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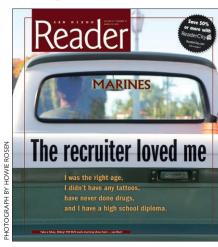
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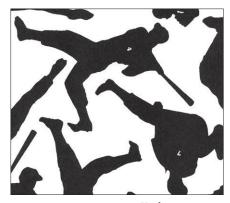
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UNDER THE RADAR

SDSU's high cost of jocks

and TV San Diego State University president Stephen Weber received total compensation of \$306,856 during 2011, the year he retired, according to a database of state salaries

recently posted online by the Sacramento Bee and confirmed by SDSU spokesman Jack Beresford. After Weber came provost Nancy Marlin at \$260,259, followed by star basketball coach Steve Fisher, with \$244,595. Athletic director **Jim Sterk** was next at \$240,131. Mary Ruth Carleton, In 2011, Stephen Weber was the salary king at vice president for university relations and development, made \$234,396.

(She was once a TV news anchor on KOCO, a station in Oklahoma City, according to her profile on LinkedIn.)

Behind Carleton was vice president for business and financial affairs Sally Roush, whom many observers described as the power behind Weber's throne, with \$230,400. Below her was Tom Karlo, who runs the university's KPBS TV and FM radio public broadcasting operation, with \$215,262. That's just a bit less than the \$218,004 in compensation paid Doug Myrland, Karlo's now-retired predecessor, in 2008, the controversial Myrland's last year at the stations. In 2011, KPBS associate general manager Stephanie Bergsma got just \$170,616. (Incoming SDSU president Elliot Hirshman, whose full annual salary of \$400,000 has stirred controversy, received \$198,419 for his partial year of service, according to the database.)

Susan Davis's stav-at-home

junket Over the years, Democratic congresswoman Susan Davis has traveled around the world many times and back on field trips paid for by the nonprofit Aspen Institute. Last year alone, she and husband Steve visited Barcelona, Spain (\$14,199), and Vienna, Austria (\$13,916), on the foundation's dime. The pair also went to Tokyo courtesy of the Japan Center for International Exchange (\$6379). Topics have included "Policy Challenges in the Muslim World" and "Nuclear Chal-. lenges for the U.S.: Coping with Change in the Global Nuclear

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Order." And last month it was yet another Aspen Institute conference, "China's Growth and Trade: Consequences for the U.S. Economy." But unlike past Davis junkets, the entire tab came to a mere \$420 for the couple's "meal expenses." And in a break with prece-

dent, according to her March 1 disclosure filing, "Rep. Davis paid for her own lodging." That was because

the four-day event, lasting from February 18 through 21, was

held in Coronado, and Davis and her husband spent the nights at their historic house in Kensington. Nor did the institute pick up round-trip travel from and to Washington for Davis, as is usually the case. "As a member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, I will be able to discuss economic and the jobs competitiveness and its impact on our economy and internationally," Davis wrote on her application for permission to take the trip. The meetings, to which three GOP House members and 16 Democrats were invited, were held at the Hotel del Coronado, in keeping with Aspen's traditional choice of ultra-high-end venues. But the reason given for the selection of the Del had nothing to do with the resort's ocean views, sandy beach, pricey seafood, lively bars, or swimming pool: "The facility has specialized conference services required by our education forum, including required technological capacity, up-to-date telephone, Internet and mobile communications and a business center. In addition, facility security was another key factor, including private meeting and dining rooms." Among other diversions, the group watched a video that featured former secretary of state Henry Kissinger and CNN's Fareed Zakaria arguing against the premise that the 21st Century belongs to China.

Color of Jerry's money Democratic governor Jerry Brown continues to pick up San Diego money for his various causes. Among the latest big donors: software maker Intuit, with \$20,000 to Brown's 2014 reelection campaign, and

the Barona Band of Mission Indians, a big casino operator, with \$25,000 for Brown's upcoming ballot measure to raise state sales and income taxes. Meanwhile, some local

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Congresswoman Susan Davis and her husband Steve

have specialized in high-end travel funded by others.

nonprofits have contributed to the governor's California State Protocol Foundation to help pay for his December conference on "Extreme Climate Risks and Calcontinued on page 42

The Battle over **Chewing Tobacco**

By Don Bauder

hen baseball icon Tony Gwynn revealed in 2010 that he had salivary gland cancer and blamed it on decades of

using chewing tobacco, he set off firestorms: prominent Major League players and managers proclaimed they were trying to break the life-threatening habit, and the league, after negotiation with players, limited its use.

Several San Diego-connected baseballers were front and center: former San Diego State pitching phenom Stephen Strasburg and former Padres manager Bruce Bochy worked to kick the addiction. Gwynn was reluctant to be a role model

National High School Boys Cigarette Smoking and **Smokeless Tobacco Use 1997-2009** 37.7% 35% 30% 25% 20% 21.8% 15% 15.0% 10% 11.0% 5% 2003 1997 1999 2001 2005 2007 2009

Use of chewing tobacco among teen boys is rising. Are their baseball heroes to blame?

impressionable young peo-

ple. Under the league labor

agreement worked out late

last year, players can use

pinches during games but

can't have smokeless tobacco

packages in their back pock-

ets when fans are in the park

and can't chew while being

interviewed on television.

The substance has already

been banned in Minor

League Baseball and the

National Collegiate Athletic

Association, although col-

lege enforcement is some-

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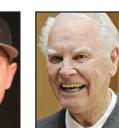
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for Major League Baseball's banning the substance, and former Padres star pitcher Jake Peavy, a dipper, and player representative Mark Kotsay, now with the Padres, did not favor a ban, asserting that players can make their own decisions. (Footballers suffering multiple concussions make the same argument before lapsing into dementia.)

Prominent politicians, along with religious and anti-tobacco groups, pressured the Major League Baseball commissioner to ban the goop completely. Reformers noted that onethird of players use the stuff, providing tobacco companies free advertising to reach



— is his Tony Gwynn cancer tobacco related?



terbacky have been insep-

arable since the 19th Cen-

tury. The term "bull pen"

arose when adoring females

tossed Bull Durham tins at

relief pitchers. Chewing

"does give [players] a high," says Niki Sue Mueller, pro-

gram director of Wyoming

Through with Chew, but

it doesn't enhance perfor-

mance, although some play-

ers insist it keeps them alert,

Campaign for Tobacco-

Free Kids says, "People get

Marie Cocco of the

Stephen Strasburg Former umpire Doug no longer chews. Harvev blames his cancer on chewing

she says.

addicted quickly to smokeless tobacco; what [players] are feeling is their nicotine craving being soothed."

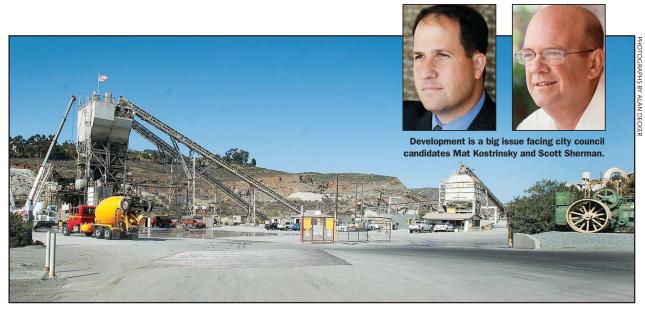
tobacco.

Plugs may provide a brief euphoria, but "Nicotine constricts capillaries," says Paul Turner, director of the North Carolina Spit Tobacco Education Program. "If used during a game, it can cut down endurance." Turner has crossed the nation preaching against chewing tobacco with San Diegan Doug Harvey, a former big league umpire who blames his oral cancer on long use of the wads.

Gwynn's cancer — which led to a 14-hour, dangerous operation this year — will hopefully touch off an open debate between two factions: the "harm reduction" adherents, backed by Big Tobacco, who argue that smokeless tobacco helps people shake the more dangerous cigarette addiction, and the public health experts, who say that spit tobacco is linked to mouth, pancreas, esophagus,

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CITYLIGHTS



Developers, city planners, and residents all have plans for the Mission Gorge land now occupied by Superior Ready Mix Concrete company.

Can't Park It in Grantville

By Dorian Hargrove

Besidents of Grantville and Allied Gardens and those living along Mission Gorge Road can agree on one thing: change

is coming to the area. And it will come acres at a time, in the form of mixed-use, high-density development projects.

Enticed by the proxim-

ity to downtown, major freeways, and the trolley, developers have eyed Grantville and the strip of land along Mission Gorge Road north-

east of Grantville for years.

Neal Obermeyer



Their plans stalled, however, as the economy sputtered.

City planners also saw the area as the perfect place to absorb future growth. In a proposed community plan amendment, planners identified the Navajo community — Allied Gardens, Del Cerro, Grantville, and San Carlos — as "prime for neighborhood revitalization with a more lively mix of employment, commercial, higher density residential, and civic uses."

Now, as the economy gains ground, builders are

dusting off project designs, intent on finding out just how prime the land is.

In coming years, anywhere from 8000 to 11,000 new residential units will be built. Some projects are in the beginning stages. Among the proposals is the Shawnee project, a mixed-use development with over 1000 units on 23 acres just steps from the San Diego River, along Mission Gorge Road near Old Cliffs Road. Much of the property is currently a yard for vehicles, equipment, and storage bins. The Shawnee project is a stone's throw away from a proposed 444-unit condominium complex to the south and a proposed 2000unit mixed-use development to the north, on land owned by Superior Ready Mix Concrete company, which operates a quarry farther down Mission Gorge Road.

Residents worry that large-scale development projects will ravage the crumbling infrastructure, bring more traffic to busy streets, and exhaust all efforts by the community to obtain more park space.

"Community character evolves over time, which ultimately means change is coming," says Anthony Wagner, a member of the Navajo Community Planners, Inc., and the Allied Gardens Community Coun-

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NEWS TICKER

Hurdle Cleared

DeMaio Scores Republican Party Endorsement San Diego — City councilman and mayoral hopeful Carl DeMaio obtained the endorsement from the **Republican Party of San Diego County on March** 10, beating out fellow **Republican candidates** Nathan Fletcher and Bonnie Dumanis.

Endorsement required a two-thirds majority vote from committee members, a hurdle DeMaio cleared in the first round of voting.

DeMaio will now receive aid in the form of volunteers and financial assistance.

By Dave Rice Saturday, March 10

Excess Documents

Suit Against UCAN Charges **Destruction of Evidence** *San Diego* — **The suit that** whistleblowers within Utility Consumers' Action Network are filing this afternoon (March 9) charges that Robert Ames, chief operating officer, hired a professional documentshredding company to destrov UCAN documents. supposedly in relation to the organization's move to a new building.

"Ames filled several large, yard-waste size containers with documents. which were removed for destruction." says the suit.

Also, Michael Shames, chief executive officer, took boxes of documents from the office and loaded them into his car. Ames claimed that he was disposing of "excess documents," but whistleblowers **David Peffer and Charles** Langley objected to the destruction of potential evidence, according to the suit. The suit is filed against the UCAN board, Shames, and Ames.

> By Don Bauder Friday, March 9

Obstructive Language?

Charges Dropped in Apartment Fire Case Ocean Beach — Single mom Larissa Danielli wants to set the record straight about the outcome of her case.

As reported in these pages last November, Danielli, a single mother, was arrested and lost custody of her nearly two-year-old son Silas after a fire damaged her apartment building in **Ocean Beach. Neither Dani**elli nor her son were at home when the fire broke out.

When Danielli arrived at her home, she attempted to enter her apartment to prevent further damage to her professional DJ equipment. Police had denied her entry for safety reasons. She was arrested on obstruction charges and says she was handcuffed for five hours in the back of a police cruiser.

Because the officials who checked for water damage in Danielli's apartment discovered marijuana, they placed her son in foster care. Danielli did have a valid medical marijuana card.

Danielli had a restraining order against her. preventing her from speaking with her child.

Things began to look up when the Child Protective Services case against Danielli was dismissed. She was reunited with her son earlier this year. Danielli says that the only criminal charge they didn't drop after releasing her from jail (where she spent five days) was "a misdemeanor obstruction"; that charge was later reduced to "obscene language," claimed Danielli was "abusive and offensive with her $\overset{\alpha e}{\sim}$ language."

"I never said one swear or offensive word," Danielli ≦ insists.

> By Gail Powell 5 Thursday, March 8 $\frac{20}{10}$ continued on page 46 w

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It Ends Badly

Regarding the March 8 cover story, "Bad House," I just finished this story. I enjoyed it a lot, and when I got to the last page, which was page 40, the story ends with no period, with no writer's name, and without a complete sentence. Susie Perkins via voice mail

No End To It

I'm calling about your March 8 front-page story, "Bad House." I'm reading it, and when I got to the end, there really was no end on page 40. It just ended saying "Maybe something can be done. Maybe you" Nothing else.

Why does the *Reader* do these stupid things? This isn't the first time that I've called up about no end to the story that you publish. I'd appreciate it if you'd have something next week about what the end of the story was.

Name Withheld via voice mail

Detail Oriented

Maybe you. Maybe you. How about doing a story on Maybe you. Maybe you could print the rest of the story. Maybe you could check the paper before it goes out. Maybe you could pay attention to detail. Or maybe you decided to end the story like that. Who knows? Maybe you know.

Nicholas Henry Mission Beach The last two paragraphs of "Bad House" were the following:

Maybe something can be done. Maybe you can find one of those Bird Rock or Clairemont neighbors and ask them how they did it. Maybe you stay.

Take It Away

Re "Bad House" (Cover Story, March 8).

What the cops are supposed to do is to put the owner of the crack house on notice that his tenant is violating the law and then give him a reasonable amount of time to kick out the tenant. If the property owner doesn't do this, then the City would take the property away from the owner.

The neighbors could do the same thing by going into small claims court, and each neighbor would claim the maximum amount permitted by the small claims court. I think the maximum neighbors that would be allowed would be ten — I'm not sure. They get their judgments, then the neighbors take the property if the owner can't pay the judgments.

Name Withheld via email

Ugly Camo

Re "A Tougher Law Than Arizona's?" ("City Lights," March 1).

Just when I thought I had heard the last of civil/human rights violations, this comes along: the Protection from Transnational Gangs Act initiative of 2012. Ted Hilton would like us to believe that 60 percent of gangmembers in L.A. County are illegal aliens and that 420,000 illegal aliens are sexual predators. Please don't insult our intelligence. This appears to me to be "camouflage racism."

The initiative aims to over-

ride sanctuary laws passed by some localities. The sanctuary movement arose from nondenominational churches to provide temporary shelter to those in need. These include those seeking political asylum and those seeking a place where the immigration process can begin. Many have spent time here and have families here but no legal avenue to turn to.

This initiative comes from a man that wants to deny public benefits to those without legal status (Alabama and Arizona are already doing that). He wants to require a new type of birth certifi*continued on page 49*

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America Award



by Barbarella

Bush League

was prudent in the selection of my seat. My back was to the window, ensuring I wouldn't get too warm and could face the room; near the head of the table, at the end closest to where the server would appear, allowing me to catch his eye when necessary, such as when cracked pepper was desired or when it was time to bring out the cake.

I was glad Jane had chosen Solare, an Italian restaurant in Liberty Station. Not only because I enjoy their fine fare, but also because it meant I wouldn't have to deal with chasing after her and her friends into any clubs. The last time I'd partied with the ladies at the table was for my sister's big 4-0. I knew firsthand how messy some moms can get when given a break from parenting. As entertaining as it may be to watch MILFs Gone Wild, I wasn't in the mood to babysit. As is customary when a group of moms gets together,

the conversation veered

mostly toward kid talk. When

children were newborns, and

often the mothers were puked

five mothers at the table were

we were last together, their

I got to hear all about how

on and pissed on. Now the

comparing and contrast-

ing their children: which

tots could say their ABCs

and when, toddlers' favorite

words, the usual riveting stuff

that makes a childless woman

consider ordering a cocktail

the extra *oomph* it suddenly

I welcomed the appear-

ance of a magician at my side.

He said his services were on

the house and went straight

into a series of impressive

to give that glass of wine

requires.

After being reprimanded, the eight-year-old walked over to a punching bag, turned to the supervisor, said, "This is you," and then started wailing on her makeshift effigy. sleight-of-hand coin tricks. I assumed he'd been sent to distract us from the fact that our food was taking awhile or that he was there to entertain special-occasion tables (I'd informed the house we were celebrating a birthday).

I grew irritated when our food arrived and, rather than performing one last disappearing trick and allowing us enjoy our meal, the man continued with his set. Sensing I was no longer smiling up at him, he went to stand by Jane's side and persisted in performing tricks while everyone smiled politely and waited for him to go away. When Jen enlightened me to the fact that tips were expected in the coin purse the magician had set on the table, my irritation bloomed into redhot exasperation. Why don't they send over a lady hawking roses, I thought. While I was busy being annoyed, Jen did the decent thing and slipped some cash into the coin purse on our behalf.

I concentrated on my salad as the kid-talk droned on. As we were enjoying the last few morsels of our appetizers, my ears perked up at the sound of a wicked laugh. Marissa had a story to share, and if the look on her face was any indication, it wasn't about her favorite way to take her children's temperature. I gave her my full attention.

"Is this about Bella being kicked out of the kids' gym?" Jane chimed in. Marissa slapped her for revealing part of the story and went on to tell it.

"The funny thing is," Marissa said to Jane, "you weren't even embarrassed about your kids getting kicked out of the gym. You were so matter-of-fact about it — like, 'Bella got kicked out, we've got to go, see you soon." At our urging, Marissa colored in the details for the rest of us.

Jane and Marissa had met up at 24 Hour Fitness, which offers a babysitting service Jane calls "kids' gym." After her name was announced a number of times on the PA system, Jane wrapped up her workout and reported to the children's enclosure. A frustrated supervisor told Jane she had to collect her girls and go. Bella had gotten in trouble for "not listening," but that's not why she was being kicked out. After being reprimanded, the eight-year-old walked over to a punching bag, turned to the supervisor, said, "This is you," and then started wailing on her makeshift effigy.

"The girls had to pee, so I brought them to the bathroom," Jane interjected. "And while we were in there, Marissa, who was taking a shower, pulled back the curtain and was all, 'Hey."

Laughing, Marissa continued, "Jane said, 'Bella got kicked out of kids' gym. I'll probably meet you at Starbucks,' and I said, 'Sure.' But then, like, 15 minutes later, I get this text that says, 'Here at Starbucks. P.S., trim the bush.' She saw me for only a second, handling both of her kids, getting kicked out, and through all that, the one thing she concentrates on is my bush." By this time, the entire table was laughing along with Marissa.

"Did you trim it?" I asked.

"Of course I did! Soon as I got home. If it was enough for Jane to notice in that split second, clearly I needed to do something," Marissa said.

Jane is notorious for her belief in maintaining a meticulously groomed nether region. Marissa's story reminded Jen about Jane's "bush encounter" with another friend of theirs from high school (who wasn't at the table with us). "There you were, in the delivery room, she's having a baby, and all you could think about was the fact that you could see her bush over her belly." Jen broke off into hysterics.

"Her husband was videotaping the whole thing," Jane said. "I'm just saying — trim the hedges, especially if you know you're going to be on film."

The laughter tapered off as our entrées were served ninja-style, by a young busboy who seemed to be trying hard not to listen to us. The ladies returned to their discussion topic of choice, and I turned my attention to my short-rib ravioli with mushrooms. While they spoke of their mini-thems, I reflected on the previous conversation and made a mental note to not take off all of my clothes during the couple's massage I had scheduled with Jane for the following week. ■

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Hey Matt:

Why has toilet paper technology maxed out at a mere 2-ply? Bar soap is constantly reminding us about the percentage of its moisturizer cream and I believe that there are now razors with 5 blades on a cartridge. I know that toilet paper has a crappy, yet necessary job,

but have the TP manufacturers fired everyone from the R&D department? Should we as consumers be satisfied with just 2-ply? If we can have 3-D TVs, why not 3-ply TP? — Stuck in a Texaco latrine with 1-ply, via email

Hey, Grandma. I think we have a question for you.

Grandma? Yo, Grandma. It's an easy one. No tricks this time.

"Well, Matthew, there'd better not be any tricks. The last time you asked me to help, you brought along a giant crowd of looky-loos to hear the answer, and all they did was rifle through the refrigerator and steal my towels. The dog even bit one on the ankle."

We don't have a dog.

"Well, no more nonsense this time." Sure. So, why don't we have three-ply toilet paper?

"What? There's plenty of three-ply around. Any supermarket. You can order it by the truckload on Amazon. Georgia Pacific invented it in 2008. Quilted Northern. Snarky bloggers hailed it as the invention of the century. GP said it was designed for softness, for women over 45 who want their bathroom experience to be spa-like. So that's it?"

Guess the guy doesn't do much shopping.

"No three-ply? That's pitiful. Matthew, I keep telling you to get a real job and start hanging around with smarter people, not fools asking foolish questions."

Just to pad the answer a little bit, Grandma, what else do you know about toilet paper?

"The Chinese invented it. Even made super-luxurious perfumed stuff for the emperor more than a thousand years ago. The average American goes through 23.6 rolls per year, according to the industry. National *Geographic* says we lose 27,000 trees a day to make the world's supply. Okay, is that it?"

Weeeell, no. What about four-ply. Got anv four-plv?

"Yes, of course there's four-ply. Touted as the most luxurious you can buy. Comes

in bulk from China for one to three cents a roll. Minimum order, 10 to 20 thousand rolls, depending. England's famous Tesco market sells soft, eucalyptus-fiber four-ply. One wholesaler says the stuff is 'safe and fun to use!' They don't define 'fun.' Users have blogged that four-ply's 'Soft!



pub that reads, 'Shit service, warm beer, crap music, but 4-ply toilet paper.' Now can I go?" Wait - fiveply? Six-ply? Grandma? Hey

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Hi Matt: Why do light bulbs go poof when you turn them on, never while they're turned on and burn-

ing and having been for

hours? Maybe some expire in use in an abandoned garage, but I've never seen a bulb give up the ghost unless it happens just as I'm turning the switch on. Strange. — PM, La Jollaa

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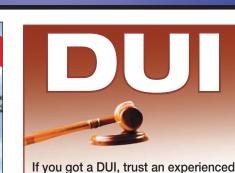
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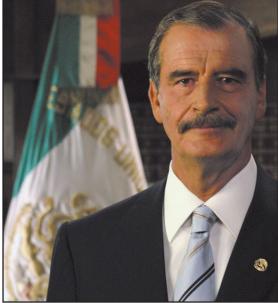
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"When I was a young man growing up in Mexico," recalled Fox, "my father would often give me a small glass of wine mixed with water at dinner. Never enough to get me drunk, just enough to introduce me to the civilized enjoyment of alcoholic beverages. Fox-brand Narco-Paks work the same way. They even come with disposable paraphernalia. And of course, the packs are made from a combination of

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"Why does the media keep describing me as sexy?" [Pictured: first results of Google Image search for Danica Patrick.]

Danica Patrick.

The station played a clip of Ms. Patrick asking reporters, "Is there any other word [besides 'sexy'] that you can use to describe me?" Shimballa then commented, "Oh, I've got a few words...starts with a 'B', and it's not 'beautiful."

"Apparently," says Shimballa, "some rather delicate souls out there thought I was implying that Danica is a bitch. But of course, I wasn't. There are other words that start with 'B,' words that explain why the media persists in its characterization of her as sexy. I've tried to make this clear, but I can't seem to get those C-words in upper management to understand. And by C-words, I mean 'corporate cowards.' Geez."

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POST TITLE: Black History Month is Over POST DATE: March 4, 2012

I saw a brotha in a beat up Caprice Classic drive through my neighborhood, shirtless and smoking what might have been a Newport loosey. It was really cool to see someone

who reminded me of my home in Cleveland, but I still notified Neighborhood Watch.

POST TITLE: Neckbones: Heaven in a Bowl for Less Than Three Bucks POST DATE: February 22, 2012 Man, these neckbones

and greens is gooder than a bitch. I planned

on going to bed early last night, but they just kept calling me. It's not just the taste, but also the challenge of getting all that devil meat off without chipping my pale yellow teeth. It's about ripping that bone apart with my strong black hands, salty nectar splashing my face and soaking my palms. It's about licking my fingers for 15 minutes straight, yet having the foresight to save a bit of the residue for facial moisturizer and shoeshine. It's about the memories...Mom yelling, "Don't eat all the damn meat out the greens, fool!" and Dad beating me with a wet rag when I did. It's about the ancestors who made do with whatever remnants of the pig Whitey left them, ate those bones dry and then sharpened the remains to stab that cracka in the neck. Neckbones are love. Neckbones are freedom. Neckbones are me.

POST TITLE: Celebrating Black History Month as a Sellout

POST DATE: February 1, 2012

I was black before Barack (re)made it cool, but now I'm distant from my race. My main black man problem: removing wine stains from my LL Cool J soup-coolers. I live in a suburb a few miles from the U.S.-Mexico border and go weeks without seeing a single black person in my part of town. An area where the small number of racists are too busy hating on the Mexicans to worry about a couple-few black guys in the area, provided that couple-few remains a couple-few.

I live with my lady, who's black in ass

but white overall, and our six-month-old son who has yet to realize the discomfort that comes with "What are you?" The few black friends I have here operate as I do, without the constraints of being black. The phrases I heard in my hometown of

Cleveland don't apply:

"Man, real ni66as don't _____." Fill in the blank with: go camping, fall in love with white women (smanging is OK), listen to Radiohead, travel outside a three mile radius of racial comfort, sit right next to their homeboy in the movie theater, drink a beer without grabbing it by

the neck, give high fives...

But we're still very much black, and proud. I cringe when our ignorant 10 percent equates black with "ghetto." I hate logging on to WorldStarHipHop.com, but rubberneck at our mess when temptation proves too heavy. I watch UFC and hope the brotha knocks the white dude out...sorry. I listen to "Watch The Throne" and see it as a celebration of modern "black excellence." I want hot sauce on everything I eat; it's actually crusted on my computer's keypad as I write.

But I also thought O.J. was guilty, from the start. And my in-group politics mesh more with Bill Cosby's than Al Sharpton's.

Still, I can have an opinion on black love without getting the side-eye, even if my version of black love includes a white woman. I can criticize and compliment us and feel my opinion is just as valid as that of someone who's really "down."

Jesse's struggle was different than Barack's. Baldwin's issues might not have meshed with Malcolm's. Dubois didn't see eye-to-eye with Booker T. Washington. What K'naan went through is probably completely foreign to other black hip-hop artists. And Rerun from *What's Happening* probably didn't understand the trouble Lamar from *Revenge of the Nerds* faced while becoming the greatest dancer of his generation.

But the breadth and depth of the black experience is great. Let's appreciate the diversity within the black community. Even Herman Cain.

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You do know that God created liquor to keep the Irish from conquering the world, right?" I smiled at my Irish hubby.

"And tea to keep Irish women's mouths from yapping at their men?" he retorted. "But your comment gives me an idea. Let's make Irish whiskey the theme for our St. Patrick's

The next day I was off to the shops. "Everyone thinks 'Jameson' when they

salesman at BevMo!."But I

My cart full of whiskey bottles had

"I like the Tullamore Dew," he said. "And the John Powers Gold Label Irish Whiskey is very

I snatched up all the bottles under \$25 — times are tough, don't you know — and a few from

That evening, Patrick invited some whiskey-loving friends over and we began sipping.

"Let's start with Bushmill's Original Irish Whiskey. 'Ireland's oldest whiskey distillery, 1608," read Patrick (\$20.99 for one liter at

"A little hollow and hot on the finish," said Frank. "It's said that Bushmill's was the Protestant whiskey because it was brewed in Northern Ireland, and Jameson's was the Catholic one, brewed in the Republic of

"Well, then, let's pour a biteen of this Catholic drink," said Patrick, holding the green bottle of Jameson (\$21.99 for one liter at Trader Joe's).

"Much hotter on the nose than the Bushmill's," noticed Frank. "Less sweet up front, but there's a thickness to the sweet-

"I didn't like that!" said MaryAnn, scrunching her nose.

"Michael Collins Irish Whiskey [\$24.99 for 750ml at BevMo!]. God luv 'em," said Patrick, again with the brogue. "But poor Collins seems to have an identity crisis."

"Yes," agreed Frank. "It wants to go down the peaty road but finishes too sweet."

The table couldn't get enough of the label of the John L. Sullivan Irish Whiskey (\$19.99 for 750ml at BevMo!). The great pugilist himself, shirtless and in boxing pose, graces the

"A very light, one-note whiskey," noticed

By the time the last bottle was

opened, the jokes were fly-

ing, spirits were high, and the

room had found a favorite.

Bernice. "It goes down like water. You'd think with its fighter's name it would be more pointed.'

"Ah, Tullamore Dew, it's like a schmaltzy Irish song," sang Pat, starting to feel happy as he cracked open the bottle (\$17.99 for 750ml at BevMo!). "Makes me think of 'The Rose of Tralee."

"A gentle whiskey; no pointy edges," said Frank, ignoring the drunken singing Irishman in the corner. "This is for when I don't want that sock in the face that bourbon gives."

"Disappointing," disagreed Bill. "Too sweet."

IRISH WHI Trader Joe's Single Malt Irish Whiskey was a clear loser (\$19.99 for 750ml at Trader Joe's). "'Legend has it that Irish monks first brought whiskey

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and its distillation methods to Scotland,"" I read off the bottle.

"The Scots would not have been grateful for this stuff," grimaced Bernice. "Tastes like antiseptic Band-Aids."

The Knot Whiskey took home the bottling prize, with its Celtic knot on the neck of the bottle and the Gaelic phrase Déanta In Éirinn (Made in Ireland) molded into the bottle's base (\$24.99 for 750ml at BevMo!).

"Smells like candy, tastes like torched sugar," said Mary-Ann.

> Patrick popped open the bottle of Irish Manor Irish Whiskey (\$15.99 for 750ml at BevMo!).

"Irish Manor is distilled to perfection: extremely soft and satisfying, like an Irish song," read Bernice

off the bottle. "I could drink the John L. Sullivan with a straw, but this one you'd have to take your time with," added Frank.

By the time the last bottle was opened, the jokes were flying, spirits were high, and the room had found a favorite.

"This is the old-man label," offered Bernice, spying the John Powers & Son Irish Whiskey (\$18.99 for 750ml at BevMo!).

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The recruiter loved me

When Tom (not his real name) decided to enlist with the United States Marine Corps in 2008, he had been renting a bedroom in his older sister's El Cajon home for over a year. His room was wedged between his three-yearold and seven-year-old nephews' bedrooms. At the time, he was 27 and out of work. It had been over four months since he had been laid off from his job at Fry's Electronics in Murphy Canyon. He attempted to land a job as a Border Patrol agent. He passed all the tests but missed a paperwork submission deadline. He didn't get the job. He was frustrated.

The way Tom saw it, joining the Marines was his best option. He viewed it as a way of getting his foot in the door to eventually land a lawenforcement job. That was, after all, where he ing office on East Main Avenue in El Cajon and signed up. He didn't hesitate, he just did it.

"The recruiter loved me because I was the right age, I didn't have any tattoos, have never done drugs, and I have a high school diploma. He didn't have to try to convince me. My mind was already set."

Tom's mom Rita (not her real name) wasn't happy when she learned that her son had joined the Corps. He had tossed the idea around with her, but she hadn't realized he was serious. It came as a bit of a shock.

"I was worried," she tells me.

"I wasn't," says Tom's father Jim (also not his real name). "I think being a Marine is good for young men."

Now, Tom's mom has a SEMPER FI bumper sticker on the back of her Toyota Tacoma.

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wanted his life to head. His brother had served in the Army for nearly a decade and is now a cop with the San Diego Police Department. Tom picked the Marines specifically because of their reputation of being the toughest military branch.

He walked into the Marines' recruitWhen I last spoke with her, she had just returned from a ceremony honoring five men in Tom's battalion who lost their lives during her son's most recent deployment. While sitting in the bleachers at Twentynine Palms, one of the other mothers leaned over and whispered,

"We are so lucky that our sons came home alive." This rattled Rita: got to the point where I started getting sick. I used to cry really easily.

"We are so lucky that our sons came home alive."

there was a heavy truth in that statement.

While Tom was gone on his last deployment, Rita watched the news constantly. If she heard about an explosion in the province where Tom was deployed, she imagined the worst. She would scour the internet for information. She even joined a Marine-mom website where other mothers exchanged information. The way Rita saw it, the more knowledge, the better.

"In the first three months of Tom's last deployment I worried all the time," she says. "It

Finally, I decided that I had to give it over to God. I had no control over the situation. That's when I calmed down and relaxed about him being over there."

She asked her congregation to pray for Tom.

Tom's dad was of the opposite mindset. "I never worried about him. What good is worrying going to do? Besides, nothing bad ever seems to happen to people I know.

During Tom's first deployment to Afghanistan, his parents heard from him constantly. "I would look at my phone and there was Tom, instant-messaging me on Facebook," Rita says. "He would send us email updates. It made it easier."

"But this last deployment was different," Jim says. "There was a lot more action. We heard from him less."

Tom's Facebook page lists his hobbies as: "Dodging bullets."

Activities: "Shooting people with guns, and being shot at by people with guns."

Tom writes: "Joining the United States Marine Corps...good initiative, bad judgment. Because doing something that makes sense, well...just doesn't make sense."

Tom was one of the older guys during his three-month boot camp at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. He feels he was able to see through some of the mind games they played on the recruits.

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"The worst part was three months [of] having angry men telling you what to do, when to do it, every second of every day, except when we were asleep. I knew it wasn't gonna last forever, but it sucked at the time."

Because of activist groups putting pressure on the military, Tom says that there are now restrictions on the way drill instructors deal with recruits. For instance, recruits are required to get a minimum of at least six hours of sleep each night; drill instructors are not allowed to touch the recruits; they cannot swear; recruits have to have three meals a day; and they are allowed to shower.

"Basically, these groups put their noses in what the military does. Because of them, the Marine Corps' new recruits aren't as tough as the old ones.

"Showering was the worst," he says. "There would usually be two, sometimes three, guys per shower head. The drill instructor would command us to wet our left arm, turn off the water, lather up, turn back on the water, and rinse. That's how we showered. It was annoying. Everything during the recruit training was timed like that, even eating."

When the recruits used port-a-johns, drill instructors would shake them from the outside.

"Because of this, we would look around before getting into one. We would try to run in before anyone could see us going into it."

Tom's four-year contract with the Marines is up in April 2012, at which point he'll do four years of reserve duty. He was deployed twice, both times in Afghanistan.

During his first deployment, from late 2009 until early 2010, Tom was a driver. He and his crew had the task of making the Marines' presence known. They would do armored patrols, confirming to civilians and Taliban that they were there.

There were many explosions from IEDs but far less enemy fire on his first deployment.

"We got used to the explosions. As soon as one went off, we'd say, 'There goes another one.""

In October 2011, Tom returned from his final deployment. That time, he was gone just over seven months.

He says that one of the worst aspects of his last deployment was





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being responsible for a dog. He had been voluntold (military-speak for being ordered to do something) to be a dog handler. Prior to leaving for Afghanistan, he was flown from his base at Twentvnine Palms to South Carolina to train with a black Labrador for five weeks.

"At first, I thought it would be cool."

He'd been told that, while in Afghanistan, all the dog handlers would be on foot. This meant Tom would see more combat, a prospect he welcomed.

"I'm an action junkie," Tom admits. "Imagine you have a pit bull in a cage, and you're poking it over and over again with sticks. All of a sudden vou let it out, and it's all pissed off. That's like a Marine on deployment. You join the Marines because vou're slightly crazy. We want to see action. That's what we are trained for."

The dog's job would be to detect IEDs. A week before Tom left on his deployment, the higherups told him he might be mounted instead. This meant that Tom would remain in a truck with tary," Tom says. Once in Afghanistan, Tom's dog proved to be dog only went on five dismounted presence patrols.

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his dog.

We had no idea what was going on, which is normal for the milia nuisance, mostly due to the heat, and to the fact that they were always in a truck. In total, the

It was difficult to get the animals to work. Temperatures registered over 100 degrees, and the dogs would cover (lie down), indicating that there was something there, such as an IED, when there wasn't. They did this so they could stop working and rest.

Some of the guys in Tom's section were happy to have the dog as a morale-booster, but the Labrador was useless as a bomb dog.

his section leaders requested a few times that the dog be taken away, and it was assigned to another handler whose dog had been sent back to the U.S. because it



freaked out during combat situations.

"It just wasn't a good environment for the dog," Tom says. "For the first half of my deployment, I was stuck in the back of the truck with it. I barely got to see any action."

Still stuffed in Tom's wallet is the laminated card his battalion commander gave to each man in his unit. It lists 11 codes of conduct.

Tom hands it to me. He points out the ones he finds the most ridiculous. Be prepared to win the gun fight every time Do no harm Treat others as you would want to be treated It's going to be frustrating, don't get frustrated Get comfortable being uncomfortable

"It's stupid," he laughs. "Most of it doesn't even make sense. It's stuff you would say to a kindergartner, not a Marine."

Tom admits he wishes his battalion had been more proactive. "A lot of things could've been different, but politics got in the way. I hate politics."

Tom talks about a building from which they frequently received heavy fire. "We asked to blow it up. It took the higher-ups several months to give us the okay. Who knows what's going on in their minds?"

He recalls the day his friend Carl stepped

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on an IED. Carl's section was occupying a position known to be covered with them. The Marines had asked for a bulldozer to clear the area. They were told it was occupied elsewhere. Carl was walking between trucks to get a battery when the IED went off. Other guys had walked the same path dozens of times, and nothing had happened to them. But Carl lost his legs.

"Either he stepped off the path a few inches, or he was just unlucky. Of course, *magically*" — Tom's voice is heavy with sarcasm — "the bulldozer showed up the next day!"

Carl was stable when he was placed in the medevac chopper, but his





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condition worsened after he was flown to a hospital in Germany. "They flew his parents out to Germany, so they could see him before he died. I think that's the least they could do."

Tom admits that, for the first two months of his deployment, the closest he got to a shower was



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a scrubdown using baby wipes. For toilets, they used wag bag waste bags. You can Google the term. Campers and backpackers use them in the wilderness — enough said.

"If we were lucky, we got one that had a few pieces of toilet paper in it. That's how grunts have it on deployments. The POGs [people other than grunts] have a makeshift bathroom, better chow, access to a gym. They get to sleep on cots in tents, and some even have airconditioning. They had access to the internet, and most of them don't do foot patrols."

When he first arrived in Afghanistan, Tom's CAAT (Combined Anti-Armor Team) set up an overwatch position on a plateau. The outer four trucks provided security for the inner four trucks, which is where the guys could relax a little and take off their gear. Every couple of days, they would rotate positions. The guys on the outer perimeter dug out sleeping areas and covered them with cammie (camouflage) netting. They reinforced the sides with sand bags for protection against enemy

fire. Tom says his two months on the plateau was the easiest part of his deployment.

"There were no injuries while we were there, and we were far from any higher-ups."

A few months into his deployment, Tom lost a really good friend.

The death took place during a BDA (Battle Damage Assessment). Tom's section was sent out to a grove to check for weapons and bodies from a morning firefight. Tom was in the first truck. They were traveling in a group of four trucks.

"Pete, my vehicle commander, was sitting in the passenger, bitching about the positions of the trucks. One of them, our Saber truck, was positioned next to trees, where its powerful optics could distinguish every detail on a leaf but nothing else. It was useless."

All the dismounts got out of the trucks. Tom stayed behind with the dog. Single-file, the dismounts headed into the grove, then stopped. They called Tom out of the truck.

"We had higher-ups with us. My lieutenant thought it would be a good idea to have the dog, possibly to make the higher-ups feel more comfortable. I had to walk all the way by myself. I made my way to the front, and we started moving."

Tom's dog was happy to be out of the truck. It ran around and ignored commands. The men had moved forward 100 meters or so, when they heard gunshots.

"Our section leader's reaction was, 'Those trucks are armored. They have big guns. They can take care of themselves.' At the time, he didn't realize that our Saber truck was stuck in a ditch and that Pete was dismounted, trying to help. A few seconds later word came over the radio that someone was hit."

According to Tom, they took off running in a dead sprint through the grove, which was clearly covered in IEDs.

"When there's a Marine that is hit, other Marines will do crazy shit. A reinforced squad from Kilo Company even ran over a mile in full battle gear when they heard someone was shot, and it was over 100 degrees





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out."

When Tom ran out of the grove, shots were being fired in his direction. He put the dog back in the truck. His lieutenant yelled that their .50-cal truck was low on ammo.

"While I was passing ammo up to the gunner, my lieutenant jumped into the truck. Over the gunfire, I heard him say that Pete was a fallen angel. That was the first I had heard who it was, and that he was already dead."

Pete was 23. He was married and had a young son. If he had survived, he would've gotten out of the Marines a few months after returning from that deployment. Pete died after ordering the Saber truck to switch positions with another truck, but the Saber got stuck in a ditch. He'd walked over to help. That's when a sniper got him in the face.

"Even though we were in the middle of a firefight, our corpsman ran out to try to save him. That's why Marines love their corpsmen so much. It was no use, though, because he was probably dead before he hit the ground. The bullet went in under his eye and out through his brain stem. The guys that were trying to keep him alive carried him to our truck. I reached down, grabbed him by his shoulders, and pulled him into the truck."

When Tom retells the story his voice is steady, but there is frustration in his tone.

"At least that time we had people to shoot back at. When Carl stepped on the IED, we didn't have anyone to shoot at. That was worse."

When they took Pete back to base, the medical officer pronounced him dead. All the guys got into formation. They put an American flag over Pete. His body was carried past the men in formation, and they all saluted him. When the Marines on the chopper took the stretcher with Pete's body, they also saluted. Tom tells me this in a voice heavy with pride.

After Pete's death, Tom was asked to replace the gunner in the fourth truck. The other guys mentioned that the previous gunner had been keeping his head down while shots were being fired at Pete.

"The other guys were pissed," says Tom. "I don't know if the gunner ever figured out the reason why I replaced him, [but] I loved that job. Being a gunner was the best part of my deployment."

Tom called home and told his dad that Pete had died. "Your mother doesn't need to know yet," said Jim. Rita didn't find out until weeks later. Even after hearing that Tom had lost a friend, Jim remained got killed during World War II, but to be killed in Afghanistan, where

"Over the gunfire, I heard him say that Pete was a fallen angel."

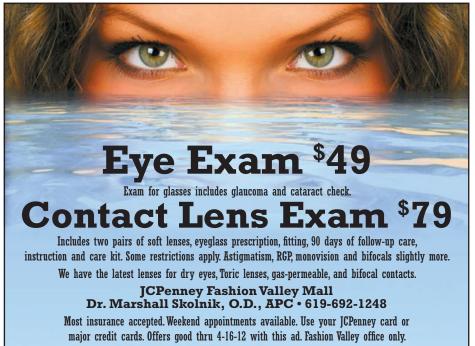
calm. But he admits that if something had happened to his son, he would not have handled it well.

"I am just so glad that nothing happened to Tom, because I think it's a wasted effort over there now. It would be one thing if your son in maybe a year we'll pull out and have really accomplished nothing, you would feel like it's a waste of a life. We shouldn't even be there."

Rita wrote President Obama what she terms an angry letter during Tom's first deployment. "It was after the president agreed

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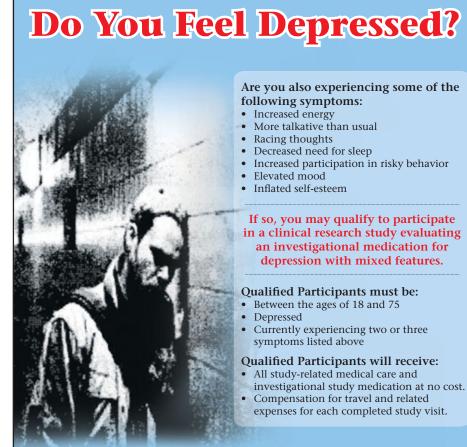
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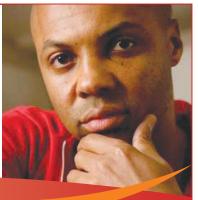
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to release photos of our guys torturing Iraqi soldiers. He's our commander-in-chief, and he is going to do something to lower morale amongst the troops and anger the enemy. I was ticked off! I wanted to let him know that as a Marine mom I was angry."

Don't ask, don't tell was repealed while Tom was deployed.

"It didn't really have an effect on us," Tom says.

However, Tom does mention that, after it was repealed, a gay Marine was accused of filming another Marine in the shower.

"It was a big deal," Tom says. "He had to have an NCO [noncommissioned officer] escort with him at all times after that. The reason for this is because people wanted to kick his ass. When the guy figured out he was being filmed, the gay guy hid in a bathroom stall and locked the door. The other Marines were trying to beat him up. He was shunned afterward. He is getting an NJP [nonjudicial punishment]."

Tom admits that

the rules of engagement while in Afghanistan frustrated him.

Tom concedes that they don't always follow those new guidelines.

"To be killed in Afghanistan, where in maybe a year we'll pull out and have really accomplished nothing, you would feel like it's a waste of a life."

"Since they invited us in, the rules are different than they were in Iraq. We have to see them holding a weapon before we are allowed to shoot. We have to be certain that there are no civilians around. If Taliban go into a house with weapons, we can't go in unless we are invited in. It's crazy."

In August 2010, the Rules of Engagement in Afghanistan were revised by General Petraeus. U.S. and NATO troops must follow stricter rules, intended to limit civilian Afghan deaths.

"When it comes down to it, we would rather go home alive. If someone is shooting at us, we are going to shoot back, no matter what

"The conflict going on right now is very political. We had about 1000 Marines ready to go on my last deployment. Because of new rules, we have a troop cap in Afghanistan. We were only allowed to bring around 800 guys. We could have really used those extra 200 Marines." When Tom's bat-

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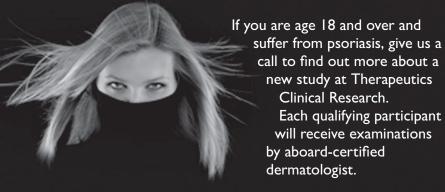
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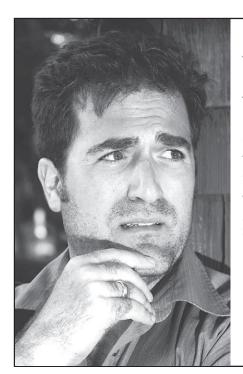
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"They couldn't even occupy all our positions. People died in areas that weren't even held. We had 100 wounded and five killed in action. If we were helping Americans, it would be different, but we're not. We're supposed to be helping the Afghans set up their government."

When Tom came home in October, it took him time to adjust. He was happy to have a bed to sleep in, real food, technology, toilets that flush, and hot showers.

"You have to get used to being around people again. Some

RESEARCH STUDIES



guys feel uneasy in loud, crowded places. We are used to keeping people away from us. It's an adjustment."

After Afghanistan, it irritates Tom when people grouse about petty things.

"In Afghanistan, people dig wells for water. They would wet mud to form blocks to build their houses. They eat the same food every day. When I came home, it was annoying to hear people complain about little things, like long lines, or not being able to order something off a menu because the restaurant is out of it."

But he says he has no regrets. "There is pride in being a Marine." Tom is glad he served, although



he admits he is just as glad to be getting out. He sees his future as less limited, now that he has the title of Marine, but he isn't sure he'll stay in San Diego. "Everything is too expensive."

His mom says, "We need to find him a nice San Diego girl. I think he'll stay if he meets someone. Our family all lives in San Diego."

When asked what his plans are when his four years are up, Tom wants to look into government law-enforcement positions. His ideal job would be with the Drug Enforcement Agency or to become a U.S. Marshal. For now, he's sharing an apartment with another Marine near his base in Twentynine Palms. His days are still filled with physical and readiness training.

A few weeks after returning from his final deployment, Tom purchased a Harley. Every weekend he rides the three hours from Twentynine Palms to San Diego to stay with his parents or sister. He finds himself scanning the freeway for IEDs.

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Trial and Terror

"Very few prisoners of war try to escape," writes historian Dwight R. Messimer, "and very few of those who do, succeed."

	When a German
b y	U-boat sunk his ship,
Jeff	Lieutenant Edouard Izac
Smith	became the only American
	naval officer taken pris-

oner in World War I. He had to escape, but not merely for himself: he'd gathered intelligence essential for the war effort.

The U-boat docked at a backwater near Wilhelmshaven, a port on the North Sea. Because it was a prime military target, says Izac, Wilhelmshaven was "the most intensely guarded city in Germany." A warrant officer and four armed guards took him to the *commandatur*, a cluster of buildings surrounded by a high wall.

During an interrogation, the officer, who spoke perfect English, exploded: "Why has America entered the war? It is none of her affair." He expected America to join with Germany, adding that "all this talk about making the world safe for Democracy is a lot of bosh!"

"This was news to me," said Izac. But "I heard these same ideas expressed by each German I met."

Three days later, Izac was on a train to Karlsruhe, a city in southwestern Germany near the French border. As the train passed railroad stations, Izac watched people on the platforms: "nothing but sorrow…in their countenances, and a certain lack of



noise and activity that was appalling."

At Karlsruhe, soldiers escorted Izac into what had been a cheap hotel. The Spartan rooms had windows sprayed with gray paint. Most had wood shavings for beds. During the initial interrogation, when an officer asked how long the war would last, Izac said at least five years. ("That always hurt their feelings; they were hoping for peace in a few months.")

They put Izac in a room with seven French officers and some tables and chairs. One of the few officers with a razor decided to shave. He unhooked a small mirror from the wall. Another noticed thin scratching where the mirror had hung. The message read: "Beware of the Dictaphones."

The officers found other versions of the message etched on plaster in English or French. "No wonder," Izac wrote later, "this place was called the 'Listening Hotel."

A quick search found a Dictaphone in a crevice. Now aware of eavesdroppers, the prisoners raised their voices. They made up blockbuster scenarios about legions of Allied troops set to swarm across Europe.

QUOTATIONS

1. Karlsruhe may have been the model for Washington D.C. In both cities, streets radiate from a center, and L'Enfant, who planned D.C. was quite familiar with Karlsruhe.

2. Dwight Messimer: "Men who escape are not deterred by things over which they have no control. Those situations simply have to be dealt with as they develop."

3. Edouard Izac, on missing prisoners of war: "What a multitude of sins is covered by that one word 'missing."

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The next day, Izac went to a different room with three British officers. Izac was at the "hotel" three days. In that time they found three Dictaphones, in light fixtures and embedded in a wall, and destroyed them.

Izac learned later that the hotel had a system: strand a newcomer in solitary confinement until he's anxious to talk; then put him with people who speak the same language. "Sometimes the officers he is placed with are spies." By the end of the war, he adds, the idea prevailed among prisoners that "all 'companions' are enemies."

On the fourth day, soldiers took him a few blocks away to the POW camp. Earlier in the war, an Allied squadron had bombed the city. A stray exploded in the Zoological Gardens, killing over a hundred people at a circus. The Germans built the camp in the gardens, says Izac, "as a safeguard against further bombing." Prisoners served as human shields.

The camp was a lush, expansive garden surrounded

by hotels in a major metropolis. The prison looked like a barn: four rooms, eight beds each — more wood shavings — and most of the captives wounded. The camp was actually a way station, since prisoners came and went, transferred to more permanent sites. Izac was the only American. They strip-searched him at the main gate. Izac felt his captivity

Izac felt his captivity more than ever and looked for a way out. "I had information which I was anxious to get back to the Navy," he

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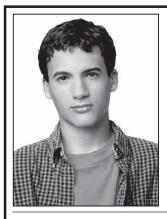
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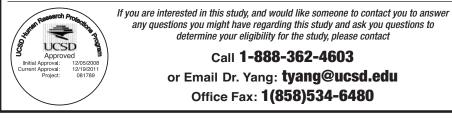
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told his roommates, "and I proposed to escape at the first opportunity."

They spoke of failed attempts and of how, because Karlsruhe was one of Germany's intelligence hubs, the carefully guarded compound had informants everywhere.

Three fences surrounded the camp: an inner, wire fence; then boarded walls; then an outer, wire fence. Over several nights, the prisoners loosened staples to a post, and boards on the second fence. They bribed a Swiss guard, who had friends in town, to give them a place to stay.

Near midnight on July 3, Izac and the others met near the wire fence. They had maps, food, and compasses. Noises in the darkness caught their attention. Germans had

nabbed the friendly Swiss guard. The Germans found the letter, yanked the Swiss guard away, and disbanded the prisoners. After that, the guards doubled inside and outside the walls.

Twenty-four hours later, the Germans had relocated all the officers in camp, except for Izac. He befriended a French aviator and planned another escape. "One of the lessons that recaptured escapees brought back was the importance of working with a partner," says Messimer. "Men who escaped alone took greater risks and made more dumb mistakes than those who went in pairs."

Tall trees loomed over the camp. In a corner of the compound, a sturdy limb and branches extended above all

three fences.

Izac decided that he and the aviator would shimmy up the tree before "Taps": 11:00 p.m., when the sentries ordered everyone inside the barracks.

The plan: climb the tree and hide in the thick foliage until about 1:30 a.m. "Then crawl to the end of the limb, make fast a line, and slide down outside."

Izac found an insulated electrical wire that could hold his 150 pounds. He and the aviator made knapsacks from an old shirt. Just after dark, Izac wrapped the wire around his waist. Wearing stolen German caps and blankets that looked like officers' cloaks, they climbed the tree and waited.

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them. At 11:00 p.m., another sentry relieved him, then another at 1:00 a.m., and another at 3:00 a.m.

"For some unknown reason," says Izac, "they all refused to leave that spot. We could not move for fear of making a noise." At sunrise Izac and the aviator snuck back down.

A few days later, Izak was on a train to Villingen, a high-security POW camp in the Black Forest. While the usual ratio was about one guard for every seven prisoners, Izac had two, with "equally foul" tempers.

Izac was in a foul temper himself. Before he boarded the train, soldiers had frisked him for contraband. Another tore the soles off his shoes, then hammered them back on just firmly enough to secure them while also making them flap. Plus, the train was moving in daylight. At Karlsruhe, the captives had all agreed that night was best for escape.

Nonetheless, Izac decided he must jump the train in daylight.

"We were in a fourthclass carriage filled with German soldiers. They obstructed the passageway and thronged around the door." One guard sat next to Izak; the other faced him on an adjoining bench. Each pointed a gun at Izac, who "took pains to see that the guns were loaded."

Suddenly, the train, a small locomotive with six cars, sped up. Thus far, it had been rising slowly in elevation. Now on a downgrade, it clacked along at 40 miles an hour. The increased speed made jumping much more dangerous.

Izac noticed that the window across from their seats — maybe 18 inches wide and 24 inches high was open. Deep ditches filled with rainwater flanked the track on both sides.

About five miles from Villingen, amid close quarters and warm, musty air, one of the guards dozed off. When someone asked the other guard a question, Izac saw his chance. He shot up and dove through the

window.

Almost. His head and shoulders made it through. His lower body got stuck. Guards flocked behind him, grabbing for his feet; manic shouts rang in his ears. He kicked and squirmed himself forward. There was nothing to grab outside the train. So he pushed off and fell head first.

And "all went dark."

When he came to, his head felt split in half. It had smashed into a rail on an adjoining track. His body ached from hitting crushed rock and rolling over and over before he finally stopped. Three hundred yards ahead, the train screeched.

When he tried to stand

up, he "made a terrible discovery. He couldn't bend his knees. They "had apparently struck the tie next to the one that damaged my head. My body was all bruised, and my hands and arms had small pieces of rock ground in."

The only good news: "no bones broken."

Years later, Izac swore that if his knees hadn't been so damaged, he could have run away. Instead, as he tried to stand up, the guards hopped from the train and

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ran toward him, "firing as they came."

As bullets pinged around him. Izac felt nailed to the ground. Every movement exhausted him. He tumbled over and tried to crawl. He grabbed fistfuls of grass and pulled himself forward. Three bullets came close. Then one zinged between his ear and shoulder "and buried itself in the ground in front of me."

Guards were 75 yards away and closing. Gaunt from weeks of bad food, in pain from head to toe, Izac decided to surrender.

"I just had time to turn over, raise myself into a halfsitting, half-lying posture and elevate my hands above my head'

The first guard ran up, grabbed his rifle-barrel with both hands, and smashed Izac on the head with the butt end. The blow knocked Izac out. His body flopped like a rag and rolled down the slick embankment into the

ditch. The guards slid down after him. While he was still unconscious, they pummeled Izac.

Izac came to just as one of the guards, "cursing in broken English," kicked him hard in the back. Izac sprawled facedown.

When he looked past the mud-caked boots of the guards, Izac saw a strange sight: "Many of the people from the hayfields nearby had gathered to watch the fun. Not one bystander showed compassion. And these were the best people of Germany, the pious, churchgoing Baden peasants!"

An old man came forward shaking a pitchfork: if the guards needed any help, he'd gladly lend a hand.

Every time Izac tried to stand up, the guards beat him down. One blow came from behind, striking Izac behind the left ear so fiercely it snapped the gun in two. "All this time I had not

even tried to protect myself.

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Had I done so, it would have given them the opportunity they wanted of shooting me." The people were witnesses.

They might have reacted differently, Izac surmised, to a "cold-blooded murder."

"Things like that were common enough behind the lines where there were no civilians to tell the tale and where many dark deeds could be done under the plea of military necessity."

Izac passed out again. When he came to, the train was gone. The guards dragged him to a nearby station to find out when the next train would arrive. On the way, they bought bread and milk from a peasant. They made Izac stand at attention while they ate.

No trains for hours. So they decided to walk the five miles to Villingen. They prodded Izac — broken, bleeding all over, stifflegged — with bayonets. "Occasionally, in a burst of rage, one would knock me

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down with a blow from his gun or fist, probably when he would remember how close he had come to losing me" — which would have earned the guard at least two weeks of solitary confinement.

Somehow Izac made it to Villingen. "I shall never know how I bore up under that torture." What strengthened, with each painful step, was his resolve to escape and enact "vengeance on the German people." Next time: The Best

Laid Plans. ■ — Jeff Smith

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On October 14, 2010, the American Council on Science and Health put out a news release about Tony Gwynn's cancer: "There is no evidence at all linking salivary gland cancer with smokeless tobacco, not even from the 'dip' type Gwynn used," proclaimed Dr. Gilbert Ross, medical director of the New York-based council. (It's true that other physicians have said there is no known link between that rare cancer and chewing tobacco, but Mueller says there has been little research. "It took 20 years to link cigarettes to lung cancer," she

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notes.) Ross speaks out for harm reduction, claiming that only 5 percent of smokers are able to quit each year. Smokeless tobacco, particularly products like snus, a moist powder developed in Sweden, "have either no or no measurable such risk," he says, and can help people quit cigarettes. He does not encourage people to take up tobacco, "but smokers need to have lower-priced, reduced-risk products to help them get off deadly cigarettes."

Ross has a questionable background. According to official records of the University of the State of New York, New York State Education Department, Ross was found guilty in 1993 of 13 counts of fraud for his eightweek participation in medical clinics defrauding Med-

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development," Wagner says.

"Developers are penciling

icaid. He was making \$5000 to \$10,000 a week. He lost his medical license in 1995 and was incarcerated for most of 1996 and 1997. He was hired by the council the next year and got his medical license restored in 2004 after a probationary period. He claims he has always

believed he was innocent, but according to New York records, he admitted that his motivation was greed, he needed the money, and said, "I violated every ethical trust placed in me as a doctor." The American Council

on Science and Health is questionable, too. Its mission is to challenge medical and health claims made by critics of business. I asked

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Ross if the council got money from the tobacco industry. His response: "I can admit that we accept funding from anyone who will give us money, as long as it is 'no strings attached." The council has stood up for such oft-criticized industries as coal, oil, and nuclear power, as well as tobacco.

"Our adversaries in the 'environmental,' chemophobic, alarmist, anti-business, anti-technology camp still call us 'paid liars for industry.' It's not the funding, it's the message," says Ross, attacking "so-called consumer advocates.... Anything goes to cast aspersions on profit-making businesses." Ross and others in the

Ross and others in the organization are frequently quoted in the media challenging environmentalists, consumerists, and others who "sow fear and loathing," he says.

But use of smokeless tobacco among high school boys zoomed 36 percent between 2003 and 2009; now 15 percent use it, points out Cocco, noting that "extensive use among high school coaches is a problem." In the Wyoming frontier culture, 20 to 25 percent of high school boys chew, says Mueller. "Smokeless tobacco is the tobacco companies' playing card; they want to keep people addicted to nicotine," says Mueller.

Echoing that statement, Turner adds that certain nicotine-replacement therapies such as gum, lozenges, and patches have the approval of the Food and Drug Administration. Chewing tobacco does not. Public health officials agree that spit tobacco is unacceptable in harmreduction programs, he says.

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cil. "Developers are eye-

ing Allied Gardens and Grantville because it is one of the last neighborhoods left in San Diego for them to capitalize on financially viable, high-density multifamily housing. It's not necessarily bad, but to me it is about finding common ground between residents and developers."

Park space is one issue on which residents such as Wagner have been unable to find common ground with developers.

Residents of Allied Gardens and Grantville "cringe at the prospect of creating a hodgepodge of mixed-use projects that don't include enough park space. They're hedging their bets, buying park-mitigation credits from the City to allow them dispensation from proper parkspace development. Developing the land with highdensity housing is exponentially more profitable than green space." According to the minutes of the Navajo Community Planners January meeting

of the Navajo Community Planners January meeting, "5.5 acres of park land are required for the 1,023-unit" Shawnee housing development. The builders, Urban Housing Partners, have proposed setting aside 2.57 acres "for open space, and in-lieu fees will be paid to offset the remaining requirement of approximately 3 acres."

Residents consider development projects among the most important issues in this year's election of the District Seven councilmember. Candidates Scott Sherman and Mat Kostrinsky, both new to seeking political office, are vying for the seat. (The incumbent, Marti Emerald, announced that she will run for the District Nine seat.)

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Planners, Inc. He stresses the importance of the coming election. "Developers are looking to introduce dense housing projects within single-family-home communities. This is my most salient concern, and District Seven residents should be very interested that neighborhood streets, parks, and community resources will be stretched beyond reasonable and original intended uses. As an example, traffic plans basically say, 'We will put a few more lights on some streets, look at establishing a local shuttle service, and add some bike lanes.' There is not a real plan for traffic mitigation."

In recent months, the candidates have come out on opposing sides of many issues. One thing they agree on is the importance of attracting smart projects to the Navajo community.

"Each project should be

evaluated on its merit. There is a process for that, and it involves the community," says Sherman, the president of a local insurance firm, 5th Avenue Insurance. "It's the community that has to be involved and benefit from any developments. Contractors must be held accountable for the necessary infrastructure."

Sherman says he supports smart development and stresses the need for developer impact fees to build new parks. But according to recent campaign finance statements, Sherman has received dozens of donations from the building industry, including a total of \$7600 in 2011 from principals and employees of developers H.G. Fenton, Sudberry Properties, McMillin, and Urban Housing Partners and from Superior Ready Mix. The Building Industry of San Diego County has

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endorsed him. Some fear,

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"To paint Mexico with such a massively broad brush stroke is simply outrageous," said Lopez-Negrete.

On Tuesday, the Texas State Department of Public Safety warned spring-breakers to avoid travel to Mexico. The warning includes Tijuana among several resort cities that are "havens for drug dealers and petty criminals."

Lopez-Negrete went on to state that crime is isolated for the most part to the Rio Grande areas in northern Mexico and the Ciudad Juárez area. "Those pockets where this violence is taking place are very well identified," Lopez-Negrete said during his visit to Texas last week. "This is totally unrelated to tourism. This is not about attacking tourists."

Last month, 22 tourists were robbed near Puerto Vallarta during a cruisesponsored sightseeing trip. Recent developments indicate that it may have been an isolated heist that was set up by the bus driver and a fellow conspirator.

By K. Mennem Wednesday, March 7

On Behalf of Vargas

Corporate Backers Fined for Hiding Identity San Diego — Two years ago

this month, we reported that political consultant Larry Remer had been employed by a political committee backed by a business lobbying group calling itself the Civil Justice Association of California.

The association's board was populated by representatives of California's biggest corporations, including Sempra Energy, Anthem Blue Cross, Allstate Insurance, CNA Insurance, American International Group, Chevron Corporation, General Electric, Intel, ExxonMobil, and JPMorgan Chase & Co.

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Using two committees, the group spent almost \$1.5 million on an independent campaign to elect Democrat Juan Vargas, a former San Diego city councilman, state assemblyman, and insurance company lobbyist, to the state senate over his fellow Democrat, then-assemblywoman Mary Salas.

Remer, the candidate's longtime friend and political advisor, was widely regarded by local observers as the key strategist of the effort, noteworthy for its slashing attacks on Salas.

Vargas went on to edge out Salas, and now, midway through his term, is running for congress to replace Bob Filner, who wants to be mayor of San Diego.

Enter the state's Fair **Political Practices Commis**sion, which next week is set to sign off on a \$6000 fine against the big corporate guns for failing to properly reveal to the public their role CITY LIGHTS

on behalf of Vargas. By Matt Potter

Tuesday, March 6

Engulfed by Scandal

Reforms in Progress at Southwestern College Chula Vista — Southwestern College and Sweetwater **Union High School districts** have been engulfed by bondconstruction scandals and district attorney investigations. Many anticipate a fresh round of indictments in the near future.

Southwestern superintendent Melinda Nish and trustees are taking steps to distance themselves from these past problems.

The board will soon be considering limiting campaign donations. Trustee Humberto Peraza, who will be a candidate for the board in November 2012, is bringing the motion forward.

Board president Norma Hernandez has set another example: her latest cam-

paign finance disclosure statement shows she returned a donation from Jeff Flores. Flores is the **CEO of Seville Construction** Services, the company that had, until recently, managed Southwestern's Proposition R construction.

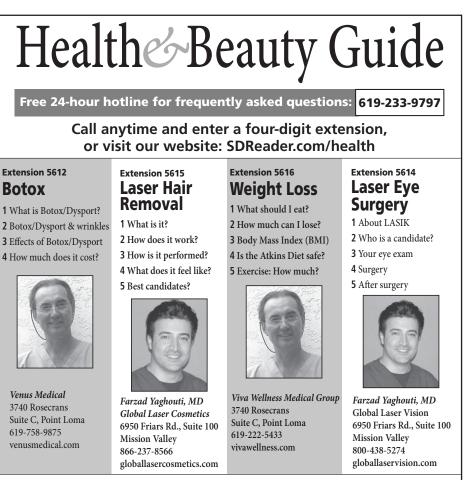
Hernandez also returned donations of three members of the public relations group Focuscom, including the contribution from Focuscom CEO Dan Hom.

As the Reader reported in 2010, Focuscom initially had a \$100,000 public relations contract with Seville **Construction Services for Proposition R.**

> By Susan Luzzaro Monday, March 5

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cate for children of parents unable to verify their legal status (reminds me a little of Germany during the Holocaust!). Anyway, children are people, too, no matter their nationality.

We all agree on the need for immigration reform, but this is *not* the answer.

P.S. People talk about the "melting pot" that is America. We are the melting pot and very much a part of the American dream in this wonderful nation!

Cesar Lopez Chula Vista

You're Wrong, All Wrong

I just read "Reactions Mixed over School Taser Incident" ("SD on the QT," March 1), and I was wondering if this was fiction or truth, because it says that it was at an elementary school that does not exist. I know for a fact that it happened at Correia Middle School because that's where my son attends. I just happened to be there, and they also asked my son to take in his iPod to make sure it wasn't one of the ones stolen, and I know the boy who was taken in. It was an eighthgrader; it wasn't a threefoot-ten-inch six-year-old. So, I was just wondering, is this story fiction or is it supposed to be fact? Because everything I read in here is completely wrong.

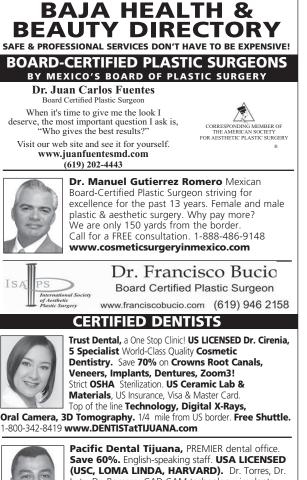
Linda Nilson Southcrest

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

Comments from Reader website

Cover

Published March 7 Sounds like upper residential Ocean Beach. By MsGrant 2:13 p.m., Mar 7,2012 It does, doesn't it? Sadly for SD, it could be any number of neighborhoods. By kittywinn 7:36 a.m., Mar 8, 2012



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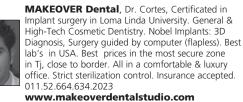


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WHEN: 7 to 10 p.m.

WHERE: Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-238-7559; *mopa.org*

Friday | 16

THE CRAFT OF STONE BREWING CO.

Savor beer, taste beer-inspired food, and meet authors Greg Koch, Steve Wagner, and Randy Clemens. Their book is subtitled *Liquid Lore, Epic Recipes, and Unabashed Arrogance.* This is a free, public event, but you must be of age to partake.

WHEN: 7 p.m.

WHERE: Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue,

La Jolla. 858-454-0347; *warwicks.com*

Saturday | 17 LEARN TO PLAY GUITAR IN A DAY

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WHEN: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
WHERE: Carlsbad
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Sunday |18

CIRCLE OF ART

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This 23rd annual juried fine-arts show and sale will feature more than 60 artists, including oil and watercolors, photography, sculpture, ceramics, pottery, weaving, and jewelry. Plus, you're bound to see nature's own works in the form of desert spring flowers.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (also Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

WHERE: Christmas Circle, Palm Canyon Drive at Borrego Springs Road, Borrego Springs. *circle-of-art.org* <image>

Monday | 19

WRITING OUT LOUD: VOICES OF IRELAND

Write Out Loud reprises its popular reading of short stories and poems by and about the Irish, including authors Liam O'Flaherty, Donagh MacDonagh, Lynn Doyle, with music by the Celtic Echoes.

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Horton Grand Theatre, 444 Fourth Avenue, Downtown. 619-297-8953; *writeoutloudsd.com*

Tuesday | 20

LIZARDS IN AN EVOLUTIONARY TREE

"Science detective" Jonathan Losos of Harvard University will share his adventures "unraveling the mysteries of

biodiversity in the Caribbean." In his lecture, Losos will describe his career-long research to understand the paths of evolution and branches of species diversification, with the Anolis lizard as his main focus.

WHEN: 3 p.m.

WHERE: Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 8602 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. *sio.ucsd.edu*

Wednesday | 21

FOOD TRUCK PROGRESSIVE

The Meals-on-Wheels North County Food Truck Progressive hosts this March for Meals campaign, beginning at the North County San Diego Farmers' Market. Their hope is to raise awareness and funds to support the "independence and well-being of San Diego seniors."

WHEN: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

WHERE: Sikes Adobe Farmhouse, 12655 Sunset Drive, Escondido. 619-278-4041.

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The white-sand beaches at Ft. Zachary Taylor State Park, Key West, conjure images of southern France.

Getaway to Key West By Michele Addington

The Conches (those born in Key West) are friendly sorts, and so are the chickens: you'll see them everywhere. Large iguanas can also be found basking in the historic city cemetery, where some of the graves date back to the 1700s.

For a quick overview of the key, take the Conch Tour Train or the Old Town Trolley, both departing from Mallory Square. Tourists head here to watch the magnificent sunsets, but a cruise at sunset will be more rewarding.

Kayaking in the mangroves was one of my favorite day activities. We did Lazydog's four-hour Mosquito Coast kayak/snorkel tour, paddling into remote backcountry and swimming in freshwater holes in the Gulf of Mexico.

At Ft. Zachary Taylor State Park, I felt as if I'd been transplanted to southern France, with its small cove beaches, white sands, and ocean rock formations.

Nighttime is party time on Duval Street, where you can carry an open container on the sidewalks and clothing stores sell beer. Music abounds all day, but it gets serious from around 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Seafood restaurants with fresh lobster are reasonably priced: try Kelly's (birthplace of Pan Am Airlines) on N. Whitehead Street. If you fancy French food, BlackFin Bistro on Duval Street is superb! Another notable place is Louie's Backyard (closed 3-5 p.m.).

Notable historic sites: the Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum on 907 Whitehead Street and the Key West Lighthouse (from which you can see all of Key West) on the other side of the street.

The Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center, next to Ft. Zachary Taylor Park, has free admission and parking.

Accommodation options on the key

are hotels, B&Bs, or rentals. Make sure to book before you get there — winter is high season.

For a quick getaway, head to Key West and live like a Conch for a few days.

Wheeling, West Virginia By Tamar Fleishman

There was a time when Wheeling, West Virginia, had more millionaires per capita than anywhere else in the U.S. Once the capital of "newly restored" Virginia and the new state of West Virginia, it was America's gateway to the West.

This was a city where captains of industry and robber barons made their fortunes. Wheeling was the terminus of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, a stop on the National Road that George Washington conceived, located on the

in California, just outside Arizona



Wheeling, West Virginia, was the terminus of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad

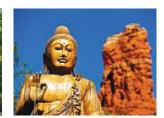
Ohio River.

Among other things in Wheeling that used to have national influence but are now local treasure is its proud musical tradition. The Wheeling Jamboree is the second-oldest country music and entertainment radio show after the Grand Ole Opry. Country stars hadn't really made it until they played the Wheeling Jamboree, including Mac Wiseman, Loretta Lynn, continued on page 54.

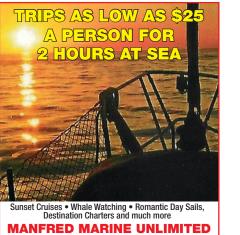
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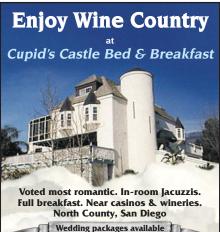
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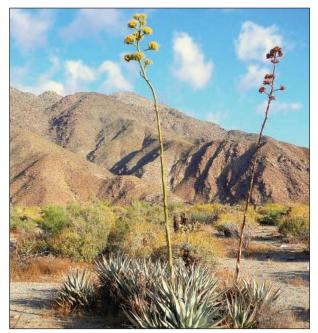
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Ramona and follow Hwy 78 east 15 miles to Santa Ysabel. Turn north (left) on Hwy 79 and after 11 miles turn southeast (right) on S-2. At the turn-off for S-22 (Montezuma Valley Road) turn east (left) and follow S-22 to the bottom of the grade, watching for the turn to the west (left) into the Hellhole Canyon parking area. Restrooms. **Hiking length:** 6 miles round trip. Allow at least 4–5 hours. • **Difficulty:** Moderately strenuous with some boulder scrambling required. The elevation gain is 1000 feet to the waterfall. Wear sturdy boots and carry water.



It's best to hike in long sleeves to avoid scratches from plants such as this agave.

Despite the formidable name, Hellhole Canyon is one of the most delightful canyons in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, with sycamores, cottonwoods, and palm trees fed by intermittent streams. The goal of this hike is the 18-foot waterfall cascade called Maidenhair Falls and the pool below the falls. The face of the falls and the surrounding grotto are surrounded by lacy maidenhair fern and mosses — a rare site in a desert canyon. Orchids have also been sighted in the area.

Begin the hike from the parking area and follow the wide, well-worn path up the alluvial fan to the narrowing mouth of the canyon where the ribboned pattern of Julian schist becomes visible on the canyon walls. A cautionary sign reminds you that you are in mountain-lion country. Vegetation typical of alluvial vans, such as creosote, burroweed, chuparosa, cheesebush. Hellhole 1700 Maidenhair Falls buckhom cholla, agave, and desert to avoid scratches. The thorny palm grove of about 20

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buckhorn cholia, agave, and desert lavender give way to desert willow, brittlebush, jojoba, ocotillo, teddybear cholla, and white sage. As the canyon narrows and steepens, the first palm trees and sycamores become visible. Shiny-leafed yerba santa is near the first palm grove where flowing water is found. Cottonwoods also lap up the flowing water and provide some shade. Deep.green-leafed chaparral sugar bush becomes visible at the higher elevations.

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Use caution ascending the narrow canyon that is filled with boulders and thorny mesquite and acacia, or wait-a-minute bush. It is best to hike in long sleeves

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to avoid scratches. The thorny underbrush led to the name Hellhole Canyon. In earlier days, cattle would roam down into the canyon from Culp Valley. Cattleman Wid Helm reportedly said that the canyon was "one hell of a hole to get cattle out of."

Keep generally to the south side of the creek. Note the occasional mortero grinding holes in the granitic rocks left by the Indians who frequented this canyon. They harvested the canyon's mesquite beans and palm fruit and depended on the water source.

About 200 yards above a large

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Birding Lake Murray Resident birder Jeanne Raimond leads birding adventure in search of migratory and resident water and land birds. Bird book, binoculars optional. Meet in parking lot off Kiowa Drive. Saturday, March 17, 8am; free. Lake Murray Reservoir, 5540 Kiowa Drive. (LA MESA)

Miner's Loop Trail Walk Enjoy great views! Arne Johanson leads hike along north face of Black Mountain Open Space Park. Meet at parking-staging area. 858-484-3219. Saturday, March 17, 9am; free. Black Mountain Open Space Park staging area, 14850 Carmel Valley Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Outdoor Adventure Learn about plants, animals, Native American culture, geology, and more during guided loop trail walk. Saturday and Sunday, March 17 and 18, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Silverwood Cleanup Volunteers invited to help with construction of trails, invasive weed control, trail clearing, maintaining fire clearance zones. Bring gloves, pruners, loppers if you have them. Snacks, water provided. RSVP: 619-443-2998. Saturday, March 17, 9am; Silverwood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

Star Party Sights View nighttime sky with resident stargazer George Varga as he scopes in open clusters in Auriga, Gemini, Canis Major, and perhaps Saturn. Join group at far end of campground's day-use parking lot. Saturday, March 17, 6pm; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

SPECIAL **EVENTS**

"A Tapestry of English, Irish, Scottish, American, and French-Canadian Folk Songs" Cuyamaca College Choir plans recital in Performing Arts Theatre. Thursday, March 15, 7:30pm; \$5-\$8. Cuyamaca College, 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Color Me a Pot of Gold" Draw performer, artist Leia during Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School session promising drawing, drinks, music, silly contests, prizes. Bring sketchpads, drawing implements. drsketchysandiego@gmail.com. Saturday, March 17, 2pm; \$10. 21 and up. Ruby Room, 1271 University Avenue, (HILLCREST)

"Flowers Sing a Song of Spring" Ikebana International San Diego hosts 44th annual show of

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and Alabama. The Jamboree used to be broadcast from the historic Capitol Theatre on a 50,000-watt channel listenable by 2/3 of the Eastern U.S. and Canada.

But you have to visit to see it live! The show has been relocated from the Capitol Theatre to the Strand Theater in neighboring Moundsville.

The Wheeling Coffee & Spice Co. used to be known in 1895 as "Dawn, Delmonico and O.G. (Old Government) Coffee" - perhaps a sly Confederate reference. The coffee here has been sought out for over 100 years.

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Japanese ikebana flower arrangements and cultural exhibits in room 101 and 104. Enjoy display of 50 flower arrangements; teachers from various schools demonstrate flower arranging. 858-759-2640. Saturday and Sunday, March 17 and 18, 11am; free. Casa del Prado, 1800 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

"Green Day!" Enjoy "a naturecentered St. Patrick's Day" in support of the 55-mile San Dieguito River Park. What's planned? Tricycle and stroller strut (9am), opening ceremony (10am), birding hour/quiet time (10:30am), bicycle parade (noon). Dogs on leash welcome. Saturday, March 17, 9am; free. San Dieguito Lagoon Boardwalk and Trail, San Andres Drive at Via De La Valle, (DEL MAR)

"It's Not Easy Being Green" Reception for green-themed art show presented by Arte Fresca. View work by 14 local artists; live art by Callie Himsl, Kai Martin; live makeup artists; installation of Machinecore by Vernell Jones III; vendors and designers offering wares. View show through Wednesday, April 4. artefrescaevents@gmail.com. Friday, March 16, 7pm; free. 21 and up. Bluefoot Bar and Lounge, 3404 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Modern Myths, Folklore, and Tall Tales" POP Thursday produced with So Say We All promises "custom-curated performances about real life stories that intersect surreal, magical, and otherworldly experiences." View short films Glory at Sea and Pioneer; enjoy jams by Ill Spectre; current exhibitions, craft cocktails (7-8:30pm). Advance reservations required: 619-238-7559. Thursday, March 15, 7pm; \$6-\$10. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

33rd Annual St. Patrick's Day **Open Reading** Read from favorite Irish poetry and prose selections by James Joyce, William Butler Yeats,

an island in the Ohio River, along with

many luxurious Victorian-era homes.

Artisan Center. It's in full view of

the wonderful West Virginia crafts

no longer make the beer they were

that destroyed their brewing equip-

regional microbrews.

ment. However, they take care to carry

a regional flair. You'll find pierogies on

the menu because they're not far from

Pittsburgh. You'll also see lots of Italian

touches, influenced by the many Italians

ago to work in the coal-mining industry.

who came to West Virginia over 100 years

River City focuses on tavern fare with

store and small museum. Sadly, they

famous for, River City Ale; in 2003, they were victims of an Ohio River flood

One of the classic places to eat in Wheeling is River City, in the Wheeling George Bernard Shaw, Samuel Beckett, Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde, Sean O'Casey, Edmund Burke, et al. As always, 'Messrs. Guinness and Harp will officiate the proceedings." 858-456-1800. Saturday, March 17, 7pm; free. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue, (LA JOLLA)

A Church Without Walls Each Sunday, The Fields Church meets at Aviara Oaks Middle School with services at 9:00am and 10:45am to worship God. Our gatherings consist of worship through music, teaching from the Bible and connecting relationally with each other. If you have kids, we have a great Children's Ministry (ages 1-13). Join us every Sunday morning! 760-602-0722, www.thefieldschurch.org. Sunday, March 18, 9am; Aviara Oaks Middle School, 6880 Ambrosia Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Birthday Party and Book Sale Friends of the Cardiff Library plan sale to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the 98th anniversary of the Cardiff-by-the-Sea Library. There will be cake! Saturday, March 17, 9:30am; free-\$25. Cardiff-bythe-Sea Library, 2081 Newcastle Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Cherry Blossom Festival In spring, the garden's "cherry trees blossom into delightful pink clouds." Explore, enjoy Japanese food, arts and crafts, gifts, entertainment, cultural demonstrations, children's activities area. Festival will be held in garden's nine-acre expansion territory, slated for completion in 2014. 619-232-2721. Saturday, March 17, 10am; free-\$4. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Circle of Art The 23rd annual juried fine arts show and sale with more than 60 artists exhibiting work in media including oil and watercolors, photography, sculpture, ceramics, pottery, weaving, jewelry, more. Saturday and Sunday, March 17 and 18, 9am; free. Christmas Circle, Palm Canvon Drive at Borrego Springs Road. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

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, March 15 and 16, 7:30pm; Saturday, March 17, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, and 7:30pm; Sunday, March 18, 12:30pm, 3:30pm, and 6:30pm; \$20-\$60. Circus Vargas - Vista Village, Vista Village Drive at Highway 78. (VISTA)

Craft Greeting Cards Crafter Chizuko Sieving divulges "how to create beautiful and original greeting cards" during workshop. Materials provided. Registration: 858-573-1396. Thursday, March 15, 3pm; free. 16 and up. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Head to Toe Women's Expo Show with products and services for women, "Baby Bump and Beyond" with products for expectant mothers, speakers, cooking demonstrations and book signings, more. 619-491-0677. Saturday, March 17, 9am-5pm; Sunday, March 18, 10am-4pm; free-\$8. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, (DEL MAR)

Historic Home Tour Weekend

Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) hosts its annual event, showcasing early-20th-century homes of Bankers Hill. On March 17, select from walking tours and lectures on topics such as "How the Prairie School Influenced San Diego" and "Lost Sixth Avenue."

The March 18 self-driven home tour showcases five houses designed by master architects G.A. Hanssen, Richard Requa and Frank Mead, Emmor Brooke Weaver, and William Templeton Johnson. Prominent gardens of several homes also featured. 619-297-9327. Saturday, March 17, 11am; Sunday, March 18, 10am; \$10-\$50. Marston House Museum, 3525 Seventh Avenue, (HILLCREST)

Is the Anti-Tax Revolt Ebbing?

Consider the topic with Civilized Conversation open forum. 858-231-6209. Thursday, March 15, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Knitting Know-How! Marie Fisher discusses knitting with beads (1pm). Eileen Adler shares a variety of "rules of thumb" useful to knitters (2pm). 858-272-8185. Sunday, March 18, 1pm; free. Needlecraft Cottage, 870 Grand Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

MORE CHANCES TO WIN! www.sdreader.com/contests Win a Reader Local **Restaurant Variety Pack!** IETY PACK Win a package of gift certificates to local restaurants! Enter by Wednesday, March 21 at 1PM. Win a Free Botox Treatment! Treatment will consist of 20 units of botox wherever applicable, a \$200 value! Enter by Wednesday, March 28th at 1PM.

Win Tickets to Elite Elvis at Belly Up!

There are two types of Elvis fans: Those who love Elvis and those who don't know they love Elvis yet. James Kruk and The "Big Boss Men" of legendary San Diego band City Limits make everyone who sees them an Elvis Fan for life!

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Learn to Play Guitar in a Day Students learn basic chords, simple strumming, picking patterns; tuning techniques; guitar care; music theory; tablature; performance skills; familiar songs; more. Bring an acoustic guitar. Fee includes instruction, *Learn to Play Guitar in a Day!* manual, electronic tuner. 949-689-8519. Saturday, March 17, 10am; \$89. 18 and up. Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Avenue. (CARLSBAD)

Limerick Writing and Reading Fest Village Idiots Literary Society hosts event in conjunction with North County St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival. Participants "will be writing and reading in 20-minute sessions throughout the afternoon." 760-414-1056 or 760-305-8278. Saturday, March 17, 1pm; free. Village Cafe, 406 Main Street. (VISTA)

Medieval Tournament with Irish Battles The North County Duchy of Brandenburg presents tournament with "fully armored fighters as well as three musketeersstyle fencing." Watch knights in shining armor compete for the prize! Morning promises a "Solemm Knighting Ceremony." Admission: free; parking: \$3. caidlady@yahoo. com. Saturday, March 17, 10:30am; free. Felicita Park, 742 Clarence Lane. (ESCONDIDO) North County St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival Opening ceremonies in front of Hennessey's Tavern (10am), with parade stepping off at 10:30 from corner of Citrus and Broadway. "Pot of gold" scavenger hunt, potato sack race, chalk-drawing competition, dog costume contest, cutest red-head child and cutest freckled child contests. Vendors, food (corned beef and cabbage!), craft beers. 760-414-9391. Saturday, March 17, 10am; free-\$10. Hennessey's Tavern -Vista, 224 Main Street. (VISTA)

Ranunculus Rainbows The Flower Fields with 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming again, open for touring. Visitors may stroll pathways or take wagon ride (\$5 general). Season passes available. 760-431-0352. Daily, 9am-6pm; through Sunday, May 13, free-\$11. Flower Fields, 5704 Paseo del Norte. (CARLSBAD)

SD UFO Society Guest speaker, Bob Dean, internationally known UFO researcher with firsthand knowledge of government involvement with alien life! Our second guest speaker, Bob Pepino, is the radio host for The Whole Agenda Show. He has personal close UFO sightings and missing time. Cost is a \$15 minimum donation. Alma, 619-925-8023. http://www.meetup. com/stargate-2012-and-beyondand-the-sd-ufo-society/ Sunday, March 18, 2pm; Joyce Beers Uptown Community Center, 3900 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

ShamROCK 2012 Party promises entertainment on three stages by the Young Dubliners and other bands, DJs, traditional Irish music with step dancers, more. Over 80,000 square feet of green Astroturf is rolled out for the fun, with food and libations from local venues offered. 619-233-5008. Saturday, March 17, 2pm; \$35-\$45. 21 and up. Gaslamp Quarter, Fifth Ave., between Broadway and Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

St. Patty's Day Parade and Irish Festival Celebrating the Spirit of Ancient Ireland! Irish food, beer gardens, live entertainment, folk singers, authentic Celtic village, Irish crafts, unique gifts, kids' zone with rides. Festival starts at 9am. Parade begins at 10:30am. *www.stpatsparade.org.* Saturday, March 17, 9am; Balboa Park, at 6th and Laurel. (BALBOA PARK)

Start a Garden from Seed Enjoy "a summer full of vegetables, fruits, and herbs," and learn seedstarting secrets during workshop led by gardening authority Nan Sterman. Cosmo chef Andrew shares food made "using the vegetables you'll learn to grow." 800-838-3006. Sunday, March 18, 1pm; \$75. Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant, 2600 Calhoun Street. (OLD TOWN)

Ukrainian Easter Eggs Complete two *pysanky* Easter eggs during these beginner classes. Intermediate class: March 24. Fee includes supplies. Registration: 619-742-2720. Saturday, March 17, 9am; \$25. 9 and up. Saint Mary Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 9558 Campo Road. (SPRING VALLEY) Whale Watching Adventures Hornblower Cruises leads 3.5-hour outings in search of migrating gray whales, with captains and naturalists from San Diego Natural History Museum on hand to help spot tails and teach guests more about the marine wildlife offshore. Reservations: 619-686-8715 or hornblower. com/whales. Sundays, 9:30am; through Sunday, April 15, free-\$40. Hornblower Cruises, 1066 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

World of Melody, Mood, and Rhythm Sufi Aashish Khan (sarode), Indrani Mukherjee (vocals), Arup Chattopadhyay (tabla) perform classical Indian music. 760-753-2860. Friday, March 16, 7:30pm; \$15-\$45. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Grief Coach Academy With Aurora Winter. Free Happiness on the House. Learn how to be happier...free! Register here: www. HappinessOnTheHouse.com. Or take a deeper dive and come for the full weekend and heal from death, divorce, breakups, heartbreak hosted by the Grief Coach Academy Healing Retreat March 31 + April 1. Details here: www. Healing Retreats And Coaching. com.Thursday, March 29, 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive. (RAN-CHO BERNARDO

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ART MUSEUMS

"John Baldessari: A Print Retrospective" National City native John Baldessari, who has been making art for decades, is one of the most influential artists working today. This retrospective including more than 100 works made between 1973 and 2010 in media as diverse as lithography, etching, photogravure, aquatint, photo intaglio, embossing, silkscreen, and more, is drawn from the collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and his family foundation. View this exhibition, representing "the largest offering of Baldessari's graphic oeuvre ever assembled," 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 this "concentration of five French 17th-century paintings" 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, 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 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)

"Pacific Horizons" "Melanesian Art from the Valerie Franklin Collection," on display through Friday, April 20, features objects from 19th century to middle of 20th. Exhibition showcases "a startling variety of visual forms and intellectual models and allows visitors to experience some of the finest art created in Melanesia."

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)



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Carved into the mountains, the Buddhist cave temples of Xiangtangshan in China were the "crowning cultural achievement of the sixth-century Northern Qi dvnastv." 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

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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)

"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)

"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

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Rhyme & Verse My Last Love *A poem by Fred Moramarco*

for Clarissa

My last love leapt into my life like a trapeze artist, flying across the air, arms outstretched, reaching toward me and I caught her, giving the crowd a scare.

I took her quickly into my heart where she nestled in the soft loam, waiting, getting ready to play her part, and she did, my last love leapt again

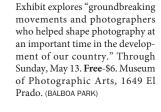
and I took her into my home to keep and my last love lasted longer my last love turned into a love so deep that it lingered long and our love grew stronger.

Our lives blended easily, no bother, hassle or fuss as two became three; not one: a he, a she, an us.

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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."





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Fred Moramarco was a poet, literary critic, professor of literature, producer, director, and actor. He was the founding editor of *Poetry International*, co-produced the award-winning *Hannah and Martin* at the Lyceum Theater in 2006, and performed at the Old Globe, the San Diego Rep, Sledgehammer, Diversionary Theatre, and with other San Diego theater

companies. He is the author and editor of several books, including *Containing Multitudes: Poetry in the U.S. since 1950; Men of Our Time*; and *Deliciously Italian.* "My Last Love" is from his 2010 collection *The City of Eden*, published by Laterthanever Productions, and is reprinted by permission. A much loved member of the Southern California literary and theater community, he died of a heart attack the evening before Valentine's Day, 2012. A memorial gathering, sponsored by the Department of English and Comparative Language, will be held for Fred Moramarco on the SDSU campus on March 18. The author's photo is by Paul Savage.

Find more poetry online at SDreader.com/poetry

BOOK SIGNINGS

Becoming Patrick Author Patrick McMahon reads from his memoir about "reconnecting with (his) family of origin after growing up adopted." Copies available for sale, signing. Saturday, March 17, 11am; **free**. La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The Craft of Stone Brewing Co. Enjoy book signing, beer, and food tasting with authors Greg Koch, Steve Wagner, and Randy Clemens, whose book is subtitled *Liquid Lore*, *Epic Recipes, and Unabashed Arrogance*. Friday, March 16, 7pm; free. 21 and up. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The First Girl Scout Author Ginger Wadsworth visits to discuss, sign her biography chronicling *The Life of Juliette Gordon* *Low* for young readers. Thursday, March 15, 7:30pm; **free**. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Consider Shawl Design Local hand-knitted shawl designer Michelle Miller, whose "ballerina shawl is currently one of the top three patterns on *Ravelry.com*," visits to discuss design process, sign her new book. 858-272-8185. Saturday, March 17, 11am; **free**. Needlecraft Cottage, 870 Grand Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

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"The Classicist" Explore Stravinsky's classical roots when La Jolla Symphony and Chorus continues "Stravinsky Circus" themed season. Program includes Mozart's "Overture to *The Marriage of Figaro*," the "Symphony No. 1 in C Minor" by Beethoven, Stravinsky's "Symphony in C" and "Ebony Concerto." Guest artist: clarinetist Curt Miller. 858-534-4637. Saturday, March 17, 7:30pm; Sunday, March 18, 2pm; \$15-\$29. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

2011 International Tchaikovsky Competition Winner Cellist Narek Hakhnazaryan performs for La Jolla Music Society's "Discovery Series." Program includes Grieg's "Cello Sonata in A Minor," Chopin's "Introduction" and "Polonaise Brillante," the "Sonata in D Minor for Cello and Piano" by Shostakovich, "Humoresque" by Rostropovich. 858-459-3728. Sunday, March 18, 3pm; \$5-\$30. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Don Pasquale Donizetti's "masterpiece of comic opera" is set in the Wild West in San Diego Opera's production. Cast includes bassbaritone John Del Carlo, soprano Danielle de Niese, tenor Charles Castronovo. Conductor is Marco Guidarini; David Gately directs. Performed in Italian with English translations above stage. Reservations: 619-533-7000. Friday, March 16, 8pm; Sunday, March 18, 2pm; \$50-\$210. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Concert Hour Enjoy recital by Palomar Premier Chamber Ensembles. 760-744-1150 x2317. Thursday, March 15, 12:30pm; **free**. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10), 1140 West Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Korean Cellist Jonah Kim performs "some of the greatest known cello music in the repertoire by romantics such as David Popper, Gabriel Fauré, Remo Giazotto, Mendelssohn, Franz Schubert, and Chopin." Pianist Hanchien Lee provides accompaniment in several selections. 760-451-8644. Sunday, March 18, 3pm; \$10-\$38. Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts, 2400 South Stagecoach Drive. (FALLBROOK)

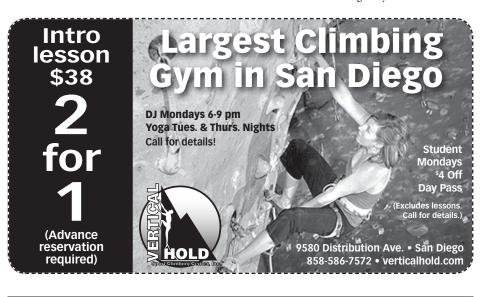
Mozart's "Turkish Concerto" San Diego Symphony joined by "rising young violinist" Augustin Hadelich for Mozart's "Violin Concerto No. 5 (Turkish)." Program includes Bruckner's "organ-like 'Symphony No. 4." 619-235-0804. Thursday, March 15, 7:30pm; Saturday, March 17, 8pm; \$20-\$96. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Murray Hills Strings Lee Wolfe, Marilyn Thomas (violins), Janet Mathews (viola), Willis Frisch (cello), Don Mathews (string bass) perform African American composer William Grant Still's "Danzas de Panama" as well as "pieces that have a South American style." 619-668-3281. Sunday, March 18, 3pm; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

COMEDY

Comedy Night at Doc's Saloon Enjoy comedy by Michael Gelbart, Patrick DeGuire, host Aaron Hughes. Recommended reservations: 562-786-3111. Friday, March 16, 8:30pm; \$10. 18 and up. Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q, 6955 El Camino Real. (CARLSBAD)

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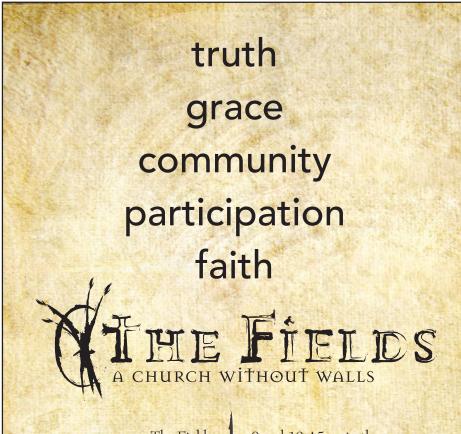


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Couples Sushi-Making Classes Master the art of sushi-making with executive sushi chef Jerry Warner. Learn to handle sticky rice, how to form a roll, and how to hand roll; basic characteristics of various kinds of fish; hands-on sushi-making and tasting of homemade sushi; where to purchase sushi items. The \$60 fee per person includes two sake tastings, sushi-rolling mat, ingredients. Reservations: 858-450-3355. Saturday, March 17, 12pm; Café Japengo, 8960 University Center Lane. (LA JOLLA)

Creamy Dreamy Risotto Making risotto doesn't have to be a nightmare, though it does require patience. When chef Arleen Lloyd leads "adventure into the land of risotto," learn about the rice, liquids, other ingredients. Friday, March 16, 6pm; \$65. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Drive, Suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

Great American Meat-Out Celebration Learn about becoming a vegan or just improving your eating habits. Guest is cookbook author, "culinary rising star" Lindsay S. Nixon. Sunday, March 18, 1pm; free. Evolution Fast Food, 2949 Fifth Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

Indonesian Street Food All over Indonesia, street vendors sell region's most popular foods. Cooking class explores an array of flavors, textures in select recipes making "great cocktail party fare." Required reservations: 619-295-0510. Thursday, March 15, 6:30pm; \$50. Williams-Sonoma, 7007 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

FOR KIDS

Science Family Day San Diego Science Festival hits the park, promising "science-related hands-on activities and special programs for kids of all ages" at many of the museums and cultural institutions. Enjoy a "DNA Moving Performance, featuring one of the world's longest DNA models (created by area science students)," parade down the Prado (11:15am). Children 12 and under free with paid adult admission at participating museums. Saturday, March 17, 11am; **free**-\$16. (BALBOA PARK)

"Material Science" Family Science Saturday in Tinkering Studio focuses on "the study of stuff." Understand how "stuff is put together, how it can be used, how it can be changed, and made better to do more amazing things." Saturdays, 10am; through Saturday, March 31, free. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Science of Sunlight and Sour Milk" In conjunction with park-wide Science Family Day, professional storyteller Harlynne Geisler "weaves magical tales around the Timken's painting, A View of Haarlemand Bleaching Fields, describing the science of how the Dutch people bleached their linen with sunlight and sour milk." 619-239-5548 x105. Saturday, March 17, 11am; free. 5 and up. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Tom Sawyer Drawing on Mark Twain's novel, Tom Sawyer's story "is brought to life with all of his friends" by Young Actors' Theatre Junior Division cast. 619-670-1627. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 2pm and 7pm; Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, March 25, \$12-\$15. Encore! Theater, 9620 Campo Road. (SPRING VALLEY)

Birds of the Sea The tiny storm petrel bird spends its entire life at sea, visiting shore only to lay its eggs, nest for a short period each year. Learn about oceangoing birds, discover how adaptations allow them to survive in a watery world during Sea Days program. Meet Scripps Oceanography scientists studying birds, learn about migrations and "best spots to catch a glimpse of these amazing creatures." Make a bird craft, enjoy story time. Included in admission (\$14 general). 858-534-7336. Saturday, March 17, 11am; Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Family Drop-In Day Explore, learn about art displayed in the museum through child-friendly tours and art making. For children ages 6-12. Included in museum admission (\$12). Sunday, March 18, 1pm; 6 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Magnetic Fun Use your own picture or take one in the photo booth, then create a quirky fridge magnet during "Crafty Sunday." Also, cut magnetic sheets into shapes to make frames for photographs. Sunday, March 18, 1pm; \$4. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Paper Airplane Festival Enjoy hands-on experiences, gain insight into science of flight by creating many types of paper airplanes. Group launch: 3pm. 619-234-8291. Saturday, March 17, 11am; **free**-\$17. San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

Science Family Day Young kids make take-home litter bugs in "Kid City," older kids make magical shrinking plastic key chains in Tinkering Studio, in conjunction with San Diego Festival of Science and Engineering. Free gallery admission all day. Saturday, March 17, 11am; Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Science and Engineering Sampler "Conservation with Critter Transmitters"! "Fixing a Broken Heart"! SDSU's College of Sciences and College of Engineering showcase interactive experiments and exhibits for K-12 students and families, alumni, science and engineering professionals, community members. Rain or shine. Saturday, March 17, 9am; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Spring Family Day Kids (12 and younger) invited to participate in events, including making a take-home craft project. Sign up for short cruise aboard historic *Pilot* (\$3 plus admission). Adults pay regular admission; children (under 13) accompanied by adult enter free. Sunday, March 18, 9am; **free**-\$14. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1492 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

What's a Camera Obscura? Check out a giant camera obscura and learn about "art and science of photography" during museum's Science Family Day festivities. Kids 12 and younger free with regular adult admission (\$8 general). Saturday, March 17, 11am; free-\$8. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

GALLERIES

"Bright Lights, Big City" Reception for PhotoArts group exhibition of photographs, digital art depicting daytime and night-life scenes in the big city. Closes Saturday, April 14. Thursday, March 15, 4:30pm; **free**. Coffee and Art Photographic Art Gallery, 777 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"Compuesto de Partes: A Heterogenous Study" Reception for exhibition of work by Daphne Hill, Debby and Larry Kline, Lee Puffer, Julia San Roman, Gail Schneider, curated by San Diego Mesa College Museum Studies Program. Question and answer with the artists: 6pm. Closes Thursday, March 22. 619-269-7230 or 619-388-2829. Sunday, March 18, 4pm; **free**. Space 4 Art, 325 15th Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Domestic Disobedience: Redefining the Feminine Space" Reception for exhibit uniting visual artists forging "a new space of Latina domestic defiance...from the emergence of the Chicano Movement to the present moment." Participating artists: Juana Alicia, Claudia Alvarez, Carolyn Castaño, Ana Teresa Fernández, Ester Hernandez, Amalia Mesa-Bains, Delilah Montova, Angelica Muro, Viviana Paredes, Isis Rodriguez Sonia Romero. Artist discussion follows in room G-101 (7pm). Closes Thursday, April 19. Thursday, March 15, 5pm; free. Mesa College Art Gallery, 7250 Mesa College Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

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"Fresh Talent" Reception for exhibit celebrating "talent of new and upcoming artists." Hollywood producer David Wiemers leads discussion with artists about their artistic process (6pm). Saturday, March 17, 4pm; free. La Jolla Art Association Gallery, 8100 Paseo del Ocaso, Suite B. (LA JOLLA)

"Line and Shadow" "A List" party and reception for exhibition of a series of drawings by local artist Alexander Jackson, promising live music by Erika Davies and the Advocators of Fun, food, drink. View these drawings responding "to both the architecture and history of the William Lumpkinsdesigned Rotunda Gallery" through

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Saturday, March 24, 858-454-5872. Thursday, March 15, 6:30pm; free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"The Art Show" "Cutting-edge graffiti art, stencil art, mixed media, and photography meet fine surf fashion." Art on display by Tocayo, Monstrinho, Charles Page, Christina Chomut, Chris Kepler. Music by DI hiXXen. Thursday, March 15, 6pm; free. Fowler's, 731 South Highway 101, Suite 1A3. (SOLANA BEACH)

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Lady, Parlour Regiment. Friday and Saturday, March 16 and 17, 7pm; free. Park Gallery, 4325 Park Blvd. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

LECTURES

"Apps for Genealogists on Any Platform" Judy Jiru speaks for Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego, following user groups for Family Tree Maker, MAC software, and DNA Genealogy. 858-412-4536. Saturday, March 17, 10:20am; free. Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

William Caxton (c. 1420-1492), an English merchant, was the first person to bring the printing press to England and was the first book-seller in England. A cloth trader, Caxton was drawn to the manufacturing and selling of a different sort of "texture" when he heard about the

"Brilliant Bulbs for the Drought-Tolerant Garden" Mary McBride of Mary's Garden shares tips for planting, maintaining bulbs, offers recommendations for specific bulbs "as the perfect accessory plant for any garden." Bulbs discussed during seminar offered for sale after talk (11am). Saturday, March 17, 10am; \$5-\$10. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

"Choices at the End of Life" Talk by Faye Girsh, president of Hemlock Society of San Diego, past president of Hemlock USA. Friday, March 16, 2pm; free, 18 and up.

printing press. In 1475, he brought the device to England and would produce about 100 books and other publications. The above prayer is the first work of Catholic spirituality printed in the English language.

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Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

"Creative Dialogues in Social Justice" Consider the topic with Kathryn Sorrels - a potter and CSU Northridge professor said to use "creative and dialogic methods to teach about issues of culture, gender, race, and social justice" in Commons room 206. Sorrels is author of Intercultural Communication: Globalization and Social Iustice. 760-750-8889. Thursday, March 15, 12pm; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

"Fruit Trees, Even in Small Spaces!" Bill Tall, founder and

trees and edible plants in small places when California Rare Fruit Growers gather in Student Center room 3450. Learn basics of container planting, companion planting, plant selection, training plants. Question and answer follows. Friday, March 16, 7pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE) "Highlights of the 2012 UFO

owner of City Farmers Nursery,

discusses best way to grow fruit

Congress" MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) consultant Terry Luallin shares information. 760-753-2456. Sunday, March 18, 6pm; free. 18 and up. Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canvon Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

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Lance Nelson, Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at USD, speaking on Hinduism, Wednesday, March 14. Rabbi David Castigilione, Temple Adat Shalom, speaking on Judaism, Wednesday, March 21. Jack Lindquist Adjunct Professor at USD and Religious Studies Canon at St. Paul's Cathedral, speaking on Christianity, Wednesday, March 28 Soup Supper at 6:00 pm: Presentations at 6:45 pm, Parish Hall. POWAY 16275 Pomerado Road (858) 487-2159

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"Identifying Sources of Bacteria in the Tijuana River" Where does bacteria in Tijuana River come from? The Tijuana River Bacterial Source Identification Study focuses on urbanized western portion of U.S. side of the watershed; learn key findings from this ongoing five-year study during Tijuana Estuary Speaker Series talk. Saturday, March 17, 10am; free. Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"Livable Landscape" Landscape architect Glen Schmidt,

whose "landscapes balance artistic expression with environmental sensitivity," addresses Friends of San Diego Architecture. Schmidt is currently working on an NTC brewery site and the planned Horton Plaza Park. Arrive early for coffee and an "architectural Moment," an image selected from the Ned Paynter Collection. Saturday, March 17, 9:30am; free-\$5. NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Reflections on Five Centuries of Sikh Tradition" Worldwide there are 25.8 million Sikhs; they make up 2 percent of India's population. Gurinder Singh Mann, the Kundan Kaur Kapany Chair in Sikh Studies at UC Santa Barbara, chronicles Sikh history and tradition, concluding with "emergence of the Sikhs as a global community." Saturday, March 17, 3pm; \$8-\$20. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Spirit as an Expression of New Architecture" San Diego architect Norm Applebaum plans talk sponsored by museum's Art Docent Council. Friday, March 16, 10am; \$8-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Electronic Environment for Research and Publishing" Is the transition from print to electronic research and publishing all to the good? Consider benefits, challenges posed by today's enormous electronic capacity when Stanley Chodorow addresses San Diego Independent Scholars in Price Center Forum Room. sagus@sbcglobal.net or 858-342-0866. Saturday, March 17, 1:30pm; free. UCSD Price Center, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"The Empowered Consumer" Learn "to get the most from your medical provider," gain tips on getting the most from your office visit, therapy, and more. Vials of Life and advance directive forms provided. Friday, March 16, 1pm; free. Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"The Right to Die as a Human **Right"** Mario Garrett — chair of SDSU's gerontology department speaks for Hemlock Society. 619-233-4418. Sunday, March 18, 1:30pm; free. Joyce Beers Uptown Community Center, 3900 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

"Thundersheets and Theatrics: Shakespeare's Theatre" Scott Paulson from UCSD Library and the Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra discusses "the sound effects and stagings of Shakespeare's plays" for "Speaking of Shakespeare" lecture series. Expect time to "make your own sound effects." 619-333-0141. Saturday, March 17, 12:30pm; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, (MISSION VALLEY)

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Shadow of Freedom: A Heroic Journey to Liberation, Manhood, and America Former child soldier Tchicaya Missamou discusses his "iourney to the American Dream and his memoir" in room LL-430. Missamou was born in 1978 in the Congo, escaped at 19 years old, eventually became a U.S. Marine and U.S. citizen, and is now owner of a personal training facility in Valencia. 619-594-4991. Thursday, March 15, 2pm; free. Malcolm A. Love Library, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Gospel Music Workshop Learn history, impact of gospel music, participate in singing, learn correct techniques with UCSD music director and MLK Community

Choir director Ken Anderson. No previous choir experience needed. Friday, March 16, 7pm; free. 18 and up. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

Nature-Inspired Color Combinations Mira Cole of Baah! Yarns shares "insights into the dyeing process." Her "entire assortment of hand-painted yarns" on display and for sale, March 15-20, 858-272-8185. Saturday, March 17, 1pm; free. Needlecraft Cottage, 870 Grand Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Vegetable Gardens 101 Turn your brown thumb green! Farmer Bill Learn discusses selecting a space for growing, what to plant and when, how to water and care for vegetable gardens. Sunday, March 18, 1pm; free. City Farmers Nursery, 4832 Home Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

What Is Laughter Yoga? Learn about this "worldwide mind-body exercise movement" when laughter yoga teacher, heart transplant recipient Linda LeVier shares ideas for using the techniques alone and in groups. RSVP: 760-845-6819. Thursday, March 15, 5pm; free. 18 and up. Vibra Rehabilitation, 3257 Camino de los Coches. (CARLSBAD)

SPOKEN WORD

Poetry Reading Michael Klam reads some of his original poetry, in conjunction with his art installation. 619-550-1818. Sunday, March 18, 1pm; free. Evolution Fast Food, 2949 Fifth Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

Sunset Poets Harry Griswold and members of his long-running "Pleasures of Poetry" workshop read from their work. Griswold reads from Camera Obscura and Emergency Release. Open mike follows. Host: Sandy Carpenter. 760-643-5100. Sunday, March 18, 2:30pm; free. 18 and up. Vista Library, 700 Eucalyptus Avenue. (VISTA)

SPORTS

Coast for Eight Miles! Knickerbikers head out for adventure on which bicyclists "are much more likely to see deer or turkey than an automobile," with a route "entirely downhill once we get on Sunrise Highway," Bring money for lunch at Major's following 29-mile ride. 858-450-0373 or 619-787-7427. Sunday, March 18, 9:30am; Major's Coffee Shop, 28870 Old Highway 80. (PINE VALLEY)

Coastal Lagoon Ride Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists for 50-mile ride promising a "nice lunch" (bring money). 619-647-3212. Saturday, March 17, 8:45am; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Walk for Water 2012 PCI hosts fourth annual event to commemorate UN-sanctioned World Water Day. Walkers encouraged to carry buckets of water along 5k path, "simulating the journey made by millions in developing countries every day." Sunday, March 18, 10am; \$20. Tecolote Shores Park. 1725 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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Bran, for roughage, to rush the dangerous stuff through. Guess she scared me, too. Or else I jes' wanted to be her favorite.

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Candy Bars: ever since, I've been looking for them. Or, next best, anything that tastes like them. Like, for instance, dulce de leche.

I blame Carla for my latest relapse. We were over on the sceptered isle, me keeping her company till she got to Diane's, the gal who frou-frous Carla's golden locks.

We go into a little Spanish-style building. Diane appears. Carla says to me, "See you at the usual place?'

She means Cafe 1134, at 1134 Orange Avenue. "Uh, sure, Sweet Chops, sure."

Which is how I end up loitering out in front of 1134, which is why I notice the place right next door. A candy store! Man, I tried to look the other way, think good savory thoughts, and ignore it. But, somehow, I'm soon walking zombie-style, arms straight out front, into Fuzziwig's Candy Factory. Talk about Willy Wonka. They have everything in this place, from big candy bars to Mallow Kababs to English toffee to American taffy to Stomp Rockets to Hello Kitty to candied apples, and, hey, chocolate and fudges made on the spot.

Customers, kids mostly, are foraging with bags in their hands, going from jar to jar and shoveling out Sour Patch Kids or TaffyTown wraps with names like "Cotton Candy," "Sour Peach," and "Key Lime."

"Bulk candy," says a handwritten sign, "\$2.75 ¹/₄ lb., \$10.99 lb."

The whole atmosphere is old-fashioned, but I like the left side of the store best. There, on glass shelves, sit homemade candied apples covered in chocolate; the chocolate is covered in layers of,

like, peanuts, or coconut. There's even one called "the apple pie" apple. Natalie, the gal behind the counter, says it's dipped in caramel, cooled a bit,

then dipped in white chocolate and rolled in cinnamon while still warm, so everything welds to the apple.

They have chocolate-dipped

that you're eating healthy while

you're sinning, so you feel like you can get away with it. So, aw, what the heck. Hour to kill. I get "the apple pie" apple. Natalie says that's the most popular, even though it costs \$7. She cuts it up for me, slices down the four sides of the stick so you have eight chewable chunks to attack. Never seen that before.

It's a relief, to be honest. Who knows how many broken teeth you'd get if you tried to bite into it whole?

truffles. They have every flavor, from mint to champagne to butter pecan. Set out above them is something called Coronado Crunch. It looks like moon rocks, with white chocolate covering "peanut butter, Rice Krispies, marshmallows, and chocolate chips," as a little card explains. Then there are peanut crumbles and fudges: chocolate, peanut butter, maple walnut...

"They make it all here?" I ask Natalie. Natalie looks toward a merry-looking lady with nutty chocolate. Natalie says, "Trish does. She's the owner."

Trish Grueser brings the tray over to a cutting



Candied apples

board behind the counter. She's going to cut the stuff up, I guess, and put it on display.

"Peanut clusters," she tells me. "Here, I'll show you the factory."

I follow her back to the kitchen, a little room behind the counter.

"This is just one of our stores," she says. She begins to prepare more peanut clusters. "Me, my husband Don, and our son Scott have 80 of them, franchises all over the country."

Say what? Here she stands in this little kitchen, slaving over a pot of melted chocolate and a tray of peanuts - and she runs a candy empire?

"It began so small," Trish says. "My husband Don was an old 'shoe dog' — that's what they called what he did. He would travel to Europe to buy the latest shoes for businesses like the May Company. But he wanted to retire, so we bought two Rocky Mountain Chocolate stores in Steamboat Springs, Colorado."

She says Rocky Mountain was a serious chocolate company, making chocolate the oldfashioned, "by hand" way. "They were good, but too serious. We wanted the old-fashioned stuff, but thought it would be good to lighten things up."

So they became Fuzziwig's. "We use the same methods as Rocky Mountain - no preservatives, all fresh products. But we also want the place to be fun."



Trish holds the result

Looks like the country has responded. "When we opened up here, Coronado loved on us," she says. "And we loved on them right back. We decided to stay in Coronado."

But...all these candies, the diabetes, and whatever? Doesn't she feel a little guilty?

"I eat chocolate," Trish says. "It's good for you. You shouldn't have too much, but some enjoyment in life does you good."

'Course, I have to go the other way - overboard. Gotta try those peanut clusters. And the fudge. Oh, and that wicked Coronado Crunch.

It's a shock when I get to the cash register. I've bought \$26.46 worth of candies. The apple, a turtle (chocolate, toffee, cashew nuts), the clusters, the Coronado Crunch. Oh, dear.

I head out into the street, wondering how I'm gonna sell this to Carla. I sample what I've wrecked the budget on. Mmm...peanut crunch, good; the Coronado Crunch, dee-freaking-licious. The oh-so-cinnamony "apple pie" candied apple: that's about to take the prize when I taste the maple walnut fudge.

And that's that. It's it. No contest whatsoever. Why?

It's the nearest thing to — *sigh* — my long-lost Swiss Cream Candy Bars.

And now here comes Carla.

"Sweetie!" she says. "How do I look? Ready for lunch? Say, what's that you're chewing?"

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The Place: Fuzziwig's Candy Factory, 1126 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-7290 Prices: Candy apples, \$7; Coronado Crunch, \$18.99 lb.; "Bulk candy," \$2.75 ¼ lb., \$10.99 lb. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to around 7:00 p.m., daily Buses: 901, 904

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Australian apricots, too. Thing about candy apples is

I take the apple outside, chomp on the pieces as I wander around. Got to say, it's way better than I remember candy apples. One, the actual apple — Granny Smith — is less sour than I thought it'd be. Two, the thin layers of caramel and chocolate under the cinnamon round out the flavor. It tastes new and interesting, the way it combines with the fresh apple flesh.

Hmm...keep half for Carla. Take it back inside for Natalie to wrap up.

While she does, oh, man, I'm looking at

coming from out back. She's got a tray loaded up

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The Huddle

The weekend breakfast crowd at the Huddle is a mix of hung-over twenty-somethings and family-type regulars who have likely been going

there for 20 years. The place has been around for a long time and has an old-school vibe, from the

chalkboard specials menu to the charm of the slightly crooked printing on the frequent diner card.

The food is straight-up diner food: omelettes and egg dishes, pancakes, french toast, and waffles. It's unpretentious and comforting. The fanciest thing on the menu is eggs benedict, though an employee does mention that they make their own Hollandaise sauce. Everything's \$6 to \$10.

Chicken and waffles seems like the right thing to do on a glorious morning. The chicken breading is a little on the heavy side, and pockets of greasy starch hide in the nooks and crannies. Still, there's a huge amount of chicken, and the meat is succulent and not fried to the point of desic-

cation. The waffles come with house-made apple butter spiced with cinnamon and a selection of preserves.

The Mac Huddle breakfast sandwich is somewhat outstripped by the chicken-and-waffle plate. It contains the magical trio of bacon, egg, and cheese, but the english muffin lacks panache and the home fries are charred and taste faintly of an unidentified tomato product.

Overall, even with the average food, the Hud-



Charmed by the Huddle's chalkboard

own beer, and you pay by decimals - exactly how much you drank. Like

prepaying at a gas station." "It's great for the customers, because they don't have to go up to the bar every time for a refill. And it's great for if you want to impress someone in the crowd going by — you can offer them a beer right there, from your 'private stock.' And, for us, it means faster service. The customer is in control"

dle is a nice respite from the kind of places that

give quirky names to pancakes and turn breakfast

into a \$40 meal. The service is friendly, and a

pair of diners can get out the door - stuffed

to the gills and filled with OJ and coffee — for

Pour Your Own Beer: A San

We're still at the Dragon's Den.

The Huddle, 4023 Goldfinch Street, Hillcrest.

At the back, it's a sushi bar, and crowded. A

They're sure having a good time. Mr. Makoto,

gang of staffers from a nearby Hyatt has come to

who has been making sushi for 25 years, is mov-

Posted March 3 by Ian Pike

further forward, in the

main saloon, tradition's

being smashed. I spot

this tall table with two

taps in the middle: self-

serve draft-beer taps.

for San Diego," says

Michael Lou, who runs

the place. "You give the

barman your credit card

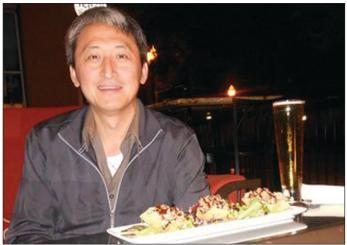
and then pay at the end.

The beer taps feed keg

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"These are a first

Posted March 2 by Ed Bedford



Michael Lou at the Dragon's Den: "We've gone fusion and put [Peking duck] in tostadas."

Duck at the Park

Oh boy, a great happy-hour find down by the ballpark: Dragon's Den, 315 Tenth Avenue, East Village. Right across from the ballpark and the Tilted Kilt.

Every time I'd gone past in my stretch limo (the #11 bus), I'd seen this bar in the bottom corner of the Carnation building, but with a patio loaded with comfy chairs and firepits. For the East Village fat cats, I'd think.

Tonight I was heading down Tenth on foot and saw the wipe-board signs outside: "Happy Hour, 3 to 7pm, Monday through Saturday. Dollar-off draft beers, \$4 wells, \$5 house wines." It also says, "Pet friendly. Bring your dog." That's a good move. Everybody in East Village seems to have a dog — or cat — under their arm this time of night.

Now I'm inside. It's big, with an island bar and more stuff behind. I sidle up to the bar and get the cheapest beer possible, because I want room for food if they have it in happy hour.

James the barkeep swings me a 12-ounce draft Bud Light for \$3. He says, yes, they have HH food and hands me a menu.

You could get a California roll, eight pieces for \$5. Other interesting stuff goes for \$1.50 to \$2 off the regular price. So three dragon balls are down to \$4.50 from \$6. Crispy egg rolls

are \$4 for two chicken or four vegetarian. Four panko prawns are \$4.50, with lemongrass dipping sauce...in other words, it's pretty much Asian. These are all "small bites." Medium bites include kung pao tofu platter with rice and salad for \$7, which sounds a deal. And I see fish and chips for \$8. But what catches my attention is the crispy aromatic duck tostadas shell, three for \$8. I know it's top HH dollar, but duck?

"Can I eat it out by the

fire pit?" I ask James. "Oh, sure. No problem. Just let me go light it. Warm you up out there."

Glad to hear it. Because it's dusk, and the temps are falling with the sun.

Ten minutes later, it's me, flames flickering through the tall glass, electric bubbles floating up. Bud never looked so good. And when Julius, who's the "exposé" (which is the name of his job, the guy who brings out the presentation new to me) brings out three shells loaded with chopped duck and I don't know what-all else, I know I've found me a doozy.

"It's like Peking duck," says Michael Lou. He's the guy in charge who's passing by. "Aromatic, crisp, with Hoisin sauce and traditionally served in paper-thin pancakes. But we've gone fusion and put them in tostadas."

They come with chopsticks and fork and a nice linen napkin on a porcelain long plate. Does that matter? Well, it feels good eating happy hour and not having to pull bits of Styrofoam from vour teeth.

The duck's tangy but with a sweetness to it. The shells fall away like rocket boosters ejected at stage two. The flames are good warmers, and I decide this one's a keeper. Better get back here a few times before baseball season starts.

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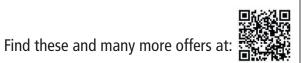


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Hits and Misses in the Pearl Hotel Restaurant

Of all the specialty cocktails on the drink menu at the Pearl Hotel, the Marie Antoinette looked the sexiest. Pearl plum vodka, champagne, lavender syrup, and grapefruit juice. Two days hence, I still regret not trying it. Instead, I opted for beer, as did my two companions. S went for the Alesmith IPA. N and I had the Karl Strauss Windansea Wheat Hefeweizen.

We ordered the blue cheese bacon-wrapped dates (\$8), based on a server's recommendation. When N asked which appetizer we should share along with the cornmeal-crusted calamari (\$8), the server said, "Definitely the bacon-wrapped dates. They're, like, the best thing ever."

They sounded like an interesting combination of delights, similar to the bar/restaurant itself, which boasts cute, friendly servers, a hip, midcentury aesthetic, and some quirky (read: bizarre) details in the decor.

Unfortunately, the dates proved to be a bit much. I wanted to love them. I think N did, too. S was skeptical about the dates, but she was game to give them a try. After one bite, however, she said, "It's like candy that should not be candy. I'm just gonna eat the bacon." Suffice to say, of the five pieces that came with the dish, two remained on the plate when



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Strange, overwrought details aside, the general atmosphere at the Pearl is both elegant and casual. The restaurant's bathroom sinks alone are worth a peek, and the carpeted snuggle area tucked into the back left corner of the space provides not only a bit of privacy but also a stack of games (Jenga, Battleship, etc.) to, say, jazz up a first date. And then there's that Marie Antoinette. She's still calling my name.

Posted March 2 by Elizabeth Salaam

OB Smoothie Bar & Sub Express

With its tiny interior and minimal seating, this little juice bar and sandwich shop would probably get passed by if it didn't have the most garish façade on the seedy stretch of Newport Avenue that makes up the main commercial thoroughfare in Ocean Beach.

To be fair, it stands out in a cool way: more "get noticed at Burning Man" than "wear white to a funeral."

Despite its small size, OB Smoothie Bar sports an impressive menu of sandwiches, smoothies, coffee, and juices. Prices are reasonable, with wraps going for \$4.50 and the median price for the larger sandwiches about \$6.25.

A California Surf Sub with steak, cheese, avocado, and jalapeños looked like just the ticket, but the steak was 86'd for the day. An Italian Club had to pinch hit. It was okay. Turkey, ham, Swiss, and bacon do not an Italian sub make. Still, the whole-wheat bread was nicely toasted.

Smoothies are reasonably priced at \$4.25 for a small, \$5 for a large, and \$6 for a massive 32-ounce cup. The Smoothie Bar blends a delicious smoothie, many with frozen yogurt, milk, or sherbet.

OB Smoothie Bar & Sub

Express, 5001 Newport Avenue. Posted March 1 by Ian Pike

Gluten-Free Vegan Cupcakes at Cupcakes Squared

I planned a surprise party for my mom who was coming from Boise, Idaho to celebrate her 67th birthday. Mom's on a gluten-free diet. The last time she spent her birthday here in San Diego, we found some gluten-free cupcakes at a local bakery. She loved them.

This visit, however, she came with a new set of rules from her doctor, one of which limits the amount of eggs and dairy she can have. So I went in search of a vegan, gluten-free cupcake.

I asked around and called all over town. Several of the cupcake bakeries said they could offer gluten-free *or* vegan, but not both. A couple of them said, "Well, we can try." I did plan to purchase regular cupcakes for the gluten-and-dairy-tolerant party attendees, but because the birthday girl would be the guest of honor, I needed her cupcakes to be a bit more than "we can try."

I finally got lucky with Cupcakes Squared in Point Loma. Not only were they the only bakery I could find with a gluten-free, dairy-free cupcake that had been tried and tested, but it was also a carrot cake — Mom's favorite.

Along with the two-dozen minis for my mom, I also ordered eight each of the lemon, mocha Baileys, and red-velvet minis. Had I not mentioned that the carrot cupcakes were GF/DF, I doubt anyone would have known. My older brother ate between seven and ten cupcakes. Mom had four on the day of the party, two more the next day, and then took the final five or six home on the plane with her.

Please note: the lemon, red velvet, and mocha Bailey cupcakes are not gluten-free or dairy-free.

> Posted March 1 by Elizabeth Salaam







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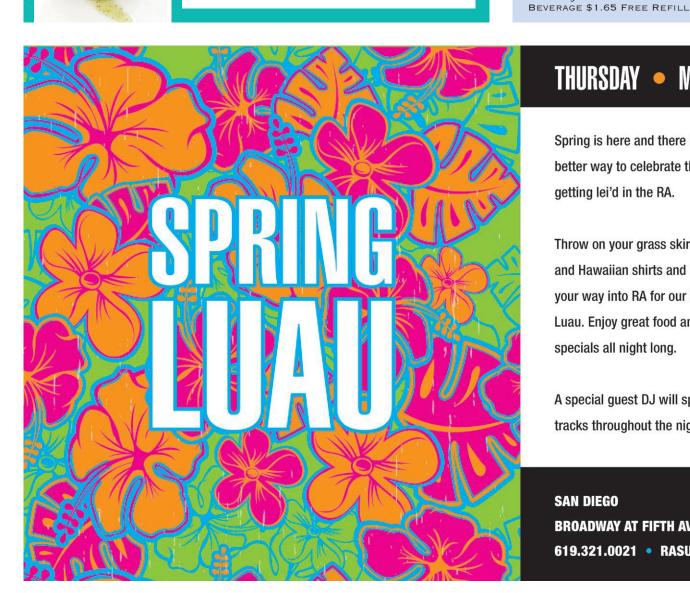
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Harbor Surprise: Soup for the Soul (and Croutons for the Seagulls)

Heading for the cruise terminal to take a cruise to Mexico...sigh, kidding.

But I was there at the bottom of Broadway when I thought I'd get me a little coffee to keep me going. Right next to the ferry landing there's this Bay Café (1050 North Harbor Drive) jutting out on stilts over the water. It's where all the tourists go to put something in their gut before they head out to sea on their cruise. Their harbor cruise.

I'm just inside when I spot this little chalkboard .: "Special: ½ Caesar, ½ Soup Day, \$7.50."

So I order the joe. It's \$2.25. Not the cheapest, but okay, we're in tourist land. Then —

the biting cool breeze? — I can't resist the idea of a nice, hot soup. I order the special.

Here's the thing. The guy, John, says today's soup is roasted red pepper and smoked gouda. Wow. Sounds classy. I was expecting a bowl of Campbell's tomato, at best.

What he brings is this red, cheesy, rich bowl with a really good aroma, a big (for a halforder) splat of Caesar salad beside it, and two nicely crisp but tender, hot bread sticks to dunk in the soup.

The clincher is the pontoon down the ramp outside. It's next to the souvenir shop in the Mississippi riverboat knock-off. They have tables down there that put you right on the water, with the harbor cruise boats honking and turning around and waters lapping. If you can handle the seagulls (they'll stare you down), it's a little treat all its own.

So, touristy? Sure, but you have to get down here with the water by your tootsies and the salt air to realize this is your bay, too. Posted March 7 by Ed Bedford

Monday Night Pizza and Beer Special at **Alexander's**

Naomi Wise gave a thorough look at this North Park Italian eatery back in 2008, but what she didn't mention (though I don't think it was offered at the time, and even now Alexander's website and menu keep it a secret) was the Mondayevening pizza special.

If you've avoided Alexander's because of its higher prices (entrées average around \$20), this is the night for you. From 5 p.m. to close, Alexander's cheese pizzas go for \$6 (normally \$10), and toppings are \$2 each.

Specialties such as the Blondie (sliced red potato, rosemary, applewood-smoked bacon, chives, and crème fraîche) and the White Room (white elephant garlic, chicken, fresh basil, ricotta, and mozzarella on a pesto base) are \$12, nearly half off their usual price.

Even better, select bottled beers go for a buck. Just drop a dollar in the glass and grab an oat soda of your choice (Lost Coast and Abita were on hand yesterday) from the ice bucket.

The catch? The special applies to the bar only, which sits about 15 - so get there early.

Alexander's, 3391 30th Street.

Posted March 6 by Chad Deal

Smashburger Hillcrest

Smashburger franchises are springing up all across the country. Texas is currently winning the race to have the most Smashburgers (who knew Texans were into burgers?), but San Diego has nine or ten within the bounds of the county.

On a recent Reader blog, it came up that there's some ambiguity as to where a place like Smashburger fits on the local food chain. The burgers start at about \$5, so there's some distance from Jack in the Box or In-N-Out...but what does that mean?

The \$4.99 Classic Smashburger is 100% Angus beef served on a brioche-like egg bun. It's topped with American cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, ketchup, and 'smash sauce." Judged on its own merit, it's pretty good. It falls apart if you so much as look at it wrong, and it makes a righteous mess in the eating, but it's not overcooked and the toothsome bread is about as far from sawdust-textured indus-

trial baking as could be. As far as this "smashing" process goes, it flies in the face of the accumulated wisdom of generations of burger cooks who would affirm that smashing the burgers is a bad idea, that it makes for driedout patties.

Smashburger doesn't have a

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problem with drying out the patties — it seems the restaurant uses ground beef with a high fat ratio. What that means is that the burgers are succulent but super greasy.

For sheer tastiness, they're not much better than In-N-Out. It's cool that the meat is of good quality, but the primary flavors are still "fatty" and "salty." Despite the apparent image that the marketing department at Smashburger would like to convey, there's not a lot of elegance in the burger.

To its credit, Smashburger does offer a better variety than the drive-through joints. There are lots of sauces, different breads, and plenty of toppings to choose from. The side dishes have some nice touches, too. Fried pickles (\$2.29) are awesome. The veggie frites (\$2.99) are a charming alternative to french fries.

Also, Smashburger sells beer. Smashburger, 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest.

Posted March 6 by Ian Pike



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Starbucks: Summer Wine?

Wine and cheese at Starbucks? Make that wine and beer and

a kind of tapas menu with small plates and savory dishes. At least in Coronado (Starbucks, 960 Orange Avenue).

The idea has been in beta testing in Seattle and other locations, including Sun Valley, Idaho, and Portland, Oregon. The baristas were vague this morning, but they said it was definitely coming.

It sounds like summer could be a good bet. The idea has a good ring to it: hot summer nights, a loaf of bread, a glass of wine, a book, an iPad, a cup of joe, and thou...

This is likely to be San Diego's first. The already profitable store would be competing with Café 1134, a block south, and Tartine, a coffee/gourmet food place a mile north on First Street, both of which serve food and have a wine-and-beer license.

Who's gonna be next? Starbucks North Park? Posted March 6 by Ed Bedford

Teriyaki Chicken Bowl: Tokyo Grill

The mall at Otay Ranch has only a handful of quick-serve eateries, and Tokyo Grill is the one my daughter and I frequent most often. Though I do prefer sit-down sushi, I like that it's available at the mall if I so choose (which I often do).

Pookie is mad for the teriyaki chicken bowl. It comes with a choice of steamed rice, fried rice, or lo mein. She could eat steamed rice by the bucket, so that's what she gets. The dish

also comes with vegetables (usually one or two pieces of broccoli and a cabbage leaf or two), which she never eats.

The best things about the teriyaki chicken bowl at Tokyo Grill are its simplicity and the fact that the chicken is real not the processed sliced stuff I've seen in other teriyaki chicken bowls.

At \$5.49, it's not the least expensive we've had, and it surpasses others we've spent more on. And Pookie always eats it up.

> Posted March 6 by Elizabeth Salaam

One of SD's Best Damn Beer Events

It takes balls to call a beerbased business in San Diego the best damn anything. All over the county, brewery, beerbar, and retail-shop owners are working their beer guts off scrambling to put out the best suds around.

Yet the Best Damn Beer Shop, the craft beer emporium taking up a third of downtown's Super Jr. Market, makes a serious case for being tops among local bottle shops.

Owner Sid Mikhail has built up a voluminous and ever-bettering treasure trove of craft beers funneled in from all over the world. Keeping such a beery inventory bloating to (and sometimes beyond) capacity is no easy task. Yet, in addition to keeping BDBS' impressive inventory onpoint, he also organizes massive events where attendees can down more rare specialty beer in one night than many will all year.

The most recent of these free-for-alls was the Best Damn Night of the Barrels, which took place Saturday, February 25, at Downtown

What the Chef Eats by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

CRABBY MAC & CHEESE BALLS TOMMY FRAIOLI

Executive Chef, Sea Rocket Bistro

Growing up, I was always in the kitchen helping my dad and grandparents cook. Coming from a Greek and Italian background, food was a major part of our culture, and eating and preparing delicious food was something we did every day. Often, I'd also help out at church functions when they needed a hand in the kitchen. My first experience with restaurants came after graduating from high school, when I started working at a local eatery called Café Deva. I loved everything about it.

When I moved to San Diego to go to college, I took a position with Boudin Bakery and subsequently worked at various other restaurants.

Johnny Brown's.

The event featured dozens of hard-to-come-by brews ranging from booze-barrel-aged imperial stouts and porters to Belgian sours, tripels, and quadruples. There were even some single and double IPAs, as well as a triple IPA (Dogfish Head 120-Minute IPA, to be exact) which, almost inconceivably, was a back-up beer for when they ran out of something even more rare.

> Posted March 6 by Brandon Hernández

including Bing Crosby's, where I worked my way up to sous chef. Last February, I joined the staff at Sea Rocket Bistro, where I get to create amazing dishes with food from local farmers and growers.

This past January, I participated in ChefDance at the Sundance Film Festival with Chad White [partner and former executive chef at Sea Rocket Bistro] and other San Diego chefs.

ChefDance is an annual event attended by movers and shakers in the film and television industries, highlighted with fare by some of the nation's best chefs. It was one of the coolest things I've ever experienced. We made some pretty crazy dishes and used a lot of liquid

La Fuente, After a

This place is best known for a

group of drag queens that mer-

cilessly kicked the crap out of

each other in a massive brawl

about a year ago, but it's also a

place to get a late-night taco.

It's also a place on University

Avenue in Hillcrest that is home

Here's the rub: I've found it

Whether out of a sense of

obstinacy or of hope, I've vis-

ited La Fuente over and over.

because it's convenient for me.

to some popular clubs.

to be, at best, mediocre.

Year of Infamy

nitrogen. For the majority of the time we were in Park City, we spent 16-hour days in the kitchen creating dishes like sea urchin ceviche and a dessert that featured grape air, burnt banana paper, and pot de crème.

I love experimenting with food like this, but I'm also a really simple guy. I cook for my friends and, a lot of the time, I barbeque. For Thanksgiving this year, I made an 11-pound New York strip steak wrapped in bacon and pasted with fresh herbs. I also roasted a turkey and made stuffing, bread pudding, peas and mushrooms, and crab mac & cheese.

INGREDIENTS (Serves 6–8 as an appetizer)

I've been plagued by disappointing burritos there — some were too heavy and oily, others lacked anything to distinguish themselves. And La Fuente once served me the worst California Burrito I've ever had.

But I've finally found something there that is, if not exceptional, at least adequate. The adobada burrito (\$4.99) wasn't fouled by inferior sauce or cooked into jerky. Instead it was dressed simply with chopped onions and cilantro. The salsa for the roast pork was spicy, light, and perfectly suited to the spare preparation. True,



Chef Tommy Fraioli

2 T olive oil ¹/₂ stalk celery (diced) 2 c lump crabmeat 1 box of macaroni and cheese (like Kraft) 1 c cheese (I like Muenster) 1 cup of flour 1 egg, lightly beaten 1–2 cup breadcrumbs 1 cup vegetable oil

HOW TO DO IT In a medium pan, heat the oil and sauté celery and crab until the celery is bright. Cook box of macaroni and cheese according to instructions and keep warm. Add crab

> it was almost more of a giant street taco, with its minimalist aesthetic, but it wasn't half bad.

It's tough to outright recommend La Fuente, but it opens at eight every morning and doesn't close until 3 a.m. most nights, later on Friday and Saturday. At some point, if you're out in Hillcrest, it's going to be the only option for a late-night feed. When that happens, stick with the adobada, and run like hell if any angry ladies show up in size 14 pumps.

Posted March 5 by Ian Pike





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What the Chef Eats

and celery mixture to the prepared macaroni and cheese and then add the 1 cup extra cheese (or more — the cheesier, the hetter)

Set up a mini-station lining up a dish of flour, a bowl of the beaten egg, and the breadcrumbs. When the macaroni and cheese is cool, roll into little balls. Dredge the balls in flour, then egg, then breadcrumbs so they are nicely coated.

In a large fry pan, heat the vegetable oil to about 375 degrees. Drop in macaroni and cheese balls and cook until they are nice and crispy (about 3 minutes). Serve hot with a dip-

ping sauce of your choice. (I love bacon-flavored ranch mixed with hot sauce.)

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> horchata, but also some wonderfully refreshing alternatives with cucumber or watermelon as the primary flavors.

One of the ultimate streettaco flavors, cabeza, is the best when it's good. All the flavorful, tender little bits and pieces that can be harvested from a cow's head are stewed together in a rich sauce. It can be intoxicatingly flavorful.

At the taco shop in the market, the cabeza tacos are top shelf; \$5 buys three. Top them off with salsa and chopped onions and try not to let any of the juice escape.

If cabeza seems a bit too adventurous, the stand also has chicken and carne asada for the taco meats, as well as a bunch of chiles rellenos for sale.

Posted March 4 by Ian Pike

Vegan Pizza at **Stephanie's Bakery** This little Voltaire Street bakery and café in Ocean Beach has a

bohemian vibe that's in keeping

with its vegan-organic menu.

It's a small store along a quieter

block of the sometimes rowdy

The focus seems to be on

vegan cakes and cupcakes, but

Stephanie's also does vegan

pizza and sandwiches. The

pastries can also be purchased,

according to a sign in the window, at the Lazy Humming-

bird coffee shop in the same

Inside the sleepy shop, the

staff doesn't seem to be in any

kind of hurry. There's no yelling

or high-energy shenanigans,

which is somehow fitting as a

hippie enclave sending out a

mellow vibe that differs from

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conventional pizza place. But because of this, it takes 20 minutes to get a pizza, even when Stephanie's is otherwise empty of customers. Seriously, though, relax and enjoy a little fresh air — this is the beach! It's really only five more minutes of waiting, as compared to most other pizza shops.

the machismo and noise of a

Someone at Stephanie's knows their way around bread dough, and the crust has great flavor. Pizza dough often benefits from sitting around for a long time at refrigerator temperature before it's baked, and the best pizza makers take advantage of this. Stephanie's dough has the suppleness and complex taste that seems to come from a generous fermentation period. This alone might be reason enough to win over some non-vegans. The other





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El Patio: No Carne **Asada for Three** Months

I'm kicking myself, that I didn't get in there and try it.

I was outside El Patio de Old Town (261 San Diego Avenue, Old Town) one night where a mariachi with a beautiful voice was holding court under the California pepper trees. The delicious smoke of carne asada wafted out across the path where you walk under flowering giant yucca plants. The rancho timber fence was made for leaning and listening.

That's what I did for 15 minutes. But I never went in and tried the carne asada. Woulda coulda shoulda.

February 20, a fire burst out in El Patio at around four in the

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morning. Early drivers on I-5 first spotted the flames at 4.30 a.m. The fire department got there promptly enough to limit the damage to the kitchen and

a storage area. It's not that the building is super historic. It was built in 1945. But I talked with Tracy Ford, who works across the way at Miner's Gems and Minerals. Tracy says the blaze also burned the roof and back wall of the little Chinese import store Gum Saan ("Land of the Golden Mountain," the old Chinese name for California).

Both buildings will have to be rebuilt to historic standards, so the repair operation will cost about \$1 million — an SDFD estimate.

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three to four months before we can chomp carne asada again under the pepper tree and listen to those mariachis in the cool evening air.

Posted March 5 by Ed Bedford

The Hillcrest Farmers' Market... for Tacos!

Let's ignore, for a second, the fact that the Sunday market in Hillcrest (it's by the DMV building on Normal Street) is one of the better places to score fresh fruit and vegetables in San Diego. Let's ignore that in order to focus on the taco stand in the food court.

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thing about vegan pie is that it's less greasy than the conventional stuff. True, this saps some of the indulgence out of digging into a pizza.

Priced between \$17 and \$23, Stephanie's pizzas aren't cheap, but the organic ingredients command a premium price. The most expensive Supreme Pizza — with spinach, artichoke hearts, sun-dried tomatoes, olives, red onions, and vegan pepperoni - is generously assembled, and a large is sufficient to stuff two people for lunch.

Probably the biggest disappointment for non-vegans will be the cheese. Soy cheese just doesn't melt the same way, and the gooey, stringy, chewy texture that's so beloved to a lot of pizza eaters isn't going to be there. Still, the combination of flavorful crust, good sauce, and fresh veggies is a winner for Stephanie's, and a lot of people may appreciate a healthier pizza as a break from the greasy, cheesy mess that it usually is. Stephanie's Bakery, 4879 Voltaire Street.

Posted March 10 by Ian Pike

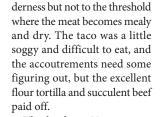
First Look at Taco Banh

It isn't fair to pass judgment - harsh or otherwise - on a place the first day it's open for business. So consider this impression of Taco Banh as an opinion-in-progress. The little Vietnamese-Mexican fusion shop in the space recently vacated by Caffe Vergnano on Fifth Avenue is exciting enough in its potential to warrant a Day One assessment.

The interior isn't much changed from the decor of the coffee shop. Everything is still spare black and blonde. The overall look fits the Asianfusion motif at least as well, if not better, than it did the slick, Euro feel of Caffe V. Really, this is a pretty cool spot, all things considered.

At present, the menu is pretty sparse, with salads, tacos, banh (sandwiches), and larger plates that feature the four proteins the kitchen has available: beef, chicken, pork, and tofu.

At \$3, the price for a taco is reasonable, considering the decent size. A beef taco featured short ribs that had been brazed almost to the point of no return - the kitchen took it to the point of nearly liquid ten-



The banh mi, Vietnamesestyle sandwiches that occupy the \$8 mid-point of the menu, feature the same meats as the tacos. Out of the gate, it's impossible to ignore that Taco Banh's sandwiches get tossed into a panini press before they're served. This is a little unorthodox and compresses the bread in a way that compromises the texture of an ideal banh mi. Had it not been pressed, the bread seemed like it would have been perfect for making sandwiches in the Vietnamese fashion.

The pork is quite nice, though not as perfectly prepared as the beef, and it is definitely a little leaner than the carnitas it most closely resembles. The sandwiches don't contain a huge amount of meat, which is actually acceptable. What seems to be missing most is the flavorful assortment of fresh and pickled vegetables with which banh mi are usually trimmed. Arugula and a





few pickles aren't quite up to the task of adding the piquancy and crisp, fresh snappiness that characterizes the best banh mi.

Still, Taco Banh has a lot of potential, and it will be interesting to see how the restaurant develops in the coming weeks as the crew adjusts to the needs and appetites of the local clientele.

A beer-and-wine license is said to be in the works, which will add incentive for passersby to drop in.

Taco Banh, 3850 Fifth Avenue.

Posted March 10 by Ian Pike

Fish Fetish: Frutas

As an expression of gratitude for a wild upbringing, every Friday morning my partner Heather takes her childhood Nana to get her hair done, followed by a weekly brunch. This usually takes place at Frutas in Chula Vista, where I am a sucker for the salmon tortas.

We usually split this avocadofilled, Mexican-style, fish sandwich in half. I have to take the jalapeños out of my side, though, since I'm a wimp when it comes to spicy food. I have to say, the texture of the torta bread and salmon are in perfect harmony with the flavor of fresh avocados, onion, tomato, and mayo - it's a synesthesia between the senses of taste and touch. And the \$6.25 price is more than fair, based on the size of this thing.

Frutas has been in business for ten years and has recently opened a new location in National City. They specialize in fresh fruit juices and smoothies, with soy- and lactose-free options. It's a unique regional hybrid with a menu offering traditional Mexican *liquados* mixed with a bit of Jamba Juice aesthetics and a focus on healthy eats. They even have a drink called Raise the Dead, which consists of oranges, carrots, beets, celery, lemon, and salt — the theme seems to be dealing with a hangover.

There are no burritos or tacos - we're talking salads, sandwiches, and tortas. Whereas many taquerias don't offer fish or veggie tortas (on the menu, at least), Frutas has a choice between tuna, crab, veggie, or salmon tortas in addition to the regular meat options.

Surprisingly, Nana, who is hard to please in her 70s, loves Frutas!

Frutas, 616 Broadway. Posted March 8 by Bobby Bray Take a Hikey, Mikey.

"They hired him to improve the morning-show ratings and he ended up bringing them down like a big anchor." That's how one employee at a competing modern-rock station described Mike Esparza's two years at FM 94/9. *The* is that Esparza had about ten months left on a three-year contract that paid him an estimated \$300,000 yearly, according to one inside source. If the station, owned by Lincoln Financial Media, maintains Esparza was fired for cause, they would not

the inside track

Mikey Show was yanked off the air in a whirlpool of bad ratings, on-air rants about competitors, and negative reactions from fans who liked 94/9 for its music, not its talk. have to pay him the balance of his salary. General manager Rick Jackson would not comment on why Esparza was released, but he did say that the contract was no



Namesake radio-show host Mikey Esparaza fired amidst flurry of speculation as to why.

Esparza was told he would no longer be part of the *Mikey Show* on March 7.

There were many unanswered questions about the separation. What is known longer in effect. Last month, morning sports-talk host Scott Kaplan was fired by AM station XX 1090 for calling a female sports reporter "Sasquatch." Some speculated that Esparza's acidic tirades got him fired. Last year, 91X program director Garrett Capone was the target of on-air characterassassination slurs, accusing Capone of beating up specialneeds kids in the classroom.

But Jackson seemed to dash that theory. "It had nothing to do with [Esparza's] on-air performance."

A Facebook fan wrote that she hoped Esparza's departure wasn't health-related. Esparza admitted frequently on air that he had been a substance abuser. On his Mikey Show blog, Esparza wrote these two entries last month: "I think I may be in a mid-life crisis of epic proportions," and, "I'm going through what professionals call a rough patch." Jackson said that issue "had nothing to do" with Esparza's termination.

The fate of the three remaining sidekicks was unclear. Jackson said last Friday that, starting Monday, former *Mikey Show* cast members Steve Woods, Lauren O'Brien, and Jay Isbell would be joined by program director Garett Michaels and that those four would work as an ensemble for an indefinite period. He says a permanent decision about mornings may take awhile.

The big change is that the station that brands itself with "It's about the music" will start playing music in the mornings again, spinning four to eight songs an hour. Jackson says the listener response on the phones and via email was evenly split



FM 94/9 morning team (Jay, Woods, and L.O.B., left to right) rudderless without Mikey?

between those who liked Esparza's removal and those who did not.

Whatever triggered the firing, Jackson says, "We were not prepared for this."

Even Esparza's arrival at FM 94/9 in January of 2010 was tumultuous. It was no secret that 94/9 was looking to improve its morning numbers, which were not on par with the rest of the day. The Mikey Show at Rock 105.3 was regularly number one with listeners aged 18-34. Working without an agent, insiders say Esparza got Lincoln Financial to commit to pay more than \$1 million a year to have Esparza and his four sidekicks at Rock 105 pick up and move across town. But what Esparza failed to tell Lincoln Financial was that he could not deliver

105, where they called their program *The Show.* This left Esparza scrambling to put together a new *Mikey Show* lineup. Insiders say a new, lesslucrative contract was drawn up. None of the new *Mikey Show* cast members had prior on-air experience. Esparza picked all his *Mikey Show* sidekicks at both stations.

his sidekicks. When Esparza

told the four that he had set

all told Esparza they weren't

interested and stayed at Rock

up this deal to jump ship, they

The monthly Arbitron ratings were not good. In fact, some months in 2011 the *Mikey Show* did not even make the top 20 with listeners aged 18–34. It is thought that many who loved 94/9's eclectic playlist were driven away from the station by Es's act. *Rolling Stone* said in 2006 that FM 94/9 was one of four stations that "don't suck."

Jackson did say that there are no plans to switch 94/9's

music format.

The Mikey Show took over the Rock 105 morning slot in 2004, replacing Howard Stern who segued to satellite radio. — Ken Leighton

Plague of Kittens. We

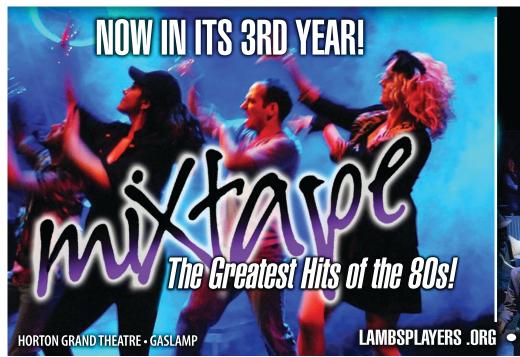
asked a dozen local musicos the best and worst things about their neighborhoods. Mark Haemmerle (Star-

crossed): "Clairemont is conveniently located and has cheaper rent, but it's kinda ghetto, and we have neighbors with big RVs blocking driveways, drug dealers down the street, and we've had fires in the canyon. Oh, and a plague of kittens being born."

Harry Mestyanek (Folding Mr. Lincoln): "The best thing about South Park is its diversity, the worst thing is the skunks."

Mike Pinto: "I live in Leucadia, and when I come home from tour, it's great to be in a place that's nice and quiet. Then, about three weeks later, I can't stand the silence anymore. The Coaster can drive you crazy, too."

Miki Vale: "The best thing about Grant Hill is that it's very culturally diverse, and people are very friendly. The worst thing is the tagging on inappropriate surfaces. I love graffiti, and there's a lot of really dope pieces in my neighborhood, but tagging is very tacky and unattractive to me. Especially when it's on *(continued on page 74)*







the wall of my building." Marc Intravaia: "We live

in a canyon in Del Mar, and it's beautiful and very quiet, with fruit trees and horses. But the sun goes behind the hill at about two in the afternoon in the winter, and it's freezing the rest of

day."



North Park lifer Rob Deez

doesn't even notice the sirens.

Jeffrey Joe Morin: "Mira Mesa has a rich cultural diversity, and a bad proximity to music-making venues." Rob Deez: "I've lived in

North Park my entire life. It's

Sue Palmer: "I live in Talmadge, and the best thing is the wonderful mix of people, [with] straight, gay,

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and ethnic mixes, and mostly liberal. The worst is probably the lack of a park to play or walk in."

Mario Quintero: "The lady that goes around screaming 'tamales!' at the top of her lungs every day is kinda the best AND worst thing about Sherman Heights."

J.D. Boucharde: "Tierrasanta is safe. Tierrasanta is boring."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Guerrilla Burgers. The

Tin Can Ale House in Bankers Hill recently completed a renovation including new sea-foam green flooring, a shortened bar to make room by the stage, a kitchen, and a revamping of the venue's namesake canned-beer menu.

"We scaled back from around 100 cans to have a few selections from each genre," says bartender Patrick



The bar also offers Racer 5 and Jamaica Red on tap, red and white wine, and a sparkling wine by the can. Look for cocktails soon, as a notification of the venue's



Guerrilla chefs Tommy Pockets and Justin Hulson man the Doods Foods window at Tin Can Ale House.

pending liquor license is posted out front. Tin Can's new kitchen, an evolution of the Doods Foods guerrilla delivery service, opened about a month ago. Catch Tommy Pockets and Roach Spit bandmate Justin Hulson

serving cheap, quality burgers, sandwiches, salads, and sides from lunch 'til late at night.

The house specialty is the Flying Cheeseburger

patties on a fresh Mexican

bolillo roll from Panchita's

with cheese, bacon, tomato,

lettuce, onion, and Doods

special chipotle buttermilk

sauce. Veggies can opt for

the homemade black bean

Bakery in Golden Hill,

meal than just going out for a meal. So that's what I'm bringing here. People come to hang out and talk. It's a clubhouse feel. I like that vibe." Doods Foods is open in the Tin Can daily and offers delivery (619-381-2756). Live music nightly at 9.

Chad Deal

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burger (\$5), grilled cheese

"I want to make good,

full food that's accessible to

everybody," says Pockets. "I

came from a house where

few bucks and then make

a pizza or something. I feel

like there's a lot more soul

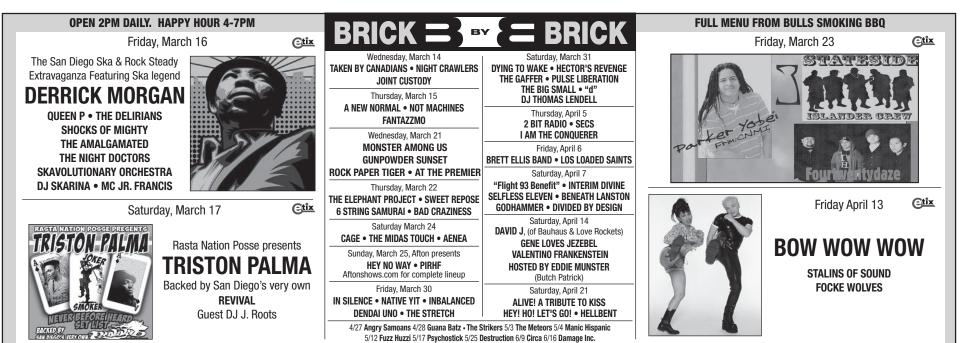
in cooking and sharing a

we would all throw in a

(\$3), or vegan chili (\$4).

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forget what side of the street is being cleaned that morning."

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ISLANDS AT QUEEN BEE'S

<u>Thursdav</u> I believe it was Henry Miller who wrote in his controversial best-seller Tropic of Canada that "No man is an island." No man except Nicholas Thorburn, aka Nicky Diamonds, frontman for tropical-pop group $\ensuremath{\textbf{Islands}}$. Well, the tropics of Canada (Montreal), where Thorburn cut his teeth in odd-pop trio the Unicorns, with on-again/offagain musical partner Jamie Thompson. The pair together produced the Unicorns' Who Will Cut Our Hair When We're Gone? and Islands' debut Return to the Sea, both recommendable sets for fans of the brand — abstract and charmingly sung experimental, lo-fi pop. This year Thorburn, without Thompson, produced a platter of endear-ing sad-sackery called A Sleep & a Forgetting, a collection of breakup songs writ in solitude, in Los Angeles. According to *Pitchfork*, this one finds the "artistic vagrant ... at his most lyrically direct and naked." I assure you it will be a fully clothed Nicholas Thorburn at all-ages venue Queen Bee's in North Park tonight. With Kentucky's creepy balladeer Idiot Glee opening the show, this'd be gig to see I should mention that that one's a Bar Pink production; a first for them, setting something up off-site. After the Islands show, those of you 21 and up can mosey on over to Bar Pink proper for

SanFran psychedelic soul and funk band Mono**phonics**, which is due to drop its sophomore set, In Your Brain, which promises wall-to-wall shag.... Best of the rest Thursday night finds sonic soul-sucker Marcelo Radulovich's tongue in yer ear at Whistle Stop's Makeout Weird...Aussie indie-pop duo An Horse at Casbah... and tenor saxophonist **lan** Tordelo blowing minds at the Loft at UCSD.



L.A. punk perennials Jughead's Revenge bounce back to Midway punk club the Shakedown. The fun-as-hell four-piece found each other in the late '80s and released the one-two punch of Unstuck in Time

JUGHEAD'S REVENGE AT SHAKEDOWN



their very generous website (i.e., free downloads): juggsrevenge.com. The group disbanded in 2001 after being sued by Archie Comics. Yeah, Jughead himself! They've been back at it since '09 and tearing it up with hardcore chums Bad Religion. They haven't released a record since 1999 but supposedly have got some new seven-inchers on the way. Check with the merch guy. Whitekaps, Doggy Style, and D.P.I. will set the pit in motion.... I see **Interrobang**'s up at the Ché Café on Friday. I always liked this bit of scrib from Chad Deal in regards to the band: "The quartet sounds like Tortoise loosely covering Jobim tunes for a traveling freak and medicine show somewhere in Eastern Europe. Probably their jam sessions were fueled by cold shots of armadillo blood while chanting incantations from Rasputin's personal notebook." If you're into that, and who isn't, you also get Shiva Trash, Pusher, and sound scientist Bill Wesley. He invented the Array mbira. That's part of the lamellaphone family.... Onward! Around downtown, it'll be D.C. stoner-rock trio Dead Meadow at Casbah, with like-minded locals Astra, the Loons, and Joy ... electro/techno/norteño Bostich+Fussible of Nortec Collective at 4th&B... and Brit-rocker John Waite at Anthology. He was in '70s radio staples the Babys. Their Anthology is one of my all-time favorite 8-tracks. Don't look at me like that.

Saturdav

Happy St. Patty's Day. Don't forget to wear green to work or that dick in the cubicle by the bathroom is going to punch you in the arm. I'm leaning

toward Celtic punkers the Down's Family, which will be at Eleven, where the pours are mighty Irish, but the gf is all about dinner out at the Riviera Room and then catching the set by San Diego soulful R&B band the Amandas. I know, See you at the Riviera, brah... Else: L.A. alt-pop act Mini Mansions will be at Tin Can Ale House. That's Zach Shuman's (Queens of the Stone Age) other other band. With hot-shit locals Burning of Rome and Short Eyes, that's a triple decker... barroom rockers the Nards

hook up with them spicy Beatles the Baja Bugs at Bay Park bar the Griffin ... and JC trib Cash'd Out's at Casbah. Johnny was Scottish, but according to the Wik, "[Cash] was significantly influenced by traditional Irish music." The Man in Tartan.



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Tool man Maynard James Keenan's "premiere improvisational hardcore band" Puscifer plays California Center for the Arts in Escondido. It's party rock and it's all over the place. Keenan suggests you "arrive happy and hungry." The shape-shifting big band is touring in support of *Conditions* of My Parole Else: spoken-word hip-hopper Sage Francis will parse his pearls at Belly Up... psychedelic San Diegans Old Man Wizard and My Satellite play a matinee at Eleven...and then a couple blocks east at Soda Bar, it'll be electropunk Berliner Bonaparte — "Conquering hearts and butts, night after night!"

<u>Monday</u> British indie-rock act Kaiser Chiefs march into Belly Up behind this

year's notable Start the Revolution Without Me. Pop Matters' Crispin Kott scored it an 8 outta 10, comparing it to the Kinks and Blur. Transfer opens that show.... Soda Bar sets up Grave Babies with Young Prisms. Seattle's Grave Babies will release Gothdammit in early April via Hardly Art. which promises "achingly pretty melodies in fathoms-deep oceans of solvent distortion." Kewl. Young Prisms are a SanFran garage-pop band with a v recom-

mendable set in last year's Friends for Now Thrill Jockey guitar guru Dustin Wong delivers his brand new Dreams Say, View, Create, Shadow Leads to Tin Can Ale House. The layers and loops Wong creates will hypnotize anyone. You should totally bring a date. Woodsman and Mystery Cave with Ryan Haynes fill the bill.



From Memphis in Tennessee, Southern-rocking country punks Lucero will be at Belly Up behind this week's release Women & Work. Drowning Men wash up first On-campus at UCSD, you've got Wu-Tang rapper **Raekwon** at Porter's Pub...noise-pop duo **Bitches** from the UK at Ché Café..

and Chapel Hill folk orchestra Lost in the Trees at the Loft. Tuesday sees the release of their "devastating new ANTI- dis A Church



LUCERO AT BELLY LIE

That Fits Our Needs.... Downtown rock spot House of Blues hosts that Grammy-winning Righteous Babe, the folk-rocking poetess Ani DiFranco.



That soul-bro Allen Stone show sold out Soda Bar, but pretty nearby you got Sac-town psychpop quartet the Ganglians at Til-Two, with a shitload of local lo-fi indie kids in G. Green, Vyper Skwad, Teenage Burritos, with DJ Mario Orduno spinning 'round sets...and Puerto Rico garage punx Los Vigilantes ride into Tower Bar with **Chango Rey**.... Up for some country skrunk, **Bastard Sons** will be at the

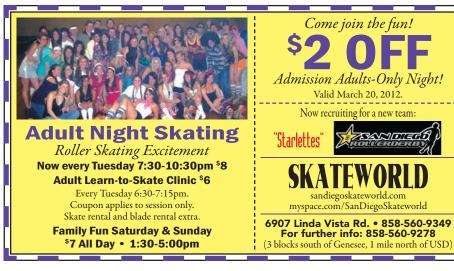
Griffin with Pushin Rope.... NYC indiepop duo Cults plays Belly Up behind their s/t debut. Spectrals and Mrs. Magician up first. The Of Noters double-dipped this gig this week, so flip or click to those for deets on the show 'Round town: hiphop's Dopeboy Young Jeezy has the mic at House of Blues...glampop band Pree from DC will be at Tin Can Ale House with You Me and Apollo from Colorado ... and Shakedown stages UK punk pathetiques (that's a thing, look it up!) Peter and the Test

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Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 877-828-0891. Thursday, 7:30pm - Chuck Loeb.

Friday, 7pm — John Waite. Sunday, 7pm — Laurence Juber. The Bailey Wood Pit

Barbecue: 2307 Main St., Julian, 760-765-3757. Friday, 8pm — Highway 79. Classic rock. Free. Saturday, 8pm — Left Hand Thread. Alternative originals/ covers. \$5.

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Saturday, 9:30pm — The Shantyannes. Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194. Thursday, 9pm — Monophonics

and DJ Gonzo. Beaumont's: 5662 La Jolla Bl., La Jolla, 858-459-0474. Thursday, 9pm - Allegra. Acoustic covers. Free. Sunday, 11am - Nate Donnis. Acoustic covers. Free.

Belly Up: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140. Friday, Saturday — The English Beat. New wave/ska/reggae. Sunday - Sage Francis. Hiphop/rap. Monday — Kaiser Chiefs and Transfer. Indie rock. Tuesday - Lucero. Alt country/ Southern rock. Wednesday, 9pm — Cults, Spectrals, Mrs. Magician.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. Thursday, 8pm - Not Machines,



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

I've watched the music video for the Cults' "Go Outside" at least a half-dozen times now, and I still don't know what to make of it. Directed by Isaiah Seret, the video is assembled largely from footage of the infamous People's Temple camp in Guyana. The so-called Jonestown colony ended in a massacre and mass suicide in which more than 900 people died, but Seret leaves out any scenes of the tragedy. Instead he concentrates on images of the cult members singing, laughing, and playing. And lest we forget this is a music video, Seret uses film trickery to edit members of the New York band Cults into the action, making it look as if they were in Guyana in 1978. The result is disturbing in ways Seret intended and

ways he apparently did not. The director has said that he wanted to humanize the People's Temple members. He said he has shown the video to survivors, and they told him they liked it. He has a point. By skipping over the tragic images and combining happier scenes with a cheerful and innocent-sounding song, the video retells the story as if it had a happy ending. It's strangely comforting, in a way.

But at the same time, it's obvious that the band is using the Jonestown story to cultivate their own air of mystery. Bands do this kind of thing all the time — just ask the Brian Jonestown Massacre, But when a music video manipulates film footage to place the band in the action of a historic tragedy and make it look like the murdered cult members were



singing the band's song, this strikes me as crossing a line

Mrs. Magician and Spectrals also perform.

CULTS: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, March 21, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$16 advance, \$18 day of show.

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A New Normal, Fantazzmo, \$5. Friday, 8pm — San Diego Ska and Rock Steady Extravaganza. Featuring Derrick Morgan, Queen P, the Delirians, Shocks of Mighty, the Amalgamated, more. \$20-\$22 Saturday, 8pm — Triston Palma and the Revival Band. \$15-\$20. Wednesday, 8pm — Monster Among Us and Gunpowder Sunset. \$5.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760839-4138. Sunday - Puscifer.

Carlsbad Community Church: 3175 Harding St., Carlsbad, 760-729-2331. Sunday, 2pm — The Coastal Cities Jazz Band. Performing Count Basie Orchestra. \$12-\$15.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner BL. Little Italy, 619-232-4355. Thursday, 8:30pm - An Horse, the Filthy Violets, the New Kinetics. \$10-\$12. Friday, 8:30pm - Dead Meadow. \$10

Saturday, 8:30pm — Cash'd Out. Johnny Cash tribute. \$15.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311. Friday, 8:30pm - Interrobang, Shiva Trash, Pusher. Tuesday — Bitches. Noise-pop from the UK.

The Covote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695. *Friday*, 6pm — Clay Colton. Classic and modern rock. Free. Saturday, 6pm — Plato Soul. '80s rock. Free.

Eleven: 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-450-4292. Thursday, 9pm - Cypress Project. \$5. Friday, 9pm — Stellar Corpses.

Saturday, 6pm — Down's Family. \$8. Sunday, 4pm — Old Man Wizard and My Satellite. \$4.

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/36-9202. Saturday, 6pm — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. Contemporary jazz/global.

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\$12. Sunday, 8:30pm — Bonaparte. Electropunk from Berlin. \$8-\$10. Monday, 8:30pm — Grave Babies and Young Prisms. \$7. *Wednesday*, 8:30pm — Allen Stone and ZZ Ward. Sold out.

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BY DAVE GOOD

By the time Mrs. Magician plays the Belly Up, their Swami Records debut Strange Heaven will have been released digitally. My advance copy reveals a collection of radio-ready indie power-pop tunes, all of them likeable period pieces culled from the rich musical bone-yards of the late '70s. In fact, I'm reminded of a local songwriter who frequented the Spirit Club (now Brick by Brick) and got one of his songs on KGB radio's Homegrown collection in 1979. His name was CJ Hutton. We were roommates. He fronted a punkish band that majored in the Kinks/Dave Clark Five/Greg Kihn school of hit singles. That's the same vibe I get from Mrs. Magician: fun songs written with the usual concerns in mind. "Sent my baby a letter/ Along with all her shit in a box/ That I saved if she decided to split."

But I think Mrs. Magician departs from the pack of new bands that embody old stuff they discovered in used-record shops in this way: they are clever and lyrically smarter than their '70s forebears. There's a song on the new release called "True Blues," for example, that ex-

plores the art of self-delusion and duplicity: "Every time I lie to myself, it's true/ But I honestly can't remember." The creative brainchild of Jacob Turnbloom, Mrs. Magician includes Evan Ehrich, Tommy Garcia, and Cory Stier, culled from local outfits Blessure Grave, Drug Wars, and Weather Box. Turnbloom has been described as a guy who thinks '60s rock but writes contemporary satire.

As for Hutton, I've no idea what became of

Trio.



him or his band. Last I heard, he'd submitted a demo to George Martin, the Beatles producer of years past.

Cults and Spectrals also perform.

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Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 877-828-0891. March 22 — Pat Martino Duo and Eldar. March 23, 24 — Mindi Abair. March 25 — Lizz Wright. March 27 — The Anthology House Band. March 28 — Robben Ford. $\begin{array}{l} March \ 31 \ - \ \mbox{The Jade Element.} \\ April \ 1 \ - \ \mbox{God-Des & She.} \\ April \ 3 \ - \ \mbox{Tod Rundgren.} \\ April \ 5 \ - \ \mbox{The Kyle Eastwood} \\ Band. \\ April \ 6 \ - \ \mbox{Martha Reeves & the Vandellas.} \\ April \ 6 \ - \ \mbox{Martha Reeves & the Vandellas.} \\ April \ 8 \ - \ \mbox{Jamie Shadowlight.} \\ April \ 12 \ - \ \mbox{Oz Noy Trio.} \\ April \ 13 \ - \ \mbox{Mike Doughty.} \\ April \ 14 \ - \ \mbox{Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band.} \\ April \ 16 \ - \ \mbox{Thomas Dolby.} \\ April \ 16 \ - \ \mbox{Thomas Dolby.} \\ April \ 19 \ - \ \mbox{Los Lobos.} \\ \mbox{Balboa Theatre: } 868 \ \mbox{Fourth} \end{array}$

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Copper Bottom Band. **Brick by Brick:** 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. *March 22* — The Elephant Project and the Sweet Repose. *March 24* — Cage. *March 25* — Hey No Way, Pirhf, Straggle Rock. *March 30* — In Silence, Native Yit, Inbalanced. *March 31* — The Gaffer, DJ

Tomas Lendell, Dying to Wake.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355. March 22 — A Scribe Amidst the Lions. March 23 — Perfume Genius. March 24 — Robert Schwartzman. March 25 — Mumiy Troll. March 26 — Neil Hamburger. March 29 — White Rabbits. March 30 — The Wedding Present. March 31 — The Nervous Wreckords.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695. *March 23* — Smokestaxx. *March 24* — Sound Vault.

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Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600. March 24 — Lady Antebellum, Darius Rucker, Thompson Square. May 31 — Sugarland. August 9 — Toby Keith.

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Attack on Memory Cloud Nothings By Allison Mayoral

Remember the term "emo"? It used to make me cringe. Thoughts of tattooed boys telling me their woes in versechorus-verse of dull sensibilities and loud bursts of emotion fill my head.

Well, my darlings, it is back. It probably never left, but the pretty hipster boys with skinny jeans and George Costanza outfits have been in my way. You know what

September 7 — The Dave Matthews Band. September 15 — Rascal Flatts. September 22 — Jason Aldean.

Eleven: 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-450-4292. *March 22* — The Cutaways, She Rides, Dagnir. *March 23* — The Accoutrements, the Natives, the Last Years, Northern Tigers. *March 24* — April Ventura, Oldest Boy & Girl, Bitter Sober, Kitty Plague.

Gallagher's Pub & Grill: 5046 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300. *March 24* — Agua Dulce.

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I mean. But, here comes the third album from the Cleveland-based Cloud Nothings, and the emo influences are stacked. High. And I kinda love it. I was hesitant to pro-

ceed after opening track "No Future/No Past" and its desperate vocals, harsh

guitar, and deadpan drums, but I had hope. Then I heard "Stay Useless," and it got to me. It was punk, brash, charming. There was a tinge of whine to Dylan Baldi's voice, but I didn't

Emo influences, but I

didn't care

March 27 — Tyga.

April 3 — GWAR.

April 4 — Hunter Hayes.

New Fumes.

April 1 — Polyphonic Spree and

care. Attack on Memory is short enough to forget — under 34 minutes — but you'll want to revisit the simplicity of youthful angst. It is a good throwback to something that I once overlooked. Who knows how many emo bands I tossed to the side because they didn't look/ sound like the Strokes. Maybe I should give emo a second chance. Maybe.

> Harrah's Rincon: 777 Harrah's Rincon Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100. *April 27* — Incubus.



Polyphonic Spree take the stage at House of Blues on April 1.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583. *March 23* — The Ting Tings. *March 24* — The Mother Hips. April 6 — Tiger Army. April 10 — Squeeze and Steve Poltz. April 11 — Katchafire. April 13 — SBTRKT.

Music Reviews from Our Readers

The Scientific Facts About Cake By Brett Uddenberg

As one of the most devoted followings in modern music lost their collective shit upon Cake's emergence from the backstage curtain, the Sacramento band kicked things off with the molasses drip of "Sad Songs and Waltzes." Though the selection may have seemed a peculiar response to the sold-out Belly Up's anxious energy, initiating their set with that gloomy yet commanding number

brought the crowd into the palms of their ten hands. Two more Fashion Nugget-era tracks followed and flowed righteously into recent hits from Showroom of Compassion, many accompanied by a deafening call-and-response.



Best live band on the planet?

Powerful echoing chants of "WE WANT CAKE!" brought the band out for a three-song encore, featuring "Short Skirt/Long Jacket," "War Pigs," and "The Distance." With the obnoxiousness of hyperbole in mind, Cake's stature as the best live band on the planet borders on scientific fact.

Concert: Cake Date: February 17 Venue: Belly Up Seats: General

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April 15 — Tech N9ne. April 28 — Ingrid Michaelson. May 2 — Say Anything. May 4 — Thrice. May 5 — The B-Side Players. May 25 — Tainted Love. May 26 — Tyrone Wells. June 8 — The Maine. June 14 — Rhapsody of Fire. June 29 — 60ne9. July 8 — Reverend Horton Heat.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. March 23 — Viva Santana. March 24 — Rising Star.

Humphreys by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. April 16 — Elvis Costello & the Imposters. April 17 — Madness. May 13 — Rufus Wainwright.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437. *March 23* — Gregory Page. **The Loft:** 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497. *April 3* — Head for the Hills. *April 6* — Anais Mitchell. *April 10* — Rusted Root.

Museum of Making Music: 5790 Armada Dr., Carlsbad, 760-438-5996.

March 23 — A Night of Chapman Stick.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252. March 24 — Wayward Sons. March 31 — Bonfire. August 10 — Diana Krall.

Patrick's II: 428 F St., Downtown, 619-233-3077. March 23 — Stoney B. Blues Band. March 24 — Bill Magee Blues Band.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008. *April 7* — Atropal.

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May 4 — Pato Banton. May 17 — Tab Benoit.

Seaside Center for Spiritual Living: 1613 Lake Dr., Encinitas, 760-753-5786. March 24 - Jessie Payo, Dawn Mitschele, Alysse Fischer.

Shakedown Bar: 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-487-0373. March 22 — Kamikaze Queens. March 23 — Crashed Out.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224. March 23 — Molly McGuire, Stephen Rey & the Slicks, Sleep Lady. March 30 — Hills Like

Elephants. March 31 — The Burning of Rome.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.





The Coathangers will play at Tin Can Ale House next Thursday, March 22.

March 22 - Set Your Goals. March 23 — Sleeping with Sirens. March 24 — For Today. March 30 — The Wonder Years. March 31 — The Contortionist

Sycuan Casino Showcase

Theatre: 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. March 24 - Lonestar. March 31 — 38 Special. April 1 — Tesla. April 15 — Kansas.

Til-Two: 4746 El Cajon Bl., Kensington, 619-516-4746. March 24 — Kenseth Thibideau.

Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-955-

March 22 — The Coathangers



March 23 — Moonbeams, the Pharmacy, Radiation City, Not Machines. March 24 — Great Power and Solander. Tio Leo's: 5302 Napa St., Linda

and White Mystery.

Vista, 619-542-1462. March 23 — The Ballad Mongers. March 24 — The Hollywood Stones.

Valley View Casino Center:

3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171. March 24 — Romeo Santos. April 10 — Kelly Clarkson. April 24 — Maná. *April 28* — So Cal Reggae Festival 2012. May 13 — Roger Waters.

Viejas Arena: 5500 Canyon Crest Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947. April 15 — Rise Against, A Day to Remember, Title Fight. June 14 — Van Halen and Kool & the Gang.

Walnut Grove Park and Barn: Olive Street at Sycamore Dr., San Marcos. June 9 — San Marcos Rock, Blues, and BBQ Festival.

Whistle Stop Bar: 2236 Fern St., South Park, 619-284-6784. March 23 — Little Fowl and the Donkeys.

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San Diego Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 select house & domestic beers, house wine, well drinks. 1/2-off appetizers.

ALPINE

Alpine Inn: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm, 10-close: \$3.50 wells, \$4 house wine, \$4.75 calls.

Donato's Italian Restaurant: Monday-Saturday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$3.50 imports & house wine, \$6 Long Islands, \$3 wells.

BALBOA PARK

The Prado: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm, 8-10pm; \$4,50 wells, wine, draft ale, margaritas, mixed drinks.

BANKERS HILL

Avenue 5: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2 off wine; \$3 wells and select beer, \$7 specialty drinks.

Azuki Sushi Lounge: Monday-Saturday, 5-6:30pm: \$3 Sapporo draft, \$5 large sake, wine, grapefruit passion.

Pizzicato: Daily, 4-6pm: \$3 pints, house wine.

Wet Stone Wine Bar and Café: Tuesday-Sunday, 5-7pm: \$5 glass of wine or sangria, \$20 carafe of sangria, \$6 salad.

BAY PARK

Bay Park Fish Company: Every day: 3-6pm: \$4 draft, \$5 house wine by the glass; \$2 oyster shooter, \$3 fish taco. Bar only.

The High Dive: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 9-11pm: \$3 wells, \$2 off local drafts, \$1 off wine, \$4 off bottles of wine, \$1 off specialty-drink menu.

Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hoo**kah:** *Tuesday-Saturday*, all night: Cheap drinks. Cheap eats. 1/2-off hookahs Tuesday-Thursday 7-10pm.

CARDIFF

BONITA

Besta-Wan Pizza House: Daily, 11am-6pm: \$1 off pint, glass of house wine. \$3 off pitcher.

Chart House: Monday-Friday, 4:30-7pm: \$3 domestic drafts, \$4 premium drafts, wells, glass of wine, \$5 cocktails, \$6 martinis

CARLSBAD

The Alley: Daily, 11am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestics.

Argyle Steakhouse/Golf Clubhouse: Tuesday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$5 well cocktails and draft/domestic beer,

\$6 select wine and Argyle bites. Bellefleur: Daily, 5-7pm: \$3 domestic beer, happy hour wine, well highballs.

Boar Cross'n: Daily, 7am-8pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles, \$3.50 premium bottles, \$2.75 wells.

Board & Brew: Daily, 4pm-close: All beers two-for-one, \$1 tacos.

La Costa Grill: Daily, 4-7pm, 9-11pm: \$4 wells, house wines, \$1 off calls & premiums. Appetizers reduced.

Greek Village: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 4-7:30pm: 1/2-off beer, wine by the glass, wells.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

Mr. Peabody's: Monday-Friday, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, wine, spooli shots, wells + juice. \$3.50 margaritas. Free taco bar 3pm to 6pm with drink purchase.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Conway's Irish Pub: Monday-Saturday, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 domes-tic bottles. \$2.75 wells (short). \$3.25 wells (tall)

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co.: Tuesday-Friday, 3-7pm, 9-11pm: \$1 beer, mixed drinks. 1/2-off appetizers.

CARMEL VALLEY

Arterra: Daily, 4-8pm: \$3 snacks, \$10 grilled calamari, \$5 premium drafts, \$6 Arterra wines, \$7 specialty signature collection.

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints, \$4 house margaritas & well drinks.

Twenty/20 Grill & Wine Bar: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2 off any drink. \$2 off appetizers.

CHULA VISTA

Achiote Restaurant: Daily, 4-7pm: Two-for-one drinks.

BJ's Brewhouse: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm, 10pm-close: \$1 off beer, cocktails, 1/2-off mini pizza, \$2 off appetizers.

Black Angus: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 1/2-off wells, drafts, appetizers. Veni Vidi Vici: Monday-Friday,

5-7pm: \$1 off all drinks.

CITY HEIGHTS

Black Cat Bar: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3.50 import drafts, \$2 PBR cans, \$5 martinis.

The Tower Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and import drafts.

CLAIREMONT

Blarney Stone Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 wells, Bud draft, Michelob bottles, Drifter Pale Ale. Discounted appetizers.

Boomerangs Gourmet Burger Joint: Daily, 4-7pm: Discounted draft beer. \$3.50 house wine.

Bullpen Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, \$2 off all domestic bottles and drafts, .75 off all premium drafts, \$2 off well liquor, \$2 off all appetizers.

Cucina Italiana: Wednesday, 1/2off select wine bottles

Fat Tony's Pizza: Tuesday, 5pmclose: \$2 off all pitchers; 1/2-off wings. Thursday, 5pm-close: \$2 pints.

Joe's Pizza: Thursday, 6-9pm; \$2 any tap or bottled beer, glass of wine. Viva Vino: Monday-Saturday, all

day: \$.99 domestic beer.

COLLEGE AREA

California Kebab: Daily, 4-8pm: \$2 Heineken, Sam Adams, \$5 Coors Light pitchers, \$6 sangria carafes.

Casa Machado: Monday-Friday, 3-6 pm, \$2.50 margaritas, \$2.50 domestic drafts, \$3.50 imports.

Cucina Fresca and Sons: Daily, 3-5pm: \$1.75 domestic beer.

Effin's Pub & Grill: Daily, all day: \$2 Bud bottles. Noon-7pm: \$1 off wells & drafts, 1/2-off appetizers.

Marie Callender's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1.95 draft, \$2.50 well, \$3.50 house margarita. 1/2-price appetizers (in bar only).

Pal Joey's: Daily, all day: \$3 personal pitchers.

Satin Lounge: Thursday, 9pmclose: \$1 Bud drafts.

Thursday, March 15

DJ Frankie Lektro

SHANTYANNES

Sunday

Karaoke Sunday's

w/ Mike from

Nude BBO Band

Set 'Em Up, Joe! BY JOSEPH O'BRIEN

Brazilians that it almost brought

the Ford Motor Company to a

screeching halt. After Henry Ford

discovered that the low labor output

among his Brazilian workers was

due to their high caipirihna input,

he outlawed the drink at Fordlandia,

his Brazilian factory-village that pro-

cessed the rubber plants used to

had the same impact in the U.S.,

Grant Grill barman Bruce Tilley is

doing what he can to help the cause.

caipirinha," he says with a mild

shrug. "If they like it, they like it;

if they don't, I make them some-

The caipirinha's slight edge, Til-

ley tells me, comes from the base

liquor in the drink — cuchaca (coo-

sha-sah), a distillate of fermented

sugar cane. Its taste and versatility,

he says, rests somewhere between

beverage because of the sweetness

to it," he says, "but it definitely has

a cleaner taste than rum. It is hard

to describe, and because it's such a

simple base liquor, like vodka, what-

ever you put into it is how it's going

Because of cuchaca's flexibility,

to taste. It's a sponge that way."

Chance Bistro: Monday-Friday, all

day: \$4 or \$5 wine by the glass. \$7.99

Costa Azul: Monday-Friday.

3-6:30pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, domes-

tic bottles. \$3.50 imported bottles,

wells, house wine, sangria. \$3.75 drafts.

\$6 margaritas, mojitos. \$2.95 tacos,

Danny's Palm Bar: Monday-

Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 domestic drafts,

Grumpy Dan's Grill: Monday-

Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$3

domestic bottles, wells, house wine.

Lil' Piggy's Bar-B-Q: Monday-

Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$1 off

appetizers, \$1.50 sliders. All day: \$3

\$3.50 shrimp, \$5.95 nachos.

"You can tell cuchaca is a cane

"I encourage people to try a

While the caipirinha hasn't yet

make his vehicles' tires.

thing else."

rum and tequila.

CORONADO

burger/fries/drink.

\$4 wells.

beer of the month.

The national drink of Brazil, the Tilley says, the imagination can take caipirinha (kye-pee-ree-nah) has the lead without fear in experimenthad such a powerful attraction for

ing with the drink. "The basic caipirihna is made with lemon and lime," he says, "but you can pretty much choose whatever fresh fruit you have to add to it. When we first introduced the drink, we included an infusion of mixed berries - raspberries, strawberries, blueberries, and blackberries. It almost wound up tasting like a pinot noir — but obviously a pinot noir with a much stronger alcohol content."

Kitchen Proof: Whether you stick with the straight lemon-and-lime version (which I prefer) or add raspberries or other fruit, the sweetened fruitiness cancels the cuchaca's slight diesel taste while retaining and complementing the liquor's natural sweetness.





GRANT GRILL'S CAIPIRIHNA

In an old fashion glass, muddle: 1 fresh lime, halved or quartered 1/2 fresh lemon

halved or quartered (optional: 4-5 fresh raspberries) 1 teaspoon of sugar

Fill glass with ice and pour: 2 oz. cuchaca

1 heavy splash simple syrup

Top with soda water.

BRUCE TILLEY 326 Broadway. San Diego 619-744-2077 grantgrill.com

Village Pizzeria: Monday-Friday. 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$3 slices, 1/2off appetizers. All day: \$3 beer of the month

Yummy Sushi: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 pints, \$4 large hot sake. 20-50% off appetizers.

DEL MAR

Cafe Secret: Tuesday-Thursday, 4-7pm: 1/2-off large pitcher of sangria. Buy one ceviche, second one 1/2 price.

Del Mar Rendezvous: Monday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$3 Sapporo pints, \$4 glass of wine, \$14 bottle of wine. Sunday, 1/2-off bottles of wine.

DOWNTOWN

Altitude Sky Lounge: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$4 domestic drafts. \$5 premium wells. 1/2-off artisan flat bread.

Analog: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks and li'l burgers. *Sun*day, all day: 1/2-off all drinks and li'l burgers.

Anthony's Fish Grotto: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$1 off drinks, appetizers (only in the lounge).

Asti Ristorante: Daily, 3-6pm: 1/2price cocktails & appetizers.

Athens Market: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30 pm: \$4 shots: Jameson, Jack Daniel's, Jäger, José Cuervo Gold.

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine: Friday, \$6 pomegranate martini. Saturday, \$6 cosmos.

Bella Luna: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$5 house wine, 1/2-off appetizers.

Blue Point: Monday-Friday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-off drinks, select appetizers; discount on caviar; \$1 oysters.





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Buster's Beach House & Longboard Bar: *Daily*, 2-6pm: \$3 Buster's pale ale, amber; \$3.50 mai tai, margarita, Long Island.

Candelas: *Daily*, 5-7pm: All drinks 1/2-price.

Chianti: *Daily*, 4-7pm, 9-11pm: \$5 martinis, house wine.

Currant: *Daily*, 4-7pm:, 10pm-midnight: \$5 wells, sangria, house wines. 1/2-off entire bar menu.

Dublin Square: *Daily*, 2-7pm: \$3 wells, drafts, bottles. 1/2-off appetizers.

La Fiesta: *Daily*, 11am-6pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$2.30 domestic bottles, \$3 house margaritas, \$4 frozen mojitos.

The Fleetwood: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6pm: \$4 calls.

Funky Garcia's Mexican Restaurant: *Daily*, 3-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks; \$1.50 carne asada and pollo asado tacos.

Gaslamp Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells. Appetizer specials.

La Gran Tapa: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: \$2 drafts; \$3 cask wine, sangria; \$4 wells.

The Hopping Pig: *Monday-Saturday*, 2-6pm: \$4 draft craft beer; \$3.50 well & wine.

House of Blues: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wines, \$3 wells, \$4 martinis. Killer happy hour menu.

Patrick's II: *Daily*, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 bottle beer, \$3 wells, Bud Light pints, \$4 calls, margaritas, bloody marys.

Saltbox: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$20 bottomless wine, 1/2-off specialty cocktails.

The Stage Rock Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

Sushi Deli: *Monday-Thursday*, all day: \$.99 Bud Light. 5-6:30pm: 1/2-off all beer. *Friday-Sunday*, all day: \$.99 Bud Light.

Tabule: Monday-Friday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers. Saturday-Sunday, 2-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks andappetizers.

Taste & Thirst on Fourth: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-8pm: All drinks two-for-one.

Tivoli Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off pitchers, \$.50 off liquor.

EAST VILLAGE

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge: *Friday*, 5-9pm: \$5 menu cocktails. *Saturday-Sunday*, 7-9pm: \$5 menu cocktails.

Hive Sushi Lounge: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$2 domestic, \$4 micro, \$2.50 sake, \$3.50 well, \$4 house wine. Miso, edamame, \$.99.

Hotel Indigo: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$4 domestic & local bottles, wells, wines.

Monkey Paw: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$1 off drafts and cocktails.

EASTLAKE

Smokin' Sam's BBQ: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wine; \$3 sangria. Doggy happy hour: \$2 beef & rib bones.

EL CAJON

Blarney Stone Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

Calypso: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2.75 bottled beer (12 oz.), \$3.75 beer (22 oz.), \$7.50 pitcher.

Double D's on Broadway: *Daily*, 10am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$.50 off mixed drinks, \$1 off shots.

El Cajon Grand: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3 wells.

Flinn Springs Inn: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.25 domestic bottles, \$3 wells.

Main Tap Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off 16-oz. drafts, \$2 off pitchers, \$3 calls. \$5 nachos.

ENCINITAS

Blue Fin Sushi Bar: *Tuesday*. *Thursday*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, sake, select appetizers, sushi rolls.

Cap'n Kenos: *Monday-Friday*, 6pm-midnight: \$2.50 drafts, wells. Free appetizers.

Savory: *Daily*, 5-6pm: 30% off food & beverages in the bar & lounge area.

Union Kitchen & Tap: *Tuesday*-*Friday*, 5:30-7pm: Two-for-one all wine by the glass.

ESCONDIDO

El Galeón: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: Two-for-one draft beer, margaritas.

Holiday Wine Cellar: *Monday*, 5:30-7:30pm: \$5 for five wine tastings.

Tango Restaurant & Lounge: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off bar menu.

Vinz Wine Bar & Tasting Room: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$6 wine, tapas; \$4.50 wells, \$3 doggie bites.

FALLBROOK

Aqua Terra: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$3 domestic, \$9 pitcher; \$4 imported, \$12 pitcher; 1/2-off sushi rolls (no sushi on Monday).

GOLDEN HILL

Turf Supper Club: Friday-Sunday, noon-4pm: \$1 off all beer/wine/spirits. \$5 lunch: 1/2-lb. burger, chicken sandwich, or two Louisiana hot links + chips.

GRANTVILLE

Camel's Breath Inn: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 10:30am-8pm: \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$3 wells.

JT's Clubhouse Pub & Grill: Monday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-4pm: 25¢ wings. Tuesday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-4pm: \$1 tacos. Wednesday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-close: \$1 sliders. Thursday-Friday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. \$5.25 1/2-lb. burger with fries. Saturday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 4-8pm: 1/2-off all food. Sunday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints.

Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints, \$4 house margaritas & well drinks.

HARBOR ISLAND

The Boathouse: *Daily*, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 margaritas, \$3 Cuervo margaritas, \$3 Karl Strauss, \$4 mojitos.

Tom Ham's Lighthouse: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$3 house wine, domestic/import.

HILLCREST

The Alibi: *Daily*, all day: \$3 dipper, wells.

Baja Betty's: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$3 bottled beer, salsa margarita, wells, house wine, sangria, quesadillas.

Bangkok Thai Bistro: *Daily*, 4-7pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, appetizers.

CJ's Club: Daily, 5-7pm, 9pm-midnight: All wells \$2.75.

The Caliph: *Daily*, noon-7pm: \$4 wells, \$3 domestic bottles.

Lotus Thai: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$3 all drafts; \$5 select wines, large Singha

beer, all Han Soju cocktails. \$5 traditional Thai appetizers.

Nami: *Daily*, 5-7:30pm: 1/2-off sake, beer, \$3 house wine. 1/2-off sushi rolls, appetizers.

Ruby Room: Monday, Wednesday, 7-8pm: \$1 wells. Tuesday, Thursday, 7-8pm: \$1 drafts. Friday-Sunday, 6-9pm: \$3 wells.

Tre Porcellini: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 domestic bottles, \$3.50 drafts and house wine.

Wine Steals: *Tuesday*, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. *Saturday*, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

IMPERIAL BEACH

Club Bananas at Lydia's Café: *Daily*, open-10pm: \$3 wells & domestics.

KEARNY MESA

Bud's Louisiana Café: Wednesday-Thursday, 3-9pm: 1/2-price beer and wine by the glass.

Carriage House Cocktails & Karaoke: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic bottled beer, \$3 wells, domestic pints. Free munchies.

Churasan: *Monday*, *Sunday*, football special: \$4 hot dog, garlic fries, small beer. *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$4 large Japanese beers.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$1 off draft, glass of wine. Saturday, 3pm-close: 1/2-off bottles of wine.

Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: Monday-Thursday, 5:30-7pm: 1/2-off house sake/drafts.

KENSINGTON

Kensington Cafe: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$3 all beers, \$4-\$5 all glasses of wine, all tapas under \$5.25.

The Kensington Club: *Daily*, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

Kensington Vine: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$5 fine wine.

Til-Two: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and imported drafts.

LA JOLLA

Beaumont's: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$3 draft, well; \$5 Cabernet, Chardonnay. Special prices on margarita, sangria, wine cooler.

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2 Bud/Bud Light; \$3.50 wells, Bull & Bear wine.

Edo Sushi: *Monday-Friday*, all day: Buy one sake, get one half off. 3-6:30pm: 25% off select nigiri and maki rolls

Extreme Pizza: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$3 premium beer.

Jose's La Jolla: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 margaritas. \$2 off appetizers.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

La Jolla Brew House: Tuesday-Thursday, noon-7pm: \$2 off craft beer; \$3 wells and house wines; \$3 off appetizers. Friday-Saturday, 10pm-close: \$2 off craft beer; \$3 wells and house wines.

Lupi Italian Restaurant: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 5-7pm: \$3-\$5 martinis, beer, wine. Free doggie treats.

The Melting Pot: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off cheese fondue, salads, chocolate fondue.

Roppongi: *Daily*, 3-6pm: 1/2-off Asian tapas & sushi rolls.

La Sala: *Monday-Friday, Sunday,* 4-7pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails.



HAPPY HOUR

Su Casa: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

Tapenade: Daily, 5:30-9:15pm: Wine by the glass, \$6, premium wine by the glass \$2 off; bar tapas menu.

Whaling Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails.

Whisknladle: Monday-Thursday, Saturday-Sunday, 5-7pm: 25% off all bottles of wine: \$20 pitcher of sangria. \$3 tapas. Friday, 5-7pm: \$9 all-youcan-eat tapas.

LA MESA

Anthony's Fish Grotto: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$1 off drafts, house wine, margaritas, appetizers.

Casa de Pico: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: Free appetizer with purchase of bar drink. \$3.95 margarita

Centifonti's Restaurant: Daily, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells; \$5 off beer boots. \$1 off appetizers.



SMOKE FREE BAR



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\$.75 off all drinks, \$1 off all appetizers. Chico Club: Daily, all day: \$3 big-ass beer (23 oz). Hearth House: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2

> Hoffer's Cigar Bar: Monday-Saturday, 11am-7pm: \$2 off all beer, \$1 off wine. Sunday, 1-7pm: \$2 off all

Charcoal House: Daily, 11-7pm:

Parkway Bar: Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 domestic drafts and bottles, \$4 mixed

Pete's Place: Daily, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, calls, wine, domestic drafts and bottles

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off drinks and cocktails.

San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$1 off wine by the glass.

Tarroz Sports Bar: Monday, Wednesday-Sunday, 2-7pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, tequila shots, \$3 imported beer, \$4 premium drafts.

LAKESIDE

Coach Stop: Monday-Friday, 9am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 large drafts, domestic bottles. 7-11pm: \$1.50 12-oz.



domestic beers, \$3 premium beers, wine, & wells. \$2 bratwurst & fries, \$3 burger & fries.

beer, \$1 off wine.

drinks, wine specials.

drafts, \$6.50 60-oz. pitchers.



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Dirk's Niteclub: Monday-Saturday, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks \$4.50 or less Sunday, 6am-2pm: \$1 off bloody marys.

LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells, \$2.50 beer of the month, shot special.

The Calypso Café: Daily, 5:30-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

LINCOLN PARK

L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$1 off appetizers. Sunday, all day: \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings.

LINDA VISTA

Brick by Brick: Daily, 3-6pm: \$2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.

The New Morena Club | **M1319:** *Daily*, 2-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.50 wells and domestic bottles.

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints, \$4 house margaritas & well drinks.

LITTLE ITALY

Anthology: Tuesday-Friday, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine, featured beer, martinis, margaritas.

El Camino II: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 margaritas, sangria, Corona, Corona Light. 1/2-off quesadilla & nacho plates. Sunday, 10am-4pm: \$1 mimosas.

Puerto la Boca: Daily, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$2.50 French fries, \$4.50 chicken wings,



\$3 Bloodies and Mimosas **Tuesday \$1** tacos

& \$3 Margarita Wednesday \$1 Sliders

Happy Hour

3pm -7pm daily Drink Specials and 1/2 off Appetizers \$3 Beer of the Month all day



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Brick Alley Bar & Grill: Daily, 3-7pm, 9pm-close: \$1 off pints, \$2 off tall beers

Desi's Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, 2-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic beers. 11pm-midnight: \$3 drafts. Wine Steals: Wednesday, 5:30-7pm:

\$5 wine tasting. Saturday, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

MIRA MESA

Bamboo Hut: Daily, 3-6pm: Buy large beer, get small house sake free. \$2.75 small beer, \$3.25 house wine. Callahan's Pub & Brewery: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 house beer,

domestic drafts, well drinks, house wine, \$1 off appetizers. Mira Mesa Lanes: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$7 pitchers. \$3 import pints, \$10 pitchers. \$2.50

wells. \$3.50 chicken strips, chicken

MIRAMAR

wings

Abbey's Real Texas Bar-B-Q: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$2.49 pint Bud, \$2.99 premium pint, \$10.99 pitchers. \$2.49 small BBQ sandwich, \$1.49 hot link.

Excalibur Cigar Lounge & Wine Bar: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 select pints, \$5 house wine.

The Filling Station: Monday, 7pm-close: \$4 margaritas. *Tuesday*, 7pm-close: \$2 kamikazes. *Wednes*day, 7pm-close: \$3.50 premium drafts. Thursday, 7pm-close: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers; \$7.50 domestic pitchers. Saturday, noon-7pm: \$3 mimosas. Sunday, noon-7pm: \$3 bloody marys.

Fish Boutique: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$6 fish & chips; \$4 all draft beer.

MISSION BEACH

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: Two-for-one cocktails, beer, shots.

Sandbar Sports Grill: Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics/ drafts, wells, \$1 off premium beers/ wine by the glass, \$3 off pitchers. 1/2off appetizers. Friday, 4-9pm: 1/2-off all drinks.



MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: Daily, 2pm-2am: \$.50 off beer and wells

Bar Dynamite: Monday-Saturday, 5-9pm: \$2 domestics bottles and drafts, \$3 wells. Free food from Lucha Libre Taco Shop.

Cafe Bleu: Daily, 3-6pm: \$5 select wine by the glass; special prices on starters, hors d'oeuvres, sandwiches.

City Wok: Monday-Saturday, 3-5pm: 1/2-off beer, wine, sake, appetizers.

Starlite: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. Sunday, all night: \$5 mules. \$15 off wine bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: Daily, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 wells, \$6 glasses of wine, \$7 house cocktails.

Bully's East: Monday-Friday, 4:30-7pm, 10pm-close: \$2.50 domestic, draft: \$3 50 wells, \$5 wine: Chardonnay, Merlot, Jacob's Creek Cabernet.

Ruby's Diner: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2.99 shakes/malts.

NATIONAL CITY

Buster's Beach House & Longboard Bar: Daily, 2-7pm: \$2.25 Bud drafts; \$3.50 mai tais, Long Beach tea, margaritas.

Café La Maze: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar.

Lai Thai Restaurant: Daily, 4-6pm: \$2 Thai beer.

McDini's: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

Pier 32 Waterfront Grill: Tuesday, 11am-2pm: P32 margaritas, \$5. Wednesday, 11am-2pm: P32 sweet tea, \$5. Thursday, 11am-2pm: Jim Beam and Coke, \$5. Friday, 3pm-sunset: \$2 domestic beer, \$3 import and local beer, \$5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys. Saturday-Sunday, all day: \$2 domestic beer, \$3 import and local beer, \$5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys.

NESTOR

Baja Oyster Bar: Monday-Thursday, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

The Air Conditioned Lounge: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$3 draft,



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bloody marys; \$5 you-call-it; \$6 Jayne's Gastropub fare.

Bourbon Street: Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$3 domestic pitchers, \$4 well drinks, \$5 imported pitchers.

Jayne's Gastropub: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-6:30pm: \$3 Trumer & Guinness drafts, \$3 red & white wine, \$5 cocktails.

Live Wire: Daily, 5-8pm: \$1 off drafts and cocktails. Triple Crown Pub: Monday-

Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off

pitchers. Saturday, noon-7pm: \$1 off

Bar Pink: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm:

Lips Restaurant: Sunday, all night:

Industry Night, \$3.50 wells. \$5.50 calls.

25% off entrées & appetizers. Must

The Office: Daily, 5-8pm: Two-for-

Redwing Bar & Grill: Daily, 11am-

The Smoking Goat: Tuesday-

Friday, 4-6pm: 1/2-off select bottles

Toronado: Daily, 11:30am-5pm:

U-31: Tuesday, 5-8pm: \$2 drafts,

tacos. Saturday, noon-6pm: \$3 you-

call-its, burgers. Sunday, noon-6pm:

West Coast Tavern: Daily, 4-7pm:

3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bis-

tro: Tuesday-Saturday, 3-6pm: \$4

sangria, \$4 glass of wine, \$5 specialty

The Arizona Bar: Daily, 4:30-

6:30pm: \$3 house wines, 20-oz. domes-

tics, microbrew pints, wells, 1/2-off

Blue Parrot: Monday-Friday,

2-6pm: All drinks and appetizers 1/2-

Cheswick's West: Daily, 5-7pm:

\$3.25 wells, \$2.75 domestic bottles,

\$4.50 microbrew pints, \$6.25 domestic

Sunshine Co.: Daily, 5-6pm: 1/2-off

Winstons: Monday-Saturday,

1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.

Aryana at Holiday Inn: Daily,

5-7pm: \$2 domestics, wells; \$3 premi-

ums, glass of wine. Appetizer specials.

Firewater Saloon: Monday-Friday,

3:30-6:30pm; 10pm-midnight: \$5 Jäger

bombs, Long Islands, Jameson. \$2 off

The Flying Bridge: Daily, 4-7pm:

\$3 beer, \$4 wine. 20% off appetizers.

Hana Japanese Restaurant:

Daily, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, 1/2-off cocktails.

Harney Sushi: Thursday, \$5 spe-

Hosie's Pacific Pub: Monday-

Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, 5-7pm:

\$1 off all drafts. Thursday, 5-7pm: \$1

P's & Q's Sports Pub & Grill:

Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic

pints, \$3 premium pints. \$3 chicken

Show Palace: Thursday, 6-9pm:

\$2.50 wells, \$20 beer bucket all night.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill:

Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

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off all drafts

wings.

all pitchers, \$1 off drafts & wells.

price (all day Monday).

\$3 wells, drafts, house wine.

6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles.

show employee ID or pay stub.

all pints, \$2 off pitchers.

NORTH PARK

\$1 off drafts and calls.

one price on all drinks

of wine.

\$1 off drafts.

\$2 Buds, mimosas.

OCEAN BEACH

craft beers.

all pitchers.

pitchers.

all pitchers.

OCEANSIDE

OLD TOWN

Acapulco Mexican Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers, \$1 soft taco, \$3 draft beer, \$3.50 well, house wine, \$3.95 house margarita.

Alamo Mexican Cafe: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: 1/2-price drinks, food specials

Casa Guadalajara: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: Free appetizers. \$3.50 well drinks, margaritas

Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$3 wells, house wine, and drafts.

Harney Sushi: Wednesday, \$5 specialty cocktails.

Old Town Mexican Café: Mondav-Friday, 3-7pm, 11pm-close; Drink & beer specials. \$2 Taco Tuesday (chicken, beef, fish, carnitas); \$2.50 margaritas, Tecate, tequila.

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: Daily, 4-7:10pm: 1/2-off food & booze.

The Australian Pub: Monday-Friday, 7-9pm: \$3 Long Islands. Saturday, \$2.50 Karl Strauss. Sunday, \$3 bloody marys.

Baleen: Monday-Thursday, 5-7pm: 1/2-off small bites at bar/fire ring. Friday-Saturday, 5-6pm: 30% off entrées.

Bare Back Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 Miller Lite, amber ale, well drinks.

Big Kahuna's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2.50 beer, wine.

Bub's Dive Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$10 pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers.

The Dog: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, \$6 pitchers.

Miller's Field: Monday-Friday. 3-7pm: \$1 wells. \$2 street tacos.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Tuesday-Sunday, 3-7pm: \$2 wells, house wine. \$3 imports, microbrews. \$2 off all drafts.

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.

Pacific Beach Ale House: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

SD Tap Room: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts, \$2 off appetizers. \$3.50 wine and sake.

Sinbad Café: Daily, 4-8pm: \$1.50 drafts, \$2 wells, shots, \$2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs. Tony Roma's: Daily, 1-4pm: \$3

wells, drafts. \$3 off appetizers. The Turquoise Café-Bar

Europa: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$2 drafts; \$3 cask wine, sangria; \$4 wells.

POINT LOMA

Captain's Quarters: Daily, 3-7pm: \$2 you-call-it wells, \$2.25 domestic drafts and bottles, discounted shots.

Extreme Pizza: Daily, 4-7pm: \$6 craft beer pitchers.

Jimmy's Famous American Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: 1/2-off all appetizers, drafts, wells, and select house wine.

The Pearl: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wells, \$5 wines.

Pete's Grill: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.50 Bud drafts, \$3 microbrew drafts, house wines, \$.99 sliders, \$1.99 fish tacos.

Red's Espresso and Wine Gallery: Friday-Sunday, all day: \$5 endless mimosas with food purchase.

Riley's Music Lounge: Daily, 4-8pm: \$1 off everything, \$2 beers.

POWAY

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$1 off all wells, drafts, bottles, wine.

RAMONA

Boll Weevil Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2 off all pitchers.

Cheers: Monday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$10 steak. Tuesday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$1 tacos. Wednesday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$.50 wings. Thursday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Café on the Park: Monday-Friday. 5-6:30pm: \$3 wells, \$4 house margaritas, 1/2-off house wine by the glass, \$1 off beer. Complimentary cheese & crackers, 1/2-off appetizers.

Capri Blu: Daily, 3-7pm: 1/2-price drafts, wells, discounted bar-menu food.

Carvers Steak & Chops: Monday-Friday, 2-6:30pm: 1/2-off drinks. \$3-\$4 off appetizers.

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.

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 pitch-

Cowshed Bar and Grill: Monday,

Wednesday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$3 domes-

tic. \$3.50-\$4 wells. Tuesday, 4pm-2am:

Landre's Sports Bar & Grill:

Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. \$5

appetizers: potato skins, garlic/bacon

Stone Flats: Daily, 3-5pm, 7-9pm:

\$1 Bud/Bud Light; 1/2-off all other

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill:

Sunday, \$2.50 mind erasers, kamika

Blue Wave Bar & Grill: Daily.

4-7pm: \$1 off drinks; \$3-\$5 appetizers,

including jumbo shrimp cocktail and

zes. \$3.50 mimosas, bloody marys.

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fries, shrimp cocktail, more.

SCRIPPS RANCH

SERRA MESA

RANCHO SANTA FE

beers, house wines, wells.

SAN MARCOS

ers Thirsty Thursday.

SANTEE

beer/wine

day-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2.50 domestic, Delicias: Daily, 4-6pm: \$5 draft \$3.50 microbrew. 1/2-off appetizers.

cert nights).

SORRENTO VALLEY

SOLANA BEACH

Ali Baba's Cave: Daily, 3-7pm: 22-oz. beer \$4 (including tax). \$12 hookahs, \$5 refills.

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/con-

Chief's Burgers and Brew: Tues-

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: \$.50 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.

Cozymel's Mexican Grill: Monday-Saturday, 4pm-close: \$2.25 Coors Light draft, \$3.25 Dos Equis draft; discounted appetizers. (All day Sunday.)

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.

Cheers: Monday-Friday, 11am-7pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles. \$3 single wells. \$3.50 domestic drafts.

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.

Vista Entertainment Center: Monday-Friday, 11am-6pm: \$2 domestic and \$3 premium drafts; \$3 wells

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A Room with a View

The Old Globe Theatre stages the world premiere of a musical book by Marc Acito, music and lyrics by Jeffrey Stock — based on E.M. Forster's novel about a freethinking girl in a corseted age. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 15.

Anna Christie

The Old Globe Theatre stages Eugene O'Neill's drama about the "knotty relationship between an old sailor and his estranged daughter." Daniel Goldstein directed. SHERYL AND HARVEY WHITE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUES-DAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 15.

Awake and Sing! by Clifford Odets

PowPac stages Clifford Odets's chronicle of the Berger family as they struggle through the Great Depression. Charley Miller directed. POWPAC, POWAY'S COMMUNITY

POWPAC, POWAY'S COMMUNITY THEATER, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 25.

Bye Bye Birdie

Pickwick Players stage the Michael Stewart, Charles Strouse musical about teen idol Conrad Birdie drafted into the Army. Frank Remiatte directed. MOXIE AT ROLANDO THEATRE. 6663 EL

CAJON BL., SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 858-598-7620. 7:30PM FRIDAY, 2PM AND 7:30PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MARCH 18.

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, but had a "give them a week to settle in" feel. The leads, Brent Schindele and Kelsey Venter, sang well but played Sky Masterson and Sarah Brown toned down, almost as ensemble roles. Colleen Kollar Smith's choreography is spectacular, and Eileen Bowman's terrific Adelaide's worth the price of admission. Wearing some of Jeanne Reith's flashiest costumes, Bowman plays the chronic sniffler ("a poy-son could develop a code") like a dream role come true [note: due to popular demand. Lamb's has extended the run of the show]. Worth a try. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-



Edward Staudenmayer as Reverend Mr. Beeber, Etai BenShlomo as Freddy Honerchurch, and Kyle Harris as George Emerson in the Old Globe's world premiere of A Room with a View

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How I Got That Story

In Amlin Gray's "nightmare comedy," a gullible journalist covers a Vietnam-like war and goes from naive to native. Mo`olelo Performing Arts tweaks the comedy but omits the nightmare. An urge

to endear dominates the first act and much of the second. Brian Bielawski and Greg Watanabe (as the Reporter and the Historical Event) are game performers, but the staging has them avoid drama more often than not. As a result, scenes never develop beyond unconnected comedy sketches. George Ye's soundscape and Stephen Terry's lighting balance the real and the surreal to good effect. TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-237-4510. 7:30PM THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR DAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MARCH

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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. Worth a try. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK

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Next to Normal

Arts Off Broadway presents the Pulitzer Prize-winning rock opera music by Tom Kitt, book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey - about a troubled suburban family. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 8PM FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

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Parade

Cygnet Theatre presents the Jason Robert Brown (music and lyrics) and Alfred Uhry (book) about Leo Frank, accused and convicted of murdering a 13-year-old girl in 1913. Sean Murray directed. CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST. OLD TOWN, 619-337-1525, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS. THROUGH APRIL 29.

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead

To be and not to be. Tom Stoppard thrusts minor characters from Hamlet center stage, while the tragedy's playing behind a



Larry Shue's comedy about a man "with no social sense and even less tact," The Nerd, is now at Patio Playhouse in Escondido.

wall. Like the melancholic prince of Denmark, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern struggle to find their bearings and ponder the mystery of death. At OnStage Playhouse, Paul Morgavo's funny, assured, touching Guildenstern anchors an uneven production. Pluses include Randy Coull as the Player, Steve Murdock as Polonius, and William Grazier as Rosencrantz. Though codirected, the staging needs more polish and actors not settling for (and overplaying) the most obvious choices.-Worth a try. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE.. CHULA VISTA, 619-422-7787, 8PM

THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 31.

Rumors by Neil Simon

Vanguard Theatre Company presents Neil Simon's comedy about a dinner party that begins with the hostess gone and the host with a bullet through his earlobe. Tom Haine directed.

WESTMINSTER THEATER, 3598 TALBOT ST., POINT LOMA, 619-224-6263. 8PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS THROUGH APRIL 1

Sandra Bernhard's I Love Being Me, Don't You?

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Visiting Mr. Green

It's clear where Jeff Baron's comedy-drama is headed the second 29-year-old Ross Gardiner enters 86-year-old Mr. Green's cluttered apartment: can you spell b-o-n-d? Each has a secret that will drive them apart, then nudge them

together in a dual coming-out party. The North Coast Rep production, nicely directed by Christopher M. Williams, adds detail and subtlety to a by-the-numbers script. Robert Grossman's Mr. Green begins with gravel-gutted bitterness, which makes his breakthrough feel earned rather than merely inevitable. Craig De Lorenzo unpeels Ross, from an upwardly mobile Harvard grad to a young man as troubled, in his own way, as dour Mr. Green. Worth a try. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE,

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21 Jump Street

The problem is not that "they don't make them like they used to." The problem is that they continue to make them about *what* they used to, and they

continue to make them the way they do now. The school of original thought has become so vapid in the case of re-

makes that even the "updated" versions mock their own lack of ingenuity. As the police captain in this film explains: "We're just recycling old crap and assuming no one will notice."

The recycled crap this time around involves two high school polarities (the dumb jock and the smart geek) who, despite their schoolboy friction, find themselves best buds and partners after yoking onto each other's strengths in the police academy. Why the weak kid would ever desire such a dangerous, physically demanding job is never explained. A slimmed down Jonah Hill somewhat defeats expectation as the wimpy brain, but Channing Tatum provides him with a suitable foil as the high school hunk. However, the mistaken-identity shtick that drives the plot also deflates every joke it generates due to how obviously it could have been avoided.

Due to the pair's apparent youth-

fulness, they are recruited for an undercover assignment to pose as high school students ("Teenage the fuck up!") and infiltrate the supplier of a

new "super drug," the side effects of which only appear fatal if you're not an essential character. Anyone important who takes the drug enjoys a good trip, with video-game title cards and other hallucinogenic clichés.

The film is a pinball machine: loud, tedious, and ever tilted toward failure. The viewer is ricocheted through a barrage of stereotypes: the jock, the nerd, the Goth, the thespian, the socially conscious, the gay and proud, the etc. Any sincere identity that might accompany these labels is lost in the crudity of the presentation. The most unsettling stereotype comes by way of Ice Cube as the boss of the baby-face baton swingers. While his role reaches for no more than the "angry police captain," his performance is pigeonholed



Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum play high school polarities in this recycling of the TV series 21 Jump Street.

even further as the foulmouthed black man in charge. Think Puff Daddy in *Get Him to the Greek* — an unfortunate portrayal of what black authority is supposed to look like.

Will 21 Jump Street appeal to high school kids (clearly, the intended audience) with its stereotypical view of high school? Every social situation is a parody. Every classroom is a caricature.

The depction of police work is as ludicrous and juvenile as the school scenes. We are left with the racket of hyped-up action, milk-a-laugh cameos (ha-ha, we get it, they were in the original show), and incessant gay jokes sanitized for political correctness. The two leads seem to be having fun through it all, but just playing make-believe does not qualify as acting.

John Carter

An obscure choice for a film adaptation, Disney reaches back to Edgar Rice Burroughs's Barsoom series for its new adventure saga. The definitive novel was published in 1917 (appearing earlier in pulp magazines), but the fantasy aspect of the story gives it a timeless quality.

As is the custom these days, the film is shot in 3-D. The best that can be said about the fuzzy experience is that one gets used to it. It becomes a nuisance as opposed to a torment. The majority of the background is digitally enhanced, making for more of a screensaver than a cinematic palette. But the artwork is competent, offering a believable sense of scale and expanse. In addition, the interaction of live actors and digital images is nearly seamless.

The plot is a mess — something to do with divine creatures who manage the progression of the cosmos by meddling in mortal affairs, sort of a violent Adjustment Bureau. In this case, they are determined to forge a false alliance between two warring races on Mars (no discernible difference between the races other than their names). The reason for all this blather is never made known, nor does it seem to matter, as before long the titular character (a disgruntled war hero from Virginia, circa mid-1800s) is transported to Mars by means of a magic medallion lifted from one of the celestial beings. The special effects provide some mild amusement when Carter attempts to negotiate the low gravity of Mars with his earthly body.

Once on Mars, Carter is inducted







into all manner of ruckus: a civil war, a tribal race of asparagus-limbed warriors, and some spiritual techno-talk about the alignment of the planets. All this nonsense is intended to illuminate the protagonist's battlefield demons: "War is a shameful thing." The themes of nobility, self-sacrifice, and duty are all pretty heavy-handed. There is one compelling sequence in which a battlefield slaughter is intercut with a family burial — the same man carrying out both the killing and the digging. It reaches for eloquence but touches no further than cleverness.

The supporting cast is full of reliable players; the main actors are relative unknowns. Taylor Kitsch is credible as Carter, falling somewhere between Christian Bale and Ashton Kutcher in appearance and acting chops. Lynn Collins, as a Martian princess, elevates her role as the beautiful love interest. She is intelligent, alluring, and courageous – qualities that serve to make her more beautiful, more sultry, more captivating. She's easy to get lost in.

Ultimately, the potential for enjoyment is overwhelmed by the bombast of the plot — too many glaring faces and dire speeches delivered in somber tone. The mood becomes a cliché long before the eye-rolling parade of false endings. *

Let the Bullets Fly

Cornball comedy from China in the vein of Kung Fu Hustle. The grand shootouts that are garden variety in John Woo flicks are here used to highlight the levity — the same silly action employed ironically to parody its own silliness

In keeping with the comical tone, the film is flamboyantly photographed. The images teem with dynamic color and rich lighting. This at times produces a somewhat cartoonish appearance (especially when the low-budget digital effects are at play), but overall the vibrant look is refreshing.

The story involves a bandit who (by means of falsified identity) takes the position of governor in a rural province circa 1919. The fake politician proves to be a man of the people, taking on the struggle of "Justice! Justice! And bloody justice!" against the wealthy gangster who runs the town. Writer/ director/actor Wen Jiang is engaging as the decent-souled imposter, and Yun-Fat Chow makes an amusing turn as the clownish villain, abusive to subjects and subordinates alike. But all the violence (one ill-advised rape scene aside) is goofy, all the conflicts mild.

The script draws several grins and a fair number of laughs, but something is no doubt lost in translation. The timing on the dialogue is so rapidfire that the subtitles are often gone before we've read half of what someone has said. English-speaking audiences may have a tough time keeping pace with the jokes.

Many of the scenes run too long, and much of the plot is convoluted just to be convoluted: mistaken identities, decoys, doppelgängers. The ultimate goal of the film is summed up best by Chow's character: "Confuse everyone."

Reviewed in the movie listings: The Forgiveness of Blood, A Thousand Words, Undefeated.

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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. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18) GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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

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some Vertigo music is impudent but effective. This Chaplinesque nostalgia bubble has a tender, endearing fondness for its sources. 2011. — D.E.

★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HILLCREST; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA; OCEANSIDE MIS-SION MARKETPLACE 13; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Being Flynn — Robert De Niro is a writing "genius" sunken to deadbeat life in New York, and Paul Dano is his puzzled, searching son in Paul Weitz's film. With Julianne Moore, Lili Taylor, Olivia Thirlby. Reviewed next issue. (HILLCREST; LA JOLLA 12; FROM 3/16)

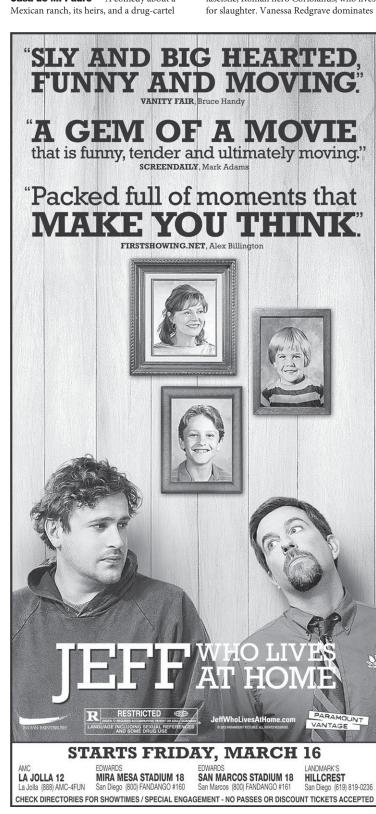
Bullhead — In Michael R Roskam's film (a recent Oscar contender), a big, mutilated man turns to steroids, and criminal activity undermines the Belgian cattle world. With Matthias Schoenaerts (GASLAMP 15: FROM 3/16)

Casa de Mi Padre — A comedy about a

kingpin. With Will Ferrell, Diego Luna, Gael García Bernal, and the late Pedro Armendáriz Ir. (GASLAMP 15: MISSION VALLEY 20: OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; FROM 3/16)

Chico & Rita — Horns blazing, congas calling, the sultry Havana sounds waft to hipster New York in the bop era. With singer Rita and pianist Chico at passionate center, the story is simple, but so are many great songs and most good cartoons. The three directors serve up a pleasurable, animated salute to Afro-Cuban jazz and many masters (Pozo, Puente, Valdés, Parker, Cole, Gillespie, Monk, Herman, Ellington), stylized for a hot retro vibe that feels timeless You might dance in your seat. 2012. — D.E. ★★★ (MISSION VALLEY 20; FROM 3/16)

Coriolanus — Ralph Fiennes, glowering like his Harry Potter villain Voldemort, is imposing and monotonous as Shakespeare's fascistic, Roman hero Coriolanus, who lives



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her every scene as his mother, a she-wolf of aristocratic pride who could have suckled Romulus and Remus. No milk could dilute the poisonous egotism of General Coriolanus. John Logan set the harsh, declamatory play in a modern, Balkan "Rome," a sort of Belgrade on the skids, with Redgrave and politician Brian Cox providing a few gestures for humanity. 2012. - D.E. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Descendants — Alexander Pavne'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.

★★ (GASLAMP 15; KEN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Dr. Seuss's The Lorax - Color Dr. Seuss's "earth-friendly" children's book gloomy green and Illumination Entertainment's animated counterpart a blinding shade of pestled pastel. (Consider sporting two pair of 3-D specs.) The ecological message holds firm, only this time our young hero does it all to impress a chick. Throwaway gags (Nemo can be found congealed in JELL-O) help to ease parents' pain, but not even shooting-range earplugs can deaden the fearfully upbeat songs. Danny DeVito, Zac Efron, and Taylor Swift lend their voices. 2012. - S.M.

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The Forgiveness of Blood - The internet and cell phones have come to Albania, yet that doesn't keep a blood feud and its archaic rules from tormenting a small town. The bull-brained machismo earns female

contempt ("They all act like children"), and a bright teen boy (Tristan Halilaj) desperately wants out. Director Joshua Marston. who seems in debt to the Taviani brothers. captures tension with the alert, careful humanism of his Maria Full of Grace. An action movie this isn't. 2012. – D.E. ★★★ (KEN; FROM 3/16)

Friends with Kids — A vacuum tube that chuckles. Breast and penis and poo poo gags, a cute baby, lots of bar chatter, and insufferably glib Adam Scott as a New Yorker who has a kid outside marriage with his sex buddy Jennifer Westfeldt. She has great cheekbones, also wrote and directed,

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MOVIE SHOWTIMES DOWNTOWN Reading Gaslamp

701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709) Bullhead (R) Fri-Sun (11:10, 1:55) 4:35, 7:25,

10:10; Casa de mi Padre (R) Fri-Sat (10:45, 12:40, 2:40) 4:40, 6:45, 8:50, 10:55 Sun (10:45, 12:40, 2:40) 4:40, 6:45, 8:50; **The Descen**dants (R) Fri-Sun (11:45, 2:25) 5:00, 7:35 10:05; **Hugo** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:20) 4:50; **John Carter** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:15, 3:05) 5:55, 8:55; John Carter in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:50) 4:45, 7:30, 10:20; **Miss Bala** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:35) 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; Project X (R) Fri (11:05, 12:05, 1:10, 2:10, 3:20) 4:20, 5:30, 6:30, 7:40, 8:40, 9:50, 10:50 Sat (11:05, 12:05, 1:10, 2:10, 3:20) 4:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50, 10:50 Sun (11:05, 12:05, 1:10, 2:10, 3:20) 4:20, 5:30, 6:30, 7:40, 8:40, 9:50; Silent House (R) Fri-Sun (11:55, 2:05) 4:15, 6:25, 8:30, 10:35; Special Event (Not Rated) Fri-Sun; The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938) (Not Rated) Fri Sat 7:00p.m. Sun; Thin Ice (R) Fri-Sun (11:50, 2:30); This Means War (R) Fri-Sun (2:20) 7:45, 10:00; A Thousand Words (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:35, 1:45, 3:55 5:05, 6:05, 7:15, 8:15, 9:25, 10:25; Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) Fri-Sun (10:50, 1:40) 4:35, 7:20, 10:15; 21 Jump Street (R) Fri (12:30, 1:00, 3:00) 4:30, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30 Sat-Sun (11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 4:30, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30

Regal Horton Plaza

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) Act of Valor (R) Fri (2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00 Sat-Sun (2:00) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Fri (1:45, 4:15) 6:45, 9:15 Sat-Sun (1:45) 4:15, 6:45, 9:15; **Dr. Seuss' The** Lorax 3D (PG) Fri (2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:05 Sat-Sun (2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:05; Friends With Kids (R) Fri (2:15, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50 Sat-Sun (2:15) 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; Gone (PG-13) Fri (2:55, 5:20) 7:50, 10:10 Sat-Sun (2:55) 5:20, 7:50, 10:10; The Grey (R) Fri-Sun 7:00, 9:45; The Iron Lady (PG-13) Fri (2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:35 Sat-Sun (2:05) 4:35, 7:05, 9:35; **Journey 2: The Mys-terious Island** (PG) Fri (1:35, 4:05) Sat-Sun (1:35) 4:05: LA Phil Live: Gustavo Dudamel and Herbie Hancock Celebrate Gershwin (Not Rated) Sun 2:00p.m.; Pina 3D (PG) Fri (2:45, 5:10) 7:35, 10:00 Sat-Sun (2:45) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; Safe House (R) Fri (1:40, 4:20) 6:55, 9:30 Sat-Sun (1:40) 4:20, 6:55, 9:30; The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) Fri-Sun (2:35) 6:00, 9:15; Unofficially Yours (Not Rated) Fri (1:30, 4:00) 6:30, 9:00 Sat-Sur (1:30) 4:00, 6:30, 9:00; **The Vow** (PG-13) Fri (2:40, 5:05) 7:40, 10:05 Sat-Sun (2:40) 5:05, 7:40, 10:05; **Wanderlust** (R) Fri (2:50, 5:15) 7:45, 10:10 Sat-Sun (2:50) 5:15, 7:45, 10:10; **We** Need to Talk About Kevin (R) Fri (2:10, 4:50) 7:25, 10:00 Sat (2:10) 4:50, 7:25, 10:00 Sun

KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken

The Forgiveness OF Blood (NR) Fri-Sun: (1:45), 7:00, Mon-Thu: 7:00; The Descendants Fri-Thu: (4:30), 9:30; The Room (R) Fri: 12:00 Midnight; The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) With "Crazed Imaginations" Shadow Cast, Sat: 12:00 Midnight, Discount Shows at Landmark's Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets "()"; Jiro Dreams Of Sushi (PG) Opens Friday, March 16; The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG) Plays Friday, March 16

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386) Act of Valor; Being Flynn; Dr. Seuss's The Lorax; Friends with Kids; The Iron Lady; Jeff, Who Lives at Home (R) Fri-Sun 10:35, 12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 John Carter; Project X; Safe House; The Secret World of Arrietty; This Means War; A Thousand Words; 21 Jump Street (R) Fri-Sun 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

Landmark La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236 **Coriolanus** (R) Fri Mon-Thu: (2:10), (5:20), 8:20, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 2:10, 5:20, 8:20; **We** Need To Talk About Kevin (R) Fri Mon-Thu: (2:20), (5:10), 8:10, Sat & Sun: (11:20). 2:20. 5:10, 8:10; **The Artist** (PG-13) Fri Mon-Thu: (2:30), (5:30)*, 8:30*, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:30, 5:30, 8:30, * No 5:30 PM or 8:30 PM Show Tuesday, 03/20/12; In Darkness (R) Fri Mon-Thu: (2:00), (5:00), 8:00, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, Discount Shows at Landmark's La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "()"; Delicacy (PG-13) Opens Friday, March 23; Footnote (PG) Opens Friday, March 23; Salmon Fishing In The Yemen (PG-13) Opens Friday, March 23

MIRA MESA

Regal Mira Mesa 10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

MISSION VALLEY

AMC Fashion Valley

7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386) Act of Valor (R); Chronicle (PG-13); Dr. Seuss's The Lorax (PG); Friends with Kids (R); Good Deeds (PG-13); John Carter (PG-13); Project X (R); Safe House (R); Silent House (R); This Means War (R); A Thousand Words (PG-13); 21 Jump Street (R); The Vow (PG-13); Wanderlust (R); We Need to Talk About Kevin (R); The Woman in Black (PG-13)

AMC Mission Valley

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386) Casa de mi Padre (R) Fri 1:55, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30 Sat-Sun 11:30, 1:55, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30; LA Phil Live: Gustavo Dudamel and Herbie Hancock Celebrate Gershwin (Not Rated) Sun 2:00p.m.; 21 Jump Street (R) Sat-Sun 11:00, 1:50, 4:45, 7:40, 10:35

Ultrastar Mission Valley Hazard Center

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) Ken Davis Fully Alive (NR) Thu: 7:30 PM; The Hunger Games (PG-13) Thu: 12:01 AM; The Hunger Games (PG-13) Thu: 12:01 AM; 21 Jump Street (R) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun-Wed: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, Thu: 10:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, Thu: 10:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; John Carter (PG-13) Fri: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15, Sat: 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15, Sun: 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, Mon-Thu: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **Dr.** Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Fri-Thu: 10:30 AM, 3:00, 7:30; **Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D** (PG) Fri & Sat: 12:45, 5:15, 9:45, Sun-Thu: 12:45, 5:15; Project X (R) Mon-Wed: 10:45 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 5.45, 8.00, Thu: 10.45 AM, 1.00, 3.30; Act of **Valor** (R) Mon-Wed: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:45, Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:30; Wanderlust (R) Mon-Wed: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, Thu:

12:45, 3:15; **Safe House** (R) Mon-Wed: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, Thu: 10:00 AM, 1:00; San Diego Latino Film Festival () Parent Movie Morning: "21 JUMP STREET" Thursday, 3/22 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY! Kidtoons: The Gruffalo, Pocoyo & the Wiggles (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) **Jeff, Who Lives At Home** (R) Fri Mon-Thu: (2:15), (4:50), 7:30, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (11:45), 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50; Being Flynn (R) Fri Mon-Thu: (2:05), (4:40), 7:20, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (11:35), 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45; **A Separation** (PG-13) Fri Mon-Thu: (3:45), 6:45, Sun: (12:00), 3:45, 6:45, 9:30; **Undefeated** (PG-13) Fri Mon-Thu: (1:45), (4:20), 7:00, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:15), 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; The Artist (PG-13) Fri Mon-Thu; (1:55), (4:30), 7:10*, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (11:25), 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30, * No 7:10 PM Show Wednesday, 03/21/12, Discount Shows at Landmark's Hillcrest

Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "()"; Salmon Fishing In The Yemen (PG-13) Opens Friday, March 23

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) Fri-Sun (11:50, 2:20) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05: Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:00, 3:05) 5:10 Fri-Sun (11:55, 2:05) 4:15, 6:15, 8:20, 10:20; Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 7:20, 9:20; John Carter (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:40, 2:30) 5:20, 8:10, 10:55; John Carter in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:40, 1:30) 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; Project X (R) Fri-Sun (11:20, 1:25, 3:30) 5:35, 7:45, 9:50; Silent House (R) Fri-Sun (11:10, 1:15, 3:20) 5:25, 7:35, 9:40; Special Event (Not Rated) Fri-Sun; A Thousand Words (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:35, 1:50) 4:10, 6:20, 8:30, 10:40; 21 Jump Street (R) Fri-Sun (11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264) Act of Valor (R) Fri-Sun (12:15, 3:15) 6:55, 9:50; The Artist (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:45p.m.); Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Fri (12:00, 12:20, 2:20, 2:50, 4:45, 5:10) 7:00, 9:30 Sat-Sun (12:00, 12:20, 2:20, 2:50) 4:45, 5:10, 7:00, 9:30; Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D (PG) Fri-Sun (12:55. 3:25) 6:40, 9:45; Ghost Rider 3D: Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:05) 7:40, 10:45; Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13) Fri (4:50p.m.) Sat-Sun 4:50p.m.; John Carter (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:55, 10:50; John Carter in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:25, 3:10, 3:35) 7:05, 7:25, 10:10; Project **X** (R) Fri (12:35, 3:00, 5:20) 8:05, 10:35 Sat-Su (12:35, 3:00) 5:20, 8:05, 10:35; **Safe House** (R)

Fri-Sun (12:10, 2:55) 7:10, 10:05; Silent House (R) Fri (12:40, 3:05, 5:25) 7:55, 10:20 Sat-Sun (12:40, 3:05) 5:25, 7:55, 10:20; This Means War (R) Fri-Sun (12:50, 3:40) 6:35, 9:40; A Thousand Words (PG-13) Fri (12:05, 2:35, 4.55) 7.20, 9.55 Sat-Sun (12.05, 2.35) 4.55, 7.20, 9:55; 21 Jump Street (R) Fri (11:45, 12:30, 2:30, 3:30, 5:15) 7:30, 8:00, 10:25, 10:50 Sat-Sun (11:45, 12:30, 2:30, 3:30) 5:15, 7:30, 8:00, 10:25, 10:50; Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13) Fri-Sun 7:35, 10:30; The Vow (PG-13) Fri-Sun (3:20) 6:30, 9:35

SANTEE

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Call theater for program information.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade

70 Dennery Road (888-262-4386) Act of Valor (R); Casa de Mi Padre (R); Dr. Seuss's The Lorax (PG); John Carter (PG-13); Project X (R); Safe House (R); Silent House (R): A Thousand Words (PG-13); 21 Jump Street (R); The Vow (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) Call theater for program information

EASTLAKE

AMC Otay Ranch

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386) Act of Valor (R) Fri-Sun 10:25, 1:05, 3:55, 6:40, 9:25; Casa de mi Padre (R) Fri-Sun 10:10, 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10; Dr. Seuss The Lorax (PG) Fri-Sun 11:55, 2:25, 4:55 7:25, 9:55; Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 10:45, 1:10, 3:40, 6:10, 8:40; John Carter (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:00, 1:00, 4:05, 7:10, 10:20; John Carter in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun 12:05, 3:05, 6:05, 9:15; Project X (R) Fri-Sun 10:30, 12:55, 3:15, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30: Safe House (R) Fri-Sun 11:25, 2:15. 5:00, 7:40, 10:25; Silent House (R) Fri-Sun 10:05, 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 9:45; This Means War (R) Fri-Sun 11:15, 1:55, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20; A Thousand Words (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:15, 12:40, 3:00, 5:25, 7:55, 10:15; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri-Sun 10:40, 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

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) Fri-Sat 10:45, 1:50, 4:40. 7:40, 10:40 Sun 10:45, 1:50, 4:40, 7:35, 10:15; Casa de mi Padre (R) Fri-Sat 10:00, 12:30, 3:20, 5:50, 8:30, 11:00 Sun 10:00, 12:30, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30; Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Fri-Sun 9:35, 11:00, 1:45, 2:30, 4:20, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30; **Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D** (PG) Fri-Sat 10:15, 11:55, 12:50, 3:30, 5:00, 6:15, 8:45, 10:15

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4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)

Sun 10:15, 11:55, 12:50, 3:30, 5:00, 6:15, 8:45, 10:10; John Carter (PG-13) Fri-Sat 9:30, 4:00, 7:15, 10:45 Sun 9:30, 4:00, 7:15, 10:25; John Carter in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun 12:45p.m.; John Carter: An IMAX 3D **Experience** (PG-13) Fri-Sat 11:45, 3:00, 6:30, 10:00 Sun 11:45, 3:00, 6:30, 9:50; Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) Fri-Sun 9:50, 12:20, 3:15, 6:00, 8:40; Project X (R) Fri-Sun 11:40, 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; **Safe House** (R) Fri-Sat 9:30, 12:15, 3:10, 6:10, 9:20 Sun 9:30, 12:15, 3:10, 6:10, 9:15; Silent House (R) Fri-Sat 9:40, 12:10, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 10:55 Sun 9:40, 12:10, 2:45, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20; **A Thousand** Words (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:40, 1:15, 3:50, 6:20 9:00; 21 Jump Street (R) Fri-Sun 9:45, 10:30, 12:45, 1:30, 3:45, 4:30, 6:45, 7:30, 9:45, 10:30, 11:00

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) The Hunger Games (PG-13) Thu: 12:01 AM; 21 Jump Street (R) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 9:45, 10:45, Sun: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, Mon-Wed: 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, Thu: 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 10:45; **John Carter** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 3:45, 7:00, 10:15, Sun: 11:45 AM, 3:45, 7:00, Mon-Wed: 3:45, 7:00, Thu: 3:45, 7:00, 10:15; **Dr. Seuss' The Lorax** (PG) Fri & Sat: 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00, Sun: 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, Mon-Wed: 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, Thu: 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; **Project X** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun: 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:30, 8:00, Mon-Wed: 3:30, 5:30, 8:00, Thu: 3:30, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Act of Valor (R) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30, Sun: 11:15 AM, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, Mon-Wed: 5:00, 7:45, Thu: 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; The Artist (PG-13) Fri-Sun: 12:00, 3:15, 8:15, Mon-Thu: 3:15, 8:15; Kidtoons: The Gruffalo. Pocoyo & the Wiggles (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM

POWAY

UltraStar Poway

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Ken Davis Fully Alive (NR) Thu: 7:30 PM; The Hunger Games (PG-13) Thu: 12:01 AM; The Hunger Games (PG-13) Thu: 12:01 AM; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40, Sun-Tue: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, Wed: 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00; **John Carter** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45, Sun-Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; **John Carter in Disney Digital 3D** (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; Silent House (R) Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:15, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15 10:30, Sun-Wed: 10:45 AM, 1:15, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:15, 3:45; Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:55 AM, 1:10, 3:25. 5:40, 7:55, 10:15, Sun-Wed: 10:55 AM, 1:10, 3:25, 5:40, 7:55, Thu: 10:55 AM, 1:10, 3:25, 6:00, 8:15; Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:10 AM, 12:25, 2:40, 4:55, 7:10, 9:30, Sun-Thu 10:10 AM, 12:25, 2:40, 4:55, 7:10; Project X (R) Fri & Sat: 10:20 AM, 12:40, 3:00, 5:05, 7:20, 9:45, Sun-Thu: 10:20 AM, 12:40, 3:00, 5:05, 7:20; Act of Valor (R) Fri: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:05, 5:40. 8:15, 10:50, Sat: 12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15, 10:50, Sun: 12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15, Mon-Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15; This Means War (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50, Sun-Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15; **The** Artist (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40, Sun-Thu: 10:15 AM, 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10; Parent Movie Morning: "DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX" Wedensday, 3/21 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY! Kidtoons: The Gruffalo, Pocoyo & the Wiggles (G) Sat & Sun: 10:00 AM

SAN MARCOS

Regal San Marcos 1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old

California Walk) (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

TEMECULA

Ultrastar Temecula Tower Cinemas 27531 Ynez Road (951-699-2205)

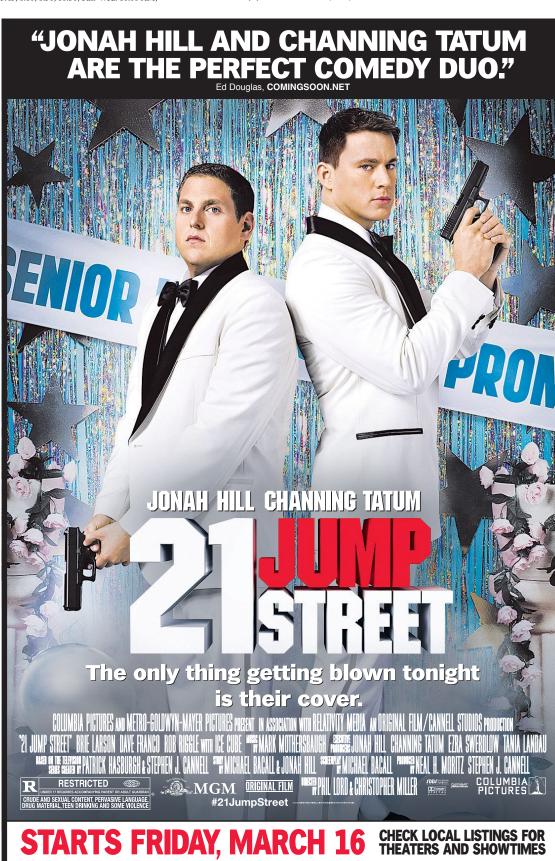
27531 Ynez Road (951-699-2205) **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Thu: 12:01 AM; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 12:40, 1:15, 4:15, 5:40, 7:15, 8:15, 10:15, Sun-Tue: 10:15 AM, 12:40, 1:15, 4:15, 5:40, 7:15, 8:15, Wed: 10:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 12:40, 1:15, 4:15, 5:40, 7:15, 8:15, Thu: 10:15 AM, 12:40, 1:15, 4:15, 5:40, 7:15, 8:15, 10:15; **John Carter** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, Sun-Thu: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 7:30; **John Carter in Disney Digital 3D** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 4:30, 10:30, Sun-Wed: 10:15 AM, 4:30, Thu: 10:15 AM, 4:30, 10:30; **Dr. Seuss' The Lorax** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:00, 2:45, 3:30, 5:45, 8:10, 8:30, 10:30, Sun-Wed: 10:00 AM,

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de los peces) (NR) Sun: 4:00 PM

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Calendar

but this is where the auteur theory falls down dead. With Kristen Wiig, Jon Hamm, Maya Rudolph, and manly-dull Edward Burns. 2012. — D.E. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: SAN MARCOS 18)

Good Deeds — Tyler Perry's black-laffs franchise empire continues. In this comedy, a businessman (Perry) falls for a cleaning woman (Thandie Newton). With Gabrielle Union, Phylicia Rashad. (FASHION VALLEY 18; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13)

In Darkness — One of our finest Holocaust dramas. Robert Wieckiewicz is wonderful, but not posingly wonderful, as Poldek. The Catholic sewer-worker saved some Jews as the Nazis wiped out the ghetto in Lvov (then Poland, now Ukraine) in the year of hell, 1944. Capping a fine career, director Agnieszka Holland shows sewer filth, fear, love, greed, bigotry, and cruelty, and (supremely) faces as vivid as Goya graphics. Apart from some questionable sex in the septic depths and a strikingly "Aryan" Jewish hero, it feels like truth told straight about what really happened. 2012. — D.E. ★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Jeff, Who Lives at Home — A comical tale of two brothers from writing/directing brothers Jay and Mark Duplass. Jason Segel is the slacker bro, pulled into an odd quest by more successful sibling Ed Helms. With Su-

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san Sarandon, Judy Greer, Rae Dawn Chong. (HILLCREST; LA JOLLA 12; FROM 3/16)

> John Carter — Reviewed this issue. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SOUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE MISSION MAR-KETPLACE 13; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Let the Bullets Fly — Reviewed this issue.

★ (GASLAMP 15, THROUGH 3/15)

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Miss Bala — Mexico's official entry for the recent Oscars competition is Gerardo Naranjo's drama about an aspiring beauty queen (Stephanie Sigman) whose hopes are threatened by a crime cartel.

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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)

Project X — Somebody took a perfectly good black comedy and grafted a fairy tale onto it. The results aren't pretty. What could have been a delicious dissection of one poor bastard's attempt to become cool by whoring out his upscale home for party-fueled destruction winds up as an affirmation of true love and human gratitude. "Hey man, thanks for letting us thrash your folks' place!" Plus, a dog mates with a drunk dude's face. Directed by Nima Nourizadeh; with Thomas Mann and Oliver Cooper. 2012. — M.L.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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)

Silent House — At first, this "old dark house" horror film, shot in one continuous hand-held take, felt like an exercise in pulling focus — the *Russian Ark* of American horror films. But the end justifies the means, as this boogeyman turns out to be terrifyingly commonplace. Elizabeth Olsen, the most talented Olsen sibling, gives '80s-era Jamie Lee Curtis stiff competition for the title of scream queen. Chris Kentis and Laura Lau directed this remake of a 2010 Uruguayan film, also shot in one take. 2012. — S.M.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSS-MONT CENTER 10; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROM-ENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Thin Ice — In winter Wisconsin, an insurance salesman (Greg Kinnear) connives to steal a valuable violin. A late, tell-all twist is unconvincing, and director Jill Sprecher includes an exploited secretary who seems spun from her superior *Clockwatchers*. This minor *Fargo*, somewhat feminized (*Fargette?*), has solid work by squirmy Kinnear, scumball Billy Crudup, dog-loving farmer Alan Arkin, and fussy violin-dealer Bob Balaban. 2012. — D.E.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; OTAY RANCH 12)

A Thousand Words — If only we had a thousand words for it, but here goes: Eddie Murphy cranks up loud and even funny as Jack, a motormouth Hollywood agent, but then the comical "concept" shifts him

into mugging mutely because a guru (Cliff Curtis) and a mystic Bodhi tree want Jack to hear his inner silence. Murphy would probably be fine at charades, but this movie tortures his talent (it's gotten to be a habit). With Ruby Dee as his cutely senile mom, Allison Janney, Kerry Washington, John Witherspoon. 2012. — D.E.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

21 Jump Street — Reviewed this issue. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASH-ION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CEN-TER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/16)

Undefeated — Not the Sarah Palin documentary, nor the John Wayne Western. In this documentary, coach Bill Courtney turns around a high school football team in North Memphis, Tennessee. He is a remarkable man, not a plaster hero. The struggle to make the school's first playoff in 110 years becomes less involving than the white coach's care for his players, all of them black and disadvantaged. Despite clichéd style, the movie offers emotional and moral rewards. 2012. — D.E. ★★★ (HILLCREST; FROM 3/16)

The Vow — Channing Tatum tries to squeeze his hulking, chiseled physique into the role of a sensitive guy whose wife wakes up from a coma with no memory of him and no real desire to resume married life. It's not a great fit. Rachel McAdams, on the other hand, is impossibly cute as an urban sculptor (*sigh*) who reverts to the privileged suburban princess she once was. It's slick marketing — how many wives wish their husbands would woo them all over again? — but it loses steam by forgoing the meaning of a vow in favor of the feelings it may (or may not) inspire. 2012. — M.L.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SOUARE 14)

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. (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7)

We Need to Talk About Kevin — No

one really talks smartly about Kevin, a sneering sociopath (Ezra Miller) who massacred fellow students at school, leaving his mother (Tilda Swinton) in hell. From the opening in a bloody mosh pit to the vaguely allegorical climax involving archery, the movie ducks issues and abstracts characters, becoming a handsome exercise in moodsoaked paranoia. Lynne Ramsay directed, Swinton tries hard, and John C. Reilly does one of his patented dudes like a smiling hamburger. 2012. — D.E.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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Basilicata Coast to Coast 2010. In Rocco Papaleo's comedy, "a music group and a journalist cross the region of Basilicata by foot to attend a music festival." In Italian with English subtitles. Thursday, March 22, 7 p.m.

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Straw Dogs 1971. One of Sam Peckinpah's greatest films? The psychological thriller stars Dustin Hoffman and Susan George as an American and his English wife facing violent harassment in rural England. Friday, March 16, 2:30 p.m.

The Getaway 1972. An ex-con (Steve McQueen) and his loyal wife (Ali MacGraw) go on the run after a heist goes awry in this Peckinpah flick. **Friday**, **March 23**, 2:30 p.m.

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Wham! Bam! Islam! 2011. "When a Kuwaiti psychologist launches a comic series with 99 superheroes based on the 99 virtues of Allah, he runs up against suspicion from Muslims and the harsh realities of the global marketplace." Monday, March 26, 6:30 p.m.

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of life by way of a middle-aged man's childhood memories of his family living in 1950s Texas, interspersed with imagery of the origins of the universe and the inception of life on Earth." Wednesday, March 21, 6 p.m.

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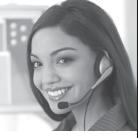
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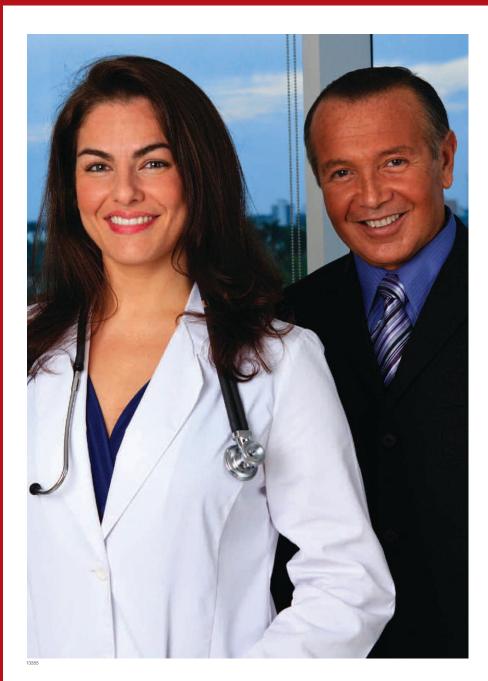
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2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name and a brief message (20 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All

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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 e-mailed to: Sudoku@sdreader.com

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 2. I have a dog that speaks perfect English. I would be impressed if he just wasn't such a big liar.

Bethann Spinelli, Santee, 1. Don't bring a spoon to a fork fight.



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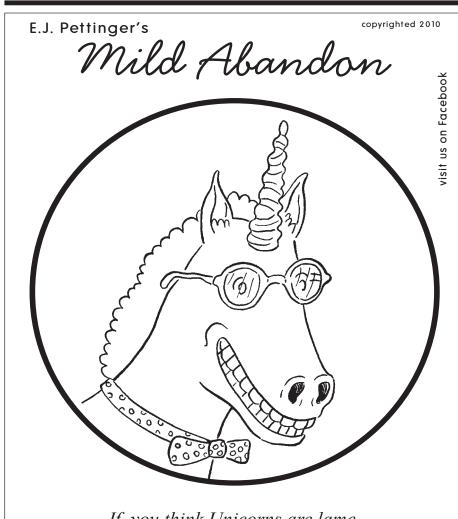
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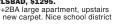


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Brainstorms

by Don Rubin

Yanks

Each of these silhouettes is a former NY Yankee whose name (or nickname) appears below. Can you match them up?

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Elva Chavez Del Mar. Retired

'd like to have an incognito mode where I just become really subtle. I could just blend in a little like a chameleon so I could listen to conversations and go unnoticed.



Pete Brown Costa Mesa, Wastewater Plant Operator

would want to be a world-class musician: probably I'd pick guitar. I love my music, but I never could play an instrument and I'd love to play an instrument.



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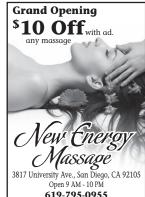
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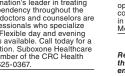


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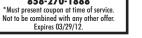


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Beyond the Pale

- In San Francisco, there is an annual refereed "Masturbate-a-thon," and the supposed world record, set in 2009, is held by Masanobu Sato, who remained aroused for nine hours, 58 minutes. In a series of videos released recently, Sato calmly explained how he "practices" for about two hours every morning while his live-in girlfriend goes about her business (in one video, ironing). Sato said he trains by swimming twice a week and has "gained about (11 pounds) in muscle," which helped him with "stamina."

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- David Belniak, now serving 12 years in prison after pleading guilty to DUI manslaughter for killing a woman and her adult daughter and her husband in a Christmas Day 2007 car crash, filed a lawsuit from prison in January against the victims' family, demanding justice from them in the form of compensation for medical expenses and his "pain" and "anguish." Police records show Belniak was driving between 75 and 85 mph when he rear-ended the victims' stopped car and that he had alcohol, Xanax, and cocaine in his system. Attorney Debra Tuomey, Belniak's sister, represents him and called her brother's imprisonment "government sanctioned assassination."

It's Only Money

- The U.S. Treasury Department's inspector general for tax matters revealed in January that the IRS certified 331 prison inmates as registered "tax preparers" during a recent 12-month period, including 43 who were serving life sentences. None of the 43, and fewer than onefourth of the total, disclosed that they were in prison. The agency blamed a 2009 federal law intended to encourage online filing of tax returns, noting that "tax preparer" registration can now be accomplished online by passing a 120-question test. USA Today reported in Feb-

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Inexplicable

- A man identified as Antonio C., 99, filed for divorce in December against his wife of 77 years, Rosa C., age 96, in Rome, Italy. According to an ANSA news agency report, Antonio became upset when he discovered 50-year-old letters from an affair Rosa once had.

- Christopher Bolt pleaded guilty in September to felony destruction of property in Loudoun County, Va., for spray-painting more than 50 vehicles. Some were marked with the number "68," which a sheriff's detective explained was probably because Bolt had initially sprayed "69" but realized it "didn't look right."

Least Competent Criminals

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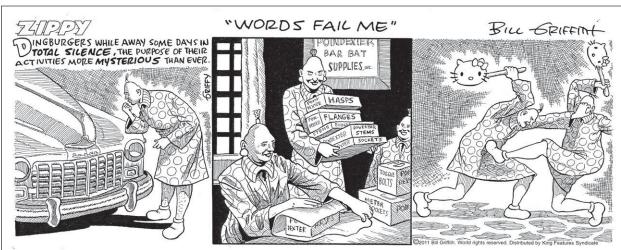
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