

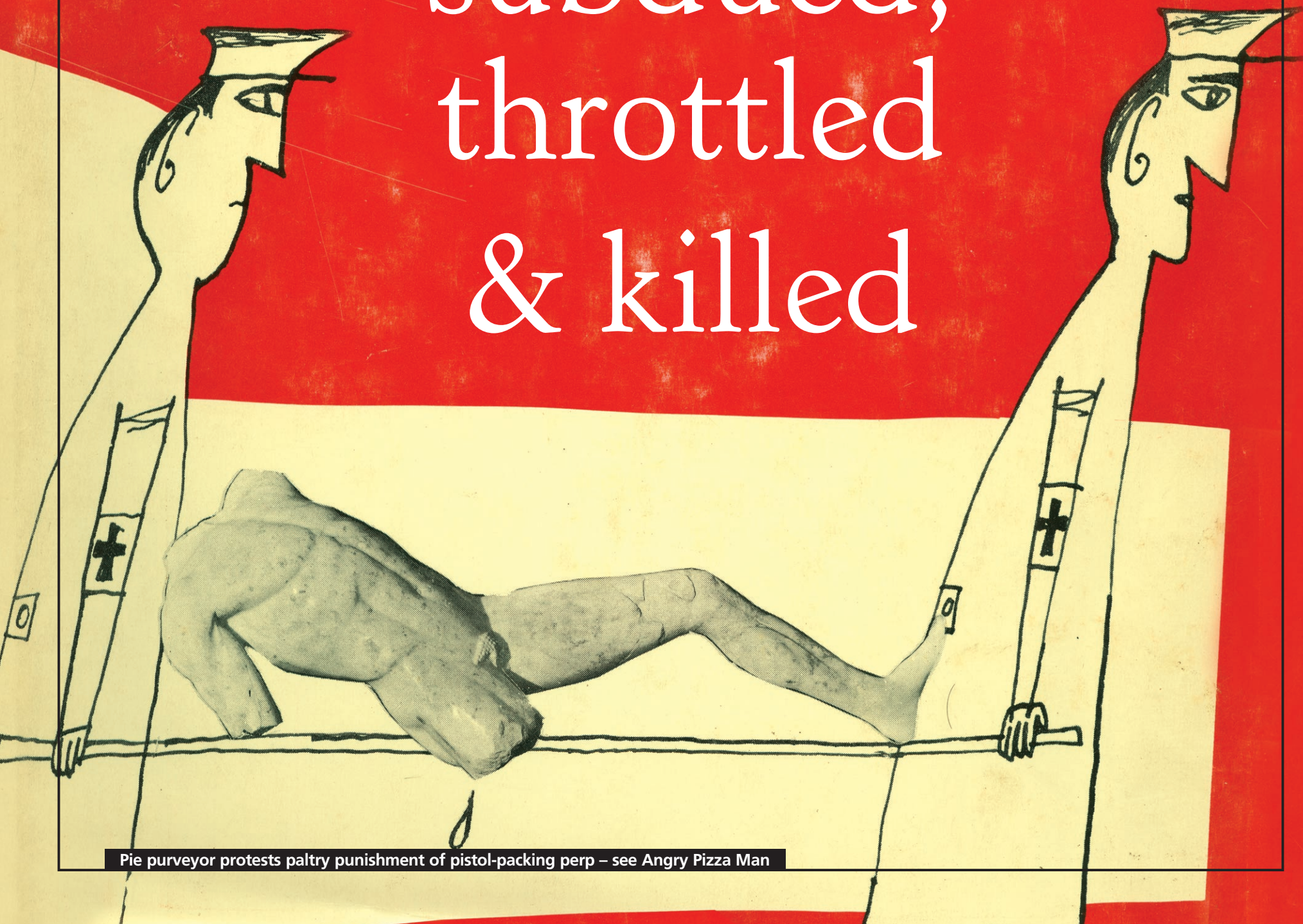
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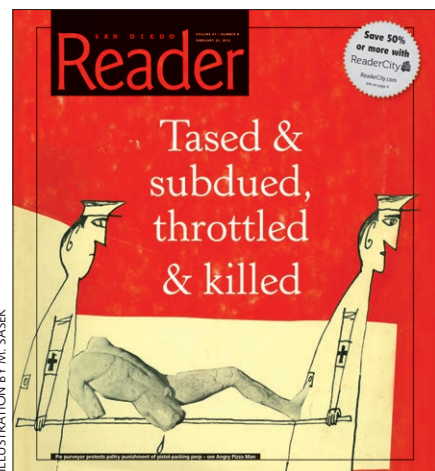
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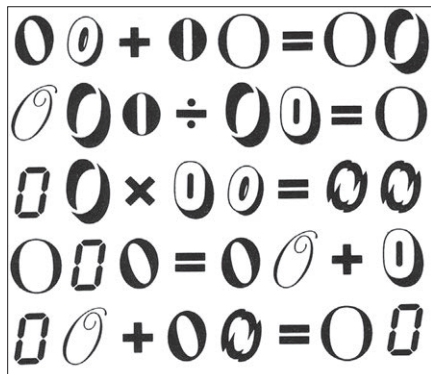


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### Plaza de lobbyists

La Jolla billionaire **Irwin Jacobs** has continued to pull out all the stops in his efforts to get his controversial parking and transportation plan for Balboa Park approved by the city council. As reported earlier, Civitas, Inc., a Denver-based design consultant on the project, paid the San Diego lobbying firm of MJE Marketing Services \$40,000 to arrange access to the mayor's office. Now lobbyist disclosure filings reveal that the Plaza de Panama Committee, a nonprofit that Jacobs set up to shepherd the project through city hall, paid \$1000 to the downtown law and lobbying firm of Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek, which also serves as the address of the tax-exempt foundation. According to the company's February 1 filing, Seltzer Caplan lawyer

**G. Scott Williams** met with ex-*Union-Tribune* reporter **Gerry Braun**, now an aide to Mayor **Jerry Sanders**, along with deputy city attorney **Shannon Thomas**, and Development Services staffer **Cecilia Gallardo**. The firm's **Jim Dawe** gave \$250 to the reelection campaign of **Todd Gloria** on December 29... Ace Parking, the controversial parking operator that managed to hang on to its lucrative management contract at Lindbergh Field last fall despite staff's recommendation that the contract be awarded to a Chicago company, seems to be placing all its bets on GOP assemblyman

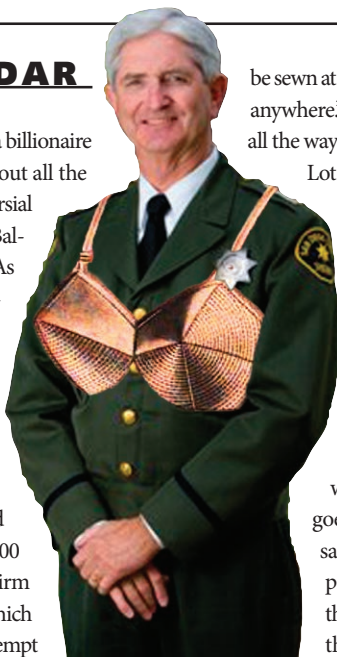
**Nathan Fletcher** for mayor. According to city campaign filings, seven Ace executives have given a total of \$3100 to Fletcher's cause, including owner **Scott Jones**,

president **Steve Burton**, and vice president **Michael Tweeten**. The

company has an iron grip on local parking operations, with contracts at the City's Petco Park, Qualcomm Stadium, the convention center, and the big city hall parking garage downtown.

### Sheriff seeks supporters

San Diego County sheriff **Bill Gore** is looking for more than a few good women's support garments to bolster the physiques of his (presumably) female prisoners, 2700 per year, to be exact. According to a February 8 request for quotation on a bulk order of "women's brassieres (bras)" issued by the county's purchasing department, the wearing apparel must be "Solid white in color"; "First quality only"; have "Two section cups" and "Crisscross support"; be 100 percent nylon with "a minimum of 2 hook and eye closures in back"; be single ply; and contain "no padding." In addition, "Bra straps shall



Why is Bill Gore shopping for bras?

be sewn at all points and NOT glued anywhere." Sizes will run from 32A all the way up to 50DD. "Bidder for Lot 1 is required to send [the]

County two bra samples for testing, one each of size 34B and 38AA," the notice says. "Bidder for Lot 2 is required to send [the] County two bra samples for testing, one of each size of 42D and 48DD." Just who will conduct these tests goes unmentioned, but the samples "will be measured prior to initial washing," then "washed and dried in three separate cycles." To pass sheriff's muster, "Bras must not fray or deform in

any way during the testing (including the elastic)."

### Gaming the system

**Daniel K. Inouye** gave \$500 to the congressional reelection bid of Republican **Brian Bilbray** on October 19. But the donor is not the famous Democratic senator from Hawaii; it's his son, who works for the boutique D.C. lobbying firm the Fritts Group. The younger Inouye was formerly a lobbyist for the Motion Picture Association of America

and more recently worked for the Entertainment Software Association representing the video-game industry. According to the firm's website, Fritts Group has worked for **Rupert Murdoch's** News Corporation, CBS, Motorola, and Sprint... Sacramento lobbyist **Johan Klehs**, a former Democratic state assemblyman from San Leandro, is registered with the City of San Diego to lobby on behalf of Tyler, Texas-based Paramedics Plus... On the labor front, the Los Angeles law firm of Schwartz, Steinsapir, Dohrmann & Sommers is representing the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 135 in that union's quest to pass a so-called big-box superstore ordinance. The same firm is also working for UNITE HERE Local 30, a hotel and hospitality workers' union, about "passage of proposed amendments to Downtown District Plan Ordinance regarding hotel development"... Attorney **Julie Hamilton** was paid \$1000 by a group calling itself Taxpayers for Responsible Land Use to lobby against a Hillel student center near UCSD that neighbors oppose.

— Matt Potter

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## Fat Claims, Fat Chance

By Don Bauder

A web of interrelated North County enterprises — known for high-pressure TV ads — professes its products will help you peel off body fat. But to conceal what it is doing, this group of purported health-care-product distributors has gotten rather bloated itself.

For example, if you go to California secretary of state records, you will find these

have various headquarters locations: Carlsbad, Encinitas, Rancho Santa Fe, and Reno, Nevada. The two principals and the in-house lawyer, Joshua Weiss, did not return repeated phone calls.

In 2005, the Federal

Then, in 2009 in state court in Los Angeles, an individual claimed that Obesity Research Institute and Corlett were making similar false claims for weight-loss-treatment Lipozene. The same year, another individual in the same court said that Zylotrim, a purported weight-loss product marketed by the same web of companies, violated unfair competition, unjust enrichment, and breach of warranty laws. The cases were consolidated.

Early last year, the suits were settled. Zylotrim would cease business, and

Lipozene is one of a slew of dubious dietary and weight-loss products pushed by North County businessmen Henny Den Uijl and Bryan Corlett.

interlinked limited liability companies registered: Continuity Products, Obesity Research Institute, Pounds Lost, Zylotrim, Dencor Research, Cell Genetics, Appetrol, Zodiac Foundation, Cyvita, Finance Marketing, Hdusdu, and Beau Cheveux. The last two have been canceled.

By touting alleged "clinical studies" that back up their claims, the promoters have sold a slew of so-called dietary and health products: Lipozene, Cyvita, I-PAK, Excelerene, MetaboUp, Lumanex, Appetrol, Vita 26, Metabo Pro, and Pounds Lost, to name a few.

The companies are run by Henny Den Uijl and Bryan Corlett, although some of the entities may be run by one or the other, not jointly. The companies

Trade Commission sued Den Uijl, Corlett, Obesity Research Institute, and FiberThin in federal court in San Diego. The case was settled. The commission ruled that four products — FiberThin, Propolene, MetaboUp, and Excelerene, which then had aggregate gross sales of \$41 million — must stop claiming in ads that they bring substantial weight loss without any need for special diets or exercise and that all users can benefit. Two years earlier, the commission, in its war against bogus weight-loss advertising, had declared such claims verboten.

Result: the marketers had to cough up \$1.5 million in consumer redress and were permanently enjoined from making such representations.

Lipozene advertising would pump out no more false statements. Lawyers were awarded a combined sum of \$325,000.

On January 12, in federal court in San Diego, lawyer Ronald Marron filed a class action suit against Obesity Research Institute for unfair competition and violation of consumer laws. The alleged villains were Lipozene and MetaboUp. Through its ads, the so-called institute "claims that the products not only cause rapid and significant weight loss, but also that the weight loss consists of body fat as opposed to other types of weight loss," says the suit.

Indeed, Lipozene on its website asserts that 78 percent of each pound lost is pure body fat; this dubious

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Advertisements on Coaster cars generate revenue — and complaints.

## Train-Car Wraps Are a Train Wreck

By Elizabeth Salaam

**B**enjamin Tobias has ridden mass transit in major cities all over the world. In most of those places — London, Paris, New York — commuting in an urban area means riding underground in a dark, dank, and noisy subway car.

But the Coaster, he says, “is nothing like that. The cars are clean, the other people riding are all professionals

coming in to their jobs, and you’ve got these spectacular views the whole way. Every morning, I get to see the ocean, see the weather coming in, and see the horizon, and that whole experience is so uniquely San Diego.”



Coaster rider Benjamin Tobias supported the advertising until he saw how much the “wraps” obscured the view from inside.

Recently, however, North County Transit District began a program that interferes with Tobias’s experience. In December 2011, they rolled out a program that offers exterior train wraps to advertisers. These wraps cover train cars in directionally transparent vinyl sheets that are perforated with tiny holes, which allows advertis-

ers to cover windows while maintaining visibility from the inside.

Tobias scoffs at the level of visibility that remains. His view, he says, has been obscured.

“If there were an asteroid out there, you’d see it,” he says, “but it’s like looking through a chain-link fence. It takes away from the whole aesthetic.”

Tobias, a research scientist at General Atomics, rides the Coaster eight times a week, commuting between the Carlsbad Village and Sorrento Valley stops. Today, during

his afternoon commute, he walks me through the train cars, pointing out the beauty he brags about to his friends who live in other places.

“In the summertime, every single day you’ll see dolphins off the coast here. Right in this stretch of Del Mar is where they come and feed during the day,” he says. And then, gesturing out the east-facing window, “And this whole valley is full of deer in the evening.”

He opens a door that leads to the next car, and we step through it. He chooses a seat next to the window that looks out on the coast and sits down. The window is covered in what, from a distance, looks like a tint. Not too dark to see out, but not quite as bright and clear as the windows in the car we’ve just left. Up close, the tint becomes tiny holes.

“It’s almost like one of those tests for epilepsy,” Tobias says, smiling. “You’ve got things moving in the background and a stationary grid in the foreground. I imagine if you were the right person you could get seizures.”

Two weeks ago, when he

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## NEWS TICKER

### Free Shamu Protesters Fight for Freedom of Orcas

*Mission Bay* — On the morning of February 18, a sparse protest group demonstrated at Sea World’s San Diego park entrance.

The protest followed last week’s decision by a federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit against Sea World that was filed by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

The lawsuit, filed last October, demanded the release of orcas from Sea World on antislavery grounds. PETA attempted to have a federal court recognize the civil rights of orca whales and to gain the freedom of five Sea World animals. PETA attorney Jeffrey Kerr hoped to free the orcas in a watershed event — “the next frontier of civil rights.”

The 13th Amendment (antislavery) to the U.S. Constitution was the foundation for PETA’s legal argument in the suit. Judge Jeffrey Miller dismissed the case on February 8, one day after briefly hearing arguments from both parties.

By Gary Cornaglia  
Saturday, February 18

### Electronics Theft

*Student’s Police Work Recovers Stolen Laptop Linda Vista/USD* — Two students at the University of San Diego were recently the victims of electronics theft, the USD Vista reports.

Both students reported that their items, a digital camera and a laptop, went missing shortly after encounters with a woman described as about 5’2” with brown hair and glasses during the evening of February 9.

Sophomore Jeffrey Zhu, owner of the laptop, reports police were less than helpful in attempting to locate

his computer.

Zhu then activated Hidden, an app he’d downloaded to his computer that was programmed to randomly take photographs of whoever was using the device and broadcast them, along with GPS coordinates, to his cell phone. He used the program to obtain pictures of a male suspect working on his computer, as well as the address of an apartment complex.

“After I got all of that good stuff I called the San Diego Police Department and they were not helpful,” Zhu told the Vista. “They said that they couldn’t just ‘knock on doors’ for me.”

Zhu took his photos to the apartment building himself and contacted the building manager, who confirmed the identity of the suspect as a resident and provided Zhu with the suspect’s contact information.

“So I called the SDPD and I told them that I had done all of this work and I had all of the information and proof,” says Zhu. “I told them that they didn’t have to knock on any doors. So, they finally sent the cops over and the guy happened to be leaving [his apartment] at that moment.”

Police searched the apartment and recovered the stolen laptop. No word was given on whether the camera stolen from sophomore Marc Gonzales had been located.

By Dave Rice  
Friday, February 17

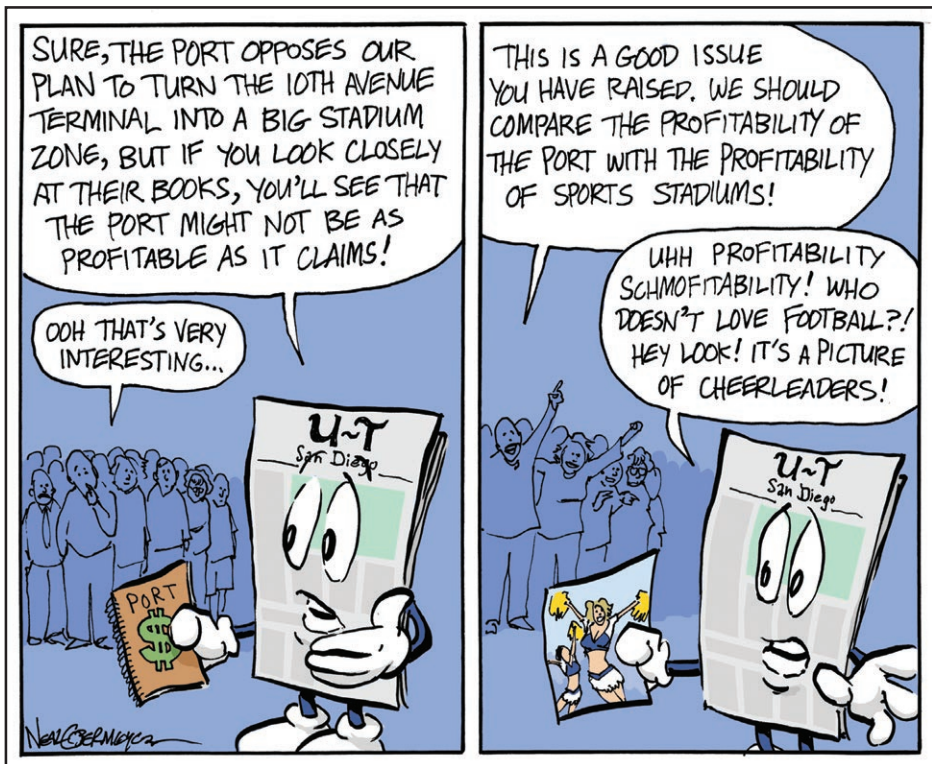
### Checkpoint Checkup

*Sobriety Checkpoint Yields No DUIs, Little Revenue*

*San Diego* — California’s state auditor issued a report comparing the operation of sobriety checkpoints by law enforcement agencies in five California jurisdictions, including that of

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### Salute From Sweden

Thank you for bringing the Royal Rife story up to the media surface ("Royal Raymond Rife: Into the Micro-Beyond," "Unforgettable," February 16). Mankind needs his discoveries to be developed and available again.

Nils Stavlid, Ph.D.  
Uppsala, Sweden

### Beep, Click, Get Lucky

I am looking at the Matthew Alice column in the February 16 Reader. Somebody wrote in that was complaining about getting odd, distracting, disruptive phone calls from advertisers all hours of the day. I have had an answering machine for at least 32 years, and I very rarely get any kind of calls like that. These things he calls "robocalls" — I get those once in a while from politicians, and I've gotten them once or twice from some nonprofit religious outfit — the reason they first got my phone number was I bought a book from them. Other than that, maybe I'm just lucky. A lot of times the phone will ring, my announcement will come on asking somebody to please leave a message, and the answering machine goes beep, and then I hear a click — somebody hangs up. So, a lot of times, I probably staved off some annoying advertising calls by having an answering machine.

Matthew Alice said they don't work and a lot of these robocallers prefer answering machines. Maybe we're just lucky. It works for us. So, Matthew may be right, maybe we're just lucky, I don't know.

Anyway, that's all I had to

say. So, thanks a lot, Matthew, for keeping us all informed of things. Somebody in this week's Reader wrote in and said he thought that it was a different person writing the Matthew Alice column (Letters, February 16). I have no idea, but I like the column. I miss it in weeks it doesn't run.

Name Withheld  
via voice mail

### As Good As The Comics

Your "Citizen Pot Bust" article, I found it really good (Cover Story, February 9). And what's really, really funny is, I had the choice to read that article. 'Cause I was reading the comics in this week's Reader, and I found it highly amusing that there were people actually trashing you. Well, guess what, people? You don't like what you're reading, put it down.

Keep up the good work.

Snow Bear  
via voice mail

### Comments from Reader website

#### Letters

#### Published February 15

Wow, all I have to say is that when Maiden of Camelot takes the time to write in with a concern pertaining the Reader, I take note of it. As a very occasional contributor to "stringer stories," I shall make an effort to comply by looking out for material more worthy of a police blotter than of a church bulletin. Anyone out there who feels the need to light a couch on fire in the center divider of Interstate Five or commit some other petty but bizarre crime, please send me a message, I'm all over that. Seriously.

The "Letters" section of the San Diego Reader is my very favorite part of it (apologies to Dennis Travers from Downtown), the letters rarely fail to put a smile on my face every Wednesday afternoon. Now, if you'll excuse me, I have some gardening to do, thanks to the astute observations and stellar math skills of Bob Dorn, I've discovered that my, uh, "crops" are worth far more than what I had previously thought.

I love you people, I sin-  
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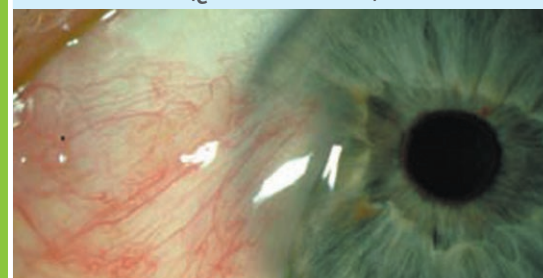
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by Barbarella

# We're All Going to Die

**D**avid and I collected our boarding passes and took a moment to look them over. "I'm 67," David said. "First class. My name's Isidor Straus."

"I'm 14, third class," I said. "Name's Jamila."

We lowered our cards and continued onto the "ship." It was a cool, sunny Thursday morning, and David and I had driven over to Balboa Park to enjoy the weather and visit the San Diego Natural History Museum (recently redubbed theNAT) to check out their new attraction, *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition*.

Nothing shines the light on a historical event quite so bright as a centennial. As a teen, I'd watched the blockbuster movie *Titanic*, but my interest at the time didn't go beyond how piercing I found Leonardo's eyes. Now, as a grown-up in the year 2012, 100 years after the unsinkable ship sank, I was more curious about the real people who were onboard that horrific night.

"This makes me think of the *Concordia* ship that just crashed," I said.

"Yeah, but 1500 people died on the *Titanic*," David said. "The *Concordia* crash only killed around 20. And they were in warm water, not freezing cold water. Plus, that ship didn't sink."

"Doesn't mean it wasn't scary," I said. "People were trapped. People died. Think about it — you're going on a cruise, you're enjoying the scenery and the vacation, and then BOOM. I can't imagine how horrific it would be to go from 'Isn't

this great?' to 'Oh, my God, we're all going to die.'"

We turned our attention to the exhibit. David spent his time reading all of the stories posted on the walls. Occasionally he'd find me and share some tidbit about a particular person or a factoid about the perfect storm that contributed to the ship's demise. I was more fascinated by the artifacts themselves, particularly the personal effects — a comb, a wallet, a bath towel, a dollar bill. Somehow, the mundane, unremarkable nature of these items conveyed more humanity to me than any of the stories or photographs of actual passengers.

I spent many minutes staring at a gold-plated chandelier that had once hung in the First Class Smoking Room. The written description included, "Differing from similar fixtures on shore, these chandeliers hung rigidly from the ceiling to make the gentle sway of *Titanic* less noticeable to the gentlemen enjoying their after-dinner drinks." As I gazed at the shiny relic, I imagined the men who'd once been gathered beneath it, carrying on in a room that stank of smoke and brandy,

not one of them aware that within a day or two, they'd be scrambling for their lives in the Arctic night air, and that a number of them would end up freezing to death in the black ocean water on a moonless night.

"Did you see the champagne bottle?"

David was beside me. We were taking in an array of au gratin dishes arranged in a case of sand positioned beneath a giant photo of how they'd appeared when discovered on the ocean floor. I nodded.

"Still has liquid in it," he said.

"Yeah, but it's really dark — probably a mixture of ocean water and whatever was in there originally," I said. "Did you see the engine room?"

"Yeah, I thought it was incredible. Did you know that even though it's a traveling exhibition, they built that mock-up of the engine room and the watertight door here? They hope that when the show leaves in September the next museum will want it. They'd be crazy not to. I'm really impressed by it." I shook my head; I didn't know that, but then, I hadn't paid much attention in the engine room. Engines don't usually interest me, which is why I sometimes ask David to explain their inner workings when I can't fall asleep. I'd only mentioned it because I thought he'd think it was cool.

In the last room, the one that spit us out into the gift shop, there was a list on the wall of the passengers, segregated by class, and

whether or not they survived or perished. There was an echo in the room, the same question being murmured over and over as people inquired after their companions: "Did you live or die?"

Upon leaving the museum, David and I walked in silence to the Botanical Garden (I never visit Balboa Park without checking for turtles and frogs in the Koi Pond). After

watching the fish through the water, which was crystal clear after a recent cleaning, I asked David, "So? Did you live or die?"

"Died," David said.

"What about you?"

"I didn't check," I said.

"What? Why?" David looked surprised.

"I don't know," I said. "I just didn't want to know."

David continued to look perplexed as we finished our loop around the pond. We turned toward the main path to make our

way back to the car. When we reached theNAT again, David broke the silence. "It's a sweet story. Sad, but sweet, what happened to my guy." His voice was soft. He reached out his hand and I took it as we continued walking.

With a lift of my brow, I urged him to continue. "Straus was from New York, he was the cofounder of Macy's. He was traveling with his wife, and when the ship started to sink, he put her on a lifeboat. He refused to go with her — even though he could have — because there were still

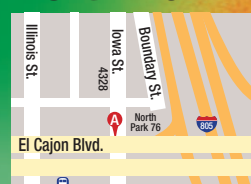


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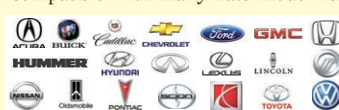
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## STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Hi Matt!

*I've noticed, since at least the first Gulf War, the flag patches on the uniforms of American soldiers are backwards. To me, that's weird. What's the story? Nobody I know can fill me in. Why backward American flag? I'm no super patriot and don't care one way or the other, but I'm curious why the flag is backwards.*  
— Vic, North Park

You're only looking at soldiers' right arms, Vic. That patch has the flag "backwards." If you get the soldier to stand still and you walk around him/her to the left side and look at that arm, you'll see yet another flag, and this one looks "correct."

Yep, official flag etiquette sez the blue field on a flat, two-dimensional image of the American flag must be on the left. On a flagpole, the blue field must be closest to the pole. So, it's a brisk day; red-white-and-blue is snapping sharply in the breeze. Stand to the left of the flag, the blue field is "correct," to the left, close to the pole. Hop around to the other side, to the right, and the flag looks "incorrect," with the blue field still closest to the pole but on the "incorrect" side of the flag image. So we even have real live flags part "right" and part "wrong."

As for your specific Army patch question, though, we're not quite through. Of course the Army could have made both patches blue-field-left on both sleeves. But here's their reasoning, according to the Department of Defense: Way back in the day, the infantry and cavalry fought as a mass of soldiers charging forward to meet the opposing mass of soldiers. Each side had a standard bearer, one man who carried their flag into battle. The flag streamed gloriously from the flagpole as they attacked. Therefore, the patches on contemporary sleeves replicate that "forward into battle" image; think of the soldier as the flagpole. That's what the patch configuration represents. Using their reasoning, a blue-field-left patch on the right sleeve would indicate retreat. Patch placement is codified in Army Regulation 670-1. Apparently there are even soldiers who don't know the answer to your question. The DOD works in mysterious ways.

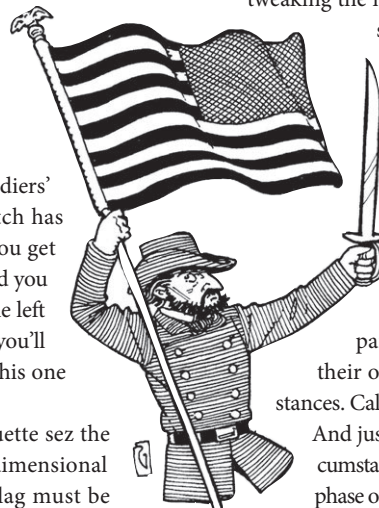
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*What the heck is aggravated murder rather than regular murder? I think anybody who kills somebody would have to be pretty aggravated. So why isn't every murder aggravated murder?*  
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Yeah. What's up with that? And what's felony murder? Implies there's a thing called misdemeanor murder. Give a lawyer a pencil and paper and things eventually get confusing for the rest of us. Used to be, you offed a guy, we offed you. But the U.S. was hardly ten years old before we started tweaking the murder laws to account for self-defense and the like. But by the early 1970s there were rumblings that the death penalty was being arbitrarily applied across the country, and states started defining the circumstances of a murder that warranted the death penalty or life without parole. Thirty-six states have their own lists of special circumstances. California's list has 21 of them. And just for clarification, these circumstances apply during the penalty phase of a trial, for someone who has already been convicted of first-degree murder. It's the special circumstances that will help decide life without or death. Murder without special circumstances (unaggravated murder?) also includes, as a possible penalty, 15 years to life in prison (life with the possibility of parole). Got it? Hope so. We're moving on.

Herewith, a casual summary of aggravating circumstances, California style. Murder for monetary gain. Murder by someone previously convicted of first- or second-degree murder. Hiding a bomb, or mailing or delivering a bomb. To avoid arrest. Victim is a law/peace officer, fireman, prosecutor, judge, juror, elected/appointed official, any of whom are carrying out their duties or in retaliation for having done so. Witness to a crime killed to stop testimony or retaliate for testimony. Murder especially cruel, depraved, torturous. Lying in wait for victim. Hate crime. Murder associated with any of 12 felonies (including rape, robbery, burglary, arson, kidnapping, carjacking, lewd acts on a child under 14). Murder by poison. Drive-bys. Murder by active criminal street gang member on behalf of the gang. Anyone who hires, aids, abets, or otherwise hangs out with a convicted murderer in connection with his crime of murder.

I'm not a lawyer, and I don't play one on TV, but it looks to me that if you shoot your aggravating spouse, you might avoid the ultimate punishment. Poison him/her, and your odds aren't so good. Murder by poison is aggravated murder (or "murder with special circumstances"). A simple shooting is not. But please don't tear out this column and take it with you to court, then file a lawsuit against me from your bunk on death row. I am not a lawyer. I do not play one on TV.



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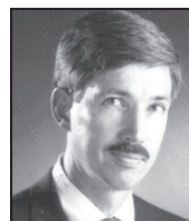


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## V-Day: Vagina Monologues to be Performed at Local Strip Club

*Supporters of Landmark Play Seek "Maximum Exposure" for Its Vital Message of Vagina Empowerment*

"The vaginas are already there. We're just bringing the monologues."

"The biggest danger for really provocative art is for it to be pigeonholed," says Rebecca Exley, director of Really Provocative Art for San Diego County College. "When I hear Eve Ensler's *Vagina Monologues* described as 'a feminist play,' my heart just sinks, because it's the

kiss of death to get labeled like that. Suddenly, the only people interested in attending are feminists and guys who hope to get lucky by taking their dates to a feminist play."

Those people, says Exley, are "not the people Ensler is trying to reach. Those are not the people who need to hear the play's message about the sexual violence done to women, about a woman's right to control her

sexuality, about, finally, female empowerment through a woman's reclamation of her own vaginal territory. All too often, men want that territory so badly we can forget that it's ours. Ours to withhold, ours to share, and ours to display on a stage for money if we so choose."

That last claim is part of the reason Exley has chosen to abandon her plans to stage *The Vagina Monologues* at County



College later this month. Instead, she will "honor V-Day in the way that Ensler intended when she made the rights to the play available every February — by taking the message to people who need to hear it. People who are willing to pay attention to vaginas, though maybe not in exactly the way they had antici-

pated. In short, people who are patronizing Goldfingers totally nude Gentlemen's Club in Mira Mesa."

Exley is quick to assure any concerned parties that the performance will not affect the other performances scheduled for a given evening. "The girls will still be doing their thing. It's just that

our actors will be up there on stage alongside them, delivering the monologues. We think the juxtaposition will be provocative, and that's what we're really all about."

Goldfingers management has announced that all proceeds from the play will go to the Goldfingers Charitable Relief Fund.

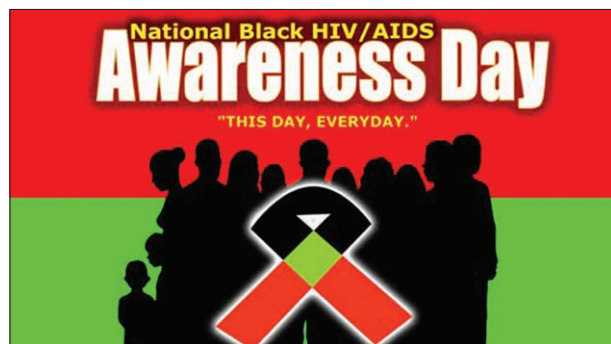
## Sorry, Wrong Conference

*CIA Researcher Accidentally Reports on Government Plan to Destroy Black Community at National Black HIV/AIDS Day Conference in Lincoln Park*

"What crack cocaine did for us in the '80s, AIDS can do for us today."

TUBMAN-CHÁVEZ MULTICULTURAL CENTER, SAN DIEGO — CIA head of domestic operations Bernard Neagle has probably fired his secretary by now, following a mixup that led him to reveal the government's plan to reduce the American black community via AIDS to that selfsame community.

"Clearly, Mr. Neagle thought he was addressing someone else," says Tubman-Chávez Center director Malick Freeman, "someone else who was also holding a conference on National Black HIV/AIDS Day. But with, well, a different focus. I guess Ralph Ellison was



right about blacks being invisible — otherwise, Neagle no doubt would have realized his mistake sooner."

As it was, says Freeman, Neagle entered the conference center, took out his notes, and began addressing the crowd of nearly 350 African-American San Diegans. "Initially, of course, AIDS was created to thin the ranks of the gay community," Neagle began. "And in the years under Reagan, our efforts succeeded admirably. But over time, the gays regrouped and formulated a coordinated response effort. It is even arguable that our operation backfired, producing a gay community that was more politically united and energized than it was before the program began."

However, continued Neagle, "The introduction of AIDS into American public life has had some unforeseen and happy

side effects. Most notably, the further reduction of the black community. Today, blacks represent 14% of the U.S. population but 44% of all new cases of HIV infection. And while some members of the team favor a hands-off policy, the decision has been made to take a more pro-active approach to spreading the disease — aiding AIDS, if you will. The following methods..."

At this point, recalls Freeman with a smile, Neagle raised his eyes from his presentation, assessed the crowd he was addressing, cleared his throat, and quietly dashed from the room.

When reached for comment, CIA spokesman Sam Iam pointed out that the organization has no involvement with domestic policy and that no one named Bernard Neagle has ever worked for the agency.

## Gay District: Hillcrest Group Proposes Huge Flag, Rainbow Arm Patches, Rainbow Gates for Neighborhood

*Measure to Clarify Neighborhood's Brand Receives Support from Across Political Spectrum*

"It's a mark of distinction. We want people to know who we are."

WONDERING WHY THERE ARE SO MANY SONGS ABOUT RAINBOWS, CORNER OF NORMAL AND UNIVERSITY — "In the past," says Billy Nickels, "what the rainbow flag has represented hasn't been accepted. We're saying it's important to recognize it and its message in as strong a way as possible. It's about saying a message that the gay community takes pride in itself. That we belong here. We want people to be able to identify who we are and where we live."

That's why Nickels and the rest of the Gays Have Equality Through Territory Organization (GHETTO) have proposed a three-point identification program for Hillcrest's proud residents. First, a huge flag that would fly high over the neighborhood, alerting travelers to



the presence of gays from as far as three miles away. "The flag would admittedly be too large to be appreciated from within the neighborhood itself," says Nickels. "But that's not really the point."

Second, a rainbow arm patch that could be sewn onto a jacket and worn whenever Hillcrest residents traveled outside the neighborhood. ("Because it's

a rainbow, it goes with everything," jokes Nickels.)

And third, rainbow-shaped gates over all streets running into Hillcrest, "to let people know they've crossed over into the Tolerance Zone — a place where everyone is free to discover their true worth."

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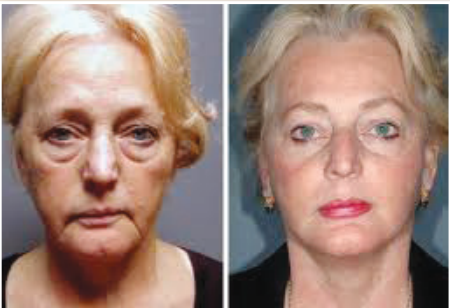
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I remember twenty-four. I remember young. I feel my husband's mouth over mine, the kissing penetrating the light, the day, the night, the lonely so lonely childhood we walked through to find one another. I remember hours of alone together, and we were drunk and slow and in love. These are our roots. The hours, days, months, even years before we had to pay dues.

Lately, I have moments where I miss that thing we were so impotently, so swiftly and so painfully that it arrives in a physical, chemical blow: in the second brain, they call it, in our guts, where our immune system and our hormones churn. Complications, the doctors say; we were almost there, but there were complications.

Baby complications. Hospitalization. Money. Moving. Teenagers. And now, January complications.

I want the mean slow freeze of January to release my husband. January is hard for him. Which makes it hard for me. I watch his angry, frustrated face, tired of being exhausted and struggling against himself. Sometimes, I want to throw something at him, at his arm, where it would hurt but not kill, hard enough to make him furious, to break the ice and bring the entire river to a boil and release us from winter. During a quietly furious ten-minute argument I am horrified to find myself thinking *I hate you I hate you I hate you*. I want to run away. I want to say something so final and so hurtful we could never recover from it. I am resentful and furious and cannot stop the potent adjectives hammering my brain: *stupid miserable fucked up*. I think of how happy I have been alone, before. How easy it is to make your own happiness alone. It all feels so forever.

I am confused. Why does one hard month feel completely unacceptable and undoable? Then I am ashamed. Why can't I wait just a fucking MINUTE? Why do I have to be so demanding, so greedy with happiness? But pain

and struggle and distance make me feel like a failure. Like our marriage is a failure.

My husband sweeps the kitchen floor with a face so exhausted and shoulders so bent he could be Robert Parker's protagonist: world-weary and eagle-eyed and fighting demons inside. He reaches out and touches our daughter's head as she toddles

by, and I suddenly see him as he is so often: lit from within with his quiet way of loving, eyes connecting, shoulders straight and strong from manual labor. And I am suddenly gripped with a ferocious loyalty, and a panic that I could ever, even in my unasked for thoughts, consider hating or leaving this man who is only fighting his own demons along side me, a thing I agreed to do when we took hands on the beach in La Jolla nine years ago.

Suddenly, I am simply a wife longing for her husband, instead of one bent on destruction. It's just so hard sometimes. Because it's not just about him and his demons — of course not. It's me. It's my own. And when he is struggling like this, I have to struggle too.

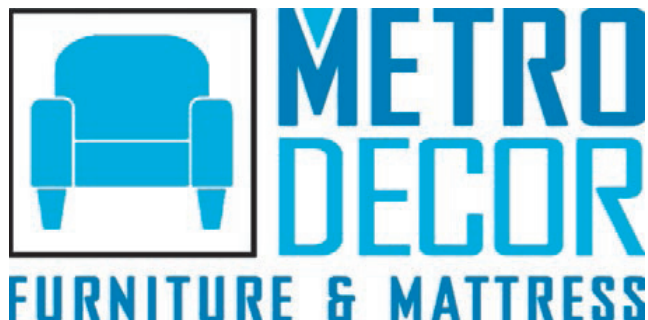
I have no illusions of perfection or forever. I know we could lose our marriage. In our best moments, I am most afraid of the specter of divorce: when I am so in love and so enthralled that I cannot imagine life on this planet without him. In our worst moments, like now, something wounded, angry and afraid inside of me wants to label us with every rotten branch down the tree. I want our marriage to be wonderful, and when it's not, I want our problems to be acceptable, things you can joke about over lunch at work: *Haha he's such an ass, he wouldn't watch the baby while I worked out, not Sometimes we get mentally fucked up and one of us can barely do family life and goes through the motions while the other one tries to wait it out*.

I lean forward into silence. I wait quietly for him to come back to me. I work my resentments like tight muscles. I try to be better.

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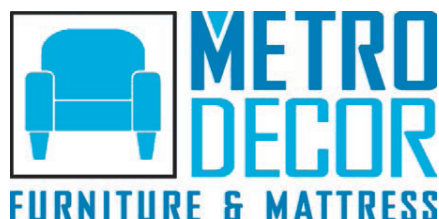
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## We Speak of Jeremy Lin



*"Lin pounced on his opportunity like a cold-blooded and calculated assassin."*

He's been so everywhere, it's hard to remember the lad has been under the big top for, as I write this, only 15 days. His first NBA game as a starter occurred on February 4, 2012.

How big is he? In 15 days, the Knicks point guard has gone from crashing on his brother's couch to 446,316 Twitter followers. His Facebook page has 830,905 "like this" check marks. He made the cover of *Time* magazine (Asian edition) after five games. Also on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. *Forbes* says Jeremy is the world's fastest-growing athlete brand, zero to \$14 million since February 4. The price of New York Knicks tickets have gone up an average of 27 percent, their television ratings are up 66 percent, and the market value of their parent corporation has increased by \$139 million.

On February 14, ten days in, Lin and the Knicks traveled to Toronto to play the Raptors. On Wednesday the Raptors played the San Antonio Spurs. The cheapest ticket for that game was \$12.50. The cheapest seat for the Raptors/Knicks game was \$44. Multiply the difference by every seat in every game the Knicks play.

Let's clap our hands.

Here's the definitive Lin backgrounder from the source of all sports news, Fox News Channel's *Studio B with Shephard Smith*. Shep is interviewing industry leader Fraser Seitel, a "public relations consultant."

Seitel is talking about Jeremy Lin: "He's on the end of the bench, he's five days from getting cut, the two superstars go down, he gets *Lin-serted* into the lineup and — bingo — the whole world becomes *Lin-toxicated*. In six games, he's virtually *Lin-vincible*, and in terms of marketing, PR, and merchandising, the appetite is virtually *Lin-satiable*. He is sitting on a gold mine."

FEEL THE GOODNESS!

But, the Box seeks a more textured Jeremy

Lin story, one not often told. We'll begin in the back alley of professional writing, a place where imagination, texture, and subtlety are shunned, a place where citizenship is restricted to those who hate the English language. I speak of travel writing, tech writing, self-help writing, and business writing.

Which brings to mind Ashkan Karbasfrooshan (real name), CEO of WatchMojo... "one of the leading producers and providers of professional video content to portals, web publishers, online magazines, blogs, social networks, and video portals. The company boasts a library of nearly 7500 videos on pop culture and infotainment.... Karbasfrooshan is the author of *Course to Success: Everything You Need to Succeed Beyond School* and *The Confessions of Alexander the Great: 33 Lessons in Greatness*."

Follows is the genius of Ashkan Karbasfrooshan. First, he takes an article written by *Forbes* contributor Eric Jackson, who penned the epic, *10 Lessons Jeremy Lin Can Teach Us Before We Go to Work Monday Morning*. That think piece was published on Day 7 of the Jeremy Lin era. Karbasfrooshan feeds on the carcass of Eric Jackson's seminal work with the wit and wisdom that springs forth from sentences like this one, a sentence akin to the experience of eating cardboard.

Now then, in the Eric Jackson article, the second lesson was, *Seize the opportunity when it comes up*. This alone is worth the price of the magazine. But, is that sentence perfection? We can go back and forth and never agree upon a definitive answer. It took another Karbasfrooshan inspiration, one that gracefully enhanced and expanded on what seemed, at first glance, to be a perfect sentence, to settle the question. Karbasfrooshan put the snap and crackle in the pop and bang, "Lin pounced on his opportunity like a cold-blooded and calculated assassin."

Genius.

Here's another example of what a certain somebody can do with dead sentences. *Build on a Strong Foundation*. Again, it takes Karbasfrooshan to show the way forward. "He [Lin] was the editor of his school paper. As a high school senior, he captained Palo Alto High School to a 32–1 record, winning the state title."

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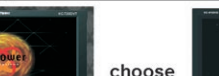
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## fast break

By Anthony Gentile



Mission Hills guard Dolyn Hall makes a jump shot over Vista forward Patrick Johnson.



Lincoln guard Jerry Cobb puts up a twisting shot over Mission Bay guard Dylan Holler.

### Helix Tops Grossmont to Retain Grossmont Hills Crown

*El Cajon* — In a winner-take-all showdown between Helix and Grossmont for the Grossmont Hills League championship on Friday night, the Highlanders defended their title. Helix broke free from a defensive struggle late in the third quarter and went on to beat Grossmont 54-43, capturing the league crown on the Foothillers' court.

Defense dominated the league title clash early, and Helix (17-9, 8-2) led 19-14 at halftime. Both teams looked to pound the ball inside from the start, and the first two quarters were played at a slow, methodical pace.

“The game plan was to take our time and play our game — get offensive rebounds, play defense, and just take over the game,” Helix's Titus Young said.

In the fourth quarter, Grossmont used a full-court press, but Helix was able to absorb the run and put the game away from the free-throw line, and in the final minute junior Romario Wilson punctuated the Highlanders' victory with a two-handed slam dunk.

### No. 2 Lincoln Downs Mission Bay to Clinch Western Title

*Lincoln Park* — For the third straight season, the Western League belongs to Lincoln. The second-ranked Hornets rolled to a 71-54 win over visiting Mission Bay on Thursday night to capture the crown outright.

“We play in one of the toughest leagues in San Diego, but we pulled it out and played together as a team,” said Lincoln junior guard Tyree Robinson. “We wanted it bad.

“After that loss to Cathedral,” Robinson said, “we got motivated and decided we weren't taking any more losses. The only loss I've taken in San Diego since I've been in high school was against Cathedral, and I refuse to lose any more games this year.”

### Sweetwater Upsets No. 6 San Ysidro to Split South Bay Title

*San Ysidro* — Sweetwater saved its best performance of the year for its regular-season finale. Thursday night, the Red Devils knocked off sixth-ranked San Ysidro in a 91-86 shootout that earned a split for the South Bay League title with the defending champion Cougars.

“We haven't won the banner in 21 years — this means the world to us,” said Sweetwater senior guard Johnny Gonzalez.

Despite facing a 16-point deficit at the start of the fourth quarter, San Ysidro quickly got back into the game. The Cougars scored the first 11 points of the quarter as part of a 16-2 run and, with 4:20 remaining, pulled to within two of Sweetwater on a three-pointer by senior guard Ronald Stewart.

San Ysidro's rally set up a back-and-forth final stretch that saw a total of 27 points in the final four minutes. The Cougars appeared on the verge of completing the comeback when Gonzalez hit a deflating three from the corner that gave Sweetwater an 82-75 lead with 3:09 left.

With 18 seconds, left San Ysidro senior guard Javion Watson hit a long-range jumper to make it a three-point game, but that was as close as the Cougars would get.



Helix forward Kaalen Mitchell drives past Grossmont forward Bilal Rahim to set up an acrobatic shot attempt.



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Michael Simpson, owner of Poseidon's Divers in Mission Bay (858-568-2710; [poseidondivers.org](http://poseidondivers.org)) told me that his course involves "four hours for four days. It starts off with swim qualifications — you have to perform a survival swim test. We'll spend two hours each day in the classroom and two in the water. In class, you learn about the gear — things such as your buoyancy compensator. That's like a life-jacket for divers. You want to be neutrally buoyant when you're underwater. That's tricky, because saltwater is really dense — you need weights to keep from floating to the surface. But you also don't want to crash into the bottom or smash a reef. The buoyancy compensator allows you to take on air, so you stay suspended in the water."

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"For water work," said Simpson, "I like to train in the bay. I used to train people in the pool, but I found that people would freak out when it came time to do their check-out dives in the ocean, because the ocean water isn't clear and warm. Plus, they would have this big, heavy wetsuit on [for the first time]. Now I've found a good spot with about 20 feet of visibility, and I issue a full set of gear from day one. When you're done with that, we go to La Jolla Cove and do four scuba dives and one snorkel dive."

Gear includes "wetsuits, booties, gloves, hoods, facemasks, snorkels, regulators, tanks, and weights. Total cost is \$400, and after you're done you have NAUI [National Association for Underwater Instructors] certification. Or, for \$150, we offer a four-hour scuba adventure, which is pretty much a crash course and a 45-minute dive with me."

Rick Nare, owner of Rick's Diving Locker in Escondido (760-746-8980; [ricksdivinglocker.com](http://ricksdivinglocker.com)) sends his students online for their coursework. "It takes from 8 to 12 hours. Then you come to us, and we have a

"Typically we go to La Jolla, but sometimes we do boat trips to dive at Catalina or in the Point Loma kelp forest."

review session to clarify what you've learned and answer any questions. Then we spend a weekend doing pool work — Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. You learn to assemble the gear and how to dive safely.

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Coursework begins at home with the textbook, said Tuttle. "You read it and then come in for the classroom session. There you learn about the equipment, how to stay warm, the different types of wetsuits. We do two two-and-a-half-hour sessions in the pool — we use local high schools — and then four dives at La Jolla Shores."



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JOHN GRAHAM WATSON WAS MURDERED FOR \$8.9 MILLION IN HIS DEUTSCHE BANK ACCOUNT.

It was March 2009 when the British-born siblings Gillian Ison and John Graham Watson met at Zermatt, a resort in the shadow of Switzerland's Matterhorn. There, with family members, they indulged a passion for skiing: Watson, an alpine expert, loved running the fall line, the steepest and fastest route down the slope. A traveler, an adventurer, the 64-year-old relished high-performance sports as much as he did his career with pharmaceutical and biotech firms. Balancing business and play had made his life storybook-successful. The self-made Watson

had just retired, a multimillionaire.

The odd thing his sister Gillian Ison recalled about the trip to Zermatt was her

was true the two had met in San Diego. And, according to Keigwin, Watson had invited him skiing. No, he hadn't, Watson told his sister.

Keigwin had invited himself. "He was," she remembered, "nothing like he made himself out to be."

Ison found Keigwin offensive right away. On the aerial tram and in front of his daughter, he told dirty jokes. He bragged about a "serious girlfriend" he had in America

for whom he'd bought "a boob job and a face-lift." On skis, the barrel-chested man, clearly out of shape, was awkward at best, staying far

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**"If you were going to settle a difference  
with a friend," a juror said,  
"you don't bring a Taser with you."**

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brother's "friend." The man, a financial planner named Kent Thomas Keigwin, showed up with his daughter Parisa, surprising John. It





PHOTOGRAPH BY HOWIE ROSEN

**At his sentencing in January, Keigwin said "I am sad for the death of John Watson."**

behind the group. Ison and Watson were aghast watching Keigwin fall. She said he "embarrassed" her brother. That evening, the siblings met him and Parisa for a quick drink. Otherwise, they spent no more time with him, and Keigwin and daughter soon flew home.

Who, Ison asked her brother, was this faker?

Watson said Keigwin came to Zermatt to show his daughter that he had rich friends who spent their vacations in lux-

ury. (Keigwin roomed in a cheap *pensione*, far from the resort.) Without doubt, Watson was wealthy, although few of his friends knew just

how wealthy. The Brit's road to millions began when the Cambridge-educated economist and marketer came to America to work in the

pharmaceutical industry. His executive career, always vertically progressive, had taken him to Johnson & Johnson and Wyeth Laboratories, and then, specializing in biotech, to Vestar, Bio-tech Consulting, CarboMed, and, finally, Ionian Technologies in San Diego, where he was president and chief executive. In his professional life, Watson helped launch products for people with HIV, inflammatory diseases, and spinal cord injuries, among other ailments. When he retired from Ionian in 2008, he joined Tech Coast Angels, a nonprofit organization of wealthy people who invest in worthy start-ups. Watson was quickly elected to the board.

An associate of Watson's, Charlie Grebenstein, said of him, "John was rollicking good company. Quick wit, cultured, broadly read, passionately devoted to his adopted country. He valued being an Ameri-

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Arriving in San Diego in late 2007, Watson met Anna Sorriso and joined her in the Action Ski Club. He, Sorriso, and others enjoyed hikes, beach walks, dances, and skiing. “He liked active people,” a friend recalled. At La Jolla Shores, Watson rented an apartment in a boxy building at 8111 Camino del Oro. The two-bedroom pad suited his lifestyle: travel and working out — swimming, tennis, inline skating, wind surfing, running — “two hours or more every day,” said another friend. Watson liked sailing, too, which was how he met



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**Deputy district attorney Sharla Evert (left) teared up at one point during her description of Watson's murder.**

Keigwin.

Rarely opening up, Watson was guarded about his wealth. But he did have a penchant for discussing stocks. Keigwin did as well. Born in 1950, he was a certified public account-

tant. His brother Jim said that during the 1970s, Keigwin was hired by the Shah of Iran to establish an accounting system for the government. When that ended with the Iranian revolution, he

returned to America with an Iranian Jew whom he married and with whom he had a daughter. A financial advisor, Keigwin counseled clients first at UBS, then at Morgan Stanley in La Jolla. But, his sales

performance fell off at Morgan Stanley, and he was let go. In April 2010 he hired on with Wedbush Securities, working on commission. Keigwin sold annuities as well as life, accident, and health insurance on behalf of New York Life and other companies. At Wedbush, Keigwin fattened his contact list, dozens of well-heeled individuals like Watson whom Keigwin targeted as potential clients.

Watson and Keigwin, Sorriso said, sailed once or twice but developed no friendship. At best, Keigwin was in a group who received “jokey” emails from Watson. One day in 2008 she noticed Keigwin’s name had been dropped from the CC line. Watson told her that he’d become “disenamored” of him. He was angry

that Keigwin had lied to him about an investment property for sale. He also told her that Keigwin was in “dire financial straits.” Watson said he no longer wished to “associate with that turd ball.”

Still, wishing the opportunist away doesn’t get rid of him. In November 2009, a woman with Citibank phoned Watson about his new credit card application. Watson said he hadn’t applied for a card. But, she asked, hadn’t he just opened an account using his Social Security and phone numbers? Absolutely not, Watson said. He realized he’d been hacked and notified police. Two months later, a manager from E\*Trade called Watson to welcome him as a new client. Same as before —

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**Dr. Barry Kassir (left) found Watson after he had been dead for at least a day.**

the online applicant had used Watson's Social Security and phone numbers. Watson was livid. It wasn't he who had applied. Who had? Neither E\*Trade nor Citibank knew. Watson notified police again.

#### "Perfectly Posed"

In May 2010, Watson

and Dr. Barry Kassir, a fellow board member at Tech Coast Angels, put the final touches on their "Quick Pitch" event for June 8 at 6:00 p.m. At these confabs, start-up executives made presentations, hoping to lure new money. Up first on June 8, a Tuesday, was a 3:30 Angels board meeting.

Watson, always hands-on and on time, didn't show. When he failed to arrive for happy hour at 5:00, Kassir "got suspicious." He phoned him twice and left messages.

No one had spoken to or heard from Watson since the previous week. The lifelong bachelor, whose immediate family lived in England, traveled often. He lived alone, seldom if ever had people over. He liked his privacy, had no cell phone, kept an untidy apartment, and spent time studying his portfolio on his living room table.

Kassir knew Watson could handle any emergency. He was the picture of health, no heart problems, just a bum knee and some bruises from skiing. He was like a senior fitness model in the swim ads

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for *Modern Maturity*. He told his sister that he was once robbed at knifepoint in Spain and without a weapon had subdued two assailants, though he was bloodied in the process.

After 6:00, Kassar decided to investigate Watson's absence. At 8111 Camino del Oro, he, a security guard, and an emergency medical technician rode the elevator to Watson's third-floor apartment, K.

Knocking loudly, then unlocking dead-bolt and doorknob, the guard, the medical tech, and Kassar entered. Kassar saw a "disheveled" apartment that looked as though it had been burglarized. A dresser's drawers had been left pulled out, and a book, *Time Management for Dummies*, lay on the floor. One of Watson's financial statements was set out on the living room table. It caught Kassar's eye. It was from Watson's Deutsche Bank account and showed a balance in the millions. Kassar clicked on the answering machine and heard the messages.

In the bedroom came the shock. There, on the floor, beside the red-sheeted bed, lay John Watson, his body speckled with

scrapes and scratches, bite marks and bruises. Clad only in low-rise black underwear, he

band Manny were very close friends. Their kids called Watson "Uncle John," and the children

**There, on the floor, beside the red-sheeted bed, lay John Watson, his body speckled with scrapes and scratches, bite marks and bruises. Clad only in low-rise black underwear, he was on his back, arms rigid at his side.**

was on his back, arms rigid at his side. He was facing up, like a stone sarcophagus. Watson, Kassar recalled, seemed "perfectly posed."

The medical tech checked for a pulse, but there was none. The lividity of the body was pronounced; Watson had been dead at least a day. Soon, San Diego police arrived and found only the phone number of Beth Martinez, Watson's emergency contact. She and her hus-

and parents often spent ski holidays with him. The Martinezes were devastated by the news.

The following morning Beth arrived at the apartment and was told that Watson's wallet was missing. His 14-year-old Saab was still parked in the parking lot, and eight ripe pineapples, Watson's favorite fruit, were in the fridge. No one could locate his computer, where phone numbers for his family in England

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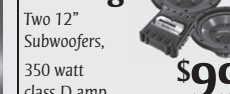
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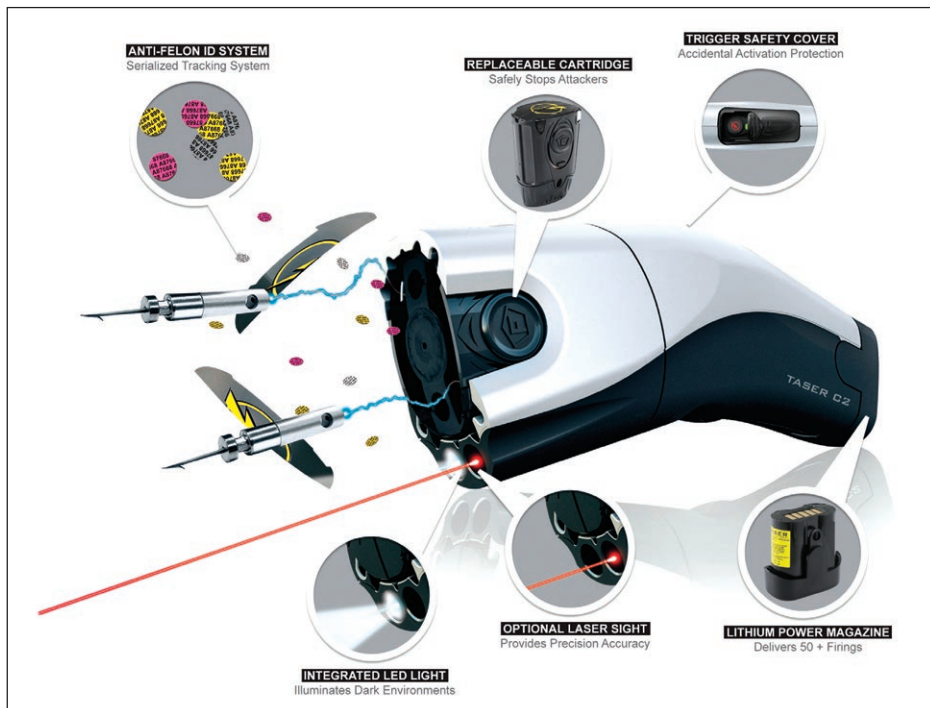
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### Keigwin used the identity of a longtime client to purchase a Taser C2 on the internet.

were stored. It was obvious, she told the detectives: there had to have been foul play.

Kassar, who also came by on Wednesday, felt the same. Thinking

that Watson's death reeked of financial theft, he called William Conn, Watson's financial advisor with Deutsche Bank in San Francisco. He conveyed the sad tidings

and then told Conn to check Watson's account. The account showed no withdrawals.

But when Conn looked the next day, there was a request from

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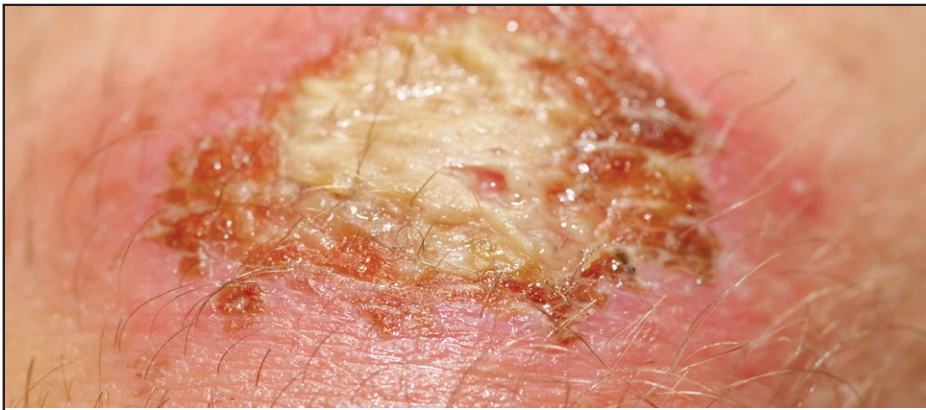
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Scottrade, via its office in La Jolla, to transfer a very large sum to a new Scottrade account — in John Watson's name. *This can't be*, Conn thought. He had met his client at the Marine Room in mid-May to strategize about investments. He said that Watson had told him then that he was concerned about fraud. Someone had been using his personal information to open bogus accounts.

On Thursday, when Conn checked Watson's account, he saw that a transfer of funds to Scottrade had gone through — of Watson's \$11.77 million, \$8.9 million had been taken. As if from the grave, Watson had transferred that money to himself.

**A Millionaire Opportunity**  
Kent Keigwin's plan to get at John Wat-

and E\*Trade for new accounts, about which Watson had alerted police, also fit Keigwin's

**On Thursday, when Conn checked Watson's account, he saw that a transfer of funds to Scottrade had gone through — of Watson's \$11.77 million, \$8.9 million had been taken.**

son's money began in early 2009. He opened a Yahoo email account in Watson's name. The applications at Citibank

M.O. As one detective who investigated Watson's death said, Keigwin's profession gave him "a great deal

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of knowledge about how money moves in our financial system."

Some of Keigwin's internet searches in the spring of 2010 showed a design: "Taser Gun Superstore"; "Scot-trade"; "GPS tracker"; "Millionaire Opportunities," a website with advice for attaining the "mentality" of the rich; and an online store for purchasing "fantasy swords, bowie knives," and a "lock-picking kit."

In April, Keigwin used the name, birth date, and address of a longtime client, Lance Keith, who lived in China, to buy a stun gun online from Taser International. To get the civilian model, the C2, the buyer had to pass a background check. For that, Keigwin used



**Beth Martinez was Watson's emergency contact.**

Keith's personal information. Keith's record was clean, so the Taser was shipped to Keigwin. To pay, Keigwin used his own credit card.

On Sunday, June 6, two days before his body was found, Watson left his home around 3:00 p.m. for the Walmart at Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and I-805.

A security camera videotaped him parking, making his purchases, and walking back to his car, all between 3:30 and 4:30.

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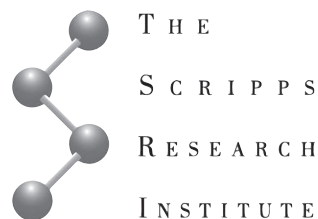


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Keigwin waited in his car, the Taser in his backpack, three blocks from Watson's La Jolla home. Keigwin received a ping every two minutes on his cell phone telling him the location of his prey — driving on 52 to Walmart, parking, driving home.

Keigwin most likely let himself into Watson's apartment. Soon after Watson came in, Keigwin tased him in the back.

An electronic fire-arm, the Taser shoots twin probes attached to wires 15 feet long. Keigwin fired the probes — which deliver a 50,000-volt shock — from three feet away. They punctured and burned into Watson's



Judge Frederic Link told Keigwin, "I have no mercy for you," and sentenced him to life in prison without parole.

lower back. The sensation, said one criminal investigator whose training included being stunned, is "extremely painful: it's like grabbing ahold of electricity on the end of a jackhammer."

Keigwin's C2 Taser was unlike a law

enforcement Taser: the jolt from that Taser lasts 5 seconds. The civilian Taser's jolt lasts 30 seconds. It's built for a longer stun so whoever uses it, presumably in self-defense, can get away. When the C2 fires its probes, it also releases a confetti stream of some two dozen "afids," antifelon identification "tags." On these paper dots, in microprint, are the gun's serial number, traceable to the owner. Keigwin picked up as many of these as he could. In addition, the Taser scatters, from its front-loaded cartridge, two "blast doors," one of which Keigwin also retrieved.

With Watson tased, Keigwin began stran-

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gling him. At some point Watson came to and fought back. He bit Keigwin, once on the leg and once on each forearm. He scratched his face. He punched him in the chest and back, bruising him. And, with foresight or luck, Watson clawed at Keigwin's skin, gathering a sliver of his assailant's tissue, later matched with Keigwin's DNA. To gain the upper hand again, Keigwin may have subdued Watson a second time, triggering another 30-second jolt through the still-attached probes in Watson's back.

Killing Watson required incredible

force. (One friend said Keigwin was "as strong as an ox.") To strangle a person, one applies a chokehold, compressing the neck hard enough to stop the airflow in the trachea or the blood flow to the brain for three to four minutes. First, the person goes unconscious. Then, with the brain deprived of oxygen for those minutes, death is guaranteed. It is possible, if hands or forearm are used, that no mark remains.

Watson was murdered Sunday evening, June 6. At 7:42 Monday morning, Keigwin was online, opening an account at Scottrade

in Watson's name. To complete the process, "Watson" was asked to come into a branch office. An hour later, Keigwin entered the Scottrade branch at La Jolla Village Square, carrying Watson's Deutsche Bank statement. He introduced himself to the manager, Craig Dock, as John Watson. Dock recalled that Keigwin wore a black ball cap and black pullover and his face was cut up badly — a gash across one cheek, a fresh scab on his forehead. Dock thanked him for coming in to verify the transfer. Keigwin signed several required

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forms. (He didn't bother to copy Watson's penmanship. Keigwin's 7's and 2's and 6's and capital J's were nothing like the victim's.) Dock told him that the money transfer — an uncommonly large sum, \$8.9 million — would take five days. No sooner? No sooner. With this, Dock recalled, "Watson" looked very nervous, then excused himself to get a cup of coffee. He apologized. He said he'd been traveling a lot.

son's back. When he cut and peeled back the skin of the neck, he saw extensive bruising to the muscles. He found that the horseshoe-shaped hyoid bone at the top of the throat was fractured. Because of its position, this bone is hard to break, requiring great pressure. That break and the trauma to the neck muscles told Mena all he needed to make a ruling: Watson had been strangled.

What's more, Mena

biopsied the skin around the puncture wounds on Watson's back and determined they were burn marks, originating from a stun gun. He certified Watson's death a homicide — tased and subdued, throttled and killed.

Not until Thursday night at 8:20 was a search warrant issued for Watson's apartment. It had taken two full days for San Diego detectives to see the death as murder —

something that Watson's friends understood from the get-go.

### Why Return to the Scene of the Crime?

Meanwhile, Keigwin had been continuing his Watson impersonation. Using Watson's California driver's license, he opened a mailbox in person at the Torrey Hills Postal Annex, charging the \$152 fee on Watson's credit card. The man who pro-

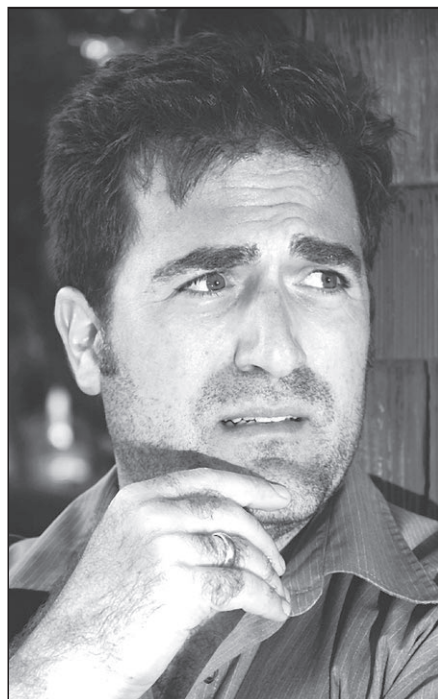
### An Autopsy That Almost Wasn't

On Wednesday morning, when Beth Martinez arrived at her friend's apartment, she learned that the previous night Chris Burton, an investigator from the coroner's office, had classified Watson's wounds as "nonfatal" — his death was not suspicious. No autopsy would be performed. Burton "waived jurisdiction" over the body, and it was on its way to the crematorium.

At 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, after telling detectives she was sure there was foul play, Martinez called Burton and told him they had to find the cause of death: Watson was too healthy to just keel over and die. "I knew how much he worked out to stay in shape for skiing," Burton listened, agreed, and called a deputy medical examiner, Dr. Othon Mena. Mena "invoked jurisdiction," ordering Watson's body to the morgue for an autopsy.

Mena removed Watson's organs and observed no cause of death. He scoured the body for other signs, noting two round puncture wounds, perhaps burn marks, on Wat-

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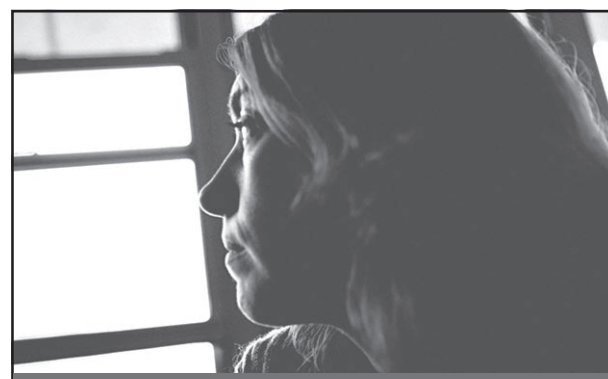


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cessed the request asked to see a photo I.D. He looked at the license and at Keigwin and later recalled that the two faces were “pretty close.” Keigwin then filed an online change-of-address form with the U.S. Postal Service in Watson’s name — from 8111 Camino del Oro to the PostalAnnex box. Last, Keigwin secured a safe-deposit box to store his own passport and Social Security card. The woman who served him remembered “red dots all over his face, a skin condition,” she thought.

By Thursday morning, four days after strangling Watson, Keigwin had seen no report on TV or in the paper about the death. Had no one found the body? In coat and tie, he delivered an envelope

to a front-desk clerk at the La Jolla Shores Hotel, which manages the apartments at 8111 Camino del Oro. The envelope held Watson’s car keys, wallet (containing \$40), and a note — to “J” from “K.” The note read, in part, “I’m returning your wallet and keys you left in the car.... Your answering machine does not work. You need to get an electronic [one]. Missed you at dinner. Hope nothing is wrong.”

The clerk gave Keigwin the news: Watson had died after a medical emergency. He remembered Keigwin tearing up.

Friday morning, at 6:00 a.m., Keigwin returned to Watson’s apartment. He let himself in the building’s front door, took the

elevator to the third floor, and walked toward apartment K, the only residence in that direction. Serendipity: a detective who was investigating the crime scene and taking a break in the hallway saw Keigwin in his black ball cap and black pull-over. He asked, “Can I help you?”

Keigwin had a brain freeze. He said he was there to see a Mr. Kent Keigwin who lived on this or another floor, he wasn’t sure. The detective noticed Keigwin’s face, its red splotches, its scabs and scrapes. The man was nervous, and the detective asked again why he was there. After a half-hour of hemming and hawing, Keigwin confessed that he was Keigwin and he’d come to visit the site where

he’d heard just yesterday that his friend, John Watson, had died.

Really? When was the last time you saw Mr. Watson?

Keigwin said that the two of them had been biking the previous Saturday and John had fallen, suffering facial cuts and body bruises. Keigwin dropped Watson off at the hospital and realized, days later, that his friend had left his car keys and wallet in Keigwin’s car. These he had returned to the La Jolla Shores office the day before, when he heard the news.

The detective placed Keigwin under arrest. In his backpack were three plastic bags, a flashlight, and a dust mask. The police also found a small piece of plastic, one of the two

blast doors from the Taser. The keys to Watson’s apartment were in

**Verdict and Sentencing**  
The eight-day trial, in November 2011, nearly

## She said Keigwin had to choke Watson, hands clamped around his neck, for several minutes to stop his breathing.

Keigwin’s pocket. In his car, detectives located Watson’s computer, and later, searching Keigwin’s apartment, they found financial statements from Deutsche Bank and the new Scottrade account spread out on his living room table.

a year and a half after the crime, was unyielding in its prosecutorial force. Deputy district attorney Sharla Evert showcased some 35 witnesses and 180 pieces of evidence, arguing the charge of first-degree murder with the special circumstances of murder during a robbery and murder for financial gain. In addition, Keigwin was charged with five other felonies: two counts of identify theft, attempted grand theft, burglary, and forgery.

Pretrial, Keigwin tried to escape his fate by offering to plead guilty to second-degree murder and to the other felonies. But Evert knew the evidence in the case was “overwhelming.” So her office sought first-degree murder but not the death penalty. “Bonnie [Dumanis] didn’t believe it fit the criteria,” Evert told me; the defendant’s age and his lack of a criminal record were in his favor. Besides, she added, Watson’s friends and family hoped to see Keigwin tried, exposed, and held accountable. A plan she agreed with.

During her 90-minute summation, Evert said Keigwin acted like a hunter: “He finds his target, observes it, then

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goes in for the kill.” At one point she teared up. She said Keigwin had to choke Watson, hands clamped around his neck, for several minutes to stop his breathing. She paused and asked the jury to consider, “How much time do you need before the person goes limp?”

Keigwin’s public defender, Stacy Gulley, suggested in his 29-minute closing argument that Keigwin had killed a friend “in the heat of passion” — admitting to the crime in hopes of planting doubt in the jurors’ minds about its premeditation. The two men were buddies, he claimed. Watson invited him in. They talked. They quarreled. A struggle ensued. “Yes, a man died. But nobody knows what happened in that apartment that night.”

And yet, during the trial, this was not the tack Gulley took. Instead, he insisted that the police may have “contaminated the evidence” in the lab (shades of O.J. Simpson). And he argued that positional asphyxia — an accident in which Watson fell, lost consciousness and, lying in an awkward position, suffocated — might have been the cause.

One juror told me that Gulley’s theory of an argument gone bad between two so-called friends was risible: “If you were going to settle a difference with a friend,” he said, “you don’t bring a Taser with you.”

The jury bought none of Gulley’s suspicions and all of the prosecution’s facts.

Guilty on all counts. Murder in the first degree.

After the trial, Evert observed that families of those charged with murder often don’t believe that their loved one committed the crime. During this case, she

said, Keigwin’s family “saw what he was capable of doing.” This may be why none of his kin came for the verdict. “John Watson died to his family,” Evert said,

“and Kent Keigwin did to his family as well. Not because they’ll never visit him [in prison], but because the person they knew doesn’t exist.”

Such sentiments

were expressed to the court prior to Judge Frederic Link’s sentencing of Keigwin in January. Keigwin’s brother Jim said the family was “dumbfounded and

crushed.” “We don’t ask for mercy” for Kent “because he gave no mercy” to Watson. Beth Martinez kept the focus on her and her husband’s friend. “John didn’t live

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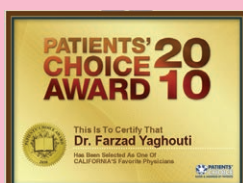
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Keigwin briefly addressed the judge, saying, "I am sad for the death of John Watson," and he quoted a passage from the Bible about God showing compassion to everyone. One trial watcher noted that perhaps in jail Keigwin had had a religious conversion.

Evert stated to the

court that the one thing family and friends wanted to hear from Keigwin was something he would not say: "I killed this man and I'm sorry." (Evert told me later that Keigwin, on the advice of his attorney, would not admit to the murder because he didn't want to jeopardize the likely appeal of his conviction. She said she understood: "the right to appeal a verdict is one of the only things that brings hope" to a convicted felon.)

In England, there were no doubt tears and relief when Watson's sister Gillian Ison heard that Link had sentenced her brother's killer to life in prison without parole. It may soothe her to know that Link underscored his deci-

sion on Keigwin's fate with his knifelike line: "I have no mercy for you."

Ison said after the verdicts were read that life in prison would make Keigwin suffer the most — some compensation for what her brother had endured. "In England it's as though they stay in hotels." But in America, she said defiantly, "He'll rot."

To honor Watson's memory, his family has endowed the John G. Watson Foundation with \$1 million to promote entrepreneurship, overseen by Tech Coast Angels, and the nonprofit Friends of La Jolla Shores is building a new comfort station at the beach where Watson loved to swim and surf. ■

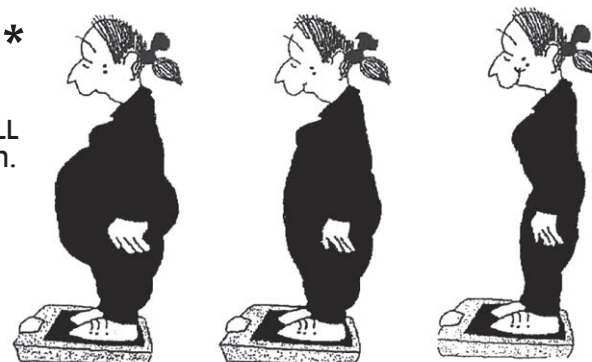
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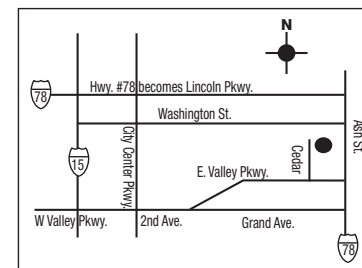
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Both Dourson and his employee Patrick Clemons said that a man wearing a knit mask pointed a gun at them and said, "Give me the money!" Dourson



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annoyed, he tried to pepper-spray the attacker with his own weapon, but Clemons couldn't work out how to use the can, so he threw it away.

Dourson said he pulled the ski mask off the offender as soon as they had him on the floor, but he did not recognize Thomas Scott Ruth. "Thank God it was a 22-year-old spoiled brat from La Costa and not a real criminal," Dourson later said.

## The Would-Be Robber Confessed, Carlsbad Cop Said

Carlsbad police officer Shaun Lawton arrived on the scene to find Ruth restrained on the floor. "I immediately handcuffed him," he said. The officer described the gun recovered as a CO<sub>2</sub>-powered pellet pistol in the style of a Beretta semi-automatic.

After he took the bloodied Ruth away from the pizza-shop workers, Officer Lawton asked Ruth if he'd planned the crime or if it was a spur-of-the-moment decision. At a preliminary hearing, the officer testified that Ruth told him it was a spur-of-the-moment thing.

Ruth was ordered to face all seven felonies at the end of his hearing in June.

He received a moving violation while out on bail in August. He gave an address in the 3000 block of Calle del Sur in Carlsbad — this is La Costa, an upscale part of San Diego County.

Dourson now complains that Ruth has received "rich man" justice. The restaurateur, who works the overnight shift in his pizza shop every night, can't understand why the robbery case was not continued to a trial. Dourson wants the man who stuck a gun in his face



Thomas Scott Ruth

and pepper-sprayed him convicted of all seven felonies he was charged with.

"The robber got a sweetheart deal," Dourson said. "I don't think that Thomas Scott Ruth thinks there are consequences for his actions. And this case is proving it." Dourson claims the plea deal was intended to be completed on October 26 — as a gift for Thomas Scott Ruth's birthday — but that because journalists got word of it, the deal was delayed.

About a month after Scott was first brought to court, the specific charge of attempted robbery against Mychal Dourson *as the named victim* was dropped, in an "amended" complaint filed March 30, 2011. This reduced the felony count to six. Inquiries were made, and Dourson says the district attorney's office says it was a clerical error. This "error" was corrected June 30, when a "second amended complaint" was filed, and the missing felony was restored.

"I feel completely betrayed by the district attorney's office. We didn't even get a chance in the justice system. They stole my opportunity for justice."

Dourson has had as many as ten phone conversations with persons in the prosecutor's office. "I fought for months to stop this plea deal, but it was futile, against the wishes of the DA's office."

He was told that pros-

ecutors "cannot force the defendant to go to trial," and "there's nothing I can do," and "the decision came down from the branch chief." (A person with the DA's office said that Summer Stephan is the current chief of the DA's North County branch.)

Clemons is also disappointed. "The plea deal saddens me but doesn't surprise me much. What small faith I had in the fairness of the justice system waved its final goodbye... 'cause I guarantee [that] if Ruth was poor and a minority, justice would've already been dealt — with a much heavier hand."

"This whole situation stinks," Clemons concluded. He and his boss have been friends for 17 years and have worked together making pizzas for ten. Both men were 36 years old at the time of the robbery.

It does appear that this case may have been passed around like a hot potato. In less than one year, several different deputy district attorneys have been assigned to the case, including Aimee McLeod, Christine Ryan, Brooke Tafreshi, and Brock Arstill.

At the sentencing hearing on February 2, 2012, judge Daniel Goldstein ordered Thomas Ruth to serve 365 days for each of the two felony attempted-robbery charges that he admitted; time is to be served consecutively and in county jail, not state prison. But then the judge suspended that sentence and granted the defendant three years of formal probation. Judge Goldstein ordered Ruth into a residential treatment program and to report to a probation officer within 72 hours of his release from custody. ■

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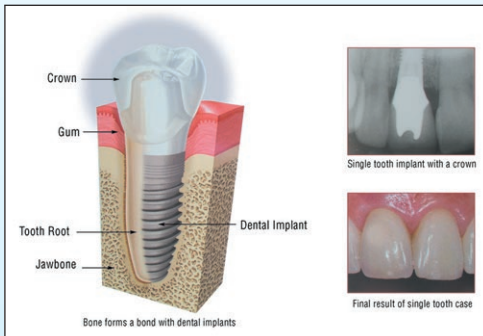
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"Ahead of the law, we have to have ideas," says Mahmood Hossain, chief of the San Diego Air Pollution Control District. The district must submit its plan by mid-2012, and Hossain has several sites in

mind. The district now monitors NO<sub>2</sub> and other pollutants — but not by roads, where concentrations peak. Most health effects are seen within several hundred feet of what the EPA calls a "major" or "busy" road.

In San Diego, such roads are hard to avoid.

"Coronado is otherwise Heaven on Earth," John Sexton says. He moved from a house between two Navy commuter routes to one that "also gets quite a lot of traffic." He lived 110 feet from the road; according to Caltrans, each day on State Route 282, the highway near his previous home, 33,800 vehicles go by — once on the way to work along 3rd Street, then home on 4th Street in the afternoon.

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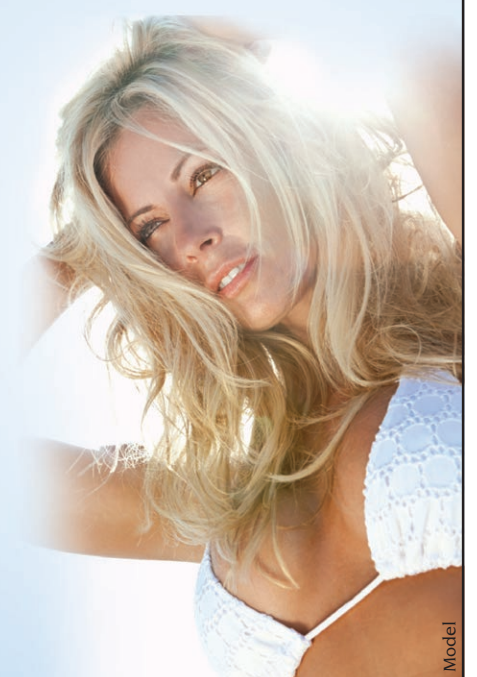
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bles” the traffic numbers, Sexton says. Most drive solo. “One only needs to stand next to 3rd or 4th Streets to see the very limited number of HOVs.” Ten years ago, Sexton and others began rallying the town on traffic mitigation and citing health studies.

Coronado, population 24,697, shares a traffic corridor with the largest combined military airport and aircraft-carrier berthing facility on the West Coast, according to a study commissioned by the city. The study called 3rd and 4th Streets “San Diego County’s most heavily traveled residential streets.”

“If the Navy had an entrance that only permitted HOV traffic,” Sexton says, it would be “a great incentive to carpool.”

Others have called for stop signs and lights, but these can actually increase emissions. When cars stop and go, the acceleration “changes the patterns of emissions exhaust and pollution-control devices, and levels can be much higher,” says Ed Avol, a professor at USC Keck School of Medicine. Avol, a graduate of UCSD, is part of the National Children’s Health Study, researching the effects of dirty air.

Sexton’s new “quieter” street once rattled with Navy trucks. A former resident, Ricardo Johnson, moved in 2007 to escape the traffic. Finally, the rigs were rerouted...onto congested 3rd Street.

Near the bridge, 70,800 vehicles go by daily from the toll plaza to C Avenue, according to Caltrans. Many then turn off 3rd Street onto Orange Avenue, reducing traffic headed to the base to 33,800. But by the bridge, the road roars; especially when three ships are in;

over 140,000 vehicles may pass.

Hundreds of studies have found correlations between traffic emissions and diseases such as asthma, heart

and lung ailments, cancer, and more. Recently, researchers at USC found a link between short-term exposure to traffic pollution and brain damage. The list “runs the gamut”

of health outcomes, Avol says. He considers a daily volume of about 100,000 vehicles “very high” for a residential street. Health effects in children have been found at less than

half that amount.

High-traffic roads are often defined as having more than 50,000 daily vehicles. Other variables count, too: how long the resident lives there; when

they’re home; wind direction; distance from lanes; and more. Many pollutants “fall off almost exponentially with distance,” Avol adds. For really busy roads, a few thousand

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meters "is probably okay."

"There is an old adage in pollution control about putting some distance between yourself and the source of exposure," Avol says. Unfortunately, since living near where you work reduces driving emissions, "that [advice] runs exactly counter to the trend toward compact urban development."

In its 2011 State of the Air Report, the American Lung Association gave San Diego an "F" on ozone and particulates, most of it from traffic.

While not a greenhouse gas, NO<sub>2</sub> leads to the formation of ozone.

Hossain disputes the scarlet letter. "We never agreed with the Lung Association ranking, and we tend to ignore that," he says. "San Diego has excellent air quality throughout the year." There may be seasonal

increases, with "slightly elevated" ozone levels in summer and particulates in winter. Otherwise, "only one site in San Diego records a bit higher ozone level."

Debra Kelley of the San Diego chapter of the American Lung Association says the group, which translates EPA data into grades, "uses a very strict standard." With about half the population "sensitive to bad air," even a few days of high pollution affects many people. But there are "points of reference," Kelley admits. "Our air is way cleaner than Los Angeles."

And Los Angeles air, while unhealthy, is "really good" compared to, say, Mexico City, Avol says.

The air in both cities has improved. Cleaner engines and reformulated gasoline have helped, says

Hossain, who has witnessed changes over 29 years with the district. But for those most affected by them, busy streets still mar the picture.

"Regional agencies are supposed to place monitoring stations away from any local source, to get a better sense of what the larger region is exposed to," Avol says. The new NO<sub>2</sub> rules will change that. In the next few years, near-road monitoring will show "how much we have been missing by only thinking about regional levels."

For now, Hossain faces a different traffic problem: the safety of his staff. The air monitors must be visited weekly. They'll sit within 150 feet of a wall of traffic.

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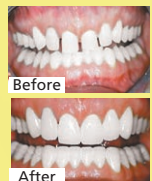
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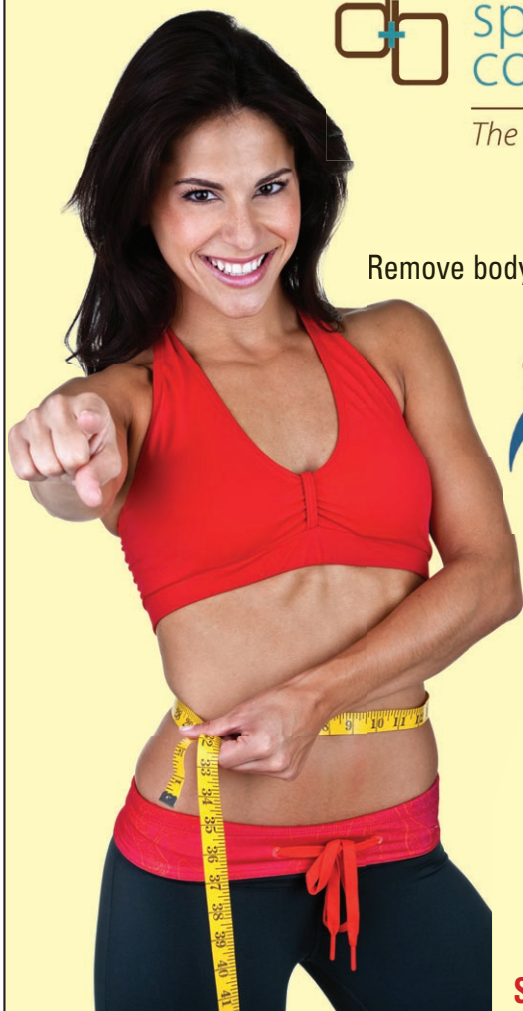


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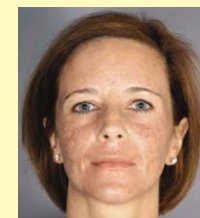
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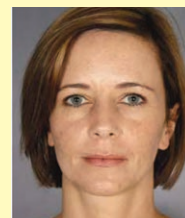
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claim is backed by clinical studies that are not identified, according to the suit. Lipozene says it can peel off your fat "without making major lifestyle changes that can be potentially harmful to your system." Hmm. Sounds like clever wording to skate around the Federal Trade Commission's ruling. The suit says the Lipozene ad copy violates the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act.

Beau Cheveux touted Nutra Renew hair spray in a 30-minute infomer-

cial. The Electronic Retailing Self-Regulation Program, set up by the non-profit National Advertising Review Council in 2004 to monitor deceptive advertising, studied the product's claims, one of which was that you can have "silky, shiny, smooth hair...in seconds right before your eyes." No way, declared the regulator.

Product claims of the interconnected North County web get a lot of criticism online. Cyvita is an herbal erectile dysfunction pill. Ads boast of "longer, stronger, more frequent erections" and you get "a 1 week supply without a prescription." Hmm.

Mark Vaughan has a website, *youarenotafitperson.com*, that examines just such assertions. He notes that Cialis and Levitra are two of the most popular drugs for erectile dysfunction. To Vaughan, the name Cyvita seems like a clever combination of the two.

In assessing Lipozene, Vaughan, too, pored over websites in which the marketers claim that clinical studies back up such assertions as 78 percent of each pound lost is pure body fat. But he can't find those clinical studies, either. Promised refunds don't come (a common complaint on the web), and Lipozene simply "doesn't work," says

Vaughan.

Maggie Mahar, author of *Healthbeatblog.com*, titles her piece "Learning from Lipozene: The Anatomy of a Drug Scam." While some say the major ingredient, glucomannan, can suppress appetite, none of the studies has involved Lipozene. It's a case of "distorting research findings and over-selling effectiveness," she says. And she points out that Lipozene is not only a TV advertising scam. It's a multilevel marketing ruse, too — at least it was in 2008. Websites agree to host Lipozene ads and get a commission, as well as a payment for other websites they recruit

into the pyramid.

The fiber in Lipozene can be helpful in weight loss, "but you can find much cheaper sources of fiber elsewhere, and then you don't have to be caught up in the Lipozene customer service issues and billing scams," says *diet-pill.org*.

"Some companies practicing homeopathy fraud are as sneaky and slick as snake-oil salespeople," says *lawyersandsettlements.com*, citing Lipozene and its supplier, Obesity Research Institute. The institute's website boasts that Lipozene "is manufactured by a reputable organization known as the

Obesity Research Institute." Hmm.

So what does Lipozene do about all the authors saying the product is a scam? It has a website of its own, *lipozenescam.org*. The website concludes that Lipozene is not a scam — in fact, seems to be something of a miracle. "[Obesity Research Institute] does not disclose to consumers that the website is simply another advertisement by [Obesity Research Institute] for the products," says Marron's suit.

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## Train wreck

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first noticed the wraps going up on the train cars, Tobias thought it was a good idea and wondered why they hadn't thought of it before. But then the following Monday, when he realized that the advertisements affected his view of the Pacific, he became irritated and sent a complaint to the North County Transit District.

"There are lots more important things I could be complaining about," he says. "But I get sensitive about people interfering with the aesthetic of my daily experience."

Alex Wiggins, communications director at North County Transit District, has three things to say in response to Tobias's complaint.

One: "The obstruction is relatively minor. It's the equivalent of looking out of a tinted window compared to a nontinted window."

Two: "We operate 26 trains a day between Oceanside and San Diego. Each of those trains consists of about five cars. At maximum, as the program grows, we'll probably have two wraps per train set, so that leaves ample opportunity for someone who doesn't care for the view to move to a different car."

Three: "It's a fantastic revenue stream, so we're looking forward to actually expanding the program."

Another Carlsbad resident, Claire Toomay, reads a book in a seat by the west-facing windows in one of the cars covered with an advert for Wells Fargo. Toomay says the window coverings don't affect her experience in a negative way. Not from inside the train, at least.

"In fact, it can be really bright to sit by these windows, so it is nice to have some shade," she says. "But one thing I would say is that we're so inundated with advertisements out in the world. More advertising isn't always the best thing."

But Tobias says the commercialization is not his beef at all.

"You have to pay for your public services," he says. "I'd rather they let Scripps and Wells Fargo pay for them than take it out of my property taxes. Really honestly, I would. I'm more than happy to see them use the space for advertising."

Just not on the windows.

Gary Krajci of Oceanside agrees with Toomay but for a different reason.

"[On the outside] it just doesn't look uniform," he says. "I'm a military type of guy. I like things to look fairly natural, if not fairly uniform."

Krajci, who's also annoyed by the animated billboards he's seen popping up along the freeways, prefers the blue and white of the way the train cars are painted *without* the advertisements.

"This train that's going along the ocean, the way it was painted before was perfect. It kind of blended in," he says. "But if you start getting all sorts of wild signs and painting train cars, it looks like Barnum and Bailey going through town."

According to Wiggins, in the 12 months of 2011, the Coaster carried 1,547,312 passengers, an increase from the 1.4 million of previous years. This increase in riders, Wiggins claims, is the result of a fare decrease. And though the exact cost of the adverts is proprietary information, he says, "We can collect up to several hundred thousand dollars for six months' to a year's worth of advertising for a single train. So it's a lot of revenue."

Krajci, like Tobias, understands that the presence of these advertisements on the Coaster has the financial upside of keeping his costs low. However, the garishness still bothers him.

"I'm not an arts-and-craftsy type of person, but it just doesn't sit right with me," Krajci says. "It doesn't bother me to death, but if I could make it go away, I'd make it go away." ■



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San Diego County sheriff Bill Gore's.

According to the report released yesterday (Thursday, February 16) by state auditor Elaine Howle, "statistics show that checkpoints more often result in citations for unlicensed motorists or for those with suspended or revoked driver's licenses than for alcohol-related offenses."

In addition, the auditors discovered that the checkpoints can prove to be lucrative for local government.

Based on the audit's findings, of the five jurisdictions surveyed, San Diego charged the least to release a towed vehicle, \$58.

Nine-hundred and forty-nine cars passed through the San Diego checkpoint on a Saturday night between 8 p.m. and 3 the next morning, the auditors found.

Of the 15 citations issued, none were for drunk driving, 8 were for unlicensed vehicles, 2 were for suspended or revoked driver's licenses, and the remaining 5 were listed as miscellaneous. There were 7 tows, with total potential revenue of \$406.

On the other hand, in Fresno, where just 348 cars passed through a Saturday checkpoint between 6 p.m. and 4 a.m., there were 33 citations.

Five were for drunk driving, 15 for unlicensed vehicles, 12 for suspended or revoked driver's licenses, and 1 was classified as miscellaneous.

Total Fresno tows were 26, with potential revenue of \$7534.

By Matt Potter  
Friday, February 17

### Rush to Spend

Rapid Bus Project One Stop Closer to Construction

Hillcrest — On Friday, members of the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) Transportation Committee received an

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update on the Mid-City Rapid Bus project, a 44-million-dollar project to implement rapid bus service from San Diego State University along El Cajon Boulevard to downtown. The new bus line will have fewer stops, new bus stations, synchronized traffic signals along El Cajon Boulevard, and a dedicated bus lane on Park Avenue in University Heights.

Committee members were informed that the agency was awaiting final approval from the city and expects to issue bids for construction sometime in April.

Many residents living on Park Boulevard say the dedicated bus lane and inadequate parking along Park Boulevard will impact local businesses. And they worry about traffic on already busy roads after Polk Avenue is closed. Because of these concerns, the Hillcrest Town Council, North Park Planning Group, and Uptown Planners opposed the project.

"The project is wasteful and foolish. The businesses and Hillcrest residents will suffer just because SANDAG rushed to spend TransNet funds before they disappeared," says Hillcrest resident Richard Rachel, an outspoken critic of the project.

By Dorian Hargrove  
Friday, February 17

### Greenhouse Gas Goals

Democrats Blast SANDAG Transit Plan

San Diego — The Environmental Caucus of the California Democratic Party yesterday released a resolution it reached unanimously at last weekend's state convention condemning the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) Regional Transit Plan.

The group blasts SANDAG for failing to consider state greenhouse gas reduction goals codified by Assembly Bill 32, signed into law by governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2006, and Senate Bill 375, a 2008

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measure requiring regional transit plans to "adopt a sustainable communities strategy." They specifically call attention to a plan to widen 27 miles of Interstate 5 from 8 lanes to 12, a proposal environmentalists say encourages driving and discourages use of public transit.

Democrats say that SANDAG has declared itself exempt from greenhouse gas reduction goals. This assertion is at least partially supported by Appendix B of the Regional Transit Plan, which states on page 15 that "certain highway and transit projects" are exempted, though none of the projects cited in the report are related to road or highway expansion.

By Dave Rice  
Wednesday, February 15

### Prop O on Hold

Oversight Committee's Suggestions for Sweetwater Union

Chula Vista — Bernardo Vasquez is the chair of Sweetwater Union High School District's Proposition O Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. The all-volunteer committee with rotating membership has been attempting to keep track of the district's 644 million proposition dollars and building projects since 2006. Seville Construction Group, Inc, the company that was the program manager for Proposition O, was suspended in January.

In a recent interview, Vasquez said he plans to call on the district to impose a 30- to 90-day moratorium on Prop O projects. He and the members of the bond committee who attended the last meeting believe that before the district moves forward it needs to have a full understanding of what bond monies remain.

Vasquez also wants the oversight committee to receive a more transparent accounting of the bond expenditures. Previously,





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they were given pages of material “with left and right columns that did not add up.”

The district is at an important turning point, Vasquez said, and if they don't exercise responsibility, “there is a strong likelihood the community will never support another bond measure.”

By Susan Luzzaro  
Wednesday, February 15

## Circling the Wagons

**Stahl Calls Foul on  
Endorsement of Bilbray  
North County — All is not  
quiet on the Republican  
front when it comes to the  
race over California's newly  
drawn 52nd congressional  
district.**

Republicans have voted to endorse 50th district incumbent Brian Bilbray as their candidate to challenge for the seat. The old 50th district encompasses a large portion of the new 52nd.

This doesn't sit well, however, with Republican challenger John Stahl, who, in an email obtained by the Reader, accuses the party of “circling the wagons” around weak incumbents.” Stahl says he was not given adequate opportunity to address Republican voters, claiming that Bilbray failed to honor his request for a debate.

“Brian Bilbray is a wonderful fellow, but if a junior college dropout with no private sector or military service is considered to be the only candidate who can represent the 52nd district, the Republican party and the USA are in serious jeopardy,” says Stahl.

By Dave Rice  
Monday, February 13

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By *refriedgringo* 1:42 p.m., Feb 15, 2012

Grandma and the elves have formed a posse, and we're on it. Also sent in a request to America's Most Wanted. We'll keep you posted.

By *Matthew\_Alice* 12:50 p.m., Feb 16, 2012

**City Lights, by Russell Goltz**  
**Published February 15**

Going on vacation, you stop the mail, put the lights on timers, do a bunch of other things to make your house look occupied, and what do

see when you roll up to your house? Piles of UT circulars on your DRIVEWAY (which make me hate them even worse than on my porch) announcing - "There's no one home so come break in!"

This dumping of official litter from the UT has to stop.

**DOUG MANCHESTER!**  
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By *Rocket\_J\_Squirrel* 1:42 p.m., Feb 18, 2012

**Feature Story**  
**"Royal Raymond Rife: Into the Micro Beyond"**  
**Published February 15**

Wow, I've never heard about this gentleman and his remarkable sounding microscope and "beam ray." What a fascinating San Diego story! Rife seems to have been our own left coast version of Tesla, brilliant but ultimately burned by those who held the purse strings and, thus, the real power.

Mr. Smith has long been documenting long-lost tales of old SD, but this is one of his best entries.

By *jayallen* 7:48 p.m., Feb 15, 2012

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women and children onboard the ship. But his wife wouldn't get on the lifeboat. She said, 'We have lived together for many years. Where you go, I go.'" David choked up and turned his head away from me.

"Hey," I said. "Hey, stop it. Now you're going to make me cry, too." I squeezed his hand, and he squeezed back as he turned around and showed me his reddening eyes. "You're right, love," I said. "It is sad. And sweet. And I get it." Now we were both wiping at our cheeks. "How could she go on living knowing that she left her love behind? I could never have left you there." ■

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## Thursday | 23

### TOWER AFTER HOURS: IRELAND!

*Sláinte!* Enjoy traditional Irish music, dance, and stories performed by “our city’s top talent.” Also, regional food and drink provided by local Irish pubs and restaurants.



**WHEN:** 6 to 8 p.m.

**WHERE:** San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-239-2001; [museumofman.org](http://museumofman.org)

## Friday | 24

### THE CAR PLAYS

As part of their “Without Walls” series, the La Jolla Playhouse presents this series of five ten-minute plays, each taking place in a car, where audiences of two move from vehicle to vehicle to experience works by different playwrights. As the car door closes, you watch the drama or comedy unfold from inches away.

**WHEN:** 7 and 8:30 p.m. (Thursday through Sunday until March 4)

**WHERE:** La Jolla Playhouse, 2910 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla. 858-550-1010; [lajollaplayhouse.org](http://lajollaplayhouse.org)



## Saturday | 25

### OLD-FASHIONED BBQ BASH

The National Barbecue Association hosts this day “focused on the art and enjoyment of barbecue.” Vote in the People’s Choice awards, shop the barbecue marketplace, check out cookbook signings and “How to Q” presentations from famed pit legends, and sample barbecue and sauces from experts.

**WHEN:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle North, Mission Valley. 888-909-2121; [nbbqa.org](http://nbbqa.org)

## Sunday | 26

### A RAISIN IN THE SUN

Our critic’s pick, this 1959 drama by Lorraine Hansberry is given a “first rate” for ensemble and design work by Moxie Theatre. The Youngers have lived in their cramped, South Side Chicago apartment for decades. A 10K life-insurance check inspires competing dreams... but first the family must climb out of personal valleys.

**WHEN:** 2 p.m. (also Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 p.m., through March 4)

**WHERE:** Moxie at Rolando Theatre, 6663 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 858-598-7620; [moxietheatre.com](http://moxietheatre.com)

## Monday | 27

### DON'T FENCE ME IN

The ArtPower series continues with “Songs, Music, and Poetry of the American West.” Enjoy cowboy songs and poetry,



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24: THE CAR PLAYS

Western-swing fiddle, vocal harmonies, Tex-Mex polkas, and *rancheras* performed by “working cowboys and other authentic representatives of today’s Western culture.”

**WHEN:** 8 p.m.

**WHERE:** Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla. 858-534-8407; [artpwr.com](http://artpwr.com)

## Tuesday | 28

### USA GAP-YEAR FAIR

A “gap year” is that time between high school graduation and the first day of college. Representatives will share ideas for gap-year activities such as travel, nonprofit work, language immersion, internship, and volunteer service. The fair opens with a presentation from two speakers who will share their gap-year experiences.

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

**WHERE:** Francis Parker School, 6501 Linda Vista Road, Linda Vista. 619-298-9110; [usagapyearfairs.org](http://usagapyearfairs.org)



## Wednesday | 29

### INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES CONFERENCE

The 27th annual conference provides an “inclusive setting” for experts and participants to share their knowledge of assistive technology. Hundreds of expert-led sessions will focus on “promoting accessibility through technology innovation and policy change.” Actor, comedienne, and advocate Geri Jewell is the keynote speaker.

**WHEN:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (also Thursday and Friday).

**WHERE:** Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Place, Downtown. 818-677-2578; [csun.edu/cod](http://csun.edu/cod)



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Hiking Humphrey's Peak, Arizona — the Grand Canyon is visible 40 miles north.

### Humphrey's Peak, Arizona

By Daniel Anderson Jr.

Standing still is impossible: 70 mile-an-hour gales force me to stumble forward at a 75-degree angle. The frigid gusts are uneven, causing my feet to boogie an awkward three-step on the summit's razor-sharp rock slopes. Tears cloud my vision as I stagger around a few hikers laid spread-eagle on the trail, resting from their battle against the airstream's bluster.

The last 200 feet of elevation gain seem to require an eternity to complete, but I push myself forward against the

squall. At the top, I immediately collapse under a rock wall made by previous groups of windblown trekkers. I unbuckle my hydration pack, gobble a peanut butter Clif bar, and contemplate the apex of Arizona's tallest mountain: Humphrey's Peak.

Icy temperatures. Ruthless wind speeds. Beds of knife-like obsidian. From the trailhead, I am deceived about the summit's afternoon conditions. It's 8 a.m., and the light morning fog is dissipating in the pine-scented breezes. From the gravel parking lot, an Arizona Snowbowl ski run cuts deep into the forest.

It's June, so the slope is a jumble of rainbow flowers and mountain meadow grasses; the scene is only interrupted by the dormant ski lift. The sun is out, and a few puffy cumulus clouds hang on the horizon. The weather looks optimal for a brisk, ten-mile round-trip hike.

Starting from an altitude of almost 9000 feet, the first two or so miles of the hike lead through a dense lodgepole pine and aspen forest. The tangled thickets are interrupted by fallen logs, and the trail is cut by trickling streams and muddy puddles. Bird songs and woodpeckers'

hammering echo through the trees while a solitary white-tailed deer flounces past. To reach the 12,637-foot peak in under five miles, the path's incline sharpens immediately. I set an ambitious pace.

The forest suddenly thins, and I begin to spot patches of open ground above and below me: the tree line is near. Mounds of melting snow appear as stands of ponderosa pines give way to the beautifully gnarled bristlecone pines, which date to over 3000 years old.

So far, the trail leads circuitously around a few mountains toward Humphrey's ridgeline. I can see a saddle a mile or so above me and guess that Humphrey rises somewhere behind it. I pause to take a brief water and snack break. As I pass a fellow hiker, he glances at my Neeko hydration pack and

thoughtfully murmurs, "That's nice." I slow down and grin. "Yup." He seems skeptical. "But does it have enough room for everything you need?"

"It definitely doesn't carry everything — but that forces me to only carry along the things I absolutely need." The hiker is unconvinced and continues down the trail.

On this hike, I've filled the pack completely with just my pants' zip-on legs, a thin Columbia fleece, a few snacks, and my Canon S95 camera. Disappointed that my enthusiasm didn't convince the hiker to buy his own Neeko, I plant my Black Diamond trekking poles and turn upward.

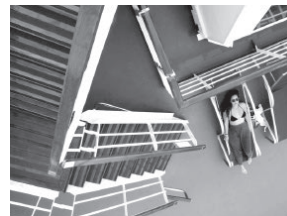
Trudging forward, I enjoy the vistas now that the forest is a mile behind me.

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### Other Adventures



**russlevi1:** Caye Caulker, Belize



**etrevino619:** As I was walking down the stairs of the Carnival cruise ship, I noticed an interesting subject and a very captivating set of lines. I took my camera and — *click*. (December 2011)



**Gcat:** Riding on the swing ride at Disney's California Adventure, it looks as if I just came in from Neverland. (Anaheim, CA)

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Hike among dramatic granitic boulder displays and enjoy spectacular panoramic views near urban sprawl.

**Distance from downtown San Diego:** Allow one-hour driving time to Escondido. From I-15, exit east on El Norte Parkway. Turn left (north) on La Honda Drive. The parking area for the Daley Ranch is on the left. To the right is Dixon Lake with restrooms, water, and picnic areas.

**Hiking length:** 4 miles round trip. Allow 2 hours. • **Difficulty:** This moderately strenuous hike has approximately 750 feet of elevation gain/loss.



The entrance to the Daley Ranch and the Boulder Loop Trail

The Daley Ranch in northeast Escondido has over 3000 acres in a natural setting. Settled by English immigrant Robert Daley in 1869, the ranch remained in the Daley family until recently. There were plans to develop the property, but fortunately the City of Escondido purchased the ranch in 1996 to

preserve it as a natural habitat and a place for outdoor recreation.

North San Diego County's expanding developments are never far from this preserve. It is a treasure for anyone who likes to hike, run trails, mountain bike, ride horses, or just experience nature. The hills are clothed with coastal

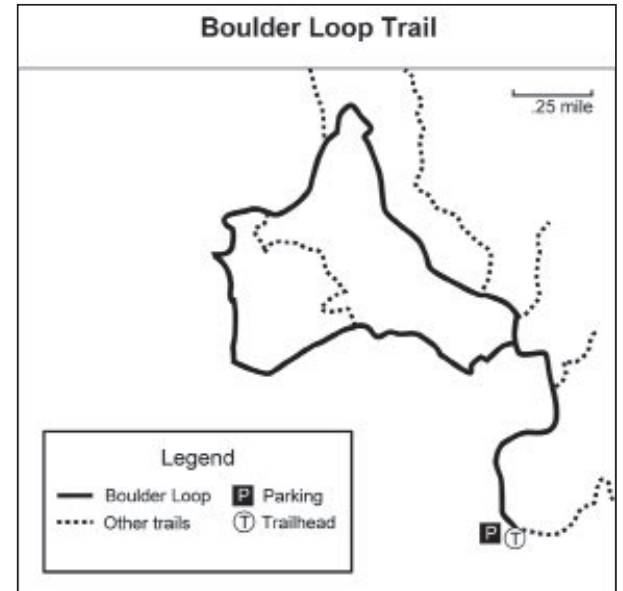
sage and chaparral, while in the valleys you will find ponds, oak woodlands, and grassy meadows. Many of the trees are the increasingly rare Engelmann oaks. It is a great place for vigorous outdoor exercise, to learn about our natural environment, and to experience the beauty of nature.

An intricate network of trails winds through the Daley Ranch. In fact, there are at least 20 miles of trails and hiking possibilities with hundreds of ways to plan a day's adventure on the ranch. A few of the trails are single track but most are actually dirt roads maintained by a bulldozer for passage of emergency vehicles. However, other than bicycles, hikers won't encounter vehicles on any of these roads, barring an emergency. The one exception is the Ranch House Trail, but here vehicle traffic is limited to a shuttle bus that travels from the parking lot to the ranch house and only op-

erates on Sundays. Equestrians have the right-of-way and mountain bikers are supposed to yield the right-of-way to all users, but this is not always possible. Be alert for mountain bikers on the trail.

Boulder Loop is one of the many trail routes. It is at its best after the wildflowers make their appearance, usually in January and continuing into July, although the trails can become hot and dusty from June on. Starting from the dirt parking lot off La Honda Drive, hike through the Daley Ranch gate and up the road toward the ranch house, a structure built in the 1920s and now being restored. Look for a road to the left before reaching the ranch house and follow it up over a small hill and down through an oak grove with views of some of the ponds that were once used for livestock grazing. The southern end of the Boulder Loop Trail is on the left about 0.7 mile from the parking lot. Proceed up the steep, eroded Boulder Loop Trail to the top of ridge. Pause to catch your breath and enjoy the vistas: south to Dixon Lake and beyond to Escondido; east to the Daley Ranch ponds with Stanley Peak rising above them; and west and southwest to suburbia sprawling over the neighboring valleys and crawling up the hills.

The first mile is almost all up a sometimes steep grade, but eventually you reach a grassy, boulder-strewn ridge with easy hik-



ing as you proceed over a series of low rolling hills. There are two other trails that branch off Boulder Loop. The first one is the single track Rock Ridge Trail that veers to the right, and, later, the Cougar Ridge Trail branches off to the left. These are well marked. Stay on the Boulder Loop Trail that goes back down to the Ranch House Trail, rejoining it after 3.2 miles. At this point there are two options. Going left up the Ranch House Trail leads to the historic ranch house in less than half a mile, which is a good

place for a picnic in the shade of some magnificent oak trees. Or, turn right and return to your vehicle in the parking lot in 0.8 mile.

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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## OUTDOORS

**Audubon Society Bird Walk** Outings may be canceled due to inclement weather or poor trail conditions. 858-581-9944. Saturday, February 25, 8am; **free**. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

**Birding Basics!** Learn five simple techniques to identify birds at a glance from resident birder Winona Sollock. Tips on bird field guide use; bring one if you wish. Saturday, February 25, 1pm; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Carroll Canyon History Hike** Hike into Carroll Canyon with Will Bowen to learn about pueblo lands, arrival of railroads, and several local historical ranch farms. Look for large trunked oaks and an old cattle tunnel. Meet at corner of Scranton and Carroll Canyon Roads. 858-

484-3219. Sunday, February 26, 3pm; **free**. San Diego Fire Station #41, 4914 Carroll Canyon Road. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

**Check Out These Trees** Learn about plants, rocks, and critters of sage, chaparral, and riparian communities during naturalist-led walk. Saturday and Sunday, February 25 and 26, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Restoration Planting at the Waterfall** Join volunteers planting to restore a site at Peñasquitos Canyon waterfall. Bring gloves, water, sun protection. Meet at west end of Park Village Rd., near utility gate. [mkelly1@san.rr.com](mailto:mkelly1@san.rr.com) or 858-342-8856. Saturday, February 25, 9am; **free**. Del Mar Mesa trailhead, 7107 Park Village Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**River and Community Cleanup** Help Clean and Green Team and Friends of Santee's River Park remove trash and debris from river habitat at Cottonwood Avenue and Chubb Lane (near Town Center Park). Tools, supplies provided. Dress in clothes that can get dirty, closed shoes. Light rain does not cancel. RSVP: 619-297-7380. Saturday, February 25, 9am; **free**. Town Center Community Park, Riverwalk and Park Center Drive. (SANTEE)

**Star Party Sights** Focus on the Orion and Crab nebulae, Little Beehive, and open clusters in Auriga with resident stargazer George Varga. Join group at far end of campground's day-use parking lot. Saturday, February 25, 5:30pm; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

**Take to the Trail** Enjoy a fresh-air morning walk with a naturalist guide; learn about park's plants, critters, ecosystems. Saturday, February 25, 8:30am; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Adult Puppet Cabaret** Animal Cracker Conspiracy presents original puppet performances and live music, followed by screening of Heather Henson's *Handmade Puppet Dreams Volume 3*. Friday, February 24, 7pm; \$8-\$10. 18 and up. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Build a Hydroponic Spring Garden** Learn principles of applying hydroponics as a sustainable gardening method, then set up a kitchen garden with spring vegetables and herbs. Fee includes materials. Required registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, February 25, 9am; \$70-\$90. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**Can All Scientific Research Be Trusted?** It's the debate topic for Civilized Conversation San Diego discussion forum. 858-231-6209. Thursday, February 23, 7pm; **free**. 18 and up. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

**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. Thursday and Friday, February 23 and 24, 7:30pm; Saturday, February 25, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, and 7:30pm; Sunday, February 26, 12:30pm, 3:30pm, and 6:30pm; \$20-\$60. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

**Culture and Cocktails** Evening promises fashion show enlightening "visitors through form and color" with inspiration drawn from "Dyeing Elegance" exhibition; Keshot projection photo booth; lion dancers; Asian-fusion cocktails. DJ Scott Roberts spins "Zen-like tunes." Sculpture Court

Café "transformed into a temple of delight" for afterparty: 9pm-midnight. Thursday, February 23, 6pm; **free**-\$15. 21 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Explore USD's Print Study Room** Learn about prints from room's permanent collection; view its new reference print library; visit current exhibitions on display, "Goya's Disasters of War: A Legacy in Print" and "New Impressions: Recent Acquisitions for the University of San Diego Print Collection" during open house in Founders Hall. Saturday, February 25, 10am; **free**. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

**Koi Show** Koi Club of San Diego hosts 25th annual koi show with displays of prize-winning koi. Vendors on hand. Saturday, February 25, 9:30am; Sunday, February 26, 9am; **free**. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**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

**Silver Bay Kennel Club Dog Show** Silver Bay Kennel Club's AKC All-Breed Dog Shows are terrific fun to watch. Dog agility competitions, vendors. Do not

bring your pet; only dogs competing in the show are allowed. 760-751-2302. Friday through Sunday, February 24-26, 8am; **free**. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**Tower After Hours: Ireland!** Enjoy traditional music and dance, storytelling, regional food and drink provided by local Irish pubs and restaurants. Reservations: 619-239-2001 x10. Thursday, February 23, 6pm; \$10-\$20. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Tribal Cabaret** Featuring Tribal Baroque, a once in a lifetime experience! Fused classical violin, foot bells, and chimes with tribal choreography, interpretive dance and otherworldly voices. Belly dancing performance by Rosie Velez and Elena Quintana, two of the hottest performers in San Diego! For more information: 619-255-5147,

[www.queenbeessd.com/qbcabaret/](http://www.queenbeessd.com/qbcabaret/). Friday, February 24, 10pm; Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Weave a Scarf** Bring a loom (or borrow one), learn how to warp it, and begin simple process of weaving during class led by Christie Dunning. Participants explore, experiment with up to 15 different patterns, using all kinds of yarn. Complete a hand-woven scarf. Bring a loom for reduction in fee. Registration: 619-223-0058. Thursday, February 23, 10am; \$116-\$128. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

**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

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## Arizona *continued from page 56.*

Coconino National Forest spreads in all directions. At this elevation, the drier sagebrush plains are visible off in the distance as well. I reach the saddle, and the wind picks up. Dry Arizona air rises upward during the day when high-desert gases are sucked up mountain slopes by the range's colder, high-elevation atmosphere. I don the rest of my clothing layers and face the wind up the ascent's final mile.

The trail at this point cuts into deep rock beds, and I am easily disoriented. Face against the glacial cold, I lose the trail. Instead of turning downhill and retracing my steps, I look up toward where I think the summit is and chart an

overland course of my own. The going is slow, and I avoid tramping over the many tundra-like beds of San Francisco Peaks groundsel, an endangered flower that grows nowhere else in the world.

Several false summits tease my energy, but I climb higher and eventually relocate the trail in time for the final push. At the top, I huddle against the stony lean-to and gaze at northern Arizona's diverse, spreading landscape. The Coconino Plateau can be seen for hundreds of miles on all sides, and the Grand Canyon is visible 40 miles north.

The air is arctic, and I don't stay for long: long enough only for a gracious stranger to stand up against the wind and take my picture.

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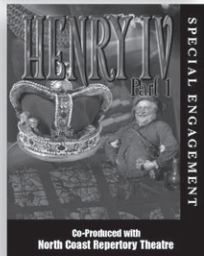
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**What's a "Gap Year"?** A gap year is "a period of time between the completion of high school and the start of college when a student steps outside the traditional classroom experience." During "USA Gap Year Fair," around 25 representatives will share ideas for possible gap-year activities, such as travel, nonprofit work, language immersion, internship, volunteer service. 760-448-9820. Sunday, February 26, 12pm; **free**. Pacific Ridge School, 6269 El Fuerte Street. (CARLSBAD)

**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.holyspiritstd.org*. Wednesday, February 29. (SAN DIEGO)

**Workshop on Rinzai Zen** Venerable Mitra Bishop-sensei presents a full-day workshop covering the history of Zen, methods, and how you can apply them to your life. Hands-on practice with guidance

of an experienced, authorized Zen teacher with 35+ years of training. \$50/person, or \$25/students. Includes a light vegetarian lunch midday and refreshments following the workshop. Registration required: *www.HVZC.org* or 760-591-9893. Saturday, March 3, 9am to 4pm. Hidden Valley Zen Center, 2600 Sarver Ln. (SAN MARCOS)

**Jackie Greene Art** The Wild Note Cafe (next to Belly Up) presents Jackie Greene Art on display. With reception and live music by the artist, 4:30-5:30pm. 858-481-8140. Saturday, March 3. Wild Note Café, 143 S. Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

**How to Raise Your Odds of Finding Love** Simply The Best Singles, an upscale singles organization for singles looking for relationships, marriage and more, presents a seminar/mixer for ages 40 and over titled "How to Raise Your Odds of Finding Love." 3 speakers, continental breakfast, \$30. *SimplyTheBest Singles.com*, 818-577-6877. Saturday, March 3, 10am. Milton's Restaurant, 2660 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

## ART MUSEUMS

**"John Baldessari: A Print Retrospective"** National City native John Baldessari, who has been making art for decades, is one of the most influential artists working today. This retrospective including more than 100 works made between 1973 and 2010 in media as diverse as lithography, etching, photogravure, aquatint, photo intaglio, embossing, silkscreen, and more, is drawn from the col-

## Rhyme & Verse

Kung Fu

*A poem by Joseph Millar*

The children sit quietly on the grass,  
having untied the bell from the cat's collar  
so he can stalk the night moth  
jagging past us in the dark,  
and I'm trying not to think  
about the blue walls at the Detox Center  
where I left their mother this morning,  
shivering and clutching  
the bestseller about vampires,  
a broken suitcase at her feet.

I'm sitting in the doorway  
watching the night drift into the yard,  
the low voice of the news channel  
running like water behind me.  
Overhead the pine cones have cracked  
partly open and the hooked branches  
rake the late breeze like a claw.

lections 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)

**"Object Lessons: France in the Golden Age"** View "a concentration of five French 17th-century paintings...the first of a series of small displays of art called 'Object Lessons'" through Sunday, June 3. The inaugural grouping is mounted with Cleveland Museum of Art's loan of Nicolas Poussin's *The Holy Family Returning to Nazareth*. This painting will be shown alongside paintings by Poussin's contemporaries: *Christ Healing the Blind* by Philippe de Champaigne, *Pastoral Landscape* by Claude Lorrain, Simon Vouet's *Aeneas and his Father Fleeing Troy*, and *The Holy Family with Saint John the*

The youngest kneels on his skateboard,  
looks up at me and says  
he wants to learn Kung Fu  
before school starts next month,  
to wear black and carry  
its invisible weapons in secret,  
moving softly through the fifth grade  
like a spy.



In 1997 Joseph Millar gave up his job as a telephone installation foreman and moved to Western Oregon. A decade later he and his wife, the poet Dorianne Laux, moved to North Carolina. Millar's first two collections are *Overtime* and *Fortune*, both from Eastern Washington University Press. A third collection, *Blue Rust*, will be published this year by Carnegie-Mellon Press. He teaches in Pacific University's low residency MFA program as well as at various workshops around the United States. "Kung Fu" is from his collection *Overtime* and is reprinted by permission. The author's photo is by Mike Selker.

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*Baptist in a Classical Landscape*, attributed to Nicolas or Pierre Mignard.

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)

**"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.

Ai Weiwei's "Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads: Gold," opening Thursday, February 23, and continuing through Sunday, July 29, is a gallery-sized installation that comprises 12 animal heads, each depicting a segment of the ancient Chinese zodiac. "Continuing his work of re-interpreting cultural objects from his own fantasy and historical knowledge," Ai's art "comments on the tension between what is 'fake,' what is a 'copy,' and what may constitute the better of the two."

Isaac Julien's nine-screen video installation *Ten Thousand Waves* "poetically weaves together three stories linking China's ancient past and present and explores the movement of people across countries and continents, meditating on unfinished journeys," opening Thursday, February 23. Also on view through November is Julien's single-screen projection *True North* (2004), as well as sev-

eral photographic stills. **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. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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



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ideas and symbols with American traditions.”

“Contemporary Art Wins a Beachhead: The La Jolla School of Arts 1960-1964,” opening Sunday, February 26, and closing Sunday, July 8, chronicles this institution which drew artists from all over the nation as students, educators, and artists-in-residence. Exhibition focuses on work of six artists who were members of school’s faculty, featuring paintings by Don Dudley, Fred Holle, Sheldon Kirby, Guy Williams; ceramics of Rhoda Lopez; ceramics and paintings of Malcolm McClain. **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)

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

Artist Kuboku Takaku (1908-1993) “perfected the ancient Japanese technique of wax resist dying to create textile paintings.... His works merged Japanese subjects with cubist and modernist styles.” His daughter Hisako (born 1944) “preserves the knowledge of this painstaking dying technique, and her obi and kimono continue to be among the most chic and sought-after throughout Japan.” View the 71 obi, kimono, and other textile paintings of “Dyeing Elegance: Asian Modernism and the Art of Kuboku and Hisako Takaku” through Sunday, May 27.

Carved into the mountains, the Buddhist cave temples of Xiangtangshan in China were the “crowning cultural achievement of the sixth-century Northern Qi dynasty.” Once home to monumental Buddhas, divine attendant figures, crouching monsters framed by floral motifs, the limestone caves were severely damaged during the 20th century, when their contents were chiseled away and sold. “Echoes of the Past: The Buddhist Cave Temples of Xiangtangshan,” closing Sunday, May 27, boasts 14 objects from Xiangtangshan and three related

Northern Qi works of art, juxtaposing dispersed sculptural fragments with a set of media projects.

“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)

## BOOK SIGNINGS

**Is This Thing On?** Abby Stokes — who “has demystified computers for over 135,000 people” over the past 17 years — discusses her *Computer Handbook for Late Bloomers, Technophobes, and the Kicking and Screaming* and introduces new users to computers and all manner of digital devices. Friday, February 24, 2pm; **free**. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

**Nimpentoad at Centennial Readers and Writers Festival** San Diego elementary school students Josh and Harrison Herz read from, sign their recently published children’s fantasy, “the story of a

courageous and resourceful little Nibbling.” Saturday, February 25, 12:30pm; **free**. La Mesa Library, 8074 Allison Avenue. (LA MESA)

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

“**Music of the People**” SDSU Symphony Orchestra joined by guest conductor Dana Zimbric to “explore four short works which embody classical music inspired by the folk, vernacular, or popular music.” Program includes selections by Wagner, Schoenberg, Grieg, Tchaikovsky. 619-594-1017. Sunday, February 26, 4pm; \$10-\$15. Smith Recital Hall at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

“**The Harp and Alexandra Tibbitts**” FanFaire Foundation presents recital by Tibbitts with selections by Zabel, Debussy, Piazzolla, Cabazon, Palero, others. 760-666-1810. Saturday, February 25, 1pm; **free**. Logan Heights Library, 811 South 28th Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

**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 Heppner, American tenor Jonathan Boyd, American baritone Morgan Smith. Conduc-

tor is Joseph Mechavich; Leonard Foglia directs. Performed in English with English text above stage. Reservations: 619-533-7000. Friday, February 24, 8pm; Sunday, February 26, 2pm; \$50-\$210. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

**Concert Hour** Enjoy classical Spanish/Brazilian solo guitar from Randy Pile, including compositions by Rodrigo, Villa-Lobos, Tarrega. 760-744-1150 x2317. Thursday, February 23, 12:30pm; **free**. Palomar College O2 Performance Space, 1140 West Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)

**Organ Concert** Organist Robert Plimpton performs music of Purvis, J.S. Bach, Wagner, Franck, Estrada, and Elmore, as well as duets featuring organ scholar Nicholas Halbert. Sunday, February 26, 7pm; **free**. First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Ory Shihor** Israeli pianist to perform works by Mozart and Schumann. 858-362-1348. Sunday, February 26, 2pm; \$25-\$30. City of Carlsbad Dove Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

**Takács Quartet** La Jolla Music Society hosts the premier string quartet for Revelle Chamber Music Series concert. 858-459-3728. Saturday, February 25, 8pm; \$25-\$75. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

## COMEDY

**Comedy Conspiracy** Stand-up comedy by headliner Dangerous Dick Spennenberg, featured comics Zoltan Kaszas, Dewey Bratcher, Damien Pruitt, Awkward Anton, host Mike Egbert. No cover, no drink minimum. 619-702-6666. Thursday, February 23, 8pm; **free**-\$10. 21 and up. Mad House Comedy Club — Horton Plaza, 502 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

**Wild and Tame Comedy** The “Sindi Somers Birthday Show” begins with tunes by DJ Johnny Tran (8pm). Comedy by Duke Michaels, featured comedian L.G. Brown, Tim “the Scientist of Comedy” DeMartin, headlining birthday girl Sindi Somers (9:30pm). [wildandtame@gmail.com](mailto:wildandtame@gmail.com) or 619-384-0761. Saturday, February 25, 8pm; \$8-\$10. 21 and up. Queen Bee’s Art & Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

## DANCE

“**Beyond the Barre**” California Ballet Company hosts annual “Choreographer’s Concert,” with local choreographers and dancers presenting original works in styles ranging from ballet to aerial silks. 858-560-6741. Saturday, February 25, 7pm; \$20. Coronado High School, 650 D Avenue. (CORONADO)

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**Belly Dancing Show** Belly dance by the Shimmy Sisters. Live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble. Sunday, February 26, 8pm; \$10. 21 and up. Turquoise Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

## FOOD & DRINK

“**More Legumes — Cooking 102**” “Beans and other legumes contribute to good nutrition and are a good source of fiber, resistant starch, and other nutrients.” Learn about legumes such as split peas, black eye peas, lentils, fava beans, lima beans. Thursday, February 23, 6pm; \$65. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Drive, Suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

**Old-Fashioned BBQ Bash** One-day celebration offers attendees a rare chance to rub shoulders with BBQ’s biggest names. Events will include barbecued pork and chicken tastings, sauce tastings,

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## Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

trade show, cookbook signings, presentations from pitmasters and more. [www.nbbqa.org](http://www.nbbqa.org). \$20. Saturday, February 25, 11am-4pm; \$20. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Sustainable Seafood** Andrew Spurgin, chef/partner of Campine — A Culinary + Cocktail Conspiracy, leads part lecture, part hands-on class focusing on “urgent issues of seafood and ocean sustainability.” Learn how to purchase, prepare, serve sustainably caught seafood. Saturday, February 25, 2:30pm; \$45. Cups Lounge and Culinary, 7857 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Vegan Sundays** Chef Matthew Purnell shares “simple-to-follow recipes that are easy on the budget and full of nutrition,” with consideration of gluten-free options, raw foods, juicing. Fee: \$30 per class or \$120 for five classes (when paid in advance). 760-696-2964. Sundays, 12pm; through Sunday, March 4, \$30-\$120. Center for a Healthy Lifestyle, 533 Lomas Santa Fe Drive (behind Boys & Girls Club). (SOLANA BEACH)

## FOR KIDS

**Bothersome, Beneficial Backyard Bandits** Enjoy “Nature Adventures” class with songs, puppets, trail walk, craft. 619-582-6261. Thursday, February 23, 9:30am; free-\$10. 3 and up. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

## LECTURES

**“Designing a Beautiful Small Space Garden”** Learn to create a “jewel of a landscape for your condominium, cottage, side yard, or smaller front or back yard” with landscape designer Christiane Holmquist, who shares principles of design to consider before beginning your project,

visual examples of completed projects, more. Saturday, February 25, 10am; \$20-\$25. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

**“Mankind’s Greatest Biologist and Greatest Problem”** UCSD professor Milton Saier discusses evolution and overpopulation for San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry. Sunday, February 26, 7pm; free. Joyce Beers Uptown Community Center, 3900 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

**“Midlife Crossroads”** UC San Francisco psychiatry professor Allan Chinen — author of *Waking the World: Classic Tales of the Women, The Heroic Feminine, Beyond the Hero: Classic Stories of Men in Search of Soul*, and *Once Upon a Midlife* — plans talk, leads workshops on “Liberation from Our Gender Roles through Dreams and Stories.” Friday, February 24, 7pm; Saturday, February 25, 9am; \$15-\$50. 21 and up. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

**“Photography, Fieldwork, and the Anthropological Experience”** Panel discussion focuses on “how photography and fieldwork aid, transform, and legitimize the study of the human condition,” in conjunction with the “Adventures in Photography” exhibit. Seth Mallios, Matt Lauer, Erin Riley offer an “understanding of their respective sub-disciplines.” Included in regular admission (\$12.50 general). 619-239-2001. Saturday, February 25, 11am; San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Raising Food in Water”** “Raising vegetables in water is fast and easy.... Add fish to your backyard farm and you have a wonderful organic ecosystem.” Workshop for beginners led by Tilapia Mama includes hands-on demonstration of Cornell University method of growing lettuce in water. Kits available at the workshop. Saturday, February 25, 10am; \$60. Seabreeze Organic Farm, 3909 Arroyo Sorrento Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

**“Textile Traditions”** The father-daughter team of Kuboku

and Hisako Takaku produced thousands of designs and textile paintings using ancient wax resist and dyeing process on obi, kimono, screens. Hisako Takaku will be on hand to demonstrate the ancient wax resist and dyeing process. Thursday, February 23, 1pm; free-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**“The Impossible Railroad”** Author Reena Deutsch recounts “the colorful history of the San Diego and Arizona (Eastern) Railway,” which entrepreneur John Spreckels built between 1907 and 1919 (and is still in service). Reservations: 619-435-7242. Thursday, February 23, 7pm; free. Coronado Museum of History and Art, 1100 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

**“Using Fertilizer as a Tool”** Are your plants turning yellow? Do your fruit trees decline to deliver? Horticulturalist Richard Wright divulges “how to use fertilizer as a tool for improving specific areas of plant health” when California Rare Fruit Growers gather in Student Center room 3450. Question and answer follows. Friday, February 24, 7pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**Annual Russell Lecture** Talk by artist Isaac Julien, whose nine-screen video installation *Ten Thousand Waves* will be on view at MCASD Downtown. Thursday, February 23, 7pm; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

**End Time Mondays** Is the world coming to an end? What is the Mark of the Beast? Will there be a Rapture? Discover what the Bible says about Last Day Events at our ongoing Bible Prophecy Seminar every Monday! Questions? Call 760-723-7733. Monday, February 27, 7pm to 8:30pm. Fallbrook Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1200 Rainbow Valley Road. (FALLBROOK)

**Justice for Raul!** International Socialist Organization meets to hear Raul Carranza and his supporters discuss their campaign to win back his “legally mandated benefits.” Carranza has muscular dystrophy, is “struggling to attend UCLA,” though his col-

lege plans face a setback due to “a local MediCal decision to cease 24-hour caregiving.” 323-999-1394. Thursday, February 23, 6pm; free. City Heights Recreation Center, 4380 Landis Street. (CITY HEIGHTS)

**Keeping Kids Interested in Piano** Gain “insights, tips, tricks, and strategies” during workshop for parents who want their children to stay with music and play for enjoyment as adults. Reservations: 858-586-7000. Saturday, February 25, 11am; free. Greene Music Recital Hall, 7480 Miramar Rd., Suite 101. (MIRAMAR)

**Village Aquaponics** Ecolife Foundation presents workshop on “symbiotic growing of plants and aquatic animals in a recirculating environment. Water is cycled between fish tanks and vegetable growing areas, and fish waste acts as a natural fertilizer for plants.” Learn to build, maintain a system through demonstration and hands-on practice. Fee includes manual, refreshments. Saturday, February 25, 10am; \$25-\$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

## SPOKEN WORD

**“Dirty Talk”** VAMP Showcase “skips over love and focuses on lust...with bawdy, lewd, embarrassing...honest stories of coitus or the *interruptus* that struck it down.” Donation: \$5. Thursday, February 23, 8:30pm; 21 and up. Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street. (SOUTH PARK)

**Bawdy Storytelling’s Dirty Minds Tour** Storytellers and “real people” share bona fide sexual exploits in ten minutes or less. All submitted stories online, were selected “for their panache and sense of misadventure.” Saturday, February 25, 7pm; \$10. Space 4 Art, 325 15th Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

## SPORTS

**“That Dam Ride!”** San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders head to Miramar Dam on this 50-mile ride. 619-243-8617. Saturday, February 25, 8:45am; free. De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Sockers vs. Stars** San Diego Sockers take on Tacoma Stars. 866-799-4625. Saturday, February 25, 7:05pm; \$10-\$17. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**Will Bike for Burgers** Knickerbiker bicyclists convene for 25-mile ride (which was rained out in January). Bring money for food at Smashburger. 858-450-0373 or 619-787-7427. Sunday, February 26, 9am; Rancho Peñasquitos Town Center, 13255 Black Mountain Road. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)



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**Years Ordained:** 15

**San Diego Reader:** *How long do you spend writing your sermon?*

**Rabbi Yael Ridberg:** My sermons are not really sermons week in and week out but teachings. On the high holy days, though, when I do give a significant sermon, that takes much more

preparation. I craft every word and spend time thinking about not only the content but the best way to transmit the message that I really want people to hear. Preparation for that takes as long as it takes — I work hard to make it meaningful.

**SDR:** *What is your favorite subject on which to preach?*

**RY:** Anything that I encounter, whether it's a traditional text from the Torah or rabbinic literature or even the text of someone's life — a spiritual search is very inspiring to me. It's also motivating to me when I think about the state of the world and how I feel called to help transform the world into what we would like it to be, a more just,

peaceful, and beautiful world.

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

**RY:** As guiding principles of how I live as a human being, I look to a teaching from the 2nd–3rd century of Rabbi Hillel, who taught three principles: “If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?” So part one of the teaching means I have to have a connection to my people, to Jewish living and learning; but part two means that I have to share that same kind of concern and awareness with the rest of the world. Then the third part means we can't wait around for “a better time” to transform our own community and the world

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**SDR:** *Why Reconstructionist Judaism?*

**RY:** Reconstructionist Judaism is the only form of Judaism which was founded in the United States in the 20th Century. Although I was raised in the conservative movement, worked for the reform movement, and lived and worked on a religious kibbutz in Israel, and maybe because I had this incredible opportunity to be connected to and involved with as many streams of Judaism as there are, when I found Reconstructionism, I found the name for the type of Judaism I was already practicing. Reconstructionists view the Torah and all Jewish texts as



Yael Ridberg: “I found a name for the type of Judaism I was already practicing.”

our responses to the quest for meaning and for God.

**SDR:** *Where do you go when you die?*

**RY:** If anyone really knew the answer to that and it wasn't just conjecture, I think we'd all make some changes in our life, one way or another. I'm pretty much a rationalist, so we

know the body decomposes and returns to the earth, and if you're buried according to Jewish law, everything returns to the earth, dust to dust. But I believe a person's soul goes into the lives with whom he or she came into contact. Judaism teaches that every life is sacred and we seek to choose the path toward life and blessings rather than death and curses. What we have control over in our lifetime is what happens between the day we enter the world and the day we leave it. We don't really have control over the two bookends.

— Joseph O'Brien

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# Good Legs

*"It's already becoming a part of mainstream opera. We're booked out."*

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## MOBY DICK'S TALISE TREVIGNE

"It's always good to try things out of your comfort zone so you can know, A, who you are, B, where you can grow, and C, what you like and don't like. If there's a 'box,' I'm not going to be in it. I don't like to be pigeon-holed." — *Talise Trevigne*

Have we heard statements like that before? Yes.

Do we often meet someone who walks that talk? No. However, when we do meet such a person, we usually refer to them as an artist.

Talise and I sat down to talk about all and sundry. The first topic that came up was *Moby Dick* composer Jake Heggie.

"I've had the opportunity to work with Jake intimately on more than one project. He's all about the human condition. You almost forget about the song, and you feel as if someone is just talking to you. From the very beginning of *Moby Dick*, people are on the edge of their seats. It grabs you and it is soul-stirring. It's moving forward and challenging the way we see American opera and yet still has a beautiful melody. I think that's why [*Moby Dick*] has such good legs. It's already becoming a part of mainstream opera. It's moving along. We're booked out."

## PIP AS SHAMAN

Within the context of Melville's *Moby Dick*, the character of Pip is significant. *Moby Dick* was written ten years before the start of the Civil

War, and as an African-American character, the way Pip is treated by the other characters is significant.

In Jake Heggie's *Moby Dick*, the role of Pip is written for a soprano because he is 13 years old and should not sound like a man. I asked soprano Talise

Trevigne to talk about her role of Pip.

"I've been asked if this is a difficult role to sing. I say no. He [Jake Heggie] understands my voice and he wrote [*Moby Dick*] for the people who were going to sing it. It comes from such a natural place that it's liberating and I can be other things. I can dive deeper into what makes Pip such a fascinating boy. There are so many layers to him. How did he make it to the *Pequod* — I mean, given the time, the era? This is a boy who has no parents. How did he make it north to be on the *Pequod* without being sold into slavery or someone questioning about who he is with or who owns him? There is so much strength to him before he gets on the ship.

"There is also the fact that he is the right hand to Ahab — yes, he's just the cabin boy, but he's the only one who sees Ahab that first week on the ship. Pip is the heart of that ship. He's the one link that joins all these men and cultures together. He's the pivotal character there. I find that fascinating. He's a very complex character to play. I can't just be some boy bopping around. He's courageous for a 13-year-old boy. He's on a whaling ship. No family — an uncertain future. There's a lot of strength there."

Pip's scene while lost at sea is one that audiences will never forget. Pip's insanity after being stranded in the ocean emphasizes his humanity. We may miss the point 160 years



Talise Trevigne plays the cabin boy Pip in San Diego Opera's production of Jake Heggie's *Moby Dick*.

after Melville wrote *Moby Dick*.

Even now there is a residue of extreme and marginal opinions that consider African-Americans to be emotionally inferior. Melville wrote Pip as a character who feels and ultimately breaks.

In some ways, Pip never returns to the *Pequod*. He is gone and what remains is something of a Shakespearean fool.

Talise continued, "It's not just that he's gone mad; he seems to be seeing a different world. There is mysticism in it. It has been said that insanity can be the highest form of genius. Living in New York, you encounter people that are not quite right but every now and then you will hear them say something that is deep and not at all crazy. I see Pip in that way. He has become a shaman."

## MOBY DICK: MECHAVICH STEPS IN FOR AILING CONDUCTOR

Before the piano-dress rehearsal for *Moby*

*Dick* (Tuesday, February 13), San Diego Opera general director Ian Campbell announced that conductor Karen Keltner had removed herself from the production.

Mr. Campbell explained that maestro Keltner had been fighting illness with antibiotics for at least a week. Maestro Keltner didn't want to risk letting the entire production down by being physically unable to conduct.

Stepping in to conduct was Joseph Mechavich. Maestro Mechavich had conducted *Moby Dick* at Calgary Opera in a production that closed on February 3. Ben Heppner sang Captain Ahab in Calgary, which should help to make a smooth transition.

Maestro Mechavich is making his company debut. His conducting credentials include Deutsche Opera Berlin, New York City Opera, and Calgary.

It appears to be a fortunate turn of events for Maestro Mechavich to be available. ■

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## Vista Beer Tour: Latitude 33 Brewing Company

Brewhouses are opening at an astounding rate around San Diego County, but no one region has experienced as much growth over the past year and a half as the city of Vista. Once home to just two breweries (Green Flash Brewing Company, which moved to Mira Mesa last year; and Lamppost Pizza's alter-ego brewpub, Back Street Brewery), there are now six brewing operations calling the North County municipality home. Last weekend, I visited five of them, taking time to catch up with the brewers behind them. The following is news on Vista's newest brewery, Latitude 33 Brewing Company.

When Green Flash departed Vista, they left behind a 20-barrel brewhouse that is now the domain of Kevin Buckley, a brewer with a résumé including stops at Iowa's Millstream Brewery; Alberta's Grizzly Paw Brewery; the aforementioned Back Street, where he was their brewmaster; and, perhaps most encouraging of all, San Diego's own Alpine Beer Company. Having brewed at the latter pair of local operations has afforded him an understanding, not only of what San Diego beer drinkers appreciate, but the overall landscape and how he can provide offerings that are either under-represented or absent from it.

Buckley invited me to be the first to belly up to their lengthy, black walnut tasting bar (which is ADA equipped, a thoughtful bonus) to check out his flagship beers. The first was Straw Horse

Wheat Ale, a 5.2 percent ABV American wheat beer with striking clarity (particularly impressive, considering it's unfiltered), pleasantly light herbal undertones, and great drinkability. That last trait is one all of the beers shared. With all of them registering at or under 7 percent ABV, it's a catalog you can sip your way through without the negative repercussions that can accompany a strong-beer tasting.

## FEAST!

Next up was the Pasha's Rye Brown Ale, a well balanced American brown ale that benefits from the addition of rye, which dries the beer out and adds a spicy note to the finish. Camel Corps IPA came next. Its tasteful bitterness and impressively pronounced tropical fruit notes are primarily derived from rarely used Motueka hops from New Zealand (Buckley informed me that he intends to brew a double IPA version of this beer called Double Hump as a special seasonal release). Last but definitely not least was Vanilla's Porter. Brewed using nine pounds of Madagascar and Mexican vanilla, it combines plenty of the beans' trademark flavor without the sweetness that is so common to this increasingly popular style of beer.

Latitude 33 is jumping through the final regulatory hurdles required to make their public debut. As soon as final approvals come in (which they are hoping will occur within the next two weeks), their 1200-square-foot tasting room will be ready for visitors, merch wall and all. I have to say, their logo (which was designed by Sean Dominguez, who is also responsible for the artwork of San Marcos' Lost Abbey) looks darn good. That said, it's nice to know there's more to this new business than aesthetics — namely, some tasty beer.



Latitude 33 Brewing Company is located at 1430 Vantage Court, Suite 104. When they open, their tasting-bar hours will be from 2 to 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday, and 12 to 8 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

By Brandon Hernández  
Posted January 30

## Vista Beer Tour: Aztec Brewing Company

The second stop on my tour of Vista breweries was Aztec Brewing Company, a business started in August of last year by a group of SDSU alums. Their mission was to add a dose of flavors from our neighbors to the south via popular Mexican adjuncts such as agave, chocolate, cinnamon, and chipotle peppers. The result is a beer board featuring a vast array of beers with flavor profiles that, while much different than standard styles, are quite easy for San Diegans to grasp, given the prominence of Mexican cuisine in our region. Key examples are Noche de los Muertos and Diablo del Roble (which translates to Devil of the Oak). The former, their cinnamon-infused imperial stout, was originally a special beer brewed for their grand opening, but was such a hit, it's on all the time (except when I was there...it sold out). The latter, a recently released 12% ABV barleywine brewed to celebrate the Mexican Day of the Dead, comes across with an immense vanilla flavor and is a bit sweet. Prolonged aging would help to solve the sugar issue to some degree, but it's not likely this or any of Aztec's beers will hang around long

enough to mature.

During my visit, the place was packed and, given the clientele's chattiness with the owners, brewer, and staff, there are clearly a great number of regulars. It certainly supports the Aztec team's estimate that they're seeing roughly a 10 percent increase in patronage and sales on a weekly basis. That rapid growth has them working to expand their production from their

current 3.5 barrel brewhouse to a 7 or 10 barrel facility. In the process, they intend to move their tasting room from its current location to the suite next door to make room for new brewing equipment that will be visible from the new bar.

In other news, the brewery has been integral in the recent founding of the Vista Brewers Guild, an industry group formed to work with the city of Vista to help build business for its growing brewing contingent. So far, they've managed to extend previously limited tasting hours to the point where breweries can now open for sample seekers seven days a week if they so desire. Future initiatives include festivals, setting up Vista beer tours, and clearing up inconsistencies in regulations in order to make for a level playing field for all brewers within the city limits. The brewery is also working with local beer-mapping business PubQuest to start up a beer education course exclusively for women.

Aztec Brewing Company's tasting room is located at 2330 La Mirada Drive, Suite 300, and is open from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday through Friday, 12 to 7 p.m. on Saturdays, and 12 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

By Brandon Hernández  
Posted January 31

## Vista Beer Tour: Mother Earth Brew Co.

My third stop was at Mother Earth Brew Co., a combination brewery, tasting room, and



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homebrew supply store. When I first visited Mother Earth in June of 2010, their equipment setup looked more like a soup kitchen — several large metal pots stacked atop portable burners. It's a common setup for a nanobrewery, the term applied to the lowest production class of commercial brewing operations. Back then, they brewed three batches of beer a day the whole week through, producing a constantly rotating assortment of beers covering dozens of styles from around the world. That variety made each trip to their tasting bar different and kept a great many locals coming back for more.

Mother Earth owner and head brewer Dan Love now has a much more substantial ten-barrel brewhouse that's poised to pump out 700 barrels of beer in 2012. He's also purchased additional fermenters, an external brite tank, and a bottling line: 22-ounce bombers of their beers will be available starting in May or June. Now that their current

location is built up, they are looking to open a second space located in Vista's Old Town area that will house a tap room and another homebrew store. They plan on installing a second brewhouse there so they can transition their current digs into a production brewery. This hefty project is set to kick off in March.

Currently, Mother Earth's beers can be found at a number of spots around town, including Blind Lady Ale House, Tiger! Tiger!, Ritual Tavern, Churchill's Pub and Grille, Sublime Alehouse, and URGE American Gastropub. Love has worked with URGE owner Grant Tondro to produce a pair of special beers exclusively for that Rancho Bernardo restaurant. A third one is in the works and, though it's still top secret at press time, Love is hoping it will look good beside beers like Russian River's Pliny the Younger and Dogfish Head 120 Minute IPA. For now, Love and company have several other hoppy selections ready and waiting at their tasting bar. Mother Earth Brew Co. is located at 2055 Thibodo Road.

By Brandon Hernández  
Posted February 1

## Vista Beer Tour: Prohibition Brewing Company

When an industry experiences such immense success, people who shouldn't be brewing on a professional level see others who are jumping into the ring and succeeding. They figure they can too, but unfortunately, they aren't ready for prime time, and paying customers, indeed, pay. Enter Prohibition Brewing Company, a brewpub that's far removed from the rest of Vista's brewhouses, both geographically and from a quality standpoint.

Now, before going into my brief comments about this business, I'd like to point to a post of mine that I've received a great deal of feedback on. Several months back, I wrote a negative review of a small start-up brewery in Carlsbad called On-The-Tracks Brewery. Their beer was so poor that it was my duty, as a journalist devoted to covering not only the happenings but the quality of the local brewing scene, to notify readers that they were not brewing good or even decent beer.

While I relish the opportunity to be an advocate for my fellow beer consumers, I must say nothing is more miserable than having to call out a brewing company, restaurant, or any business in this manner. That said, this unfortunate necessity has arisen once more.

Upon arriving to Prohibition, I ordered a sampler flight of the five house beers they had on tap. Of those beers, three of them had such serious problems that the only reason I took a second sip was to document the errors in flavor. A wheat beer smelled and tasted like a Band-Aid. A pale ale was so minerally, a traveling companion of mine (who is in the commercial beer business and has a homebrewing background) described drinking it as being "like chewing on a sidewalk." Others showed signs of oxidation. None of them exhibited the correct body or carbonation for their styles and an oatmeal stout had zero head. Not wispy...nonexistent. Hardly any of the beers tasted the way they should, according to traditional, universally accepted style guidelines — even the

two that were drinkable (and I use that term loosely). I would disclose which two achieved that pedestrian goal, but to do so would imply that there's something beer-related worth traveling to Prohibition for and, aside from taps stocked with offerings from AleSmith and other viable breweries, there isn't.

I could go on, but I won't. My point has been made and, though this isn't the fun part of my job, fair notice needed to be given to consumers. Prohibition Brewing Company is located at 2004 East Vista Way.

By Brandon Hernández  
Posted February 2

## Vista Beer Tour: Iron Fist Brewing

Looking back on this week chronicling each stop of my tour of Vista's breweries, it's hard to believe it all happened in one day (one afternoon, to be exact). It goes to show how fortunate any beer enthusiast is to live in San Diego, where a singular municipality is home to so many operations. It makes for easy touring and, as evidenced

by my posts, a broad range of experiences.

I'm wrapping up this series with a stop at a brewery that's done a lot since hitting the SD scene in a big way back in 2010.

I'm talking about Iron Fist Brewing Company. With the departure of Green Flash last year, Iron Fist is the most significant player in the Vista market. Not too shabby, considering what a brief time they've been around. Still, this family-owned business is putting out an extremely interesting line of Belgian-inspired ales that keeps growing and improving.

I remember my first visit during their grand opening weekend, asking to speak to the brewer and being directed to the brewhouse in the rear of the building where a tall, blonde man-child was talking with a pair of patrons. Had it not been for his black Iron Fist T-shirt, I'd have never guessed that, of the three, he was the brewer but, lo and behold, the youngster was responsible for everything flowing from the tasting room's taps. I was shocked to hear he'd only been of legal drinking age for a year

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because his beers were interesting and, for the most part, pretty solid. The young brewer, Brandon Sieminski, also had a maturity and self-assuredness about him. Those qualities have grown even stronger as his company's gained traction in the local market and a fan base throughout North County.

When I arrived last weekend, the place was jam-packed, and not just because a pair of party buses had just rolled in. Regulars were all over the place, enjoying quaffs like Uprising, a hopped up 12% ABV Belgian tripel I had the opportunity to sample two versions of. The first sample was the three-month-old version on tap at the tasting bar, while the second was from a fresh batch straight from the fermenter. Each delivered totally different taste sensations. The fresh version was drier in the finish with a pronounced bubble gum aroma from Calypso hops, while its predecessor smacked more of the Delta hops (a hybrid of Cascade and Fuggle) Sieminski unearthed late last year. Both were tasty and unlike many brews on the market.

More interesting flavor came from a version of Iron Fist's Dubbel Fisted, Siemin-

ski's take on a Belgian dubbel, brewed with 85 percent cacao dark chocolate. Surprisingly, it didn't taste like chocolate, but the earthy, slightly bitter effects that ingredient had on the beer were unmistakable. It reminded me of a non-tart version of Fantôme Chocolat, a Belgian sour brewed with cocoa beans that tastes nothing like chocolate, but takes on a myriad of supplementary taste-bud-piquing qualities as a result of its addition.

Sieminski plans to brew a number of different versions of Dubbel Fisted this year, perhaps one with Morello cherries and dark chocolate, and another with peaches and apricots. He's also building up the brewery's barrel-aging program, increasing his inventory from 26 barrels to around 100 over the next six to seven months. That oaken stock will include French cognac, rum, bourbon and port barrels.

Clearly, there are plenty of reasons to return to Iron Fist, which is located at 1305 Hot Spring Way, #101, and the same can be said for Vista, the community they and so many other local craft brewing companies call home.

By Brandon Hernández  
Posted February 3

### Off the Beaten Path: Mystic Mocha

The most mysterious thing about Mystic Mocha in University Heights is where it's located. Tucked into a tiny spot on Mission Boulevard between Alabama and Mississippi streets, it's easy to pass it up two or three times. Especially when you are cartographically challenged.

Mystic Mocha is a neighborhood breakfast/lunch place with a nice selection of homemade muffins, scones, and coffee drinks. Hot, made-to-order dishes include French toast, breakfast burritos, quesadillas, scrambles, and chilaquiles.

I ordered blue-corn chilaquiles (\$7) and an Americano (\$1.75) and took a look around. There's a nice dog-friendly patio area (kid friendly, too) and lots of artwork/tchotchkes/weird hanging stuff to keep you entertained while you wait. I also found an interesting book on watercolor techniques to peruse while I sipped my coffee (which was only okay).

The chilaquiles were good. Lots of cheese, crunchy blue-corn chips, and eggs, with a generous handful of lightly cooked diced jalapeños and tomatoes. It was a hefty portion,



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too. I could only eat about half. It still tasted good this morning when I reheated the leftovers.

Mystic Mocha is a neighborhood favorite, despite the hidden location. It can get crowded, especially on weekends, but the low prices, good food, and friendly service make up for it.

Mystic Mocha, 2105 Mission Avenue.

*Posted Feb. 8  
by Mary Beth Abate*

## A Safe Supping Gamble at Sycuan

Last summer I reported Augie Saucedo's departure from the Shores Restaurant to become executive chef at Sycuan Golf & Tennis Resort. Saucedo had spent the past eight years — an eternity for a chef these days — working at the gourmet eatery of the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club's sister property.

While there he intermingled his favorite ingredients and techniques with those of LJBTC executive chef Bernard Guillas (best known for his globally inspired cuisine at the Marine Room). Knowing menus at the Shores were collaboratively composed, I was interested to see what Saucedo

would put out on his own. Over the past few months, I've traveled out to Sycuan to find out. I've been happy with both his initial offerings.

When Saucedo arrived at Sycuan, he was shocked to find a mostly Sysco-supplied kitchen replete with micro-waves, prepared canned and boxed sides, and sauces. The first thing he did was toss it all (except for one box of ready-to-go Hollandaise sauce he keeps around as a source of culinary comic relief) and start calling local farms, protein purveyors, and suppliers of artisanal products running the gamut from gourmet cheeses to coffee. The result is a restaurant that's graduated from obligatory, dime-a-dozen casino/resort eatery to arguably the best dining room in the East County.

His menu is extensive, featuring 11 apps, soups, and salads and 13 entrées split in sections titled "The Land" and "The Sea." Some standouts from the starter section include a stone-crab cake coated in Fallbrook macadamia nuts over perfectly cooked pepper-basil pappardelle pasta surrounded by a tangy preserved-tomato stew and a butternut squash bisque that gets extra layers of flavor from pumpkin vanilla oil, a cooling fromage blanc, and oven-

dried blueberries. That final unexpected ingredient makes it unlike any other version of this soup I've had.

Sycuan Golf and Tennis Resort, 3007 Dehesa Road.

*Posted Feb. 8  
by Brandon Hernández*

## It's All French at Jason's Coffee Cart

Is that...could it be...? Jason! I'd know that face anywhere. Even here in Old Town.

"I bought this," he says. "The business. Lock, stock, and..." "...coffee cup?" I ask.

I'd gotten to know Jason where he worked at the Café Madrid coffee cart in Coronado while Carla got her hair done nearby. Now here he is, under the canopy of another coffee cart, the Old Town Market Café (4010 Twiggs Street, Old Town). It backs right up against what used to be the convent for nuns of the old Spanish-style Immaculate Conception church across Twiggs.

I like this cart. It has a mural painted across the front by a guy Jason says is known as "Mike, the Artist."

"I took over January first," he says. "Now the worries are all mine."

I see he's got the trident of the Navy SEALs on display. "My dad," he says. "SEAL

officer."

Also happy to see he uses Calabria, the North Park coffee roasters. I don't know a lot about coffee, but Calabria always seems smoother than most. Not burnt like Starbucks.

This is around six at night. I need something solid to keep me going. I see Jason has salads and sandwiches from — hey, this is good — French Gourmet in PB. Actually, Jason's eating one of his salads (\$4.95 for the rest of us) as we talk. It's packed with chicken, arugula, baby tomatoes, cucumber, and a sauce splurged across the top. "Champagne vinaigrette," says Jason. "Want one?"

Actually, I'm feeling less nuts and twigs, more towards a sammy. Just because French Gourmet always has those crunchy, to-die-for peasant breads. So I get a chicken sandwich (\$4.95) and a coffee (\$1.85) and join Jason at his one table, an up-ended barrel beside the convent wall.

One thing to say about this sandwich: Bread. Thick, crunchy, seedy crust, plus lotsa marinated chicken inside, lettuce, toms, a slab of what looks like provolone cheese, and a thick swipe of pesto running through the middle. Actually, it's a meal.

And this is quite a scene. Gloria, the lady from the seashell stall, comes by for a cup

of tea (\$1.50) and a fruit cup (\$3.95). And this lost Parisian gal named Nausikaa ("voyaging ship") turns up. She's a medical engineer. She takes a coffee and learns that Jason studied molecular biology at UCSD.

They hit it off. Soon they're yapping away about stuff such as genomes, sub-atomic particles, and molecule-to-molecule attraction.

Talk about attraction. I leave my cash on the counter and head off. They don't notice.

*Posted Feb. 7 by Ed Bedford*

## The Barrel & the Beast at Alchemy February 21

As of this writing, seats are still available for the inaugural Alchemy/Hamilton's quarterly beer dinner.

"The Barrel and the Beast," as the event has been dubbed, shall be a four-course meal featuring dishes by Alchemy's head chef Ricardo Heredia that have been designed to match up to super-secret beer selections from Hamilton's owner and local craft-beer powerhouse, Scot Blair.

One word sums up the theme of the food: Porky. Apparently, Chef Heredia intends to include as much of that most-wonderful animal as possible, from snout to trotters,

in the night's menu. In the past, Alchemy has delivered beyond its price point in terms of quality of ingredients and elegance of their presentation.

What of the beer? The selections haven't been announced (and they won't be until the guests are seated), but Matt from Alchemy indicated that special beer reserves were being mined. All he could say was that it was going to be "super secret and really special."

The event takes place at Alchemy on Tuesday, February 21 at 6 p.m. The cost is \$75 per person: Brown Paper Tickets, 619-255-0616.

*Posted Feb. 7 by Ian Pike*

## Rainy Day Lunch at Edo Sushi

Edo Sushi in University City is a busy place — popular with students and neighborhood residents — with friendly, fast service. It's also walking distance from my apartment, so when I need a quick, warm bowl of rice and something, I head there.

During lunch, there's the typical special offerings, bento boxes, sushi or sashimi combos, and rice or noodle bowls. Prices are good, from \$7.50 to \$10.

I ordered a bulgogi bowl, which comes with edamame,



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miso soup, several pieces of tempura, a small green salad, and a decent-sized bowl of rice topped with vegetables and beef.

Everything tasted exactly as you would expect, and that's a good thing. Nice hot soup with bits of seaweed and tofu. Crisp-tender beans. I was surprised by the freshness of the salad, which had a gingery, tangy dressing. The tempura was nice, too, better than most, and it retained its crunch well. In particular, the shrimp was tender and sweet, and shattered all over when I ate it. I didn't mind.

I wasn't enthralled by the bulgogi bowl. The beef was tender enough, plentiful, and not too sweet. I wanted to like it more than I did, but I'm not a fan of green bell peppers, particularly cooked ones. So that's a personal issue, not the fault of the food. I brought most of it home and warmed it up for John, and he liked it a lot.

Edo Sushi has a happy hour with 20% off sushi and sake specials (buy one, get one for \$1).

Edo Sushi Japanese Restaurant, 8895 Towne Centre Drive.

Posted Feb. 7

by Mary Beth Abate

## \$10 Lunch: Swami's

One of the 99 reviews of Swami's on Yelp begins, "This place is simply an amazing organic-food restaurant."

This, for some, may be a big draw, but it makes me want to run. But S swears by the place, and La Mesa is her neighborhood, so I went along for the ride.

Despite its reputation as an organic eatery, and despite the fact that they do, yes, serve shots of wheat grass, Swami's is, essentially, a diner. I was surprised to discover that along with the açai bowl and the Protein Veggie Wrap, they also serve chicken quesadillas, pastrami melts, and other familiar, meat-inclusive fare. One of the daily specials is a Reuben.

I had come expecting organic, so I go for the Protein Veggie Wrap, one of those things that I imagine will, in the end, make me feel healthy for having done so. S orders the Reuben and then graciously offers to go half-and-half with me.

It's a two-faced meal to the nth degree. The wrap looks green and fresh (there's raw broccoli in it, for Pete's sake), and the Reuben looks melty and meaty (and way more mouth-watering than all that raw broccoli). S makes the mistake of eating her Reuben half first. I know the veggie wrap will taste blah if I eat it second, so I eat it first. It tastes green and...okay. The worst bites carry the flavor of raw broccoli, and the best ones are full of feta cheese. Then there's a brown sauce leaking out the back end that gives the huge, soft tofu chunks a decent flavor.

But no part of this wrap compares to the salty meat, sauerkraut, and rye flavors of the Reuben. I feel bad for S, who ate them in the wrong order. But not bad enough to give back the other half of the Reuben.

This \$10 lunch\* includes a Protein Veggie Wrap or a Reuben for \$7.95, with your choice of salad, fries, chips and salsa, or fruit and an iced tea for \$1.75.

\*Total bill: \$10.40.

Posted Feb. 7

by Elizabeth Salaam

## Super Sticky Bun and Fun Bathroom Art at Cosmos Coffee Cafe

My friend S wanted to meet for lunch in La Mesa. But that wouldn't be till noon, and I needed a place to get some work done in the meantime.

S sent me to Cosmos Coffee Café. I expected something diner-ly and full of old men playing checkers, but what I found was a hip coffee-shop atmosphere where the youngsters (did I just say that?) behind the counter are cute, the art on the bathroom wall is colorful, and the Wi-Fi does not require a password.

I ordered coffee and a pastry from Sam. He told me their best seller is the danish but that I should try the pecan roll. So I did. It was a good choice for flavor — the pecan crunch along with the sticky goo on top and the soft, warm bread beneath went perfectly with the black coffee — but the super stickiness made it not so good for working between bites.

Though the place was fairly busy when I arrived shortly after 9 a.m., I did find a table, and by 10 p.m. it had quieted down. At noon, however, a

long line formed in front of the counter once again.

Busy or not, Cosmos is the kind of place where the management is lax enough to let a girl hang out with her laptop for hours at a time. And with my own earphones, I was able to focus on my work even with that gosh-darn rock-and-roll they played overhead.

Total bill: \$3.75.

Posted Feb. 7

by Elizabeth Salaam

## Ramzee's Mediterranean Mexican and the Quest for the Gyro Burrito

This is a highly personal tale for me.

Several years ago, I had a gyro burrito at the Greek Sombrero in Jamul. I still haven't forgotten how delicious that burrito was. Unsure as to whether I would ever return to that Greco-Mexican watering hole along the 94, I had resigned myself to the fact that I might never eat another gyro burrito again.

Enter Ramzees, a Mediterranean-Mexican fusion restaurant in the heart of North Park! The online menu verified my hope:

They serve a gyro burrito!

Apparently the current restaurant is a reincarnation of a Hillcrest shop that closed some time ago. Now there's a greater focus on bringing together the disparate cuisines of Mexico and the Near East. The gyro burrito fits right in.

The enormous menu board behind the counter did not list a gyro burrito. I scanned it once, twice.

"Do you have the gyro burrito?" I asked the guy behind the counter.

He said they did! I mentioned that it wasn't on the menu.

"Oh, this is the old menu," he said. "Soon there will be a new one."

Perhaps the new menu will be identical to the one I had seen online. Curious that the digital menu should be more up-to-date than the one in the material world. Regardless, I was getting my gyro burrito (\$5.45).

I sat on the patio, which is great for afternoon sun and commands a good look at University Avenue...and waited a long time, considering the restaurant was dead. When the burrito arrived, with its little side dish of tzatziki sauce, I was

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After the first bite, my dreams collapsed. There was no rice or cheese or beans. No salsa, no pico. There was only a thin slice of gyro meat and a bit of salad. A burrito, it was not. The most-fitting term would have to be, and I shudder to even type it, a "wrap." Neither sandwich nor burrito, with the failings of both and the glory of neither.

I was hungry, so I ate the whole thing. I also tried some of Ramzee's carne asada street tacos (\$5.50 for three). They were superior to the gyros burrito, barely. The meat was on the watery side and lacked depth of flavor. The dominant taste was, if anything, onion and cilantro rather than rich carne asada.

Overall, Ramzees did not deliver on the promise of Mediterranean-Mexican fusion.

Ramzee's, 3028 University Avenue.

Posted Feb. 6 by Ian Pike

#### \$10 Lunch: Aunt Emma's Pancakes

I have a fondness for diners. They remind me of the cigarettes, coffee, and grilled-cheese sandwiches (if I could afford it, then) of my poetry days, when all I wanted was to be alone with my notebook and my deep thoughts. These days I hardly ever frequent diners, but when I do, it has to be old school. None of that newfangled business where the bacon is turkey or the coffee espresso.

My Friday afternoon visit to Aunt Emma's Pancakes in Chula Vista gave me a dose of everything I love about diners (minus the poetry). The booth was roomy, the coffee was plenty, and the bacon was bacon.

Another thing I love about diners: Waitresses. Meet Cecilia and Betty. Betty has worked at Aunt Emma's for 24 years.

I ordered my BLT before I saw the boysenberry syrup on the table. Had I seen the purple stuff first, I'd have ordered a waffle and sausages, for sure. But the BLT, though heavy on the mayo, was darn good.

This \$10 lunch includes the above-mentioned BLT, fries (blah), a pickle (freakin' delicious), and, of course, coffee.

Total bill: \$9.36.

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by Elizabeth Salaam

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## RESTAURANT

### Cuppa Soup: Filter Coffee House

Saturday afternoon, 3 p.m. I've missed lunch, and I'm hungry. But early dinner plans make me hesitant to eat anything too filling. Since I'm on 30th, I stop at Filter Coffee House for a cup of soup.

Filter North Park isn't so much my home away from home as it is my office — the one place I know I'll be able to get work done. Many days a week I spread out my laptop, phone, and notebooks on one of the little square tables, although there are larger tables in front by the window and a few lounge-y areas with couches. I like the little square tables lined up in the middle of the room in three rows, because they're all flanked with two high-backed chairs that create a private little nest of sorts.

Today I get lucky with my all-time favorite table, left row in the back, next to an outlet. The place is busy, but most people sit alone at tables with their laptops, so the chatter is minimal. I do, however, have headphones and music to make my isolation complete. When I'm working, Ashley's is the only voice I'll remove my headphones to hear. She also makes a mean pizza bagel.

The soup today is veggie posole, made by the Decker Brothers, a local soup dealer. The kale, carrots, and hominy in a tomato base with "Mexican spices" (as it reads on the Decker Brothers website) is a welcome combination of subtle sweet (from the carrots, I think) and spicy on this cold, overcast day.

The portion is a tad skimpy, but it's only \$3.95 and comes with a roll. Besides, I've already declared I don't want to get full.

In the end, the soup and a giant steaming bowl of English breakfast tea (\$2.50) work together to tide me over till dinner.

For other light fare, I recommend the hummus plate (\$4.85), served with pita triangles, cucumbers, and carrots. If you're hungrier than that, the panini (\$6.95) are good, too. My favorite is the Lyla: chicken breast, mozzarella cheese, tomatoes, sun-dried tomatoes, and pesto. Mid-mornings, on the other hand, often call for a breakfast sandwich (\$4.95). I take mine on a cheese bagel with bacon.

Posted Feb. 11  
by Elizabeth Salaam

### Jersey Joe's Pizza

Jersey Joe's is on that less popular stretch of University Avenue — east of Park Boulevard, just before the cool parts of North Park.

Joe's promises that "East Coast taste meets West Coast style" at the restaurant and, for the most part, they deliver on that.

Slices (\$2.25 to \$4) are the name of the game at Jersey Joe's. The glassed-off display of pizza by the slice is enormous, and an ambitious number of the menu's pies are available as slices at any given time.

They have thin crust, thick crust, square, Sicilian style, and an over-the-top pizza called the "baked ziti," which is (seriously!) an entire pizza with a baked ziti casserole on top.

Maybe the most standout slice was the "crispino." Roasted zucchini and peppers with fresh mozzarella on a thick crust was hearty but not overkill. The Sicilian slice was excellent as well. The sauce was thick and rich, and the crust was baked to a dark, golden brown.

More on the wild side of things, the chicken/bacon/ranch slice uses a thinner crust but includes the same toppings

# What the Chef Eats

by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

## SOHO COHO

RECIPE BY ROBERT RUIZ

Executive Chef, Harney Sushi

When I was a student at the University of Hawaii and broke, a friend of mine had a nice job cooking and asked if I was any good in the kitchen, and I was, like, *for sure*. I worked really hard, and after a few years I made it to the Hualalai Resort, where I did everything from salads to grilled meats and gourmet pizzas. I was being mentored by Alan Wong, who brought in a sushi chef named Etsuji Umezu. It was decided that I would be his apprentice. The first time I worked with him, he showed me how to make maki [a basic sushi roll], and he told me I had magic hands. My grandfather was a butcher and my mom played the piano, so in our family, our skill

is in our hands. Usuji-San taught me the art of sushi and I have been doing it ever since. I was trained to learn the fundamentals and use the fundamentals to express myself in a very simple way.

I am very passionate about sustainable sushi and I use the guidelines put forth by the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Basically, the tuna we use is a line-caught yellowfin caught by specific fishermen. The tuna you want to stay away from is bluefin tuna. It's an important symbol in both Japanese cultural and spiritual traditions but it's endangered now because of overfishing.

I love honest, simple food with no pretense — I don't like instructions

on how to eat. Correct execution with basic techniques are so much more important than garnishes. When I'm going out, I like low-key places. I try to pay attention to San Diego chefs and eat their foods. Just like I sharpen my knife every day I like to use my everyday experiences to sharpen my skills. I like to stick to the roots of the craft; 400 years ago, sustainably sourced animals was all that anyone ever had. In my restaurant, I like people to sit in front of me and know that I will treat them with respect.

## INGREDIENTS

1 cup balsamic vinegar  
8–12 oz Coho salmon  
1 small bunch of asparagus  
1 baguette cut in half



Robert Ruiz

2 garlic cloves  
extra virgin olive oil  
Old Bay seasoning  
½ cup flour  
1 egg  
1 small bunch of mixed field greens  
salt  
pepper  
garlic mayo (optional)  
1 heirloom tomato  
1 lemon

## HOW TO DO IT

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Pour 1 cup of balsamic vinegar into a small saucepan and bring it to a

as that beloved, old-school appetizer the potato skin. It's rich and greasy and satisfying.

If pizza's not your thing, Joe's menu is huge, with sandwiches, subs, salads, and complete dinners such as veal picatta or chicken cacciatore with salad, bread, and pasta for \$13 to \$18.

Jersey Joe's, 2310 University Avenue.

Posted Feb. 11 by Ian Pike

### Nunzia's Meat Loaf, with Poetry

I'm sitting at a table with a rose in a vase, listening to a gal at a mike get lyrical about "the shift" of 2012 — the end of the world as we know it and the creative forces it's gonna unleash.

At least what you can hear above the bongos this guy's beating on. But I knew what I was getting into: It's Wordsmith Wednesday at Nunzi's

Café (1255 University Avenue). "Open mic," the sign outside said, "7:30 to 10 p.m."

This is a place I'd never noticed before. I was trotting along University just east of Vermont, heard the buzz, and had to stop.

Inside there's salmon- and brown-colored walls and a high corrugated-metal ceiling. The microphone's on the left, and the tables are crowded. A guy named Adam sits at one that says, "Sign

in here."

But I go through to the back, where the counter is. A gal named Cali takes my order: Angus/chipotle/spinach/bacon/muenster; \$7.50, with chips.

As the cheesy, beefy flavors ooze into my consciousness and the coffee glugs down, I get to relax into the crowd a little and this starts to feel like a pretty good scene. A rapper guy's clever, and this funny guy Dominick DeFalco is funny.

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# What the Chef Eats

simmer until it is reduced by half and then half again. The final reduction should have the consistency of maple syrup. Remove the reduction from the heat and allow it to cool.

Next, bring a small pot of water to boil and blanch the asparagus until it is bright green (about a minute). Remove the asparagus from the water with a slotted spoon and plunge it into a bowl of ice water to stop the asparagus from cooking. This will give it a bright green color. After another minute, remove the asparagus from the water and set them on a plate of paper towels and refrigerate them until needed.

Take one half of the baguette and slice it open. Slice the bread into thin

strips and season with salt and pepper. Rub with the garlic and drizzle with the olive oil. Cook in the oven on a baking sheet covered with aluminum foil for about 6 minutes or until nice and crisp. Remove from the oven and blend in a food processor or a blender until you have breadcrumbs.

On a plate, mix a 2:1 ratio of Old Bay seasoning and flour. In a small bowl, mix one egg with a splash of water and blend with a fork until sunny. Finally, fill another place with homemade breadcrumbs.

Take your salmon from the fridge and remove any bones. Set the salmon skin-side down on the cutting board and carefully slide your knife into the flesh, just above

the skin. Create a little ear of skin to hold in your left hand and carefully pull the skin while pushing forward with the knife in your right hand. The goal is to skim the skin off without wasting any meat. Reserve the skin.

With your left hand, coat the fillet in the Old Bay/flour mixture, dunk it in the egg wash, and then set it in the plate of breadcrumbs. With your right hand, coat the fillet with breadcrumbs on both sides to get a thick layer of crumbs on both sides. Repeat with both fillets.

Season the remaining half of baguette with salt, pepper, garlic, olive oil, and butter and wrap in foil. Place in the oven for 3–5 minutes. Add two splashes of olive oil to a

sauté pan over medium heat. Lay the salmon in the sauté pan until the fillets are golden brown on each side. Remove from the pan and reserve.

Wipe out the sauté pan; heat another splash of olive oil, and sauté the asparagus with salt, pepper, and garlic for about a minute, or until hot.

Finally, portion a mixed green salad on each plate while leaving room for the sandwich. Place the bread on the plate, top with asparagus, salt and pepper, and garlic mayonnaise, heirloom tomato slices, and top with the salmon. Drizzle with the balsamic reduction and garnish with lemon wedges.

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around the bush.

“Guess that’d have to be the naked or the corn dog, \$2.99.”

“The corn,” I say. Minute later, I take this naked-looking golden thing on a stick.

“\$3.25, with tax,” he says. I search in the jingle pocket. I just make it.

I squish some ketchup on it, and it’s fine. Always did love that bread coating on the dog.

I notice the place is pretty empty. “When’s the busy time?”

“Come back in a couple of hours, after the bars close. We’ll have a line outside.”

I know what I’m gonna get next time. As I come out I see the sign: “Any dog and a Bud, \$6.” It’s a buck more for the Big Daddy or the chili-cheese dog.

I pass the arrow guys on the way back.

“Was I right?” says Stephen. “Far as it went,” I say.

Posted Feb. 8 by Ed Bedford

## Bayu’s Ethiopian: Say “No” to Forks!

Bayu’s has been open for just over a year at the corner of Fifth and University in Hillcrest. Despite its forgettable façade, the doors open into a nicely laid out dining room with white linen on the tables, big windows, a spacious bar, and a facsimile of a thatched hut covering some tables in the back of the dining room.

The restaurant runs full lunch and dinner service, but a big highlight is the weekday lunch buffet. Every day until 2:30 p.m., \$9.99 buys limitless access to a half-dozen chafing dishes filled with the slowly stewed, richly spiced meats and vegetables that characterize this East African cuisine.

A quick primer on Ethiopian cooking: the majority of foods are slowly stewed and heavily seasoned. The overall flavor has commonalities with North

African (particularly Moroccan *tajine*) flavors and the styles of curry popular in northern India. Due to the slow-cooking methods, the dishes are tender and easily digestible, while the seasonings meld together and create heady aromas and complex flavors.

Traditionally, Ethiopian food is served without silverware. In lieu of forks and spoons, diners break off sections of *injera* (the spongy, sourdough bread that’s an Ethiopian staple) and scoop up food with the fingers — an act that requires a certain deftness and which proves rewarding once mastered.

As stated, Bayu’s is nicer than its first impression might imply, and the food is on par with other African restaurants at the same price point. Vegetarian entrées are under \$10, with meat dishes \$12 to \$14. The menu offers a wide selection of popular dishes with a glossary of basic Ethiopian culinary terms.

The restaurant has Ethiopian beer and wine as well, including the potent honey wine that’s endemic to the country. As a predominantly Christian nation, Ethiopia is more tolerant of alcohol consumption than its neighboring Muslim nations.

First-timers might do well to try a little *atakilt*, which is potatoes, carrots, and cabbage simmered in spiced butter. The dish is a great gateway into eating with one’s fingers since it’s easy to pick up.

Bayu’s, 530 University Avenue.

Posted Feb. 8 by Ian Pike

## Anthony: An End, a Beginning

“I think we were the pioneers of happy hour around here,” says Anthony Zizzo. “You should have come.”

Dang it. He’s right. From 3 to 6 p.m. they had \$5 wine and \$5

“I was born in Sicily,” says Nunzia, the owner. She’s 33. “My dad’s a chef. But mom and dad both warned me: ‘Don’t do this!’ I’m coming up on my one-year anniversary here. It’s been a rough one. I work 12 hours, seven days. Can’t say they didn’t warn me.”

And, hey, full night tonight. “These things all happen by word-of-mouth,” she says. “Open mic is Adam the poet over there. We just got talking. He organized it. The paintings on the walls came after I said on Facebook that I was looking

for local art.”

Most entrées are about \$13, but panini are cheap. And tonight there’s a free dessert if you get an entrée.

I came out feeling as if I’d just been at a performance in some cellar in Paris.

Posted Feb. 9 by Ed Bedford

## Arrow Wars on Fifth

Down on G Street in the Gaslamp, this guy James and this other guy Stephen are in the heat of a sign-waving war.

James has the one telling us

to eat a slice at Pizza on Fifth, a few doors up. Stephen’s twirling for Hot Dogs. Which to choose?

Then Fate intervenes — a bunch of rowdies cram their way down the middle. I’m left on Stephen’s side.

“So, the dawgs really good?” I ask.

“Really, man. I’d eat them all the time if I could. Especially the chili-cheese dog. You’re 20 yards away from one of the great experiences of your life.”

Twenty yards later I’m at...oh, yeah. I know this place. White with green-and-orange neon

strips. This is Hot Dogs @ 428. They start with the Naked Dog & Bun for \$2.99. Most others are a buck up from that.

The “Diego” is salsa, jalapeño, and avocado. The Texas has cheese and BBQ sauce. Sushi (and this is only \$3.59) has wasabi, ginger, and soy. The two biggies are the chili-cheese dog for \$4.59 and the Big Daddy with everything for \$4.99.

The guy’s looking at me. Me, I’m looking at Joey Wallet. Three buckeroos.

“Waddaya got that’s under \$3?” I say. No point in beating



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appetizers in this classy restaurant (Vincenzo, at the corner of India and Date in Little Italy) I've passed a thousand times. Always thought it was beyond my wallet.

I've caught up with Anthony just after he has sawed off the last patio-rail stanchion on the sidewalk — the restaurant he and his family have run for the past dozen years has closed.

"Dad, Vincenzo, passed away two years ago," he said. "You should have seen his funeral. The procession came right up India. He was a *consigliere*, like a knight in Sicily. The Italian consul, everybody came. Now our mom is not well, and when this group from Rome made us an offer, it was too good to turn

down."

The Romans have an application to open "Pizza Artigiana."

"They're bringing a special oven and recipes such as New York-style, I think," says Anthony.

All the while we're talking, people are coming up. "So sorry you're going." "We got engaged here." "I'll always remember your paella."

A lady named Jessica just gives Anthony a hug. "I loved coming here. I live two blocks away. Your *penne broccoli e pollo* [a smoked chicken breast in a white cream sauce] was what we always came for. We already miss you."

Anthony's going to take time off and think the next chapter of his life. Because, hey, he's at the ripe old age of 26. Has been cooking since age 14. When his dad died, he had to become chef

and manager. "It's been work, all right," he says. "But I loved it."

*Posted Feb. 17 by Ed Bedford*

## Eat, Drink, and Make New Friends at Blind Lady Ale House

If you're looking for a place to have a quiet, intimate evening, do not go to Blind Lady Ale House. It's loud and casual, the tables are communal, and the beer is aplenty. It's the kind of place that gets you amped up for whatever else the evening might bring.

Last Saturday, my buddy and I ordered our pizza and beer at the bar and then snagged stools at one of the tall communal bar tables. Our taste in beer is different. She prefers the bitter stuff and ordered the Coronado Black IPA. I like it wheaty and went for the Hangar 24 Orange Wheat. We were curious, and so we exchanged sips — which resulted in us making grossed-out faces at each other.

Although our tastes for beer are at opposite ends of the spectrum, we are both salt fiends. The bianca al prosciutto pizza (\$13) and the Belgian frites (\$5.50) with truffle oil and parmigiano reggiano (add \$2) were easy choices.

Besides the joy of good food and beer, we also got to know our tablemates. Jim and Zina met at an "ugly sweater party" and were on date number two. Jim drank a Belgian Tripel, and Zina's St. Louis Framboise lambic (or Belgian fruit beer) was so pungent it filled the air around us with the scent of raspberries.

Jim even ate some of our fries. How's that for intimacy with strangers?

Almost a week later, I'm still thinking about that pizza and those fries. We definitely could have downed two of each. Were we boys instead of the dainty ladies we pretended to be that night, we would have.

*Posted Feb. 17  
by Elizabeth Salaam*

## Cohn Restaurant Group Uncorking a New Concept in Hillcrest

Some restaurant names leave a lot to the imagination. The most recent addition to the Cohn Restaurant Group family, BO-beau, certainly did. The CRG's latest concept is easier to grasp.

Slated to debut in Hillcrest this summer, it will go by the moniker 100 Wines and will offer...100 wines. Ranging

from old to new world, they'll be available by the glass and the bottle. All of the bottles will fall into one of three price brackets — \$20, \$30, or \$40 — making for easy drinking math.

Small plates will make up the food side of the equation. According to the CRG, those offerings will be influenced by Mediterranean food culture and be devised by BO-beau executive chef Katherine Humphrys and "numerous local chefs."

There's no word on who those other folks will be, but the space's designer has been announced: Philippe Beltran, who put his stamp on his own places, including Kensington's Blue Boheme and South Park's Vagabond.

100 Wines will be located at 1027 University Avenue.

*Posted Feb. 17  
by Brandon Hernández*

## Tacos and Opera: Los Pueblos

Finding a good place to stop for lunch between errands can be challenging, especially when your errands take you to areas that aren't known for tasty nibbles. So I was delighted to find Los Pueblos in the shopping center best known as "the Walmart plaza" in Kearny Mesa.

Los Pueblos is run by the same folks who brought us the popular Chilangos Mexico City Grill in Hillcrest, which closed just over a year ago. They've been in this location since December 2011.

It's a large, pretty place, full of bright colors, with lively artwork and tapestries on the walls and Andrea Bocelli on the soundtrack.

Menu items include tortas, burritos, tacos, quesadillas, and huaraches, as well as soups and salads. There are quite a few vegetarian options. Jeremy, the manager, pointed out that nearly everything on the menu can be customized to your taste.

I chose one of the daily specials, three rolled tacos (chicken or potato), rice, beans, and *agua fresca*, for \$7.95.

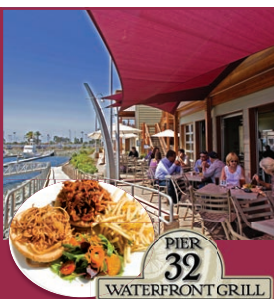
The tacos were really good, fried super crunchy but absolutely greaseless, with lettuce, tomato, guacamole, and crema on top. The chicken taco was full of tender white meat, savory and juicy. It was delicious with the tangy roasted salsa verde. The potato taco was great, too, with meltingly soft-fried potato chunks inside. A hit of the spicy rich chipotle salsa was the perfect complement to the smooth potato.

The beans and green rice with peas were good. I like my refried beans a little chunky, with a good bit of seasoning, and this fit the bill.

The tamarind *agua fresca* was refreshing, homemade without concentrates or artificial flavors. Also on the beverage menu is *café de olla*, with cinnamon, clove, orange peel, and piloncillo, made in the traditional clay pot, for just \$2.50.

Los Pueblos, 7081 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard.

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**Leap Year, Baby.** “After six years, we switched out some members and just lost momentum,” says Adam Gimbel of Rookie Card, who’ll play their first full RC set in four years at La Mesa’s Riviera Supper Club on February 29 (the apropos “leap year” date

full-length was nominated Best Pop Album at the 2006 San Diego Music Awards, the band went mostly silent, other than a 2008 Whistle Stop set and a 2011 appearance at the Casbah performing Wilco’s *A.M.* album. “The Riviera show will mostly be Rookie Card songs,” says

# the inside track blurt

that also occurs once every four years). “It was hard to motivate to get restarted, so we just never bothered. I got busy with other fun things [Cover Me Badd] that were much easier to get

Gimbel, “but we’re throwing in a few fun covers for those who like to say, ‘I love this song.’ A couple of people remember our original tunes, but not that many.”



Gimbel gets together with Rookie Card for a leap-year set.

people interested in, so I let that happen for a while.” Over the first few years of the 21st Century, Rookie Card peddled their alt-country-crunchy sound all over town. After their *What’s on Second?*

One song guaranteed a slot is the closest they’ve come to a hit single, their obsequious ode to leap-year birthdays, “2/29.” “I wasn’t born on February 29, and I’d never met anyone who was when I wrote it. But, I thought

it might be kinda sad to be born on leap year and wondered if it might make someone sad for their whole life...if you think it’s rough being born near Christmas, try coming out on a day that doesn’t exist three years out of four.”

“I’m aging faster at a quarter of the speed/ my will to live don’t have a lifetime guarantee/ I wanna leap off the deep end/ I hope I fall on a weekend.”

“The song got mentioned in a syndicated leap-year news story that resulted in articles nationwide,” says Gimbel. “In 2008, Dylan [Martinez of Rookie Card] and I filmed ourselves performing the song and uploaded it to YouTube.” The clip was viewed around 10,000 times during its first week online.

“When Rookie Card first started doing the song, I’d ask if anyone in the audience was born on February 29. It took two and a half years before a leap-year baby actually showed up!”

— Jay Allen Sanford

**Trilingual Rock.** “I have one friend who straight up told me that if he can’t understand the lyrics he can’t get into our music,” says singer/songwriter/guitarist Pablo Garduno about the fact that some of the lyrics of his band Alas de Mosca (“Wings of a Fly”) are in Spanish.

“To me that doesn’t seem right. One of my favorite CDs is [by] Cirque du Soleil. I don’t understand French, but I love

the music.... It’s hard for people to be open-minded if they don’t understand the lyrics.”

Garduno says Alas de Mosca might be the only band



Alas de Mosca’s Pablo Garduno has a legit Gingrich gripe.

that plays locally (they play at Winstons, the Office, and Kava Lounge) that sings in three languages. “We’re trilingual. We sing in African, too.” The lyrics of the East African Yoruba dialect fold in with their songs driven by AfroCuban beats.

The six-member band just released its first CD, *Lucha y Libertad*. Recorded at Arbar Studios in Santee, it showcases Latin jazz, world music, reggae, and rock, punched up by sax and congas.

Garduno feels that local modern-rock audiences aren’t very receptive to lyrics *en español*.

“San Diego is really into indie rock...it’s a challenge to get an audience to accept Latin rock” And while Alas de Mosca infuses reggae, “It seems like a lot of the local reggae-rock bands are all trying to be Sub-

lime. Everyone is doing it, but it’s already been done.”

San Diego’s B-Side Players were pioneers of Latin/Afrobeat fusion in the ’80s and ’90s.

“They played here for years and years,” says Garduno. “But it seems to me they got more recognition outside San Diego. They would sell out shows up and down the coast and outside California. He thinks Alas de Mosca would get better reception if they relocated to L.A. “Which is kind of weird because San Diego is so much closer to the border.”

As Garduno struggles to get locals to be more open to his Spanish lyrics, he says people like Newt Gingrich aren’t helping to break down the wall between gringo music fans and Latin lyrics. “Gingrich said that Spanish was the language of the ghetto. That’s ignorant. I don’t think he has ever set foot in anything close to a ghetto. The last time I was in a ghetto they spoke both English and Spanish. He is trying to make second-

class citizens of us because that’s the type of person he is.”

Alas de Mosca appears March 10 at the Latin Film Festival (UltraStar Cinema at Hazard Center), March 31 at Balboa Park’s Centro Cultura de la Raza, April 21 at Chicano Park, and April 29 at Artwalk. — Ken Leighton

**It Was the Piano.** In January Chuck Perrin pulled his Dizzy’s jazz series out of the San Diego Wine and Culinary Event Center in the Harbor Club Towers downtown. “I got a couple of days’ notice that the piano had to be moved out.” It was the baby grand he’d been given as a loaner for concerts. When not in use it sat in a corner of the main room, which was now needed for an event. “And, I was told that if I didn’t get it moved out, they’d push it out onto the sidewalk.”

Perrin thought he’d found a home for Dizzy’s when he moved his operation into the roomy Culinary Event Center in 2007, although he’d been known to produce a show or two in the old Culy warehouse down in the East Village. He occasionally booked the Walter Keller warehouse right next door to the Culy as well in recent years, which is the space where Dizzy’s was founded in 1999. It was retrofitting that ended Perrin’s eight-year run there and forced him to relocate.

“But the piano,” says Perrin “was only the tipping point.”

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He'd felt some level of disagreement with the direction the Culinary Event Center was going in the months leading up to his departure. It all stemmed from a change-up in management after the more music-loving of the center's partners left the business. As a result, Dizzy's is once again looking for a home, but Perrin is optimistic.

"I think it's good. I'm really looking forward to fine-tuning things and coming up with a plan that will be better for

everybody." For one, he'd like to find better parking. "For the musicians, it makes it so much easier if they can just pull up and unload. And," he says, due to the moving target of downtown lot prices, "people

sometimes paid more for parking than for a show."

In the meanwhile Perrin has joined the recent exodus to San Diego's new jazz hub: Little Italy.

Consider that jazz entertainment can be had there four or five nights a week at Anthology, El Camino, the Spaghetteria, and in the neighborhood's newest venue, 98 Bottles on Kettner. "It's really interesting,"



Perrin: "Wherever Dizzy's is, they will come."

## daily blogs

### Hills Like Elephants Announce Debut LP Release

By Chad Deal — Feb. 20, 2:00 p.m.

### Joshua White Quintet at 98 Bottles

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### Yeah Buddy Tuesday - Batwings, Monogamy Party, Moosejaw, Secret Fun Club

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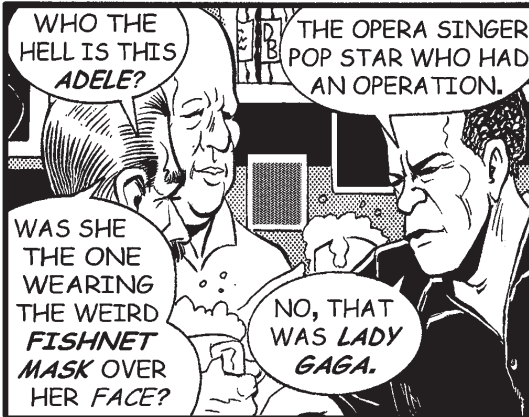
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says 98 Bottles co-owner Jill Mesaros, "that they all happen to be in the Little Italy neighborhood." She and her husband Steve opened last September. "It was fortuitous for Chuck and us," she says about the relocation of Dizzy's, temporary or not. "It's been good for us to have such talented musicians in our space."

Perrin admits that he'd already been looking for another venue weeks before things unraveled at the Culinary Event Center (management did not return phone or email requests for comment).

"Wherever Dizzy's is," Perrin says, "they will come."

— Dave Good

### The Belgian Connection.

During Belgian singer-songwriter Milow's February residency at Hotel Cafe in Hollywood (which ends February 29), he performed at a February 9 pre-Grammy party at the

Belgian consul's residence in L.A., along with local singer/guitarist Carl Durant (himself a former Belgian who moved to San Diego in 2002).

"Before his set, my wife and I had a long conversa-

tion with Milow about living in San Diego. He was here as an exchange student in the Bishop's School, about nine years ago. I promoted Lestat's as much as possible with Milow's manager, since it didn't sound like he's drawing lots of people yet at Hotel Cafe." Milow is



Belgian singer-songwriters Durant and Milow had a SD connection.

the Netherlands, Denmark, Switzerland, and Sweden. "Milow and his team left straight after playing, without saying goodbye. Not to my wife, or me, or the Belgian press I invited, so I don't think he saw my set. Just mentioning that to point out that I wasn't able to

get a true connection with him, his manager, or his assistant, although we talked easily for half an hour throughout the evening.

"Milow's manager did not want him to be streamed, so they took down the live-stream setup and left before I played my set," he says. However, "During sound check, I jammed with Ted Perlman, who now wants to get me in his studio to record. He congratulated me on my song quality and sound of my voice. I had to Google him, but apparently he played with a lot of big names, Whitney Houston, for example."

Carl Durant appears March 9 at Escondido Joe's and March 11 at Brick by Brick.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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This Week In Music

## Thursday 23

From New Orleans, the "Ninth Ward's torchiest torch singer," **Linnzi Zaorski**, visits America's finest this weekend. Zaorski is what Grampy would



LINNZI ZAORSKI AT BAR PINK AND SYRAH

call a "blonde bombshell" because she's got that movie-star style. With tats. The natural-born singer swings easy between trad-jazz standards and Depression-era pop on her 2002 debut *Linnzi Zaorski & Delta Royale*, a very recommendable set for fans of the brand (Lady Day to Squirrel Nut). Zaorski and the Deltas are out to tout last year's *Naughty Sweetie*, which tracks Zaorski original "Better Off Dead" from the hit flick *The Mechanic*, in which she plays a club sanger sangin her own song what! She'll be at Bar Pink on Thursday, or if you're into that speakeasy vibe, check her out downstairs downtown at Syrah on Fifth on Friday.... Stringy Syracuse indie-pop act **Ra Ra Riot** will play a Casbah-curated show at Belly Up behind last year's *The Orchard*, a sophomore set that sounds like a sophomore set, overthunk and wrung out. Still and all, *Rhumb Line*'ll keep the kids dancing in the clubs for years to come.

Dynamic duos the **Submarines** and **Papa** open the show.... Else: Til-Two stages local up-and-coming alt-rock acts **A Beautiful View** and the **New Kinetics**...while **Deep Sea Thunderbeast**, **Bantam Feather**, **Sleep lady**, and **Nothingful** fill an indie-eclectic bill at the Tin Can Ale House. This is a CD-release thing for Bantam Feather. No clue what the it's called or what's on it, but the duo promises wall-to-wall "baritone guitar, baritone drums, and baritone vocals."



TOYS THAT KILL AT BAR PINK

## Friday 24

SanFran garage-punk band **Terry Malts** takes Tower Bar with the release of their debut LP, *Killing Time*. The mystery trio are the band behind Bay Area swank-rock act Magic Bullets. If you get that, substitute Buds for buds and you'll get what the *Bay Guardian* calls "gloriously melodic slop packed with noisy punk riffs and classic SST-evoking lyrics." Chainsaw pop. **Permanent Collection** and **Dead Angle** up first....

Miss the door there and feel like staying uptown, you got punkabilly trio the **Hard Fall Hearts** at Eleven ("We came here to rock your ass and chew bubble gum, and we are all outta bubble gum!")...Soda Bar sets up Canada band **Chains of Love** ("Tina Turner meets Jesus And Mary Chain")...and **Ziggy Shuffledust** dons his Thin White Duke disguise for a night of Bowie at the Ruby Room.... Casbah welcomes home pop-punk prodigal sons the **Soft Pack**. The **Beaters** and **Plateaus** are also on that bill.... Nu-metal crew the **nFormals** play Ché Café with **Rob Crow**'s weird-ass covers act the **Devfitts**.... And Bay Area blues slinger **Tommy Castro** takes the stage at Belly Up behind his multiple-award-winning *Hard Believer*, one of the best roadhouse records I ever heard.



HE'S MY BROTHER, SHE'S MY SISTER AT CASBAH

promising fresh sounds in the rehabbed Bay Park bar.... Your dad's favorite soft-rock band, **America**, will be at Belly Up. Truth be told, one of my own damn guilty pleasures.

## Saturday 25

Three-time Grammy-winning choral group **Ladysmith Black Mambazo** will be at Anthology Saturday night. With more than 50 studio recordings to its credit, the group this year released *Songs From a Zulu Farm*, a folk collection that will resonate "whether you are in Ladysmith, Virginia, or Ladysmith, South Africa." Then, Anthology's a Reader joint, as HQ throws an appreciation party for you, featuring **Nervous Wreckords**, **Midnight Rivals**, and **Grand Tarantula**. Wicked cheap tickets and drinks, Reader readers, so click to this to see if there's room for you and yern: [readercity.com/products/2717](http://readercity.com/products/2717). I'll be the guy in the kangaroo suit.... Miss the door in Little It'll, San Pedro punks **Toys That Kill** will be at Bar Pink with **Dirty Ghosts** and **Bare Wires**...SanFran garage-rock band and *Nuggets* devotees the **Fresh & Only** will play Casbah with **Disappears** and **Tropi-**

## Monday 27

Casbah's Anti-Monday team tags Brit indie-pop act **Veronica Falls**. The London-based quartet signed to Slumberland in the states for the release of their s/t debut, which has garnered v. respectable reviews. The *New York Times* called it "favourable," with a *u*. **Bleached** and **DJ Mario O** set it up.

## Tuesday 28

On Tuesday at the Middletown mainstay, you got a folk-pop family affair, featuring **He's My Brother, She's My Sister**. I don't cotton to bands with such long names, but according to the Casbah's calendar, they have been called "delightfully original" (*Indieshuffle*) and "forward-thinking folkies forging new ground" (*New Times*). **Bad Weather California** rolls in first.... Jazz-guitar guru **Charlie Hunter**'s up the hill at Anthology. For more than 20 years, the Berkeley-born artist has pushed the boundaries to post-bop, acid, and funk with his seven- and eight-string instruments that the cat can make moo like a Hammond. I have no idea what that means, but I like it and I'm not rewriting it.... Utter mentionables: **Secret Fun**



THE KOOKS AT HOUSE OF BLUES

**Club** convenes out at Tower Bar with **Batwings**, **Moosejaw**, and **Monogamy Party**...and the Texas-based, Grammy-winning Chicano-rock trio **Los Lonely Boys** will play an acoustic set at Belly Up. Yawn.

## Wednesday 29

**Yawn** plays House of Blues before Britpop 'n' rock band the **Kooks**. The Kooks are a four-piece from Brighton that last year released their third Virgin pile, *Junk of the Heart*. It's what we at the Monk house call Forever XXI muzik — the type of tunes you'd hear at that particular Fashion Valley haberdashery. It makes you buy stuff you shouldn't because it's youth-ful and E-vil. "Jackie Big Tits" is a fun one, tho.... Sac-town dance-ponks !!! (*chk-chk-chk*) will be at Casbah Wednesday night behind their new-ish EP *Jamie, My Intentions Are*



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*Bass*, a "funk, dub, left-field disco, and Krautrock" rounding of the bases. With **Wild Belle** and **DJ Velvet Touch** on the bill, this'd be the gig to see humpnight.... Best of the rest has Canada's premier banjo man **Jayme Stone** slinging his twangy thing at the Loft at UCSD...Whistle Stop puts on electro-experimentalist **Snakesuit** this Commune Wednesday...Soda Bar draws a draught of indie-pop, with **Cloud Nothings**, **Classic Education**, and the **Lanterns**...and SD quadrennials **Rookie Card** rock and roll their leap yearly reunion show to the Riviera Supper Club out in God's country (La Mesa).

— Barnaby Monk

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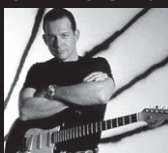
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# Brutal Industry

“We knew things were changing, but nobody knew where things were gonna go.”

**Y**ou’ve caught me at a milestone in my life.” Meaning the ten-year anniversary of Loud and Clear Records?

No, says label owner Brad Lee. “This is my second day in San Diego without a day job.” For the past seven years he’s worked at Merch Lackey, hustling product for clients such as Jack Johnson.

Lee sits at the console in the Kearny Mesa recording studio he co-owns with Black Heart Procession’s Pall Jenkins and Zach Smith of Pin-back. Some studios are sterile; this one is not. For one thing, it has gravitas. As in, “Black Heart Procession made *Six* here.”

The sound booth is illuminated by the amber glow of a 12-foot neon sign with the word *Pharmacy*. It came from a drugstore that went out of business. “One night Pall called me and asked if I wanted to do something incredibly stupid.” He did. “So we got ladders and took the sign down off an abandoned building and put it in the van. It looked a lot smaller when it was on top of the building.”

Loud and Clear Records has its roots in Santa Barbara, the founding of which came after Lee was cut from his college water-polo team. “The day after I got cut, I put an ad looking to join a band in the local newspaper.” Next, he dropped out of college to start the label.

“My original business model was to take bands that no one had ever heard of and do the whole full-length release and all the press and the publicity — it was really hard, and it didn’t work.”

This was as file-sharing was taking off. “It was a terrible time to start a label. I still have boxes of CDs upstairs.”

He was also working as a deejay on KJEE — the Santa Barbara equivalent, he says, of FM 94/9 — and he played bass in a band that managed to find its way south to a now-defunct club called Dream Street in Ocean Beach. That’s where he first heard the band Comfortable For You.

“I was instantly in love with their sound,” says Lee. Through them he met more local bands, a process that culminated in a Loud and Clear compilation called *San Diego Is Burning*.

Then came the tipping point that would cause him to move his entire operation to San Diego.

“My girlfriend dumped me, and my band broke up. I said, ‘I gotta get out of here.’” On the drive south he listened to a Three Mile Pilot song called “The Longest Day.” “They were one of my favorite bands, and it was one of my favorite songs. I listened to it intentionally, as it fit the day in my life perfectly.”

The singer was Pall Jenkins. The two would become serious friends, roommates, studio partners, and even bandmates after Jenkins asked Lee to do a tour with Three Mile Pilot. “The things you are drawn to when you put yourself into something completely,” Lee says. “It’s kind of like providence.”

Brad Lee is actually Bradley Lefkowitz, Brad Lee being a play on Bradley. He turns 32 in April. Raised in Palo Alto, Lee now lives with his dog in Hillcrest and tours in a band called Album Leaf.

Does Loud and Clear make any money? The



PHOTOGRAPH BY ZACK NIELSEN

Brad Lee: “It’s always been a natural thing when I put out a record. It always comes up over a beer or somebody sends me an MP3.”

answer is an immediate “no.” “This is the record business.”

He describes the past ten years as a guessing game. “We knew things were changing, but nobody knew where things were gonna go. Nobody knew how to be a band in the digital world.” He talks about the illusion of social networking. “There are bands that go from zero to 100 miles an hour by the click of one *Pitchfork* editor’s mouse. But will they last? How many will write stuff that lasts? A lot of people chase trends. The ability to get music from creation to the public so quickly makes trend-chasing really easy. That’s never been what I’m about.”

One of the biggest changes since Lee started the label? “Gas was a dollar fifty. You want to talk about change? Four-dollar gas has had a huge impact on small-band tours. You want to try and

make it to New York and back? Good luck.”

He says it is harder than ever to land a record deal. “Record sales are nonexistent. I know bands that used to sell 50,000 units that now sell 1500. On an indie level, there’s really no need for a label. I’ll still press a 7”, but most of my time is spent with bands making a plan, telling them how to spend their time and money wisely — things they need to figure out in order to have any longevity in a brutal industry.”

Any local bands he’d like to sign? Lee says he doesn’t think about business that way.

“It’s always been a natural thing when I put out a record. It always comes up over a beer or somebody sends me an MP3. It feels random and meant to be. There’s never been much of a plan.” ■

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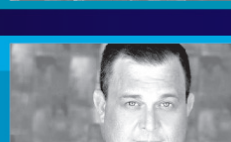

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**710 Beach Club:** 710 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.  
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*Wednesday* — Trevor Davis. Singer-songwriter.

**Athenaeum Music and Arts Library:** 1008 Wall St., La Jolla, 858-454-5872.  
*Friday*, 8pm — The Kurt Rosenwinkel Standards Trio. Jazz. \$21-\$36.

**The Bailey Wood Pit Barbecue:** 2307 Main St., Julian, 760-765-3757.  
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**Balboa Theatre:** 868 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100.  
*Sunday* — Lila Downs. Mexican singer-songwriter.

**Bar Leucadian:** 1542 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-753-2094.  
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**Beaumont's:** 5662 La Jolla Bl., La Jolla, 858-459-0474.  
*Thursday*, 9pm — Allegra. Acoustic/covers. **Free.**  
*Friday*, 9pm — Brent Curtis Trio. Popular covers. **Free.**

# NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

**Veronica Falls is a London band whose debut single is a ghost story called "Found Love in a Graveyard."** On their first full-length release, they also feature songs titled "Misery," "Bad Feeling," and "Beachy Head," which is named after a famous English suicide spot. But before you decide this is a goth band, take a listen. The songs are all scrappy, jangly guitars, peppy drums, co-ed vocal harmonies, and deep reverb. In short, despite a fondness for minor keys and macabre lyrics, Veronica Falls is rooted in the tradition of '80s and '90s indie pop such as the Vaselines, the Wedding Present, Beat Happening, etc.

We sometimes describe indie pop as "twee," but that doesn't mean that these bands can only make child-like music. Far from it. Much of the most interesting indie pop mixes the subversive subject matter of post-punk rock (sex, drugs, death, criticism of religion) with the melody and song structure of family-friendly pop. Thus, you have songs such as the Pains of Being Pure at Heart's "A Teenager in Love," which is actually about a teenager "in love with Christ and heroin."

A lot of bands are mining the legacy of indie pop these days (many of them, such as Veronica Falls and the Pains of Being Pure at Heart, are signed to the long-running Berkeley label Slumberland Records), and it's easy to dismiss them as revivalists. But Veronica Falls puts its own stamp — and its own talent for great vocal arrangements — on a familiar style.



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*Wednesday*, 8pm — Boz Scaggs.

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*Sunday*, 8:30pm — Cursive. Sold out.  
*Monday* — Veronica Falls and Bleached. \$10.  
*Tuesday*, 8:30pm — He's My Brother She's My Sister. \$8-\$10.

*Wednesday*, 8:30pm — !!! and Wild Belle. \$15.

**Ché Café:** 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311.  
*Friday*, 8:30pm — The Nforms and the Devfits.

**Clairemont Library:** 2920 Burgener Bl., Clairemont, 858-581-9935.  
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*Thursday*, 7:30pm — Kembang Sunda. Sundanese gamelan music. \$5-\$8.

**Downtown Café:** 182 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-440-5687.

*Friday*, 6pm — The Good Mojo Band.

*Sunday*, 3pm — Thursday Blues Jam.

**Eleven:** 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-450-4292. *Friday*, 9pm — Hard Fall Hearts. \$7.

*Saturday*, 9pm — D.P.I. \$6.

**Epicentre:** 8450 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000. *Saturday*, 6pm — Reggae and Ska Fest. With the Skains, Nautikal, Positive Company, more. \$10. *Sunday* — English Dogs, the Casualties, Toxic Holocaust. \$15-\$20.

**Fannie's Nightclub:** 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.

*Saturday*, 9pm — Bone Yard. Hard rock/metal covers. **Free.**

**Flying Elephant:** 850 Tamarack Ave., Carlsbad, 760-434-2660.

*Friday*, 8pm — The Essentials.

**Free.**

*Saturday*, 8pm — Missles of October. **Free.**

**Gallagher's Pub & Grill:** 5046 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300.

*Friday* — Danny & the Tramp.

**The Griffin:** 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista.

*Friday*, 8pm — Small City Calling, SXO, Split Seeds, Elephant Project. \$5.

*Saturday*, 9:30pm — 1957. Bandits, Lyon Crowns. 1957 CD release. \$5.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583.

*Thursday* — Hot Chelle Rae.

*Saturday* — Mat Kearney.

*Wednesday* — The Kooks.

**Humphreys Backstage Music**

**Club:** 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577.

*Friday*, 9pm — Viva Santana.

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*Saturday*, 9pm — The Farmers. Rock. \$12.

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*Friday*, 8:30pm — Lightning Train. Fabulous fiddlin', foot-stompin' country. **Free.**

*Saturday*, 8:30pm — Joey & the Sting Rays. Country. **Free.**

*Sunday*, 1pm — Deborah Blake & Zero Gravity. \$5.

**The Loft:** 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497.

*Wednesday*, 8pm — Jayme Stone. Banjo. \$15-\$20.

**Molly Malone's:** 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.

# OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

**The Dunwells are the latest players in the emerging West London folk scene to come to America.** When they play the Belly Up, it will be for the first time. The latest UK folk invasion is a true multitude of aging genres, but no one seems to care. West London bands are the hot ticket right now. The Dunwells' label calls them Celtic/American folk/rock/blues/pop, and everyone says "Mumford and Sons" or "Fleet Foxes" by way of comparison. I hear more early Fleetwood Mac than Mumford in the Dunwells, but I think what most fans are responding to, genre mystification or not, is the band's unabashed musicianship

and the passion that drives them during a live show. Joe Dunwell plays his guitar and sings like a hungry man.

The Dunwells make roots music with five-part bluegrass harmonies and a load of stringed instruments, including guitars and dobros and banjos and everything in between. The band is brothers David and Joseph, Rob Clayton and his cousin Jonny Lamb, and guitarist Dave Hanson. I asked Joe Dunwell about "Blind Sighted Faith," the title track from their debut CD. Is it a subliminal reference to late '60s Brit super-group Blind Faith? Dunwell says no, that the song was written during a stretch of band poverty and became their equivalent to Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'."

But the Dunwells caught a break and managed to book themselves into all the major UK folk-rock festivals, where their hammering live shows generated buzz — real buzz, among real



THE DUNWELLS

fans — a notion that is as outdated in a world gone digital as their music.

**Los Lonely Boys also perform.**

**THE DUNWELLS: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, February 28, 8 p.m. \$42 advance; \$44 day of show.**

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*Friday*, 9pm — Stone the Giant. Rock. **Free.**

*Saturday*, 9pm — Moxie. **Free.**

**Pal Joey's:** 5147 Waring Rd., College Area, 619-582-6699.

*Friday*, 9pm — Kitten with a Whip. **Free.**

**Patrick's II:** 428 F St., Downtown, 619-233-3077.

*Friday*, 9pm — Bill Magee Blues Band. **Free.**

*Saturday*, 9pm — Johnny Vernazza. Blues/jazz. **Free.**

**Pechanga Resort & Casino:**

45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819.

*Friday, Saturday*, 8pm — Roger Hodgson of Supertramp.

**Poway Center for the Performing Arts:** 15498 Espola Rd., Poway, 858-748-0505.

*Saturday*, 8pm — Guitar Masters: Andy McKee, Antoine Dufour, and Stephen Bennett.

**Robbie's Roadhouse:** 530 N. Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-634-2365.

*Monday*, 6:30pm — Cowboy Jack. Vintage country. **Free.**

**Ruby Room:** 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.

*Friday*, 8pm — Ziggy Shuffledust. David Bowie tribute. \$10.

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*Saturday*, 7:30pm — The Browne Sisters and George Cavanaugh. Celtic. \$15-\$18.

**Shakedown Bar:** 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-487-0373.

*Friday*, 10pm — The Aggronauts and Chango's Psychotic Garage. *Saturday*, 10pm — Darsombra and Riververb.

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*Wednesday*, 8:30pm — Cloud Nothings. \$10.

**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.

*Friday*, 6:30pm — Jeremiah Johnson. \$10.

*Saturday*, 6:30pm — Steal the Scenery. CD release. \$10.

**Sound Wave:** 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-320-2100.

*Friday*, 8pm — Tomorrows Bad Seeds and Pacific Dub.

**The Stage Rock Bar & Grill:** 762 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-696-9436.

*Thursday*, 10pm — Seismic Dubstep.

*Friday*, 10:30pm — The Disco Pimps.

*Saturday*, 10pm — DJ Miss Dust. **Free.**

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*Saturday, Sunday* — Air Supply. Adult contemporary. \$35-\$45.

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*Thursday*, 9pm — The Beautiful View and the New Kinetics.

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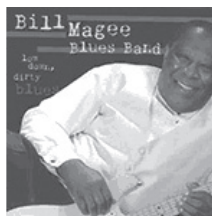
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*Thursday*, 7pm — Jim Earp. Finger-style guitar. **Free.**

**The Tower Bar:** 4757 University Ave., City Heights, 619-284-0158.  
*Friday* — Terry Malts.  
*Tuesday* — Secret Fun Club, Batwings, Moosejaw, Monogamy Party.

**Winstons:** 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.  
*Friday*, 9:30pm — GrooveSession and Smokey Hoof. **Free.**  
*Saturday*, 8pm — Dazed and Confused.

### UPCOMING SHOWS

**4th&B:** 345 B St., Downtown, 619-231-4343.  
*March 1* — Dub Police.  
*March 3* — El Gran Baile de 2012.

**710 Beach Club:** 710 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.  
*March 2* — Split Finger.

**AMSDeoncerts:** 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.  
*March 3* — Blame Sally.  
*March 15* — Cheryl Wheeler.  
*March 21* — Ian Tyson.

# EVERYONE’S A CRITIC

## Elder’s Dead Roots Stirring

By Mary Leary

What the heck does “dead roots stirring” mean? Is it meant to evoke horror?

When one stops and considers, “dead roots stirring” could be kind of horrible. But it’s never made sense to over-analyze stoner metal-makers’ thought processes. Unions may be struggling. Americans wear clothing and drive cars often made elsewhere. But musicians still hunt for warehouses in which they can endanger their hearing by

emitting an unholy noise. I believe Alex (*A Clock-work Orange*) would like the crunching guitars and thudding percussion; the slithery guitars and smashing cymbals on Elder’s second album. It’s pretty horror-show, and when it’s not, it’s sometimes downright pretty (enduring the 12-minute title track’s occasional meandering has its rewards, as do the pastoral, ’70s shadings leading into the mounting drama of “III.”

Guitar tones combine juiciness with dirt in a way that had to require hours of research. The cover art, featuring a naked woman clinging to the foot of a tree (don’t ask), is fairly tasteless. That’s oddly comforting: doom ‘n’ gloom metal’s morphed into an American institution — one of the only industries employing lead guitarists.

Hey, creating metal has to beat staring at the tube or fingering an Xbox while waiting for your unemployment check. Listening to Elder sure does.



Guitar tones combine juiciness with dirt.

## Music Reviews from Our Readers

## John Cruz Rides Trade Winds into Anthology

By Alan Segal

“On the islands, we do it island style, from the mountain to the ocean, from the windward to the leeward side.” About halfway through his set, Hawaii’s Jimmy Buffett, John Cruz, started singing his signature song, “Island Style,” and the nearly sold-out house came to life and joined in.

From the moment Cruz — dressed in requisite Hawaiian shirt — plugged his guitar into the amps and started strum-

ming his “acoustic soul” (the title of his first album), he cast a feel-good spell that reminded me of getting off a plane in Oahu and feeling the warm trade winds brush your senses.

Cruz sang almost all the songs from his two CDs with some surprises, including “Waimanalo Blues,” a mellow, bluesy tune about one of my favorite beaches, which is being threatened by developers. And he sang “Hi’ilawe,” which recently got selected for the soundtrack of the hit TV series *Hawaii Five-0*.

Cruz appears comfortable singing in either Hawaiian or English. But not to be overshadowed by his songwriting or his singing is his laidback yet impeccable acoustic-guitar playing. He even flashed some Chicago-style blues guitar on “Baby’s Gone Blues.” Cruz ended his set and encore with the lyrics from another of his signature songs, which got embedded in my head, “Shine on, shine on, let your light fill up this world till dawn.”



Hawaii’s Jimmy Buffett

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**Anthology:** 1337 India St., Little Italy, 877-828-0891.  
*March 3* — Al Stewart.  
*March 6, 7* — Brian Culbertson & David Benoit: Piano 2 Piano.

**Balboa Theatre:** 868 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100.  
*March 1* — Merle Haggard.

**Bar Pink:** 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.  
*March 3* — Bella Novela and the Beautiful View.

**Belly Up:** 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.  
*March 3* — Jackie Greene.  
*March 8* — Silent Comedy, Dead Feather Moon, the Howls.  
*March 14* — The Drive-By Truckers.

**Brick by Brick:** 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.  
*March 1* — Fantazzmo.  
*March 2* — The Aristocrats and Science Fiction.  
*March 3* — Adema.

**The Casbah:** 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.  
*March 1* — Leslie & the Lys.  
*March 2* — Roddy Radiation and the USA Skabilly Rebels.

*March 3* — Zola Jesus and Talk Normal.

**Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre:** 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.  
*March 24* — Lady Antebellum, Darius Rucker, Thompson Square.  
*July 28* — Brad Paisley.  
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**Eleven:** 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-450-4292.  
*March 2* — Melly Frances and Heavy Guilt.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583.  
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*March 2* — Allegra Barley.  
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**Humphreys by the Bay:** 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577.  
*April 16* — Elvis Costello & the Imposters.

**The Loft:** 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497.  
*March 2* — Jenny Owen Youngs.

**Molly Malone’s:** 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.  
*March 3* — Studio 8.

**Pala Casino:** 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252.  
*August 10* — Diana Krall.

**Patrick’s II:** 428 F St., Downtown, 619-233-3077.  
*March 2* — Johnny Vernazza.  
*March 3* — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.

**Pechanga Resort & Casino:** 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819.  
*March 9* — Peter Frampton.

**Ruby Room:** 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.  
*March 2* — Manganista, Unsteady, The Burning of Rome.  
*March 7* — Brown Shoe.

**Shakedown Bar:** 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-487-0373.  
*March 2* — Pharmacy, the Touchies, Kitty Plague.  
*March 3* — The Business, the Downtown Struts, Rat City Riot.

**Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego:** 700 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-454-3541.  
*March 2* — Hapa.

**Soda Bar:** 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.  
*March 1* — Busdriver and Nocando.  
*March 2* — Jamuel Saxon.  
*March 3* — Misspent Warhead Premise and Astra Kelly.

**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.  
*March 3* — Oh, Guardian.  
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*March 3, 4* — Lorrie Morgan and Pam Tillis.

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*March 1* — Thomas & the People and Amy Obenski.  
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**Valley View Casino Center:** 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171.  
*March 24* — Romeo Santos.

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**The High Dive:** Monday-Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday, 9-11pm: \$3 wells, \$2 off local drafts, \$1 off wine, \$4 off bottles of wine, \$1 off specialty-drink menu. Wednesday, 9-11pm: \$3 wells, \$2 off local drafts, \$1 off wine, \$4 off bottles of wine, \$1 off specialty-drink menu.

## BONITA

**Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hookah:** Tuesday-Saturday, all night: Cheap drinks. Cheap eats. 1/2-off hookahs Tuesday-Thursday 7-10pm.

## CARDIFF

**Besta-Wan Pizza House:** Daily, 11am-6pm: \$1 off pint, glass of house wine. \$3 off pitcher.

## CARLSBAD

**Mr. Peabody's:** Monday-Friday, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, wine, spooli shots, wells + juice. \$3.50 margaritas. Free taco bar 3pm to 6pm with drink purchase.

## CARMEL MOUNTAIN

**Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co.:** Tuesday-Friday, 3-7pm, 9-11pm: \$1 beer, mixed drinks. 1/2-off appetizers.

## CARMEL VALLEY

**Tio Leo's:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints, \$4 house margaritas & well drinks.

## CHULA VISTA

**Achiote Restaurant:** Daily, 4-7pm: Two-for-one drinks.

**Roberto de Philippis:** Daily, 2-6pm: \$2.75 domestic beer, house wine, \$3 premium beer, \$3.75 wells.

**Veni Vidi Vici:** Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$1 off all drinks.

## CITY HEIGHTS

**The Tower Bar:** Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and import drafts.

## CLAIREMONT

**Cucina Italiana:** Wednesday, 1/2-off select wine bottles.

## COLLEGE AREA

**Pal Joey's:** Daily, all day: \$3 personal pitchers.

## CORONADO

**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.

## DEL MAR

**Crêpes and Corks Restaurant and Wine Bar:** Tuesday-Saturday, 3-6pm: \$2 off select wines by the glass, \$1 off drafts. 15% off appetizers.

## DOWNTOWN

**House of Blues:** Daily, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wines, \$3 wells, \$4 martinis. Killer happy hour menu.

**The Stage Rock Bar & Grill:** Daily, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

## EAST VILLAGE

**Hive Sushi Lounge:** Daily, 5-7pm: \$2 domestic, \$4 micro, \$2.50 sake, \$3.50 well, \$4 house wine. Miso, edamame, \$.99.

**Monkey Paw:** Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$1 off drafts and cocktails.

## EASTLAKE

**Chili's:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts, house margaritas; \$4.99 premium margaritas. \$.50 wings.

## EL CAJON

**Blarney Stone Pub:** Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

## ENCINITAS

**Cap'n Kenos:** Monday-Friday, 6pm-midnight: \$2.50 drafts, wells. Free appetizers.

## ESCONDIDO

**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).

## 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

**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.

## HILLCREST

**The Alibi:** Daily, all day: \$3 dipper, wells.

## IMPERIAL BEACH

**Club Bananas at Lydia's Café:** Daily, open-10pm: \$3 wells & domestics.

## KEARNY MESA

**Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas:** Monday-Thursday, 5:30-7pm: 1/2-off house sake/drafts.

## KENSINGTON

**Til-Two:** Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and imported drafts.

## LA JOLLA

**La Jolla Brew House:** Tuesday-Thursday, noon-7pm: \$2 off craft beer; \$3 wells and house wines; \$3 off appetizers. Friday-Saturday, 10pm-close: \$2 off craft beer; \$3 wells and house wines.

**Su Casa:** Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

## LA MESA

**Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room:** Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off drinks and cocktails.

## LAKESIDE

**Coo Coo Club:** Monday-Friday, 6-8pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

## LEMON GROVE

**Dirk's Niteclub:** Monday-Saturday, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks \$4.50 or less. Sunday, 6am-2pm: \$1 off bloody marys.

## LEUCADIA

**Bar Leucadian:** Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells, \$2.50 beer of the month, shot special.

## LINCOLN PARK

**L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza:** Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$1 off appetizers. Sunday, all day: \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings.

## LINDA VISTA

**Tio Leo's:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints, \$4 house margaritas & well drinks.

## LITTLE ITALY

**Fat City Steakhouse:** Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts, \$3 wells, \$4 wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

**Puerto la Boca:** Daily, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

## MIDWAY DISTRICT

**Brick Alley Bar & Grill:** Daily, 3-7pm, 9pm-close: \$1 off pints, \$2 off tall beers.

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# the HERE'S DEAL

Martinis Above Fourth, [martinisabovefourth.com](http://martinisabovefourth.com)

American humorist James Thurber once said, "One martini is all right. Two are too many, and three are not enough." While most of us instinctively know this to be true, there's no better place to test its enduring veracity than **Martinis Above Fourth** in Hillcrest.

A short elevator lift from the entrance to Kous Kous Moroccan Bistro and Lounge, Martinis specializes in over 100 twists on the iconic beverage in a comfortably classy environment. Though the elitist may cringe at Martinis' vodka-centric concoctions, drinks are served in generous ten-ounce pours that call for reconsideration of Thurber's formula or, in the case of the Mega-Martini (which requires a group of three or more to order), its dismissal altogether.

Adorned with James Bond movie posters — one pictures Sean Connery sipping a dry, "shaken-not-stirred" martini while seducing a Ukrainian double agent — the intimate dining

room and piano lounge is where keyboard crooner Don L. plays Thursdays (7 to 11 p.m.), the self-proclaimed "piano wench," Carol Curtis, performs Fridays (7 to 10 p.m.), and the bespectacled Michael Sanchez sings classic ballads on Saturdays (7 to 11 p.m.).

The venue went under new ownership in October, followed by a patio renovation and a revamped menu. My attire of hoodie and cutoffs felt a little underwhelming for the atmosphere, though the drinking patio overlooking Fourth (smoking permitted) is less formal than the dining room, which serves fine entrées, including a bacon-wrapped bleu cheese-stuffed filet mignon (\$29), blackberry-glazed duck breast (\$26), and wild mushroom chicken fettuccine (\$18).



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Martinis' happy hour (all evening Mondays and select hours Tuesday through Saturday) is an ideal start to a night of club-hopping around Hillcrest, with half-off appetizers such as the staple, spicy crab cakes (\$6), seasoned fries (\$3), and the

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(except Guinness), \$3 drafts, \$3.75 all wine. Discounted appetizers.

## 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:

## MISSION BEACH

**Guava Beach Bar & Grill:** Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: Two-for-one cocktails, beer, shots.

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## NORMAL HEIGHTS

**Live Wire:** Daily, 5-8pm: \$1 off drafts and cocktails.

## NORTH PARK

**Bar Pink:** Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$1 off drafts and calls.

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**West Coast Tavern:** Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 wells, drafts, house wine.

## OCEAN BEACH

**Blue Parrot:** Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: All drinks and appetizers 1/2-price (all day Monday).

## OCEANSIDE

**Show Palace:** Thursday, 6-9pm: \$2.50 wells, \$20 beer bucket all night.

## OLD TOWN

**Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant:** Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$3 wells, house wine, and drafts.

**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

**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.

## POINT LOMA

**Sail Ho Golf Club:** Monday, Thursday, 4pm-close: \$2 beer, \$3.50 wine, \$4 wells. Tuesday, 4pm-close: \$2 beer, \$3.50 wine, \$2 wells. Wednesday, 4pm-close: \$2 beer, \$3.50 wine, \$4 wells, \$1 tacos. Friday, 4pm-close: \$2 beer, \$3.50 wine, \$4 wells; smoked ribs. Saturday, 4pm-close: \$2 beer, \$3.50 wine, \$4 wells, \$10.95 burger and beer. Sunday, All day: \$2 beer, \$3.50 wine, \$4 wells.

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**Boll Weevil Restaurant:** *Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2 off all pitchers.*

## RANCHO BERNARDO

**Kelly's Public House:** *Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$3.50 wells, house wines.*

## RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS

**Deli Stop Sports Pub:** *Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off all beer; \$3 Corona or glass of wine. \$1 off all appetizers.*

## RANCHO SAN DIEGO

**Cottonwood Golf Club Bar & Restaurant:** *Daily, 4-6pm: \$2 drafts. 1/2-off all appetizers including pizza, quesadillas, wings, calamari.*

**Da Boyz Pizza & Pasta:** *Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 2-6pm, 9pm-close: \$2 draft, \$3 glass select wine.*

## RANCHO SANTA FE

**Delicias:** *Daily, 4-6pm: \$5 draft beers, house wines, wells.*

## SAN MARCOS

**Back Alley Grill:** *Tuesday-Saturday, 11am-9pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$4.50 imports and house wines. \$1 Taco Tuesday, 50¢ a-Wing Wednesday, \$1 off pitchers Thirsty Thursday.*

## SANTEE

**Landre's Sports Bar & Grill:** *Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. \$5 appetizers: potato skins, garlic/bacon fries, shrimp cocktail, more.*

## SCRIPPS RANCH

**Stone Flats:** *Daily, 3-5pm, 7-9pm: \$1 Bud/Bud Light; 1/2-off all other beer/wine.*

## SERRA MESA

**Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill:** *Sunday, \$2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. \$3.50 mimosas, bloody marys.*

## SHELTER ISLAND

**Blue Wave Bar & Grill:** *Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off drinks; \$3-\$5 appetizers,*

including jumbo shrimp cocktail and crispy fried calamari.

**Fiddler's Green Restaurant:** *Daily, 5-7pm: \$4 house wine and house beer, \$5 well drinks and margaritas.*

**Humphreys Backstage Music Club:** *Daily, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).*

## SOLANA BEACH

**Chief's Burgers and Brew:** *Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2.50 domestic, \$3.50 microbrew. 1/2-off appetizers.*

## SORRENTO VALLEY

**Ali Baba's Cave:** *Daily, 3-7pm: 22-oz. beer \$4 (including tax). \$12 hookahs, \$5 refills.*

**Karl Strauss Brewing Company:** *Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.*

## SOUTH PARK

**Alchemy:** *Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 off wells, including Skyy, Seagram's, Jim Beam, Sauza Gold, \$2 off wines/glass, draft.*

**Hamilton's Tavern and Café:** *Daily, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.*

**South Park Abbey:** *Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 wells, beer specials.*

**Whistle Stop Bar:** *Daily, 2-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints.*

## SPRING VALLEY

**California Comfort:** *Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wells, house wine.*

**Fannie's Nightclub:** *Daily, 4-6pm: \$5.00 off all drinks.*

## TIERRASANTA

**Bellagio Ristorante & Bakery:** *Monday, 4-7pm: 10% off for military.*

\$2 drafts. *Wednesday, 4-7pm: 1/2-off select wine bottles. Friday, 4-7pm: \$10 wine flights.*

**JP's Pub:** *Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25 house wine.*

## UNIVERSITY CITY

**Apollonia Greek Bistro:** *Daily, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 ouzo apéritif, \$2 bottled beers, \$3 wine by the glass.*

**Donovan's Steak and Chop House:** *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$8 martinis (complimentary steak sandwiches and burritos 4-6pm).*

**Michael's Lounge in the Hyatt Regency:** *Daily, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts and well cocktails.*

## UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

**Apertivo Italian Tapas & Wine Bar:** *Daily, noon to 6 pm: \$3 beer, wine, and sangria.*

**Gulf Coast Grill:** *Daily, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3.95 wells, drafts, wine.*

**Small Bar:** *Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$1 off drafts and cocktails.*

## VALLEY CENTER

**Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant:** *Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$2 domestic. \$3 imports, wells. Discounted appetizers.*

## VISTA

**Chili Coast Burgers:** *Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$.50-\$.75 off tap beer.*

**Jumping Bean Cafe & Mexican Grill:** *Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic, imports, \$2.75 margaritas, \$3 wells, microbrews, \$4 Leaping Horse wine. 3-5pm: \$1.50 chicken or carnitas street tacos.*



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### 42nd Street

Coronado Playhouse presents the musical celebration of Broadway (hard work, being in the right place at the right time). Songs include "You're Getting to Be a Habit with Me," "We're in the Money," and "Lullaby of Broadway." CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. 8PM THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 4.

### A 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

In some of Culture Clash's best work to date, 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. At the La Jolla Playhouse, the performances, directed with split-second timing by Jo Bonney, match the fluidity of Shawn Sagady's spectacular videos. The story is a *corrida*, a folk tale passed on by word of mouth. Rene Millan excels as Juan José, who sheds a stereotype before your eyes. And in the end he knows more about U.S. citizenship and American history than most of the audience. **Critic's Pick.**

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26.

### 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 FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 3PM SUNDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26.

### Fathers and Sons

The Old Globe/USD Graduate Theatre Program presents Brian Friel's adaptation of Ivan Turgenev's novel about a disturbed medical student. Ray Chambers directed. UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, 5998 ALCALA PARK, USD. 619-260-4600. 7:30PM SATURDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY.

### God's Trombones

Ira Aldridge Repertory Players, in conjunction with Educational Cultural Complex, present James Weldon Johnson's "Seven Negro Sermons in Verse," adapted and directed by Calvin Manson. EDUCATIONAL CULTURAL COMPLEX, 4343 OCEAN VIEW BL., MOUNTAIN VIEW. 619-527-5256. 8PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 3PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 11.

### 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. Ran-



In Lamb's Players' production of *Guys & Dolls*, songs run like New York cabs, another's always just around the corner. (Pictured: Eileen Bowman, Lauren King, and April Henry)

dall 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 Master-son 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 25.

### 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 THURSDAY, 1PM SATURDAY, 6:30PM SUNDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26.

### In the Wake

If Ellen never had to choose, she'd have it all and demand more. Lisa Kron's epic "state of the nation address" opens like a scene from

*Friends*. But as Ellen tells us from a later point in time, it was not. She had a blind spot. The play systematically unravels the scene and Ellen's self-serving world views. *In the Wake* is longish and talky. But director Delicia Turner Sonnenberg and an outstanding cast (Aubrey Saverino, Fran Gercke, Jo Anne Glover, DeAnna Driscoll, Alexis Louise Young, Stephanie Dunnam, and Karson St. John) fill the evening with vivid life. **Critic's Pick.** SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 8PM THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 14.

### Late Nite Catechism

Welk Resort 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

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### 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

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### Neil Berg's 102 Years of Broadway

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### Next Fall

Young Luke is Christian and gay. His partner, Adam, says that's a contradiction. Their relationship grows on every level except core beliefs. A horrific accident prompts Adam, Luke's family, and others to reexamine themselves. *Next Fall* is funny and moving, in the end, though it takes its time (Geoffrey Nauffts, an actor, wrote lengthy scenes for actors to perform, often at the expense of pacing). At Diversionary, director James Vasquez treats the play as if written by a more experienced playwright. He also made smart casting choices: Jacque Wilke, Tony Houck, and Shana Wride in particular. Stewart Calhoun (a cherubic Luke) and Matt McGrath (Adam, a neurotic hypochondriac) make up in chemistry for what are thinly drawn beings.

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### 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. Six directed.

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As part of its site-based "Without Walls" series, the La Jolla Playhouse presents several ten-minute plays, each taking place in a car and each by a different playwright.

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### The Comedy of Errors

Three performances stand out in New Village Arts staging of the Bard's early comedy. Amanda Sit-



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### Misty Cotton in *The Marvelous Wonderettes*, now at the Birch North Park Theatre

SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26.

### The Real Inspector Hound

Palomar Performing Arts stages Tom Stoppard's spoof of '30s and '40s mystery movies. Pat Larmer directed.

PALOMAR COLLEGE PERFORMANCE LAB (ROOM D-10), 1140 WEST MISSION RD., SAN MARCOS. 760-744-1150. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 4.

### 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 THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26.

### The Vagina Monologues at UCSD!

ton, Max Macke, and Dana Case speak clearly and develop lively characters. But compared to them, everyone else either rushes their lines or pushes the comedy past the point where it's funny. Or both. The result, too often, is a heavy-handed approach to a play that begs for lightness of touch. New Village reset the play in a '50s TV studio before a live audience. The choice is intriguing, at first.

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.

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CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ESCONDIDO, 340 NORTH ESCONDIDO BL., ESCONDIDO. 760-839-4138. 6:15PM SATURDAY.

### 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 THURSDAY THROUGH

A charity performance of the *Vagina Monologues*, written by award-winning playwright Eve Ensler, will benefit the San Diego Center for Community Solutions and the V-Day Safe House in Haiti. UCSD PRICE CENTER, 9500 GILMAN DR., UCSD. 858-534-6467. 8PM WEDNESDAY.

### 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.

### miXtape

Jon Lorenz and Colleen Kollar Smith, creators of this revue of 1980s music, say that favorite songs "mark your memories." *miXtape* is performed with rampant energy and polish by an eight-person cast. Memory-triggers zip past: Pet Rocks, Pac-Man, Nelson Mandela, AIDS. Most of the songs are actually song-bites. But backed by Andy Ingersoll's versatile band and under Kerry Meads's feisty direction, *miXtape* is always entertaining — and memory-provoking. (Note: Lamb's Players has extended the run several times.)

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HORTON GRAND HOTEL, 311 ISLAND AVE., DOWNTOWN. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 4PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 24.



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# The Good Man Inside

*He is one of those whom Israel will later honor as “righteous among the Gentiles.”*

## In Darkness

Time to get out the good word a little early about *In Darkness*. It opens March 2, and serious, challenging movies such as this often have difficulty staying in theaters. It is no blockbuster, but it is one of the best Holocaust dramatizations and surely one of the year’s best films.

Agnieszka Holland, Polish despite the surname, directed this factually based film set in the old Polish city of Lvov (now Lviv in Western Ukraine, once Lemberg to the Germans). Its key figure is a Pole, Leo “Poldek” Socha, who works on the sewers that run under

not only his Catholic church but the nearby Jewish ghetto being destroyed by the retreating Germans in 1944. Played by Robert Wieckiewicz, whose tough, boiled-potato face would fit perfectly into the Polish districts of Chicago, Poldek isn’t above pilfering or buying stuff from desperate Jews whose Lvov roots go back to the 1200s.

He has the old Slavic Christian prejudices and expletives about Jews as grasping, quarrelsome “Christ killers.” His big, blonde wife, Wanda (very appealing Kinga Preis), informs him that Jesus was, for sure, a Jew. Their lovely daughter

## MOVIE REVIEW

DAVID ELLIOTT



**In Darkness illuminates good deeds done during dark times, as a Polish sewer worker harbors Jews.**

is the sign of a good marriage, and *In Darkness* is centrally about how Poldek finds the good man inside himself.

After guiding a small group of

Jewish refugees from the ghetto to obscure spaces in the sewers, he continues to sell them food and is irritated when their haughty, German-speaking elder haggles with

him about costs. But he can’t get his conscience free of these people, especially the women and kids. Poldek has accepted the darkness, stench, rats, and dreck, but he can’t accept human beings living there or being hunted like animals. Grudgingly but courageously, he is on his way to being one of those whom Israel will later honor as “righteous among the Gentiles.”

Holland and writer David F.

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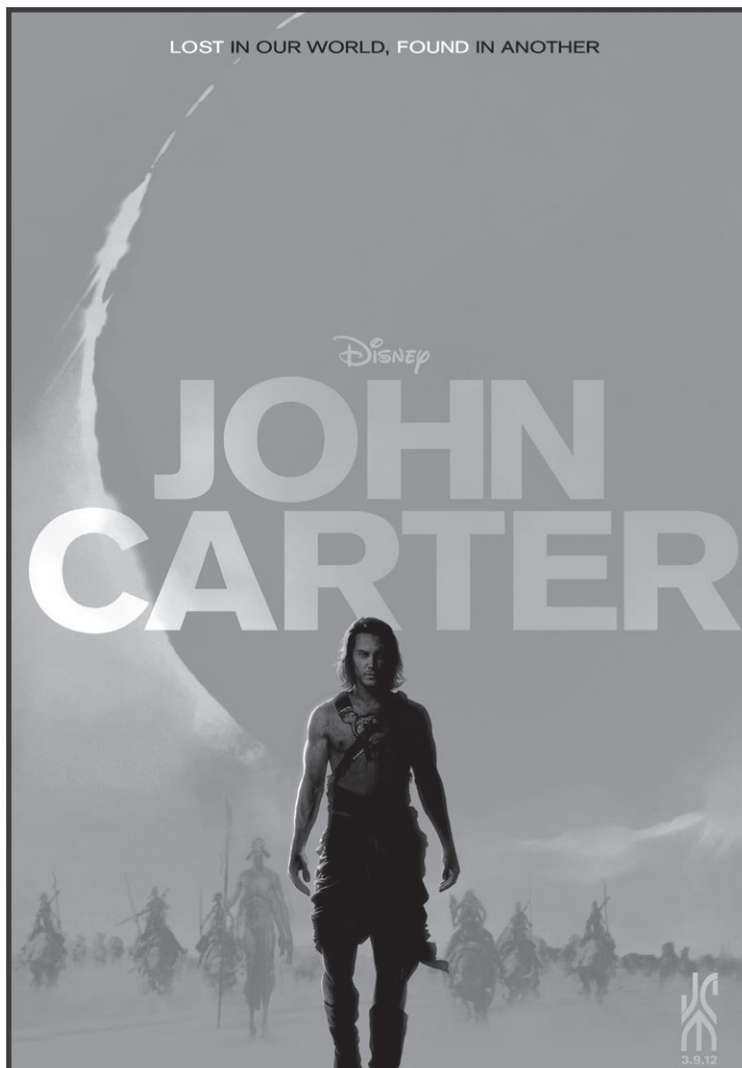
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**Chico & Rita** — It's about Cuban jazz, its sultry, lyrical throb of horns and hot call of congas

Shamoon have created a throbbing reality that highlights fearful faces, often by torchlight, in dank, grim spaces. Few of the people seem generic, though a top Nazi officer does prance by on a horse to a Strauss waltz. Having the bravest Jewish resister played by a strapping, Aryan-looking German (Benno Fürmann) is a little touchy. The two sex scenes down in the sewers seem questionable.

Holland, 63, is one of those strong, honest, humane directors (*The Secret Garden*, *Europa Europa*, *Washington Square*) whose films get terrific reviews but seldom leave the art-film "ghetto." *In Darkness* is a consummate work, not so soberly elegant as Polanski's *The Pianist* and less rigged to make a Total Statement about the Final Solution than Spielberg's *Schindler's List*. Next to Oskar Schindler, Poldek seems a modest hero. That is why he deeply fits this scared, self-doubting, honestly detailed heroism, and by the end he looms large in our gratitude.

Holland was mentored by the great Polish director Andrzej Wajda, who made exciting history dramas. This film is her virtual companion for his *Kanal* (1957), about resistance fighters living in the Warsaw sewers and subways. Her movie is less richly stylized (though beautifully shot), yet it is imperatively alive and fraught with danger we can taste. A sudden image of white figures dashing through woods reminded me briefly of Paul Caponigro's great photograph "Running White Deer," but then I saw, stunned, that these are naked Jewish women being hounded to slaughter.

All Holocaust dramas employ

tactics of entertainment and so are always at a moral disadvantage compared to great documentaries (such as *Night and Fog*, *Carpatis*, *A Film Unfinished*). But *In Darkness* ascends to a high rank, righteous among its kind.

★★★★

#### **Chico & Rita**

When Marlon Brando gets a little salute in *Chico & Rita*, the movie

misses a beat. Instead of riffing on *The Wild One*, it should have evoked *Guys and Dolls* in which Marlon goes to Havana. Otherwise, this delightful animated film scores abundantly, and you might not see a more sensual pleasure-giver in quite a few movie moons.

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54), *Chico & Rita* is about pianist Chico and singer Rita, their instantly fused love, their volcanic rupture, and their long soul-pining that bops from 1948 Havana to '50s New York and Las Vegas. Most crucially it is about Cuban jazz, its sultry, lyrical throb of horns and hot call of congas. Bebo Valdés, piano maestro and a figure in *Calle 54*, did the basic score (Chico is partly based on him).

Thrilling are the bows to Tito Puente, Chano Pozo, Dizzy Gillespie, Ben Webster, Nat King Cole, Charlie Parker, Woody Herman, even Igor Stravinsky, plus a funny tip of the hat to Thelonious Monk. Politics, racism, and gangsters intrude but do not snarl the romantic beat, including some truly animated sex. The cartoon drawing is pleasurably rich but not archivally fussy, evoking old Havana as a web of motifs both Hispanic and Deco, as well as New York and Vegas in their

high tide of retro-vamp hipsterism.

As in many animations, the story is skeletal. Also generic and a touch corny. But couldn't the same be said of many good songs and musicals? *Chico & Rita* has a molten heat of belief in its lovers and its music. Aficionados may recall the Afro-Brazilian fevers of *Black Orpheus* and the musical episodes in the great Soviet-Cuban reverie *I Am Cuba*. And, yes, Marlon Brando and Jean Simmons dancing in *Guys and Dolls*. ★★★

#### **Rampart**

Officer Dave Brown is a smoker, lover, sexist, bigot, bull spinner, war vet, and rogue son of a rogue cop. Questionable corpses litter his service record with the LAPD. Woody Harrelson is built like a bullet to play the role and is directed by Oren Moverman, who in *The Messenger* took Harrelson to a new level of

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excellence. *Rampart* was largely written by noir novelist James Ellroy, a cops-and-crimes addict who can cruise a moral slum faster than anyone can tear it down.

We watch Dave, suspected as a rotten apple by his superiors, digging a more squalid hole for himself. *Rampart*, which is like a hybrid of *Colors* and *Bad Lieutenant*, has an overspill of talent (Sigourney Weaver, Robin Wright, Cynthia Nixon, Ned Beatty, Ben Foster, Audra McDonald, Anne Heche, Ice Cube, Steve Buscemi, and, ace as Dave's daughter Helen, Brie Larson). Still living near his two ex-wives, who are also sisters, Dave is not just a loose cannon but a multiple warhead of screwy, arrogant ideas. His story is pungent with sordid lies and manipulation.

Maybe because writer Ellroy was so busy slumming and sleazing the material, the film never gains much plot speed or the absorbing grip of last year's *The Lincoln Lawyer*. Too many scenes are sagging mood-sponges, despite strong dialogue (as when trophy-wife Wright mentions her old husband: "He's taking a six-hour nap. I'm taking a five-hour vodka"). Harrelson is highly credible as this toxic urban dog, but Dave Brown is never much more than a loser.

Opens Friday, March 2.  
★★



**Rampart** — Woody Harrelson is highly credible as a toxic urban dog

*Oscar pix picks.* These are my favorites and my guesses for the Oscars contest beaming our way Sunday night:

Picture (my fave: *Moneyball*; will win: *The Artist*); Director (my faves: Woody Allen, *Midnight in Paris* and Michel Hazanavicius, *The Artist*; will win: Allen or Hazanavicius); Actor (my faves: Brad Pitt, *Moneyball*, and Jean Dujardin, *The Artist*; will win: George Clooney, *The Descendants*); Actress (my fave: Viola Davis, *The Help*; will win: Davis or Meryl Streep, *The Iron Lady*); Supporting Actor (my fave and likely the winner: Christopher Plummer, *Beginners*); Supporting Actress (my fave: Janet McTeer, *Albert Nobbs*;

will win: Bérénice Bejo, *The Artist*).

Reviewed in the movie capsules: *Act of Valor*, *Father's Day*, *Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance*, *Perfect Sense*.

— David Elliott

## MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by David Elliott, Matthew Lickona, John Rubio, Scott Marks, and Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release, and by rating are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

**Act of Valor** — The Navy granted "filmmakers" Mike McCoy and Scott Waugh permission to play with their toys, and the result is a gung-ho recruitment film that's as incompetently acted and slapped together as it is propaganda. If the two former stuntmen could direct as well as they fight, the film would kill. Instead we are asked to cheer on a fear-inducing video game made by and for war lovers. 2012. — S.M.

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**Albert Nobbs** — Glenn Close, looking quite small, revives a role she did to off-Broadway acclaim 30 years earlier. Albert, a parched, remote, miserly, desexed "male" butler, is really a woman. His life at a Dublin hotel is mediocre, but Close achieves a sad, stricken pathos. She almost loses the film to Janet McTeer as another female in butcher drag, sexily macho and in love with his/her pretty wife. Rodrigo Garcia 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 Chaplin-esque 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)

**Chico & Rita** — Reviewed this issue.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 2/24)

**Chronicle** — *Spider-Man* meets *X-Men* in the story of an outcast high-school 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.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

**The Descendants** — Alexander Payne's film is on Hawaiian time and floats well below his *Sideways*. George Clooney is the rich Honolulu lawyer whose faithless wife has crashed into a coma. He is also trustee for a huge patch of Kauai that excites his greedy relatives and his wife's lover. His trip with his daughters has some wry humor, leading to live-and-learn pathos. It's like *The Little Foxes* adrift in a Hawaiian travelogue. Clooney tries hard, but his hair does best. Acting laurels go to subtle Shailene Woodley as the older daughter and Robert Forster as her grumpy gramps. With Judy Greer, Nick Krause, Matthew Lillard, Beau Bridges, Laird Hamilton. 2011. — D.E.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HILLCREST; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Father's Day** — The cinematic equivalent of scribbling and a waste of the \$10,000 it cost to make. For your entertainment pleasure, a gay serial rapist/killer named Chris Fuchman performs acts of oral castration and other atrocities in this godawful alleged satire. Four

## FILM FESTIVALS

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### INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES

#### MiraCosta College

One Barnard Drive, room 3601, Oceanside  
760-757-2121 x7737



#### 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.**

### FILM FORUM

#### San Diego Central Library

820 E Street, East Village • 619-236-5800

### MORE THAN A MONTH

2011. Should Black History Month be ended? African American filmmaker Shukree Hassan Tilghman embarked on a cross-country campaign to do just that. **Monday, February 27, 6:30 p.m.**

### LATINO FILM SERIES

#### MiraCosta College - San Elijo

3333 Manchester Avenue, room 204, Cardiff  
760-944-4449 x7782

**Luminarias** 2000. Four professional women meet every week at an East Los Angeles restaurant to share secrets about their careers, love, family, and sex in José Luis Valenzuela's film. Actress and playwright Evelina Fernández will be on hand. **Friday, March 2, 6 p.m.**

### FIRST FRIDAY FILMS

#### San Diego Museum of Art

1450 El Prado, Balboa Park • 619-232-7931

**Dead Man** 1995. "On the run after murdering a man, accountant William Blake encounters a strange Indian named Nobody who prepares him for his journey into the spiritual world" in Jim Jarmusch's black and white postmodern Western. Artist Scott B. Davis discusses his exhibition "Walk from the Sun: Photographs of Southern California." **Friday, March 2, 7 p.m.**

### MODERN ROMANCE

#### Carlsbad Library

1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad • 760-602-2026

**Away We Go** 2009. In this comedy, John Krasinski and Maya Rudolph are a couple on a cross-country trip in search of the perfect place to start their family. **Wednesday, February 29, 6 p.m.**

### SAN DIEGO ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL

#### Museum of Photographic Arts

Balboa Park • 619-238-7559



#### Diciotto anni dopo/Eighteen Years Later

2010. "Two estranged brothers,

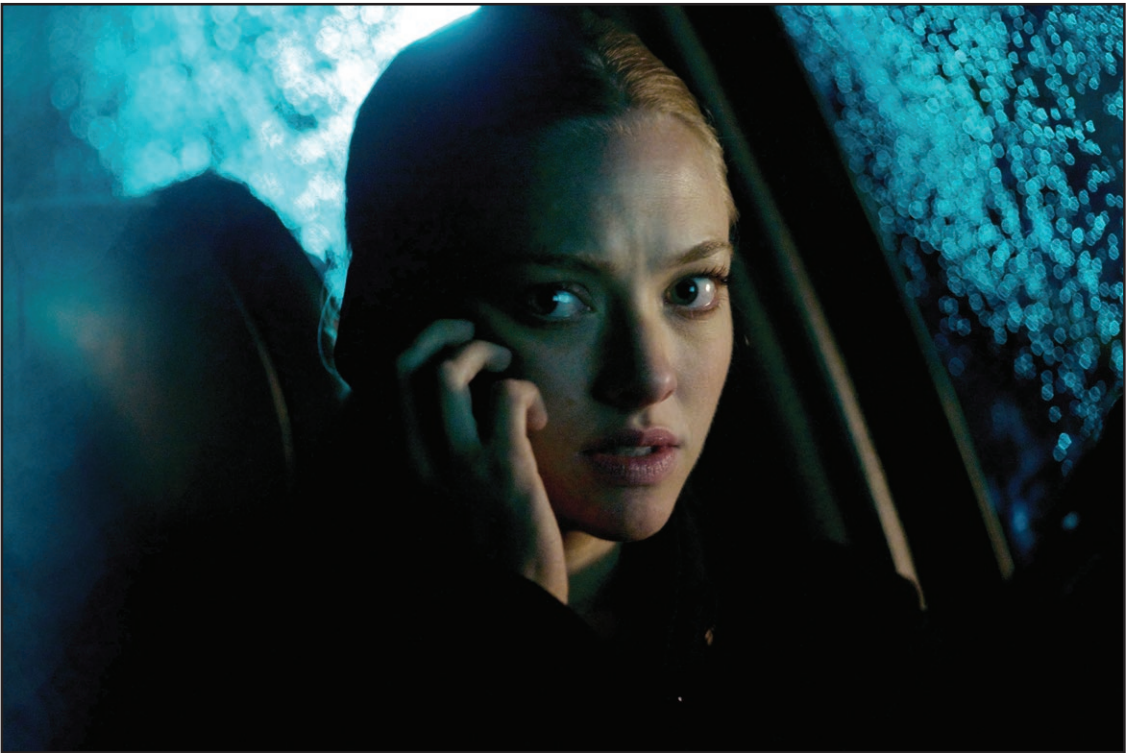
traveling in a classically restored Morgan convertible, are obliged to deliver their father's ashes to his hometown in Calabria" in this bittersweet comedy. In Italian with English subtitles. **Thursday, February 23, 7 p.m.**

### DIVE-IN THEATRE

#### Pearl Hotel

1410 Rosecrans Street, Point Loma  
619-226-6100





**Gone** — Amanda Seyfried tracks a serial killer

of the film’s five stars and writers share director’s credit under the pseudonym “Astron-6,” and Troma cofounder Lloyd Kaufman is typecast in the role of Satan. 2012. — S.M.

● (KEN; FROM 2/24)

**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)

**Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** — What’s harder to find than a pack of wild unicorns? The script Nicolas Cage turned down. Cage returns as the flame-retardant figment that’s as indestructible as Daffy Duck’s beak. One good joke concerning the shelf life of a Twinkie does not a movie make, and even the least discerning Comic-Con attendee will find reason to thumb their nose at this wretched sequel. Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor directed; with Violante Placido and Ciarán Hinds. 2012. — S.M.

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**Gone** — Amanda Seyfried, she of the moon glow skin, goes looking for the serial killer who abducted her sister in this thriller directed by Heitor Dhalia. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15;

SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 2/24)

**In Darkness** — Reviewed this issue. ★★★★★ (OPENS 3/02)

**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 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)

**Perfect Sense** — A chef (Ewan McGregor) and an epidemiologist (Eva Green) fall in love while the world around them gives way to a sensory-depriving epidemic. Be it zombies or infectious plagues, an assault on the immune system has long been a staple of horror and melodrama. Not since Todd Haynes’s *Safe* has a disease spread with such elegant intent as this. Along with *Mister Foe* and *Spread*, David Mackenzie’s hopeful, refreshingly intelligent take on sci-fi makes him someone to watch. 2012. — S.M.

★★★★ (GASLAMP 15; FROM 2/24)

**Pina** — An elegant, heartfelt, never-sappy salute to the late German choreographer Philippina “Pina” Bausch and her dancers. Veteran fan and auteur Wim Wenders uses 3-D superbly to put us inside intensely kinetic, body-stressing dances (most in short form). They can be a little retro-vanguard but are always vivid, witty, and/or beautiful. This is a great tribute by one art form to another, as both stretch admirably. — D.E.

★★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)



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**Rampart** — Reviewed this issue.

★★ (OPENS 3/02)

**Safe House** — Denzel Washington rules again, his charisma little aged, but what’s the point of suavely dominating another spew of violent killings and barely credible suspense? Ryan Reynolds is a CIA agent whose boring life in South Africa is supercharged by the arrival of rogue super-agent Denzel. Also caught in the suction storm of action payoffs are Vera Farmiga, Sam Shepard, Brendan Gleeson, and Rubén Blades. All for naught, creatively, but it fills the time with a rude *oomph*. 2012. — D.E.

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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.

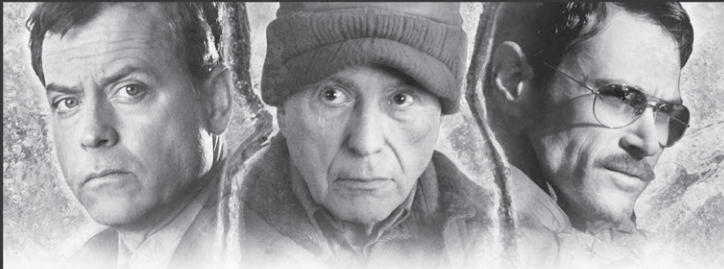
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**A Separation** — Another Iranian movie steeped in humanity, with nuances that accentuate the virtues of a tight budget. A teen girl doesn’t want her parents to split, but Islamic and sexist issues intervene, as does grandfatherly Alzheimer’s. The 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)

**Thin Ice** — Minnesota subs for wintry Wisconsin in this crime comedy from Jill

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**“A TALE WITH TWISTS  
WORTHY OF HITCHCOCK  
AND DIALOGUE WORTHY OF THE COEN BROTHERS.”**  
- David D’Arcy, SCREEN DAILY

**“WITTY, INTELLIGENT  
AND SLY.”**  
- Jeffrey Lyons, LYONS DEN RADIO

**“WICKEDLY ENTERTAINING.”**  
- Pete Hammond, BOX OFFICE

**“EXCELLENT.  
THE CON IS ON.”**  
- Juliann Garey, MARIE CLAIRE

GREG KINNEAR ALAN ARKIN BILLY CRUDUP

**THIN ICE**

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**San Diego Natural History Museum**  
**Kaplan Theater**  
 1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-0248)  
**Ocean Oasis** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun.  
 12:00p.m.; **Sea Rex: Journey To A Pre-historic World 3D** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun.  
 1:00, 3:00; **Sharks 3D** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun.  
 11:00, 2:00, 4:00

**Reading Carmel Mountain**  
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264  
#2704)  
**Act of Valor (R); The Artist (PG-13); The  
Descendants (R); Ghost Rider: Spirit  
of Vengeance (PG-13); Gone (PG-13);  
Hugo (PG); The Iron Lady (PG-13);  
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG);  
Safe House (R); The Secret World  
of Arrietty (G); This Means War (R); The  
Vow (PG-13); Wanderlust (R)**

**Reading Town Square**  
4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)  
**Act of Valor (R); The Artist (PG-13); The Descendants (PG); Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13); Gone (PG-13); Hugo (PG); Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG); Safe House (R); This Means War (R); The Vow (PG-13); Wanderlust (R)**

**Vintage Village Theatre**  
820 Orange Avenue (619-437-6161)  
Call theater for program information.

**Reading Gaslamp**  
701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)  
**Chronicle** (PG-13); **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG-13); **Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13); **Good Deeds** (PG-13); **The Help** (PG-13); **Hugo** (PG); **My Week with Marilyn** (R); **Perfect Sense** (R); **The Secret World of Arrietty** (G); **This Means War** (R); **Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy** (R); **Tomorrow, When the War Began** (R); **War Horse** (PG-13); **The Woman in Black** (PG-13)

**Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)**  
**Act of Valor** (R) Fri. (1:15, 2:00, 4:00, 4:45)  
 6:45, 7:30, 9:30, 10:15 Sat. (10:35, 11:25, 1:15,  
 2:00) 4:00, 4:45, 6:45, 7:30, 9:30, 10:15 Sun.  
 (1:15, 2:00) 4:00, 4:45, 6:45, 7:30, 9:30, 10:15;  
**Ek Main Aur Ekk Tu** (Not Rated) Fri.  
 (5:50p.m.) Sat.-Sun. 5:50p.m.; **Gone** (PG-13  
 Fri. (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45 Sat. (10:45, 1:30)  
 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45;  
**The Grey** (R) Fri. (1:10, 4:35) 7:20, 10:05  
 Sat. (11:10, 1:50) 4:35, 7:20, 10:05 Sun. (1:50)  
 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; **The Iron Lady** (PG-13)  
 Fri. (2:25, 5:05) 7:50, 10:25 Sat. (11:50, 2:25)  
 5:05, 7:50, 10:25 Sun. (2:25) 5:05, 7:50, 10:25;  
**Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG)  
 (4:20p.m.) Sat. (10:55) 4:20 Sun. 4:20p.m.;  
**Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D**  
 (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 6:50, 9:15; **Mission:  
 Impossible - Ghost Protocol** (PG-13)  
 Fri.-Sun. (3:45) 9:50; **Pina** 3D (PG) Fri. (2:10,  
 4:55) 7:40, 10:10 Sat. (11:35, 2:10) 4:55, 7:40,  
 10:10 Sun. (2:10) 4:55, 7:40, 10:10; **Red Tails**  
 (PG-13) Fri. (1:35, 4:25) 7:10, 9:55 Sat. (10:25,  
 1:35) 4:25, 7:10, 9:55 Sun. (1:35) 4:25, 7:10,  
 9:55; **Safe House** (R) Fri. (1:10, 2:15, 5:00)  
 7:05, 7:45, 10:20 Sat. (11:40, 2:15) 5:00, 7:05,  
 7:45, 10:20 Sun. (1:00, 2:15) 5:00, 7:05, 7:45,  
 10:20; **Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom  
 Menace 3D** (PG) Fri. (1:10, 4:05)  
 7:05, 10:00 Sat. (10:15, 1:10) 4:05, 7:05, 10:00  
 Sun. (1:10) 4:05, 7:05, 10:00; **The Girl With  
 the Dragon Tattoo** (R) Fri. (2:30) 8:45 Sat.  
 (11:00, 2:30) 8:45 Sun. (2:30) 8:45; **The Metropoli-  
 tan Opera: Ernani** (Not Rated) Sat.  
 9:55a.m.; **The Vow** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 3:30)  
 6:30, 9:00 Sat. (10:20, 1:05, 3:30) 6:30, 9:00 Sun.  
 (1:05, 3:30) 6:30, 9:00; **Wanderlust** (R) Fri.

**Landmark Ken**  
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)  
**The Oscar Nominated Short Films 2012: Animated** (NR) Fri: (12:00), (4:00), 8:00, Mon - Thu: (4:00), 8:00, Sat & Sun: (12:00), 4:00, 8:00; **The Oscar Nominated Short Films 2012: Live Action** (NR) Fri: (1:45), (5:45), 9:45, Mon - Thu: (5:45), 9:45, Sat & Sun: (1:45), 5:45, 9:45; **Father's Day** (NR) Fri & Sat\*: 12:00 Midnight\*

4:20, 7:00, 9:30; **Chico & Rita** (NR) Fri.  
Mon - Thu: (2:15), (4:40), 7:20, 9:40, Sat & Sun:  
(11:40), 2:15, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40; **Tinker, Tailor,  
Soldier, Spy** (R) Fri - Thu: (2:25), 8:00;  
**Albert Nobbs** (R) Fri. Mon - Thu: (5:20),  
Sat & Sun: (11:10), 5:20; **My Week With  
Marilyn** (R) Fri. Mon - Thu: (2:00), (4:30),  
7:10, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:00, 4:30,  
7:10, 9:35, Discount Shows at Landmark's La  
Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets " (" )"; **In  
Darkness** (R) Opens Friday, March 02; **We  
Need To Talk About Kevin** (R) Opens  
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10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)  
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**AMC Fashion Valley**  
7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)  
**Act of Valor** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:45, 1:40,  
4:35, 7:30, 10:15; **Big Miracle**; **Chronicle**;  
**Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance**;  
**Gone** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:10, 12:45, 3:20,  
5:50, 8:25, 11:00; **Good Deeds**; **The Grey**;  
**Journey 2: The Mysterious Island**;  
**Safe House**; **The Secret World of Arrietty**;  
**This Means War**; **Tyler Perry's**  
**Good Deeds** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 1:20,  
4:10, 7:05, 10:00; **The Vow**; **Wanderlust**  
(R) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:35, 3:15, 5:55, 8:35,  
11:10; **The Woman in Black**

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)  
**2012 Best Picture Showcase 2/25**  
 (Not Rated) Sat. 11:00a.m.; **Act of Valor**  
 (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:50, 1:40, 4:30, 7:25, 10:20;  
**Chronicle; Ghost Rider: Spirit of**  
**Vengeance; Gone** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:20,  
 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55; **Good Deeds; The**  
**Grey; Hugo; Journey 2: The Mysteri-**  
**ous Island; The Metropolitan Opera:**  
**Ernani** (Not Rated) Sat. 9:55a.m.; **Safe**  
**House; The Secret World of Arrietty;**  
**This Means War; Tyler Perry's Good**  
**Deeds** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:55, 4:50,  
 7:45, 10:40; **Underworld: Awakening;**  
**The Vow; Wanderlust; The Woman in**  
**Black Wanderlust** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:45, 1:30,  
 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)

**Joe Satriani: Satchurated in 3D** (NR) Thu: 7:30 PM; **Act of Valor** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 , Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Wanderlust** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sun - Wed: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, Thu: 10:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Ghost Rider 3D: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri: 10:45 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00 , 10:30, Sat: 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30, Sun: 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, Mon: 10:45 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, Tue: 10:45 AM, 1:00, 3:30, Wed: 10:45 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, Thu: 1:00, 3:30; **This Means War** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 10:15 AM, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45, Sun - Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00; **Safe House** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:15, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:15, 4:30, 7:15; **The Vow** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 , Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale 2** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; Parent Movie Morning: **"WANDERLUST"** Thursday, 3/1 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY!

**Landmark Hillcrest**  
 3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)  
**The Artist** (PG-13) Fri. Mon - Thu: (2:00),  
 (4:30), 7:10, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (11:40), 2:00, 4:30,  
 7:10, 9:30; **Thin Ice** (R) Fri. Mon - Thu: (2:10),  
 (4:40), 7:00, 9:25, Sat & Sun: (11:50), 2:10, 4:40,  
 7:00, 9:25; **A Separation** (PG-13) Fri. Mon -  
 Thu: (3:00), 6:20, 9:05, Sat & Sun: (12:10), 3:00,  
 6:20, 9:05; **The Descendants** (R) Fri. Mon -  
 Thu\*: (3:20), 6:10\*, 8:45, Sat & Sun: (12:20),

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3:20, 6:10, 8:45, \* No 6:20 PM Show Thursday, 03/01/12, **W.E.** (R) Fri - Thu: (3:10), 9:15; **The Flowers Of War** (R) Fri. Mon - Thu: 6:00, Sat & Sun: (12:00), 6:00; **Rampart** (R) Opens Friday, March 02

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**  
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)  
Call theater for program information.

## EAST COUNTY

### EL CAJON

**Regal Parkway Plaza**  
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)  
Call theater for program information.

### LA MESA

**Reading Grossmont**  
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)  
**Act of Valor** (R); **The Artist** (PG-13); **Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13); **Gone** (PG-13); **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG); **Safe House** (R); **This Means War** (R); **The Vow** (PG-13); **Wanderlust** (R)

### RANCHO SAN DIEGO

**Regal Rancho San Diego**  
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)  
Call theater for program information.

### SANTEE

**Santee Drive In**  
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)  
Call theater for program information.

## SOUTH BAY

### CHULA VISTA

**AMC Palm Promenade**  
770 Dennergy Road (888-262-4386)  
**Act of Valor** (R); **Chronicle** (PG-13); **Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13); **Gone** (PG-13); **Good Deeds** (PG-13); **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG); **Safe House** (R); **The Secret World of Arrietty** (G); **This Means War** (R); **The Vow** (PG-13); **Wanderlust** (R); **The Woman in Black** (PG-13)

**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)  
**No Room For Rockstars** (NR) Thu: 8:00 PM; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale 2** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Big Miracle** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00, Sun: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, Mon - Thu: 4:30, 7:15; **Man on a Ledge** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45, Sun: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, Mon - Thu: 3:00, 5:30, 8:15; **One for the Money** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 9:45 PM; **Haywire** (R) Fri - Sun: 11:15 AM, 4:45, 10:30, Mon - Thu: 4:45 PM; **Contraband** (R) Fri - Sun: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45, Mon - Thu: 5:00, 8:00; **War Horse** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 1:30, 7:00; **We Bought a Zoo** (PG) Fri - Sun: 12:00, 3:00, 5:45, 8:45, Mon - Thu: 3:00, 5:45, 8:45; **Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (G) Fri - Sun: 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, Mon - Thu: 5:00, 7:15; **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, Sun: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, Mon - Thu: 4:45, 7:30; **The Sitter** (R) Fri - Thu: 9:00 PM; **The Muppets** (PG) Fri - Sun: 12:45, 3:15, Mon - Thu: 3:15 PM; **Happy Feet Two** (PG) Fri - Sun: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, Mon - Thu: 4:00, 6:30; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 9:45 PM; **Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri & Sat: 5:45, 8:00, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 5:45, 8:00; **Puss in Boots** (PG) Fri - Sun: 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, Mon - Wed: 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, Thu: 3:00, 5:15

### EASTLAKE

**AMC Otay Ranch**  
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)  
**Act of Valor** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:55, 1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 10:15; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:40, 12:55, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25 Sun. 12:55,

3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25; **Ghost Rider 3D: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:50, 7:20, 9:55; **Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:05, 2:30 Sun. 2:30p.m.; **Gone** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15, 10:45; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 1:35, 4:05; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:50, 6:40, 9:15; **Safe House** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 1:05, 3:50, 6:35, 9:20; **The Metropolitan Opera: Ernani** (Not Rated) Sat. 9:55a.m.; **The Secret World of Arrietty (Kari-gurashi no Arietti)** (G) Fri.-Sun. 11:30, 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; **This Means War** (R) Fri. 11:50, 2:20, 5:00, 7:35, 10:00 Sat. 11:40, 2:15, 5:00, 7:35, 10:00 Sun. 2:20, 5:00, 7:35, 10:00; **Tyler Perry's Good Deeds** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 1:20,

4:10, 7:00, 9:50; **The Vow** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:30, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35; **Wanderlust** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:55, 2:35, 5:15, 7:50, 10:30; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri. 11:20, 1:55, 4:25, 7:05, 9:30 Sat. 4:35, 7:05, 9:30 Sun. 11:20, 1:55, 4:25, 7:05, 9:30

### 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)  
**Act of Valor** (R); **Chronicle** (PG-13); **Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance**

(PG-13); **Gone** (PG-13); **Good Deeds** (PG-13); **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG); **Safe House** (R); **The Secret World of Arrietty** (G); **This Means War** (R); **The Vow** (PG-13); **Wanderlust** (R); **The Woman in Black** (PG-13)

## 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)  
**Act of Valor** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 4:45, 8:00, 10:45, Sun: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 4:45, 8:00, Mon - Thu: 4:45, 8:00; **Wanderlust** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15, Sun: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, Mon - Thu: 5:00, 7:30; **Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:00, 2:30, 5:30, 8:15, 11:00, Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 5:30, 8:15, Mon - Thu: 5:30, 8:15; **This Means War** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00, Sun: 11:30 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, Mon - Thu: 4:15, 7:15; **Safe House** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45, Sun: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, Mon - Thu: 4:30, 7:00; **The Vow** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30, Sun: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, Mon - Thu: 5:15, 7:45; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale 2** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM

### POWAY

**UltraStar Poway**  
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)  
**No Room For Rockstars** (NR) Thu: 8:00 PM; **Act of Valor** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Gone** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15 , Sun - Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45; **Tyler Perry's Good Deeds** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 , Sun - Thu: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Wanderlust** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30, Sun - Tue: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, Wed: 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 4:00, 7:00; **Ghost Rider 3D: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 10:25 AM, 5:25, 7:40; **Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:50, 3:10, 10:00, Sun - Thu: 12:50, 3:10; **This Means War** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:10 AM, 12:40, 3:20, 5:40, 8:10, 10:35, Sun - Thu: 10:10 AM, 12:40, 3:20, 5:40, 8:10; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG) Fri & Sat: 12:25, 5:15, 9:50, Sun - Thu: 12:25, 5:15; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D** (PG) Fri - Thu: 10:05 AM, 2:50, 7:30; **Safe House** (R) Fri: 10:00 AM, 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:40, Sat: 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:40, Sun: 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, Mon & Tue: 10:00 AM, 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, Wed: 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:35, 3:05, 5:35; **Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 7:15, 10:20, Sun - Thu: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 7:15; **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; **Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace** (PG) Fri - Thu: 4:15 PM; Parent Movie Mornning: **"WANDERLUST"** Wednesday, 2/29 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY!

### SAN MARCOS

**Regal San Marcos**  
1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)  
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### TEMECULA

**Ultrastar Temecula Tower Cinemas**  
27531 Ynez Road (951-699-2205)  
**No Room For Rockstars** (NR) Thu: 8:00 PM; **Act of Valor** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Gone** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 , Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Tyler Perry's Good Deeds** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **Wanderlust** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1: 30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45, Sun - Tue: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30, Wed: 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30, Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30; **Ghost Rider 3D: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:40, 5:40, 10:45, Sun - Thu: 12:40, 5:40; **Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri: 10:20 AM, 3:20, 8:10, Sat - Thu: 10:20 AM, 3:30, 8:10; **The Secret World of Arrietty (Kari-gurashi no Arietti)** (G) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45, Sun - Wed: 11:15 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, Thu: 11:15





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Sprecher (*Clockwatchers*), perhaps in the *Fargo* tradition. Greg Kinnear is an insurance salesman who tries to steal a rare violin. With Billy Crudup, Alan Arkin, Lea Thompson. (HILLCREST; FROM 2/24)

**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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; 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)

**Tomorrow, When the War Began** — Facing invasion, patriotic teens take war into their own hands in Stuart Beattie's action fantasy. With Caitlin Stasey, Lincoln Lewis, Chris Pang, Rachel Hurd-Wood. (GASLAMP 15; FROM 2/24)

**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



**Wanderlust** — Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston bring rural relief from the recession

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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)


**W./E.** — Madonna's gilded, google-eyed take on how American divorcée Wallis Simpson became the Duchess of Windsor after her "great love" for Britain's Edward VIII led to his 1937 abdication. E. (James D'Arcy) is all heart and no brain, while W. (very sharp Andrea Riseborough) is a chic, catty grabber. Taffy-headed director/writer Madonna pretends that Wallis didn't really want the scandal and marriage. In an idiotic parallel story, a Wallis-addicted modern W. (Abbie Cornish) falls for her own E., a Russian émigré security guard (hunk Oscar Isaac) at the Windsor estate auction. This gooeey, glossy film is like flipping through breathless issues of *Vanity Fair* and barely winks at the royal couple's delight in Hitler. If only Jacqueline Susann could have scripted! 2012. — D.E.  
● (HILLCREST)

**Wanderlust** — Shaken from their Manhattan pinnacle by the big recession, Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd find new life

and free love at a rural commune. David Wain directed; with Justin Theroux, Alan Alda, Lauren Ambrose, Malin Akerman. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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 2/24)

**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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)



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## VISTA

**Krikorian Vista Village**  
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive  
(760-945-7469)  
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## NORTH COASTAL CARLSBAD

**Moviemax Plaza Camino Real**  
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)  
**Safe House** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:25, 12:45, 3:05)

5:25, 7:45, 10:05 Sun. (10:25, 12:45, 3:05) 5:25, 7:45; **This Means War** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:10 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **The Vow** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:05, 12:25, 2:40, 4:55) 7:15, 9:30 Sun. (10:05, 12:25, 2:40, 4:55) 7:15

## ENCINITAS

**La Paloma**  
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)  
**The Artist** (PG-13) Fri. 6:45, 9:00 Sat.-Sun. (4:30) 6:45, 9:00

## OCEANSIDE

**Regal Oceanside**  
401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)  
**Act of Valor** (R) Fri. (1:00, 1:50, 4:00, 5:00) 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 11:15, 1:00, 1:50) 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:35; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 3:35, 5:40) 7:55, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 1:30, 3:35) 5:40, 7:55, 10:05; **Ghost Rider 3D: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 2:05) 7:05, 10:30 Sat. (2:05) 7:05, 10:30 Sun. (1:15, 2:05) 7:05, 10:30; **Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri. (4:25) 9:45 Sat. 4:25, 9:45 Sun. (10:40) 4:25, 9:45; **Gone** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50, 4:45) 7:10, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 1:50) 4:45, 7:10, 9:50; **The Grey** (R) Fri. (1:25, 4:05) 6:45, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 4:05, 6:45, 9:35; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (3:30) 9:30; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:05) 6:55; **Red Tails** (PG-13) Fri. (4:55) 7:45 Sat.-

Sun. (10:45, 4:55) 7:45; **Safe House** (R) Fri. (1:20, 3:55) 6:50, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (10:45, 1:20, 3:55) 6:50, 9:40; **Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 4:10) 7:15, 10:15; **The Metropolitan Opera: Ernani** (Not Rated) Sat. 9:55a.m.; **This Means War** (R) Fri. (1:35, 4:40) 7:35, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 1:35) 4:40, 7:35, 10:10; **Tyler Perry's Good Deeds** (PG-13) Fri. (1:55, 4:30) 7:20, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 1:55) 4:30, 7:20, 10:20; **Underworld: Awakening** (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:15) 7:30, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (10:55, 1:30) 4:15, 7:30, 9:40; **The Vow** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45, 4:35) 7:50, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:35, 7:50, 10:25; **Wanderlust** (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:50) 7:25, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 2:00) 4:50, 7:25, 10:00; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:40, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 1:40) 4:20, 7:40, 9:55

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**Act of Valor** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30, Sun & Mon: 11:30 AM, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, Tue: 11:30 AM, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30, Wed & Thu: 11:30 AM, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00; **Act of Valor** (R) Fri & Sat: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun & Mon: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, Tue: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Wed & Thu: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Gone** (PG-

13) Fri & Sat: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15, Sun & Mon: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, Tue: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15, Wed & Thu: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Tyler Perry's Good Deeds** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00, Sun & Mon: 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, Tue: 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00, Wed & Thu: 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00, Wed & Thu: 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; **Wanderlust** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15, Sun & Mon: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15, Tue: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15, Wed: 10:00 AM, 11:45 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, Thu: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30; **Ghost Rider 3D: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:00, 2:30, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20, Sun & Mon: 12:00, 2:30, 4:50, 7:40, Tue: 12:00, 2:30, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20, Wed & Thu: 12:00, 2:30, 4:50, 7:40; **Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 3:50, 6:45, 9:15, Sun & Mon: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 3:50, 6:45, Tue: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 3:50, 6:45, 9:15, Wed & Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 3:50, 6:45; **This Means War** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 10:10, Sun & Mon: 11:45 AM, 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, Tue: 11:45 AM, 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 10:10, Wed & Thu: 11:45 AM, 2:10, 4:45, 7:20; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG) Fri - Thu: 12:00, 4:20, 8:00; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:50, 7:00, 9:45, Sun & Mon: 11:00 AM, 1:50, 7:00, Tue: 11:00 AM, 1:50, 7:00, 9:45, Wed & Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:50, 7:00; **Safe House** (R) Fri & Sat:

11:50 AM, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:40, Sun & Mon: 11:50 AM, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, Tue: 11:50 AM, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:40, Wed & Thu: 11:50 AM, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50; **The Vow** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:10 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00, Sun & Mon: 11:10 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 7:10, Tue: 11:10 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00, Wed & Thu: 11:10 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 7:10; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale 2** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30, Wed & Thu: 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 2:40, 5:20, 10:20, Sun & Mon: 2:40, 5:20, Tue: 2:40, 5:20, 10:20, Wed & Thu: 2:40, 5:20; **Mozart's Sister** (Nannerl, la Soeur de Mozart) (NR) Sun: 4:00 PM, Parent Movie Movie: **"WANDERLUST"** Wednesday, 2/29 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY!



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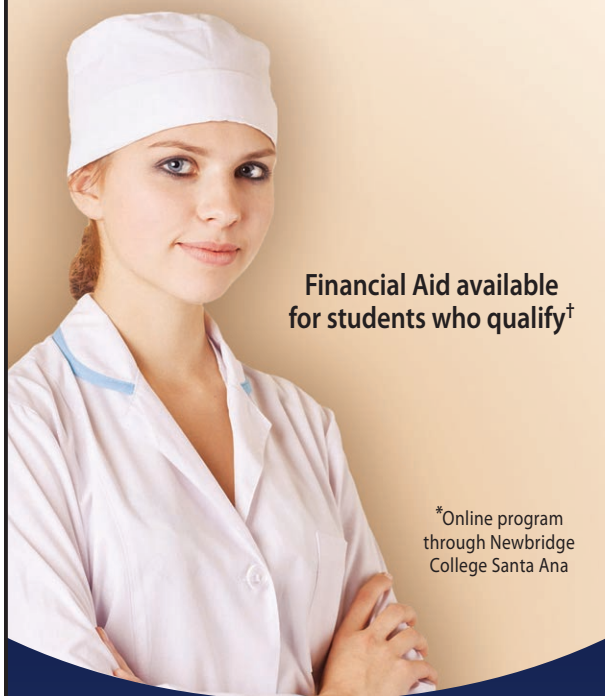
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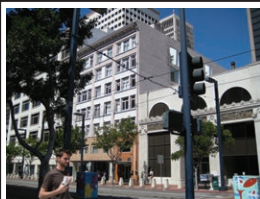
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- 4) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 5) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

### Across

1. Refused to vote  
10. Golfer Mickelson  
14. Tangy treat  
15. \_\_\_\_\_ park  
16. They may be batted  
17. Piles

18. Vaulters' need  
19. Scale notes  
20. Colorful amphibian  
21. "Hike!" preceder, perhaps  
23. Mao's successor  
24. Stick up  
27. Where many Apr. checks are sent  
29. First responder, for short  
30. Co. milestone  
31. Biblical brother  
34. "Isn't \_\_\_\_\_ bit like you and me" (Beatles lyric)  
36. Thorny bouquet  
38. X preceders  
39. No. after a no.  
40. Angry  
41. Canon competitor  
42. Volcano output  
43. Pop's Mama  
44. Antlered animal  
45. Have some grub  
47. Fed. agency that's ass backward?  
49. Texter's "Oh, also ..."  
50. "That hit the spot!"  
51. Div. for the Dodgers  
56. Pillboxes, e.g.  
58. "Norma \_\_\_\_\_"  
60. Mtn. stat  
61. "There \_\_\_\_\_ stupid questions"  
63. Rum and Coke, e.g.  
65. Greg Evans comic strip  
66. Worsen  
67. Actor Jared  
68. Two-time third-party presidential candidate

### Down

1. Letter before beth  
2. "It Had to \_\_\_\_\_"  
3. Process, as ore  
4. "For rent"  
5. Santa \_\_\_\_\_, Calif.

6. "This Time I Know \_\_\_\_\_ Real" (1989 Donna Summer hit)  
7. Okinawa port  
8. You are: Sp.  
9. Drunk's affliction, for short  
10. "That was close!"  
11. Basic science principle ... or something evidenced by this answer and 15-, 22-, 23-, 28- and 32-Down  
12. Rapscaillon  
13. "Au Revoir, \_\_\_\_\_ Enfants" (1987 film)  
15. Like some productions  
20. Book before Deut.  
22. "Stand By Me" actor  
23. Shrubby tracts  
25. Some newspaper pieces  
26. NYY rival  
28. Sword holder  
31. Leaning  
32. Pancake flour  
33. Bolivia president Morales  
35. George Strait's "All My \_\_\_\_\_ Live in Texas"  
37. 60 minuti  
41. Yank's rival  
46. Some tiny batteries  
48. Displays contempt  
52. Zigzag  
53. "Pomp and Circumstance" composer  
54. Take care of  
55. Hospital room fixture  
57. Cornerstone word  
58. \_\_\_\_\_ Park, Queens  
59. Middle amts.  
61. Every last bit  
62. Regret  
63. Object from Mars?  
64. Bum \_\_\_\_\_

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## THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

✉ **Ric Witt, Clairemont, 11.** *I'm saving my quip until the tee shirts ship.*

✉ **Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 9.** *How to cope with Inflation? A dollar for your thoughts.*

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1BD+1BA apartment. Upstairs. Appliances, on-site laundry. Hardwood tile floors. Close to bay, park and freeway access. Garage. 3724 Ingraham. 858-272-9547.

### PACIFIC BEACH, \$1250.

2BD+1BA, large apartment. New carpet and paint! Coin laundry. Stove, refrigerator. Parking. No pets. 2109 Reed Avenue. 858-270-3615.

### PACIFIC BEACH, \$1295.

2BD+1BA remodeled apartment. Hardwood floors. Parking. On-site laundry. 2009 Grand Ave. Xilarent.com, 619-683-7638.

### PACIFIC BEACH, \$1325-1365.

2BD+1BA apartment. Custom interior colors, pool, barbecue, great value. One block to Vons Shopping Center. 1930 Emerald Street. TPPM, 858-273-9370, [www.torreypinespm.com](http://www.torreypinespm.com).

### PACIFIC BEACH, \$1345.

2BD+1.5BA. Large upstairs unit in North PB. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, fireplace, private balcony, parking. No pets. Available 3/10/12. 1861 Chalcedony. Del Sol Property Management, broker. [www.delsolpm.com](http://www.delsolpm.com). 858-270-2071.

### PACIFIC BEACH, \$1395.

2BD+2BA. Large upstairs unit in Crown Point area. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, coin laundry, garage. No pets. Behind 4118. Available now. 4120 Jewell. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. 858-270-2071. [www.delsolpm.com](http://www.delsolpm.com).

### PACIFIC BEACH, \$1400

2BD +1BA. North PB. Quiet large upper apartment. Carpet, blinds, appliances, very clean, no pets. Off-street parking. Available now. 858-488-7000.



**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1445.**  
2BD+1BA. Large, upstairs, remodeled unit in north PB. Coin laundry, parking, newly landscaped, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. No pets. Available now. 1550.5 Diamond Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1460.**  
2BD+1BA, large. Parking. No pets. Appliances. Small balcony. Carpet. Nice. Clean. Near beach. 1046 Loring Street. 619-275-3455.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1590.**  
2BD+1BA house. Private patio, 2 parking, on-site laundry. Month-to-month or lease. Beach less than mile. 1703 Hornblend. 858-740-8595.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1595.**  
Large 2BD+2BA plus 2- garage condo. No pets. Fireplace. Appliances, laundry hook up. Balcony. Skylight. Nice. Clean. 1552 Chalcedony Street. 619-275-3455.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1600.**  
2BD+1BA upper-level apartment. 3 blocks to beach. Assigned off- street parking. On-site laundry. No pets. 1050 Hornblend. Available now! 858-270-4492 x203.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1625 & UP.**  
2BD+2BA, 1000 sqft apartment. Heated pool, 2 Jacuzzis, 2 basketball courts, 5 lighted tennis courts, clubhouse, barbecue area, business center, on-site laundry facilities, heat, A/C. Cats/ dogs welcome. Close to freeways and more! Bay Pointe Apartments, 3866 Ingraham. 888-451-8713. baypointe@progressmanagement.net; www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1645.**  
2BD+2BA 3rd floor condo. Balcony, dishwasher, parking. 5051 La Jolla Blvd. Xilarent.com, 619-683-7638.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1750.**  
2BD+1BA, apartment with attached garage. Excellent condition! Minutes from beach. Small pet OK. Near shopping and schools. 4530 Ingraham Street. Agent, 858-505-1300.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1775.**  
2BD+2BA condo in the Crown Point Jewell Community, Sail Bay area. Nonsmoking. No pets. 3993 Jewell. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1795.**  
2BD+2.5BA luxury townhouse. Newer stainless steel appliances, 2 fireplaces, wetbar, 2 parking spaces. Small pet considered. 1932 Missouri Street. Available now. 619-892-1661.

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3BD+1BA. Upper, 4 blocks to ocean! Garage, new carpet/paint. Gas appliances. Ceramic tile. 1215 Felspar St. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1795.**  
2BD+2.5BA townhouse in Crown Point. Washer/ dryer, vaulted ceilings, skylights, patio. Quiet 4-plex. Walk to the bay. No pets. 1961 Reed. 619-286-3400.

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**PACIFIC BEACH, \$2150.**  
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**PACIFIC BEACH, \$2500.**  
3BD+3BA townhouse with 3- car garage. Fireplace, washer/ dryer, patio, deck. Clean, fresh paint. No pets. 1835 Grand Avenue. 858-270-4492x203 or CDunphyPacwest@san.rr.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$2650.**  
3BD+3BA townhouse. Clean, airy. 2- car garage. Fireplace. Washer/dryer, patio, deck. No pets. 1523 Hornblend. Available now. 858-270-4492x203 or CDunphyPacwest@san.rr.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$2700.**  
3BD+2BA, large split-level, 1500 sqft apartment. Walk one block to beach! Hardwood floors, ceiling fans, washer/ dryer. Full array of kitchen appliances including dishwasher. Two- car attached garage. 619-224-0306 or 858-270-4674.

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3BD+2BA condo. Beautiful, well-maintained home on Chalcedony, 2-car garage. Secure gated access. Easy access to beach, shops, restaurants. Available 3/1. 619-977-5162.

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**PACIFIC BEACH, \$995.**  
Studio+1BA, huge. *Open house Saturday, 2/25, 11:30-12:30.* Recent remodel. Gated controlled access. Lots of natural light. Walk to beach, restaurants and shops. 1322 Garnet Street #203. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

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3BD+3BA apartment. Newly remodeled. Parking, fireplace, appliances, private patios with views. Water/ utilities paid. No pets/ smoking. 619-421-5470.

## Downtown

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2BD+1BA apartment. Stove, refrigerator, hardwood floors. Water and trash paid. Near Balboa Park. No pets. 2264 5th Avenue. Agent, 619-232-6811.

**BANKERS HILL, \$895.**  
Studio apartment with full bathroom and kitchen. Hardwood floors. Large closet. 12ft. ceilings. 2066 4th Ave. #3. Xilarent.com, 619-683-7638.

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**DOWNTOWN, \$1795.**  
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# A puzzler and a writer?

## THE READER SUDOKU PUZZLES:

### RULES OF THE GAME

1) Submit one completed puzzle of any difficulty level (Easy, Medium, Hard or Evil) to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results and ranking are posted online at [SDReader.com/puzzle](http://SDReader.com/puzzle). But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.

2) Submit the correct answers to one of the puzzles along with your name and a brief message (20 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are

cut into pieces will be disqualified. Entries must include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

3) We will award writers of the best messages, among those who correctly solve the puzzle, one of the famous *Reader* baseball caps or T-shirts. And we will print the winning messages in the paper and online.

4) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

5) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907**; or mailed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy; or scanned and e-mailed to: [Sudoku@sdreader.com](mailto:Sudoku@sdreader.com).

Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

7) Late entries will not be considered.

8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

### EASY:

	2		5	4				3
4		3		2	7			1
9						4	2	
		4					1	8
3	7			8			5	6
2	1					7		
	3	2						5
1			4	7		6		2
8				3	5		7	

### MEDIUM:

	3		9		8			
2		5			7			
	7			4	6			2
6						2	9	7
	2			7			8	
7	5	1						3
4			2	8			1	
			3			8		6
			7		5		2	

### HARD:

		6	9			5		
9					8			
	8				6			7
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### EVIL:

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We cannot accept your entry without the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Message: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

Cap: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt: S \_\_\_\_\_

We are temporarily out of T-shirts. Winners will receive caps.

## SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

### EASY:

1	2	8	6	4	7	9	3	5
9	5	6	3	8	2	1	7	4
7	3	4	5	9	1	2	8	6
6	4	2	7	1	3	8	5	9
8	7	1	9	6	5	4	2	3
3	9	5	8	2	4	6	1	7
2	1	7	4	5	6	3	9	8
4	8	3	1	7	9	5	6	2
5	6	9	2	3	8	7	4	1

### MEDIUM:

5	7	8	2	3	6	9	1	4
1	2	9	4	5	8	6	3	7
3	6	4	1	7	9	2	8	5
6	9	1	8	2	7	5	4	3
7	4	5	3	6	1	8	2	9
8	3	2	9	4	5	1	7	6
4	8	6	7	9	2	3	5	1
2	5	7	6	1	3	4	9	8
9	1	3	5	8	4	7	6	2

### HARD:

7	5	2	4	6	9	1	8	3
9	3	6	5	8	1	7	2	4
1	8	4	3	7	2	5	6	9
3	1	9	7	5	6	2	4	8
5	4	7	2	9	8	3	1	6
2	6	8	1	4	3	9	7	5
4	2	3	8	1	5	6	9	7
8	9	5	6	2	7	4	3	1
6	7	1	9	3	4	8	5	2

### EVIL:

2	5	9	8	3	6	1	4	7
8	6	1	4	7	2	5	3	9
4	3	7	9	5	1	2	8	6
1	7	4	3	2	8	6	9	5
3	8	6	1	9	5	7	2	4
9	2	5	6	4	7	3	1	8
6	1	2	7	8	4	9	5	3
7	9	8	5	1	3	4	6	2
5	4	3	2	6	9	8	7	1

## SEE YOUR RANKING ONLINE!

Now you can go online to check your ranking and communicate with each other! Simply visit: [www.SDReader.com/puzzle](http://www.SDReader.com/puzzle). The new ranking is posted each Wednesday. To use the "comments" feature, you must be a registered site member.

## THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

Don Bowman, Santee, 11. Military downsizing means the Pentagon will be demoted to a triangle?

Richard Hutchings, Santee, 11. Which? It's water under the bridge or over the dam? Neither. It's a lot of dam water under the bridge.

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Sincerely,  
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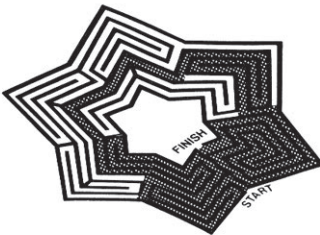
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### SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE: Screen test



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- 1) Submit one completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for entry into another contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results and ranking are posted online at [SDReader.com/puzzle](http://SDReader.com/puzzle). But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
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include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

3) We will award writers of the best messages, among those who correctly solve the puzzle, one of the famous *Reader* baseball caps or T-shirts. And we will print the winning messages in the paper and online.

4) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

5) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907**; or mailed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy or scanned and e-mailed to: [Puzzles@sdreader.com](mailto:Puzzles@sdreader.com). Submissions

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6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

7) Late entries will not be considered.

8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

### THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

☛ **Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 10.** After my annual checkup, my doctor asked if I drank whiskey. I said, "Only when I'm low on gin."

☛ **L. Barling, El Cajon, 7.** If pacifists are so peaceful, why are they named after fists?

☛ **Ai Goodwin, San Diego, 6.** The little tiny fly that always comes to my wine and drowns in there drives me crazy.

☛ **Cindy Fisher, San Clemente, 5.** If two wrongs don't make a right, what's left?

☛ **Martha Klages, Encanto, 1.** If a conscience tells us what to do, who tells our conscience?

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**LEAD STORY**

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**The Entrepreneurial Spirit!**

— “[Our critics] are absolutely right. We are professional liars,” said Everett Davis, founder of the internet-based Reference Store, which supplies pumped-up, but false, résumés for job-seekers having trouble landing work. Davis and associates are, he told Houston’s KRIV-TV in November, ex-investigators schooled in deception and therefore good at fooling human-resources personnel who follow up on the bogus work claims. Davis admitted he would even disguise a customer’s past criminal

record — but not if the job is in public safety, health care, or schools.  
— Western nations and foundations have tried for decades to build sewage-treatment plants in sub-Saharan Africa, with little success (since many countries lack stable governments to assess operating fees), and to this day, raw sewage is still merely collected and dumped, either in rivers or directly onto beaches, such as the notorious (and formerly beautiful) Lavender Hill in Ghana. U.S. entrepreneurs recently established Waste Enterprises in Ghana to build the first-ever fecal-sludge-to-biodiesel plant. Feces undiluted by water, and then heated, is highly concentrated and more resembles coal than the goo that Americans associate with sewage.

**Cutting-Edge Science**

— The *British Medical Journal* reported in December that a 76-year-old woman had been unbothered until recently by the felt-tip pen she accidentally swallowed 25 years earlier. It was removed without complication, and, though the plastic was flaky, the pen still had an ink supply and was “usable.”  
— Twice during 2011, babies with two heads were born in Brazil. Though the first, in Paraíba state, died hours after birth, the 9.9-pound “Emanuel” and “Jesus,” born in Paraíba state in December, are

apparently otherwise healthy. (The baby has two heads and two spines but shares one heart, liver, pelvis and pair of lungs.)

**Medical Marvels (Canine Edition)**

— The Dogs Trust in Kenilworth, England, was soliciting potential homes in December for “Bentley,” a border collie whose monophobia might make it what the *Daily Mail* calls the “most cowardly” dog in the country. While frisky around people, Bentley immediately goes into a frightened sulk when left alone, cowering from cats, holing up behind a couch, and constantly biting his nails, even at the sound of a cat on television. (Bentley was recently outfitted with special lace-up booties to preserve the nails.)  
— Ratnagiri, India, businessman Murad Mulla, 48, filed a complaint recently with the Maharashtra Medical Council after his surgeon used an outdated procedure to cure his urine-retention disorder. Previously, skin from the scrotum was routinely used for urethral repair, but current science recommends using skin from the mouth to avoid the worst-case risk, which Mulla apparently experienced. Specifically, the scrotum contains both hair-bearing tissue and non-hair-bearing tissue, and only the latter is usable. Evidently, Mulla’s surgeon used hair-bearing tissue, and as a result, Mulla’s

urethra itches constantly, and he expels specks of pubic hair with his urine.

**Least Competent Criminals**

— According to police in Bellingham, Wash., William Lane, 22, had yelled slurs at a lesbian couple in the early morning of Dec. 11 and smashed the car window of one of the women, but she immediately chased him down, tackled him, and held him until help arrived.  
— Anthony Miranda, 24, was arrested and charged with armed robbery in December in Chicago after unknowingly choosing as his victim an “ultimate fighting” champion. The “victim” gave Miranda two black eyes and a heavily lacerated face, and, as Miranda drew his gun, overpowered him in such a way that Miranda wound up shooting himself in the ankle.  
— A 25-year-old man was rescued by fire crews in Tranent, Scotland, in December and taken to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. According to police, four men were attempting to steal an eight-ton steamroller when the 25-year-old got his leg trapped underneath. The other three fled.

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# shortcuts

by ANDY BOYD

**NAME:** Tim Heider

**CAR:** 2006 Scion xA

**PREVIOUS CARS:** 1994 Honda Civic sedan and a 1992 Ford Ranger.

**HOW'S YOUR COMMUTE?** From the bedroom to the kitchen — unemployed (but with a physics degree).

**CHEAPEST GAS?** Whichever gas station is closest whenever the needle drops below E.

**WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR CAR?** Girls don't like it.

**WHAT DO YOU LISTEN TO WHILE YOU DRIVE?** Music, mostly. Sometimes I listen to folk metal from Norway...occasionally, when I want to have some fun. When I'm feeling blue it's mostly indie Elliott Smith.

**DO YOU USE YOUR CELL PHONE AND DRIVE?** I try to pull over whenever something must be done, and I definitely pull over when I read maps.

**ANY GOOD HITCHHIKING STORIES?** Do people still hitch-hike? It's sort of a dead art, so unless you live in a hippie camp or are in Europe, I don't know when that would come up.

**TICKETS?** Running a red light when I was talking.

**ACCIDENTS?** I backed into some golden car once. I just didn't give a crap, and I just learned how to drive. The front of their car was totaled but mine was fine.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE DRIVE?** I like driving out the 67 to the forest. I'm a little into that nature stuff.

**WHERE DO YOU TYPICALLY EXPERIENCE THE WORST TRAFFIC IN SAN DIEGO?** That 5 North pinch at Del Mar! It's awful.

**YOUR BEST SHORTCUT?** Probably the best thing to do is to avoid main roads and freeways and use the streets that they used to use before the freeways were there: Mission Gorge from east to west; Genesee, north to south.

**WHAT IS YOUR DREAM CAR?** Something a lot like my car but with a little more space. I'm really into efficiency and I'd like to be able to fit my surfboard in it. I heard recently about the BMW i8, which sounds interesting.

**DO YOU USE ANY SHORTCUTS IN REAL LIFE?** Buddhism has recently taught me some helpful pieces about learning to not



Tim Heider has learned a couple things from Bukowski and Buddha.

let things that you can't change affect you. But most of that stuff, as Charles Bukowski would say, just gives you something to do until you die.

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