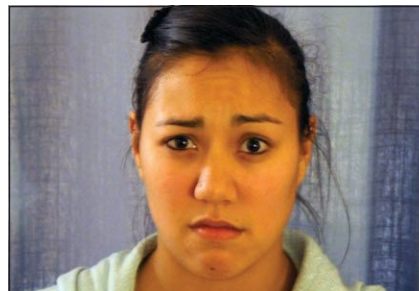
Emilie Baby
Bio student, San Carlos

Douchebags in wife-beaters, people who wear too much make-up to the gym, playing video games while driving, people who put pictures of their babies on Facebook all the time... [list goes on].



Brittni King
Academic, San Diego

People driving slowly or braking on entrance ramps to freeways. I just want to yell at them: "You're about to merge on the freeway! You have to be going freeway speeds!"



Rachel Tredeau
Pre-med student, College Area

Whichever Mormons are in favor of polygamy. Get real! Do you know how hard it is to be married to one woman? Why would you want to be married to a dozen of them? You have to support them emotionally and financially. Sounds terrible.



Erik Cram
Comedian, Pine Valley

People who say they're for the environment and don't recycle. Those are the real assholes. That's why I drive a Prius — that and the fact that I know nothing about cars.

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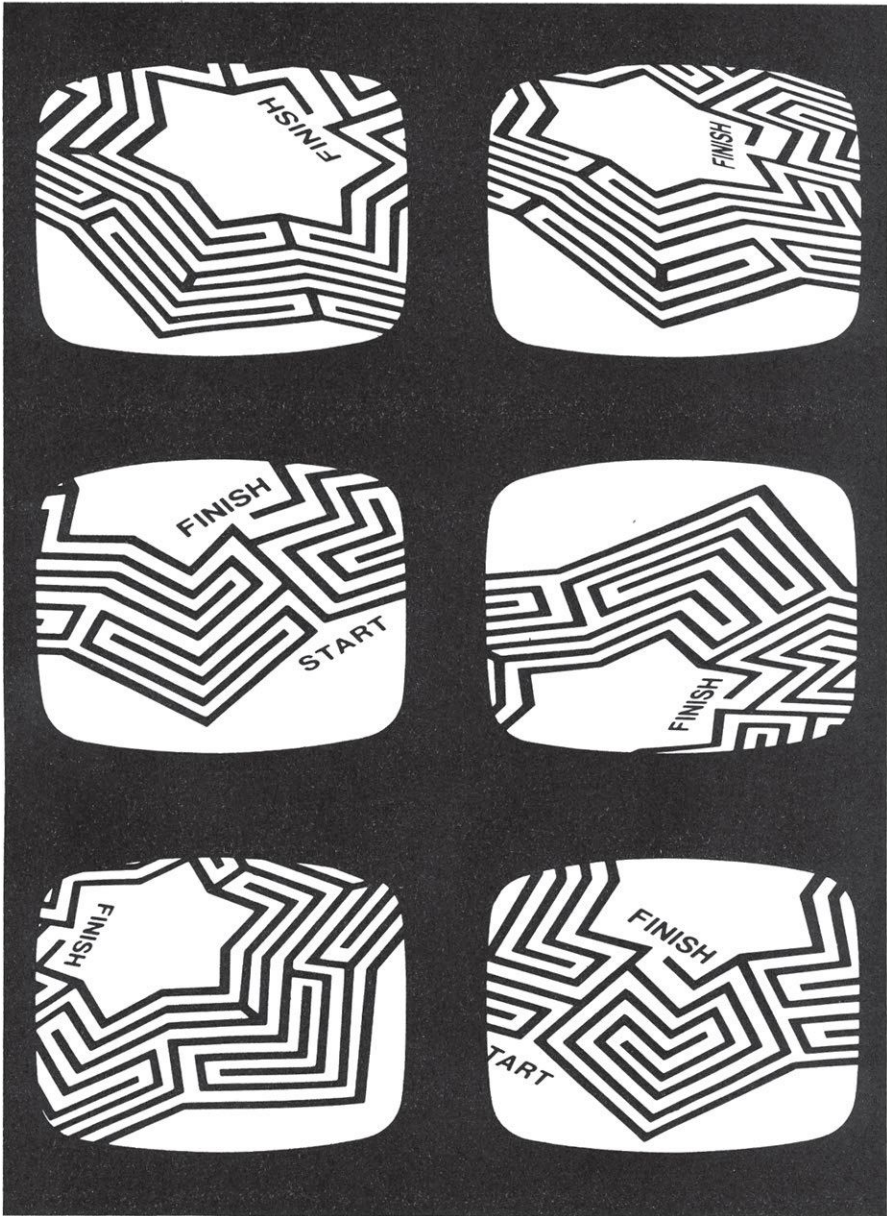
SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

Moon type

Moon uses the boustrophedonic method. The lines are read from left to right and from right to left alternately, like oxen plowing a field.

Note: We didn't employ any of the standard abbreviations and contractions used in Moon writing. There are special symbols for "the" and "and," for instance.

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☛ **Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 9.** *I believe in monogamy; it's the best wood for bookcases.*

☛ **Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 2.** *All that puzzles do to improve your brain is help it do puzzles better.*

☛ **Cyndee Corry, Pala, 1.** *It's amazing how much privacy you get when people think you are crazy!*

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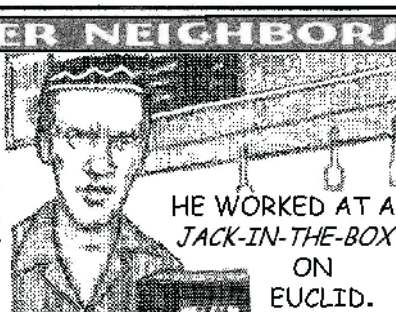
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Compelling Explanations

— A November report by Muslim scholars at Saudi Arabia's highest religious council (Majlis al-Ifta' al-Aala), presented to the Saudi legislature, warned that ending the ban on females' driving would cause a surge in prostitution, pornography, divorce, and, of course, homosexuality (and the scholars added that, within ten years, the country would have "no more virgins").

— California state legislator Mary Hayashi of Hayward pleaded guilty in January to misdemeanor shoplifting. Police said she had walked out of a Neiman Marcus store in October with over \$2400 worth of unpaid-for merchandise,

caused, said her lawyer, by a benign brain tumor that might have affected her decision-making. (Miraculously, and just in time for the legislative session, the tumor, said the lawyer, is "no longer affecting her concentration or her judgment.")

Ironies

— Because this past Christmas fell on a Sunday, nearly one Protestant church in ten in the U.S. reported canceling Sunday services that day out of fear of low attendance, as parishioners remained at home with family. (The poll, by Lifeway Research, noted also that other churches, while not canceling, had left services to their second-string clergy.)

— Retired sheriff Patrick J. Sullivan Jr. was arrested in November in a suburb of Denver and charged with distributing methamphetamine to men in exchange for sex. Sullivan, who had a distinguished career as Arapahoe County sheriff, was booked into the Patrick J. Sullivan Jr. Detention Center, named for him after he retired in 2002.

— Sheriff's deputies arrested novelist Nancy Mancuso Gelber, 53, in December in Bryan, Texas, after she allegedly arranged a hit on her husband. (The "hit man" was an undercover officer.) Gelber said she had walked in on the husband

romancing with one of her friends and the couple was in the process of divorcing (complicated by his having removed her from his health insurance just as she was scheduled for expensive surgery). Gelber is the author of the 2010 "crime thriller," *Temporary Amnesia*, and told the "hit man" that she was quite familiar with investigative procedures (though obviously poor at spotting undercover officers).

The Litigious Society

— The two men who pulled a woman out of a burning car wreck in 2009 have sued the woman for the emotional and physical disabilities that resulted from the episode (brought to light in an August 2011 Associated Press report). David Kelley and Mark Kincaid not only stopped voluntarily to help but were the only ones on the scene capable of pulling the woman to safety. (The fire was so hot that it melted Kelley's cell phone.) Kelley said he has suffered serious breathing problems and cannot avoid horrific dreams reliving the episode. The woman, Theresa Tanner, subsequently admitted that she deliberately crashed the car that day in a suicide attempt.

— Triathlete Sabine von Sengbusch, 46, filed a lawsuit recently against Meghan Rohan, 28, over a June bicycle-pedestrian collision in New York

City's Central Park. Von Sengbusch claims that Rohan had the audacity to step in front of her as she was bicycling, causing her to fall and suffer "painful and permanent" injuries. (Although von Sengbusch said she was inside the "bike lane" at the time, park officials said signs make clear that pedestrians have the right of way at all times.) Von Sengbusch's "permanent" injuries did not prevent her from competing in a triathlon on October 1, in which she finished second. According to a *New York Post* report on the lawsuit, Central Park pedestrians are growing more vociferous in denouncing bicyclists, and vice versa.

People Different From Us

— A recent article in the *Journal of Sexual Medicine* reported the painful results obtained by three Hispanic men incarcerated in the southwestern United States who had, for some reason, inserted specially designed chips, carved from dominoes, under the skin of their penises, apparently based on a folkloric belief that "sexual performance and virility" would be enhanced. Infections resulted, requiring "major" surgery that was unspecified in the article.

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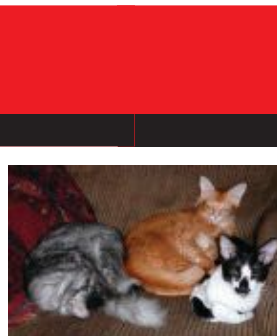
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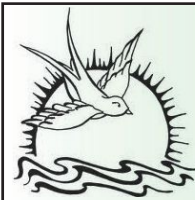
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