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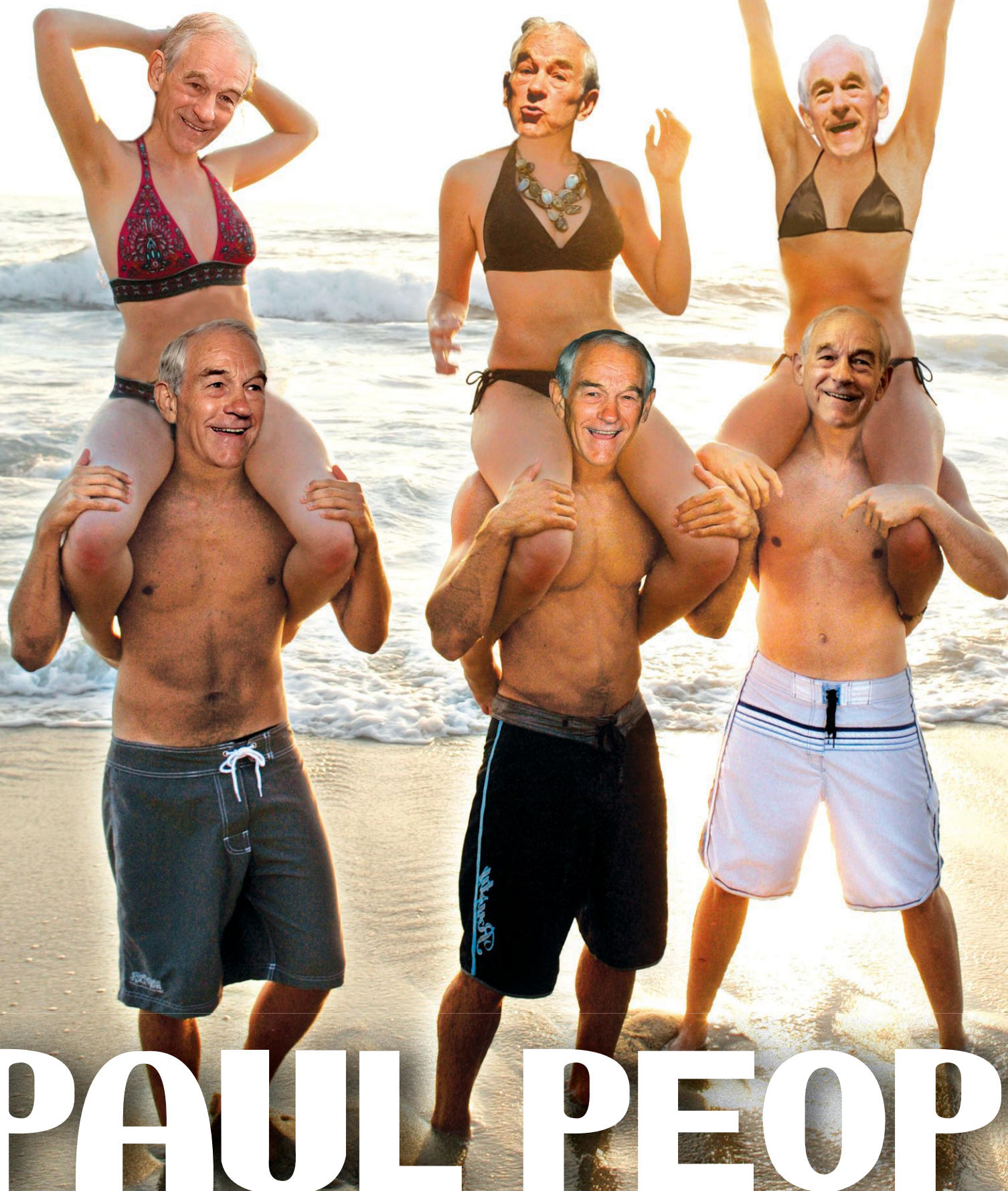
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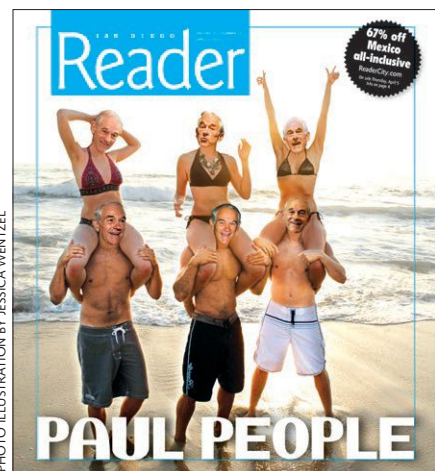
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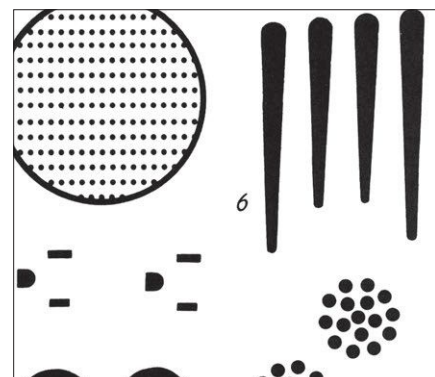
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UNDER THE RADAR

The high cost of local politics

The 2012 election season is quickly shaping up as one of the busiest in recent years, and by all indications, San Diego political consultants have just begun to rake in big bucks from a variety of California campaign committees. At the moment, the getting looks good. From July of last year through the middle of March, according to numbers available online from the California secretary of state, local political gurus had been paid a total of \$461,972 in consulting fees.

Biggest winner thus far: Revolv Consulting, Inc., with total compensation of \$123,207. With offices in Washington, D.C., and Sacramento, as well as locally on Clairemont Drive, the company recalls on its website that “Revolv began in 1995 when

Jason Roe and Duane Dichiara

were politically active young turks in San Diego Republican politics... Jason went off to Washington, DC and Duane headed to Sacramento with a plan that one day, they would return and start that dream firm. More than a decade later, Revolv Consulting opened its doors.”

Dichiara once told *Capitol Weekly* that his chief “claim to fame” was being “simultaneously chief of staff for two good San Diegans,” assembly Republicans **Mark Wyland** and **Shirley Horton**, in 2003. During the second half of 2011, the fees paid Revolv included a total of \$6000 from Wyland’s 2014 Board of Equalization campaign account.

Second place in the consulting derby goes to the Democratic fund-raising firm of KM Strategies, run by **Kelli Medina Maruccia**, a former finance assistant to Democratic senator **Tim Johnson** of South Dakota, according to her profile on LinkedIn. KM booked a total of \$63,227 from assemblymembers **Toni Atkins** and **Ben Hueso**, along with ex-Del Mar city councilwoman **Crystal Crawford**, who later decided not to run for assembly and instead endorsed Atkins.

Emissary Relations, LLC, run by **Benjamin** and **Anne Bosanac**, was a close third with \$63,000, all of it from the San Diego mayoral campaign of GOP assemblyman **Nathan Fletcher**, who last week announced he was leaving the party to become an independent.

According to their biographies posted on a company website that has since been taken down, Anne — previously development officer for the conservative Manhattan Institute for Pol-

icy Research in New York City — is director of fund-raising for the Fletcher campaign. Benjamin worked for the New York institute’s Center for Policing Terrorism.

Further down on the political pecking order is **Jon Cross** of Chris-Cross Marketing, who racked up \$33,870 in fees from New Majority California PAC. “Jon serves as the Executive Director for New Majority San Diego, one of the largest Republican PAC’s in California,” according to the



Tops among local political consulting firms is Revolv, owned by Jason Roe and Duane Dichiara. Since July, the firm has hauled in over \$123,000 from California campaigns.

Chris-Cross website. “In addition, he also serves as an informal advisor to Nathan Fletcher’s San Diego mayoral campaign.

“Previously, Jon co-produced and directed the Nevada Inaugural Ceremony and Northern Nevada Inaugural Ball for the newly elected Governor of Nevada, **Brian Sandoval**,” the web bio continues. “In 2010, Jon served as a senior campaign staff member to U.S. Senate candidate and former CEO of HP **Carly Fiorina**, where he managed candidate and political advance operations.”

Other medium-to-heavy hitters among local politicians included **George Bresnahan**, who was paid \$27,000 by Democratic state senator **Juan Vargas**, a longtime client. Another was **Donna Cleary**, campaign consultant for state senator **Mark Wyland**. She received \$16,424 from Wyland’s 2010 campaign account. Smaller players on the local political scene included Dorsee Productions, the fund-raising outfit run by Rancho Santa Fe Republican **Karolyn Dorsee**, which was paid \$7915 by the New Majority California PAC.

Redeveloped ethics

The Downtown San Diego Partnership, a pro-redevelopment lobbying group run by **Kris Michell**, ex-chief of staff to GOP mayors **Susan Golding** and **Jerry Sanders**, quietly settled up with the City’s Ethics Commission last month. Seems that the association, whose membership consists of some of the most politically savvy corporate

and legal insiders around, somehow forgot to file its third quarterly lobbying disclosure report with the city clerk. When the statement finally arrived, five weeks late and following two remind-

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Ex-mayoral chief of staff Kris Michell’s Downtown San Diego Partnership gets a hand slap from lobbyist police.

San Diego Gas & Electric: Fat Profits, Fat Pay

By Don Bauder

Sempra Energy, the San Diego-based utility, is wealthy by comparison with other utilities. It is obsessed with handing

out its riches to its shareholders (particularly its own top executives) at the expense of its customers. Quietly, officials of the California Public Utilities Commission, supposedly the unbiased regulator, rake in some of that lucre.

Sempra consists mainly of San Diego Gas & Electric (SDGE) and Southern California Gas, although the parent company has wind, solar,

“improved California regulation allows the company to collect best-in-class returns.”

Best-in-class, indeed. Standard & Poor’s lists profits as a percent of revenue for eight comparable American utilities. Sempra’s 13.5 percent whips them all; five of the eight have returns less than half of Sempra’s.



Conflict of interest? Public utilities commissioner Timothy Simon (left) enjoyed a \$10,000 trip to Italy, courtesy of an industry-sponsored foundation. Shown here with SDGE head Jessie Knight.

pipeline, storage, and liquefied natural gas assets, too.

In theory, public utilities are supposed to provide reasonably priced, reliable service to customers, as well as pleasing shareholders. A major mandate of the state utilities commission is to safeguard consumers. But Sempra and the commission are fixated on pleasing Wall Street.

Behold the enthusiastic views of securities analysts. California has “a constructive regulatory environment,” enthuses Christopher Muir of Standard & Poor’s.

The state’s utilities commission is a “construc-

Yet both San Diego Gas & Electric and Southern California Gas are now trying to get hefty rate boosts from the commission.

In its 2010 annual report, Sempra has a chart pointing out that its stock’s total return (dividends plus capital gains) zoomed 208 percent from 2000 to 2010, while average utility returns went up a mere 8 percent. The company recently raised its dividend 23 percent and has announced plans to buy back its stock — a classic move to inflate earnings per share and the stock price.

Why is Sempra so profitable and its stock price so

high? It shortchanges the poor and middle class, its customers, to reward the rich, its shareholders. This week (Thursday, April 5), at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Al Bahr Shrine Center, commission representatives will hear from San Diegans about San Diego Gas & Electric’s proposed scheme to make customers pay for uninsured costs of the 2007 wildfires, for which the company was found negligent. The company also wants customer indemnification for such costs of future fires.

Opponents argue correctly that since San Diego Gas & Electric was found negligent in those fires, the costs should be borne by shareholders, not customers. But the company pampers those shareholders — particularly those inside the company. In 2010, the last

year in which comparisons can be made, Sempra’s then-chief executive Don Felsing brought home \$10.2 million. I checked 22 similar utilities: only 2 of the 22 top executives of those utilities made more than Felsing. I checked chief-executive pay of 8 of the largest utilities: only 2 brought home more than Felsing in 2010.

“Felsing’s compensation was definitely on the high end compared with the company’s peers,” deadpans Morningstar’s Barnett. And Sempra also does some finagling in fixing compensation: “The company is not

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The Business of Nonprofit News

By Elizabeth Salaam

Don't ask Scott Lewis about the layoffs at *Voice of San Diego*. It's not something the chief executive cares to discuss. Back in

early December, the nonprofit news organization let go reporters Emily Alpert and Adrian Florido and photographer Sam Hodgson. The decision was not popular.

A December 14 editorial in *CityBeat* read, "*CityBeat* writer Dave Maass put it this way: 'Voice of San Diego essentially cut its heart out. Adrian, Emily and Sam were Voice's strongest journalists in terms of compassion, understanding and character.'"

In comments on the *Voice* website, some readers called the decision "shocking" and "appalling," saying it "weakens" the news outlet. Others rebuked the organization for not appealing to members and donors before

the decision was made.

"Who wants to contribute \$\$ to some vague, fuzzy 'goal' when they have no idea where the \$\$ is going?" wrote one commenter. "It's just psychologically easier to pony up the \$\$ for a person or specific cause rather than yet another general fundraiser."

In early March, three months after the fact, it's still a delicate issue.

"It was an incredibly difficult decision," Lewis says now for the third time in ten minutes. "We grew and then had to settle into a smaller budget. It sucks. I'm a little sensitive about why we have to keep talking about it."

We're in his glass-walled office in Point Loma. Lewis has moved his chair out



Voice of San Diego chief Scott Lewis has taken heat for firing two journalists from the nonprofit online publication.

from behind the desk. He leans back in it with his legs crossed.

He won't tell me how the organization decided on the particulars of the layoffs, only that they came as a result of end-of-year budget talks in which *Voice* decreased its \$1.2 million budget by \$200,000. He does, however, say that in addition to letting go three employees (along with an unnamed development director), *Voice* also cut travel and employee education budgets.

"We specifically chose to protect employee pay and benefits, though," he says.

Lewis doesn't hesitate to confirm his already public \$85,000 salary, but he will not comment on any other salaries.

In some fundraising campaigns, the *Voice of San Diego* has allowed donors to choose what their donation funds: arts, education, technology, and so on. When I ask if appealing to donors was ever on the table as a way to avoid the layoffs, even with a decreased budget, Lewis says no.

"I'm not going to ever hold a gun to someone's head and say, 'You've got to give us money or we're going to have to let some people go,'" he says.

On the *Voice of San Diego* website, the nonprofit explains that it is "run like a business. We must keep a strict eye on expenses, be innovative and work hard to raise money from a variety of sources..."

In the current model, Lewis informs me, foundations/grants and major donors account for approximately 35 and 30 percent of the budget, respectively. The remaining 35 percent is split among members, media partners, and corporate sponsors. In the near future, however, the organization would like to shift those numbers around.

"I'll be frank," Lewis says, "we've survived and thrived based on spontaneous acts of heroism in the past, and

NEWS TICKER

Vision to Give

Young Entrepreneurs Fix Eyes on Global Vision Downtown — What started as a San Diego State University assignment to formulate a business plan with a social impact has turned into a full-time limited liability company that is providing free prescription glasses to people in need around the world.

Operating under the slogan "Vision to Give," SOLO Eyewear was founded last year by recent graduates Jenny Amaraneni and Craig Stern.

The company, which includes creative director Dana Holliday, works on a model similar to the popular Santa Monica for-profit TOMS Shoes and Eyewear — for every pair of sunglasses purchased, SOLO donates a pair of prescription glasses.

"If people can't read or see, they can't work," says Stern, a marketing consultant and web designer currently living in Pacific Beach. "Restoring peoples' vision can change their lives."

So far, SOLO has changed 750 lives in 11 countries using their own money and proceeds from their five colors of wayfarer shades.

Then, just for kicks, they held a fundraiser to see how many cataract surgeries they could give.

The number came out to 105.

"I've watched a woman going from not being able to see at all to having vision," says Stern, who recently spent 17 days in India to partner up with the country's top optometry institutes. "They took the cataract out in 15 minutes. Two days of recovery later, she could see."

By Chad Deal
Saturday, March 31

Independent Alternative

Donors Nationwide Respond to Nathan Fletcher's Departure

Beyond SD — Despite some local negative responses, and the loss of at least one endorsement, Nathan Fletcher's campaign reports that thousands of small donations have poured in from donors nationwide, including notes of appreciation and support.

The increase of monetary support and attention is due largely to a column published yesterday by *New York Times* columnist David Brooks, who refers to Fletcher's decision to leave the GOP as a nationally important test case and asks, "Can the Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who were trained to be ruthlessly pragmatic find a home in either political party? Can center-right moderates find a home in the G.O.P., even in coastal California? As the two parties become more insular, is it possible to mount an independent alternative?"

By Esther Rubio-Sheffrey
Friday, March 30

Community Inspired

City Releases Environmental Report for One Paseo

Carmel Valley — One Paseo, the largest development project ever proposed for Carmel Valley, is one step closer to becoming a reality. Today, the City posted the Draft Environmental Impact Report on its website.

The project, from Kilroy Realty Corporation, consists of 1,857,440 square feet of residential and commercial space on 23.6 acres near the corner of Del Mar Heights Road and El Camino Real. Complete with its own "main street," the 10 buildings will house a movie theater, a 150-room hotel, 608 multifamily units, and 806,000 square feet of retail and office space.

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"Frisco"? Yikes!

Re "Two Toronados" (Restaurants, March 22).

Imagine the scene. A tourist from San Diego visits Toronado, a venerable San Francisco institution, insults the hosts by calling the city "Frisco," revealing himself as a hick from the sticks and a backwater yahoo, suffers well-deserved castigation in the form of indifferent service, scurries back to San Diego with his tail between his legs vowing revenge by writing a facile "analysis" of the differences "in the very fiber of their underlying cultures." This is an article about two beer joints, for Pete's sake, lighten up! You spend a couple of hours in a great city, and suddenly you're a cultural expert. What cultural "expert" calls San Francisco "Frisco"?

As a former resident of the City and a frequent visitor to the Toronado, I can tell you about some of the differences between the two bars. Toronado San Francisco is a San Francisco institution located in a world-famous neighborhood — Haight-Ashbury. Toronado San Diego is a lightweight Johnny-come-

lately located in a nondescript area of North Park, hardly a sought-after tourist destination. As for the "laid-back" Southern California ambience (what writer uses this tired old cliché?), this flies in the face of the high-tension rat race San Diego has become. And what the heck do you mean by "modern-day sensibility"? This is just a sound bite, devoid of meaning and weak writing.

However, all this is understandable, a recurring case of San Diego's inferiority complex, a need to compare costume jewelry to a diamond. Let's be real: we are a blister on the border with a "culture" of fish tacos, fire pits, and football. Please, Mr. Hernandez, do us all a favor and stay out of places you don't understand if all you can do is criticize. And here is another "cultural" difference: San Franciscans don't call San Diego "Dago"; they have more class. Pity you don't.

Rico Gardiner
San Diego

I Consult, I Don't Lobby

Please make the following correction from your March 1 edition. I was listed as a lobbyist, but that is not the case ("Horn's Immortal Campaign," "Under the Radar"). I am a small business consultant and help with strategy. I do not lobby.

George Plescia

Matt Potter responds: Bill Horn's campaign disclosure filing of January 12, 2012, reported Plescia's occupation to be "consultant" to California Policy Advisors at the time of his contri-

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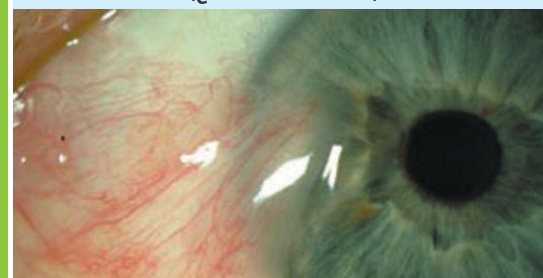
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by Barbarella

Jerk 'Em Around

Ifished my Evil Hello Kitty bejeweled phone out of my purse, saw my sister's face on the display, and answered, "Yo, we're standing outside of Long Island Mike's waiting for Dad, what are you up to?"

"What? My meeting finished early, I'm right by there! I wanna eat at Mike's too," Jane whined.

"I'm too hungry to wait for you, and Dad just pulled up," I said. I held the phone up at my father, who had gotten out of his car and was in the process of greeting David. "It's Jane," I said. "She wants to crash our lunch." I could hear Jane's voice calling out from the phone in my hand — something about how to get to where we were from the 163 — and handed her to Dad. "Just tell her I'm not going to wait to order. She can come, and we'll hang out while she eats, but I'm going to start without her — we're starving." Dad nodded, kissed me on the cheek, and then took my phone and gave Jane directions to the pizza joint she'd lunched at dozens of times before.

Seven minutes later, I was half-a-slice into my lunch when Jane burst through the door in her bright red-orange blazer over a black pencil skirt. Once she was settled at the table with a slice of Italian Flag (a white pie with roasted red peppers and spinach), she reached into her giant handbag and pulled out a sparkly, fancy-looking lanyard.

"I just bought this, isn't it great? I'm going to wear it at the convention next week and tell everyone it was given to me because I'm a special trainer."

"So you're going to *lie*?" I raised a judgmental brow.

"I'm just being funny," Jane said.

"No, you're lying, and if anyone catches you in your lie, you'll play it off like a joke and pretend like

you were only trying to be funny," I countered.

"I think it's funny," Dad offered. "I'm proud of you, baby." David coughed, as if he'd inhaled a bite of food while trying to gasp at his father-in-law.

Encouraged, Jane shared her latest mindfuck triumph. At one of her big drug company conferences, she put one of those peel-n-stick gold stars — the kind you got on your school papers in first grade — on her name badge. When anyone asked what it was for, Jane would say, "Oh, I'm not sure, it just came that way — I must have won something at the national level," and then she would watch as her colleagues silently flipped out over why they hadn't received stars on *their* badges.

This reminded my father of one of his own recent ruses. While Jane chewed on her slice, Dad regaled us with a story about one of the many ways he messed with his fellow wargamers while in Korea. "When you check out of the hotel, the guy there gives you a gift — he's always sure to grab your arm, like this,

and look you in the eye because he wants to personally give it to you. So, after checking out, we're all getting on the elevator, and I said, casually, 'Oh, did everybody get their gift? Three pairs of socks?'" He took time to laugh at the memory. "See, everyone only got two pairs of socks. When I said I got three, they went berserk!"

"You bought a third pair for yourself so it would look like the guy gave you more?" I asked.

Through his laughter — a booming roar that had tapered to a series of high-pitched giggles — Dad said, "No! Just to say it is enough to make these people crazy."

"Why do you do it?" David asked.

"Just to jerk 'em around," Dad said with a self-satisfied smile. "People are so gullible, and they get so worked up — usually I say the most outrageous thing I can think of, just to see if they'll buy it."

"Like what?" I was suddenly intrigued, and David's mock (or was it?) horrified reaction to my family's sadistic glee only made the rest of our smiles wider.

"Maritime warfare has gone from blue water operations — major warships fighting major warships at sea — to brown water, which is closer to shore," Dad explained. "In the past 10 to 15 years, the Navy has been focusing on what they call 'littoral warfare.' I know the word means 'on or near the shore.' But when it came up in a meeting, I told Pat that the word 'littoral' comes from the word 'clitoral,' because clitoral means close to the bone. I just made that up, because I'm sick. We were just talking in a regular conversation, and he believed me, because he doesn't

think anybody would make something like that up."

This time, I was the one roaring with laughter. "Did you ever say you were kidding?"

"No," Dad said. "I waited for that *aha* realization on his face, but I never saw it. I do that all the time — I'll make up definitions for words, and because I have a large vocabulary, and very often I'm right, people normally defer to my etymological prowess."

"What other words do you make up?" David asked.

"I do it so often I can't even remember," Dad said. "It's like breathing — it gets me through the day."

I turned to Jane, who had been softly caterwauling ever since the spotlight had been diverted from her. "Where did you buy that thing, anyway?"

She sat up straighter and smiled. "A corporate person at the meeting I was just at was wearing one, and I asked her where she got it, and she said the Sharp psychiatric gift shop, so I ran right over there after our meeting and got one."

"The *psychiatric* gift shop?" I smirked. "Well, that kind of brings it all home, don't you think?"

This time, all four of us laughed, although David paused between guffaws to say to my father, "You created this, you know," to which Dad nodded and smiled with pride. ■

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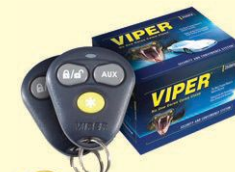
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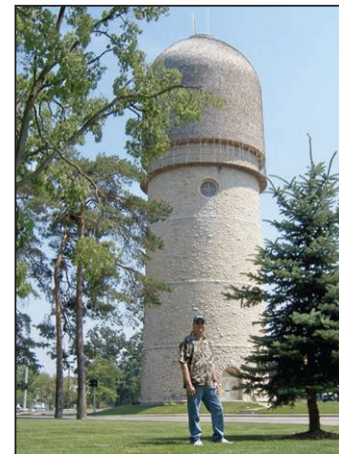
POST TITLE: **The Water Tower — Digging Up the Past**

POST DATE: **September 16, 2011**

Hello from Washtenaw County, home of The University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. I am in Michigan doing research for my next writing project, which has the working title of *The Water Tower*. From July of 1967 until July of 1969, a phantom killer left two college campuses in a state of sustained fear and terror.

John Norman Collins is reputed to have tortured, murdered, and mutilated seven young women from the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area. He was convicted of only one of the murders, and many questions have been left unanswered.

Several people have come forward with new information regarding this case. There is more story here, and I mean to tell it.



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was fixed up on a double date with John Collins. She fit the profile of the murdered women to a tee. This may have been the woman to whom John confessed that he didn't believe in the fifth commandment: Thou shall not kill. I am getting her contact information, so I can confirm that when I speak with her.

POST TITLE: **The Dutch Psychic — Peter Hurkos — Sounds Greek to Me!**

POST DATE: **October 7, 2011**

I was just settling into an interview with someone who knew John Norman Collins. It was a late lunch meeting at Haabs, downtown Ypsilanti's oldest and finest restaurant. I overheard two women, sitting in a booth adjacent to us, talking in hushed tones

about John Collins and those times. What a coincidence!

One of the women worked for the county police as a dispatcher at that time, and the other claimed to be a psychic.

"How amazing is this?" I said. "I just learned something new about Peter Hurkos, the Danish psychic, who was called onto the case by a citizens' group."

I didn't go into this with the ladies, but Hurkos appeared in the disturbing Tony Curtis movie *The Boston Strangler*, which John Collins was known to be obsessed with.

"Here is what I found out," I continued. "A Mr. Allen, head of an Ann Arbor citizens' group, offered Peter Hurkos \$1100 for expenses to come down from LA and look into this case."

"The man had powers," the psychic insisted. "He was a painter and fell off a ladder and banged his head, or something like that, I don't remember. From then on, he could sense people and events from handling their things."

"Yes, I know. That was his claim to fame."

The police dispatcher added, "Yes, that's right. I remember Lt. William Mulholland, an investigator on the case, saying, 'He (Hurkos) is making a believer out of me.'"

[Posts edited for length.]

POST TITLE: **The John Norman Collins House**

POST DATE: **October 2, 2011**

One of the most surprising and disturbing discoveries on my recent trip to Ypsilanti, Michigan, was that the house where John Norman Collins lived and may have committed unspeakable crimes against young women 45 years ago is now occupied by a sorority. I'm told that in 1990-91, a dormitory wing was added to convert the original home, built in 1870, into the Alpha Xi Delta house just south of Eastern Michigan University's campus.

POST TITLE: **Remembering the Michigan Murders**

POST DATE: **October 5, 2011**

My time in Ypsilanti was well spent. I spoke with a woman who often rode on the back of her boyfriend's motorcycle, while he and Collins toured the back country on lazy summer weekends — in an area where all of the young women's bodies were dumped. She left me with several important insights that I've not read or heard before.

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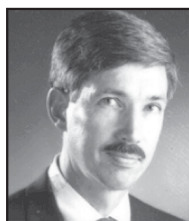


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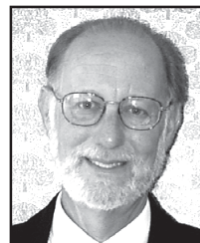
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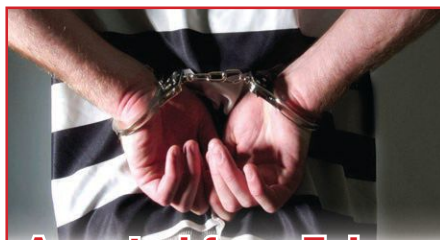
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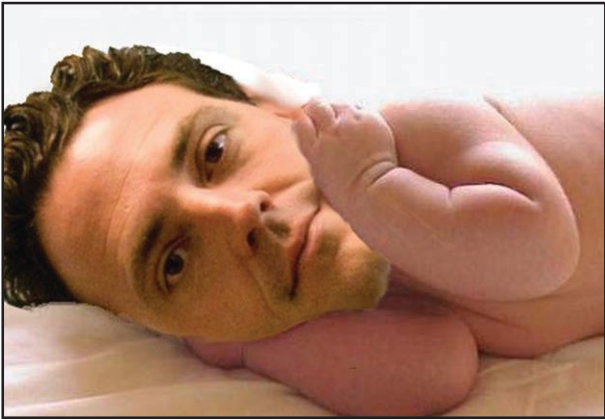
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Nathan "G.I." Fletcher:

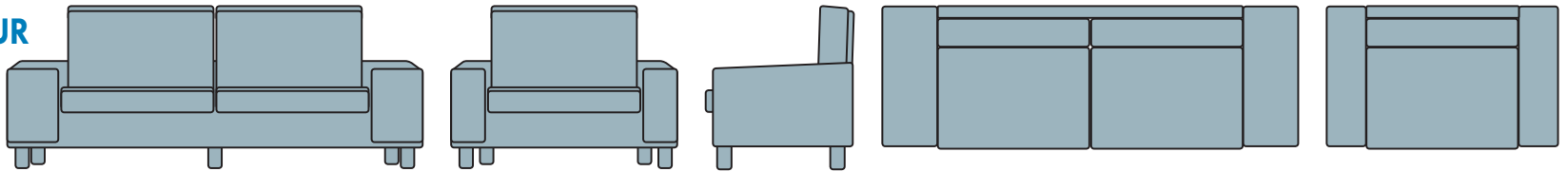


From left to right: Bonnie "Baroness" Dumanis, a ruthless enforcer, ready to break the law in the name of justice. Carl "Commander" DeMaio, a megalomaniac obsessed with the destruction of government, all in the name of "ending corruption." Bob "Destro" Filner, clearly an ally of Dumanis and DeMaio against the voice of freedom and democracy that is G.I. Fletcher. But might he also have some bizarre Democratic agenda of his own?

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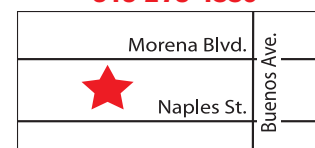
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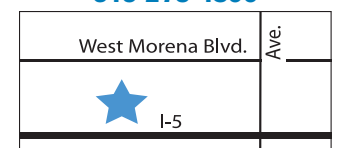
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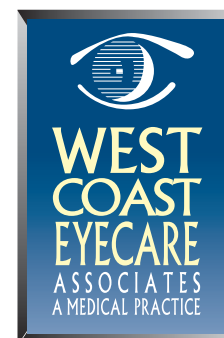
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Tiger's favored in the Masters, and Nike will release the new TW Collection just in time for the tourney.

Here it is, Thursday, D-Day for the 2012 Masters. And here is Tiger Woods stepping up to the tee for his first drive.

The man does have a hold on us. Only Tiger Woods could go 2½ years without a win on the PGA Tour, then win one tournament, the Arnold Palmer Invitational, *ten days ago*, and be installed as favorite to win the Masters. This, for a guy who finished 2011 holding down the 135th position on the PGA Tour money list.

As everyone must be sick of reading by now, Woods has won 14 professional major golf championships, good for second place behind Jack Nicklaus. He's won 72 PGA Tour tournaments, been PGA player of the year ten times, ranked number 1 male golfer in the world for 281 consecutive weeks, and blah, blah, blah. *Forbes* reported in 2009 that Woods earned over \$1 billion during the course of his career. He was 33 years old at the time.

Then came the bust. You know the bust, the automobile wreck at the end of his driveway, wife bashing in the rear passenger windows of his Cadillac SUV with a golf club in order to — I love this part — rescue him. The parade of sex workers, of mistresses, the endorsement deals canceled, followed by the \$110 million divorce, and, most of all, the 2½ years of lousy golf. Which brings us to now, entering the Masters as the favorite.

You do know the lad has a considerable medical rap sheet? We'll start 18 years ago with surgery on his left knee to remove two benign tumors. Ten years ago surgery to remove fluid in and around the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), on his left knee. Five years ago a rupture of said ACL on his left knee. Four years ago has arthroscopic

surgery on his left knee. Two months later he is diagnosed with two stress fractures on his left shinbone; two weeks after that has ACL reconstructive surgery on his left knee. Six months later he ruptures the Achilles tendon on his right knee.

And this is only the stuff we know about and does not count all the tournaments he's withdrawn from due to injury, the latest being *three weeks ago* at the Cadillac Championship. He withdrew, limping, after 11 holes in the last round due to soreness in his left Achilles tendon. But he wins Arnold Palmer's tournament the following week and is now a 4-to-1 favorite to win the Masters. Fantasyland.

Fantasyland doesn't mean he won't win; I can't tell the future any better than you can, but for the first time in years I'm tempted to place a serious bet. I probably won't because then I would root against him and I don't want to do that because Tiger has become interesting again. Not for golf, he doesn't play Tiger golf anymore, but for living through the shitstorm that has been his life. He's kept out of jail, kept out of public lawsuits, has not been seen drunk or fornicating, and he's still playing golf. Time has passed and it's all starting to die down, everybody is drowsy and starting to...drift off...and then...

Hank Henry, Tiger's ex-golf coach of six years, releases *The Big Miss: My Years Coaching Tiger Woods*. Of course, it's a betrayal and money grab, selling out Woods and his profession for a few bucks or, more likely, paycheck. Still, waiting for the Masters is a nice touch.

I'm not saying Henry is a professional exploiter and money grubber. Not at all. To find a real pro at skinning the last dollar bill off Tiger Woods's back we must look to the Porn Industry.

Distinguished porn director B. Skow is releasing to DVD his porn epic, *Three Mistresses: Notorious Tales of the World's Greatest Golfer*, on Friday.

The film is high concept and tastefully done. Three of Woods's former porn mistresses (Joslyn James, Devon James, and Holly Sampson) have sex with Tiger Woods look-alikes, have sex with each other, and answer questions about Tiger Woods while fondling themselves. As director B. Skow says, "People are not going to expect this type of serious interview in a porn movie."

Yes, I know, it's awful, betrayers and whores taking advantage of Tiger, making money off his name. Sickening.

April 1, 2012, examiner.com. Nike Golf unveils new Tiger Woods gear for the Masters... "When he steps up to Tea Olive's tee box (the first hole in Augusta National), he will be dressed in the 2012 TW Collection, his own signature line that includes the upcoming Nike Free Golf shoes that is set to drop this summer."

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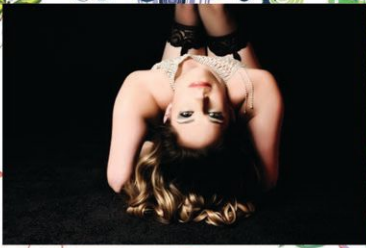
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I snagged an invitation to Easter in La Jolla this year, so I decided to bring the host some fancy Easter baskets for her two lovely daughters.

I started with the basket. Joe at World Market downtown (619-236-1737; worldmarket.com) said they carried "a bunch of Easter baskets in different colors and styles and sizes [\$4.99 to \$21.99]. And our regular collection of handle baskets would be suitable. They come in neutral colors, ranging from natural straw to a sort of orange. And we have different-color grasses and fibers for filling [\$2.99 to \$4.99]. Or, for a fun twist, you could put in edible Easter grass [1 oz., \$2.99]. It comes in pink strawberry, green apple, or blue raspberry."

Moving on to marshmallows: what could serve as an upgrade to the traditional lineup of bright-yellow Peeps? Ah, Plush Puffs gourmet marshmallows, available at Fresh & Easy or Whole Foods in Hillcrest and La Jolla (\$3.99 for 4 oz. bag). Plush Puffs owner Anne Hickey told me, "We are not in the same category as a regular marshmallow. Plush Puffs are made from scratch, using unprocessed cane sugar and organic rice syrup. And they're not extruded, they're handcrafted. We don't puff them up with nitrogen to keep them stable for a year and half—we whip air into them until they triple in size, and they keep for four months. The texture is rich, velvety. Lemon meringue is a popular flavor for Easter; cherry chocolate chip is the most popular overall."

Chua Chocolate in La Jolla (chua chocolate.com; 858-546-1463) got my first call for chocolate bunnies. "We have Hopping Popping Bunnies for \$7.95," said Sonia. "They're milk chocolate and filled with praline and popping candy. They crackle in your mouth. We also have hollow bunnies in milk or dark chocolate [\$8.95]. And the Easter Treats [\$7.95] is a quarter-pound of springtime shapes—bunnies and birds—in white, dark, and milk chocolate. Finally, for something really special, we have the Breakfast in Bed Collection [\$15]. That's an assortment of five bonbons: maple caramel with little bits of bacon, rosewater caramel, French toast with cinnamon ganache and toasted panko for a little bit of crunch, orange bliss with orange zest and orange liqueur, and coffee with rum buttercream."

"They're shaped like a frog, a chicken, or a bunny, and they say 'Happy Easter' on them."

At the Candy Depot in Hillcrest (619-683-2334), the clerk advised adding lollipops (\$2.50 each) to my baskets. "They're shaped like a frog, a chicken, or a bunny, and they say 'Happy Easter' on them. You can also get marshmallow pops or solid-chocolate pops in the shape of a rabbit, each \$2.50."

Myria at See's Candies in Sports Arena (619-291-6086; sees.com) told me about their specialty eggs. "We have a popular novelty egg [6.2 oz., \$10.55]. It's a plastic egg with a bunny painted on it, and it's filled with miniatures: coconut, chocolate butter, and Scotch-mallow eggs, milk chocolate foil eggs, hollow milk chocolate egg with white chocolate critter inside, and jelly beans. If you just want a large candy egg, we have the Rocky Road Egg [9.5 oz., \$11.40]. It's made from milk chocolate and decorated on the outside with a candy flower. Inside it has cream chocolate, honey marshmallows, and walnuts." See's also carries Easter-time jelly beans (12 oz., \$3.90) in raspberry, orange, lemon, and lime. The Sports Arena store is the San Diego County discount location for See's, and "certain groups, such as city employees, military, hospital employees, and teachers, can qualify for a \$1 to \$3.80 discount on selected items."

The See's jelly bean assortment piqued my interest, and I called Candy Shack and Yogurt in Seaport Village (619-234-7688). "You can pick your flavors of Jelly Bellies," said Carrie. "Everything is \$4.99 for a half pound. For Easter, a lot of people get cherry. And I have a Peter Rabbit Box [1 oz., \$1.99] with juicy pear, bubble gum, lemon drop, sour grape, and 7Up."

Edmir at The Sweet Factory in Fashion Valley (619-296-1367; sweetfactory.com) said his jelly beans were Kosher and gluten free. "They're made by Gimbal. They're \$2.99 for a quarter pound, and if you buy a full pound for \$11.96 you get an additional quarter pound for free. At Easter, people tend to go for the pastel colors. We have a popular sky-blue bean called Berry Blue, which is a tart twist on blueberry. Others include pear, lemon meringue, strawberry cheesecake, and mango."

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PAUL PEOPLE

Ron Paul, a 12-term congressman from Texas, is attracting an intense and dedicated cadre of voters in the 2012 primary election season.

But, to date, at least, their numbers suggest he is not a viable presidential candidate. The lack of a large-enough following to get even the chance to face President Obama in November has prompted national pundits to speculate on other goals Paul may be pursuing, such as landing a speaking role at this year's Republican National Convention.

Such notions strike a group of five local Ron Paul enthusiasts I speak with on a Saturday in early February as absurd. Paul's

single-minded goal, they insist, is to become president of the United States. Several have found in Paul a libertarian soul mate. He has radically changed the minds of others, leading them to reject previous allegiances and join his camp.

What gives? Who are these people? Why are they so committed? What are they thinking?

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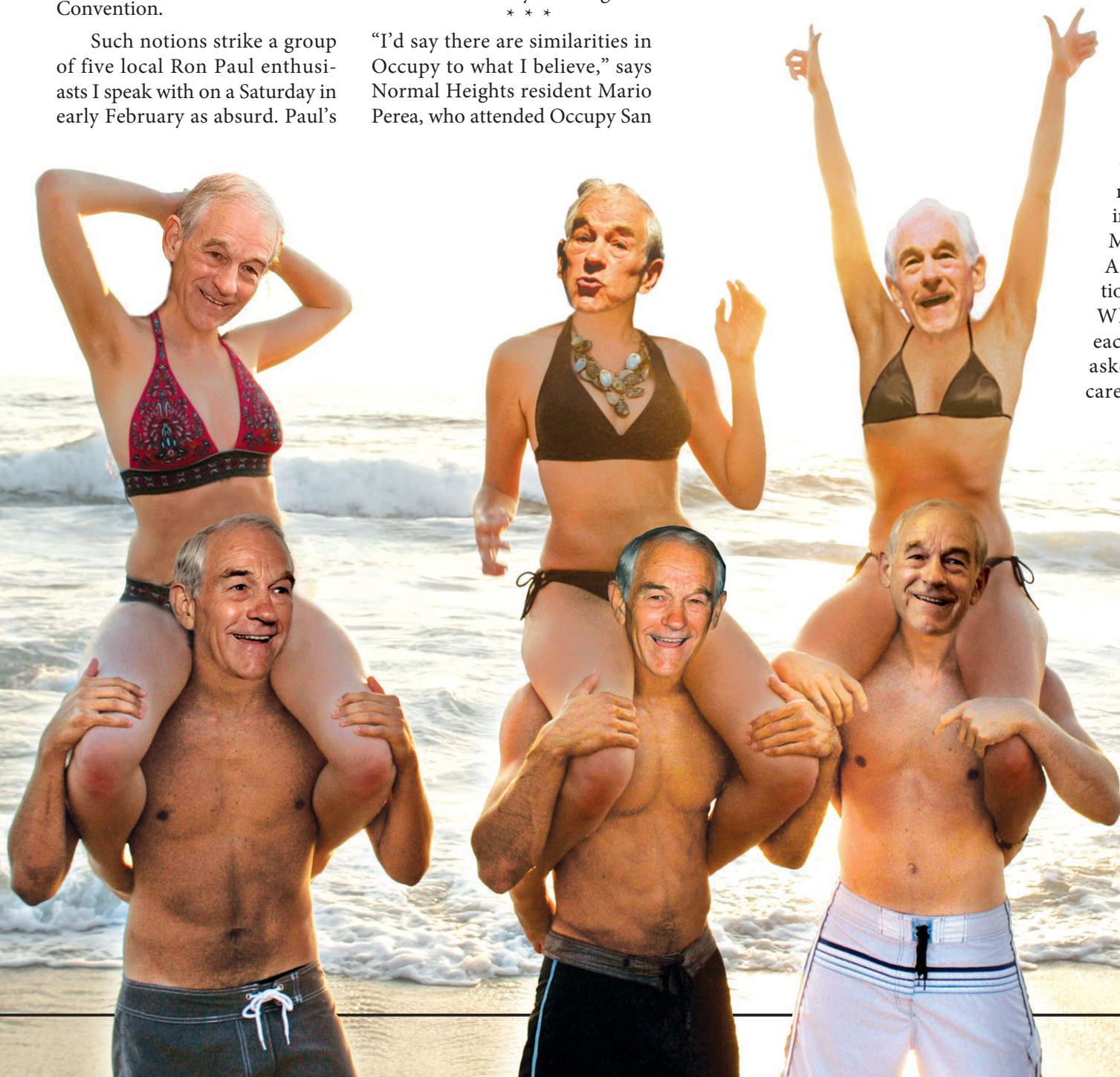
"I'd say there are similarities in Occupy to what I believe," says Normal Heights resident Mario Perea, who attended Occupy San

Diego several times over the past year. "But spending time there also allowed me to understand people's fascination with socialism. The built-in hatred toward capitalism, I think, it comes up from our schools. And a lot of television makes it seem that capitalism is the problem."

Perea, 32, works for a granite company. "I put in countertops," he tells me. "That's what I do for money. For fun, I'm an artist and a researcher." His wife of a little more than a year is a nurse.

For a long time, Perea tells me, he felt alienated from politics. But instead of trying to find

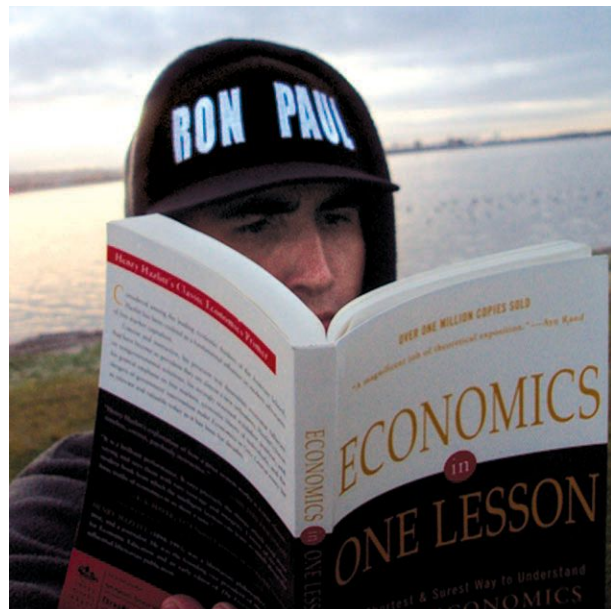
a way to participate, he took refuge in informal communities of graffiti artists. All along, however, he was reading a wide variety of political materials, including the works of Karl Marx and the Latin American revolutionary Che Guevara. When he soured on each of them, friends asked if he no longer cared about the social



ills they protested. Of course he did, but why did Marx need to introduce a socialist state to run things? And “why,” asks Perea, “did Che say that killing some people had to be part of the solution?”

So, Perea says he turned in another direction, eventually finding much in common with Tea Party partisans, especially their enthusiasm for capitalism. “Then, as we talked, they always came around to wanting to attack Iran, and that turns me off.”

The agreement with the Tea Party had mainly to do with capitalism, although Perea says that unabashedly pursuing his self-interest used to make him uneasy. Then he read Ayn Rand’s *The Virtue of Selfishness*. Finally, an ideal he felt could become the guiding light for his



Mario Perea thinks of Paul less as a politician than an educator.

life emerged. In the writings of Ron Paul, he discovered “liberty.”

Perea sat out the 2008 election, but this year he is working on his own as an informal volunteer for the Ron Paul campaign. “I go out to places like in front of the

USS *Midway* Museum. I’ll pass out flyers and brochures and just talk to people.”

“The last book I read by Ron Paul was *End the Fed*,” says Perea, “which gives reasons as to why the Federal Reserve is immoral.” Perea had

already been drawn to conspiracy theories of the 9/11 attacks, and after doing some research on his own, he admits that he leans toward some of the “conspiracy-orientated” interpretations of the Federal Reserve Board. “You know, people trying to run the world on the sly.” But it was Paul, he says, who led him to believe that “central banking plays favoritism to certain groups of people and that it’s an unconstitutional institution. Money is not something that the government should be controlling.”

“I was at Occupy San Diego on the first day, and it was an amazing sight to see two or three thousand people marching to protest the federal government’s bailouts of huge corporations and the cronyism that is going

on. But I think they fall short, because it wasn’t that they were against

it’s been one of my goals while I’m at the Occupy to summon the central

“My feeling on government snooping,” Perea says, “is that it sets a dangerous precedent.”

the bailouts. They just thought the money was going towards the wrong people. It was a surprise to me that the Federal Reserve wasn’t being called out by name at the Occupy because that’s why the Federal Reserve was put into place, as a bailout mechanism, as a lender of last resort. So

banks and expose them to folks and to also be a promoter of capitalism, because I believe that it’s through capitalism that the individual is able to achieve.”

These days, Perea has been focusing on another issue, the intrusion of government, in the name of national security, into

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the lives of citizens. “My feeling on government snooping,” he says,” is that it sets a dangerous precedent. We saw the Patriot Act, and now we see the National Defense Authorization Act. Once, they could snoop on you; now, they can swoop you up and hold you indefinitely. The government’s solution is always more of what was wrong. And we see that in this particular situation, where the solution was the invasion of your privacy. ‘Well,’ they seem to say, ‘our solution is now to pile on more.’”

“If you’re in the media,” says Jaclyn Koehl (pronounced *Kale*), “and you want to blow the whistle on some bad government activity, [law enforcement] could tap and say, ‘Hey, this is subversive to our national security,’ and they could quiet down that reporter.”

Koehl, 33, grew up in Indiana and currently lives in Santee. She says a good friend turned her on to Ron Paul close to six years ago. After that, she started reading Paul’s writings and material

about him by other writers. She also looked at a few videos. “With lots of

easy to become a follower of Paul’s presidential candidacy.” Koehl thinks

instead of money from huge special interests. She currently distrib-

for him for the California primary election in June. In the social arena,

“Here is some bureaucrat in Washington, D.C., deciding for me what is safe for me to give to my child, while I feel fully capable and competent that I can do my own investigation and decide for myself what’s right for her,” says Koehl.

lies coming at you from other politicians,” she says, “it has been pretty

of him as having great integrity for relying on lots of small donations

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says Koehl, “People have the right to make their own decisions who they

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want to marry, what kind of food they want to eat. One group doesn't have the right to tell other people how to behave as long as they're not hurting anyone else."

An example is "that there are some folks that want a constitutional amendment that bans gay marriage. If that's what they believe, then they should have the right in their church or other social avenues to say so. And if they want to even ban somebody from being in their church, I think that's okay. It's just that the government should not be involved in those social transactions."

Koehl is a stay-at-home mom with twins, a boy and a girl who are not quite three. "My daughter is allergic to the regular milk you buy off the shelf at the store, and she drinks raw milk. But the federal government



"With lots of lies coming at you from other politicians," Jaclyn Koehl says, it has been "pretty easy" to become a follower of Paul's presidential candidacy.

says you can't transport raw milk across state lines for sale. So, let's say something happens to the short supply here in California; it's illegal for me to buy the milk that [my daughter] can drink. Here is some bureaucrat in Washington, D.C., deciding for me what is safe for me to give to my child, while I feel fully

capable and competent that I can do my own investigation and decide for myself what's right for her.

"What happens in Washington, D.C., is that an arbitrary decision is made. And sometimes that decision is made not necessarily on pure evidence but by a political force. There are winners

and losers.

"The Food and Drug Administration also wants to limit people's ability to access dietary supplements. I think that if I can't make the decision on my own, I'm fully capable of paying a doctor or someone else who's trained in that area to work with and give me individual guidance rather than having a blanket statement come from someone who may be under political influence."

But shouldn't there be regulation of unethical companies that might put dangerous products on the market?

"I think that's a social function," says Koehl. "I

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From the perspective of Ron Paul, who is a licensed physician, Koehl tells me, "people's over-use of those substances is a medical issue. It's an issue between the person, their family, and their doctor, not an issue the federal government needs to be involved with." Think "what happened during Prohibition with alcohol. It drove the sales underground, and a few

people were able to produce and benefit."

When her children are ready, Koehl will opt for homeschooling. "The Department of Education wants to tell everyone in the United States how their child should be educated," she says. What happens is that we pay our federal taxes, and all that money goes to Washington, D.C., and then they say, 'Okay, we'll give the Department of Education X amount of money,' and then everybody has to pile on and say, 'We want a piece of that pie.' All of a sudden, you have states competing for that money, and the Department of Education can then tell them, 'Here are our rules to get that money.' So they have a lot of influence. The rules become a blanket for the whole country to abide by, and people lose

their ability to influence government at a local level.

"The government's position on a lot of things," says Koehl, "seems to be that 'Jackie is not going to do the right thing on her own, so we have to require her to do what we think is right.' It really comes down to a pessimistic view of humanity and an optimistic view. Ron Paul is very optimistic. He believes that in a free market, people can trade and they'll be charitable toward each other. By the way, I think that, like the government, the Occupy movement is very pessimistic, too."

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Angie Dodd lives in Oceanside, where, at 27 and single, she owns her own home. Prior to discovering Ron Paul in December, she had been

a Democrat. She voted for Obama in the last presidential election.

that we keep building parts for them, and we go in and build build-

'I'll do what whoever pays me the most wants me to do.' What I like

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"I really wanted somebody that would end wars," says Dodd. "I don't understand why we can spend so long in these countries that are very inferior to us. We can take them out quickly, but why do we stay there for so many years afterwards? I see at my work [for a defense contractor]

ings there. We spend so much money in these other places that we don't want to leave. I want a politician who will actually stop this kind of stuff and the crony capitalism that goes along with it. So many politicians will say one thing, and you send them to Washington and then they say,

about Ron Paul is that he doesn't take money from special interests, and as long as he's been in Congress, he keeps saying the same things. Even though they're unpopular, he still stands by them.

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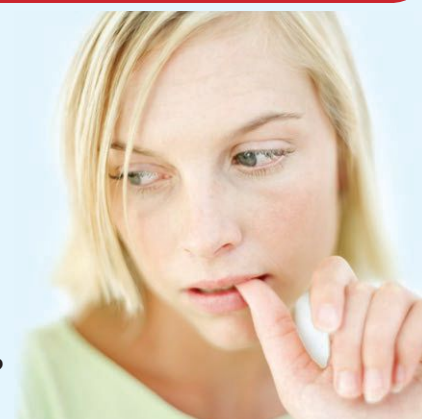
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For many people, the name Ron Paul conjures up a longing for few to no taxes. An argument invariably begins. One person will say that there once were no income taxes, and that's the way it should be. No, another will say, the idea is totally unrealistic.

"With the tax system," Dodd tells me, "there are so many rules that you have to have your own tax specialist to work out how much to pay."

Does the little guy get taxed too much?

"I don't know because I don't really pay much income tax, so it's

essarily follow the party.

"And if you're really rich, you can do some-

"If government limited itself to its legitimate functions," says Benoit, "taxes would be very light in comparison to what they are now."

working out for me. Yes, I have a job," says Dodd, "but also own a house. And I give to a charity, so I actually don't pay too much."

Do Republicans favor the rich when it comes to taxes? And Paul's a Republican, right?

"He is," says Dodd. "But for most Republican lawmakers, it's like you must vote Republican on every issue, and being Republican is your thing. Ron Paul has principles and wants to follow the principles and not nec-

thing weird with your money and you don't pay anything. So people structure their businesses around how they can avoid paying taxes. We need to get rid of a bunch of these rules and these different concessions because they've all been started by lobbyists, who say, 'Make it so my friend, or this company, doesn't have to pay any taxes.' And there are all these people fighting to keep it the way it is. I think you need people like Ron Paul who

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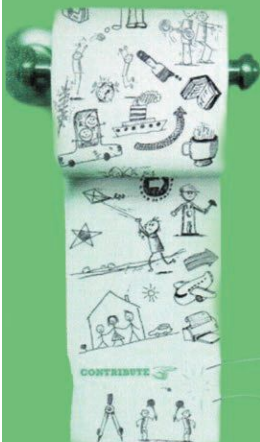
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don't get influenced by lobbyists."

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When viewed alongside Ron Paul, says Mike Benoit (pronounced *Ben-WAH*), who is 60, all the other presidential candidates this year, including Obama, are the same. Benoit has run six consecutive times for the U.S. House of Representatives as a Libertarian candidate. He has run against the two Duncan Hunters, father and then son, to represent the 52nd Congressional District. He is running in the 50th Congressional District in 2012. He is a divorced father of two adult children and has two grandchildren.

Benoit says he does not base his politics on Ron Paul's, but the platforms of their campaigns invariably coincide. Benoit was already a Libertarian when Paul first came to his attention in 1996. He calls the independent organization he is running to increase support for Paul completely "grass roots" because it does not raise money.

"If government limited itself to its legitimate

functions," says Benoit, "taxes would be very light in comparison to what

the desire by many, such as the Hunters, for a fence along the entire border

"Lyndon Baines Johnson's Great Society started undermining our individual liberties in such a way that migrant workers were absolutely needed now because of new laws against high school kids going out and working in the fields in the summer," says Benoit.

they are now." No personal income tax would be necessary. Some excise and sales taxes might be acceptable to both Benoit and Ron Paul, depending on the particulars.

I ask Benoit about

of the United States and Mexico. Impractical, he says. "People can tunnel under a fence or go around and come up off the coast, as they are doing now.

"If you look back to

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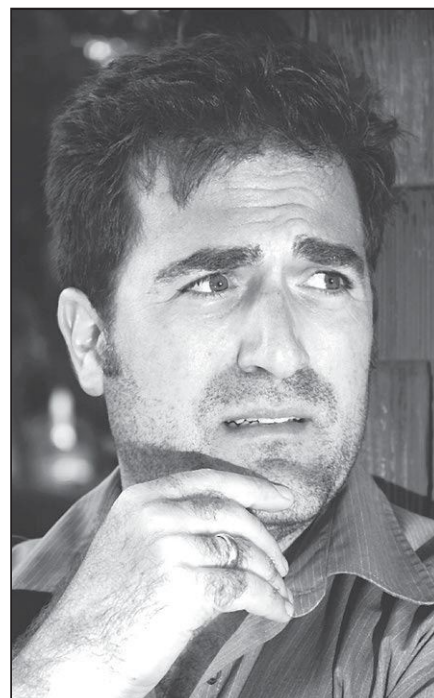
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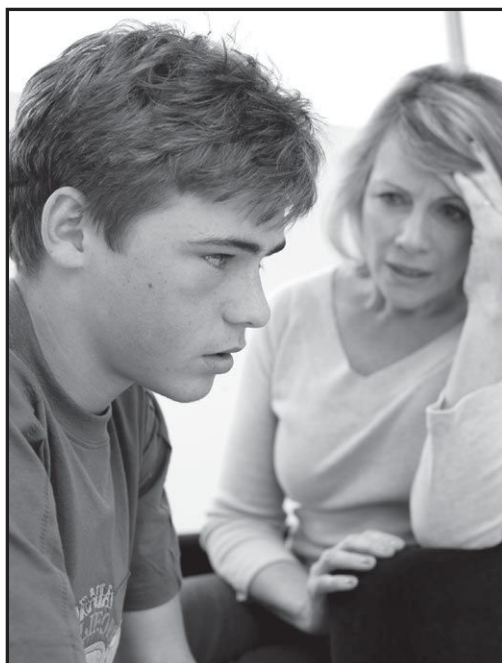
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Why does the United States seem to be always fighting a foreign war or occupying a country in the aftermath? Even a politician like Obama, who promised to extricate us from the Middle East, can't seem to leave.

"Sometimes," says Benoit, "the same people who own the big military industrial complex own the media corporations. The industries control the military, not the other way around. The industries are pushing for all these wars and for candidates that will support them so they can keep up war profiteering."

But the main thing "Ron Paul keeps talking about is liberty," according to Benoit. "The things we have complaints about — the Patriot Act or the National Defense Authorization Act, the Military Commissions Act, these things, even the Transportation Security Administration — these are reactions to something the government actually failed us in. And their reaction is to take more of our liberties away. Our government's purpose is only to secure these rights."

"But they turn all

liberties into privileges. It's as if we wouldn't be safe if we didn't have a license that says we can drive or we wouldn't be okay if the government didn't give us a marriage license." Control over marriage is "not a function of government. This is government involved in a social function that it should not have any involvement in whatsoever." It's not right to be "forced to get a marriage license to be married, to be recognized as being married. One hundred and fifty years ago, people got the Bible out and



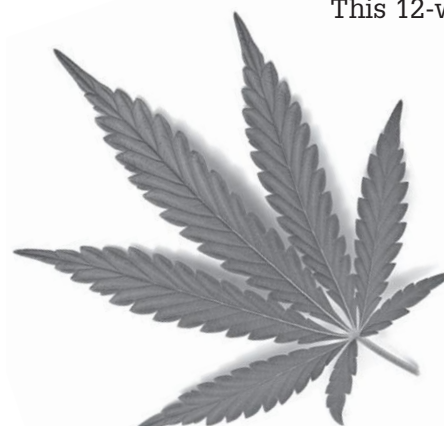
According to Kira Mercado, "Ron Paul's message is so different than Obama's was. He's been consistent for 30 years of his life and not likely to turn away from that, because he's not just giving people promises, he's waking them up."

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"I don't believe that we have any right to police the world and tell people how to live their life, just like our government doesn't have the right to police us and tell us what to do," says Mercado.

on this date. There was no license from the state to do that."

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Kira Mercado, 25, and her husband rent an apartment in Lakeside. They have a daughter who is almost 2. "I'm a former Democrat and voted for Obama," she says. Now, however, she carries Ron Paul brochures in her purse and at restaurants leaves, along with her tips, a card from Paul about how "to keep your hard-earned money."

What did you like about Obama?

"He said that he was going to bring the troops home," she says, "and he was going to change our country for the better. He tricked us.

"I don't believe that we have any right to police the world and tell people how to live their life, just like our government doesn't have the right to police us and tell us what to do. What if we had a foreign country come into our land and start killing innocent people here? We'd be doing

back down,' because it's not human nature to just back down."

Later, by email, Mercado adds, "I respect our troops for putting their lives on the line in the name of their country and I pray for them every day to come home safely.... I would prefer to have our troops here defending our country (our borders) instead of [in] other countries policing the world...." She goes on to say that people who are gung ho about fighting might try "listening to what our troops are telling us and that's [that] they support Ron

Paul [for opposing foreign wars]. He gets more support than any other candidate, including the president himself, from our troops. So instead of supporting your troops by putting a magnet on your car, and wanting to so readily put their lives in danger, support them by bringing them home to their families."

Some might say Paul would do the same as Obama and not live up to his promises.

"I've definitely thought about that," says Mercado. "But Ron Paul's message is so different than Obama's was. He's been consistent for 30 years of his life and not likely to turn away from that, because he's not just

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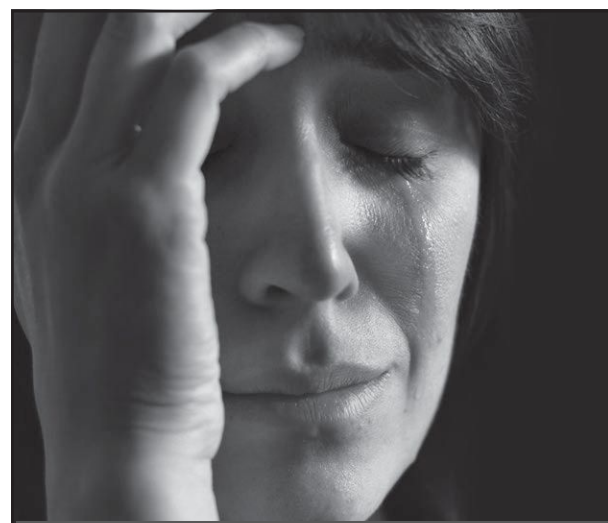
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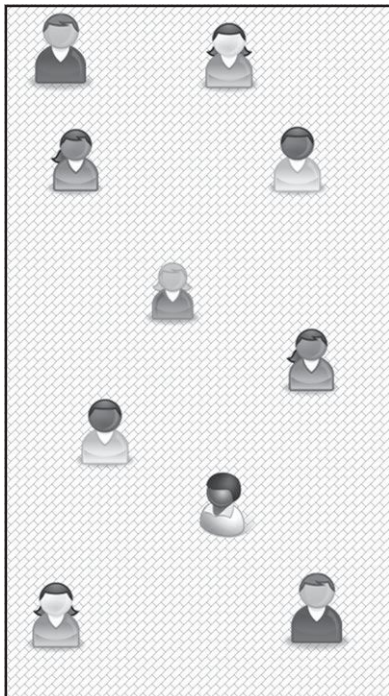
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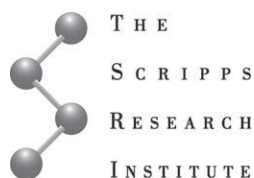
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actually regulate them,
put their own taxes on
them, and keep them out

doesn't mean I'm going
to run out and start doing
them. Same with prosti-

**"I think it was
wrong for Obama
to take out Osama
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violation of Pakistan's
sovereignty," says
Carlos.**

of the hands of children
much easier, rather than
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Carlos, who asks that

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his full name not be disclosed, meets me in a gym both he and I belong to.

For Carlos, "liberty" means that he can choose to be homeless, even when much of the time he probably could pay for an apartment. Recently, he spent a full month applying for any kind of job he could think of, including work in fast-food outlets. "They just don't want a 52-year-old man whose most recent work experience has been self-employment." Carlos works as a web designer, and his short-term jobs come in fits and starts. He spends his nights in a tent, where he keeps all his belongings, including the laptop that allows him to do his work. He often works in a local college library or in the gym that also allows him to shower daily.

He was born in Chile but remembers nothing of the country, since his father took him to Kentucky early in life. He obtained U.S. citizenship in his late teens. He is hoping to earn enough money soon to go back to Chile, where his mother still lives.

Politically, Carlos breathes Ron Paul. "I've always personally been against the U.S. Census coming and asking all kinds of questions: how much I make, where I live, how many people are in my family. What business of the government is it to know that stuff about me? I'm an individual who values privacy. At the same time, I openly say things, but I choose to do that. So, in my life I've always tried to go out of my way to avoid U.S. Census workers, if I can. I haven't always succeeded, but I do it if I can. Now, as a homeless man, it's relatively easy. I really like

that about being homeless. It gives me a level of privacy that I wouldn't experience otherwise."

Besides commonplace Ron Paul talking points, what are some of Carlos's strong beliefs? "Well," he says,

"I think it was wrong for Obama to take out Osama bin Laden. It was a violation of Pakistan's sovereignty."

Or, take global warming. "The idea," he says, "is little more than an attempt to raise

money by putting fees on companies to give them a carbon-exchange framework, you know, where the companies pay for being able to pollute so much. It's just a ridiculous ploy." Carlos believes that there are

much greater threats to Americans than global warming.

Has Obama gone too far on health insurance? "If someone doesn't buy health insurance, I don't think it's the role of government to help

that person out. That kind of care should fall to the churches, the communities, to individuals stepping up to the plate and saying, 'I'm going to help this guy.'"

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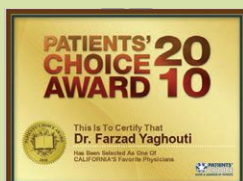
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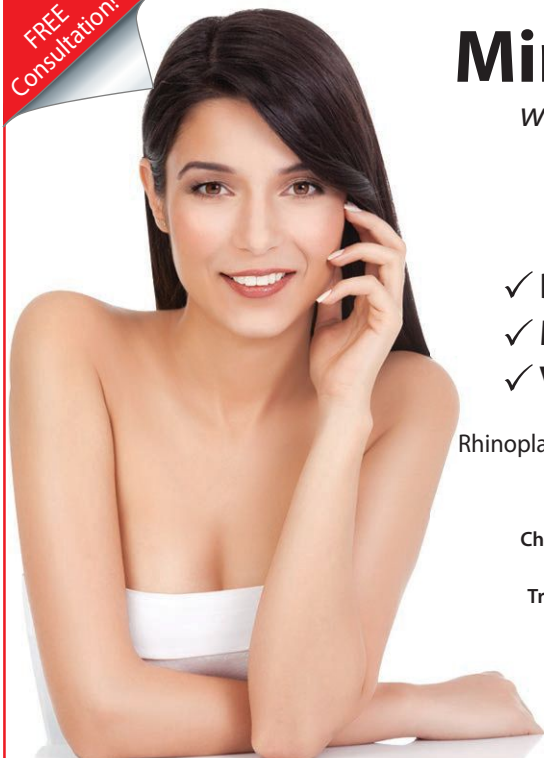
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"If they want to," says Carlos, "that's fine, but it's not a mandate of the federal government to take care of every person who falls into need because of choices they've made. I don't have health insurance. I've chosen not to have health insurance. It's a risk I take. As a Christian, I know I'm headed to heaven when I die, so the concept of dying is not a massive thing for me. In fact, oftentimes I think I'd be better off in heaven. So it's a risk I take. I might win, I might lose. But the government, and my fellow Americans, should not be obligated to take care of me just because I made a choice not to have health insurance."

Does Carlos do anything special to help Paul win this year? "I don't believe that Ron Paul has any chance of

winning the Republican nomination," Carlos writes me by email, "so

only candidate (Democrat or Republican) who will make any difference

"The government, and my fellow Americans, should not be obligated to take care of me just because I made a choice not to have health insurance," says Carlos.

it seems like a waste of my time to put in any effort at all to see him get elected. The American people have gone off the deep end, as far as I am concerned." He does tell others, when he gets the chance, that Paul is "the

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"What time did we say — 1:00 or 3:00?" she asks.

I remind her that we said 2:00.

But once we're finally seated on the perfect-for-sitting tree stump in front of the WorldBeat Cultural Center, the organization of which Cheatom is both founder and executive director, I have her undivided attention. Or, rather, she has mine.

"George Harrison was mad at me, because I wouldn't let him smoke," she says over the sound of drums coming from inside the center. "I had the first nonsmoking restaurant [in San Diego]."

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"I really believe it's a whole different day coming."

— Makeda "Dread" Cheatom

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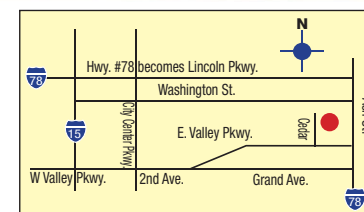
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Cheatom laughs.

It's hard to tell if she regrets that she upset the former Beatle until she says, "Now, I know he died of throat cancer. He's probably saying right now, 'I should have listened to her.'"

Cheatom has the androgynous face of an old soothsayer. Her heavy-lidded eyes bear a sadness that doesn't quite lift, even when she smiles. Yet there's nothing guarded about her. This is our first meeting, but before I leave today, she'll tell me she loves me.

Cheatom was born in 1942 to southerners who'd moved to San Diego in the early 1940s. Her mother and father had fifth- and third-grade educations, respectively. On her birth certificate, she says, they were listed as "a maid and a boot black."

"Everybody from the south came to work in the defense plants," she says. "The government gave us these cracker-box houses. [Linda Vista] was an extension of the south. We had chickens and stuff like that. So I grew up with that existence. Grandmothers stayed home to take care of the children. They'd hit you, too. They had the authority, because they watched everything you did."

The drumming and singing has stopped. Parents file out with their children on hips, in strollers, or hand-in-hand.

They wave and smile at Cheatom as they pass by. She waves back.

"He's keeping you young!" she calls to a man carrying a beefy toddler.

"Yeah, just turned one," the man calls back.

"No — I say, he's keeping *you* young, man!"

The man responds, "Who said you supposed to get old?"

"Nobody!" Cheatom shouts. "We're not gonna do that, are we?"

Cheatom's phone rings. She picks it up, then, without waiting for the caller to speak, says, "Call you back," and hangs up. She looks at me and continues as if there's been no interruption.

"One time, I was arrested for stealing my own car."

When I laugh, she smiles, but only briefly.

"Yeah, man. I had an Austen Healy, and you know black people didn't drive sports cars in those days. I was always picked on. In those days, you had to show your registration. I had my steering wheel in, trying to be cool, you know. You could pull it in or pull it out."

She mimes pushing a steering wheel in and pulling it back out.

"And I had a magnet with my registration. I put it on the heater. But, somehow, it fell or whatever, but they weren't going to bother to look for it when they pulled me over. I was in the beach area, and they took me to jail. I remember the car door was closing, and the officer goes, 'Good-bye, nigger.' A policeman."

She shakes her head. "When we grew up, man, everybody just wanted to get out of here. A lot of great people moved out. If you had any artistic ability, that's what you did, because they would kill you. Most of

my friends died or went to jail. You just couldn't make it here."

Cheatom looks down at her hand and fiddles with one of the eight beaded bracelets on her wrist. A drum sounds from inside the building. It's not a steady rhythm, but an intermittent series of tones, as if a child is banging on the drum skin.

"Black people are suffering from post-traumatic *slave* syndrome." Cheatom looks up again. "We didn't get any therapy or anything for what's been happening to us. That's why there's black-on-black crime and self-hate and all these different things."

She gives me a significant look. I get the feeling she's said this a hundred times before. She segues into an explanation of how Transcendental Meditation eventually helped her let go of her own demons.

"The meditation helped me realize that I have a divine self, and that the only thing to be angry at is anger. I started raising my level of consciousness."

Cheatom, too, dreamed of leaving San Diego, but felt she couldn't leave her family. Both her parents were alcoholics, and her uncle was a "hobo, you know, sleeping in cars."

At 13, she did leave for a while, traveling up to Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Washington, where her older brother was stationed. Though she'd gone to "escape the alcoholic situation" at home, she found that her brother and his wife were also drinking, and that "there were some abusive things going on in the household."

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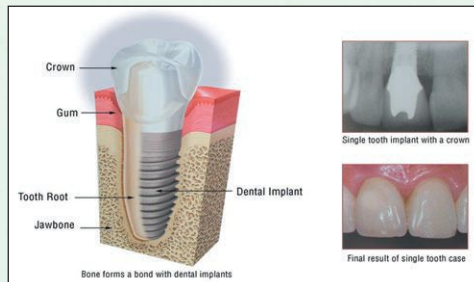
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her brother's three-year-old son in tow. The boy lived with her until he was seven or eight and then went back to Tacoma. Three or four years later, while Cheatom's brother was overseas, his wife ran away; she left their three children in the care of her family members in Texas. Upon his return, he retrieved the children and handed them off to Cheatom, who raised them.

"I was always the adult. At 19, I had three kids from my brother's family, raising them and stuff. So I stayed around and did what I had to do for my family and the community. People still give me their kids, mostly

when the kids get in trouble. They give them to me, because I always do well with them."

A man with a full head of tidy, uniform dreadlocks comes out of the building; he's followed by a woman with a beaming smile. The man steps forward. He dips his head in apology.

"I know," Cheatom says, before he can speak. "People are asking about the Noche Cubana. We need to figure out a night."

"Let's do it in March," he says.

"Yes, let's get ready for that," she says. "I'll be here this week, if you guys want to make an appointment on Friday."

The woman looks at the man and says, "We'll be downtown."

"Okay, good," Cheatom says. "Come by. I'll expect you."

The couple apologizes for the interruption and walks off.

"I'll have some lentils for you," Cheatom calls after them.

The woman turns back. "Oh, yeah!"

Cheatom says to me, "I'm a good cook. Everyone wants to eat my food. On holidays, I put on free shows, and I cook all night, just to make the money, so I can pay the sound, pay the musicians, just so the people can have a free concert."

On that note, she stands. She wants to show me the garden.

We cross the concrete driveway in front of the cultural center, and head down a path lined with flowers and other vegetation. Toward the back, on the left, she points out the bok choy and salad greens growing in her "vertical garden," a series of Styrofoam pots painted brown and mounted on tall poles rising from the ground. A squirrel runs out from under the gate.

"Oh, no. You gotta get out of here." The squirrel scurries out from under the gate and runs away. "I'm gonna get his butt, man."

Cheatom points out various features of the garden, the solar oven, the solar-powered fountain, and a curved bench (created by pouring and molding cement over 500 bags of sand) that circles a fire pit.

The way Cheatom tells it, it was the mid-'80s when she noticed there was "nothing supporting Africans and African-Americans in Balboa Park." By that time, she'd studied Transcendental Meditation with a woman named Beulah Smith in Coronado, telecommunications at Mesa College, and food service and culinary arts at City College. Her restaurant,

The Prophet, had a large following, as did her radio show on 91X, and she'd begun to host reggae boat cruises on the *Hornblower* and regular reggae nights at Bogey's and Spanky's Saloon.

"I had all the cab drivers, all the Nigerians," she says. "Every African from the diaspora was there. Me and Damaje Lee [her radio partner] were the DJs. The Jamaicans were there, but we didn't just play Jamaican music. It was like a little New York. I've always had a New York vibe. Everybody thinks I'm from New York. I played soca, I played salsa. I played a lot of reggae. The Ethio-

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pians would be there. So I had support of the whole African diaspora. It was happenin'."

Balboa Park didn't have anything to represent all these people. So Cheatom approached park administration and asked for a building to start a cultural center. Though she says she's not great with dates, she guesses that was about 1985.

"They were, like, 'Nah, we don't have no buildings.'"

So she went to the city council. She was assigned a hearing date, when she'd be able state her case and vie for the building which currently houses the Mingei International Museum. She knew she wouldn't get that building. She felt that park administration was forcing her into a battle she couldn't win.

This date, she's sure of: September 21, 1989. The same day her mother died.

"The day I was supposed to go to the hearing, at 3:00 in the morning, my mother died. The hearing was at 9:00. Everybody [at home] said, 'Don't go.' I go in the room, and I close the door. My mother's body was in the other room. And she was talking to me. I had been her caretaker. I forgave her for all the mean things. It was hard, you know."

She pauses.

"So my mother dies," she continues, "and I thought, you know what? My mother scrubbed all these people's floors in Point Loma and downtown and all these motels. I said I'm going to do it for all the maids and people who got harassed in San Diego."

At the hearing, when it was Cheatom's time to talk, instead of fighting for the building she knew she wouldn't get, she said, "I just want a dilapidated water tower."

Those at the hearing laughed.

In the end, Cheatom got what she wanted, though she claims it would take the park three years to remove all the garbage and construction junk stored in the building. In June 1995, it became the official location of the WorldBeat Cultural Center.

"All these plants," Cheatom says now, gesturing at the garden around her, "all this was just nothing. The park didn't do nothing. Everything I've done in the park, I've had to fight them tooth and nail. Institutionalized racism continues. I want people to know it is not gone."

Off to the right of the garden path, posters bearing diagrams of grasshoppers, honeybees, ants, and dragonflies adhere to stakes in the ground. A woman who has joined us on the path points them out to her young daughter. Cheatom's face lights up.

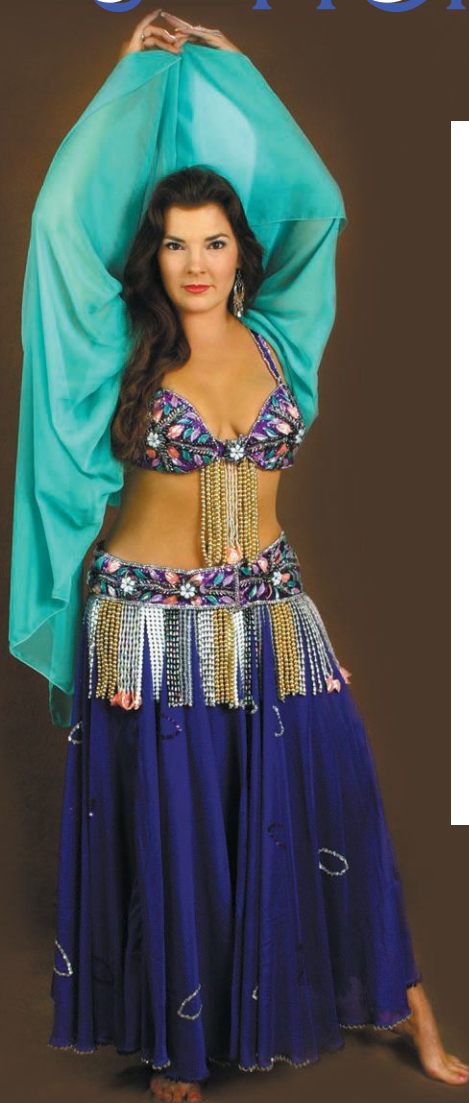
"In African culture, we have extended families. Your child is my child, you know? This a children's garden." She pulls up a weed and tosses it to the side. "Since I've had a bad life, children are very important to me. Especially when you're not wanted by your parents, you know. My mother didn't want me. She was very mean."

We watch the little girl dig a small hole in the ground and plant a stick. Some of the weariness leaves Cheatom's face.

"I really believe it's a whole different day coming," she says. "It's really good that these Occupy people see the oppression that we've been through. I think people are getting enlightened, and they realize that it's not cool to oppress people." ■

— Elizabeth Salaam

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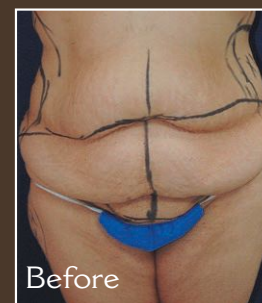
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ers from city hall, it revealed that the group's public policy vice president **Janelle Riella** "had 31 contacts with City Officials during the third quarter of 2011 for the purpose of influencing decisions concerning the redevelopment and construction of a new Civic Center, and the restructuring of redevelopment in San Diego," according to an Ethics Commission investigation. In addition, the partnership disclosed that Riella had given \$125 to the reelection campaign of City Attorney **Jan Goldsmith**.

Fortunately, according to a stipulation agreement, as a result of the late filing the partnership "has implemented additional procedures and safeguards to ensure that its quarterly disclosure reports are timely filed in the future." Because of that, the group was fined just \$500.

— Matt Potter

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Fat profits, fat pay

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above tweaking performance targets to maximize bonus payouts, as was done in 2010."

The finagling that appears equally repugnant is the company's — and the industry's — role in subsidizing commissioners of the California Public Utilities Commission.

The commissioner who is handling San Diego Gas & Electric's attempt to stiff consumers is Timothy Alan Simon, who was appointed in early 2007 by former governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, for whom Simon had been an aide. He had been recommended for the commission by California

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political powerhouse Willie Brown. Simon had been in bankruptcy for four years before his nomination, according to a story in the *Los Angeles Times*. Former utilities commission president Loretta Lynch was one of several knowledgeable people questioning whether someone with obvious financial woes should be named a commissioner. State senator Christine Kehoe of San Diego challenged Simon's knowledge of utility issues.

Early last month, commissioners submitted their Form 700 statement of economic interests. Simon's shows that last year, he took a trip to Italy. The industry-financed California Foundation on the Environment and the Economy picked up the tab for \$10,017. Daniel Skopec, Sempra's vice president of regulatory and legislative affairs, is a member of the foundation. Michael Peevey, president of the regulatory commission, was also on that trip, costing the foundation \$9687.10. Peevey took a trip to Ireland and Great Britain last year that cost the foundation \$10,078.80. Simon and Peevey also took a trip to Sweden that cost the utility industry a total of almost \$12,000.

The industry-supported, Washington, D.C.-based American Gas Association paid almost \$2000 to support Timothy Simon's trips to meetings last year. Debra Reed, the new Sempra chief executive, was formerly on the board of the American Gas Association.

San Diego Gas & Electric picked up the tab for three dinners for Simon, costing \$200, plus \$12 for a cab ride.

Simon was one busy commissioner last year. On 88 occasions, he took trips, had meals, or accepted gifts, as recorded in the Form 700 category of "Income—Gifts, Travel Payments, Advances, and Reimbursements." Some of the trips took four days. The trips to Italy and Swe-

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den each took well over a week. The total manna: more than \$50,000.

San Diego attorney Michael Aguirre got an anonymous tip from inside the commission that at one of the meals, Simon committed himself to permit San Diego Gas & Electric to fleece its customers for uninsured fire costs. Aguirre wrote Simon, "An issue has arisen about whether you provided private assurances to [San Diego Gas & Electric] officials that the [California Public Utilities Commission] would allow SDGE to raise rates of its customers to pay for liability costs from the 2007 fires that were in excess of SDGE's insurance." Aguirre asked for any communications relevant to that topic. "He sent back documents that didn't answer the question," says Aguirre.

Sempra's fat profits, excessive compensation, and coziness with commissioners could be subjects for the April 5 meeting. ■

Nonprofit news

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now we're turning that into a more professional business model of prosperity and actual metrics and goals."

He leans forward and relaxes visibly as the conversation moves on from the layoffs to the future of the organization. Though he's still tight-lipped about details, he tells me that the future they're trying to build "isn't about readership, it's about membership."

Last fall, *Voice* hired Mary Walter-Brown, former producer at *NBC San Diego*, as vice president and then later added "of advancement and engagement" to her title.

Her job, Lewis says, is "professionalizing and formalizing our strategies for each one of those [revenue streams]."

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their morning report each day. Others receive the arts report and/or the best of the week report. As of today, they have 1716 members, or donors, who give under \$5000, and Lewis says they're looking to increase that number "exponentially."

"The average donation we get is \$100. So, if we're able to build eventually to 10,000 members, that's \$1 million," he says. "We have a \$1 million budget, and KPBS raises through the same sort of formula about \$25 million a year, so we think it shouldn't be that difficult for an organization like ours to build up to a \$2 million or \$3 million budget."

Lewis estimates that *Voice of San Diego* spends 5 or 6 percent of its budget on its website, a number much lower than other nonprofit news organizations. And one of the challenges he faces is that no standard has been set for what these numbers should be.

"If you run a hotel, you can open up a book, and it'll say what hotels all across the country spent on linens, right? And it'll give you a number per room how much that should cost. But there's nothing like that for non-profit news," he says.

As much as Lewis would like to stop talking about the layoffs, they were only the beginning of a transition that, three months later, the organization has still not completed.

"There are conversations going today, tomorrow, about branding efforts and about exact targets we're going to set and what kind of projections we can realistically hit now that we're formalizing," he says.

The *Voice of San Diego* will communicate "a whole new message" about its future plans and strategies sometime this spring, Lewis says. Though he feels optimistic about the organization's future, he also admits, "It's scary. It's hard to build something new, and especially when everybody's criticizing."

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He takes solace in the fact that his former employees have fared well in the wake of the layoffs. Emily Alpert and Adrian Florido landed jobs at the *LA Times* and KPBS, respectively. And, in the last two months, Sam Hodgson has shot for Bloomberg News, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *New York Times* as a freelance photographer. Hodgson also continues to freelance for *Voice of San Diego*.

Of his layoff, Hodgson wrote in an email, "I'm not one to dwell on things that are outside of my control. So, I immediately took the change as an opportunity for me to start my own business and to keep growing as a photographer."

Lewis says he's grateful that each of those let go has been gracious and forgiving.

"To see them succeed, and to see them treat the situation with grace..." he begins but doesn't complete his thought.

Instead, he stills his frame and inhales deeply.

"We have to make these decisions, and you have to try interesting things," he says after a minute, "and you have to fail sometimes. I'm just trying to learn from it." ■

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Red Tape Scrapped

County Supervisors Keep Planning Groups in Place *San Diego County* — Members of planning groups from across the county converged on county chambers on Wednesday in opposition to a proposal that would limit the role of community planners in San Diego County. Supervisors have discussed the issue before, both times receiving criticism from dozens of community planners.

Today's hearing was no different. Residents often accused the Supervisors of

being in the back pocket of developers and attempting to muzzle the community. Some comments from residents drew a response from board members.

After hours of public comment, Supervisors scrapped the recommendations from the "Red Tape Reduction Task Force" and agreed to recommendations from Supervisor Dianne Jacob, which calls for new and current planning members receive training and establishes guidelines when posting agendas.

By Dorian Hargrove
Thursday, March 29

Shuttered Indefinitely

Shutdown at Nuclear Station No Longer Precautionary *San Onofre* — A shutdown at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station's Unit 3 reactor due to leaks found in the cooling system that pumps radioactive water through the generator's core is now officially mandated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Nearing two months in duration, the shut-

down had previously been referred to by plant operator Southern California Edison as "precautionary."

Though operators first insisted that no contamination had been released into the atmosphere, it was later disclosed that radioactive gas from the leak had been vented to an auxiliary building without the same safety seals as the main reactor. Numerous tubes in the cooling system besides those that failed, replaced in 2009, were found to have high levels of wear.

SoCal Edison had already announced in previous weeks that the plant would remain shuttered indefinitely, with the company promising to resolve all safety concerns before resuming operations. "We don't put a deadline on safety," said Southern California Edison spokeswoman Jennifer Manfre at the time.

Environmental groups are

taking the opportunity to push for the plant's permanent closure, rallying earlier this month on the first anniversary of Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster. Another rally, commemorating Russia's Chernobyl meltdown, has been announced for late April.

By Dave Rice
Wednesday, March 28

Leaving the GOP

Nathan Fletcher Exits GOP Via YouTube

Outside San Diego — Republican State Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher announced via a YouTube video uploaded late yesterday that he is leaving the GOP to become an independent.

According to an Associated Press dispatch running today in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Fletcher, who has been running behind in the polls in the race to become San Diego mayor, also told the news service about the

move yesterday.

"We have a system that is set up and designed for two parties and it's a difficult move, but it's what I believe in my heart is right."

Matt Potter
Wednesday, March 28

Not Arbitrary

Fresh & Easy Busted for Union Busting

Spring Valley — Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market Inc., the U.S. arm of British grocery giant Tesco — the second most-profitable worldwide retailer behind Wal-Mart — has lost in a petition for review of a disciplinary order handed down by the National Labor Relations Board.

The U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C. has upheld the ruling of the Labor Relations Board pertaining to actions taken against an employee at a store in the San Diego suburb of Spring Valley. The Board held that

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Dave Rice
Wednesday, March 28

Local Locos

Chula Vista Murder
Suspects Arrested in
Tijuana

Tijuana — Two suspects were arrested in Tijuana on Monday, March 26, in connection with a murder in Chula Vista earlier this month. Both suspects are believed to be United States citizens from Chula Vista.

Nineteen-year-old Karim Joshua Alvarez and 18-year-old David Chavoya, the suspects, were wanted in connection with a March 14 murder in San Diego County. It is believed that Chavoya shot the victim, 20-year-old Jimmy Rodriguez, seven times outside a liquor store.

The suspects are believed to be members of the South Bay West Side Locos gang. After fleeing to Tijuana, it is apparent they were looking to get by on short-term work in the Zona Rio (downtown district), where they were arrested.

K. Mennem
Tuesday, March 27

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bution. According to the Sacramento-based firm's website, "Our ability to lobby, advocate and build support for critical state or local government affairs efforts is second to none."

Treading On The Downtrodden

I've read your paper for several years, and from time to time your covers are psychologically negative or create negative feelings when it serves nothing more than to stir people up, such as the

cover on March 29 ("People Will Tell You That You're Late"). What is the point in creating more negative feelings when many are greatly feeling the financial pinch and are feeling very downtrodden at the moment? Yes, I am aware that a number of the upper socioeconomic status are doing well financially, but many, many of the lower socioeconomic status are not, and much of your reading public in the East County are of this lower socioeconomic status. The last thing they need is someone or something they look to to bring them further down.

You have a public responsibility, and part of that is to assist the public. Which, in part, is to uplift the people when they need it. Yes, it's to bring the truth, too, but when people are so downtrodden all they can think of is putting food on the table, then uplifting is what is needed most at that point in time.

Many of your readership are of this downtrodden socioeconomic status. Maybe you are unaware of this, and if you are, then you need to survey your readership so you can be more sensitive and aware who are the majority of your readership and what is their current mind-set. Such as in the East County, where many are still feeling financial stress and feeling downtrodden. Many have just given up, and like sheep or Pavlov's dog, accept what is being given them, as many have no fight left. Thus, the current mind-set of your readership needs to be uplifted, at least on the cover.

If you feel the need to

include things that are negative because you feel the need to inform the masses, I understand that, and those points of view and the facts should absolutely be included inside the paper, but many don't read your paper, and many just look at the cover. Do you really need to bring so many people down with your negativity and dissatisfaction?

Yes, of course we have problems with our government and government services. There's a great deal of graft, which is really just downright raping the public, especially the pocketbooks of the poor. Yet, at the same time, when you compare many of the services in the U.S. to other countries, say, Egypt or Mexico, etc. (the list is endless), our services are still quite superior. Not to say that many, many parts of city, state, and U.S. government offices and services don't need a great deal of work and investigation into the graft, because they certainly do, but what the people need

even more right now, when many people are just struggling to put food on their table, is some positive, uplifting words and thoughts that you are in a unique position to offer.

Please, in the future consider the impact you are having on the public in general. The masses, especially in areas like East County, need uplifting when they can see how a number of San Diegans are doing well, yet many, many are still downtrodden. Do you not have some responsibility to help uplift these people in some fashion, so they can gain the strength, desire, and drive to fight the corruption and graft?

Jan S-Dell
via email

Medicine + Moo = Millions

Regarding your *Reader* dated March 8, on page 2, "Under the Radar," where it lists the medical millionaires, and specifically Dr. Stuart W. Jamieson, who heads the

UCSD School of Medicine's division of cardiothoracic surgery, with total pay of over a million dollars. He has the formula down pat, as he sidelines as a cattle rancher! A good formula for creating your own business. I certainly hope people don't read *The China Study* by Campbell.

On page 4, under the letters to the editor, is a letter entitled "It's a Cult, People." I would just like to make a short reply. Dear Name Withheld, for your information, *all* religions are cults.

Ted Rodosovich
University City

Up With Hindis

I was shocked and dismayed by this letter (March 8), written by an anonymous writer who is either an ignorant or a biased person who does not have moral courage or knowledge of this world's oldest religion, Hinduism, which is over 5000 years old. There are about 1.5 billion followers around the world. Their holy scripture, the Bhagavad Gita, is the oldest scripture of all the major religions of the world. The greatest follower of this religion was Mahatma Gandhi. Upon his passing, the greatest scientist, Albert Einstein, called him "the greatest man who ever walked on the face of this earth." I feel the *Reader* owes an apology to all the followers of this great religion.

M.G. Bhakta
via fax

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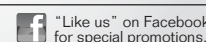
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of the baseball caps that you give out now. To me, that's an indication that people aren't submitting them as much anymore, so I would think that would bring back the popularity.

Joe Arbusto
Rancho Peñasquitos

Comments from Reader website

Best Buys Published March 28

Matthew_Alice

Please, please don't buy adorable tiny Easter bunnies for your kids! As rabbits mature, they become difficult to deal with unless you know what you're doing. Every year, most six-month-old bunnies that looked so cute on Easter day are either thrown out of the house (certain death by coyote/hawk) or taken to shelters that are overloaded with the rejects. Please read up on rabbit care before you buy one. They get big, they get feisty, they need special diets (not just cartoon rabbit food of carrots and lettuce), and they can be destructive. They must be spayed/neutered. Rabbits need a responsible pet owner, just like a dog or a cat. Do yourself and the rabbit a favor and don't buy one unless you're willing to make the commitment!

LaPlacaRifa48619

The same is true with any potential pet you have your eyes on. They may look cute now--but be prepared to spend up to decades caring for the newest family member. Pets are like kids--if you cannot make the commitment, do not adopt! Otherwise, it's Heartbreak City for all hands! -RKJ

Straight From the Hip Published March 28

Matthew_Alice

This just in. Faithful reader John H. passed along a link to a NYTimes article on something called "decision fatigue," basically, the idea that after a day full of decisions, large and small, our decision-making ability is dulled late in the day and we pretty much don't want to make yet one more decision. The research is applied across

a whole range of decision-making, from critical to not so important.

One of the statistics quoted is from a study of decisions made by parole boards. If you're a perp, make sure your hearing is scheduled for early in the day. About 70 percent of those parole hopefuls were granted their freedom. Late in the day? The figure drops to 10 percent. So, at least in this study, time of day is as big a determinant as any facts in your case.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/21/magazine/do-you-suffer-from-decision-fatigue.html?pagewanted=all>
Thx, John

Cover Published March 28

freetrashypaper

I think delivering mail in a city like San Diego is easy in comparison to doing that somewhere that has actual seasons with 3-month-long winters

619ninja

I use to be a mail carrier back in 1980. One of very few women who did this at the time. Seems like things have not changed very much, good money, lots of hours, very poor management, bias to the good old boys and vets, regulars worry you will work too fast and get an add-on to their route, a unique business with no start and no end, upon returning to the office the mail is always stacked, waiting for your return, over time very daunting.

urbanator

Thank you, Ryan, for your humorous account of being a TE. I absolutely loved it. I am a Postmaster in Missouri and can relate to everything in your diary. I've always thought they should come up with a sitcom based on the

real experiences of a postal worker. Maybe you can come up with a script!! Have fun and keep writing!

RPMAILMAN

What a frickin cry baby. "I'm on the verge of tears" he states. I just retired after 31+ years of carrying the mail. Every aspect of mail delivery. From the nasty parts of town where you often hold your breath just to get down some streets to the High dollar areas. After my initial training I had a walk-out route. You walk from the station and deliver mail working out of relay boxes. Two months in we had a 9 inch snow. Yep your legs feel like rubber after a few hours trudging through that mess but you push on. You can't take these comments about being late, and all the rest of them, to heart. You just smile hand them the mail and move on. I was an OJI trainer for several years and when my new trainees complained about heat, cold, long hours or being exhausted I just reminded them of what my Dad taught me. It is a lot hotter, a lot colder and mentally exhausting in the unemployment line. It is a good job. Even like in Ryan's case where he gets no benefits he is still making \$21 to walk or drive around and put mail in a box. Are there jerks out there who only want to complain. But once you know the customers you will reap many rewards. Are the majority of managers morons who are only managers to get out of real work? Sure they are. Otherwise they would be doing the same job as you. Will you freeze your butt off some days? Sure I have carried mail in 42 below zero windchills. Will you fry? Yep last summer our city set a record for number of days

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over 100 that had stood since the 1930's. Will you get frustrated because it seems to be impossible to keep the mail dry while delivering in downpours? Yes again. Do I regret my 31+ years as a Letter Carrier? Not one bit. If it weren't for health issues I would still be out there delivering each days mail.

thrillraceresq

When I was a substitute teacher with San Diego City Schools, the kids and adults would tell me that I was late when I was filling in for a substitute teacher who failed to show up! Don't you hate it when people make comments out of ignorance?

mailmantony

You should read Bukowski's "Post Office" it's a riot and will show how little things change at the PO

ValerieScher

After reading this diary of a mail carrier, I have fresh appreciation for the folks who make sure I receive all those letters, ads, and bills. Congrats, Ryan, on your first-class delivery of a fine story.

charliegrl

This article was a blast to read. I'm a former TE (3 years before they laid me off 2 years ago). Ryan you couldn't have wrote it better. That story is so true to the point; it had me laughing out loud. But I wanted to know, did you ever

get caught for the damaged van?

smissy1

YEP!!...This story is factual. And it holds true for the TE's (now PSE's) at the Processing and Distribution plants. It's really not funny if you are the one enduring this type of treatment. Harassment from the regulars. Threatened with dismissal if you don't work the long overtime hours (12~14hrs.....even 15!!!). Not allowed time to take a sick child to urgent care or to visit your dying grandmother in the hospital. Not allowed to go home sick when you are throwing up on the floor in front of the MDO. No health care benefits of any kind. Not allowed time off for a Dr. appointment. Told by the MDO that if you call in sick, you better be on your death bed or you will be fired!!

Oh yeah, and to Mr. RMAILMAN: typical comment from a cynical, bitter, unhappy regular - always bitching they want more hours, but want to do less work. You should be happy with your \$30~\$40/hr wage and be quiet!!

A serious investigation should be done by the Federal Govt for all the illegal work/labor practices that commonly take place at your local USPS.

melcarriere

Ryan, I found your article compelling, entertaining, and amusing. As a letter carrier and aspiring writer myself, I

am insanely jealous, but must recognize talent when I see it. Keep it up because you're young and it is a dog eat dog industry, but you're off to a promising start. "Brad Pitt" faces sometimes have substance behind them.

One minor complaint. I was a 204B at Point Loma when you were there, so I will admonish you to take it easy on "Francine," because she tried to get your back. She is indeed gruff and irrational at times, and I've had my falling out with her, but I think she did the best she could.

I would invite you to visit my Facebook page under my pen name, Mel Carriere.

PostalJanitorSanDiego

I enjoyed EVERY bit of this entire story. Mr. Ryan Bradford, you should publish this in a real BOOK. You have TALENT. I enjoyed your honest account of being a 'TE' Letter Carrier. I am a USPS Custodian for 2 different stations in San Diego. I was a Clerk from 2000 to 2010. In 2003, however, I tried carrying mail for a total of 8 days in Pacific Beach 92109. I can empathize with what you had gone through. No matter what anyone else says, carrying/delivering mail is NOT easy work!!! I have great respect for you, Ryan.

P.S. I have worked at most of the stations that were mentioned in this story (when I was a window clerk). I actually know who 'Greg' is. lol

Chrstnochoa

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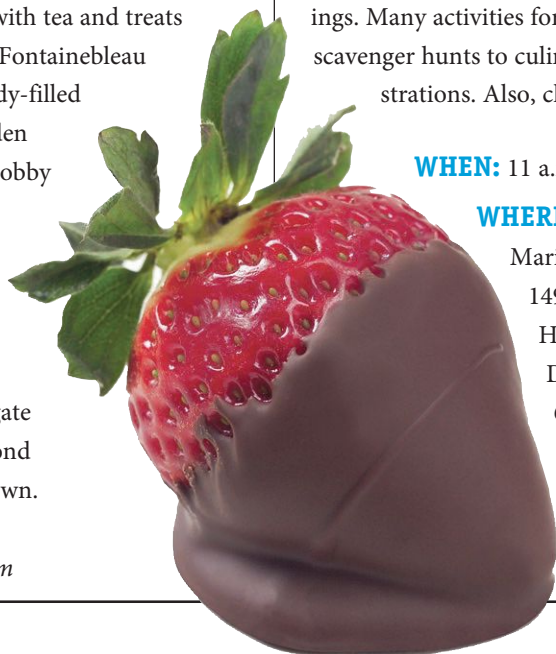
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WHEN: 2:30 to 5 p.m. (also Saturday)

WHERE: Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-557-3655; westgatehotel.com



Saturday | 7

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to perform demonstrations and answer questions.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: Poinsettia Park, 6600 Hidden Valley Road, Carlsbad. 760-434-2843; carlsbadca.gov

Sunday | 8

THE CHOCOLATE AFFAIR

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

WHERE: San Diego Maritime Museum, 1492 N. Harbor Drive, Downtown. 619-234-9153; sdmaritime.org



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RARE AND UNUSUAL PLANTS OF ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK

“Self-taught botanist” Larry Hendrickson, the staff advisor for the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Botany Society, has studied and documented plants in the desert and mountains of the region for 25 years. Bring a camera, and venture out after the talk to do some documenting of your own.

WHEN: 10 to 11 a.m.

WHERE: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, 200 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs. 760-767-5311; parks.ca.gov

Tuesday | 10

TAMING THE YEAST MONSTER

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WHEN: 6 to 9 p.m.

WHERE: Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Drive, San Marcos. 760-233-2433; alchemyofthehearth.com

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I was amazed at how preserved the round table appeared after hanging in this spot for over 700 years.

Winchester, England

By Lisa Bruhn

William the Conqueror was a busy guy in 1066. After invading and taking control of England, he was crowned king in London at Westminster Abbey. William then took control of the town of Winchester, which has historic roots back to the 7th Century.

Winchester is approximately one hour outside of London in the Hampshire region and easily accessible by train — about 31 GBP or \$50 USD one-way train fare from London Waterloo train station (and only a few dollars more for round-trip ticket if returning the same day).

Blessed with a clear day, I created

my must-see and -do list: Winchester Cathedral, The Great Hall with the Round Table, Jane Austen's house, and a visit to a pub for lunch. Anything else seen along the way would be a bonus, and usually it's these unexpected sights that turn out to be the most interesting.

At the Tourist Information Center, I grabbed a pamphlet entitled, "The Winchester Walk: A Tour of King Alfred's City," which highlighted three loop tours, each about one mile. The self-guided walking tour started from the visitor's center with Winchester Cathedral only a few steps away.

A majestic beauty and the flagship of the town, the cathedral is full of history, faith, and treasures. This grand place of worship, built nearly a thousand years ago (1079), continues to open its doors to approximately 300,000 people each year for Sunday services. Jane Austen was buried here in 1817, and the Jane Austen Story is a permanent exhibition.

After leaving Winchester Cathedral, I began walking along High Street, a charming cobblestone, partly pedestrian-only street, and came upon a farmers market where I chatted with vendors and bought a small jar of sweet apple with

cider chutney to take home.

Tucked away in a small alley just off High Street, I took note of the Royal Oak pub, apparently the "oldest bar in Britain" (est. 1002) and the place where I would have a pint of beer and rest my feet before heading back to my hotel late in the afternoon.

At the end of High Street is the 13th-century Great Hall, the only surviving part of Winchester Castle and home to what some believe is the legendary King Arthur's Round Table. The hall is barren inside except for the Round Table, mounted on the wall, and poster boards along the walls with information about its

rich history.

I stood for quite some time in the middle of this room, trying to imagine what it would have been like in medieval times, dancing, eating, and celebrating here with England's greatest knights and royalty. I was amazed at how preserved the table appeared after hanging in this spot for over 700 years.

While the hall itself is ancient and grey, just outside its walls is blossoming life, beauty, and serenity: Queen Eleanor's Garden, a medieval garden re-creation.

Slightly off my self-guided path, I found Jane Austen's house, which I would

continued on page 52.

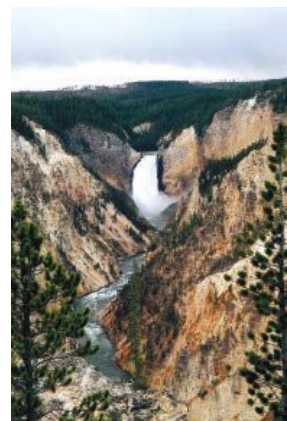
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The wide open space of Ramona Grasslands offers a glimpse of early California.

Between Interstate 15 and the town of Ramona lies a new gem for San Diego outdoor enthusiasts. Only recently opened to the

public, the Ramona Grasslands Preserve allows hikers, joggers, and horseback riders to explore several different ecosystems, such

as prairie grasslands, chaparral, and wetland habitats.

The preserve sits opposite the Ramona Airport in the Santa Maria Valley, south of Ramona and north of Mt. Woodson, in a wide, grassy valley of rolling pasturelands. The large, open spaces within and around the preserve offer a glimpse of southern California that is becoming more and more difficult to find. At 3521 acres, the preserve protects a large portion of a diverse ecosystem that is elsewhere at risk from residential development and other human encroachments. A four-mile trail system allows visitors to explore approximately 480 of these protected acres that include vernal pools, vernal swales, alkali playas, and riparian areas along the Santa Maria Creek. Additional trails are planned for the future.

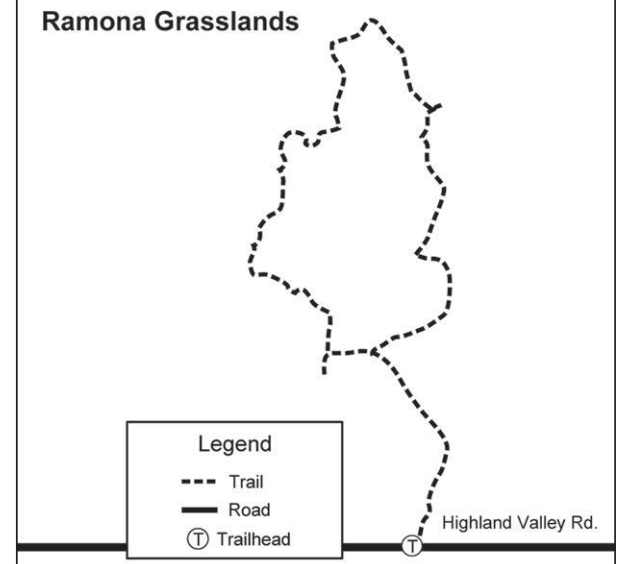
Particularly popular with birders, the preserve is a safe-haven for large raptors such as red-tailed hawks and even golden eagles. Winter is optimal for spotting these

magnificent birds as a number of raptor species overwinter in the area. In fact, throughout the month of January, the Wildlife Research Institute, Inc. hosts a free and public HawkWatch every Saturday morning. Large congregations of turkey vultures can also be seen throughout the park, providing a rare opportunity to see these high-soaring birds up close.

Many earthbound critters find their homes here too, and just a short walk on the trails will leave little wonder as to how the preserve can support such great numbers of carnivorous birds. Large populations of ground squirrels are present here; their furry heads regularly seen emerging from the origins of extensive burrow systems. There is little doubt that at such high numbers they play an integral part in this ecosystem, probably supporting birds as well as other predators, such as coyotes. Although not likely to be seen, the stirring vocalizations of the coyote reveal its presence in the late afternoon and evening.

Two main loops make up the trail system at Ramona Grasslands Preserve. The 1.0-mile Meadow Loop explores some typical grassland habitat and can be reached by taking an immediate left at the preserve entrance after entering from the staging area/parking lot on Highland Valley Road. Take another left at the intersection with the main trail

Ramona Grasslands



from the parking lot to reach the second loop, where a few more habitat types can be explored. Begin by turning right at the fork and meander along a small creek and some low-lying grasslands. Look for birds in the various trees lining the broad dirt trail. The trail soon begins a small climb into classic chaparral habitat for the most challenging part of the hike (though still relatively easy at only about 200 feet of elevation gain). Descend back down toward the grasslands where you will find a

pleasant lake with a picnic table. Take a moment to rest the feet or enjoy a picnic or simply complete the loop and make your way back to the parking lot.

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

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OUTDOORS

Bird Nest Knowledge Visit hands-on “fun-for-all-ages” discovery table, learn about variety of nest shapes, sizes, materials. Match eggs to the right nest. Learn fun facts! Saturday, April 7, 10am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Experience a Grunion Run Observe hundreds of grunion ride waves onto La Jolla beaches to spawn. Before hitting beach, see grunion hatch before your eyes during presentation about this mysterious fish. Prepare for cool, wet conditions. Bring a flashlight. Kids 6-13 may attend with a paid adult. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. Sunday, April 8, 10:45pm;

\$10-\$12. 6 and up. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Explore Manzanita Canyon Learn ten native plants and their importance in nature during California Native Plant Society walk. Bring water, wear sturdy shoes. 619-297-2957. Saturday, April 7, 10am; **free**. Azalea Park Recreation Center, 2596 Violet Street. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Garden Along the River Help “care for Mission Valley’s only public garden,” a five-acre site located in Mission Valley East, filled with native and water-wise plants, trees, cacti. Tools, supplies provided. 619-297-7380. Sunday, April 8, 8am; **free**. San Diego River Garden, 3334 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Guided Nature Walk Learn about area birds and plants. Meet near restroom; bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. Sunday, April 8, 9:30am; **free**. Marian Bear Memorial Park west entrance, 5250 Regents Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Nature’s Paintbrush Look for lupine, monkey flower, Indian paintbrush, other wildflower gems among sage, chaparral, river communities during trail guide-led walk. Saturday, April 7, 9:30am; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Search for Saturn and Jupiter As well as shooting stars and more during stargazing party in MiraCosta College’s baseball field (weather permitting). Call to confirm: 760-757-2121 x6201. Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7, 8pm;

free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Trek with Trackers Join tracking team guide to discover and identify tracks, scat, bedlays, and other evidence of critters living in underbrush and trees. Wear long pants for “dirt-time fun.” Saturday, April 7, 8:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

SPECIAL EVENTS

“Harmonica and Drums and Beyond...” Gain “deeper understanding of musical communication” during clinic for instrumentalists, vocalists with Rob Paparozzi and Bernard Purdie. Duo has worked with Aretha Franklin, Blood Sweat and Tears, the Original Blues Brothers Band, others. bayou-brothers@cox.net or 619-691-1609. Thursday, April 5, 6pm; \$25. Rock and Roll San Diego School of Music and Performing Arts, 3360 Sports Arena Bl., Suite A. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

“Xtreme Easter Egg Hunt” The Easter Bunny will shoot paintballs at Easter egg dashers, who will have three minutes to gather eggs filled with prizes, money, candy during second annual dash for eggs. 619-320-6827. Sunday, April 8, 1pm; **free**. Total Combat Paintball, 2015 Birch Road. (EASTLAKE)

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 gather-

ings 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. Sundays, 9am and 10:45am. Aviara Oaks Middle School, 6880 Ambrosia Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Consider the Dark Ages with Humanists! Join Humanist Study Group to view, discuss a History Channel documentary on the Dark Ages, when “logic, reason, and science were in short supply, but superstition and religious excess were abundant.” Sunday, April 8, 1pm; **free**. 21 and up. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

Day of Action Against Human Trafficking The Radical Feminists of San Diego plan “a direct action in solidarity of 2012’s Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) campaign...to demand the abolishment of human trafficking.” Participants will march east (to intersection of El Cajon Boulevard and I-15 onramp) for talks entitled “Purple Rose Campaign, Sex Trafficking on a Transnational Level,” “Forced Marriage and Torture in the Middle Eastern Culture,” “Immigration and Trafficking,” more. cmendonca@riseup.net or 401-580-7791. Saturday, April 7, 12pm; **free**. Southeast corner of 30th Street and El Cajon Boulevard

Friday Night Liberty Enjoy open artist studios, galleries, per-

formances. This month, view “Personal Archaeologies,” an exhibit of “bold geometric paintings” by Diane O’Connor at Martha Pace Swift Gallery; sculptures by Xiaoye Sun at Pulse Gallery. Friday, April 6, 5pm; **free**. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

Opening Day Block Party Celebrate the Padres’ new season on J Street (between Seventh and Tenth avenues). Exhibit booths from local community groups; live entertainment by Ultimate Stones Tribute band and DJ Kaotik; tastes from SD Street Eats, Two for the Rd., Chubby’s, Groggy’s, Curiosity Catering, Super Q, Slo Cal BBQ, Opera Café, Thai 1 On, Devilicious, Swieners, Stone Catering, Organic Girl; micro-brew beer garden. Thursday, April 5, 11am; **free**. East Village

Paint, Sip, Enjoy Paint and Palate hosts night of wine, step-by-step guidance to paint *Fall River*. No art experience required. gina@paintandpalate.com or 760-500-0383. Saturday, April 7, 7pm; \$55. 21 and up. Sunset Bay Terrace, 3040 Clairemont Dr., Suite B. (CLAIREMONT)

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)

Tartan Day Festival Scottish organizations celebrate their culture — and tartans — with ninth annual festival at International Cottages. Entertainment by House of Scotland Pipe Band, House of Scotland Ceilidh Band, the Lacemakers, the McBains, the Westlin Weavers; demonstrations by 42nd Black Watch Highland Society; dance by San Diego School of Highland Dancing. Scottish Clan and Tartan Information Center helps visitors find their own tartans. Traditional Scottish food, wares for sale. Saturday, April 7, 11am; **free**. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Taking Care of Our Own Fund-raising Dinner and Auction. Tickets are \$75 each and include double entrée dinner, salad, dessert and one drink. Full tables with 10 seats are available for \$725. Event benefits Operation Promise, a nonprofit organization that supports the family members of wounded warriors. For more information and tickets, visit the website at www.takingcare-ofourown.charityhappenings.org.

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have missed completely had it not been for the older couple taking a picture of it. A private home now, this modest dwelling is where the famous author spent the last years of her life.

One spontaneously discovered highlight of the day was my lunch spot,

the Forte Tearooms, where I stopped in for a traditional Earl Grey tea and tuna, mayonnaise and sweet corn “Doorstop Sandwich” — completely English with the crust cut off and a proper teapot. It was full of character and surprisingly crowded, despite being a bit hidden and off the busy streets. I felt lucky to have stumbled on this gem.

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Free! Poets invited to compete for Grand Slam (sign up at 11am). Zine Making Workshop (homemade magazine). Students reading their original works. www.grossmont.edu/50years. Saturday, April 14, 10am to 2pm. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

Ravi Shankar Foundation presents: Sitar player and composer Anoushka Shankar. Be a part of this special one night only performance as this multitalented artist, along with Indian and Spanish musicians, takes you on a culture-spanning journey, showcasing the evolutionary bridge between Flamenco and Indian classical music. Purchase tickets at: www.ticketmaster.com or 619-570-1100. Friday, April 20, at 8pm. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (BALBOA PARK)

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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)



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LOCAL EVENTS

"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) "preserves the knowledge of this painstaking dying technique, and her obi and kimono continue to be among the most chic and sought-after throughout Japan." View the 71 obi, kimono, and other textile paintings of "Dyeing Elegance: Asian Modernism and the Art of Kuboku and Hisako Takaku" through Sunday, May 27.

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

Rhyme & Verse

I Think You're Wonderful

A poem by Thomas Lux

I think you're wonderful.
I'm driving my car
and your name is on every mailbox.
I'm kissing you
and my shoes crawl away
in darkness, sweet gadgets
sing in my wrists, the life
I dumped into the river years ago
is reported found in the Philippines....
Why do I tell you this?
Because your lingerie
is burning, because a lone drop
of rain is falling somewhere
above the Sahara, because
I think you're wonderful.



Thomas Lux, American poet, will be reading from his work at San Diego State University's Scripps Cottage at 7 p.m. on April 9. Lux, who is currently the Bourne Professor of Poetry at the Georgia Institute of Technology, is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and three National Endowment Fellowships in Poetry as well as the prestigious Kingsley Tufts

Award. *From the Southland*, a collection of the essays that Lux wrote for the *San Diego Reader* over the past several years, has just been published by Marick Press. His most recent collection of poetry is *God Particles* from Houghton Mifflin. "I Think You're Wonderful" is from *Memory's Handgrenade*, published by Pym-Randall, and is reprinted here by permission.

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objects from Xiangtangshan and three related Northern Qi works of art, juxtaposing dispersed sculptural fragments with a set of media projects. **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 pieces, in which perception "of the photographic medium is challenged," through Sunday, May 6.

"Eyes of a Nation: A Century of American Photography" is drawn from museum's permanent collection, offering a look at "rich history of American photography by artists working in the 1870s–1970s." Exhibit explores "groundbreaking movements and photographers who helped shape photography at an important time in the development of our country." Through Sunday, May 13. **Free**–\$6. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

BOOK SIGNINGS

The Tuscan Sun Cookbook Frances Mayes visits to sign copies of her new cookbook (provided they're purchased at Williams-Sonoma). Thursday, April 5, 6pm; Williams-Sonoma, 7007 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Southern California Trombonist Sean Burroughs performs "an interesting collection of music for solo and accompanied trombone" by JS Bach and Leonard Bernstein for Concert Hour. 760-744-1150 x2317. Thursday, April 5, 12:30pm; **free.** Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10), 1140 West Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)

COMEDY

Comedy Night at Doc's Saloon Eric Culverson, headliner Paul Morrissey, host Aaron Hughes perform. Recommended reservations: 760-929-1396. Friday, April 6, 8:30pm; \$10. 18 and up. Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q, 6955 El Camino Real. (CARLSBAD)

Comedy Under Construction Enjoy improv sketch comedy by this ensemble working "with total disregard for any rules or political correctness." They'll turn your

suggestions for comedy scenes into laughs. 858-550-8088. Thursday, April 5, 8pm; \$8. 21 and up. 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

Weekend Laugh Jam LEC Production comedy show with headliner Chris Clobber, Diane Jean, Jen Murphy. Saturday, April 7, 8pm; **free.** 21 and up. Kelly's Public House, 15817 Bernardo Center Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

DANCE

Allure of the Argentine Tango Open house promises introductory lesson (8pm) followed by milonga (tango dance party). Potluck, complimentary sangria. Saturday, April 7, 8pm; **free.** Mundo del Tango Academy, 3565 Del Rey. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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FOOD & DRINK

"The Chocolate Affair" Chocolate festival promises vendors offering chocolate edibles, crafts for kids (make a chocolate pizza!), demonstrations, wine/beer chocolate pairing, scavenger hunt with prizes, more. Sunday, April 8, 11am; **free-\$14**. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1492 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

First Fridays at Fleming's Monthly wine tasting features 20 wines "from one of the world's top grape-growing regions." Series kicks off April 6 with wines from Washington and Oregon. Series continues through December. Friday, April 6, 5:30pm; \$25. 21 and up. Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, 8970 University Center Lane. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Help Save Seeds Vegetarian "farm dinner" to raise funds for the farm at San Diego City College in support of their Urban Agriculture Program. Three-course vegetarian

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Easter Bunny Tea Enjoy visit from Easter Bunny and a magician, as well as an egg hunt and other activities for children. Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7, 2:30pm; \$26-\$39. Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

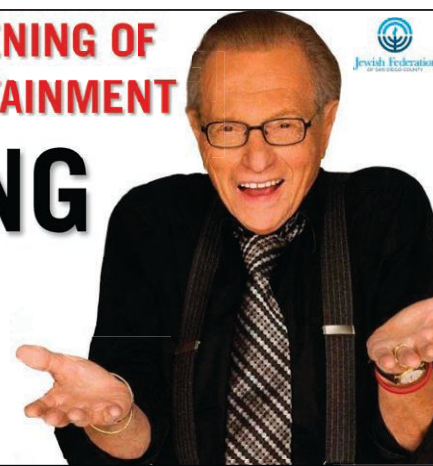
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Years Ordained: 13

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

RB: The Torah's message, which becomes mine,

boils down to understanding where we are today and how we can make a much better tomorrow. Individuals must understand their uniqueness in the world and the world's uniqueness in them. Everyone, everything, and every moment must be embraced in its absolute potential, to be utilized with their true intention of creation and acting in full contributive capacity.

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

RB: That people sometimes fail to recognize their importance and responsibility, that society needs everyone, and that there is no king without a people. Clergy can preach and teach, but it's the people that really make all the difference. We

see a lot in these challenging times that the haves are holding onto what they have been blessed with and fear to lose what they have, and the haves are falling into despair, failing to hold onto the faith that believes the cycle of life will turn and better days are yet to be. We must each live in this moment and become leaders in our own right for those who have the wherewithal. Now is the time for those that do not embrace the experience and utilize these challenging moments to regroup, refocus, and crystallize your true worth and life's value.

SDR: Why did you become a rabbi?

RB: My grandfather left Morocco in the early 50s and

moved to Canada because of the similarity of language and culture. Being the most knowable in Judaic practices and Torah reading, he became the figurehead for the Middle Eastern Sephardic Jewish community there and took the responsibility very seriously. After he passed on, my father, who also was never officially ordained as a rabbi but saw the need to fill this position, took over where his father left off so as not to leave a void in community leadership. So, I grew up in that environment, being taught that service of others is the best service of self. The feeling of what we need was never an issue growing up because what we are needed for was always being highlighted. So,



Baruch Shalom Ezagui:
"Everyone, everything, and every moment must be embraced in its absolute potential."

my father put me in a yeshiva, that is, a Jewish school, which shared the same values and also instilled in me that same sense of service to others and the community at large. I would say that was my greatest gift.

SDR: Where do you go when you die?

RB: Well, let's hope we're not dying so fast. Who's rushing? The point of discussing an afterlife is to inspire us to do something now. In the eyes of Torah, heaven and hell begins right here. Heaven and hell really only exist as a result of the moment we're living in right now and glorify it. Any such discussion should be based on our present actions, which we should be most concerned about and most busy with right now. Wherever we will go after this life depends on wherever we put ourselves right now.

— Joseph O'Brien

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“Finish Fetish” Reception for exhibition by artists Lisa Bartleson, Casper Brindle, Alfred Harris, Miguel Osuna, Ernest Requena, Kristina Quinones. View the show, touching “on the obsession of a

minimal surface and the enticing pull that it has on the viewer,” through Wednesday, May 30. Thursday, April 5, 6pm; **free**. Susan Street Fine Art Gallery, 200 North Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

“Glass Ocean” Opening reception for John Gibbons, debuting his new series of oceanic-inspired glass vessels and sculptures. Ray at Night Art Walk: Saturday, April 14. Exhibit closes Friday, May 4. Saturday, April 7, 6pm; **free**. Cirello Gallery, 3803 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

Open Studios 2012 Head to the Visual Arts Facility when artists welcome guests into approximately

50 art studios. Artists on hand “to contextualize their work and engage in conversations.” View the exhibition “New Institutions” in Visual Arts Facility Gallery. sghanbari@ucsd.edu. Saturday, April 7, 1pm; **free**. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

LECTURES

“Great Museums of the United States” Art historian James W. Grebl leads “virtual tour of some of the most visually stunning, historically significant, and artistically

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“How Sustainable Are We?” Equinox Center executive director Ann Tartre offers “critical understanding of the question,” followed by discussion with other members of SD’s sustainable and environmental community. Thursday, April 5, 5:30pm; **free**. World Resources Simulation Center, 1088 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

“Patios, Pathways, and Plants”

Doug Kalal of Great Gardens Landscape Design shares tips on improving landscapes, “including patio materials, plants for hummingbirds, dealing with shade or slopes, and the best drought tolerant plants for your needs.” Thursday, April 5, 6pm; **free**. Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

“The New Green Water and Ocean Economy” Concerned about water, conservation, climate, SD’s economy? Join ocean lovers, “green experts,” career seekers for “leader briefings” by port commissioner Lee Burdick, Open Oceans

Global founder Carl Nettleton, Tijuana Estuary watershed coordinator Oscar Romo, others. Thursday, April 5, 5:50pm; \$22-\$30. 18 and up. Cricket Communications, 5887 Copley Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

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The Sweet Spot

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SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY — BRUCKNER'S 4TH SYMPHONY

I made the claim that I didn't

care what happened in the San Diego Symphony's performance of Bruckner's 4th Symphony. As soon as the performance started, I started to care.

Jahja Ling conducted it well. Bruckner can't be too fast. That's just how it is. Bruckner cannot be too fast, ever. However, it can't be too slow or it becomes a long and painful death. Maestro Ling found the sweet spot with his tempi.

I hate to break it down this way, but the strings played beautifully, the woodwinds played accurately, and the brass sounded half brilliant, half exhausted. To be fair, the orchestra performed five times that week.

The string sections have been a source of immense pleasure this season. In this Bruckner symphony, particularly in the second movement, the violas were given a chance to play the "big tune," and they did themselves proud. The violins were content to pluck their way through the second movement until Bruckner revealed his hand near the conclusion of the movement. Yes, the cellos and basses were phenomenal as well.

I was nervous for the brass as soon as I saw Bruckner on the schedule. There were moments when the brass was right where they needed to be. The thunderous conclusion of the first movement was all anyone could ever hope for.

The climax of the second movement sounded out of balance. Since I've heard this symphony live only once before, I listened

to several live recordings in preparation. I chose older recordings, which should be freer from technical manipulation. Yes, the brass was out of bal-

ance in the second movement. The French horns were dominant, while the trumpets were covered up. I'm not sure how that's possible, but that's what I heard.

The third movement was nigh unto flawless, but throughout the entire performance I wanted more trumpet. I've never wanted that before, but, come on, Wagner nicknamed Bruckner "The Trumpet."

If this concert was a pass/fail course, the San Diego Symphony passed. However, after a solid performance of Mahler's 9th and a Brahms 4th that was a revelation, Bruckner exposed areas in which the San Diegans can improve.

I hope to see more Bruckner on the schedule. The 6th would be great. I think the 6th is underappreciated. That could be because Bruckner's 7th-9th are the end of the world.

THE OLD GLOBE: ROOM WITH A VIEW OF HELL

I ended up going to see *A Room with a View* at the Globe. I hated it.

I hated it on every single level, from the libretto to the music to the costumes to the casting to the directing to the sets.

This was an adaptation of the novel by E.M. Forster. This was an adaptation of the 1985 Merchant Ivory film — a film that I love. If a company is going to adapt one of the best

IMMORTAL BEAUTY

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I've never wanted more trumpet, but, come on, Wagner nicknamed Anton Bruckner (pictured) "The Trumpet."

acted films of all time, then they'd better be ready to be compared to the film.

There were no Edwardian characters on the stage. This was *A Room with a View of High School Musical*, or, as Eddie Izzard might say, *A Room with a View of Hell*.

The entire show was immature and silly. The endearing English spinsters, the Miss Allens, were played by men and were neither endearing nor funny.

The two leads, George and Lucy, appeared to be children playing grownups and they both had mean little voices. Neither made a sound all night that could have been considered pretty.

There were two exceptions. Glenn Seven Allen was a solid singer in the role of Italiano. Jacquelynne Fontaine in the role of Ragazza was tremendous.

At some point in the show, I realized it. I was commiserating with Cecil, the misanthrope. In the second act, I caught myself thinking, *Yes, Cecil, get them! I hate these people, too.*

However, the audience loved it. They stood on their feet and applauded and congratulated themselves for picking a great show to go to.

All I could think was that this show emphasized the disparity of culture in our culture. I think it has always been this way and always will be.

There will always be people like Cecil, who wrap their identity in art, culture, and music and look down on those who don't. There will always be people like George and Lucy.

The temptation is to take sides. There are no sides. For Cecil to belittle the uncultured helps no one. For Cecil to be vilified as an insufferable prig also helps no one.

So why am I so reluctant to let the audience enjoy *A Room with a View*? I guess I don't really care if the audience liked it. That's fine.

What about my hating it? Sometimes it's just more fun to be honest about one's response to something. We are rarely allowed to hate anything in the arts because we want the arts to always be great.

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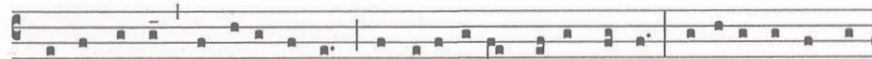
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A New Gaijin-neration

I wasn't sure what to think when I first heard about Gaijin Noodle + Sake House. Taken literally, the word "gaijin" means "foreigner." In actual usage, it means "non-Japanese." But growing up in Hawaii, "gaijin," like the word "haole," was often used by my family and friends accompanied by unflattering and colorful adjectives.

That Gaijin was the project of Chef Antonio Friscia (formerly of Stingaree) and his partners West Group didn't change my somewhat unfair impression that the place would be more style than substance. It wasn't enough for me to drive down to the Gaslamp.

DINING REVIEW

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Gaijin Noodle + Sake House

627 4th Avenue, Gaslamp Quarter,
619-238-0567; gaijinsd.com

Hours: Monday–Thursday, 11:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.; Friday, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 a.m.; Saturday, 5:00 p.m.–3:00 a.m.; Sunday, 5:00–11:00 p.m.

Fare: Japanese and Japanese fusion

Vibe: Casual and relaxed early on. Gets louder and more like an elbow-to-elbow scene as the night progresses

Seating: No reservations, 8–10 tables, plus 6 seats at the yakitori bar

Must try: Pork and kimchi; portobello mushroom; anything with bacon; "Bacon and Egg"; Uni Green Tea Soba Noodles

Need to know: It's the Gaslamp, so parking can be a challenge. Pricing on the yakitori menu is for two skewers; however, I've been able to order single skewers of everything. A seven-skewer combination called the "Seven Samurai" is \$21.

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What it took to convince me was a good friend, Candice, whose taste buds and judgment I trust. She told me that Chef Friscia, a regular at the now-defunct Hillcrest location of Yakyudori, was serious about putting out a good product. Yakitori chef Komei Nishiyama's experience at Raku (Yakyudori's replacement in Hillcrest) didn't interest me as much as Komei-san's six months at Yakyudori.

Gaijin is located in the spot the Cheese Shop used to occupy in the Gaslamp. The interior is full of dark tones and exudes a sleek, urban feel, but the vibe is relaxed and casual. What really got my attention was the rectangular grill behind a Plexiglas window. Gaijin uses *binchotan*, a low-smoke, oak-based charcoal that adds a distinctive smoky flavor. A simple chicken wing seasoned with sea salt and grilled over *binchotan* can taste magical.

You are provided with two menus. The first lists various noodles, entrées, appetizers, basic yakitori, and drinks. The second is a printed checklist of available yakitori items. Don't forget to check the chalkboard next to the gong (sounded when free rounds of sake will be passed out). I once had a skewer of sweet scallops enrobed with wonderful Nueske's bacon, which, without viewing the chalkboard, I would have missed.

Over three visits to Gaijin, I tasted a variety of *robata* (grilled) items, in addition to a couple of noodle dishes — after all, this is a "noodle house." What I found is that the more traditional *robata-yaki* items, such as skewered cubes of chicken thigh — called *momo* in Japanese — weren't up to the level of Yakyudori on Convoy. Both times I ordered the dish here, there wasn't enough salt and the pale chicken lacked caramelization, as if it hadn't been grilled close enough to the charcoal on the brazier. An abundance of black pepper also detracted from the flavor; the skirt steak and



The dark interior exudes a sleek urban feel.

beef tongue suffered similarly. The chicken meatball, or *tsukune*, had too much ginger in it for my taste, and the *tare*, a sweet, soy-based sauce used to flavor certain yakitori items, had burned.

And, yet, to put everything into perspective, my good friends Candice, Howie, and Jenne, along with yours truly, recently did a two-stage yakitori tasting at Yakyudori and Koubou on Convoy Street and found that Gaijin's more traditional offerings were significantly better.

I enjoy Gaijin the most when it takes the fusion side of the fork in the road. The Portobello mushroom, basted with *tare* and lightly finished with truffle oil was wonderful. The *buta-kimchi*, Gaijin-made *kimchi* rolled into pork, then cut into rounds and grilled, has a balanced savory-sour flavor. The *kimchi* here is mild and reminds me of Japanese style "quick *kimuchi*," barely fermented and slightly sweet. It pairs nicely with a piece of grilled pork, never overpowering the *bincho* flavor.

On two occasions, I ordered Spicy Miso Chasu Hakata Ramen. I'm not sure why they



I loved the flavor of the green tea soba noodles.



Nueske bacon enrobes skewers of sweet scallops.



The Portobello mushroom skewer, basted with *care*, was wonderful.

call this a Hakata ramen — thin, pale, and firm Hakata-style noodles are replaced with standard Mutual Trading ramen noodles. On both visits, the noodles were overcooked. The second visit, I specifically asked for firmer noodles, but I don't think the kitchen got the memo. The broth is mildly spicy and quite salty. It reminded me of



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kimchi base.

On the other hand, I loved the flavor of the Uni Green Tea Soba Noodles. Though I've never been a fan of the Italian-Japanese fusion that Gardena restaurants like Spoon House and Akane Chaya offer, the pairing of rich, almost decadent flavors with the savory Cha Soba was excellent. The dish tasted like an exotic carbonara. The only problem was the texture of the soba. It should always be al dente, yet here it tends to the mushy side. My dining partner complained that the portion size was too small, but rich flavors are best savored in manageable quantities. This was close to a perfect marriage of Chef Friscia's Italian heritage and Japanese ingredients.

One item has become a guilty pleasure. Unfortunately, it's not on the menu, though you *can* order it — even if the server hasn't a clue, the kitchen will know how to make it. It's a combination of three of my favorite things: *ajitsuke* tamago, wonderful marinated boiled eggs with firm whites but soft

yolks (insert egg warning here); ramen broth; and minced Nueske's bacon bits. It brings me comfort in the midst of the rush and the music that seems to grow louder as the evening goes on. The name of the dish is equally straightforward: "Bacon and Egg."

The beers offered are simple, three bottled Japanese varieties — including one of my favorites, Hitachino White — and Sapporo on tap. Perhaps in the future we'll see the addition of select local craft brews. The sake list is more ambitious, with about 11 available. There are also five "Kakigori" cocktails, grownup-flavored,

shaved-ice imbibing.

The staff seemed focused on clearing plates as fast as possible, yet the service was still relaxed, casual, and enjoyable. I might be biased. On two of my visits, my main servers, Jamie and Koenig, were from Hawaii, my home. They recognized my speech patterns and instantly pegged me as an ex-pat Kama'aina. Both exuded an unpretentious, professional vibe.

I've found dishes I like at Gaijin, and I intend to enjoy them over and over again. Maybe it's a whole new Gaijin-generation. ■



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"We're breaking even, which is a miracle in winter."

"The usual," she says. Kellie's ahead of me in line. We're standing between a bank of Canadian coffee dispensers and a Parisian street. Okay, a pretty darned convincing Parisian scene — on the wall.

"I come in here five days a week, and I always order exactly the same thing," Kellie says. "A bagel sandwich. It's my own invention."

Kellie works at Gum Saan, the Chinese pioneer-era store in Old Town Plaza (it means "Golden Mountain," the name Chinese used for Gold Rush California). And every day she walks the couple of blocks down for her "usual."

"It's a spinach bagel, with tomato, bacon, and lots of extra cream cheese."

We're on Congress Street, a world away from all the main Old Town action. I'm thinking: Why would someone come to Old Town's outer reaches to eat? Must be something good going on here.

I had just been walking up from the trolley, when I noticed a strung-up banner that read, "Best Coffee in Old Town." Then the wooden patio deck, painted chocolate brown, and the giant yucca tree growing up through an opening in it. I jes' had to go in and test the coffee waters.

I passed all the tables on the deck and found myself stepping into this charming Parisian scene, thanks to a way-cool mural taking up most of one wall.

I fall in line behind Kellie and check the menu boards above the counter. Breakfast special today is huevos rancheros for \$6.99. Lunch menu stars sandwiches such as the Old Town Club (\$7.49), with turkey, bacon, and avocado, or bagel sandwiches (6.99), or jalapeño cheese quesadilla (\$6.49, or \$7.49 with chicken). Chicken Caesar salad is \$7.99.

But, heck, Kellie's tomato-bacon-cream-cheese bagel sounds good, so when my turn

comes, I ask for that. Plus a coffee, seeing as it's what I came in for in the first place.

That coffee. It's called Van Houtte, and it's

a Fair Trade, certified-organic brew from Mexico. Dark. Has a velvety feel to it, but as it says by the dispenser, it's "slightly bitter with a rich lingering flavor."

"Van Houtte are like the Starbucks of Canada," says the owner, Andrés Ortiz. "Their

nearest office is in Orange County, so I'm surprised they service a little café like mine. And the coffee's good. I know a little about coffee. I'm from Colombia."

He hands me my "Kellie" bagel. It's good and gungy, with tons of cream cheese, nice-sized slabs of bacon, and the tomato to wet it all down. Plus a couple of slices of orange on the side, if you want to tang it up.

Gotta say, this wanna-be-Old-Town street is strewn with broken dreams, restaurants opened and closed, so kudos to Andrés for coming and starting up here last year.

"I'm used to uphill battles," he says. "I come from Medellín. I arrived in the States when I was 25..."

Andrés does have an incredible story. "I didn't want to come. I played basketball for Medellín. I was on the Colombian national team three years in a row. I was famous, traveling a lot. It was a good life. My dad was famous, too: he was Mr. Colombia Bodybuilder. But he and my mom decided to leave because the crime and drug violence got too much. You couldn't walk out your door without worrying. I came with them because we are a close family. We stick together."

He had to start over from zero. "When I got here, I couldn't speak English, I had no money. I had to take jobs cleaning in hotels, washing dishes in restaurants."

Finally, after ten years, he and his wife Karen started collecting the used table candles of the restaurant he worked in, remixing the wax so it stayed solid but with a tough jelly



Café owner Andrés and regular customer Kellie want to know: what's your "usual"?

form. They sold bamboo growing in it. "Swap meets, farmers' markets. We'd sell it everywhere, \$5 per plant."

That was ten years ago. Along the way, Andrés started taking over carts in Old Town that sold trinkets, clothing, and traditional ceramics from Mexico. He traveled into southern Mexico and set up relationships with artisans, had them send up their work on a regular basis. The guy must have worked his butt off.

But this place ain't no market cart. It took big outlays to get it up and running. It is maybe his biggest gamble. Right now, he's just trying to get through the winter, till all the snowbirds and tourists come back. "The incredible thing is, local people have stayed with us. People like Kellie have kept us going. We're breaking even, which is a miracle in winter."

Partly, it has to be because he has signs that say "Dogs Welcome" and "Free WiFi." It feels as if you're wanted here. Eating out under an 80-year-old yucca tree with a little fountain gurgling ain't so bad, either.



The Old Town Eatery's murals include a pretty darned convincing Parisian scene.

And, hey, the food. My "Kellie" bagel is a nice combo and pairs well with the Canuk coffee. Plus, I can believe everything's fresh. "It's a Colombian tradition," says Andrés. "We rinse the lettuce *after* we get the order. For a tuna sandwich, we open the can of tuna *after* we get the order."

He's keeping costs down by being here himself, seven days a week, from dawn till dusk. He also has the other craft carts he and Karen run, and he has to go on buying trips to Mexico to supply them. I get tired just thinking about it.

Which is funny, because, here, it feels like an oasis from the world and its worries.

Next time, I'm thinking I'll try that chicken Caesar salad.

Or maybe I'll come in like Kellie and say, "The usual." ■

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\$10 Lunch: Fatuma (Somali Cuisine)

Yesterday, when I went asking around for lunch ideas, a friend sent me to Fatuma, a Somali restaurant on University. As is often the case at African restaurants in City Heights during the lunch hour, the place was full of men.

But I'm kind of tough, and I so did not die of embarrassment when, first thing, I walked in on one of them in the bathroom. Instead, I steeled myself, returned to the counter, and stood looking at the menu, as if I were perfectly at ease and did not have the impulse to flee the establishment.

I skimmed past the pizzas and hummus plates and went straight for the lamb plate with spaghetti.

I know the spaghetti sounds out of place, but from what I understand, it's as common as rice in Somali cuisine. The meal came with salad, a drink, and a banana, for a total of \$10.76.

The man behind the counter's name was Said. When I asked if he had a table near an outlet so I could charge my phone, he led me around the corner to the empty half of the dining room.

There, I ate my spaghetti and humongous chunks of meat. Although I would have managed in the main dining room, this separation from the men was preferable to me. I probably would have chosen to sit at a table outside had I not needed the outlet.

Inside, I could still hear their voices and the unfamiliar cadences of the Somali language, which

gave me the feeling that I had left San Diego and landed somewhere else.

The fact that these "elsewhere" experiences are so easy to come by in City Heights makes it one of my favorite neighborhoods in San Diego.

Fatuma, 4869 University Avenue.

Posted March 28 by Elizabeth Salaam

DINING REVIEWS

Beer Touring: Wet N' Reckless

Any tour of breweries carries with it the possibility of discovering the next big thing or the next big disappointment.

Wet N' Reckless was every bit the train wreck I feared it would be.

Despite hearing negative reports, I forced myself to leave them behind as my companions and I made our way through the Mira

Mesa business park labyrinth. Entering the small, mashed together, juvenily decorated tasting room did little to foster encouragement, but no brewer should be judged on their interior-design skills. We ordered an eight-beer taster flight, took our seat at a flimsy wooden table, and sampled away.

Rather than spend paragraphs dissecting the individual problems we found in each beer, I'll sum up the general.

Overall, the beers were syrupy (you could probably lacquer your woodshop creations with Hells Belg), suggestive of large amounts of diacetyl (too many to individually note), tasted awful (all of them), were the wrong color (the most unidentifiably dark IPA I've ever seen), and terribly named (Genocide IPA, Pop My Cherry Ale).



Warning: the green stuff is hot!



Societe Brewing Co. owners and brewers Travis Smith (left) and Doug Constantiner.

Speaking of ill-conceived names, "wet and reckless" is a term used to describe a type of DUI plea in the State of California. Wet N' Reckless owner Dave Hyndman claims the name of his business has nothing to do with that and refers to his "reckless" brewing style. Driving that is a handful of laser-printed signs in the tasting room encouraging people to consume responsibly and drive safely. My favorite was the one taped up next to a poster of sobriety-spokesmodel Jeff Spicoli.

The total cost for our shared misery was nine dollars — over a buck per plastic cup (because, really, nothing maintains the temperature, flavor, and integrity of an artisanal beverage like plastic) of subpar suds. Despite the three of us reluctantly taking second and third sips, trying to find redeeming qualities to note, not one of those beers got finished. I'm still reeling at the fact our hard-earned money was exchanged for lazily manufactured, extract-infused, shortcut beer.

That's right...extract is used. That in itself is not the worst thing in the world. I know many homebrewers — you know, beginners just getting their feet wet (but not necessarily reckless) — who produce totally drinkable extract brews...

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Posted March 28 by Brandon Hernández

Charisma Cucina Italiana

Drawn in by the offer of half-priced wine for happy hour (until 6 p.m. every day), I visited Charisma for dinner, and I ended up having a remarkably good meal.

The trattoria has a few seats on the patio and not many more inside. The small space has been decorated with a sincere commitment to the color red, but the overall effect is quite charming, since the big windows let in a lot of light, and the house

doesn't keep the lighting too low after dark.

Service was attentive and courteous, without any false friendliness, and the staff seemed comfortable in the little dining room, as though finely orchestrated. The main gaff in service was that the menu had been pinned to an old piece of cardboard. It felt cheap instead of rustic.

The food at Charisma was good. Dishes showed that there's a lot of attention to detail in the kitchen. Even the complimentary bread basket (a practice that's fallen out of favor in recent years) came with a lovely mixture of lentils, roasted garlic, and olive oil.

A meat-and-cheese board (\$13.50) was generous enough to feed two people as a first course, and a bowl of artichoke-and-potato soup (\$6.50) was attractively garnished with fried onions and herbs. The soup was less robust than I had expected, but I was thankful for its simplicity after I ordered a rich main dish. Had it been my only sustenance, however, I might have been left wanting.

For a main dish, I ordered the paccheri Charisma, the house dish of tubular pasta, sausage, green peas, and a rich cream sauce. The pasta was cooked perfectly al dente, and the entire dish was a delight. It was rich, but it hadn't been overly salted, and the cook had shown restraint on saucing the dish. Had it been swimming in a sea of cream, it would have been too much, but the whole dish

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Charisma delivered a great meal in a pleasant location.

Charisma Cucina Italiana, 142 University Avenue.

Posted March 27 by Ian Pike

Bye Bye Bino

How am I going to tell Carla this?

One of her favorite places on the sceptered isle of Coronado is closing down. Bino's Bistro and Wine Bar (1120 Adella Avenue, 619-522-0612) has been serving breakfast omelets and crêpes and sandwiches and great salads (the spinach with hot bacon, roasted pine nuts, and mushrooms always works for me) for 14 years.

I've always liked sitting on the wide sidewalk under jacaranda trees on this quiet street near the Hotel Del. This morning I sat down outside and ordered this crêpe that, okay, costs \$8.50. But once I see it, I know it's going to fill me up for the day.

Why are they closing? Seems that Miguelito's, the eatery next door in this El Cordova hotel, wants the space, and Bino's lease has run out. But Bino — and his brother Bogart and Cecilia — who are running the place today, say don't worry. They'll be opening soon in Hillcrest.

But the Republic of Coronado will miss the mercurial Bino and his world-traveler interests that could leave you feeling you'd visited three cities in one sitting.

Last day will be Saturday. They'll be open till three. You can pretty much guarantee there'll be wailing and gnashing of teeth heard clear across to the mainland...Carla among them, if she can make it.

Posted March 27

by Ed Bedford

Tandoor's Indian Buffet

The day before our wedding, Mtume and I got our friends and family together for an informal rehearsal picnic that ended in a game of Wiffle ball, girls against boys. We all feasted on the mountains of food we'd brought from Tandoor, a tiny

Indian restaurant in a Mission Valley strip mall that is one of Mtume's favorite eateries.

If I weren't so familiar with the place, I'd find the inside atmosphere rather sad. Aside from the bright-yellow wall and the cloth flowers on the table, they haven't done much to make it cozy. But on a sunny day or a warm evening, the outdoor tables — shared with three or four other eateries — do help.

The inside is of no concern to Mtume, who loves the food more than he cares about atmosphere. I, on the other hand, will occasionally turn down food I love in favor of a more pleasing atmosphere. Not always, though.

This past week, the buffet featured dal (lentils), palak paneer (spinach and cheese), tandoor chicken, navrattan korma (vegetables in a creamy sauce), gajjar matar (carrots with peas), and makhani chicken. The dessert was kheer, a sweet, soupy rice dish.

To be honest, Mtume and I never call the dishes by their names. We're more likely to refer to them by color. This time, in the throes of passion with his buffet plate, Mike actually said, "I don't know what this orange stuff is, but it has to be one of the greatest substances known to man."

Posted March 27

by Elizabeth Salaam

Japanese Tapas at Raku

The first time I went to Raku, it was still Yakitori Yakiyudori, and I was pregnant. It had the vibe of the tiny *izakayas* from my years in Japan — minus the cigarette smoke and the drunken old Japanese men (it is, after all, in Hillcrest) — and I vowed to return as soon as I was able to partake in the drinking.

But then I forgot all about it. Until recently.

Last week, Sarah agreed to meet me at Raku for dinner. Although the dingy, casual atmosphere of the establishment's former life was gone, the Japanese tapas-style menu still fed my inner-nostalgia monster. I love the drink-up-and-order-as-we-go-along that this kind of menu makes possible. And because Sarah is always game for anything, she was the perfect companion.

No, we did not order the deep-fried chicken cartilage or grilled liver that my be-polite gene forced me to partake of as a foreigner living abroad, but I was happy to see them on the menu.

Grilled beef (\$5) and grilled shitake mushrooms (\$4.50). Two Sapporos (\$4 each, on draft). Then two more Sapporos. Roast duck with teriyaki sauce (\$12) and brown rice Parmesan cheese risotto (\$9). We stuffed ourselves.

Then, when we ordered the mochi...we thought we'd asked for one mango, one strawberry

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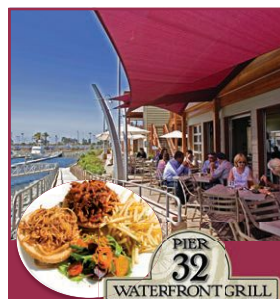
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(\$4.50 for two), but we ended up with two of each.

And next time, too, maybe I'll test Sarah's be-polite gene and order something a little more...adventurous.

Posted March 27
by Elizabeth Salaam

Worth Waiting For: Slow Pizza?

How to bake the perfect pizza?

Is it oak-burning, wood-fired ovens? What you put in the dough? One-thousand-degree muscle ovens that crisp the pie in a minute and a half?

If you believe the message on this window in Little Italy (Napizza, 1702 India Street), it comes down to how long you allow for your dough to rise.

Seems bakers have started realizing that the longer you give that dough time to breathe and the yeast to go forth and multiply, the more creamy and airy and thin you can make your crust. Because overnight the yeast is fermenting, releasing carbon dioxide that inflates the dough. And it has time to transform starches into sugars that deliver...flavor!

That makes the difference between a crust that's just a platform for gunk piled on top and one that you want to eat because it's so tangy and interesting. Also, it looks better. No more prison-pallor crust. Now the *cornicione*, or edge, is gonna come out bronzed, golden brown, because now you're working with caramelized sugars.

That's the promise here, anyway. And they give it three days! Napizza is being built in what

was Vincenzo's Ristorante Italiano. They also promise No. 00 quality organic flour, which is "soft," finely ground, and often brought out from Italy. They also say they're "seeking local organic ingredients" and will have an organic salad bar.

Looking inside, it's maybe another month before opening.

Posted March 26
by Ed Bedford

Khyber Pass Afghan Cuisine

Having been open over 20 years in varying locations, Khyber Pass must be filling a niche market for Afghan cuisine. With Afghanistan geographically splitting the difference between India and Persia, it follows that the food is also a sort of culinary blend of those two extremes.

Much like the cuisine of northern India, lamb plays a strong role on the menu at Khyber Pass. An entrée of yag-hoot chalow (\$16.95) involved

lamb stewed in a sauce based on sour cherries. The accompanying rice had also been cooked with cherries and was a bright pink color. The flavor of the dish was unique, though it did carry strange echoes of German and French game cookery, where fruit and berries are often incorporated into otherwise rich sauces. A dish of lamb curry (\$16.95) was milder in spice than a similar dish might be in an Indian restaurant. The flavor, however, wasn't lacking.

Dessert was the low point of the evening. Pistachio pudding underwhelmed, ultimately tasting like an unremarkable blancmange sprinkled with chopped nuts.

Perhaps most remarkable was the signature, non-alcoholic drink called dugh (\$3.50), an Afghan preparation of salted yogurt and mint that was an ideal accompaniment to the stewed meat of the main dishes. The flavor was highly unorthodox, however, so less adventurous diners might do



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Khyber Pass Restaurant, 523 University Avenue, Hillcrest.
Posted March 30 by Ian Pike

My Guilty Pleasure: Costco Hot Dogs

Elizabeth Salaam's recent Feast blogs celebrating lunch at Target and IKEA and Ed Bedford's tribute to 7-Eleven hot dogs got me thinking about one of my favorite guilty pleasures: the Costco hot dog.

Food courts are the booty call of dining: cheap and available but not necessarily satisfying. I rarely eat at them, but I make an exception for Costco.

My favorite is at the Costco Business Center on Othello Avenue at Convoy in Linda Vista. It's smaller than most and doesn't have everything the traditional Costco has, but it's usually not crowded and the parking is good.

You know the drill. Cash only, order at the window, and grab your food. For \$1.62, tax included, I've got a giant all-beef dog and a 20 ounce soda with refill. I love the way the foil wrapper steams the bun. Crank on some chopped onions, a good squirt of yellow mustard, and does it get any better than that?

It's juicy, beefy, salty, and

has a bit of chew, all wrapped in soft, pillowy white bread. Worth every guilty bite, and there's no walk of shame the next morning.

Posted March 30
by Mary Beth Abate

Tacos with a View: Mitch's Seafood

Saturday is shopping day, and after the farmer's market, Trader Joe's, Sprouts/Henry's and, possibly, Costco, I'm always ready for a beer and some lunch.

This week's errands took us to Point Loma, so that means a stop at Mitch's Seafood.

Mitch's Seafood is family owned, and their seafood is almost exclusively from San Diego and Northern Baja waters. Non-seafood items are often locally sourced as well.

The restaurant is set up like most places in the area: order at the front, have a seat either inside or on the patio, and enjoy the view and your beverage of choice until your freshly cooked meal is brought to you.

John and I were in the mood for fish tacos. Your choice of fish depends on the day's catch. The beer-battered fish was rock cod (\$3), so we both ordered one of those. My grilled fish selection was halibut; John got the yellowtail (\$3.50).

Both baskets were just what you'd expect, in a good way: crispy, golden-brown beer batter that isn't too heavy or greasy, thinly shredded cabbage, crunchy salsa cruda, and a drizzle of lime crema. Nice contrasts in taste and texture,

thick flakes of hot fish against the cold crunch of the cabbage and tangy salsa.

The grilled fish was a winner, too. It had a great sear and nicely caramelized outside, moist and tender insides.

The view, of course, is gratis. Mitch's Seafood, 1403 Scott Street, Point Loma.

Posted March 29
by Mary Beth Abate

Sushiman?

Lunch dates with my three-year-old daughter are usually a casual affair. I'm not a fan of the big fast-food places, and I can only eat so many Target hot dogs or diner sandwiches. Therefore, I count myself lucky that as much as I love sushi, my daughter loves teriyaki chicken and steamed rice.

This week we decided to check out a place in the neighborhood that we hadn't yet tried. All I knew was that it's called Sushiman, and that it's in Eastlake. When we arrived, I was pleased to see that we had come on the right day. One of the two daily specials was the teriyaki chicken plate (\$6.99 on Mondays; \$7.99 every other day).

Though the special price was higher than I usually pay for this dish, it came with two gyoza, rice, salad, and miso soup. I figured it would probably be enough for my daughter and I to share, so I ordered it along with a four-piece spicy tuna roll (\$2.69). That plus two drinks came to \$14.20.

Inside, the restaurant looks like it does more take-out than dine-in business. Aside from two large booths and two small

tables, the place is a big square of wide-open space. While we ate at one of the booths, people came and went with take-out bags.

The teriyaki chicken was not a big hit with the little one. She prefers chicken, teriyaki sauce, and white rice only. This dish had mushrooms, carrots, and sesame seeds, and the sauce was a tad peppery for her. I had to scrape all carrot remnants from the chicken before she'd eat it.

Although I liked the flavor of the chicken, even with the extras, it wasn't worth the price. The gyoza was dry, and the pool of dressing was a poor attempt at hiding limp lettuce. I enjoyed the spicy tuna roll, but it wasn't any better than it is at the handful of other sushi joints nearby.

If I'm ever dying for sushi while shopping at our neighborhood Trader Joe's, I might be back, but for now, I'm not in a big hurry.

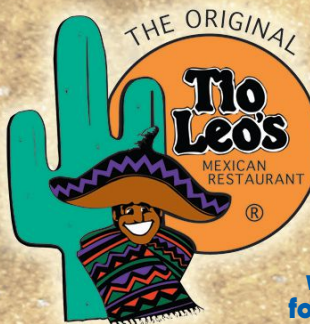
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Posted March 29
by Elizabeth Salaam

Chirashizushi at Wonderful

Maki and nigiri the most common types of sushi available at Japanese restaurants in the U.S. Less readily available sushi preparations, such as chirashizushi, make for a different gastronomic experience.

Chirashi is a method of preparing sushi in which the cooks start with a bowl of sushi rice and then add the raw fish and other ingredients on top. It's not the easiest dish to find, but Wonderful Sushi (1288 Uni-



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versity Avenue, Hillcrest) has two varieties. The restaurant, while not exactly upscale, seems to have a better product than other places in its price bracket. Wonderful Sushi also has more space than other, popular sushi joints.

In addition to the rice and fish, a spicy chirashi bowl (\$11) had a few slices of tamago (the layered omelet) and a generous amount of greens and vegetables. The entire bowl gets smothered in the sweet, spicy sauce that comes alongside the bowl. After that, it's time to dispense with the chopsticks and stir the food together until everything is nicely distributed. Then, just dig in with a spoon.

The chirashizushi came with a little bowl of miso soup to start with, and the combination of a hot bowl of soup and a cold Sapporo (\$2 during happy

hour) helped to get the appetite started before the main event.

Spicy food isn't for everyone, but the bowl would be excellent with just a little soy sauce to season it. The dish was generous enough to be filling (though it could have had a little more fish and a few less greens), and was a different experience than the piece-by-piece method of eating rolled sushi.

Posted March 29 by Ian Pike

Brunch at Barbarella

Barbarella in La Jolla is an area that's popular with tourists, but it has the feel of a neighborhood place. That's not an easy atmosphere to cultivate.

It's warm, cozy, and a little quirky. In the bar area, you can see a beautiful pizza oven

and a good bit of the kitchen, a sight I always enjoy. There's a bright, pretty patio in front. It looks date-night romantic after sunset. The dining room is white-tablecloth dressed up but not stuffy.

I'm there with John for breakfast, and I can't resist ordering a bloody mary (\$8). It's strong and spicy, with a good shot of horseradish and just enough pickle, sour garnish.

My croque madame (\$12.95) was delicious. Each element was nicely done, with lightly browned prosciutto layered with Swiss cheese, buttered white bread, grilled golden brown, a softly poached egg, just the right amount of savory

mornay sauce, and a finish of fresh chopped chives. Heaven. The grilled bread soaked up the sauce and egg yolk but still kept its crunch integrity. The frites were stellar, too, screaming hot, salty, and crispy.

John's strapazette (\$10.95) was a fluffy scramble filled with mild Italian sausage, parmigiano-reggiano, and julienned basil. It tasted light and fresh. On the side were well-roasted house potatoes with just a touch of rosemary, and crusty whole grain toast.

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I Heart Slacker. “Local artists,” says Orek Hayon, “can come onto *Rockcityradio.com*, upload content, and [potentially] be heard by millions of listeners on Slacker.” Hayon is the chief business development officer at Las Vegas–based Rockrena, owners of

listeners,” he says. “But just screaming into a microphone won’t do it.” *Rockcityradio.com* says they are dedicated to helping independent artists be heard and, possibly, discovered by the various music producers they work with. The structure

numbers of fan votes. If they like, your band stays. If not, you go. “There’s a heart [button] on the Slacker player,” says Hayon. “You either click on it or on the ‘like’ tab.” But one can already see the potential for abuse via spamming. Hence, he says, there is also a “don’t like” button.

Jonathan Sasse, the senior vice president at Slacker Radio, joins the conference call. “It’s important to have a ‘don’t like’ button. You could have a thousand likes and a thousand don’t likes. We weight that differently.” But aren’t new artists already considered to be a programming risk? Terrestrial radio treats unsigned artists as if they were poisonous snakes. Sasse explains how Slacker minimizes the exposure.

“We can promote any subgenre regularly,” he says, via their many different channels. “That’s a huge advantage over terrestrial radio. There’s no risk to us and it gives the artists the chance to be heard.” And, like conventional broadcast, Slacker has rotation clocks. Artists are placed into rotation based on fan “likes.” “The more ‘likes,’ the heavier the rotation.”

When asked for some of the names of San Diego’s indie bands that may have taken advantage of the Rockcityradio/

Slacker partnership, Hayon declines to comment. Aside from John Reis, the Rocket from the Crypt co-founder who moved his Swami Sound System to Slacker Radio, Hayon says that their privacy policy prohibits them from revealing such artist info.

Last year, promoters put together a tour of heavy hitters culled from Youtube. Might indie bands that likewise score big on Slacker be similarly showcased? Yes. Hayon says there are plans in the works to stage musicians twice annually at the Palms in Las Vegas. “We’re interested in the 49,000 artists who tried out for *American Idol* and were rejected and went home. Now,” he says, “they will have the chance to be heard.”

— Dave Good

The Naked Castle. DJ Mark E. Quark recalls Len Paul, owner of Soma, telling him things such as “Play more industrial,” and “You’re playing too much of that techno shit.” Quark admits he pretty much ignored the suggestions, “As long as the dance floor was packed, I felt like I was doing a good job.” Saturday nights at Soma was Quark’s first residency, circa 1989.

On a weekday morning, over some coffee in front of Lestat’s on Park, Quark (Mark

Hanson) recounts countless DJ adventures, including a rave on the streets of L.A. he played with Aphex Twin for the filming of a movie called

dance protest.” One of these protest parties took place on the bay, aboard a party boat called *Neptune’s Palace*, which was attached



PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS WOO

Mark E. Quark: “Kind of like the Occupy protest — it was the right-to-dance protest.”

Strange Days. With army tanks and 10,000 party people in attendance, they shot and reshot New Year’s countdowns to the end of the millennium (in 1994).

“It was a horrible movie. I ended up watching it and was, like, *eww*,” he says.

Quark speaks of the strange (no-dance) days that occurred in San Diego during the ’90s. He says promoters held after parties between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., and it was illegal to dance. The events were even policed to make sure nothing that could be construed as dancing took place. This spawned a local dance revolution of sorts, says Quark, “Kind of like the Occupy protest — it was the right-to-

to a floating castle you could get ferried to. Quark refers to the event as a “naked rave.” He says he deejayed the non-nude part of the barge, but confesses he did spend some time in the naked castle, although not in his birthday suit. The castle-barge combo had legal problems of its own and no longer exists.

Adding to the list of local dance clubs he has been part of, including Playskool, G-Force, and Moonshake, Quark has recently started a night called Skin Tight at the Whistle Stop in South Park. Co-organized by Ethan Hull, the new monthly event involves elements of disco, although Quark warns that

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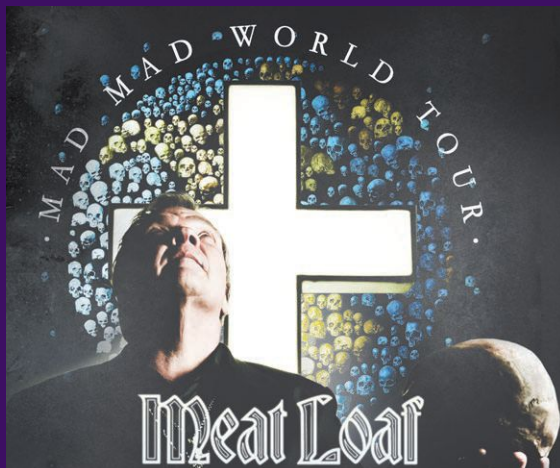
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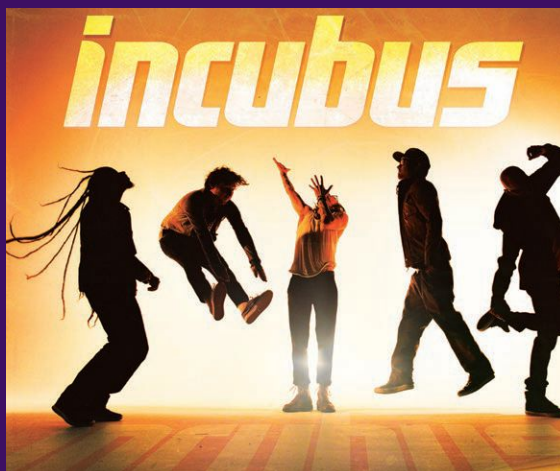


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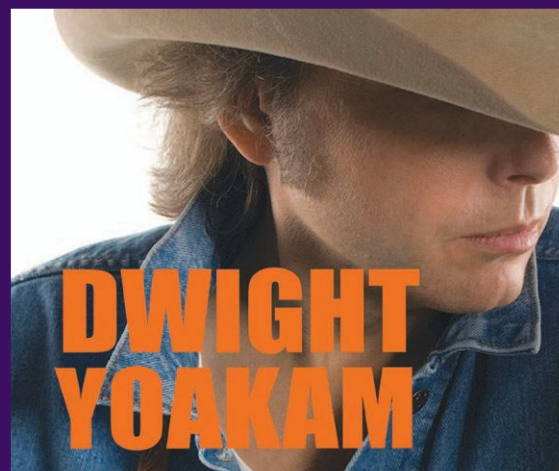


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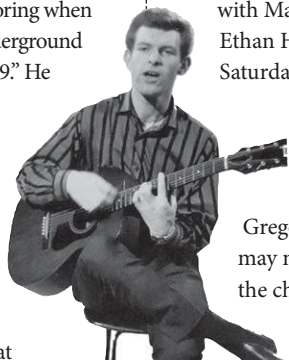
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he tries to stay away from labeling.

“Disco music, to me, means something completely different. The type of disco that I’m interested in is exploring when disco became underground again, back in 1979.” He refers to a history where disco was consciously killed in Chicago, creating a different environment.

“I want to break records that have been favorites of mine...that I never really had a chance to play, and Skin Tight is a perfect avenue to



Brit-pop singer Jimmy Justice once owned Greg Page's favorite Guild.

do that.”

Although Quark is not philosophically opposed to deejaying with software, he has been spinning all vinyl sets at Skin Tight and has amassed quite a collection over the years.

As dancing is currently still legal, you can get tight with Mark E. Quark, Ethan Hull, and DJ Kaos Saturday April 7.

— Bobby Bray

Six-String Sibling.

Gregory Page's music may not have troubled the charts just yet, but the same doesn't hold true for his acoustic guitar, a 1953

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Long his favorite instrument, Page recently learned

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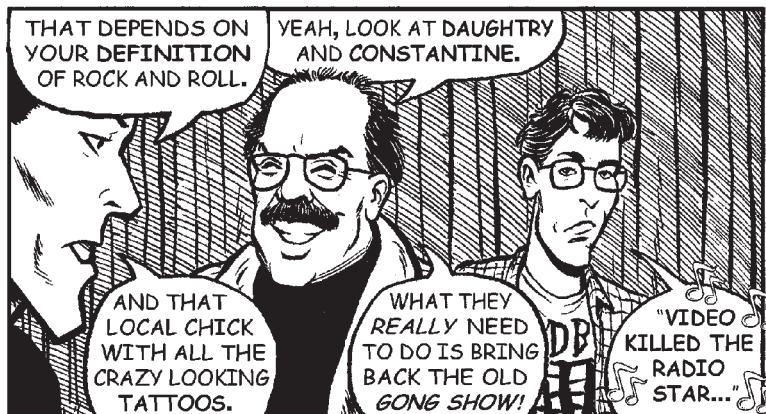
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that the guitar was once used by British pop singer Jimmy Justice during his brief time on the charts. In 1962, Justice scored on the U.K. charts with “When My Little Girl Is Smiling” (#9), “Ain’t That Funny” (#8), and “Spanish Harlem” (#20).

The connection was made while doing research on the Page family’s musical history, which includes his mother, Moy Page, a multi-instrumentalist who’s mid-’60s band the Beat-Chics toured with the Beatles in August 1965, and his father, Krikor Hovelian, a touring musician with the Martians, who spent part of that same decade among the Hamburg, Germany, Beat-group scene. Meanwhile, his uncle, David Page, is a drummer who has played with Tom Jones and Sinatra.

“My grandfather on my dad’s side, who passed away

before I was born, gave the Guild to his daughter, which would be my Aunt Claire. He was longtime friends with Jimmy, and when his career started to fade, Jimmy began selling off his guitars,” Page recalled. The instrument was brought to America when the Page family moved to North Park in 1976. “It wasn’t a gift to me. It was a guitar that was always in the family, and I was the only one who ever really played it, so I ‘acquired’ it. I wouldn’t let it out of my arms. It was the one connection that I had to England at the time.”

According to research done on the serial number, it is the 125th guitar

in the series made. Similar instruments have sold for up to \$2000, not big money as far as vintage guitars are concerned, but it’s a priceless item to Page. The guitar has also been used on numer-



Page: “I was the only one who ever played it, so I ‘acquired’ it.”

ous sessions by other artists, including Jeff Berkley. As Page’s primary instrument, he has written the bulk of his material on it, as well as using it on stage and in the studio, including his new album, *Shine, Shine, Shine*. The

music is a departure for Page, trading his trademark jazzy acoustic troubadour sound for a 22-piece big band, but the guitar still features. “It wouldn’t be the same if it wasn’t there,” he said.

On April 20 and 21, Page will perform at the North Park Vaudeville & Candy Company, alongside Tom Brosseau and actor John C. Reilly, where the guitar will once again take center stage. While Page has a small arsenal of musical instruments to accompany him, it’s clear that nothing holds the same place in his music as Jimmy Justice’s former instrument. Page says, “At this point [this guitar’s] not just an old friend, its family.”

— Bart Mendoza

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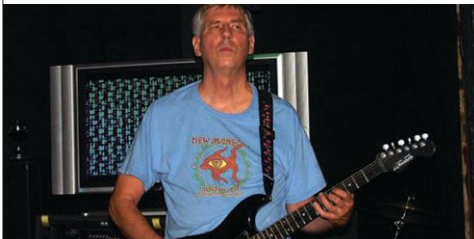


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This Week In Music

Thursday 5

"Something new, for new people." Soda Bar stages L.A. punk icon and artist, the Black Flag founder **Greg Ginn and the Royal We**. The Royal We being he. It's a solo show backing last year's *We Are Amused*, a gritty electronica album in the vein of Skrillex. Ginn, however, bathes his guitar skronk and neu beats in theremin. "I try to play what I like to hear," Ginn told *CMJ* upon the album's release. Diana Death's pop-punk trio the **Very** will open this gig to get to Thursday night.... Else: a push to the left and a shove to the right, at Eleven, you'll find psychedelic rocktronica trio **SLPWLKRS** with **Bat Bombs** and the **Slashes**... Tower Bar's offering an **Interesting Drug**. They're a Moz/Smiths trib...Downtown proper, Old Time Relijun's **Arrington de Dioniso's Malaikat dan**



GREG GINN AND THE ROYAL WE AT SODA BAR

Singa delivers its "trans-utopian world music" to Tin Can Ale House with **Skrill Meadow** and **Octa#Grape**...and Clint's bass-lovin' son **Kyle Eastwood** brings his nu-jazz funk thing to Anthology.

Friday 6

Berkeley-based psychobilly band **Tiger Army** invades House of Blues on its Spring Forward 2012 tour, which offers limited dates, so you cowpunk cadets better get in line. **Sweet and Tender Hooligans** set that up.... Soda Bar's serving Malts, the SanFran art-punk band **Terry Malts**, whose Slumberland debut *Killing Time*, according to their hometown rag the *Bay Guardian*, is a collection of "gloriously melodic slop packed with noisy punk riffs, classic SST-evoking lyrics, and samples peppered throughout." It's been a pretty steady spin in the Monk truck as well. Lo-fi locals **Tropical Pop-sicle** and **Vyper Skwad** (members of Christmas Island) up first, making that one tasty triple bill.... **Lady Sinatra** — "inspired by space rock and Asian sex parlors, the West Hollywood four-piece has a distinctive sound that it has proudly self-proclaimed as 'man rock'" — joins **Indians** and **Short Eyes** at Bay Park bar the Griffin...while right 'round the bend at Brick by Brick, San Diego blues-rockers



TIGER ARMY AT HOUSE OF BLUES

the **Brett Ellis Band** celebrate a CD-release for *Monkey Brains*. **Los Loaded Saints** in support.... From Scranton in Pennsylvania, outlet for Dunder-Mifflin paper products, punk'd rock-rollers the **Menzingers** will play Ché Café behind this year's *On the Impossible Past*. **Cheap Girls** and **Side-kicks** up first.... Back downtown, I see odd-pop peeps **Rafter**, **Tourism**, and **Matt Curreri** fillin' a bill at the Tin Can Ale House...while '60s girl-group radio hits **Martha Reeves and the Vandellas** ("Dancing in the Street," "Heat Wave," "Nowhere to Run," "Jimmy Mack") grace the stage at Little Italy supper club Anthology.

Saturday 7

"Curatorial" alternatunk outfit **Rio Peligroso** will be celebrating its three-year anniversary this Saturday at Humphrey's Backstage Lounge. "Join us for half-price drinks and food and a 'Name this here tune' contest. Winners will receive a \$20 bar tab or a VIP Humphrey's Pass." (Brush up on your Flying Burrito Brothers *wink*.) That's a happy-hour t'do that starts around 5p and a great place to grab some grub before heading up to Casbah to catch Brooklyn pazz-and-jop dance band **Rubble-bucket**, who will spill it at the Middletown mainstay with the **Heavy Guilt**. The Bucket's follow-up to their very excellent *Omega La La* is a live joint recorded in Chicago. The CD/DVD's called *Live in Chicago* (duh) and is due to drop on Tuesday.... And also: that garage-pop princess **Colleen Green** brings mixed nuts (*Milo*)



COLLEEN GREEN AT SODA BAR

Goes to Compton) to Soda Bar. **Heavy Hawaii**, **Dunes**, **Sunwheel**, and **DJ Mario O** up the ante on that lo-fi affair... rootsy **River City** and **Dustbowl Revival** play Bar Pink...rappers **E-40** and **Too Short** roll up on 4th&B...and O.C. punkably band the **Rocketz** land at Midway club the Shakedown with **Astro Zombies** and **Gore Horsemen**.



DOOMTREE AT PORTER'S PUB

at Tin Can Ale House with Pinback Crow's other other band **Mission:Valley**.... Northways, Belly Up books "an evening with" maxi-instrumentalist **David Lindley** (Jackson Browne, Warren Zevon)...and on campus at UCSD, Pittsburgh's soul-rockers **Rusted Root** pop up at the Loft, while punk-rock Zonies **Ramshackle Glory** ride into Ché Café behind **Bellow**, **Tiltwheel**, and **Little Dead Girlfish**.

Sunday 8

Mini Apple, represent! Hip-hop collective **Doom-tree** takes the stage at Porter's Pub behind this year's self-released *No Kings*. Seven emcees in unity is something to see. Brett Uddenberg hit up their February pass through town right here: sandiegoreader.com/weblogs/jam-session/.... Post-hardcore Michiganders **La Dispute**'s across campus at the Ché, touring in support of *Wild-life*. Tourmates **Balance and Composure** will open the show at the campus collective.

Monday 9

He's got, like, a PhD in guitarology from Yale (which means he's *really* good at beer pong), he's "guitariste" **James Moore** and he'll make that thing sing, squall, groan, and moan at Space 4 Art downtown.... Or head to the 'hood, where Kenosha punx **Pistofficer** bust Tower Bar. The singer's awesome sauce, sounds like Popeye — ag ag ag ag.

Tuesday 10

House of Blues hosts '80s radio hits **Squeeze**. The UK new-wavers will be releasing limited-edition white vinyl, *Live at the Fillmore*, on April 14. That best-of booya will be available only at the band's U.S. tour dates and through their website. Just ordered one.

The gf loves her some Diffbrook. They're in the Southland for Coachella, btw. Pop-rock troubadour **Steve Poltz** will open the House of Blues set. Word on the street is there's a Poltz/Tillbrook collaboration in the works.... Up the Fifth Ave. hill, free-jazz freaks **Seesaw Ensemble** will lay it out



YOUTH LAGOON AT PORTER'S PUB

City Mouse, and the **Plurals** fill a pop-punk bill at Bar Pink...and Mellowdrone's remix master Jonathan Bates brings his solo show, **Big Black Delta**, to Casbah with Lizeth Santos's one-woman workout, **Smile Now Cry Later**.

— Barnaby Monk

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You know what a drummer once told me? That I'm a drummer's pianist," says Mikan Zlatkovich. "Meaning that I'm percussive. The piano has to keep the time as well."

We meet in a café in La Mesa. We order cappuccinos. He orders desserts for each of us. "My word is worth nothing when it comes to sweets," he says.

Zlatkovich, 49, was born in Kosovo. "I started playing piano when I was seven. I tried guitar, but I couldn't take that." At the age of 20 he moved to Belgrade. Eight years later he moved to New York, before settling in San Diego. He lives in University City, "on the La Jolla borderline, by the fabulous Mormon Temple."

Mikan Zlatkovich is a modern jazz pianist. "And I occasionally do acoustic R&B — whatever that is." His credits include gigs with Tony Scott, Clifford Jordan, Chet Baker, Ernie Wilkins, Anthony Wilson, Willie Jones III, and Charles McPherson. He counts ten records as a sideman and has released four of his own recordings as band leader. He starts the interview with a question of his own:

Zlatkovich: "What are you listening to when you listen to jazz?"

Dave Good: "Mostly saxophone jazz. Straight ahead, hard bop. I'm an alto sax student, and lately I'm listening to Kenny Garrett, Antonio Hart. Guys like that. But absolutely no smooth jazz."

MZ: "Now, be careful. Some people call the Crusaders smooth jazz."

DG: "Yeah, you're right. They were traditional guys

once, and they crossed over with *Street Life*. What are you listening to?"

MZ: "Ahmad Jamal. He has no boundaries. He's reinvented his sound. At one point he was playing only standards. Why? You have to stay in the boundaries.

If you step out, they'll say, *That's not jazz*. I say, *So what? I'm playing the same thing over and over, and I'm boring myself to death.*"

DG: "That's a problem. Some say traditional jazz is a dead genre."

MZ: "Is there a note that hasn't been played? I don't think so. Jamal reworked the whole thing, suddenly, and now I play whatever I feel. What's that playing now? Coldplay? Michael Jackson? I don't care if it's not traditional jazz — if it's a nice song, I'll be able to do something with it."

DG: "But you run the risk of alienating your core of traditional-jazz fans."

MZ: "At this point in my life, I play what I hear, whether that's a traditional jazz song or a modern song. It can be any song that I hear. As an artist, I will make it my own. I am what I am. Like Ahmad. He has no category."

DG: "Years ago you told me that you no longer practice piano. That whatever comes out comes out."

MZ: "I'm still staying right there with that thought. I'm recording tomorrow, and I have no idea what I'm going to play."

DG: "It's been said that due to the scope and complexity of the material, jazz musicians tend to be smarter than most."

MZ: "I do agree. The point is to play in the moment. You should change every time. The point is to not repeat yourself. That's the whole point of jazz."

DG: "But it takes an insane amount of rote practice to get to that point."

MZ: "You practice the instrument. You don't practice jazz. That's an important concept."

DG: "A mystery: each piano is made the same way, machine-like. Yet every pianist sounds different. How is this possible?"

MZ: "It's the touch. You can play a *c*. My *c* and your *c* are going to sound the same. The whole thing changes when you play a major chord. It's the energy you put into it. How you touch it. Your fingers. But it starts right here [he taps his forehead]."

DG: "Do you think that the great jazz discoveries of the '50s and '60s exhausted the supply of ideas?"

MZ: "Probably. Where are you going to go with it? It's already been done. I don't think we can outplay them. It was their music. Who's going to play a better combination? What's left? We gotta move on."

DG: "Still, there are musicians who worship at that chipped altar."

MZ: "That's their choice, but I believe we may build on the past but also have to step into the new times and play the new moment."



PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE GOOD

Drummer's pianist Mikan Zlatkovich

DG: "In Kosovo, not generally thought of as a jazz town, how did you learn to play?"

MZ: "I'm trained by ear and self-taught. I have no 'jazz school' training. I transcribed what I heard on the radio. Tapes and records cost too much. All I did was listen, repeat, listen, repeat."

DG: "How would you describe the state of the jazz scene in San Diego?"

MZ: "It's getting better, but we should have more places we could play jazz."

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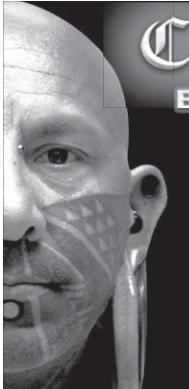
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April 21 — Cat Empire.

! OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

It's Alex Toth, the trumpet-playing founder of Rubblebucket on the phone. He's just finishing breakfast in Columbus, Missouri, a long way from home in Brooklyn. His band is touring in support of their latest, *Live in Chicago*. The nucleus of Rubblebucket, a fusion band with great pop hooks, dates back to 2006 when Toth met saxist/vocalist Kalmia Traver at college in Vermont. Within two years they had accumulated additional band members and self-released *Rose's Dream*. Today, they are an eight-piece horn band backed by an inventive rhythm section. I tell Toth that I like the Bucket's use of odd time signatures. "We started out as an Afrobeat band with a tribal, rhythmic groove," he says.

"What keeps it interesting for us is using irregular loops while keeping a strong backbeat." When Toth invokes the name of Don Ellis — the father of all strange time signatures in modern jazz — I know this is going to get interesting.

Anything other than standard song meters are foreign to most American ears, which are used to four beats per measure. Still, exotic time signatures are not unheard of in pop music. Led Zeppelin worked out a 5/4 rhythm puzzle in "Black Dog," and the Fab Four recorded the bridge for "Here Comes the Sun" in a complex web of meters, including 5/4. "The Beatles sometimes did it, I think, just to shorten their songs."

But the late Don Ellis, a 1960s trumpet player and experimental jazzier, went deep into esoteric time signatures such as 13/8 and 7/4. "I don't know how much Rubblebucket is influenced by that," Toth says, "but we have a lot of jazz-informed people in the band." But when I



RUBBLEBUCKET

say that Rubblebucket has possibly updated jazz without knowing it, he is quick to disagree. "We're all capable of playing long solos, but we don't. We're on a rock-and-roll tour, playing in rock-and-roll clubs."

The Heavy Guilt and Big Tree also perform.

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August 14 — Neil Diamond.
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September 7 — The Dave Matthews Band.
September 15 — Rascal Flatts.
September 22 — Jason Aldean.

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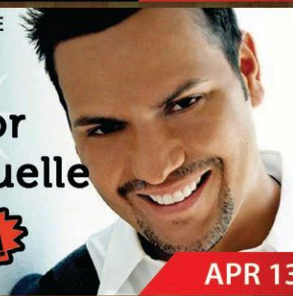
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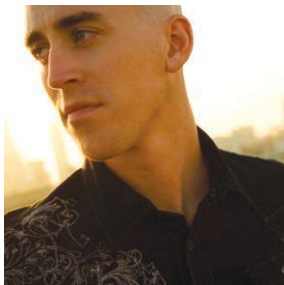
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Kisses on the Bottom **Paul McCartney** By Alan Segal

There is a new sleeping pill that hit the market in February; it's called *Kisses on the Bottom*. It's hard for me, as a long-time Paul McCartney fan, to be critical...but what was he thinking when he chose these moldy oldies? Even Diana Krall's expert piano back-up can't breathe life into yawners such as "The Inch Worm," "Home," and "We

Three."

There are two original McCartney songs, "My Valentine" and "Only Our Hearts," that are smothered by stuffy, retro arrangements. There are two standards where Ms. Krall and her band seem to be trying to get McCartney to swing a little bit on "It's Only a Paper Moon" and "Bye, Bye, Blackbird," but he lets her (and the listeners) down.

It's painful to hear McCartney crooning as if he is embarrassed by some of the lyrics ("I'll be loving you always, with a love that's true always"). With his constipated take on these ancient ditties, one wonders if Sir Paul should add a little fiber to his diet.



What was he thinking?

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Stone Foxes at Casbah

By Christian Kerns

San Francisco blues-rock quartet the Stone Foxes opened their set with "Cotto," a song about a Puerto Rican boxing champion who lost in a famous bout with Manny Pacquiao in the 12th round. Fans looked on eagerly as the Foxes delivered a commanding ballad featuring dance-friendly rhythms and a powerful breakdown. From there, the Foxes continued working the crowd with

a mastery of ass-kicking, hard-rock stage presence.

Having opened for the likes of the Black Keys and Cage the Elephant, it's no secret that the Foxes' success lies in their ability to create a brand of dirty rock 'n' roll that oozes sweat, smelling of whiskey and motor oil.

The crowd stayed captivated throughout the set and sang along to "King Bee," a cover of blues legend Slim Harpo's 1957 hit about a male bee trying to enter a female's hive to "make honey." It's easy to see why the Stone Foxes made a buzz in the Bay Area, and, from the response at Casbah, it looks as if they're now making fans all over.

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Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008. May 4 — Pato Banton. May 17 — Tab Benoit.

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Shakedown Bar: 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-487-0373.

April 13 — Idols Plague. April 14 — Oceanside Sound System and the Revivers.

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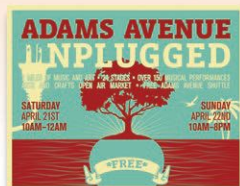
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garitas. Free taco bar 3pm to 6pm with drink purchase.

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Conway's Irish Pub: Every day, 10am-8pm: \$2.75 domestic drafts and bottles; \$2.75 and \$3.75 wells.

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Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints, \$4 house margaritas & well drinks; \$5 select appetizers including tacos, hot dogs, fries.

Twenty/20 Grill & Wine Bar: Daily, 4-6pm: \$2 off drinks. 1/2-off seasonal spreads and pizzas. Excludes special events and promotional nights.

CHULA VISTA

Achiote Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 beer, \$3.99 margaritas.

Diamond Jim's: Daily, noon-8pm: \$3 domestic beer, \$4 wells.

El Dorado Seafood & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 beer, margaritas. \$1.50 tacos.

Spin City Lounge: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 7-10pm: \$2 wells, \$3 margaritas.

Veni Vidi Vici: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$1 off all draft and well liquors. 1/2-price appetizers.

CITY HEIGHTS

Black Cat Bar: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$1 off every drink; \$3.50 wells, \$5 martinis.

The Tower Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and import drafts.

CLAIREMONT

Blarney Stone Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

Boomerangs Gourmet Burger Joint: Daily, 4-7pm: \$5 vodka martini, house margarita, \$6 Cadillac margarita, \$12 house wine by the bottle.

COLLEGE AREA

California Kebab: Daily, 4-8pm: \$2 Heineken, Sam Adams, \$5 Coors Light pitchers, \$6 sangria carafes.

Casa Machado: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 and \$3.50 drafts. \$3.50 wells, margaritas. Free chips & salsa.

Pal Joey's: Daily, all day: \$3 personal pitchers.

CORONADO

Costa Azul: Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, domestic bottles. \$3.50 imported bottles, wells, house wine, sangria. \$3.75 drafts.

\$6 margaritas, mojitos. \$2.95 tacos, \$3.50 shrimp, \$5.95 nachos.

Danny's Palm Bar: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 domestic drafts, \$4 wells.

Lil' Piggy's Bar-B-Q: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$1 off appetizers, \$1.50 sliders. All day: \$3 beer of the month.

Primavera Ristorante: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 off any drink. \$5 martinis.

Village Pizzeria: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$3 slices, 1/2-off appetizers. All day: \$3 beer of the month.

DEL MAR

Cafe Secret: Tuesday-Thursday, 4-7pm: 1/2-off large pitcher of sangria. Buy one ceviche, second one 1/2 price.

Crêpes and Corks Restaurant and Wine Bar: Tuesday-Saturday, 3-6pm: \$2 off select wines by the glass, \$1 off drafts. 15% off appetizers.

DOWNTOWN

Anthony's Fish Grotto: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$1 off drinks, appetizers (only in the lounge).

Asti Ristorante: Daily, 3-6pm: 1/2-price cocktails & appetizers.

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Candelas: Daily, 5-7pm: All drinks 1/2-price.

Chianti: Daily, 4-7pm, 9-11pm: \$5 martinis, house wine.

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.

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Boasting to be a "two-step above the rest," the 20-years-and-running In Cahoots is a celebration of all things American. That means cheap, shitty beer, formulaic group dances, and borderline obsessive displays of patriotism. The two-story country-western club flaunts its cornpone chic with bull skulls aplenty, trout fishing on the big screen, flags dangling from every possible location, and a life-size stallion rearing over a keg of Coors Light.

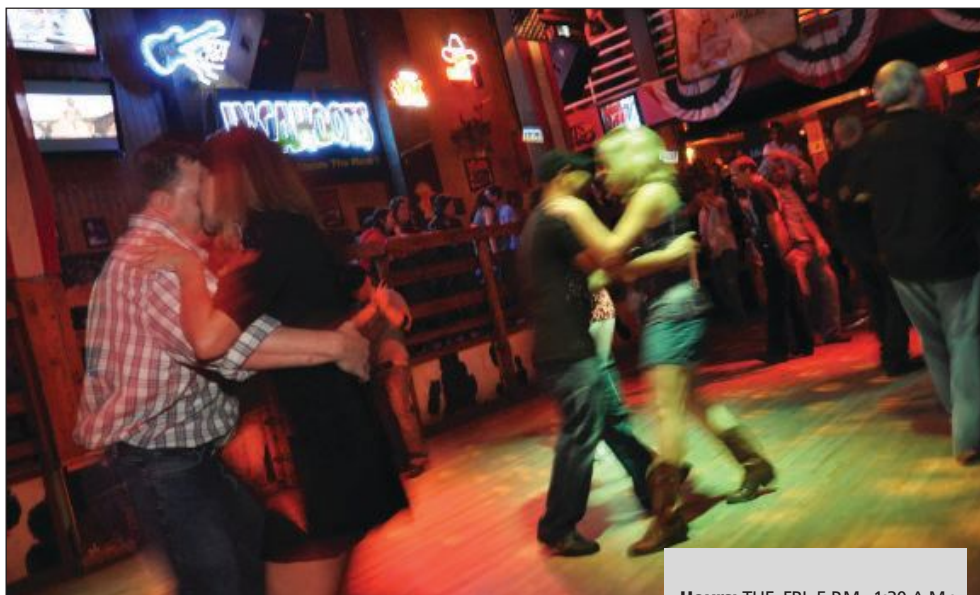
The venue's staple affair is "Big Wednesday,"

when an \$8 cover merits \$2.50 you-call-its all night on a dance floor teeming with sloppy college kids. The music tends to degrade into disposable radio rap later in the night, so unless you're into wrangling cross-eyed frat twerps and two-bit bid-dies, avoid it.

Sunday, on the other hand, is busy but not crowded, and entry is free before 7 p.m. (\$4 after). More importantly, everything behind the dancehall's three full bars is \$2 until midnight, ensuring that even the most timid of greenhorns will be doing the Watermelon Crawl in no time.

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—Chad Deal

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The Stage Rock Bar & Grill: Daily, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

Tivoli Bar & Grill: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off pitchers, \$.50 off liquor.

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Hive Sushi Lounge: Daily, 5-7pm: \$2 domestic, \$4 micro, \$2.50 sake, \$3.50 well, \$4 house wine. Miso, edamame, \$.99.

Hotel Indigo: Daily, 5-8pm: \$4 domestic & local bottles, wells, wines.

Lotus Thai: Daily, 5-7pm: \$3 all drafts; \$5 select wines, large Singha beer, all Han Soju cocktails. \$5 traditional Thai appetizers.

Monkey Paw: Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$1 off drafts and cocktails.

EASTLAKE

Brigantine: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off draft, \$4 house champagne, \$4.75

house margarita, \$5 house red, \$5.75 house Chardonnay.

Chili's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts, house margaritas; \$4.99 premium margaritas. \$.50 wings.

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Blarney Stone Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

Calypso: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2.75 bottled beer (12 oz.), \$3.75 beer (22 oz.), \$7.50 pitcher.

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.

D Street Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 wells, \$2.50 domestic drafts. \$2 off all appetizers.

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: Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm: \$6 wine, tapas, premium and eclectic beer; \$4.50 wells. Saturday, noon-5pm: \$6 wine, tapas, premium and eclectic beer; \$4.50 wells.

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; \$5 select appetizers including tacos, hot dogs, fries.

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.

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.

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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.

Sail Ho Golf Club: *Monday, Thursday-Saturday*, 4pm-close: \$3 drafts, \$3.50 wines, \$4 wells. *Tuesday*, All day: \$2 wells. *Wednesday*, All day: \$3 Pacifico drafts. *Sunday*, All day: \$3 drafts, \$3.50 wines, \$4 wells.

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.

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.

RANCHO SANTA FE

Delicias: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$5 draft beers, house wines, wells.

SAN MARCOS

Back Alley Grill: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 11am-9pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$4.50 imports and house wines. \$1 Taco Tuesday, 50¢-a-Wing Wednesday, \$1 off pitchers Thirsty Thursday.

Cowshed Bar and Grill: *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$3 domestic. \$3.50-\$4 wells. *Tuesday*, 4pm-2am: \$3 domestic. \$3.50-\$4 wells.

SANTEE

Landre's Sports Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. \$5 appetizers: potato skins, garlic/bacon fries, shrimp cocktail, more.

SCRIPPS RANCH

Stone Flats: *Daily*, 3-5pm, 7-9pm: \$1 Bud/Bud Light; 1/2-off all other beer/wine.

SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: *Sunday*, \$2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. \$3.50 mimosas, bloody marys.

SHELTER ISLAND

Blue Wave Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off drinks; \$3-\$5 appetizers, including jumbo shrimp cocktail and crispy fried calamari.

Fiddler's Green Restaurant: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$4 house wine and house beer, \$5 well drinks and margaritas.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

SOLANA BEACH

Chief's Burgers and Brew: *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2.50 domestic, \$3.50 microbrew. 1/2-off appetizers.

SORRENTO VALLEY

Ali Baba's Cave: *Daily*, 3-7pm: 22-oz. beer \$4 (including tax). \$12 hookahs, \$5 refills.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$4 beers, wells, wines, and flights. \$5 select appetizers, including boneless wings, fries, spicy hummus.

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.

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.

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.

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 Man, His Wife, and His Hat

Moxie presents Lauren Yee's klezmer-inspired love triangle. A hatmaker loses his wife and his hat. A talking wall and a golem may stop his search for both. Janet Hayatshahi directed.

MOXIE AT ROLANDO THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 858-598-7620. 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 29.

A Room with a View

This world premiere musical, based on the novel by E.M. Forster, is nice — both very and merely. Lucy Honeychurch walks a tightrope between duty and a contrary heart that whispers "passion is sanity." The musical has a definite charm, an appealing score, and spectacular design work (Heidi Ettinger's sets recreate Florence, Italy, and Surry, England with mobile, Cubist postcards). But director Scott Schwartz keeps things on the

sunny side by cartooning the forces of repression. In effect, Lucy's change becomes inevitable rather than earned. Along with snipping and tightening, the show needs to entertain less and have more at stake.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 15.

Almost, Maine

Almost is a (nonexistent) town in northern Maine where just about everyone, in John Cariani's nine surreal sketches, is so innocent that a kiss can make their month. Each sketch, a variation on love's zodiac, turns on an impossible twist, some fanciful, most just cute. The fascinating "Getting It Back," in which a woman demands back all the love she gave him — and returns hers in big red bags — sets a standard the others don't reach. Many in the audience at Scripps Ranch gave the four-person cast a standing ovation. Savvy director Robert May put DeNae Steele, Samantha Ginn, Benjamin Cole, and Joshua Jones through their paces so well they merit more challenging material.

SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO RD., SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 22.

Anna Christie

Eugene O'Neill is produced so rarely, it's easy to forget his



Eugene O'Neill's *Anna Christie*, starring Bill Buell and Jessica Love, socks in the Old Globe.

gifts, among them authentic dialogue. His Eastern-seaboard characters spew "quare, rough talk" that always rings true. In the Old Globe's opening night performance, authenticity var-

ied from real to none at all. The spare set and costumes suggested a socked-in waterfront. As Anna's controlling father, Bill Buell wavered between emotional truth and actorly acces-

sories (calculated vocal risings, an intermittent accent). Austin Durant was a literal force as Mat Burke, the stoker who falls for Anna, then scorns her tainted past. But in the title role, Jessica

Love drew a blank. She gave flat readings devoid of character, accent, or subtext. In the end, she picked up some, but even then gave the unshakable impression of being miscast.

SHERYL AND HARVEY WHITE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 15.

Beau Jest

Moonlight at the Avo presents James Sherman's comedy. Sarah's afraid her parents won't approve of her non-Jewish boyfriend. So he hires an actor to play him.

AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN ST., VISTA. 760-724-2110. 7:30PM THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 2PM AND 7:30PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH APRIL 8.

Buried Child

New Village Arts stages Sam Shepard's Pulitzer Prize-winner about a severe family secret in the heartland. Lisa Berger directed.

NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 22.

Deconstruction of a Drag Queen

Circle Circle dot dot presents "a one-stop gender bending performance based on the true story of local Drag Sensation Grace Towers." (Contains strong language and adult content.)

TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-237-4510. 8PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 4PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 21.

Ethel Merman's Broadway

Welk Resort Theatre presents Rita McKenzie's award-winning performance as Merman, "Queen of the Broadway Musical."

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1PM AND 8PM THURSDAY AND SATURDAY, 6:30PM SUNDAY, THROUGH APRIL 8.

Late Nite Catechism

Welk Resort Theatre reprises its popular production of Maripat Donovan's very funny (and serious) comedy. Sister, of the Old, spare not the rod School, is substitute teaching tonight.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH MAY 19.

miXtape

Jon Lorenz and Colleen Kollar Smith, creators of this revue of 1980s music, say that favorite songs "mark your memories." *miXtape* is performed with rampant energy and polish by an eight-person cast. Memory-triggers zip past: Pet Rocks, Pac-Man, Nelson Mandela, AIDS. Most of the songs are actually song-bites. But backed by Andy Ingersoll's versatile band and under Kerry Meads's feisty direction, *miXtape* is always entertaining — and memory-provoking. (Note: Lamb's Players has extended the run several times.) . *Worth a try.* HORTON GRAND HOTEL, 3111 ISLAND AVE., DOWNTOWN. 619-437-0600.

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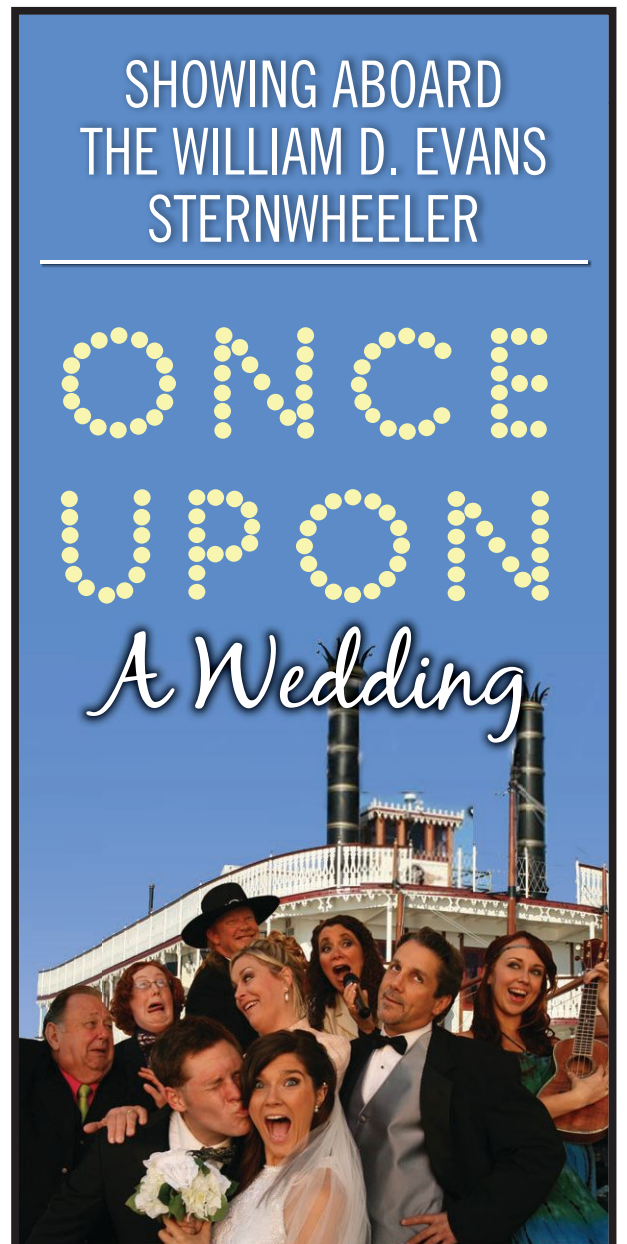
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Tortilla Curtain

Matthew Spangler's tight, 90-minute adaptation of T.C. Boyle's 1995 novel has an inexorable pace. But the San Diego Rep. has overemphasized Boyle's humor and sarcasm. The story contrasts an affluent couple and an undocumented couple living at each end of Topanga Canyon. The production casts a comic, at times even cartoonish, veneer over everything. This choice downplays serious themes (racism, xenophobia, economic and cultural segregation) and undercuts the gripping struggle of Candido and America to find their way as the world and their dreams grow smaller and smaller. **Critic's Pick.**
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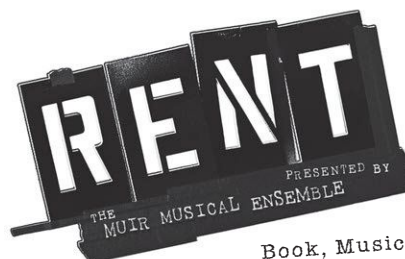
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Singh's Snow White

The requisite crazy is still there, but it's sufficiently tempered.

Mirror Mirror

It's easy to imagine some Hollywood exec seeing certain scenes from Tarsem Singh's *The Fall* and thinking, "Holy Tentpole, boys, here's a director who has rediscovered the art of the breathtaking vista! And look what he can do with tableau! Get this guy on something supernatural before I finish this line of coke or you're all fired!" It's as good a guess as any as to how we got the hot mess that was *Immortals*. Tarsem plus Greek mythology equaled something amazing to look at but not much more. Here was Tarsem unleashed — why were we not entertained?

After seeing the vastly superior

Mirror Mirror — the first of this year's Snow White variations — I wonder if the problem wasn't the unleashing. We still get those amazing long shots, but here the home-spun genre of the fairy tale limits the possibilities, and the limitations do the director some good. Instead of glam gods getting fire-whipped in super slo-mo, we get a gorgeous introduction told through motile china dolls. Instead of nuclear-powered bows, we get a breathtaking royal ball with everyone dressed as animals. The requisite crazy is still there — the accordion stilts worn by the seven dwarfs come to mind — but it's sufficiently tempered by sobriety, such that the Queen's magic

**MOVIE
REVIEW**
MATTHEW LICKONA



In Mirror Mirror, the queen does what she must, humiliating and torturing herself in a losing battle with time.

mirror does nothing more than reflect the truth. (Okay, it talks, but you get my meaning.)

And what a terrible, awful truth it is: Julia Roberts is 44, just a few years younger than Gloria Swanson

when she played the ultimate Hollywood has-been in *Sunset Boulevard*. The Queen wants the Handsome Prince for herself, you see, but he has eyes only for the dewy youth of Snow White. So Her Majesty does what she must, humiliating and torturing herself in a losing battle with time. Sorry, that should read, "getting all dolled up."

Review: I Kissed a Vampire

By Scott Marks — March 30, 10:41 a.m.

Anchorman Sequel Gets Green Light

By Scott Marks — March 29, 2:50 p.m.

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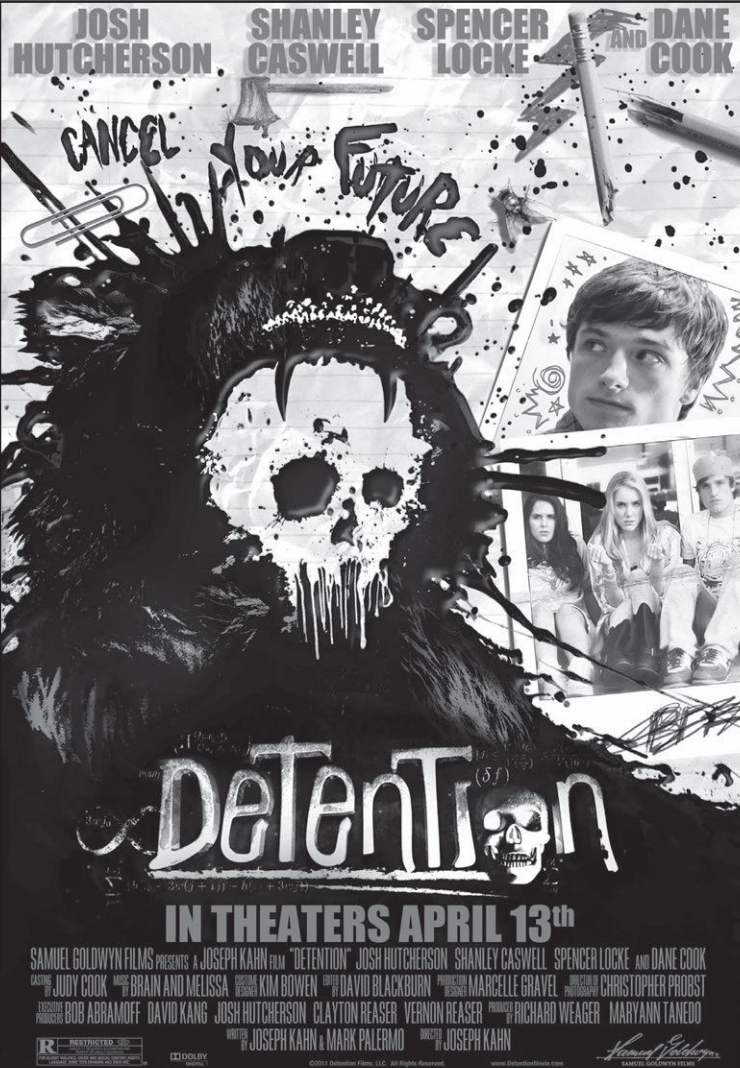
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But there are bugs involved. And bird poop. And all the while, Roberts chants “tighten it, brighten it” like a Buddhist mantra. It’s a brave role for the star of a film called *Pretty Woman* — playing not just dowdy (*Erin Brockovich*) but faded — and I can’t remember the last time I so enjoyed a Roberts performance. It’s not schadenfreude, it’s admiration. When she finally busted out the famous smile, I was actually happy to see it. In the opening narration, Roberts announces that this is her story, and while there is some dispute on that point, she does own the film. Lilly Collins’s Snow White is pretty and sweet and wants to grow up and be good. For pure spectacle, how can she possibly compare?

Of course, it’s hard to stretch a fairy tale to feature length — how many of you saw *Red Riding Hood* last year? The temptation to slather on the backstory or to gussy up the zeitgeisty significance beckons like a gingerbread house in the woods. You could also drop separate hooks for kiddies and grownups, reducing the dwarves to slapstick and punch lines while importing a winking sophistication to the proceedings. (No, we didn’t need to hear about Nathan Lane getting raped by a grasshopper during his stint as a cockroach.) *Mirror Mirror* makes all of these mistakes and more, but here again, there is a measure of restraint, and it serves the story well.

★★

Wrath of the Titans

A few paragraphs back, *Immortals* was referred to as a hot mess. Alas, *Wrath of the Titans* is just a mess, plain and simple. The high concept? The gods take their power from our prayers. Once we stop praying, their work comes undone. The walls of Tartarus begin to crack! Monsters start to roam the earth! If we don’t do something, Cronos the Destroyer will rise and lay waste to everything! Now what? Um, start praying and recharge the gods?

No, silly. Reassemble the Spear of Something or Other, the one made out of Poseiden’s trident, Hades’s pitchfork, and Zeus’s thunderbolt. And make sure Perseus the half-god handles it this time, because being half human makes him stronger than a god, somehow. (Andromeda, a warrior queen who gets all self-conscious and girly when Perseus shows up with his proto-mullet, lets us in on the secret: “We humans hope when there is no hope.”) And find Perseus another half-god to help out, since together they make

one whole god, which they’re both stronger than, being half human.

I can’t read a lot of my notes — those 3-D glasses made it harder to write in the dark, even as they failed to deliver much in the way of enhanced visuals — but here’s one page: “Makes no sense.” “Pegasus.” “Chimera.” “Han Solo Lite.” That last one is about Agenor, smarmy son of Poseidon. And I remember admiring the writhing life they managed to cram in the CGI chimera. Certainly more compelling, more visceral than the rest of the nasties that show up: cyclops, minotaur, etc.

But wait! There are themes! Brothers: Hades and Zeus, Perseus and Ares! Fathers and Sons: Helios and Perseus, Zeus and...everyone! Jealousy! Forgiveness! At one point, Ares pauses while kicking Perseus’s ass to marvel, “So, this is what a father will go through?” Even though Perseus isn’t going through anything *qua* father, only *qua* half-brother beefing with the bad son who sided with Grandpa against dear old Dad. Oh, wait. He’s trying to make a better world for his son. That is, a world not smashed into atoms by Cronos.

Sorry, my head hurts. This movie stinks so badly that I can’t decide whether casting Bill Nighy as a half-dotty Hephaestus made things better or worse. And that’s saying

something.

●

Free Men

A methodical meditation on the meaning of “we,” *Free Men* tells the story of Algerians — both Muslim and Jewish — living in Paris during the German occupation.

Tahar Rahim — think Dylan McDermott without the squinty smarm — plays the Muslim Younes. But he’s not much of a Muslim. His principal thought is to make some money on the black market and get home to his family. He has no interest in life at the mosque nor in his cousin Ali’s talk of attending meetings and forming unions. That is, until he’s picked up in a police sweep and forced to work as an informant. It seems there are communists about, and also Jews carrying forged papers declaring them to be Muslims.

What follows is the stretching of Younes’s circle of moral identification, and he bumps up against those who would be united to him by faith, by country, by ideals, and finally by a surprising sort of love. Michael Lonsdale shines as a canny cleric — a man who believes but also knows the political uses of faith — and Ismaël Ferroukhi’s smooth direction keeps the intricate story clear enough to let the characters hold our attention.

The soundtrack slips from moody jazz trumpet to traditional North African ballads with surprising ease.

★★

Delicacy

Hey, you. You there, the bearish Swede with the gut and the bald spot and the bad teeth and the ungainly limbs. What would you do if Audrey Tautou, the angelic pixie of *Amélie*, glided up to you at work and kissed you, long and hard?


But wait, there’s a catch: she did it while in a fugue state brought on by overwhelming, years-old grief over the death of her beloved, handsome husband. And now she wants you to forget the whole thing.

That’s the big hook of *Delicacy*, even if it’s not exactly what the film is about. What it’s about is the grief, and it paints a careful and detailed — if somewhat muted — portrait. Last year’s *Rabbit Hole* plunged us into Nicole Kidman’s life after the death of her child. She was a live wire, stretched thin and snapping, sparks everywhere. *Delicacy* takes a much slower, more crushing approach, first giving us ample time to enjoy the sight of Nathalie (Tautou) and François (Pio Marmaï) enjoying each other as young lovers in Paris. It’s all impossibly lovely — they even like each other’s parents. Then he gets hit by a car, and we cut to Nathalie enduring a long line of consoling

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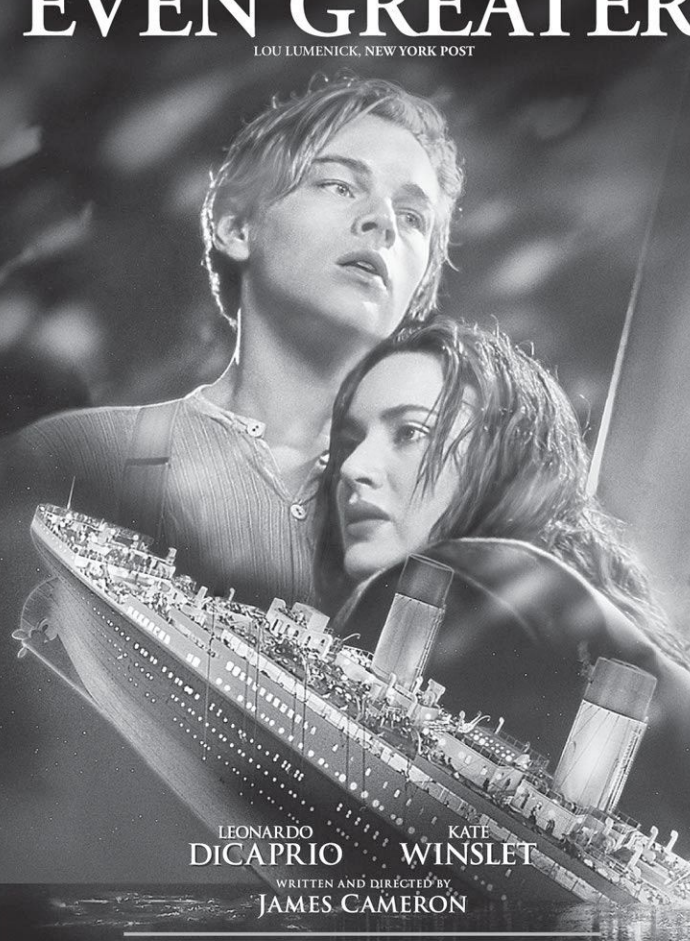
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huggers at the graveside — a dark version of the matrimonial receiving line. We’re spared the shock and devastation that comes with loss. What we suffer instead are the numbing and paralysis that follow. Nathalie is, as she puts it, “walled up in grief.”

Some walls you can smash. This one has to be dismantled piece by piece, and some of the bricks are lodged more tightly than others. But that fugue is the first crack in the mortar, and the bearish Swede is nothing if not persistent. And funny. And attentive. And homely. Few can understand what seems to be happening between the bear and the pixie. Happily, they don’t need to. ★★

Reviewed in the movie capsules:
Goon and *The Trouble with Bliss*.

— Matthew Lickona

MOVIE

LISTINGS

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Delicacy — It’s about grief, and it paints a careful portrait

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.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; TOWN SQUARE 14)

American Reunion — Fourth slice from the *American Pie* bakery, as the old gang gets together for a high school reunion. Reviewed next issue.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 4/06)

Bullhead — A tale of betrayal and revenge has seldom found its setting in a more foreign milieu than Belgium’s “hormone mafia.” A hulking cattle farmer injects the same growth steroids used on his herd to compensate for a pubescent castration at the hands of a bully. A sympathetic witness to the assault remains silent until 20 years later when the childhood friends are reunited in crime. First-time writer/director Michael Roskam’s frank, funny, and message-free noir actually earned an Academy Award nomination. With Matthias Schoenaerts and Jeroen Perceval. 2012. — S.M.
★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Casa de Mi Padre — Will Ferrell deadpans his performance in a semi sendup of Spanish *telenovelas* (yes, it’s in Spanish), and his unwinking commitment to the role makes all the surrounding silliness enjoyable. It’s all there: florid themes, cheap production values, goofy technique, hack dialogue, and awesome ranchero ballads. The weakest stuff is the spoofiest — better is Gael García Bernal as a prissy drug lord who works hard to keep his white leather jaguar boots undusty. 2012. — M.L.
★★ (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

The Cold Light of Day — When his family is kidnapped on a trip to Spain, a Wall Street man (Henry Cavill) must swing into action and confront (gulp) Bruce Willis. Mabrouk El Mechri directed; with Jim Piddock, Sigourney Weaver.
(FROM 4/06)

The Deep Blue Sea — Another masterwork of British nostalgia, again haunted but more urgent than before, from director Terence Davies. Adapting the play by Terence Rattigan, he gives Rachel Weisz one of her finest roles as Hester. Buried in marriage to a stuffy judge (Simon Russell Beale) ruled by his prig-snob mother, she finds passion covertly with a lusty charmer (Tom Hiddleston). He drinks, pulls moral rank, and yearns for the recent joys of war. Hester is the only one with a hungry force of life, but the class system and male privilege, having survived WWII, can still squeeze hard. Davies works his stylish magic with dowdy interiors, starchy manners, pub sing-alongs, pop tunes, ruins, and Samuel Barber’s violin concerto. In the cast ruled by Weisz, no one is more subtle than the prim, sunken husband. 2012. — D.E.
★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Delicacy — Reviewed this issue.
★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Descendants — Alexander Payne’s film is on Hawaiian time and floats well below his *Sideways*. George Clooney is the rich Honolulu lawyer whose faithless wife has crashed into a coma. He is also trustee for a huge patch of Kauai that excites his greedy relatives and his wife’s lover. His trip with his daughters has some wry humor, leading to live-and-learn pathos. It’s like *The Little Foxes* adrift in a Hawaiian travelogue. Clooney tries hard, but his hair does best. Acting laurels go to subtle Shailene Woodley as the older daughter and Robert Forster as her grumpy gramps. With Judy Greer, Nick Krause, Matthew Lillard, Beau Bridges, Laird Hamilton. 2011. — D.E.
★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Detachment — A pretentious mess from Tony Kaye (*American History X*). Lean, saint-faced Adrien Brody plays a school teacher rightly cynical about the dismal system. He compounds the daily crisis by encouraging the fantasies of a neurotic girl and nurturing a nymphetic drug whore (Sami Gayle). The story is alarmed gibberish, providing moments of histrionic despair for James Caan, Blythe Danner, Lucy Liu, Marcia Gay Harden, Tim Blake Nelson. 2012. — D.E.
● (GASLAMP 15)

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.)

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TALKING PICTURES

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Drugstore Cowboy 1989. Gus Van Sant’s “realistic road movie about a drug addict, his ‘family,’ and their inevitable decline into crime” stars Matt Dillon, Kelly Lynch, Heather Graham, and William S. Burroughs. **Friday, April 6, 2:30 p.m.**

My Own Private Idaho 1991. Two best friends (River Phoenix and Keanu Reeves) living on streets of Portland embark on a journey of self discovery and find their relationship stumbling along the way in Van Sant’s drama. **Friday, April 13, 2:30 p.m.**

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

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We Bought a Zoo 2011. Cameron Crowe offers a “sweet-natured, true-life saga” in which a single father (Matt Damon) and his two young children become the new owners of a dilapidated menagerie. **Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7, 8 p.m.**

The Adventures of Tintin 2011. Steven Spielberg’s 3D motion-capture tale, based on

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Pulp Fiction 1994. Quentin Tarantino’s crime flick is celebrated for “its rich, eclectic dialogue, ironic mix of humor and violence, nonlinear storyline, and host of cinematic allusions and pop culture references.” **Wednesday, April 11, 8 p.m.**

Garden State 2004. Zach Braff wrote, directed, and stars as a 26-year-old actor/waiter

returning to his hometown in New Jersey after his mother dies. Cast includes Natalie Portman, Peter Sarsgaard, and Sir Ian Holm. **Wednesday, April 18, 8 p.m.**

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MYSTERIES

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The Big Sleep 1946. This Howard Hawks film noir “about the process of a criminal investigation, not its results,” stars Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart as detective Philip Marlowe. **Wednesday, April 11, 6 p.m.**

Chinatown 1974. Roman Polanski’s stylish noir stars Jack Nicholson as Jake Gittes, a private detective thrust into corruption among movers and shakers of Los Angeles in 1937. Cast includes Faye Dunaway, John Huston, and water! **Wednesday, April 18, 5:30 p.m.**

FILM FORUM

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Les Herbes Folles (Wild Grass) 2009. A wallet lost and found propels this “frothy bon bon” of romantic adventure. In French with English subtitles. **Monday, April 9, 7 p.m.**

Hell and Back Again 2011. The documentary follows a Marines Corps sergeant “who returns from the Afghanistan conflict with a badly broken leg and post-traumatic stress disorder.” **Monday, April 16, 7 p.m.**

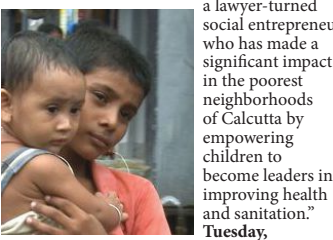
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Soul Kitchen 2009. Fatih Akin’s comedy tells of a Hamburg pub owner whose “biggest concern...is mending the broken heart” he acquired when his girlfriend moved to Shanghai. **Thursday, April 12, 8 p.m.**

The Revolutionary Optimists 2012. The documentary follows “Amlan Ganguly,



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Captain Abu Raed 2007. An aging airport janitor mistaken for an airline pilot by a group of poor neighborhood children weaves stories to offer hope in the face of a sad reality in this Jordanian film. **Thursday, April 12, 6 p.m.**



Free Men — A methodical meditation of the meaning of “we” in Nazi-occupied Paris

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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Footnote — For better and for worse, this Israeli depiction of the struggle between a Jewish father and his son — both Talmudic scholars, though of decidedly different temperaments — feels like a well-crafted short story. For better: the elegance of plot, the plumbing of character, the reams of intelligent dialogue. For worse: the stasis of old men sitting and talking, the occasional claustrophobia of interiority, and the maybe questionable use of symbolism. Lior Ashkenazi is splendid as the frustrated, celebrated son — his face holds up to the lengthy close-ups. 2012. — M.L.

★★ (TOWN SQUARE 14)

Free Men — Reviewed this issue.

★★ (KEN; FROM 4/06)

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, 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)

Goon — There’s something unkosher about Seann William Scott playing a character named “Doug Glatt.” He makes the best of the gladsome dolt who is recruited by a semi-pro hockey team after being spotted brawling in the

stands. Slo-mo bloodletting backed by classical music frequently pulls this in the direction of “Jake LaMotta on Ice.” The script by Evan Goldberg and costar Jay Baruchel packs more squalid pathos and swagger than bite, so don’t expect anything resembling *Slapshot*. Michael Dowse directed. 2012. — S.M.

★ (HILLCREST; FROM 4/06)

The Hunger Games — In the future, rebel districts are punished by the Reaping: every year they have to send a couple of teenagers to the Capitol. There, the kiddies fight to the death in a regulated, televised competition. Sloppily directed

by Gary Ross, it’s more games than hunger and more a comment on media manipulation than games. But Jennifer Lawrence keeps things gripping as Katniss, a girl brave enough to volunteer in place of her little sister, pretty enough to charm the audience, and rugged enough to face the brutality of the arena. With Stanley Tucci, Donald Sutherland, Woody Harrelson. 2012. — M.L.

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Jeff, Who Lives at Home — *Of Mice and Men* for the mumblecore set. Were it not for happenstance and a zoom lens that appears slightly dislodged from its turret so as to artlessly dart at and away from its subjects, filmmakers Jay and Mark Duplass would have no idea how to tell a story. Unskilled at depicting abstract characters in realistic settings, the brothers fare even worse at establishing a fantasy universe in which their man-children can cavort. With Jason Segel, Ed Helms, Susan Sarandon. 2012. — S.M.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HILLCREST)

Jiro Dreams of Sushi — David Gelb’s documentary about Jiro Ono, a sage master chef of sushi in Tokyo, has the quick art, fine detailing, and lucid skill that Jiro shows in his kitchen and when serving. Lucky are the diners, envious are we voyeurs. The sea life has gone to heaven. 2012. — D.E.

★★★ (HILLCREST)

John Carter — Disney reaches back to Edgar Rice Burroughs’s Barsroom series

for its newest adventure saga. The fuzzy 3-D is a nuisance, but the artwork is competent and the interaction of live actors and digital images is nearly seamless. Taylor Kitsch plays Carter, a disgruntled war hero from Virginia (circa mid-1800s) who is transported to Mars by means of a magic medallion and forced to contend with all manner of ruckus: a civil war, some divine overseers, and a sultry princess. Ultimately, the potential for enjoyment is overwhelmed by the bombast of the plot. 2012. — J.R.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Mirror Mirror — Reviewed this issue.

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Miss Bala — Mexico’s official entry for the recent Oscars competition is Gerardo Naranjo’s drama about an aspiring

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beauty queen (Stephanie Sigman) whose hopes are threatened by a crime cartel. (GASLAMP 15)

Norwegian Wood — A fall below past form for expat Vietnamese visionary Tran Anh Hùng (*The Scent of Green Papaya*). His visual elegance and delight in deep moods are tangled in the murky weeds of Haruki Murakami’s novel. A nice, dull, passive student (Ken’ichi Matsuyama) fixates on a suicidal friend’s sexually neurotic “lover.” People fret, stew, pine, and pose in handsome Japanese settings, and the Beatles song is no help at all. It is like watching soap bubbles brood at a Zen spa. 2012. — D.E. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

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 dis-section 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. ★ (GASLAMP 15; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 20)

The Raid: Redemption — Sordid action sludge, pumped for dumb payoffs. Indonesian SWAT cops, with no plan but “kill,” assault a drug kingpin’s high-rise full of ambush traps and collateral (civilian) damage. Giving death and enduring pain are the measures of machismo. The reunion of opposing brothers is ludicrous, and redemption is nowhere to be found. 2012. — D.E. ● (HILLCREST; LA JOLLA 12)

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen — The charm stretches but doesn’t break in Lasse Hallström’s odd, gentle comedy about a visionary sheikh (Amr Waked) who devises a dam, river, and imported salmon in dry, hot Yemen. Caught up in his crazy but moving scheme are two Brit dreamers (Emily Blunt, Ewan McGregor). It has some of the old Ealing Studio-grace of loveable silliness, though Kristin Scott Thomas is pushy as a political opportunist. One imagines Lawrence of Arabia looking at this from the desert, rubbing his eyes, and dreaming of a salmon steak. 2012. — D.E. ★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HILLCREST; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; 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. ★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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. ★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Titanic 3-D — The all-time boat movie and its iceberg return, ready for disaster with an extra dimension. Reviewed next issue.



The Trouble with Bliss — Another coming-of-age comedy about a slouch in his 30s...but this one works

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The Trouble with Bliss — Morris Bliss, who lives at home, gets involved with the barely legal daughter of an ex-classmate in yet another coming-of-age comedy about a slouch in his 30s. This one works, thanks to a charming and highly observant script by novelist Douglas Light and director Michael Knowles. Michael C. Hall leads an exceptional cast that includes Peter Fonda and Brad William Henke as the beleaguered father

figures, as well as Brie Larson, who ignites each frame like a comedic comet. 2012. — S.M. ★★★ (GASLAMP 15; FROM 4/06)

21 Jump Street — An “update” to the ’80s television series, this time involving two high school polarities (the dumb jock and the smart geek) who are recruited for an undercover assignment to pose as high school students and infiltrate the supplier of a new “super drug.” The film is a pinball machine: loud, tedious, and ever tilted toward failure. The depiction 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, and incessant gay jokes sanitized for political correctness. 2012. — J.R. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA

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Wrath of the Titans — Reviewed this issue. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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Rated) Fri.-Sat. Sun. 3:00p.m.; **This Means War** (R) Fri.-Sat. (3:15) 5:20, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (3:15) 5:20, 7:30; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:20) 4:45, 7:35, 10:10 Sun. (11:55, 2:20) 4:45, 7:35; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:20, 11:10, 12:40, 1:25, 2:55, 3:45) 5:10, 6:00, 7:25, 8:15, 9:40, 10:25 Sun. (10:20, 11:10, 12:40, 1:25, 2:55, 3:45) 5:10, 6:00, 7:25, 8:15

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Salmon Fishing In The Yemen (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (1:20), (4:20), 7:20, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (10:55), 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; **Delicacy** (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (1:10), (4:10), 7:00, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (10:50), 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30; **The Deep Blue Sea** (R) Fri, Mon - Thu: (1:30), (4:30), 7:40, 10:00, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 1:30, 4:30, 7:40, 10:00; **A Separation** (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:00), (5:00), 8:00, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, Discount Shows

at Landmark's La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "()", **The Lady** (R) Opens Friday, April 13

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) Fri, Sun. 10:25, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; **American Reunion** (R) Fri, Sun. 10:15, 11:25, 1:30, 2:15, 4:20, 5:05, 7:15, 8:10, 10:05, 11:00; **Dr. Seuss' The Lorax** (PG) Fri. 10:45a.m. Sat, -Sun. 10:45, 4:40; **Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D** (PG) Fri. 2:30, 4:40, 6:50 Sat, -Sun. 2:30, 6:50; **Friends With Kids** (R) Fri, -Sun. 1:15p.m.; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri, -Sun. 10:00, 11:10, 12:05, 1:25, 2:35, 3:30, 4:50, 6:00, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:25; **John Carter** (PG-13) Fri, -Sun. 1:00, 6:45; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri, -Sun. 10:35, 11:40, 1:20, 2:20, 4:00, 5:00, 6:40, 7:40, 9:20, 10:20; **Safe House** (R) Fri, -Sun. 11:00, 1:50, 4:45, 7:45, 10:35; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri, -Sun. 10:30, 11:15, 1:10, 3:25, 5:30, 7:35, 9:00, 9:45; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri, -Sun. 10:40, 11:30, 1:40, 2:25, 4:30, 5:10, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; **The Vow** (PG-13) Fri, -Sun. 10:20, 4:05, 9:50; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri, -Sun. 11:05, 12:50, 1:45, 4:25, 6:05, 7:05, 9:40; **Wrath of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri, -Sun. 10:05, 12:10, 2:45, 3:30, 5:20, 8:05, 8:45, 10:40

AMC Mission Valley

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)

Act of Valor; American Reunion (R) Fri, -Sun. 10:00, 1:00, 4:40, 7:00, 10:00; **Casa de Mi Padre; Dr. Seuss's The Lorax; The Hunger Games; John Carter; The Metropolitan Opera: Manon** (Not Rated) Sat. 9:00a.m.; **Mirror Mirror; Project X; Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri, -Sun. 10:00, 2:30, 7:00; **21 Jump Street; Wrath of the Titans**

Ultrastar Mission Valley Hazard Center

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)

Kidtoons: Peppa Pig (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **American Reunion** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) 3D Upcharge Applies, Fri - Sun: 11:00 AM, 3:15, 7:30, Wed & Thu: 11:00 AM, 3:15, 7:30; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) 3D Upcharge Applies, Mon & Tue: 11:00 AM, 3:15, 7:30; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) , Fri - Thu: 10:15 AM, 3:15, 8:15; **Wrath of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) 3D Upcharge Applies, Fri & Sat: 12:45, 5:45, 10:45, Sun - Thu: 12:45, 5:45; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 10:45 AM, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 10:45 AM, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) D-BOX Seats For These Showtimes Only; D-BOX Upcharge Applies, Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45, Sun - Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00, Sat: 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00, Sun: 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, Mon: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, Tue: 10:30 AM, 1:30, Wed: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, Thu: 1:30, 4:30, Baby's Night Out: **"THE HUNGER GAMES"** Thursday, 4/12 @ 7PM. BRING THE BABY! Parent Movie Morning: **"AMERICAN REUNION"** Wednesday, 4/12 @ 10AM. BRING THE BRING THE BABY!

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)

Salmon Fishing In The Yemen (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (1:55), (4:25), 7:00, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (11:25), 1:55, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30; **Jiro Dreams Of Sushi** (PG) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:30), (5:00), 7:35, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (12:00), 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 9:40; **Goon** (R) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:15), (4:45), 7:20, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (1:45), 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45; **Raid: The Redemption** (R) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:05), (4:35), 7:10*, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:35), 2:05, 4:35, 7:10, 9:35, * No 7:20 PM Show Wednesday, 04/11/12, **Jeff, Who Lives At Home** (R) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:25), (4:55), 7:30, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (11:55), 2:25, 4:55, 7:30, 9:50, Discount Shows at Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "()", **Bully** (NR) Opens Friday, April

13; **Damsels In Distress** (PG-13) Opens Friday, April 13

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)

Black Holes (Not Rated) Fri. 3:00p.m. Sat, -Sun. 3:00, 6:00; **Born To Be Wild IMAX** (G) Fri, -Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00; **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri, -Sun. 1:00, 4:00; **Secret of the Cardboard Rocket** (Not Rated) Fri, -Sun. 11:00a.m.; **Space Junk** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00p.m.

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)

American Reunion (R) Fri, -Sun. (11:20, 12:25, 1:55, 3:00) 4:35, 5:35, 7:10, 8:10, 9:45, 10:45; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30) 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30 Sat, -Sun. (10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30) 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30, 11:30; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri, -Sun. (10:50, 11:50, 1:15, 2:20, 3:40) 4:50, 6:00, 7:20, 8:20, 9:40, 10:40; **Special Event** (Not Rated) Fri, -Sun.; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri, -Sun. (10:15, 2:15) 6:15, 10:15; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri, -Sun. (11:10, 1:40) 4:10, 7:40, 10:05; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri, -Sun. (10:40, 1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; **Wrath of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:05) 4:40, 7:00, 9:25 Sat, -Sun. (11:40, 2:05) 4:40, 7:00, 9:25, 11:40

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)

Call theater for program information.

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)

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SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade

770 Demnery Road (888-262-4386)

American Reunion; Casa de Mi Padre; Dr. Seuss's The Lorax; The Hunger Games; Mirror Mirror; Titanic 3D (PG-13) Sat. 2:45, 7:00; **21 Jump Street; Wrath of the Titans**

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)

Kidtoons: Peppa Pig (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Silent House** (R) Fri & Sat: 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:15, Sun: 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, Mon - Thu: 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **Gone** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 4:30, 10:00, Sun: 11:15 AM, 4:30, Mon - Thu: 4:30 PM; **Tyler Perry's Good Deeds** (PG-13) Fri - Sun: 1:30, 6:45, Mon - Thu: 6:45 PM; **Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 10:30, Sun: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, Mon - Thu: 4:45, 7:15; **The Secret World of Arrietty** (Kari-gurashi no Arrietti) (G) Fri - Sun: 11:30 AM, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, Mon - Thu: 4:30, 7:00; **This Means War** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sun: 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, Mon - Thu: 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Safe House** (R) Fri - Sun: 2:45, 8:00, Mon - Thu: 8:00 PM; **The Vow** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 4:15, 9:30, Sun: 11:00 AM, 4:15, Mon - Thu: 4:15 PM; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:00, 5:30, 10:45, Sun: 12:00, 5:30, Mon - Thu: 5:30 PM; **The Grey** (R) Fri - Sun: 1:45, 7:00, Mon - Thu: 7:00 PM; **Red Tails** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 9:30 PM; **Underworld: Awakening** (R) Fri & Sat: 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:30, 10:45, Sun: 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:30, Mon - Thu: 3:30, 5:45, 8:30; **Contraband** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:00 PM; **The Adventures of Tintin** (PG) Fri - Sun: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, Mon - Thu: 4:45, 7:15; **Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (G) Fri - Sun: 12:30,

3:00, 5:15, 7:30, Mon - Thu: 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 9:45 PM

EASTLAKE

AMC Otay Ranch

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)

American Reunion (R) Fri, -Sun. 10:55, 1:50, 4:45, 7:40, 10:35; **Casa de mi Padre** (R) Fri, -Sun. 3:05p.m.; **Dr. Seuss' The Lorax** (PG) Fri, -Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:45; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri. 10:20, 11:25, 12:30, 1:35, 2:40, 3:45, 4:50, 5:55, 7:00, 8:05, 9:10, 10:15 Sat. 11:25, 12:30, 1:35, 2:40, 3:45, 4:50, 5:55, 7:00, 8:05, 9:10, 10:15 Sun. 10:20, 11:25, 12:30, 1:35, 2:40, 3:45, 4:50, 5:55, 7:00, 8:05, 9:10, 10:15; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri, -Sun. 10:10, 10:30, 12:50, 1:45, 3:30, 4:30, 6:15, 7:15, 8:55, 9:55; **The Metropolitan Opera: Manon** (Not Rated) Sat. 9:00a.m.; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri, -Sun. 10:00, 11:00, 2:30, 5:15, 7:00, 9:35; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri, -Sun. 11:30, 2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri, -Sun. 10:40, 1:15, 3:55, 6:30, 9:05; **Wrath of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri, -Sun. 11:40, 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05

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)

American Reunion (R) Fri, -Sat. 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:15, 5:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:40, 10:45, 11:15 Sun. 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:15, 5:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:40, 10:35; **Casa de mi Padre** (R) Fri, -Sat. 10:50, 1:30 Sun. 1:40p.m.; **Dr. Seuss' The Lorax** (PG) Fri, -Sun. 9:45, 12:10, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri, -Sat. 10:40, 11:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:00, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30, 11:10 Sun. 10:40, 11:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:00, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30, 11:10 Sun. 10:40, 11:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:00, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri, -Sat. 10:10, 10:55, 12:55, 1:45, 3:45, 4:30, 6:35, 7:10, 9:55 Sun. 10:10, 10:50, 12:55, 1:45, 3:45, 4:30, 6:35, 7:10, 9:55; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri, -Sat. 9:45, 10:45, 2:15, 3:00, 6:30, 7:50, 9:30, 10:55 Sun. 10:45, 11:30, 3:00, 4:10, 7:50, 8:45, 9:45; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri, -Sun. 9:55, 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri, -Sat. 9:50, 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:20 Sun. 9:50, 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30; **Wrath of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri, -Sat. 11:15, 2:10, 5:15, 8:00, 10:50 Sun. 11:15, 2:10, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **Wrath of the Titans: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG-13) Fri, -Sun. 10:30, 1:20, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10

NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

Regal Escondido

350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)

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FALLBROOK

UltraStar River Village

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)

Kidtoons: Peppa Pig (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **American Reunion** (R) Fri & Sat: 12:00, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:45, Sun: 12:00, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, Mon - Thu: 5:15, 7:45; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, Sun: 11:15 AM, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, Mon - Thu: 5:00, 7:30; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45, Sun: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, Mon - Thu: 4:45, 7:15; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 3:45, 7:00, 10:30, Sun: 11:30 AM, 3:45, 7:00, Mon - Thu: 3:45, 7:00; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri & Sat: 12:15, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 11:00, Sun: 12:15, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, Mon - Thu: 3:00, 5:30, 8:15; **Dr. Seuss' The Lorax** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15, Sun: 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, Mon - Thu: 3:30, 5:45, 8:00

POWAY

UltraStar Poway

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

Kidtoons: Peppa Pig (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **American Reunion** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 8:45, 10:45, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 8:45; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) 3D Upcharge Applies, Fri - Wed: 11:00 AM, 3:15, 7:30; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) 3D Upcharge Applies, Thu: 11:00

AM, 3:15, 7:30; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45, Sun - Thu: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 1:35, 3:55, 6:15, 8:35, 11:00, Sun - Thu: 11:15 AM, 1:35, 3:55, 6:15, 8:35; **Wrath of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) 3D Upcharge Applies, Fri & Sat: 10:10 AM, 12:35, 2:55, 5:20, 7:45, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 10:10 AM, 12:35, 2:55, 5:20, 7:45; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:15, 10:00, 10:30, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:15; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) D-BOX Seats For These Showtimes Only; D-BOX Upcharge Applies, Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:35, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Dr. Seuss' The Lorax** (PG) Fri - Thu: 10:15 AM, 2:25, 4:30; **Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D** (PG) 3D Upcharge Applies, Fri - Thu: 12:20, 6:35, Baby's Night Out: **"THE HUNGER GAMES"** Thursday, 4/12 @ 7PM. BRING THE BABY! Parent Movie Morning: **"AMERICAN REUNION"** Wednesday, 4/11 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY!

SAN MARCOS

Regal San Marcos

1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)

Call theater for program information.

TEMECULA

Ultrastar Temecula Tower Cinemas

27531 Ynez Road (951-699-2205)

Kidtoons: Peppa Pig (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **American Reunion** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 7:15, 8:45, 10:30, Sun - Tue: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 7:15, 8:45, Wed: 10:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 12:45, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 7:15, 8:45, Thu: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 7:15, 8:45; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 11:00 AM, 3:15, 7:30; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 10:45 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 4:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun - Tue: 10:00 AM, 10:45 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 4:00, 5:30, 8:00, Wed: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 4:00, 5:30, 8:00, Thu: 10:00 AM, 10:45 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 4:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 10:50, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30; **Wrath of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) 3D Upcharge Applies, Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:15, 8:05, 10:40, Sun - Thu: 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:15, 8:05; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:30, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:30; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:20, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:20; **Dr. Seuss' The Lorax** (PG) Fri: 10:30 AM, 1:10, 3:30, 6:00, 8:10, 10:30, Sat: 1:10, 3:30, 6:00, 8:10, 10:30, Sun: 1:10, 3:30, 6:00, 8:10, Mon - Wed: 10:30 AM, 1:10, 3:30, 6:00, 8:10, Thu:

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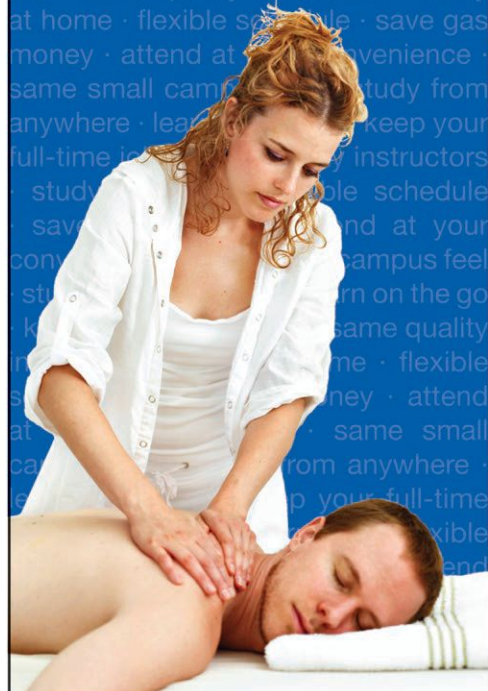
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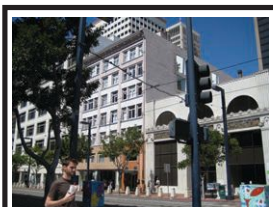
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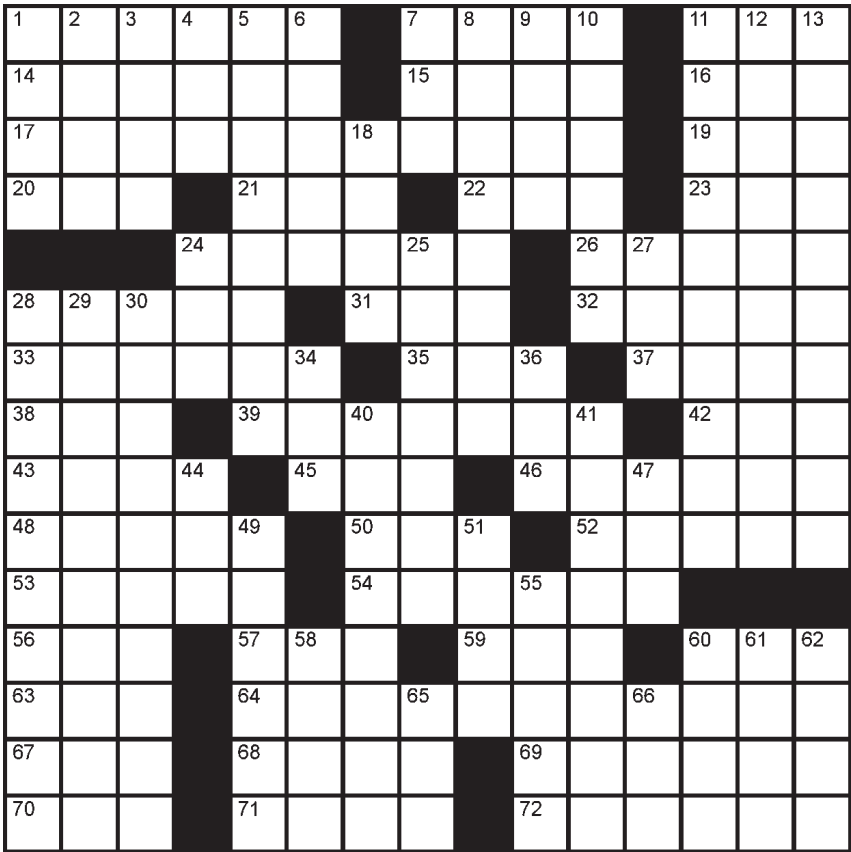
Across

1. Gets away from
7. "Now!"
11. "Don't tell ____ don't want to know"
14. Ritzy
15. Keaton's "Mr. Mom" costar

16. Prince Valiant's son
17. "Yo, I'm talkin' Indian and Italian and those types of foods"
19. Living in Fla., maybe
20. Actor Diesel
21. Suffix with heir or host
22. ____ Jones Industrials
23. German "I"
24. Walter who managed the Dodgers for 23 seasons
26. "Let's take ____"
28. Dodger Hershiser and others
31. Bay Area hub: Abbr.
32. Digital camera maker
33. Sics on
35. Agcy. concerned with fraud
37. Mark's replacement
38. T, in Morse code
39. "Yo, it's after the 2008 election and the last president ain't here no more"
42. The NCAA's Buckeyes
43. G or PG issuer: Abbr.
45. Suffix with glob
46. Rain forests and grasslands, e.g.
48. Sleep problem
50. Turkish title
52. Gush on stage
53. Skyrockets
54. Start of a neatnik's phrase
56. Up to, in ads
57. Part of RSVP
59. Film director Roth
60. ____-A-Fella Records
63. Photo blowup: Abbr.
64. "Yo, I don't need a sweater 'cause I ain't feeling cold"
67. USPS carrier's assignment
68. Word from a crib
69. Twinkler in a Paris sky
70. Fig. sought by an identity thief
71. Kicks in
72. At an earlier time

Down

1. 1999 Ron Howard satire
2. City northwest of Provo
3. ____ Bator, Mongolia
4. Hwy. offense
5. Has more than a knack for
6. "The Lorax" author
7. Dept. of Justice chiefs
8. Denied
9. River of Tuscany
10. Antebellum
11. "You campaign in poetry. You govern in prose" speaker
12. Toy with blueprints
13. Present, slangily
18. Followers: Abbr.
24. Capp and Capone
25. "Let's roll!"
27. Be in the running
28. Michelangelo and Rembrandt, e.g.
29. Names to a new position
30. Green Mountain Boys leader
34. Cal. column
36. Den delivery
40. "Shane" star
41. Connects with
44. ____ Lingus
47. Meditation chants
49. "Law & Order" fig.
51. Iowa college town
55. "____ Gold" (1997 film)
58. "____ a hunch ..."
60. Bankruptcy
61. Eye up and down
62. Chaz Bono's mom
65. Univ. aides
66. Tic-tac-toe winner



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Marvin A Brown, Clairemont, 5. Doctors caring for dwarfs and midgets have very little patients.

Archie McAllister, Chula Vista, 5. Why do cats have nine lives when eight is enough?

Jane M. Reilly, University City, 5. I pushed the Panic Button and sure enough I panicked!

Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 5. I am stuck with my debt because I can't budge it.

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EASY:

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			6	3				

MEDIUM:

7	2						6	8
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HARD:

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5	2	3	1	9	8	7	6	4
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MEDIUM:

8	3	5	7	4	2	6	9	1
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HARD:

3	8	9	6	7	5	2	4	1
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EVIL:

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SEE YOUR RANKING ONLINE!

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

☛ **Michael Humphries, Escondido,**
5. *A graduating student runs outside school shouting, "I'm free, I'm free!" A nearby toddler shouts, "That's nothing, I'm four!"*

☛ **Richard Hutchings, Santee, 5.**
Is a bum steer a poor animal or a hobo driving a vehicle?

☛ **Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens,**
5. *The plural of school bus is school bi.*

☛ **Mamma Oakley, Oceanside,**
2. *Why did the chicken cross the road? To prove that demeaning accusation to be false.*

☛ **Arthur Agwinaldo, Spring Valley, 1.** *Moms—from their wombs spring forth all futures.*



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3BD+2BA house two blocks from ocean. Stove, refrigerator, laundry hookups. Two- car garage plus driveway parking. Fenced yard. Gardener paid. No pets. Available 4/15/12. 4236 Bayard. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$700.
Small studio, terrace/ garden area, kitchenette, mellow neighborhood, four blocks to beach, low utilities, washer/ dryer. Deposit \$700. No pets/ smoking. Turquoise/ Dawes Street. Call 619-261-7433.

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1BD+1BA apartment. Great values. Nice, convenient, multiple Pacific Beach locations. Studios from \$785. 1 bedrooms from \$1050. 2 bedrooms from \$1375. Some buildings with gated entry, pool and/ or deck, parking, laundry. No pets. 858-483-3796.

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Studio with all utilities paid! Upstairs unit in North Pacific Beach. Full kitchen with stove, refrigerator. Coin laundry. Cat OK with extra deposit. Three blocks to ocean. Available 5/1/12. 5049 Cass Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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POINT LOMA, \$1200.
2BD+1BA, apartment. Laundry facilities, off- street parking. In a park- like setting. Close to all. 3134 Nimitz Street. No pets. 858-761-1401.

POINT LOMA, \$1200.
2BD+1BA. Recently remodeled, upstairs and downstairs available. Small, quiet building, parking, laundry room, dishwasher, stove. No pets. A must see! 3130.5 Ingelow St. 619-223-6302.

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OPEN LETTERS

BY JORY JOHN & AVERY MONSEN



To the Self-Checkout Machine,

Thank you for giving me a way to appear absolutely impressive at the grocery store. There I am, pushing buttons, scanning items, making stacks, swiping cards ... I feel like a fighter pilot! When I'm on my game, I can feel the crowd gathering, all eyes on me. I swear one lady freakin' SWOONED the other day. You're a one-way ticket to Lovetown, Self-Checkout Machine.

Sincerely,
VERY Lonely

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POINT LOMA, \$1315.
1BD+1BA. Ocean, sunset views. Quiet, secluded residential neighborhood. Spacious 944'. Double balcony. Walk-in. Marble vanity. Pool. Saunas. Fitness room. No pets! 619-226-8158.

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POINT LOMA, \$1600.
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Hardwood floors. Garage included. Storage room included. Pets OK. 4829 Orchard Avenue. 619-222-6020.

POINT LOMA, \$1685.
2BD+2BA. Panoramic ocean, bay and sunset views. Secluded end unit. Huge balcony. Marble vanities. Upgrades. Pool, saunas. No pets! Available 05/01/12. 619-226-8158.

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Downtown

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1BD+1BA, 800 sqft apartment with new hard flooring. Air conditioning/ central heat. On-site laundry. Pet OK! Call Greg, 619-239-7313.

BANKERS HILL, \$1650.
2BD+1BA, vintage duplex on ground floor with gorgeous views. Hardwood floors in living room. Laundry hookups. Central air. Large kitchen, yard, garage. Water, gardening included. 619-252-3538.

BANKERS HILL, \$850.
Studio+1BA. Call for move-in special! Beautiful, large studio, utilities included. On-site laundry. Intercom entry. 3105 5th Ave. No pets. 619-298-7724.

BANKERS HILL, \$915.
Studio corner apartment. \$800 deposit, year lease. Laminate floors. Utilities paid. Locked building. Parking. On-site laundry. 1820 4th Avenue. No pets. 619-300-1365.

DOWNTOWN, \$150.
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DOWNTOWN, \$400 & UP.
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DOWNTOWN, \$406.
Best deal in town, period. 55+ quality senior living. Beautiful furnished rooms with private bathrooms. Includes utilities, cable TV, maid service. On-site laundry and storage. Edge of Bankers Hill at 1814 Fifth Avenue, New Palace Hotel. 619-235-2323. www.HughesManagement.net.

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DOWNTOWN, \$450-595.
Attractive rooms in Victorian- style building. Utilities included. Some parking available. Common kitchen, bathrooms, laundry. Near City College

grocery stores and more. Villa Victoria, 719 14th Street. 619-239-1639 x2. www.HughesManagement.net.

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DOWNTOWN, \$475-550.
Affordable rooms near Petco Park. Utilities included. Common kitchen, bathrooms, laundry, vending machines. Star Hotel, 522 7th Avenue & Island. 619-235-6068. www.HughesManagement.net.

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DOWNTOWN, \$486-625.
Cozy rooms, very comfortable, convenient location. Historic building near C Street Trolley. Choice of common or private bathrooms. Utilities included. Free cable TV, on-site laundry, vending machines, modern elevator. Southern Hotel, 1159 6th Avenue at B. 619-239-3808. www.HughesManagement.net.

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DOWNTOWN, \$500 & UP.
Studio+1BA. Rooms \$500/ up. Studios \$650/ up. Clean and quiet. Includes utilities and free cable, on-site laundry, elevator. Excellent location, convenient to all. No pets. Arlington Apartments, 701 7th Ave. and G St. 619-231-2385. www.HughesManagement.net.

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DOWNTOWN, \$500-600.
Large, furnished rooms with high ceilings, tall windows. Includes utilities and cable. On-site laundry and kitchen. No pets. Excellent location across from Horton Plaza. Windsor Hotel, 843 4th Avenue. 619-231-2385. www.HughesMangement.net.

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DOWNTOWN, \$550-800.
Price meets function. Spacious studios and rooms with private bathroom. Utilities included, on-site laundry. Some parking available. Near City College and trolley, Mitchell Apts., 901 10th Avenue at E Street. 619-235-6068. www.HughesManagement.net.

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DOWNTOWN, \$650 & UP.
Best deal in East Village! Spacious units in small complex with gated courtyard. Utilities included. No lease. No pets. Tenth Avenue Apts. 743 10th Avenue. 619-239-1639 x2. www.HughesManagement.net.



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Brainstorms

by Don Rubin

More holes

Each of the numbered holes is associated with an item below. Try to match them up.

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| _____ scissors | _____ electrical outlet |
| _____ egg slicer | _____ hair dryer |
| _____ shoe | _____ pretzel |
| _____ spatula | _____ pipe |
| _____ slotted spoon | _____ coin-op washer |
| _____ radio speaker | _____ colander (detail) |
| _____ pencil sharpener | |

We cannot accept your entry without the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Personal Message: _____

Please check _____

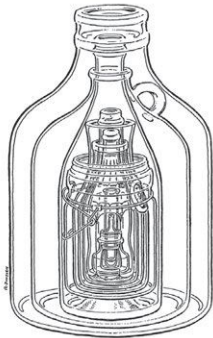
We are temporarily out of T-shirts. Winners will receive caps.

Cap: _____ T-shirt: S _____ M _____

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

Glass where?

- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| 7 milk | 1 elixir |
| 5 Coca-Cola | 10 champagne |
| 4 ink | 6 ketchup |
| 12 water | 11 cider |
| 8 wine | 9 preserves |
| 2 cream | 3 chemicals |



BRAINSTORM PUZZLES:

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1) Submit completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for entry into another contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results and ranking are posted online at SDReader.com/puzzle. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
- 2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name and a brief message (**20** words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Entries must include a

message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

3) We will award writers of the best messages, among those who correctly solve the puzzle, one of the famous *Reader* baseball caps or T-shirts. And we will print the winning messages in the paper and online.

4) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

5) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907**; or mailed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy or scanned and e-mailed to: Puzzles@sdreader.com. [Submissions](#)

by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

- 6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 7) Late entries will not be considered.
- 8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

L. Barling, El Cajon, 4. These are called trying times because we have to keep trying, trying, trying and trying again to make things better.

Dan Carr, Santee, 1. Don't go to war of words unarmed.



DOWNTOWN, \$700-900.

The best of Downtown at your doorstep! Updated studios and one bedrooms by Petco Park, Gaslamp and Horton Plaza. Air conditioned units include utilities and free cable. On-site laundry. Arthur Hotel at 728 Market Street. 619-239-1639 x2. www.HughesManagement.net.

DOWNTOWN, \$895.

Studio+1BA, large. Move-in special! All utilities included! Laundry, street parking. No pets. Near Balboa Park. 1758 6th Avenue. 619-298-7724.

DOWNTOWN, \$800 & UP.

Little Italy efficiency apartments with laundry. Private bath, cable TV, microwave, refrigerator. Utilities included. Secure, quiet, charming. Near trolley/ bus lines, blocks from harbor. On-site manager. Villa Caterina, 1654 Columbia Street. 619-232-3400.

DOWNTOWN, \$995 AND UP.

Furnished studio. West Park Inn. Free WiFi. Walk to Gaslamp/Balboa Park. Nice unit. Background/credit check required. 1840 4th Avenue. 619-236-1600.

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From \$199 weekly. Studio. Premier location. Furnished, full baths. Award-winning buildings. 24- hour staff, gyms, laundry rooms, sun decks. Free wireless Internet. Island Inn: 202 Island Avenue (Second/ Island), 619-232-4138. J Street Inn: 222 J Street, 619-696-6922. www.affordablehousingsd.com.

DOWNTOWN.

From \$140/ week. Brand- new rooms near City College. Singles with kitchenettes. Deposit (long-term). Includes utilities/ cable. Quiet, secure. Shared bath/ laundry. Hotel Mediterranean. 619-231-8656. www.affordable-sd.com.

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Studio. Fully furnished studios with utilities included. Rates start at \$165/week. Free wireless Internet and exercise room. Baltic Inn: 521 6th Avenue. 619-237-0687. www.affordablehousingsd.com.

DOWNTOWN.

Starting at \$175 weekly. Furnished rooms. Beautiful building, new. Refrigerator, microwave, TV, cable. 920 Beech Street. Call 619-234-1952.

DOWNTOWN.

From \$125 weekly. Las Flores Hotel. Small, quiet. Four- week minimum. Color TV with basic cable. Refrigerator in most rooms. Secure. 619-235-6820.

GOLDEN HILL, \$775.

1BD+1BA, charming apartment. Hardwood floors. Great neighborhood, on-site laundry. No dogs. Available now! 2427 E Street. 619-857-3706.

GOLDEN HILL, \$850.

1BD+1BA apartment. \$650 deposit. Fresh, clean, new paint/ carpet, wooden blinds throughout, lots of storage. Appliances included. Near all freeways and downtown. Free laundry, 1 free off- street parking space, 2851 C Street, Apartment C. No pets. References and credit check required. Leave message, 619-501-6551.

GOLDEN HILL, \$875.

Spacious 1BD+1BA apartment located on first floor. Laundry on site. Walk to shops, restaurants and Starbucks. 2865 A St. Baldwin, 619-381-6156.

GOLDEN HILL, \$900.

1BD+1BA apartment close to Balboa Park. Just minutes to downtown. Laundry facilities. Sorry, no pets. Section 8 OK. 2478.5 Broadway. www.sdforrent.com, 619-640-7530.

LITTLE ITALY, \$745.

Studio with small kitchen. Balcony. Cute. Laundry on site. No pets. 2311 Union #E. 619-501-2311, 619-228-4184.

SHERMAN HEIGHTS, \$850.

Includes utilities. New Studio cottage. Use of washer/ dryer, parking. Also office available, \$150, on property. Between 805/5; Costco 1/2 mile. 619-688-1205/ 619-299-1969.

East County

El Cajon, \$975

2BD+1BA. Newly renovated, close to all. Clean, quiet complex. Pool, laundry, gated. Off- street parking. We pay water and trash. No pets. 619-312-0606.

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OFF THE CUFF

BY
ANDY BOYD

You lose both your hands in a tragic accident, what tools do you get permanently attached in their place?



Beth Bennett

Carlsbad, Special Events and Marketing

It would probably have to be something where I can still type on a keyboard. But I could get a voice command computer, so it would probably just be eating utensils.



Meryl Klemow

Encinitas, Marketing at Belly Up

My left one would be a spork and my right one would be a spatula, so I could slap people who made fun of my spork.



Sabrina Pham

Pacific Beach, House of Blues employee

Forks, both of them forks. Maybe a fork and a spoon for some diversity. I guess I could sort-of cut things up and fork them with the fork and scoop things up with the spoon.



Matt Valles

Jamul, Target employee

So, a hook on one side, so people could call me Captain Hook, and on the other hand...a chainsaw. Scratch that, on one hand I want a chainsaw and on the other hand I want another chainsaw.

EL CAJON, \$1095.

2BD+1BA duplex. New carpet and paint! Fenced yard. Pet OK! 1100-54 N. Mollison Ave. Manager, 619-590-0811.

EL CAJON, \$1350.

3BD+2BA upstairs apartment. 1/2 off 1st month's rent! Central heat/ air, 1- car garage, water/ sewer/ trash provided. Community pools, playground, laundry. 332 Compton Street #A. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400, peoplehelpingothers.com.

EL CAJON, \$745.

1BD+1BA apartment. El Cajon's best maintained property with beautiful courtyard and sparkling pool. You will be proud to call Four Winds your home. Great manager, great service, great value. Rent today! No pets. 1072 E. Madison Avenue. TPPM, 619-985-3900, www.fourwindsapts.info.

EL CAJON, \$795.

1BD+1BA. Beautiful landscape with gated entry. No pets. 1018 E. Lexington Avenue. TPPM, 619-838-8088, www.eastwindsapts.com.

EL CAJON, \$800-900 & UP.

1BD+1BA and 2BD+1BA apartments. Appliances, A/C, on-site laundry, off-street parking, pool, lush landscaping. No pets. 294 Ballantyne. On-site manager: 619-715-8243, 858-703-4932.

EL CAJON, \$800.

1BD+1BA. Move-in special— first month free on approved credit! Spacious apartments. \$400 deposit. Large kitchen. Pool, Jacuzzi, barbecue, on-site laundry. Off- street parking. Credit check. Section 8 OK. 619-440-5258.

EL CAJON, \$950.

2BD+1BA apartments, 1 and 2 stories. Amenities. Pool, park- like grounds with lots of open space, laundry on premises, parking. Near town, shops, bus. 743 South Magnolia Avenue. 619-579-0174 or 619-464-1818.

EL CAJON, \$975.

2BD+2BA apartment. New carpet/ vinyl, air conditioning, dishwasher, off- street parking, on-site laundry. 619-401-8067. www.sdaptbrokers.com.

EL CAJON, \$995.

2BD+2BA apartment. \$300 off 1st! New paint/ carpet/ vinyl/ ceiling fans. A/C, on-site laundry, carport, pool, private patio. Clean! 619-444-8191.

EL CAJON, \$995.

2BD+1BA. 1 month free! No application fee. Pool, BBQ aea, A/C, electric stove, dishwasher, on-site laundry, parking. Section 8 OK. 798 McClure Street #18. 619-715-3865.

LA MESA, \$1125.

2BD+1BA apartment. Also available 3BD+2BA apartment, \$1425. Welcome to Mt. Helix! Spacious. Air conditioning. Laundry. Garages. Balconies. Pool. Hablo Espanol. 619-646-8670.

LA MESA, \$1125.

2BD+1BA apartment. Also available 3BD+2BA apartment, \$1425. Espaciosos. Aire acondicionado. Lavanderia. Garage. Balcones. Picina. Mascotas OK. Espanol. 619-646-8670.

LA MESA, \$1350-1450.

1BD+1BA, 900sqft guest house with million- dollar views! Furnished. Office. Utilities included. Quiet. Centrally located. No smoking! pets. \$1450 deposit. Chris, 619-277-4743.

LA MESA, \$1550.

2BD+2BA luxury condo, upstairs, balcony, washer/dyer, new tile/carpet, granite countertops, central heat/ AC. Entrance of Lake Murray Walk. Deposit \$600. Call Oliver, 619-715-5459.

LA MESA, \$775-875.

Spacious studio & 1BD+1BA. Air conditioning. Convenient location. Close to shopping, freeways and public transportation. 4841 Parks Avenue. TPPM, 858-232-2232, www.torreypinespm.com.

LA MESA, \$825.

1BD+1BA apartment. Well- maintained property with meandering courtyard. Quiet and private. 4444 Parks Avenue. TPPM, 619-729-8145. www.villaparks.com.

LA MESA, \$875.

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LA MESA, \$975 & UP.

1BD+1BA and \$1300 2BD+2BA. Award- winning community for beautiful landscaping. Pool and spa. Great location. No pets. 5500 Morro Way. TPPM, 619-466-8444, www.villageaptslamesa.com.

LA MESA, \$975.

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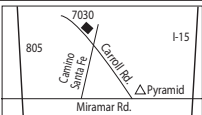
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LEAD STORY

— Part-time Devon, England, vicar Gavin Tyte, who serves churches in Uplyme and Axmouth, recently produced a rap video of the Nativity, in which he plays a shepherd, an angel and the narrator. Sample lyrics (about Mary placing her baby in a cattle trough and angels calming the frightened shepherds): “No hotel, motel, custom baby-changer/ She wrapped the baby up and laid him in a manger” and “Chill out, my friends, there’s no need for trepidation / Got a message for the world, and it’s elation information.”

Government in Action!

— Apparently, not only will there be fewer overall resources for disabled people in Greece (due to government austerity), but the resources will be spread over a larger number of recipients. The Labor Ministry in January expanded the category of eligible “disabled” (with reduced-amount payments) to include pyromaniacs, compulsive gamblers, fetishists, sadomasochists, pedophiles, exhibitionists and kleptomaniacs. The National Confederation of Disabled People said the changes would inevitably reduce funds available for the blind and the crippled and other traditional categories of

need.

— Even at a time of schoolteacher layoffs nationally, the Buffalo, N.Y., school system continues to cover all costs for cosmetic surgery for teachers. The benefit was established in the calmer 1970s, and no one, it seems, anticipated the facelift and liposuction crazes that subsequently developed. The annual expense in recent years, for about 500 benefit-takers a year, has been from \$5 million to \$9 million (equivalent to the average salaries of at least 100 teachers). The teachers’ union said it is willing to give up the benefit in a new collective bargaining agreement, but a quirk in New York law lessens the incentive of teachers to negotiate such a contract (in that the current, highly lucrative contract remains in force until replaced).

— In February, Kenneth Gunn, of the U.K.’s Scottish Borders Council, decried the budget cutbacks that closed down local offices that had previously posted marriage notices. By making it more difficult for the public to be aware of specific marriages, Gunn feared an inevitable increase in incest. “I am aware in my own ward of brothers sitting beside sisters they do not know in primary school.” (The problem is more serious in Iceland, whose 300,000 people are far more self-contained. However, a new website

containing genealogical data back 1,200 years is expected to help reduce the risk of incest.)

Least Competent Criminals

— Not Ready for Prime Time: (1) An unidentified man fled and is still at large after attempting to break into the change machine at the Busy Bubbles laundromat in Winter Haven, Fla., in January. The surveillance video showed the man shooting at the machine four times with a handgun, but no money came out. (2) Two men were arrested in Albuquerque in January after being caught in the act of a home burglary by a neighbor, who called the police. The men were apprehended with various burglarized goodies as they made their getaway in a grocery store shopping cart.

Recurring Themes

— When Leona Helmsley’s now-deceased dog Trouble inherited about \$12 million from her estate in 2007, it called attention to the occasional decision by lonely rich people to pass on millions of dollars to their pets. In December, the former stray cat Tommasino inherited the equivalent of about \$15 million in Italy when his owner, real estate holder Maria Assunta, died at age 94. The only pets richer than Tom-

masino were the German shepherd Gunter (equivalent of about \$140 million in 2000) and the Australian chimpanzee Kalu (equivalent of about \$60 million, though the estate he inherited was revealed in 2010 to be worthless).

News That Sounds Like a Joke

— (1) Fritz Gall, a self-described failed inventor, opened the Museum of Nonsense in Her-nbaumgarten, Austria, recently to pay homage, apparently, to even greater failures than his own. Among the exhibits are the “portable anonymizer” (a stick holding a black bar that one holds over his eyes to obscure identity), a transportable hat rack, a bristleless toothbrush (for people with no teeth), and a “portable hole” (similar to those that appear in the ground whenever the Road Runner needs something for Wile E. Coyote to fall into). (2) Take a Wild Guess: An unidentified man was taken into custody in Chesapeake, Va., in October after he rushed into the Regional Medical Center with a machete and a can of gasoline and demanded to know the “test results.”

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