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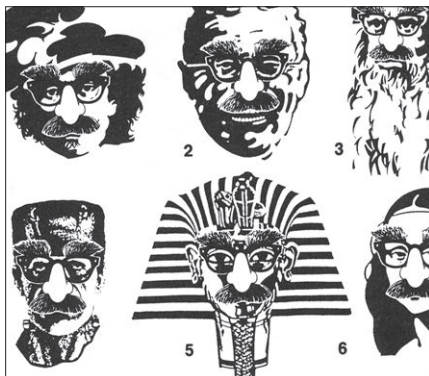
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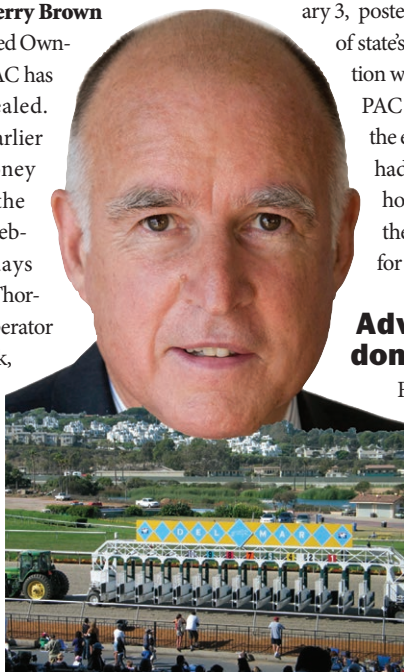
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UNDER THE RADAR

Jerry Brown's gift horses

The true source of the bulk of a \$15,000 contribution given to the 2014 reelection bid of Democratic governor **Jerry Brown** by the Thoroughbred Owners of California PAC has finally been revealed.

As we reported earlier this year, the money was received by the Brown camp on February 3, a few days after the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, operator of the famous track, gave \$5000 to Brown. The virtually simultaneous contributions came amid a reportedly fierce lobbying effort by the cities of Del Mar and Solana Beach regarding four upcoming Brown appoint-



Del Mar horse-racing interests donated heavily to a PAC that is giving to Jerry Brown's reelection campaign.

ments to the board of the 22nd District Agricultural Association, which runs the fairgrounds. In addition, both cities had been angling to get the state to sell the fair-and-racing complex to them, an effort that has gone nowhere since Brown took over from GOP governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger**.

The cities' plan to take over the racetrack and adjoining property hinged on a scheme to get Arizona horseman **Mike Pegram** and two partners to ante up \$30 million toward a proposed sale price of \$120 million, with the balance to be raised by \$45 million in revenue bonds and a \$45 million state loan. In return, Pegram's group would have gotten a 55-year lease on the track.

But after Brown arrived in Sacramento, and an enabling

bill by Democratic state senator **Christine Kehoe** failed to advance in the legislature, Pegram pronounced the deal dead last July. He told the *Union-Tribune*, "We said, 'You know what, this isn't going anywhere,' and instead of spinning our wheels, we decided we've got better things to do." Pegram left open the possibility that he might return to the bargaining table should political conditions improve.

Now it turns out that Pegram — owner of 26 McDonald's restaurants in Arizona and 2 Nevada casinos — and fellow Arizona horse owner **Karl Watson**, one of Pegram's prospective partners in the Del Mar deal, each gave \$5000 to the Thor-

oughbred owners PAC on February 1. The Brown camp reported getting \$15,000 from the PAC on February 3. The information was revealed in a March 18 financial disclosure by the Thoroughbred association and one by Brown dated February 3, posted online by the California secretary of state's office. Before the Brown contribution was made, according to the filing, the PAC had just \$7622 in the bank and at the end of the reporting period the PAC had a cash balance of \$2622. The two horsemen's contributions represented the only money received by the fund for the year to date.

Advice to city council: don't ask for it

Tomorrow is Friday the 13th, and the date marks an anniversary that some political insiders say may signify bad news for transparency at San Diego's city hall. It was one year ago tomorrow that the City's Ethics Commission issued its most recent official conflict-of-interest advice letter to a city official. The historic missive went to Democratic city councilman **David Alvarez** regarding how he should conduct himself on the council in light of some property he owned in the Dells Imperial district in Southeast San Diego. Alvarez had written to inquire whether his real estate would bar him from voting on a proposed redevelopment plan for the area. The short answer: "You may not, as a general rule, participate" in the vote, but if "the decision will impact your property interests in substantially

the same manner that it impacts the 'public generally,'" then "you may lawfully participate in the decision."

Since that day last April, no one at the City has seen a need to ask Ethics Commission staffers for formal advice regarding potential

conflicts of interest, confirms executive director **Stacey Fulhorst**. There was also a relative paucity of requests in 2010, with only 3 letters being issued, and just 2 in 2009. In 2008, a total of 8 letters went out, with titles including "Disqualification from Municipal Decisions Involving Spouse," "Disqualification from Municipal Decision Based on Prior Employment," and "Transferring Funds in 2004 Committee to 2008 Committee."

In 2007, 7 letters were issued; and in 2006 there were 11. Peak demand came in 2003 and 2004, when 12 letters were dispatched each year. Fulhorst

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Rigged Game

By Don Bauder

The truism goes back centuries: "Hee that lies with the dogs, riseth with fleas." But ten years ago, Utility Consumers' Action

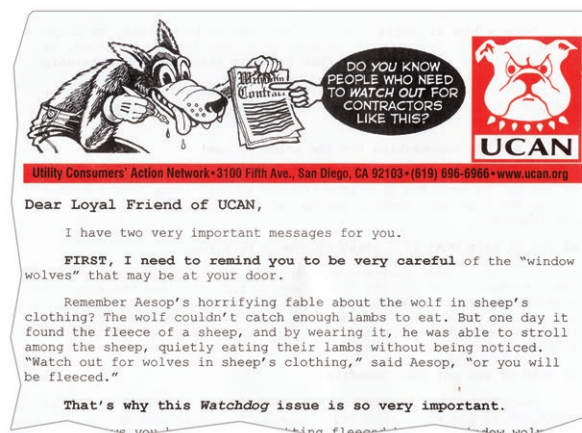
Network (UCAN), the watchdog nonprofit attempting to dissolve while it is being investigated by the federal government, had not learned the lesson.

In 2001, a now-bankrupt company whose top two officials later pleaded guilty to fraud, Best Windows and Doors, installed for free \$20,000 of double-paned vinyl windows in UCAN's then-new headquarters. The next year, the consumer group sent out

and Charles Langley, a whistle-blower now suing the consumer group, say they knew all along that Best had provided the windows for free.)

The nonprofit watchdog set up a purportedly blind test. A staffer, disguised as an ordinary consumer, solicited quotes from ten different dealers, who were supposedly unaware that they were participating in a test.

On the basis of the so-called test, UCAN made its



This UCAN mailing trumpeted the now-bankrupt Best Windows as a "best bet" based on a rigged study.

a mailing to 31,000 members and 30,000 consumers extolling the energy- and money-saving virtues of these windows but warning that companies selling them were often crooked.

Documents in my possession — verified by interviews with former and current UCAN employees — show that the cost of the mailing was \$32,965.71. Best Windows and Doors paid \$27,403.71 of that mailing; the rest was paid by the consumer group. This means that Best Windows and Doors had advanced more than \$47,000 in cash and services to UCAN. (The two employees who handled the mailing, Jordana "Jodi" Beebe

recommendation of the best dealer. Lo and behold, the winner was Best Windows and Doors, which had paid most of the costs of the mailing. "Excellent qualifications and windows make this a UCAN 'best bet,'" enthused the nonprofit watchdog in its mailing. It was a blatant quid pro quo.

Two factors make it even more blatant: (1) The fact that Best Windows and Doors had paid more than 80 percent of the mailing costs was never disclosed to the recipients; (2) Unlike other companies, Best knew full well it was participating in a test, and its bid was artificially low.

Alex Valdez was the Best sales representative who pre-

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Best Windows knew UCAN was comparing prices and gave an artificially low price.

sented the bid in the test. "I knew that I was going out to give a bid for UCAN," he says. "I was instructed by the owner of the company [Michael Chavez] to have no pricing or sales gimmicks — give them the lowest absolute price. We didn't sell windows for that low a price."

The Best Windows and Doors price the nonprofit quoted in the mailing was \$7109. Chavez says that a normal quote would have been \$9600. Chavez claims that after UCAN got the initial lowball quote, the nonprofit tweaked it to bring it down even more. I get conflicting stories on whether that happened, but Langley does say, "The whole study was skewed."

Beebe, no longer with the consumer watchdog group, says, "The survey was forthright and accurate." She initially claimed that she had not dealt with Best Windows and Doors about the mailing's costs, but after I faxed her two letters showing otherwise, she had to admit she had. She considers Chavez's gift of the windows as "a donation" that he had made after the test was completed. However, correspondence clearly shows that Chavez put in the

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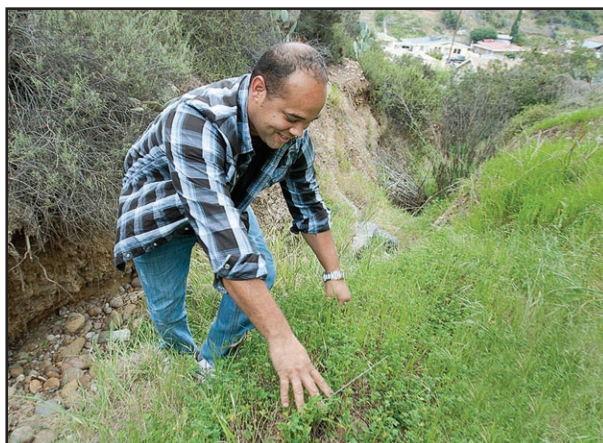
City Drains Owners' Wallets

By Elizabeth Salaam

In March 2005, Darnell Johnson bought a one-bedroom condominium on a quiet, dead-end street in City Heights. He never imagined he'd be forced to fork out \$50,000 to keep his home from falling into the canyon it overlooks. The erosion that jeopardizes his building is a problem for which he believes the City of San Diego is at least partially responsible.

The problem, Johnson

says, begins with a curb inlet at the top of Lantana Drive. The inlet feeds into a City pipe that carries neighborhood water to a gully behind the complex. From the mouth of the pipe, the water flows down a steep hillside approximately 275 yards before it meets the concrete



Darnell Johnson climbs out of the gully that threatens to undermine his City Heights condo.

storm-water channel at the bottom of the canyon. The free-flow is cutting further and further into the bank behind and below one of the two buildings in the 14-unit condominium complex.

Back in January 2007, soon after the Condo Lantana homeowners association discovered that the 18-inch pipe lay in a City drainage easement, they sent a letter to their city councilmember, Jim Madaffer.

"...based upon the fact that a permanent connection [between the drain-pipe outlet and the concrete channel] has not been established," the letter read,

"excessive storm water breaches the Storm Drain Easement, causing significant erosion...[and] jeopardizing the structural integrity of the buildings..."

On February 27, 2007, Mark Hosford, the Public Works superintendent, responded to the association by way of a letter that read, "Based on the available information, our conclusion is, the storm drain pipe and 10' of riprap is the City of San Diego's responsibility to maintain. Anything outside this area is private and therefore the responsibility of the property owner. The erosion downstream of this system is the property owner's responsibility to control."

It was a letter that seemed to both accept and deny responsibility. And it worked. The homeowners took the doublespeak to mean they were on their own.

"We took this as being it," Johnson says, holding up the letter from Hosford. "It's an official letter...in response to our boardmember. So, after that, we've just been trying to save every dime that we can."

The association decided their best option was to purchase, install, and bury a series of pipes that would guide the water all the way down to the storm-water channel — a project they believed the City had left unfinished. In the past five

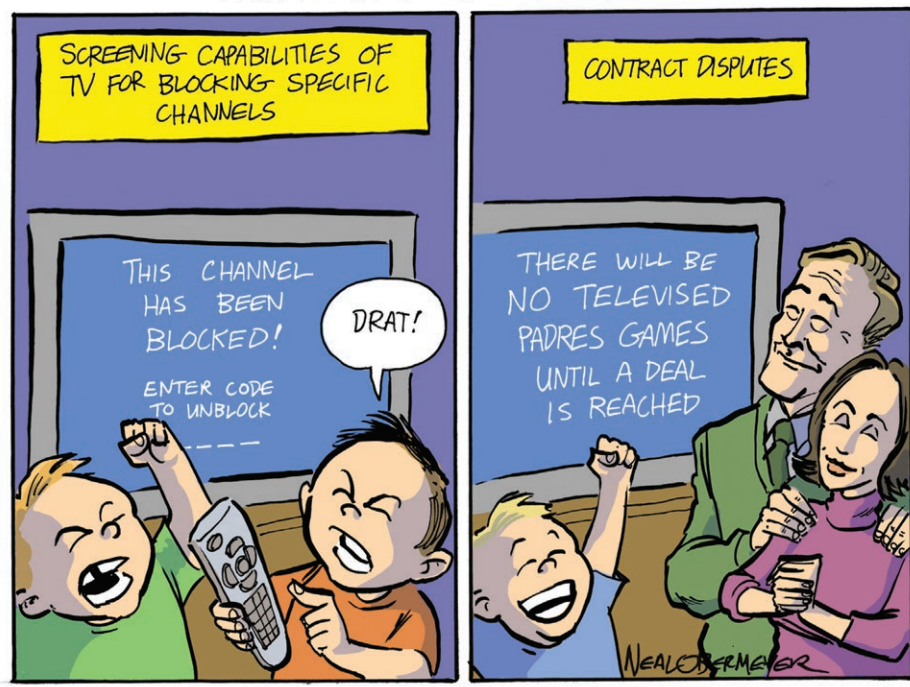
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Civil engineer Pat Rymer and Darnell Johnson stand with a neighbor above the drainage ditch that is causing erosion.

Neal Obermeyer

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NEWS TICKER

Seismic Standards Nuclear Station Faces Challenges on Multiple Fronts

San Onofre — Opponents of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station in northern San Diego County are making noise on multiple fronts.

Yesterday, the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility filed comments with the California Public Utilities Commission concerning a proposed ruling by administrative law judge Robert Barnett that concludes that seismic studies proposed by plant operator Southern California Edison "fulfill state regulatory objectives."

The Alliance argues



San Onofre's seismic standards will be scrutinized in the wake of Japan's Fukushima Daiichi disaster.

that the proposed ruling makes incorrect assumptions about the adequacy of the studies, particularly in light of the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission's enhanced seismic standards in the wake of Japan's Fukushima Daiichi disaster.

Ray Lutz, who as a member of Citizens Oversight Projects has been involved with numerous progressive movements of late, spoke on the numerous safety concerns being voiced about the plant.

"The problem here is that our elected officials have all taken money from Southern California Edison and SDG&E and Sempra Energy — massive amounts of money. The media takes money from these organiza-

tions as well; they advertise on all of your stations," Lutz told the crowd of news cameras gathered on the coast near the power plant. "So, it's hard to get the message out there sometimes about what's going on..."

He went on to criticize the plant's 14-foot seawall, stating that the maximum wave swell generated during Japan's earthquake reached 133 feet in height.

By Dave Rice
Friday, April 6

Lincoln-Douglas Style

DeMaio Challenges Filner to Pension Debate

San Diego — Carl DeMaio has challenged Bob Filner to a "Lincoln-Douglas style debate on pension reform," according to a *San Diego*

Daily Transcript article posted to his website.

"I'm challenging [Filner] to a Lincoln-Douglas debate, man-to-man, one-on-one, to compare our reforms in Proposition B

on how we save our city billions of dollars to whatever plan he wants to produce," says DeMaio.

Filner, a Democrat, is the only one of four mayoral candidates (including Republicans DeMaio and Bonnie Dumanis and newly declared political independent Nathan Fletcher) to oppose Proposition B, which would block new city hires from receiving pensions, instead offering them 401(k) retirement plans.

According to DeMaio, the plan would save the city about \$1 billion. Filner says the measure alone doesn't guarantee any savings at all. The *Voice of San Diego's Fact Check Blog* reports that there's truth to both

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Independent Blood-Suckers

Joe Deegan's article ("Paul People," Cover Story, April 5) on Ron Paul's popularity with people discovering the Libertarian point of view as presented by Dr./Rep. Paul shows the tunnel vision I think most people are guilty of: "single-facet thinking." People who think they can take care of themselves and no one has to help them if they have no insurance — it's their choice — choose to ignore the fact that we-all *will* have to chip in for their care, without them having contributed to the pot. Such people suck the blood out of everyone else in the name of independence and think of themselves as credits to the nation.

Also, they think all the problems caused by human nature — self-interest — can be resolved immediately or within a lifetime or two? There is no way to produce a "fair" system. None! Everyone has their own idea of "fair," and those who enter and succeed at political leadership find themselves having to go along to get along: hand washing; it's the natural order of things. The people Deegan interviewed are, in my opinion, naive. I had the solution to all the nation's problems on a website for over ten years, with not a single email telling me to stuff it or plead for me to run for chief facilitator of planet earth. Not one!

I have been left with the only thing of intelligence to say about the failure of America to mature with experience: *Tstagunish helphin!*

Saul Harmon Gritz
via email

Stockton Loves Paul

Super-big thank you for the article on Saint Paul, from San Joaquin County for Liberty Stockton, Ca.

Sal
via email

Hidden In That Tea Bag

To the Paul People ("Paul People," Cover Story, April 5):

I very much appreciate your bringing out into the open that the Tea Party is corporate and wants only no taxes on corporations and taxes to be spent on corporate war profiteers. I appreciate and support Ron Paul's not wanting to participate in foreign aggressive wars of conquest completely and wish that he could be an independent candidate to challenge Obama's foreign policy. And I appreciate his position if he believes in states having more power over domestic policy. But I don't support a complete anarchist policy because that would ensure dictatorship by the corporations and be disaster for our environment as well as our working people. And I have heard that Ayn Rand needed government assistance at the end of her life in her old age. We are a stronger civilization when we participate together in a nonprofit way for health, education, environment, and peace.

Val Sanfilippo
via email

I Have The True Truth

This is a comment to the man who wrote about the Hindu religion (Letters, April 5), and the real truth is that they fall way short of Christianity and don't care for nor like our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christianity is the only true religion and is never superseded by any other religion, and unless you have Jesus and know Him you'll always have peace. The Hindu religion forces us to worship graven images, and they do this every time the light is shed on them. They are enemies of our Lord God, which we only worship. In conclusion, the Hindu religion has a great deal to learn about Christians and Christianity.

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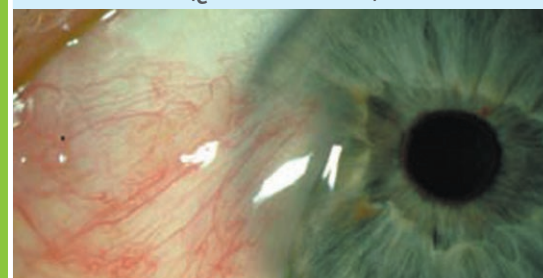
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by Barbarella

Life and Death

For most of us, death is not a daily affair. Our brains have difficulty processing the idea of our own non-existence, and our hearts can't stand considering the possibility of losing a loved one. Unless you're one of those people who believe that some kind of Narnia (minus the White Witch) awaits you on the other side, death is an occurrence you're not eagerly awaiting. I've yet to meet anyone not clinically depressed who enjoys dwelling on the inevitability of demise.

Nonetheless, when the Grim Reaper waves his sinister scythe in your general vicinity, you can't help but take notice and wonder about the day it will choose to sever something a little closer to home.

Last week, my father called to tell me his dentist of over 20 years — the same one who installed my porcelain crown — had died suddenly and unexpectedly. "I was just there on Thursday, and he looked great, the epitome of health," Dad explained. "Then Monday — boom. Gone." My father seemed frantic to learn what it was that killed a man who was only a year younger than him and seemingly healthy. "I called the office, but no answer. I found the obituary, but it didn't say how he died."

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"Age might have nothing to do with it," I said, in an attempt to quell the unease I presumed was driving Dad's curiosity. "Remember Heather's friend in high school? Not even 18, and then — bam — aneurism in her brain. Sometimes freak shit just happens, regardless of how young and healthy you are."

Dad pondered this for a moment and then

inquired, "How is Robert? He awake yet?"

"Yes, and he seems to be doing very well," I said. Robert, David's father, had gone in for an angiogram two days before, and upon seeing the results, his doctor told him he wouldn't be leaving the hospital without some kind of surgery. It ended up being a quintuple bypass surgery.

"That's good to hear," Dad said.

"It's been a crazy week," I added. "I just learned that our friend's mother and aunt were in a car wreck yesterday, and they both died. I can't imagine how hard that must be, to suddenly lose two people like that."

This time, both of us fell silent. Dad was first to speak: "This afternoon I need to stop by Make-a-Wish. I'm picking up some information on a kid we're sending to Disney World. Apparently he's going to require some help with all of the medical equipment he needs to get through security and onto the plane."

"It just occurred to me that you deal with the whole death issue way more often

than I do," I said. "How do you cope?"

"I just accept it," Dad said. "With Make-a-Wish, my participation is something magical. These families are dealing with some really tough stuff, but the love between them is palpable, across the board. I really get a lot of joy out of bringing joy into these other people's lives. And it makes me grateful for the fact that all my children and grandchildren are as healthy as pigs."

"I don't know, I think it would be hard for me to think about how sad it would be to lose someone," I said. "You know, David's parents asked him to be their executor. I can't imagine how depressing it would be to sit at a table and try to figure out stuff that needs to happen after you die."

"We're all going to go," Dad said. "You can't get out of life alive. Since that's true, why not be practical about it? Of course, you want to think about it when you're not in extremis — if you're having a sexual issue with your partner, you want to talk about it when you're not in bed. When it comes to your wishes after you're gone, you want to make plans when nobody's sick, in the hospital, or dying, so you can be rational and not emotional."

"Yeah, but doesn't it bum you out when you force yourself to think about it like that?"

"I want it known so there's no concern — it's just a conversation of reality, a business deal, so it doesn't put a big burden on the family."

A few days later, after my sister Jane told me the "news" of our long-time family dentist and expressed her frustration for

not knowing how he died, I filled her in. "Dad just went to the memorial — massive heart attack, right there in the office. Apparently he was gone before the paramedics arrived, and the hospital is just a few miles up the road."

I told her about my conversation with Dad and asked her how much it sucked for her and Simon to have to sit down and plan what would happen to their girls if they, the parents, were both to perish.

"The lawyer made it fun," Jane said. "He was, like, you'll probably have more control when you're dead than you do when you're alive, and for me, it's a control thing." I'm sure the shock was evident on my face, so Jane elaborated. "We put so many detailed things in there — they can't get any tattoos on their faces, can't get any weird facial piercings, they can't get married until they're of a certain age, they have to go to college or trade school — things that we believe will make them more successful in life — or they get no money. We were thinking what's the best way we could take care of them and what could we make them do. There's some sort of comfort in the control, knowing that when you're gone you can still be helpful and still have a say in what you wanted — it takes the stress off of everyone else."

"That's something we need to do," I said. "Me and David need to figure out what should happen if one of us, you know... But not today. Today I'm too busy living." ■

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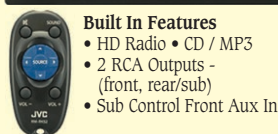
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Hey Matt:

I had a dream that we had a giant earthquake and the entire coast was under tsunami warning. I had to drive to Point Loma and rescue my dog. We lived on Sunset Cliffs across the street from the ocean. I picked up my dog and started driving up Hill Street, with water lapping at my wheels. So, my question is this: is the top of Hill Street high enough away from a tsunami? And just what is the elevation from sea level to the top of Hill Street, anyway? Just want to be sure I have an exit strategy.

— MR, via email

Hill Street's a pretty good exit strategy. It's about 350 feet above sea level where

it meets Catalina, way higher than any tsunami wave that has hit or is likely to hit San Diego's coast. Tsunami waves are different from ordinary wind-/weather-generated waves. Both are large balls of energy that pass through water, pushing the water upward as they approach shallower sea bottom. But tsunamis are generated by massive events such as huge coastal landslides, underwater volcanic activity, and earthquakes, especially those caused by subduction activity, one tectonic plate sliding over another. The Pacific "ring of fire" has all these risks, and we're part of that ring. Far out at sea, tsunami swells are pretty much invisible, unlike wind waves.

Tsunamis are also a series of upwellings that might have a few minutes or an hour or more between the peak of each wave. They don't break like wind waves but arrive on land like a huge wall of water, then spread inland. Tsunami waves can travel at hundreds of miles an hour. Risk from tsunamis is not only the smash of each wave into buildings and the like, but also from the strong raking power of the wave as it recedes.

So what's the deal with you and your pup? Well, after the devastating south Asia tsunamis of 2004, the U.S. decided they were napping on the job and needed to reevaluate the Pacific coast's risk. In 2009, state geologic agencies drew a line down the coast connecting points at 30-foot elevations and looked at geology and history to make a realistic assessment of human risk. About 350,000 coastal Californians could be affected by a tsunami, though none of the potential waves were predicted to be anywhere near 30 feet high at their peaks. The most vulnerable area on our coast is beleaguered Crescent City, so

far north of us that, given a few more feet, it would be Oregon's problem. Though other Pacific Rim countries have experienced tsunami swells of hundreds of feet, California is predicted to suffer, at worst (in Crescent City), waves in the low 20s. If the tsunami precursor is from the north, wave height will diminish as it heads south.

The old risk-assessment map predicted that Coronado could be completely inundated in a tsunami event. The post-2009 map shows that the worst-case scenario would have the city hit by 15- to 18-foot water walls — bad enough, I guess, considering how far inland the water would spill. Our biggest risk is from high-energy geologic activity in Alaska and the eastern

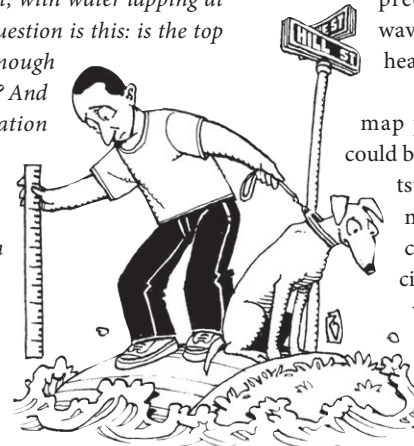
Aleutians, though quakes as far away as Chile can affect us.

Hey Matt:

For the last while, I've been noticing a phenomenon regarding television commercials. They're cutting each other off in record numbers. As an example, a car commercial will be cut right off by a drug store commercial and so on and so on. It happens instantaneously. Doesn't matter which station or the time of day. Even saw this happen between a news station (being cut off) and the following upcoming scheduled program. Don't they have technical resources in place to keep this from happening? I mentioned this to a friend the other day and she was amazed because she's observed it too and wondered what the heck is going on. Any ideas?

— Observant Senior Citizen, Sent from my iPad

As usual, plenty of ideas. As usual, it's human error. As automated as so much of radio and TV are these days, there's still a human bean in midsystem available to screw something up. When TV shows are sent out to affiliates, complete with national commercials in them, there are spaces in the programs that are available to be filled by local advertisers. At the affiliate station, it's a human's job to insert the local commercials into the program stream flawlessly. Get the timing wrong and the local commercial can step on the feet of the preceding commercial. And even at the program's origin, some semi-techie can mis-time the insertion of a national commercial's beginning with the same result. I don't know why there should be such a spate of timing problems recently. But, anyway, good observing, Senior Citizen.



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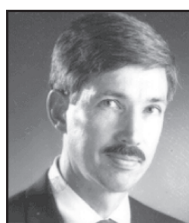


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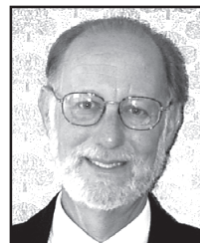
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SDSU "Retires" Zuma Mascot

"Kid-Friendly" Jaguar Mascot Has Still-Beating Heart Pulled from Chest and Eaten by Official Mascot Aztec Warrior, and Is Then Flayed and Skinned, His Bones and Flesh Left for the Vultures, His Skin Spread Out as Sideline Resting Place for the Feet of Exalted High Coach Steve Fisher.

Fisher: "Someone had to take the blame for the tourney loss to N.C. State."

City Orders Removal of Quetzalcoatl Mural from Balboa Park's Centro Cultural de la Raza

Office of Parks and Recreation Rules that Mural of Feathered Snake God and Fertility Goddess Violates California Constitution's No Preference Clause

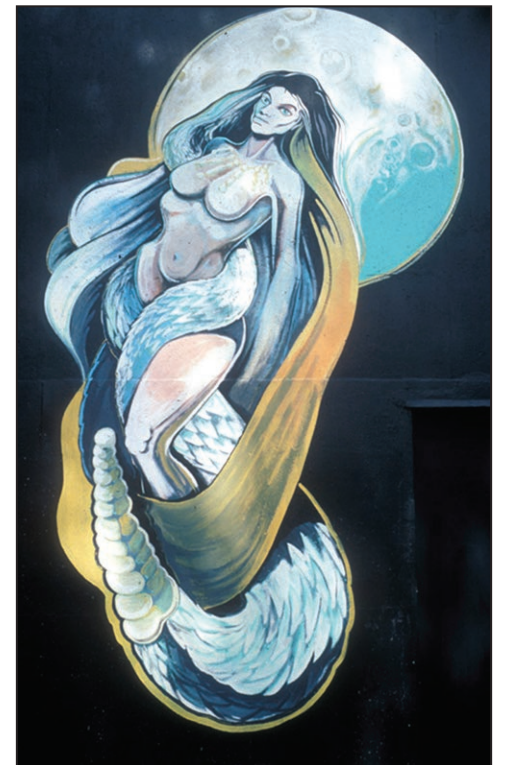
"The jury's still out on the Egyptian gods on the side of the World Beat Center."

It started with the Surfing Madonna mosaic. After the San Diego office of state parks denied a request by the City of Encinitas to place the 10' by 10' piece on state land at the entrance to Moonlight Beach, San Diego's own parks authority apparently began fretting about other religious displays on public land. And yesterday, parks commissioner Martin Measely's beady little gaze landed on a particular mural adorning the Centro Cultural de la Raza in Balboa Park.

"At first glance, all you notice are the woman's strangely nipple-free breasts," wheezed Measely in an extremely uncomfortable statement to the press yesterday afternoon. "But once you've studied the mural, it becomes clear that the woman's nether regions are encircled by a rattlesnake tail — a rattlesnake tail

covered in feathers. This is a clear reference to the 'feathered serpent' Quetzalcoatl, worshipped for centuries in Central and South America. Indeed, analysis of Teotihuacan iconography shows that the feathered serpent was part of a triad of agricultural deities: the Goddess of the Cave symbolizing motherhood, reproduction, and life; Tlaloc, god of rain, lightning, and thunder; and the feathered serpent, god of vegetational renewal."

Measely nervously cleared his throat and continued. "Today, of course, the majority of Mexican types revere the woman depicted on the Surfing Madonna mosaic. But 'No Preference' means 'No Preference,' and it would be wrong to give the Goddess of the Cave and her serpentine partner a pass just because they've fallen out of religious fashion."



Anonymous Takes Credit for Lifted Lorax Statue

La Jolla — Authorities made a breakthrough today in their search for the thieves who stole the Lorax statue from in front of Dr. Seuss widow Audrey Geisel's luxurious oceanfront home.

"Whoever took the statue left a weird sort of platform behind in its place," explained La Jolla police detective Wilberforce Throckmorton. "One of the platform's stones was marked with the word 'unless,' and upon further inspection, it was revealed that this stone was in fact hollow and made from cast concrete. Inside, we found a note which gives us our first real understanding of the motivation behind this heinous crime."

SD on the QT has obtained a copy of the note and is happy to bring its readers an exclusive peek into this ongoing investigation:

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We do not forgive and we do not forget
And we sure as hell do not stand idly by
While you make all your husband's admirers
cry.

Dr. Seuss was a genius, but you are a troll
Did we steal a statue? What about what you
stole?

His honor, integrity — dignity, too
A bright, shining legacy, covered in poo.

The Lorax made children aware of the
earth
Its beautiful, fragile, intrinsic worth
But you sold it out for a CGI flick
That made saving trees just a gift for a
chick.

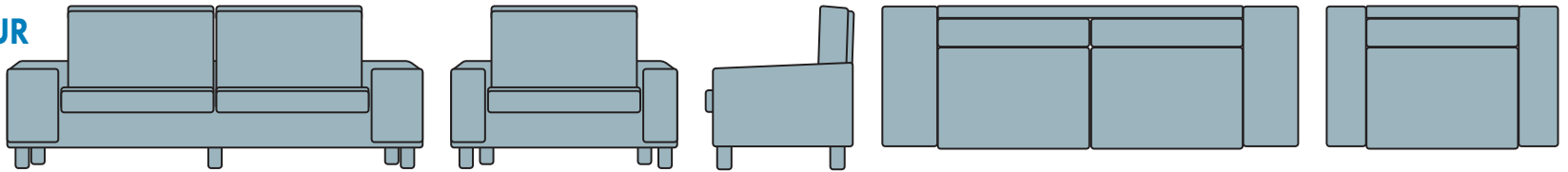
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But the Lorax? His masterpiece? We're
sorry, but no
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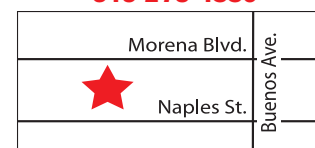
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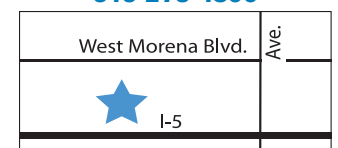
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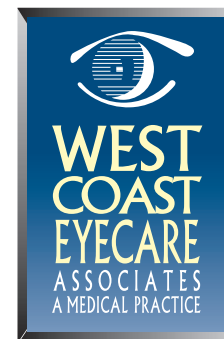
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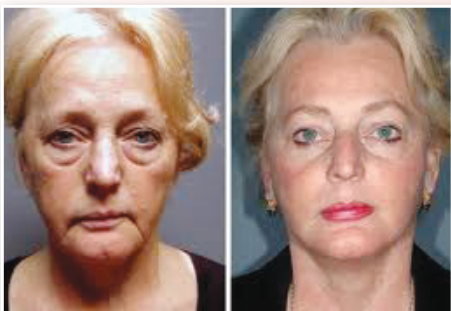
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TITLE: **Adventures in Love** | ADDRESS: janicebowles.wordpress.com
AUTHOR: **Janice Bowles** | FROM: **Carmel Valley** | BLOGGING SINCE: **February 2010**

POST TITLE: **Sandra Bullock and Jesse...Now What?**

POST DATE: **April 6, 2010**

Every relationship is a dance with both people whirling around the dance floor together. In other words, both Sandra and James co-created their relationship; therefore, both of them are responsible for what happened.... I'm not saying that Sandra is responsible for his choosing to sashay out with however many tattooed, um, ladies he made it with. Of course she isn't. But she is responsible for her half of the relationship dance. The dance that created the conditions that allowed this to happen.

So if I were sitting with Sandra over a cup of tea, or better still a beer at Shultz's in Austin, here's what I would say: "You are not the victim so many people think you are. 'Poor Sandra...look what that louse did to her.' I don't believe that, and if you believe it and stand on your self-righteous soapbox railing about how you were done to, you will not use this great opportunity to move forward. On some level, you needed the upheaval. You needed to shake things up so that ultimately you could find a higher spiritual and emotional level of living."

POST TITLE: **Tiger Woods...from Tiger's perspective.**

POST DATE: **April 13, 2010**

Because Tiger was so blatant (another word might be "stupid") in his dalliances, I've wondered if he might not have wanted to get caught. Why? Because some kind of change was needed.

Another thought, perhaps on some level, the unreality of his goody two-shoes image weighed on him.

I don't know if he was pushed too hard by his father from a very early age, and whether that might have played a part in all of this as well. You know, by tarnishing his well-oiled image (the Tiger his dad wanted him to be) he could get back at Daddy.

Tiger went to rehab, allegedly for a sex addiction. Addictions are used to cover up pain.... If we scratch [the] surface, we will

find lost souls who are making incredibly painful choices in order to learn valuable life lessons; lessons that would enable them to move to a higher, more conscious, more joyful level of living.



Jesse James and Sandra Bullock

POST TITLE: **Al & Tipper: Did They Fail?**

POST DATE: **June 5, 2010**

Who knows about the Gores? Maybe after 40 years, their marriage, like mine, had simply run its course. Perhaps they needed to grow in ways that their marriage couldn't accommodate.

Maybe it was just time to experience new and different things, to find fulfillment in other ways, and perhaps, like my ex and I, they will find another form for their relationship that suits the people they have become, not the people they once were. A form that will nurture them as their marriage once did...deep friendship, supportive companions, or people who don't even see each other, but still carry each other in their hearts. It takes courage to call it quits after so long and kudos to them for having the strength to do it in the way that they have — by talking it through, maturely, mindfully, and coming to a mutual decision.

POST TITLE: **Arnold: Thinking with the little head.**

POST DATE: **May 18, 2011**

I would say poor Maria, but I can't because I believe that whatever happened, she will be all the better for it.

Seems to me, she gave up a lot for him. I doubt she ever wanted to be the California governor's little wifey when she had a great career of her own, which presumably she really enjoyed.

Maria is not a victim. I wonder how long she ignored her gut.... Then again, she comes from a family famous for looking the other way. Remember Jackie? Yes, Arnold betrayed Maria. But did Maria betray herself? And is the self-betrayal her contribution to what happened? Just throwing the question out there... It's up to her to answer it. And I'm quite sure she will. This is not a woman who will just sit around and cry.

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From the first chapter:

Judith Moore called me in the early spring of 1995 while I was living temporarily in Laguna Beach, CA, and teaching at UC Irvine for a semester. Judith was familiar with my poems and from some of them deduced I'd grown up on a dairy farm.

She wanted me to write an article for the *San Diego Reader*, a weekly newspaper, on one of the last remaining dairymen in San Diego County, a man named Pete Verboom. He lived in Pauma Valley, only about forty to fifty miles from Laguna, but an entirely different world.

She said the article had to be at least 6,000 words long. Then she said something I hadn't heard before in my writing life: the *Reader* would pay me \$3,000.

I'd published six full-length books of poetry by then, four of them with a major house, and I'd made maybe twice that much money from their combined royalties. I said to Judith: "Sure." To myself I said: "How hard can this be?"

Thomas Lux was born in December 1946.



He has been awarded fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Mellon Foundation, and three times from the NEA. He received the Kingsley Tufts Award for his book *Split Horizon*.

His most recent collection of poems is *God Particles* (Houghton Mifflin, 2008) and Houghton Mifflin will publish *Child Made of Sand* in 2012.

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SportingBox

BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Sports Inflation Comes Home

That's nuts." I'm on the phone with an old friend in Phoenix. We've been talking about her son who's playing junior varsity baseball at a suburban high school. He wants to get (have Mom buy), a Rawlings Primo baseball glove. Four hundred bucks. What he really wants is an Albert Pujols custom glove, but, so far, Mom has been able to hold a defensive perimeter.

Mom has had to buy a practice jersey and two baseball caps. Throw another 75 bucks at the school district for their wonderfully named "participation fee." Then, the kid has to buy his own bat. You could trot out and drop \$450+ on the 2012 Demarini CF5 bat. Or, if you want to diminish your son in the eyes of his cohorts, you could buy your male heir an ordinary DeMarini 2012 Voodoo bat for \$190. Then, baseball shoes, cleats, pants, jerseys, batting gloves, bags, athletic supporter, socks, pom-poms, and Jamaican weed.

These prices are more shocking to me than the sports gear obscenely rich people buy for their Big 3 sports, to wit: yachting, Formula 1, and thoroughbred horse racing. However many millions you have, you can leave it all with the hard-working tradesmen those industries provide.

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The rich are burdened with too many choices and too much money. To the rest of us, in our little worlds, buying sports equipment (particularly if it's for your kids and you've been out of the game for a while) is maximum sticker shock.

Just as baseball games have gone from dirt cheap to rent money and NFL tickets have gone from...here's an example. There is an index called the Fan Cost Index (FCI). Said index measures the average cost for a family of four to attend a sporting event. The cost is measured by adding the price of four average-priced tickets, two draft beers, four soft drinks, four hot dogs, two caps, two programs, and parking for one vehicle. The FCI for the San Diego Chargers in 1991 was \$197. In 2009 it was \$767, a 163 percent increase.

Where the NFL leads, the Sports-Industrial Complex follows. A top-end carbon-fiber bicycle can go for \$15,000+. A good bike, standard production model, \$800.

A top-end kayak, Trak 1600, goes for \$6000. A good (used), freshwater fiberglass kayak can be acquired for \$1500.

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With more and more public schools dropping more sports and expecting/asking/demanding parents pick up more of the cost of sports programs they do keep, parents will do well to shop carefully.

Which will be a challenge. All the high-tech gizmos that used to be the domain of professional and elite athletes, all that stuff is now available to your wretched child who won't pick up his room. Then, there are the parasite industries attached to each sport. Each sport has its own sports clothing. Within sports clothing there would be expensive, midrange, and cheap. There would be cool and uncool. Each sport has its own sports organizations, training facilities, specialized training equipment, camps, magazines, vitamins, and drinks. Not to overlook the cost of summer teams, travel teams, away tournaments, doctors, private coaches, nutrition...



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BestBuys

—EVE KELLY

Whenever I hear the word ‘tots,’ I think of Napoleon — Dynamite, that is, not Bonaparte.

Bully kid: “Napoleon, give me some of your tots.”

Napoleon Dynamite: “No! Go find your own!”

Napoleon understood that tater tots are precious pearls not to be thrown away to swine or school bullies. But are all tots created equal? That’s the question burning in the souls of my teenage boys who regularly channel the spirit of Dynamite.

I sat husband Patrick down for some potato-tot goodness to answer the tot-equality question. The teenage boys flew in like vultures after the testing.

We started with the low-price leaders. Great Value Taters (\$1.97 for 32 ounces at Walmart) had too much crust, not enough insides, and too much salt. Market Pantry Potato Puffs (\$1.97 for 32 ounces at Target) fared better. “I bite into it and get a sense that I am eating a potato dish rather than potato tots. A nice balance between soft and crunchy, steamy inside...”

As Patrick continued to opine, I dished him a plate of Trader Joe’s Potato Tots (\$2.29 for 32 ounces). It was another keeper. “I have no complaints with this — nice crunchy crust on the outside that gives way to a soft inside that tastes of chunks of potatoes, not homogeneous goo.”

365 Organic Tater Puffs (\$2.69 for 16 ounces at Whole Foods) were bland. “Tastes like the school-cafeteria tater tots. The crust is disappointing, chewy instead of crunchy.”

Albertson’s Potato Rounds (\$3.99 for 32 ounces): “The outside of this tot reminds me of a breaded fish stick, not a potato tot.”

365 Tater Puffs (\$2.99 for 32 ounces at Whole Foods) suffered in the breading department as well. “Another fish-stick feeling, and bits of this crust are crunchy but other large parts are not. Most of the crust is thin and insipid, and the inside is mushy. It’s like the difference between real mashed potatoes and boxed potato buds. With the former you taste chunks of potato, there’s some chew. With the latter, it’s just homogenous potato mush.”

Open Nature Tater Puffs (\$3.79 for 32 ounces at Vons) touted its 100 percent natural quality. “No disodium dihydrogen pyrophosphate,” I read.

“Well, thank goodness for that. What the



“This has the contrasting textures you are looking for — crunchy crust and steamy, slightly chunky inside. It’s close to tot perfection.”

heck is disodium dihydrogen pyrophosphate?” Patrick laughed. “The crust doesn’t stand up to the fork. You touch it, and it falls apart on the plate. But my biggest complaint is something that doesn’t taste like potatoes.”

“This is what my mind pictures when I think tots,” I said, eyeing the package of Ore-Ida Tater Tots (\$3.99 for 32 ounces at Ralphs).

“It’s funny how you become a snob after you taste a bunch of these,” laughed Patrick. “The inside on these is pasty and the crust is thin and forgettable.”

Ore-Ida Crispy Crowns (\$2.99 for 30 ounces at Target) were shaped like little discs. “These are all crust, not enough filling,” Patrick complained. “The flat, skinny shape makes for too low an inside-to-crust ratio. And what there is of the inside tastes like school paste.”

Ore-Ida Extra Crispy Tater Tots (\$3.99 for 28 ounces at Ralphs) also suffered from the fishstick effect. “The inside is too mushy. I would never have guessed these were the ‘extra crispy’ variety. There were others that had a crispier crust.”

Ralph’s Tater Bites (\$2.49 for 32 ounces) didn’t pass the taste test. “My first thought is ‘salty.’ I would like the outer crust to be more substantial than this.”

Its flat cousin, Ralph’s Tater Rounds (\$2.49 for 30 ounces), was also a loser. “With these flat, disc-shaped taters, your mouth doesn’t get to spend enough time with the filling. The essence of tater tot-ness is the balance between crust and steamy insides,” said Patrick. “And they’re awfully greasy.”

Cascadian Farms Spud Puppies — love the name — (\$3.49 for 16 ounces at Sprouts) had the lightest color of the tasting. “Nice potato-ey flavor on the inside,” offered Patrick. “These are passable.”

We hit another winner with Safeway Tater Treats (\$2.29 for 32 ounces at Vons). “This has the contrasting textures you are looking for — crunchy crust and steamy, slightly chunky inside. It’s close to tot perfection.”

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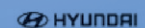
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Crasher

SWING OUT THE FILL

by Chad Deal

Last November, I wandered into the Ruby Room in Hillcrest on a Tuesday evening and had an instant oh-shit moment. *Oh shit*, I remember thinking when I heard the free-jazz trio onstage shift seamlessly between Röyksopp's "Remind Me" and a Nirvana cover amid frenzied, improvised jams carried by percussion that often lapsed into volleys of electronic-style drum-and-bass and break-beats. *Who are these guys, and where have they been hiding?*

They turned out to be Harley's Monster, three SDSU students and alumni who also play as the Beef Wellingtons, bLUMPY, the Purple Headed Yogurt Slingers, and a few other impromptu titles, and when they're not sitting in on paid gigs, they're jamming at bassist Harley Magsino and key-beast Kris Korsgaden's house in San Carlos.

"It started when Harley got a new camera for Christmas," says Kris, who began filming weekly "Shits and Giggles" jam sessions a few months ago. "It doesn't really matter that it's all improvised because we're all playing on a level where we can just get together and play without rehearsing. There are a lot of guys who play a lot of different stuff on a level that's just absolutely ridiculous. There are



Jammers, flappers, and friends



Dustin and Harley's awesome cat



The birthday girl and her guy



Kris wants to set a new standard



Lou exhibiting textbook Nasty Face

world-class players in San Diego."

I hung out and helped film a few Shits and Giggles sessions and saw that Kris wasn't exaggerating about the gathering's caliber of musicianship. Someone would throw out a lick, someone else would respond with a bass line or guitar hook, the drums would shuffle their way in, and in no time the group had built a song in spur-of-the-moment lingo:

"I think the video is more important than music these days."

"Four bars of 'Easy Street,' break, and bring it back to 'Bebop Head' for two. That's it. Swing out the fill, and meet me on the 'and' of three. Nice."

The sessions are recorded on

computer software, cut down to the best takes, and then matched up with the video. Appearing on the as-of-yet unreleased sessions are members of Mutant Space Boy, the Apple Brown Jazz Ensemble, Afrojazzacs, local keyboard luminary Joshua White, and saxophonist Ian Tordella's CD release at Glashaus in Barrio Logan.

"I think the video is more important than music these days," Kris says. "A great music video with an emphasis on the video is such a great thing. When music videos first came out, it was this cliché shit. It got put in this box. So we're trying to break out of that. We're trying to figure out a way to make the things that we're doing accessible. No matter how weird we play, as long as we keep it in this viable format, it's okay."

The Shits and Giggles sessions were gaining inertia when, in February, Kris announced the last jam at their house. It was going into

foreclosure.

The moving-out party saw maybe 30 attendees in 1920s attire trading instruments, raising drinks, and wishing happy birthday to a girl whose name now escapes me.

The band went from Hendrix covers to jazz standards, and when Lou, usually a guitarist, took a lead on the bass, Kris shouted "Yeah, baby!" and turned to me with this giant Dean Moriarty grin and said, "He's not even a bass player! Keep playing Lou!"

A few days later, Kris

moved home to Central California to save money, but we've been in touch and he plans to return soon to continue Shits and Giggles. Keep an eye on the Reader's Jam Session blog for the first releases from the series.

"There's so much potential," Kris says. "I want to set a new standard for San Diego." ■

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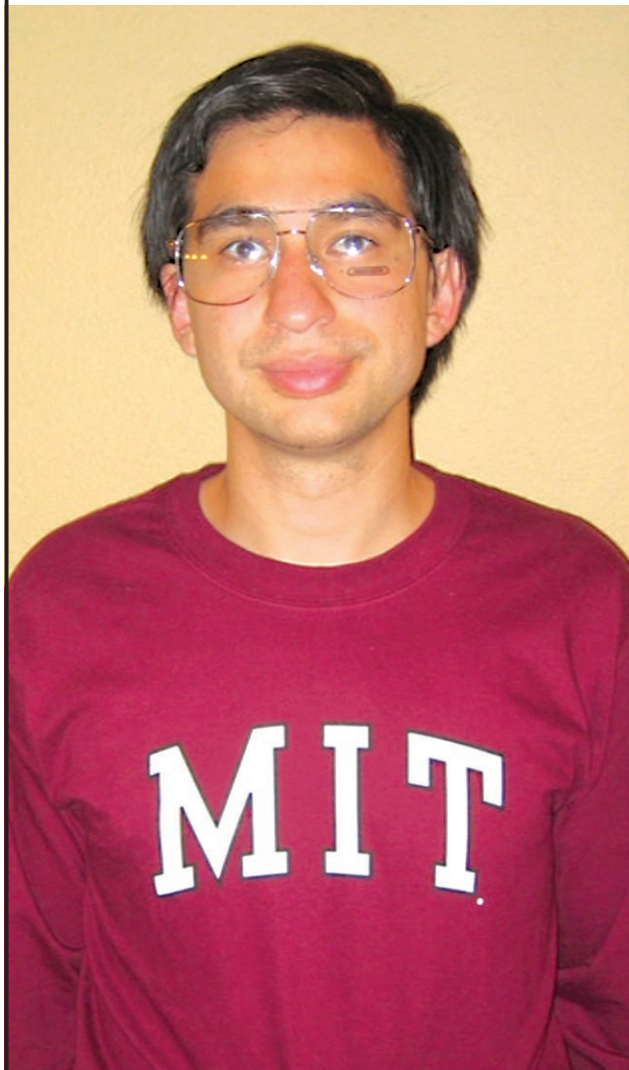


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Christian Card Counters



Three disguises for Ben, a card-counting team manager

Nate is unassuming. He has brown hair and an average build. He wears khakis and collared three-button shirts. He isn't flashy. He makes Christian jokes. For instance: "We should just have barcodes tattooed on our foreheads that can be scanned during offering." He giggles over this. So does his wife. He doesn't appear to be the kind of guy who would sweat it out at a blackjack table.

Nate joined a Christian card-counting team in 2009, after being approached by a couple who attended his church. Nate's wife, Faith, was pregnant at the time. He had just been let go from his job as a math teacher at a small local Christian college. His toddler was sick, they weren't sure with what. It started with high fevers, followed by seizures; the doctors mentioned cancer. On top of that, Nate was in charge of overseeing a new church plant in the

SDSU area. ("Planting" involves overseeing the operations of a sister church and making sure it grows in the community.) It was a full-time job that he wasn't paid to do. He was broke and rattled by his responsibilities.

The most money I ever won in the shortest time was \$35,000 in 30 minutes

Shirley and Will, a couple who hosted Bible classes for newly married church members in their home, invited Nate to join the team. "It was pretty shocking. It wasn't something I was even going to consider."

Nate had always thought about gambling in a casual, recreational way. He'd played cards with his brothers and attended poker nights but had never gambled in a casino. He hadn't even played a slot machine. The way he saw it, the house had the advantage, so why bother wasting his money.

"I have always seen gambling as a tax for people that are bad at math," Nate laughs.

He admits that while the idea of becoming a professional card counter seemed ridiculous, there was something compelling about it.

"I like games and I like problem solving, so the math part of card counting appealed to me. The fact that, in this instance, the house didn't have the advantage was an interesting concept."

Nate and Faith began to seriously consider the proposition, and, slowly, Nate allowed himself to believe card counting could be a

viable source of income for his family. According to Shirley, once on the team, Nate would only have to play 40 hours a month. He would get paid hourly, and he would be gambling with investors' money, never his own. He could foreseeably make much more working part time than he'd made at his previous, full-time job. More importantly, Nate's time would be freed up to focus on planting the new church. The plan seemed perfect, smart even.

"We were in a financial place where it seemed a risk might make sense," says Nate. "Faith thought it was really cool, so she was more of a driving force behind joining."

Adds Faith, "Well, I mean, who does that? Who spends time in casinos and loves Jesus? Casinos are raping people for money, and we could



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be a part of taking a little bit back. The fact that the team was made up of people who love Jesus and are in ministry was such a cool thing."

Before making an official decision to join

the team, Faith and Nate ran it past the pastor of their church and the Bible study group they lead in their home.

"Most people were supportive," Nate says. "There was one couple

in our group that was uncomfortable with the idea. It was mostly the wife. She had a problem with the deceit. We talked it out as a community, and I agreed that I would never take trips

alone to Vegas. I would always have a spotter, and I wouldn't pretend to be someone I wasn't. I would go into it with integrity and honesty."

Before being considered for the team, Shirley,

who was a member and an investor for the team, had to vouch for Nate.

"The reason the team worked," Shirley tells me, "is because we all had accountability to Jesus. We could be trusted with large amounts of money, because we answer to a higher power. We weren't about to steal from our team. When I recommended Nate, if he [later] proved to be untrustworthy or unethical, I would be off the team. I didn't recommend him lightly."

Adds Nate, "Colin and Ben, the team managers, wanted to know why they should trust me. Shirley told them that if anything happened to her or Will, Faith and I would be in charge of their children. That was good enough. If they trusted me with their children then I could be trusted



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Shirley had joined the team for the thrill. Card counting was not her family's only source of income.

“It was a very unique and elite job,” she says. “A very, very small population of the world can say, ‘I was a professional card counter.’ And I am one of those people.”

The event that began Shirley's card-counting career was a conference that her church put on. Her husband met two men, a worship leader and a pastor. They mentioned that, while in San Diego, they planned to spend some time working in the Indian casinos. By working, they did not mean handing out Bibles to gambling addicts. They would be playing blackjack. The guys told Will

about the team and how they were managing close to \$100,000 weekly.

Will was intrigued. He loved the concept. He immediately thought of his wife, who was a stay-at-home mom. He was convinced that Shirley would be a perfect fit for the team. He knew she would love the idea. Within minutes, he had her on the phone with one of the card counters. By the time she hung up, Shirley had convinced them to meet her and Will the next morning to discuss allowing her onto the team.

“I thought the whole idea was amazing,” says Shirley. “We loved the concept of the team and the fact that it was funding people that were pastors and in ministry. I liked that the team allowed them a full source of income to provide for

their families and their ministries.”

They met at a Denney's in a seedy part of El Cajon. The card counters explained to Shirley exactly what they did in casinos, and how they went about doing it. They received an hourly wage that was not based on winnings but the type of blackjack they played. If they played so-called “hit” blackjack, they would get paid more than playing the “stand” version. If they could buy insurance on their hand, they might make up to \$250 an hour. They would have to meticulously keep track of everything, hours played, and all their winnings and losings. They had to pace themselves, and only get a few hours in at each casino, so that the pit bosses and security wouldn't catch on that they were card counters.

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One of the counters brought a deck of cards. They got down to the technical side of how it worked.

"Right there at the table, they showed me how it was done," Shirley says. "They showed me the schematic of the deviations. It was like I had unlocked the key to a puzzle that other people were clueless about."

The next night, the guys came over after a long night of playing at Barona Casino. One of them told Shirley that he needed to count and record his money.

"He whipped out several wads of hundred-dollar bills. I mean there was over \$100,000 there. I had never seen that much money. Now, it's no big deal because I have had that much money on me. But, back then, I was, like, 'Oh, my goodness, is this really happening?' It was very powerful. I was in shock."

Shirley and Will discussed the idea with the leadership at their church. "They were on board."

It didn't come as a surprise to them. They knew about the team. Our pastor knew several other pastors that were in on it already. We didn't tell many people that I was joining."

In order to land a spot on the team Shirley and Will had to fly up to Seattle to convince the team founders that she was a good fit. Shirley is used to getting her way. She is beautiful, brunette, and leggy. When she walks into a room everyone notices. No is not a word she hears often. The guys agreed to give Shirley a chance. It helped that she became an investor.

They gave her \$2000 in practice money to get started.

"Quite frankly, they could've given a rip about that \$2000. It was like play money to them. You have to understand that at that point the team was in a place where they were really flourishing."

Shirley would need a minimum of 60 hours' worth of training in



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casinos. She'd also need to memorize deviation charts before flying back to Seattle to attempt to test onto the team. Testing was a four-day process that involved 12-hour days at Seattle casinos, where the team founders watched Shirley in action. She had to be perfect — or close to it — in order for them to accept her on the team.

"It was hard getting practice time in," Shirley says. "I was a mom with little kids. I would ask friends if my kids could have a play date. I would

feed them lunch and prepare a diaper bag, drop them off, run out to the casino, and come back within two, three hours to get my kids. The people watching my kids had no idea I was at a casino."

Within a month, she managed to squeeze in her 60 hours of training. When she flew to Seattle to test out, it was the first time she had ever been away from her children for that long. The first step in the process was counting cards at the blackjack table in Ben's basement. That was the

easy part; it only took an hour. Next, Shirley had to card count in a Seattle casino setting, while Ben and Colin watched, keeping track and making sure that her count and deviations were correct every time.

"They were talking to me, trying to confuse me. We were at a table full of people, and they wanted me to hold the table and take control of it. I would spend six hours working with Colin, and then four with Ben, and the same thing the next day. It was crazy. They were

very serious about it. This was a job. This wasn't some sort of hobby. We were playing with other people's money."

By Day Two of casino testing, Shirley had what she refers to as a mental breakdown. She wasn't perfect, and in order to make the team, she had to be. Shirley thought about all the time and effort she had put into attempting to make the team. Failure was not an option. Yet she was making mistakes she had never made before. Part of it was nerves, the pressure of being in

a testing environment. After day two, she made a tearful phone call to her

"I was hysterical. I'm not an emotional person. I'm not a crier, but I was

"We were rushing to the airport to make my flight, and I had \$60,000 sitting on my lap. It was crazy."

husband, who was watching the kids back in San Diego.

sobbing. It ended up being a really great gospel moment. Will said



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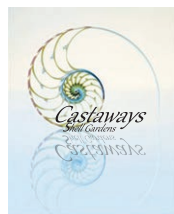
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to me: 'It is done. Jesus said, *It is done. When my Father sees you, he sees me in your place.* He sees you as perfect. You don't need to prove yourself to those guys. You don't need to prove yourself to anyone.'

Shirley says it was one of the defining moments of her life.

"It was transforming in my spiritual relationship with God. It highlighted that my identity is not wrapped up in what I can do. It's wrapped up in Christ. He has performed everything on my behalf. I felt like a new woman. I prayed that night, and repented for trying to take control of my life. I rested in God. The next day I felt like a new woman. Colin and Ben had told me the day before, 'Just so you know, you will not test out on this trip. We will keep taking you out for practice sessions, but you will not make the team. You're done.' Well, I started practicing with them again, and I killed it. The next two days, I did amazing. They let me on the team."

On the last night of her testing, Ben and Colin told Shirley she had to take control of the blackjack table. They wanted to make sure that, if she lost count, she could make the table pause so she could recover and get it back.

"I actually got up from the table to take cell phone calls. I pissed off everyone around me. They had to wait for me to resume playing. They yelled at me, telling me I had to play, and I said, 'No, I don't. As a matter of a fact, I have 20 minutes, so I'm going to go use the bathroom.' Colin and Ben were dying. Colin was laughing so hard he was weeping. They had never seen anyone run a table like that. They wanted to

see extreme, and I showed them extreme."

Shirley says that the most surreal situation in the testing-out process was the money. After being told she had made the team, they rushed back to Ben's house to gather her luggage. She had to catch a flight home that night. Colin brought over a duffel bag filled with the money Shirley would use to begin her

career. It was like a movie moment. He handed her the bag, and she shoved \$60,000 in her purse.

"We were rushing to the airport to make my flight, and I had \$60,000 sitting on my lap. It was crazy."

One of the team rules is that members are not allowed to keep their money in a bag or purse. It has to be kept on their person at all times. They

don't trust minimum-wage workers at the airport with that kind of money. It is never to be run through carry-on-scanners for fear it will be stolen.

"What am I supposed to do with all of this money? Where do I put it?" she frantically asked Colin.

"Shove it in your pants," he told her.

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"I was so nervous. After that night, I had a system. I would wear baggy clothes on my Vegas flights. Some of our players have been met by FBI agents at the airport, when the amount of money they were carrying on them has been discovered. I didn't want to ever go through that headache."

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Nate's first attempt at testing onto the team was a failure. He had only done 40 hours of training.

"The guys told me that no one had ever tested onto the team after only 40 hours, but that if I thought I could do it, I should try. So I flew out to Seattle. I thought I would make it. I have always been the kind of person who, as long as I work at something really hard, I



On Mark's first trip to Vegas, he made \$60,000.

can do it."

"It was an emergency need," adds Faith. "We had a mortgage payment, our third baby had just been born, and our son was very sick. We needed the money."

When he didn't make it the first time, Faith and Nate were disappointed. But Nate was confident

that with more training he could do it. His goal was to do 120 hours and attempt to make the team again. He mostly played at Barona and Viejas.

Nate says that he practiced at Viejas so much that he got to know some of the regulars.

"There was this old man who was always

waiting for his girlfriend to get back from shopping. He said she was at the outlets and would be back any minute now. He was there every day,

and he was always telling people that same story. I never saw his girlfriend. Then there were all the people with their oxygen tanks. They'd come in

with their Social Security check, sit down, and play all day."

"It's a pretty depraved culture," says Faith.

Nate continues, "I wanted to tell everyone I met, 'Yeah, I don't really have a gambling problem. I'm paid to do this.' I remember when I came back to Viejas after I had been on the team for a long time. They really remembered me. They remembered that before I was playing with a lot less money. They saw me bet a large amount, and you could just see it on their faces that they thought I was just another person that had gotten addicted to gambling."

While getting training time in at Barona, sometimes Nate's family would stay in a suite. While he worked, Faith

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would take the kids to the pool for the day.

Nate laughs. "Sometimes, we would walk through the casino with the kids, and Faith would point to a blackjack table and say, 'Look, that's where Daddy works.'"

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The weekend after Shirley made the team, her husband attended a pastor's conference in Las Vegas. She went with him. A couple of Shirley's teammates, who were pastors,

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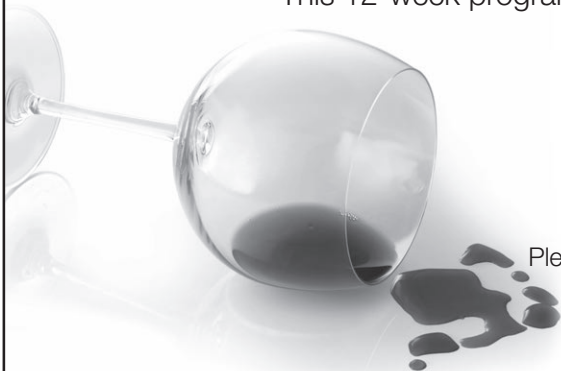
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Shirley says that card counting was a huge adrenaline rush. After a few months on the team, when she started getting really good, Shirley began to draw crowds.

"I was playing with such large sums of money that people couldn't help but watch. Crowds would gather around my table. They would literally have to call security to push people back. It was awesome."

The most Shirley won in the shortest amount of time was \$35,000 in 30 minutes. It was at the Red Rock Casino, just off The Strip.

"As I was sitting there waiting for my money, the casino manager walked past me. He never stopped. He just whispered behind me, 'You're done.' He knew I was a card counter."

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Nate wasn't on the team long when he realized that blackjack was not the easy paycheck he'd signed up for.

"If I lived in Seattle, where a lot of other team members were, it would have been an easier job. They have tons of casinos out there. It was hard in San Diego. My philosophy was to try to go in and do

a 30-45 minute session. I would have to drive all the way up to Viejas, Barona, or Harrah's, and only be able to play a tiny bit. I would try to win and get out before I was kicked

out for card counting. Because of this, I ended up doing a Vegas trip, sometimes twice a month, depending on the comps I was getting there."

On Nate's first trip to

Vegas, he made \$60,000.

"At the time, I didn't realize it was an anomaly to win that much. I thought it would always be that way. I can remember a point halfway

through my blackjack career, saying to Faith, 'I just need to get to Vegas. In Vegas I'll win.'"

The 40 easy hours per month that Nate was counting on, in order

to free up time for his church planting and his family, turned into two weekends each month spent away from home. In order to play, he had to go to destinations like

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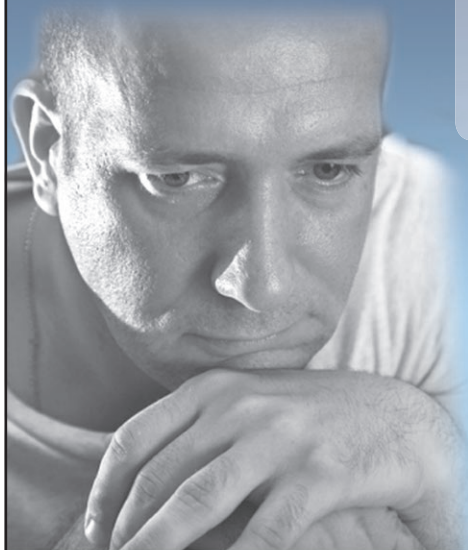
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Reno, Kansas City, or Vegas. When he started getting really good, casinos began to catch on. Pit bosses and security would figure out that he was counting cards, and they would “back him off,” come to his table and ask him to leave. Sometimes, he would be “trespassed,” which meant that if he were ever seen at that casino again, he could be arrested. Some casinos even went so far as to produce a flier with Nate’s face on it to alert their competition that he was a card counter.

“Once, at Barona, I was down \$12,000, and they told me my play was too good for them. It was frustrating. Sometimes, I would fly somewhere for the weekend, and they would back me off after only 30 minutes. My

entire weekend would be wasted.”

Nate says that being

rocket science,” Shirley explains. “That’s a misconception. You could

“We were bigger than the MIT team.”

on the team was a lot like the way the film *21* portrayed a card-counting team to be, “minus the drugs and orgies, of course. The truth is, we had some of the top blackjack players in the world on our team.”

“We were bigger than the MIT team,” adds Shirley.

While it was fast-paced and exciting, at times it could be extremely tedious.

“Card counting is not

teach a monkey to do this. You have to have drive and motivation. You need to let stuff roll off your back. You can’t get offended when people yell at you or kick you out of their casinos. Nate is easy-going and level-headed, and I don’t care what people think about me. We were perfect for it.”

A documentary on their team, called *Holy Rollers*, came out this year. In the film, Shirley wears a wig and glasses.

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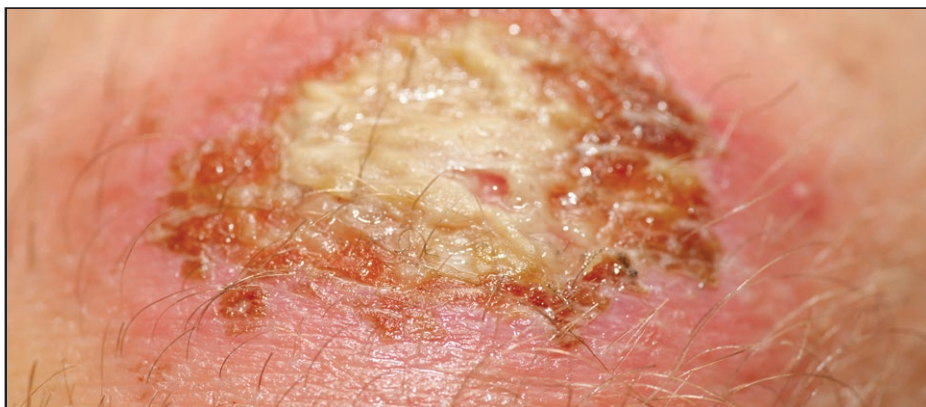
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She speaks candidly about what it was like to be a Christian card counter. Nate can be seen in the film as well. In one shot, I spot him sitting in Ben's basement during a team meeting. Not a single team member is wearing an Ed Hardy T-shirt or a fedora. They appear ordinary. They look like the kind of people you might bump into at the park pushing their kids on swings.

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"Part of the reason I did the card counting was because it made for a great date night with my husband in Vegas," Shirley says.

In the beginning of Shirley's card-counting career, the casinos

casino and move on to the next. She wanted to maintain the illusion of

"Part of the reason I did the card counting was because it made for a great date night with my husband in Vegas."

assumed she was a high roller, because she was betting so much money. She would play for a couple of hours at one

merely being a wealthy woman with money at her disposal.

"The casinos would give us RFBL [room, food,

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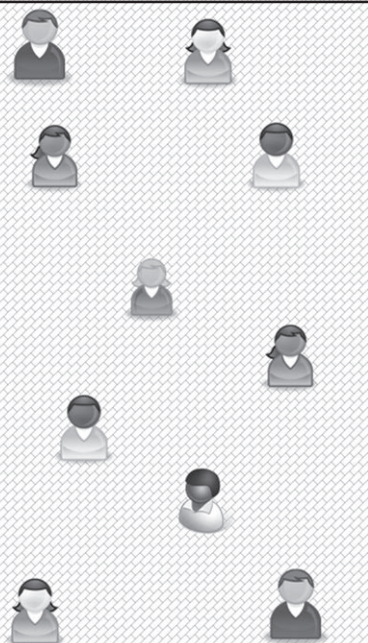
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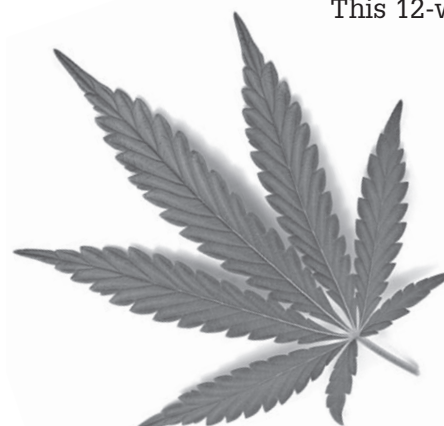
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beverage, and limo]. They would pick Will and I up from the airport in a limo, drive us over to our suite, and when I say *suite* — we stayed in phenomenal places. Many times the suites were bigger than our house. It was ridiculous.”

When Shirley arrived in Vegas, she would often be given a personal host at multiple casinos. She was constantly receiving fliers in the mail from various places offering free suites, \$1000 chips, shopping sprees, and show tickets. Her favorite comp was from Harrah’s casino. They paid for her family to take an Alaskan cruise.

“The Hard Rock Casino hired a couture house to come out and design clothing for their high rollers. I had a custom jacket made. I picked

out the fabric and design, and they measured me. They drove out to my home and hand-delivered the jacket in a gorgeous box. They came to my Podunk house, and I’m sure they were wondering, ‘Who the hell is this woman, and how is she getting a custom coat made?’”

The Venetian sent her a flier for a two-night suite, \$400 in food, and \$1000 in slot play just for showing up. The flier was good for eight weeks. For two months, once a week, Shirley would fly to Vegas to take advantage of it. She would sit down in front of a slot machine and play \$1000. It would take her two or three hours to play.

“On Tuesdays, I would get the kids, take them to school, and fly

out to Vegas in the afternoon to take advantage of the slot-play comp. I won

After my expenses to get there, I wound up with at least \$500 in my pocket.

“I didn’t want to make a huge mistake that would destroy my relationship with my wife.”

\$800–\$900 each time. On top of that, I would get \$400 in free food. I would go to our favorite restaurant and eat my meal. I would then order dinner and a bunch of gourmet sandwiches for the next two days. Then I would get a \$200 gift card at my favorite sushi restaurant.

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Eighteen months into Nate’s blackjack career, he started to burn out. “I questioned a lot

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of things in my life. I started getting disillusioned with some of the stuff I used to feel pretty passionate about. When I was struggling with my identity, a lot of the things that were unwise became opportunities. The fact of the matter is, from when I was training for the team [and] all the way through, I had opportunities to flirt and go off and do stuff with women. I had women approach me, because they saw I had a lot of money. These things that I normally wouldn't want to be a part of started to seem appealing. It came to a point that, for the sake of my family, my church, and my relationship with God, I needed to stop card counting. I didn't want to make a huge mistake that would destroy my relationship with my wife."

Faith says that they held a community meeting with the members of their church to discuss Nate's struggle. In the end, the church offered to pay Nate a salary to stay off the team.

"They thought it would be the best thing for us," she says.

Before joining the team, church elders had discussed bringing Nate on as director of operations, with a full-time salary.

"I just didn't think it would make financial sense for the church, so whenever it was brought up to pay me, I'd say no. So I kept playing blackjack. The church saw the lack of investment I had been making with my family and my relationship with God, and the detriment that came from that, so they told me, 'You need to stop doing the blackjack. We are going to bring you on full-time, so you can

continue working for the church and still support your family."

Nate still believes that there is nothing wrong with being a professional card counter. However,

if someone sought his advice on the matter, he would share the same advice that his pastor had given him when he first joined the team: "It's wiser to stay away."

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It took just over a year for the casinos to figure out that Shirley was counting cards. Before long, the limos, the free food

and beverages, and all the other perks that Shirley looked forward to, were taken away.

"Will and I were at the Hard Rock when security came down and

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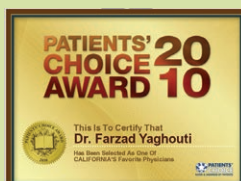
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face and info on it out to all the casinos. Will had to hurry up and pack up all of our bags from our Hard Rock suite. We were kicked out."

In a panic, she waited for him in a liquor store across the street. She was dressed in a cocktail dress, heels, and had perfectly curled hair — while holding \$100,000 in her purse.

"It was the beginning of the end," she tells me. "Once the comps stopped coming in, and I had to play under the radar, it was no longer worth it."

Right before leaving the team, Shirley didn't test out. Every month, team members needed to test out with a local teammate, to ensure that they were playing well enough to be a team member. On top of that, every three months, they

needed to fly to Seattle to test out in front of Ben and Colin.

"I was off my count by one. It's very stressful. You really have to be on it. I wasn't playing a lot, because I had lost all my comps. I was playing only once a month or so. You really have to play once a week to be on it."

The last time Shirley played was at Barona. She lost \$17,000 in 20 minutes. The pit boss came over and told her he knew what she was doing. She somehow convinced him to let her stay until she won back her money. It took her four tedious hours.

By that point, the team was on a losing streak. The idea that someone was stealing started to be tossed around. A non-Christian had been invited to join the team.

"I didn't think people were stealing," Shirley says. "I mean, it crossed my mind a couple of times, but certainly not with the person they thought was doing it."

She admits that her biggest concern with having a non-Christian on the team was the trust issue. She was concerned, because the player did not have that same responsibility to God.

"I didn't care as a player that there was a non-Christian on the team, but as an investor, I cared. I'd invested in a Christian card-counting team. These are people that are held accountable to the Lord of their life, the creator of the universe. I was fearful, because as a non-Christian, he didn't have that same accountability."

Eventually, under suspicion of stealing,

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Most of the people

did not gamble. When people ask me what it was like to gamble for a

"There are some Christians that would... consider it gambling. We did not gamble."

in Shirley's life remain unaware that she was once a card counter.

"I don't tell a lot of people. There are some people who just wouldn't get it. I tell more non-Christians about my time on the team. It's so sad, but I think there are some Christians that would look at it and consider it gambling. We

living, I tell them I have no idea. I have never gambled a day in my life. I understand that many people have gambling problems. My heart goes out to them. But if they understood how to unlock it, and not place their faith in the next best thing, they wouldn't have that problem." ■

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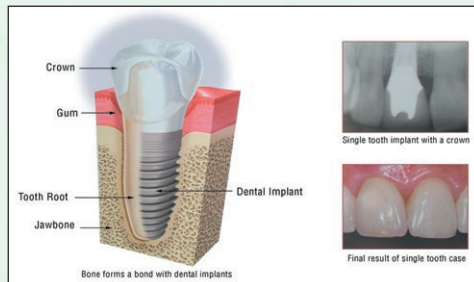
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as many of his acquaintances as I could, informing them that he'd

passed away in June. Still, every time I stopped by to check on things, the mailbox of the old family house in our beloved Rolando neighborhood would be occupied by a few sweet-sad holiday greetings from people who still hadn't heard.

Most of these were from people I didn't know. Otherwise I'd have contacted them myself. Then one day a particular card arrived, penned in a peculiar scrawl. For some reason Dad hadn't kept the name in his directory, but instantly the card jogged my memory, and I knew who

it was from.

Like a lot of our fathers in the era when I grew up, mine was a veteran of WWII. He'd never set eyes on Southern California and had no idea what the rest of his life might bring, but in his early 20s he was an Army Air Corps telegraph operator moving through France in the aftermath of the Normandy invasion. Somewhere along the way, he befriended a French kid about a decade younger who was fascinated by the American soldiers and their equipment. He invited

Dad to have dinner at the family house and spoke English well enough to make for a pleasant visit. They exchanged addresses and somehow stayed in touch over the years.

I remember the guy. He visited us in San Diego twice, once in the late '50s when he was a student at MIT. I was just a kid, and the family home was itself a bitty thing on busy College Avenue. He visited again in summer 1968, while he was vacationing with his wife. I was then a clumsy adolescent, but Dad had



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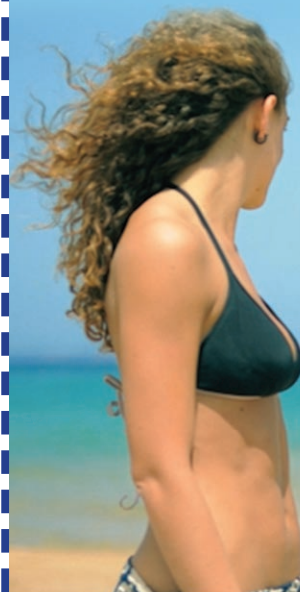
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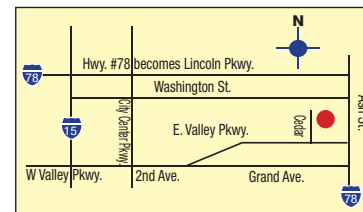
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The holiday card he'd sent had a return address, so I mailed a card back, explaining the sad circumstances. Times being what they are, I also did a web search to see if there was a way to con-

tact him more quickly. He'd mentioned in the message that he was in his late 70s and doing some charitable work. I found his name under a French organization that seemed to fit, and within 24 hours they replied with an email address.

Even after considerable experience, I was still not quite sure how to break the news. I explained that Dad had passed away at age 90, after an active and healthy life until the final week or so. His reply was emotional, more so than my experience had prepared me for. For most of a lifetime, they had corresponded periodically, his customary closing being, "Your little

brother of France." I'd been idly aware, but not really cognizant, of how important Dad had been in this person's life.

I thought of the three times I'd met this fellow at different stages in each of our lives and how he described his friendship with my dad through their university studies, their career preparation, their marriages and raising of families. He said it was a story that needed to be told.

So here I try. Dad's long affinity for things French began to make more sense, and vague memories became more clear. The little plastic boat that we used to row around the above-ground pool on Col-

lege Avenue had been adorned with an inscription that Dad said translated from French into "The Little Ordinary Boat." He'd had some bookends in the shape of the Champs-Élysées, and as a kid I'd look at the buildings next to the water tower near the corner of College and University, thinking they resembled that structure and that perhaps France was within sight. After all, we could travel to Mexico in 30 minutes from our house in San Diego, so such a thing did not seem preposterous to a preschool kid.

A large map of the world had been pasted to the wall of my room when I was very small,

and it always fascinated me. Probably it had a lot to do with my dad's fasci-

long friendships or determine the subsequent course of a lifetime.

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nation — and perhaps his idealization — for distant places. Perhaps it had something to do with the 20 years or so I would spend living abroad as an adult.

Chance encounters and random circumstances can result in life-

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windows in 2001, and the test wasn't done until several months later. "This is ancient history," she says, explaining her inability to regurgitate some details.

Langley, who was in charge of recruiting members, as well as doing much of the writing and analysis for the nonprofit, says he was following instructions of Michael Shames, cofounder and chief executive officer. Langley had a \$30,000 budget for membership recruiting; Shames wanted it combined with the windows mailing. Langley argued that evaluating windows and dealers "had little to do with UCAN's core mission. At one point we had a discussion. I said it doesn't smell right. There is a potential conflict of interest. But Michael [Shames] said, 'If you want to do your job, you have to do this mailing.'"

So Langley put together the mailing lauding double-paned vinyl windows and warning consumers to watch out for wolves in sheep's clothing. "Here we were sanctimoniously telling people to watch out for wolves in sheep's clothing, and the people we were promoting were wolves.... It's one of the most shameful things I have ever done in my life."

After only part of the mailings had gone out, UCAN got bitter complaints about Best Windows and Doors. The mailing was aborted. The nonprofit printed the consumer complaints on its website. Among many things, Best had been tied up with a Colorado-based rebate program that was charged with fraud in its home state and Wisconsin. (Initially, the head of the company disappeared to Costa Rica rather than face the music in the United States.)

In 2009, Chavez pleaded guilty to fund diversion and grand theft of personal property. He was sentenced to three years of probation and 180 days in custody. The

jail sentence was stayed, but Chavez was ordered to make restitution to victims. Best went into Chapter 7 liquidation bankruptcy, and so did Chavez. One of Chavez's top lieutenants, Joseph Fink, was sentenced to 120 days in custody and given three years of probation.

John Mattes, former San Diego TV investigative reporter, now an attorney, had interviewed Chavez in 2006. Mattes had asked about the rebate program and the mounting consumer complaints. "[Chavez] was wholly incredible; he used every defense in the book... everybody in the world had betrayed him," recalls Mattes. At the Chavez sentencing, Mattes, no longer on TV, did a piece on Chavez as an embedded reporter for the watchdog group.

Shames finds it "vile and repugnant" that anybody thinks the UCAN/Best relationship was a quid pro quo. He claims that the nonprofit dropped Best when it used the mailing as a marketing tool, just as *Consumer Reports* denounces companies that use its reports in marketing promotions. However, a memorandum of understanding dated July 16, 2002, states how Best will pay \$27,403.71 for "100,000 pieces to homeowners and UCAN members." It is signed by Michael Shames and Michael Chavez. ■

Under the radar

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says that these days more requests for "informal" advice are being made and responded to, which reduces the need for official letters. There is no record kept of the informal queries, she explains.

— Matt Potter

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Recently, in revisiting

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the issue, Johnson and the other homeowners have returned to their original conclusion: the City should pay for the project. But, they no longer have the time to take it through official channels. They plan to go ahead with the project and hire a lawyer who will help them get some of the money back from the City.

Last month, they asked civil engineer Pat Rymer for a proposal to create a design for erosion damage repair and new storm-water drainage structures. On an early Monday morning in March, Rymer meets me in the Condo Lantana parking lot to share his initial assessment.

"There's a regular curb inlet up top there," he says, pointing toward the upper part of Lantana Drive. "It drains a fairly big area, so there's a lot of potential

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flow."

Then he steps off into a patch of weeds and pushes aside a branch from an unruly bush that hides the City's pipe.

"It discharges right here. So this is the City's contribution," he says.

Then he leads me back into the parking lot, walks several yards, and points to a grate at our feet. "This is the only drain right here that drains the parking lot here and it goes down to that little pipe that's exposed here." He points to a long black pipe that juts out over the gully. "The condo's contribution is that little four-inch pipe, so there's a huge difference as to whose water this is."

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"Basically, what we've got is a pretty serious erosion problem," he says, pointing to the hillside. "The water has eroded underneath the plant life enough so that the roots can't hold it together."

This section of the hillside is uphill from the complex's drainpipe.

When I ask about the ten feet of riprap — stones or chunks of concrete layered on an embankment slope to prevent erosion — that the Public Works superintendent's letter claims as the City's responsibility, he says, "If there is any riprap down there, it's either buried and it's not functioning or it's just not there. There's no evidence of it."

Before he's completed his research, Rymer can't be certain whether the City can be held responsible legally for the erosion. Based on his experience, however, he says, "It's not usually the responsibility of adjacent private property owners to maintain the City facilities."

Even so, Rymer doesn't think it's a good idea for the association to wait for the City to claim responsibility.

"My experience with the City is, basically, they exist in a state of denial. You say, 'Hey, we need to fix this,' and they go, 'No, we don't.' If you're willing to go to the

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effort to prove they have to do it, they'll go, 'Hey, you were right.'"

On March 29, Daniel Lettermoser, a civil engineer for the City of San Diego, visited the property and met with Johnson. According to Johnson, Lettermoser said that in his initial research he did not find a record of the easement mentioned in the letter from the superintendent of Public Works. He said that he would dig further and request that a city geologist verify the immediate risk to the condo buildings.

But, Pat Rymer says that the homeowners will be lucky to "squeeze by" to the end of the rainy season. As for recouping the money from the City after the job is done, Rymer has his bets on a lawsuit. ■

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claims, finding that all of the savings under Prop B come from the portion of the proposal that calls for cutting existing employees' pensionable pay — this, however, is not a mandate but an opening bargaining position the city would take during union negotiations, and it's not guaranteed the unions would agree to the proposal as it stands.

The part of the plan that moves new employees from a pension system to 401(k) accounts would actually cost the city \$13 million more over the next 30 years in 2012 dollars (\$56 million when factoring in inflation) as compared to keeping the existing system in place.

*By Dave Rice
Friday, April 6*

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Hundreds of Residents
Speak Out Against SDG&E
Proposal

Kearny Mesa — More than 600 people converged on the Al Bahr Shriners Center in Kearny Mesa yesterday in opposition to a proposal from SDG&E to raise utility rates as a way to recover costs from the 2007 wildfires.

Residents spent much of the two meetings blasting the energy company and their attempt to recover costs for the fires, which were ignited by downed power lines and responsible for the deaths of two people as well as the destruction of more than 1300 homes.

In all, the three fires caused more than \$1.1 billion in damages, all covered by SDG&E's insurance. However, the company, owned by energy giant Sempra Energy, paid an additional \$500 mil-

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lion or so to third parties for uninsured damages.

To recover those costs, SDG&E is asking that the Public Utilities Commission allow them to create a "Wildfire Expense Balancing Account" funded through increased utility rates. The account would not only recover most of the \$500 million but also cover increased insurance rates.

It's safe to say that the proposal isn't well received.

"The fires were self-inflicted by SDG&E. Ratepayers had nothing to do with it," said a Rancho Bernardo resident. "This wasn't an act of God. God had nothing to do with this.... This was a decision from SDG&E management not to protect the lines and not to protect the ratepayers. We got burned once... don't let us get burned again."

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Residents wishing to submit additional comments can visit the CPUC website.

By Dorian Hargrove
Friday, April 6

Arrests Are Political

Alleged Plot to Smuggle Son of Gaddafi Foiled Coronado/Baja — In an April 2 press conference on the White House lawn, Mexico's president Felipe Calderón praised the cooperation between Mexico, Canada, and the United States for foiling an alleged plot to smuggle the son of Muammar Gaddafi out of Libya and into Mexico.

Four people have been arrested in connection with the plot: Cynthia Vanier, a Canadian citizen, Gabriela de Cueto, a Mexican national with a residence in Coronado, Pierre Christian Flensburg, a Danish national, and José Luis Kennedy Prieto, a Mexican citizen. Christian Eduardo Esquino, a Mexican citizen and former resident of Coronado, owned the planes involved in the alleged plot. Esquino has recently been arrested as well.

The international blog *La Política es la Política* observed, "Mr. Calderón failed to mention that none of the four individuals imprisoned in Mexico and facing charges with regard to the alleged plot had been found guilty of any crime."

It's campaign season in Mexico. Although Calderón is ineligible to run again, his party, PAN (Partido Acción Nacional), is running a candidate in the July 1 election. Gregory Gillispie, who owns the company that brokered the flights for the alleged plot, reiterated in an April 4 interview that the motivation for these arrests is "political."

Through his security company, Gillispie asserts that he has dealings with people at the highest level of the Mexican government "and I've been told all along

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these arrests are political." (For more details, see the March 28 Reader story "Gregory Gillispie Discusses Gabriela de Cueto's Arrest in Mexico City.")

The Mexican government has named Gillispie as a suspect, but he maintains that officials have made no attempt to contact him. "I just wish I could hold a press conference like Calderón and lay all my evidence on the table," Gillispie said. "I'd really like to get my partners [Gabriela de Cueto and Pierre Flensburg] out of jail."

By Susan Luzzaro
Thursday, April 5

Family First

Romney's House Is "Pretty Small"

La Jolla — Another day and another quote about Mitt Romney's wealth has surfaced.

Today, progressive commentary website *AMERICA-blog*, run by former *Economist* writer John Aravosis, posted a YouTube clip that showed a speech from Mitt Romney's son, Josh, describing a Thanksgiving weekend that the family spent at their home in La Jolla.

"My dad is a guy who puts family first," the young Romney said. "They finally gave my dad a day off.... We got to stay at my parents' place. They have a two-bedroom house. It's pretty small. My wife and I were there with our five kids in a two-bedroom house."

The house on Dunemere Drive has been in the news since plans of a large-scale remodel of the 3000-square-foot home were posted on the city's website.

By Dorian Hargrove
Wednesday, April 4

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A MAN, HIS WIFE, AND HIS HAT

Moxie presents Lauren Yee's klezmer-inspired love triangle about a hatmaker who loses his wife and his hat. A talking wall and a golem may stop his search for both. Directed by Janet Hayatshahi, this show is described as "delightfully strange, a little absurd, and powerfully moving."

WHEN: Ongoing until April 29, check for dates and times

WHERE: Moxie at Rolando Theatre, 6663 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 858-598-7620; moxietheatre.com



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SAN DIEGO PET EXPO

This year's expo (proceeds benefit local shelters and animal-care groups) features Air Bud, who will "dazzle with his legendary athletic abilities;" a new bird show focusing on eagles, owls, kookaburras, and other exotic birds; and the Pooch Parade of Fashions. Enjoy

the petting zoo, listen to expert speakers, shop pet products and services, and maybe adopt a pet.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; also Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE: Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 800-999-5400; sandiegopetexpo.net

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CULTURE AND COCKTAILS: FLOWERS AFTER HOURS

Enjoy this floral take on this popular series of events featuring art, food, and drink at the San Diego Museum of Art. Spring-themed exhibitions include Dyeing Elegance (Japanese hand-dyed textiles), Still-Life in the 20th Century, and Art Alive (masterpieces can be seen side-by-side with their floral doubles). Tickets not sold at the door; if you want to go, plan ahead.

WHEN: 7 to 10 p.m.

WHERE: San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-232-7931; sdmart.org



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DAY AT THE DOCKS

The Port of San Diego's annual celebration promises more than 200 exhibitors displaying fishing tackle, marine art, clothing, accessories, how-to seminars, live entertainment, a captains' dunk tank, kids' fishing, and art contests. Also, an open-house aboard fleet vessels and \$2 boat rides around the bay.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE: Sportfishing Landings, Point Loma. 619-234-8793; sportfishing.org



MONDAY, APRIL 16: WINE AND CANVAS

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WINE AND CANVAS

The theme for this painting-with-cocktails class is "Fun, Funky Glassware." Sip on your favorite concoction while a local artist gives step-by-step instructions on how to complete your masterpiece. All painting supplies (and an apron) provided.

WHEN: 6 p.m. (and other evenings through May 2, check for dates)

WHERE: Taste & Thirst on Fourth, 715 Fourth Avenue, Downtown. 619-207-9431; wineandcanvas.com

are available, or you can walk up an appetite between tastings.

WHEN: 5:30 to 9 p.m.

WHERE: Starting point is Brigantine, 2725 Shelter Island Drive. altstrategies.com/tastesi/2012

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RESPECT: A MUSICAL JOURNEY OF WOMEN

The Lyceum stages a musical look at the lives of women as told through 50 Top 40 songs, including "I Will Follow Him," "Stand By Your Man," "These Boots Are Made for Walking," and "I Will Survive." Written and created by Dorothy Marcic.

WHEN: 2 and 7 p.m. (ongoing through June 24, check for dates and times)

WHERE: Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza, Downtown. 619-544-1000; lyceumevents.org

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TASTE OF SHELTER ISLAND 2012

Sample an array of food from 15 restaurants — including Brigantine, Harbor Town, Bali Hai, Old Venice, Blue Wave Bar & Grill, Pearl Hotel, Elegant Truffle, Tailored Sweets, and Supanee House of Thai — offering bites of their signature dishes. Shuttles



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Rosarito Beach Sportfishing, Alive and Well

Tom Gatch

From the standpoint of “petro-tourism,” it very well could be that nearby Baja California peninsula, with its Mediterranean-like coastal climate and uncrowded beaches, is one of the best draws for Southern Californians looking for a quality bargain getaway.

And these days, it’s one that keeps getting better as soon as you drive across the international border. At the current exchange rate, regular gasoline at the state-run Pemex stations runs about \$2.97 a gallon, as opposed to over \$4.30 a gallon in San Diego and Los Angeles.

Less than 20 miles south of the

San Ysidro crossing, Rosarito Beach, with its many shops, restaurants, famous hotel, and sportfishing pier, offers a quick opportunity to shed your cares and feel like you’re on

vacation in an exotic locale.

Decades ago, Rosarito Beach was a popular surf fishing destination for many Southern California anglers. Those who worked the shoreline could expect to catch a variety of species, such as croaker, corbina, perch, sand bass, halibut, and several types of rays and sand sharks.

As time progressed, however, Rosarito Beach was targeted by the spring break crowd, and an increasing number

of trendy bars and eateries began to pop up along Boulevard Benito Juarez in the locals’ attempt to earn



This halibut was the catch of the day at Rosarito’s sportfishing pier.

their fair share of profits from the increasing flow of weekend and holiday visitors from the north. This is about the time that the vision of Rosarito as a worthwhile place to cast out a line began to fade into the ether.

Luckily, a few years ago, Hugo Torres, owner of the Rosarito Beach Hotel, realized his long-time dream of building a sportfishing pier near his property. It now stretches over a quarter of a mile out into the ocean and comes to an end at an emergent cluster of large rocks, situated well past the breaking surf.

This natural habitat helps to turn the area near the pier’s furthest extremity into an “all-you-can-eat” buffet for hungry halibut, bass, perch, and other seasonal gamefish species. Nonetheless, fishing from

the pier much closer to shore with light tackle for quality barred surf-perch that are swimming just beyond the inshore breakers can be productive as well. Access to the pier is available to the general public for a small fee and is free for hotel guests.

As spring turns into summer, it’s a safe bet that this popular pier will continue to draw throngs of intrepid anglers and other visitors from San Diego, Los Angeles, and Orange counties who are looking forward to enjoying a few relaxing days under the warm Baja sun.

Once they’ve arrived, they will be delighted to discover that the hotel’s pier is still flanked by numerous opportunities for shopping, entertainment, and upscale dining that have made Rosarito Beach such a popular destination for decades.

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Hiking length: 4.5 miles round trip. Allow 3 hours. **Difficulty:** Intermediate. Elevation gain 650 feet. No facilities.



The most opportune time to hike Palo Verde Canyon is in late spring, when yellow blooms decorate the palo verde trees.

Palo Verde Canyon is aptly named for the many green-stemmed palo verde trees found in

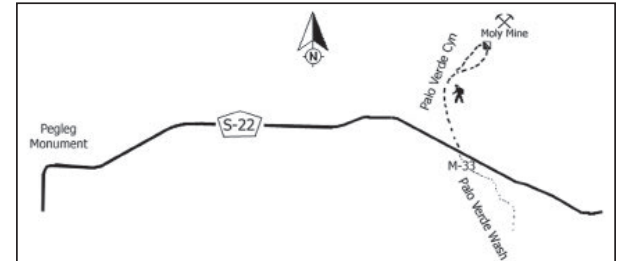
this desert canyon that leads down from the Santa Rosa Mountains. A hike up this canyon leads to an

old abandoned mine long thought to have been a molybdenum prospect. The return hike has a small

loop that follows a portion of an ancient Indian trail between Palo Verde Canyon and Smoke Tree Canyon to the east. Although the most opportune time to hike this canyon is late spring when bright yellow blooms festively decorate the palo verde trees, it is always a delight in any desert season because of the variety in both the plants and geologic features found in this canyon.

The hike begins at Hwy S-22, across from the entrance to Palo Verde Wash. Follow the gradually ascending canyon, being careful of the rocky, braided outwash that is strong evidence of what the force of water can move and churn as it spills from a canyon mouth. Head north, not straying off course into a smaller canyon to the east of Palo Verde.

After beginning the hike, note the many lime-green palo verde trees that line the wash and continue up into the canyon. Palo verde is Spanish for "green stick," referring to the bark of this tree. Palo verdes have the ability to photosynthesize in the bark as well as in the leaves. This is an unusual feature also seen in the wand-like ocotillo found in this canyon. Ocotillo bark is also green, and like the palo verde, a leafless plant can generate food under dry conditions, thereby saving moisture normally lost in other plants through their leaves. This is one type of adaptation that desert



plants employ to save water. The ocotillo also blooms in April, providing even more canyon color with its flame-tipped tubular flowers.

The canyon narrows at about 1.5 miles. Begin looking for a steep rocky trail up the granitic canyon wall on the right (east) side of the canyon, where a large palo verde tree is found in a small alcove. This is where the return trail will rejoin the canyon. This ancient Cahuilla trail ascends the ridge separating Palo Verde from Smoke Tree Canyon. It is part of a Native American trail leading to Wonderstone Wash, where rocks were quarried. If taking this trail to Smoke Tree Canyon, the Moly Mine is visible to the north from the trail.

Plants found in the lower part of the canyon wash include creosote, palo verde, ocotillo, krameria, teddybear cholla, and barrel cacti. Smoke trees and lavender become visible at higher elevations. Follow the canyon around to the northeast, where it opens

into a bowl at 2.0 miles. Look for a trail up the ridge on the east side of this bowl that will lead to the entrance of the Moly Mine at 2.28 miles into the hike. If you have a flashlight, you can carefully peak into the mine entrance, being careful to watch out for cholla balls that will easily attach to your hiking boots. The mine entrance faces toward the west. Carefully work your way down from the mine entrance and up the ridge to the other side where the Indian trail crosses. Follow the Indian trail down 0.3 mile to rejoin the canyon floor and to begin the trek back to the trailhead on S-22.

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Volunteers of all ages invited to join park rangers to remove debris from banks of Escondido Creek (9am) during 11th annual Earth Day festivities (bring gloves). Downstream of the reserve, volunteers assist Escondido Creek Conservancy in removing pieces of cars abandoned in the creek. San Diego Zoo

offers activities for kids throughout morning, with mammal, reptile, and bird animal ambassadors (11am). No pets. RSVP: 760-632-4212. Saturday, April 14, 9am; **free**. Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, 8833 Harmony Grove Road. (ESCONDIDO)

Kumeyaay in Nature What was life like “for Native Americans living in nature”? Learn about their traditions, ecology, history, folklore on trail guide-led walk. Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15, 9:30am; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Wildflower Wonders and History Find golden yarrow, blue elderberry, padre’s shooting stars, other wildflowers on trail guide-led nature walk to historic Old Mission Dam. Saturday, April 14, 8:30am; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Wildlife Tracking Walk San Diego Tracking Team hosts easy, introductory tracking walk for everyone. Learn about art of tracking; look for tracks, scat, other evidence of coyotes, bobcats, raccoon, deer. Rain cancels. Saturday, April 14, 8am; **free**. Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Work Party! San Diego Canyonlands work party promises weeding, watering, protective cage-building for newly planted natives in California Native Plant Demonstration Garden in Florida Canyon (immediately west of Balboa Park Tennis Club courts at Morley Field). Wear close-toed shoes. Gloves, water, hand tools provided (or bring your

own). alanbennett@hotmail.com or 619-955-3257. Saturday, April 14, 9am; **free**. 18 and up. Morley Field Sports Complex, 2221 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

SPECIAL EVENTS

“Artists at Work — Large-Scale Ceramics” Challenging the traditional scale of ceramics, Alex Long throws a 100-pound ceramic urn on a potter’s wheel measuring approximately five feet tall. Appetizers by Harney Sushi and Bull Taco, open bar. Reservations: 760-435-3721. Thursday, April 12, 6pm; \$15-\$20. 21 and up. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

“Celebrations” Time for Poway Valley Garden Club’s 34th standard flower show and plant sale. Poway Arts and Crafts Guild members and guest artists sell their wares. 858-672-2593. Saturday, April 14, 9am; **free**. Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Road. (POWAY)

“Change the World” The Kundirana Music Ministry hosts concert benefiting the Bahay Pag-Asa Juvenile Youth Center in the Philippines. Tickets: elaine.soliven@gmail.com or 858-254-2833. Sunday, April 15, 5:30pm; \$25. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

“Culture and Cocktails: Flowers After Hours” “Come for the art, stay for...the trendy party,” promising food, libations, viewing of current exhibitions (“Art Alive,” “Still-Life in the 20th Cen-

tury,” “Dyeing Elegance,” more). Tickets not sold at door. Friday, April 13, 7pm; \$50-\$75. 21 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Experiments on Plant Hybridization” Consider Gregor Mendel’s paper and supplementary materials with San Diego Great Books group. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Sunday, April 15, 2pm; **free**. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

“Fashion with a Passion” Bring purses, shoes, fashion jewelry, other items to trade with guests during “ultimate fine accessory swap.” FIDM’s advanced fashion design knitwear program graduate Adelle Louise Burda headlines show. Enjoy “gourmet food, wine, cocktails and dessert tasting, fashion and wellness-related vendor village,” more. Make-a-Wish Foundation of San Diego benefits. Saturday, April 14, 11am; **free**-\$25. Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising FIDM, 350 Tenth Ave., 3rd floor. (EAST VILLAGE)

“Hostel Takeover” Evening of live music, art by many artists, poetry, film, crafts, food! Screening of film by Playing for Change Foundation. Parking in City College garage (1081 16th Street), take “hostel hopper shuttle.” Donations accepted. 619-525-1531. Saturday, April 14, 6pm; Hostelling International, 521 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

“Lift Up Your Voice and With Us Sing” San Diego Mormon Choir and Orchestra performs choral and children’s songs by songwriter Sally DeFord, who will appear as guest emcee. 800-988-4253. Friday, April 13, 7:30pm; \$5-\$15. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

“Mille Fleurs: French-Inspired Design with Garden Flowers”

Renowned floral designer René Van Rems leads floral workshop for “Art Alive 2012.” All levels of floral design experience welcome. Saturday, April 14, 10:30am; \$100-\$125. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Paranormal Investigation and Ghost Tour”

San Diego Ghost Hunters, a “professional paranormal research team in investigating paranormal activity,” leads tour, shares “research techniques and experience ethereal communication.” 619-233-4692. Friday, April 13, 10:30pm; \$35. 18 and up. William Heath Davis House Museum, 410 Island Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

“Profoundly...James Hubbell”

Enjoy art, music by Billy Watson and Robin Henkel, silent and live auction (including “fabulous Hubbell art”), refreshments during benefit for Ilan-Lael Foundation’s building fund. Saturday, April 14, 5pm; \$75. David Alan Collection, 241 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

“Seeing Red: Art Amid Turmoil in the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution”

The Cultural Revolution was a period of great strife and hardship for many Chinese citizens. This exhibition, opening with reception, showcases art and propaganda from the Cultural Revolution (1966-1976). Gain “a glimpse into the world as shaped through the arts for the people of Mao’s China, a visual world much different from its reality.” RSVP: info@sdchm.org or 619-338-9888. Saturday, April 14, 1:30pm; **free**-\$4. San Diego Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Art Alive 2012 Annual spring-time event promises professional and amateur floral designers inter-

preting works of art from museum’s permanent collection with floral arrangements. Friday through Sunday, April 13–15, 9am–5pm; **free**-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Artwear San Diego Spring Show, Sale 2012

Artwear San Diego features unique hand-crafted items: hand-dyed silk clothing, collage jackets of pieced fabric, hand-woven outerwear. Stunning jewelry of lampwork beads, melded metals, and ethnic artifacts by San Diego’s most accomplished jewelers. Finely crafted items created from gourds, wood, ceramic, paper, glass, and felted vessels for sale. 760-436-4827. Sunday, April 15, 10am to 3pm; Casa de Colores, 1274 Chestnut Ave. (CARLSBAD)

Consider the “48 Hour Film Project”

Looking to join a team or searching for new team members for an existing team? Get the scoop and mingle with fellow participating filmmakers during second meet and greet. Thursday, April 12, 7pm; **free**. Sammy’s Woodfired Pizza, 12925 El Camino Real. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Day at the Docks Port of San Diego’s 33rd annual celebration promises more than 200 exhibitors displaying fishing tackle, marine art, clothing, accessories, services; “how-to” seminars; live entertainment, captains’ dunk tank, kids’ fishing and art contests. Open house aboard fleet vessels, boat rides around bay (\$2 per person), more. 619-234-8793. Sunday, April 15, 9am; **free**. Sportfishing Landings. (POINT LOMA)

Del Mar Antique Show More than 250 antique dealers from all over offer antiques, vintage collectibles, decorator items during Calendar Antique Show. Appraisal booth (\$5 per item). Also on hand: repair and restoration artisans expert in fields of glass, crystal, porcelain, pottery, rugs, jewelry. Tickets valid for run of show. 800-943-7501. Friday through Sunday, April 13–15, 11am; \$4-\$8. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Harp Concert San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory principal harpist Julia Schorn and SDSU Symphony Orchestra’s principal harpist Alexandra (Alex) Tibbitts perform a wide range of compositions. Reception follows. Sunday, April 15, 3pm; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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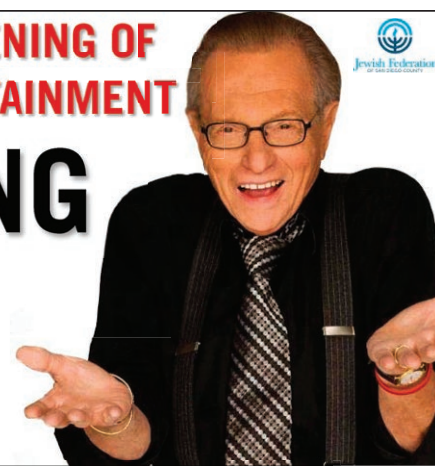
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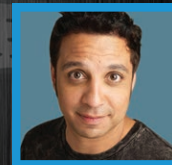
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LOCAL EVENTS

Mile Of Music On The Big Bay

Take a stroll along San Diego's Embarcadero and enjoy over two dozen acts performing a world of musical styles. Downtown San Diego waterfront between Grape and G Streets. thebigbay.com. Saturday, April 14, 2pm to 5pm. Embarcadero, Along Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

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)

San Diego Pet Expo Entertainment, petting zoo, speakers, pet adoptions, pet products and services, more. 800-999-5450. Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15, 10am; **free**-\$9. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Seaside Native Plant Garden Tour Plant experts and neighborhood locals lead informative walking tour (1.5 miles) of 18 front-yard native plant gardens sponsored by Buena Vista Native Plant Club and Oceanside Coastal Neighborhood Association. Kids selling lemonade, cookies along route. Donations accepted for maps. 760-439-2473. Sunday, April 15, 2pm; **free**. St. Mary, Star of the Sea School, 515 Wisconsin Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

Sketch Jam Bring your sketch materials, enjoy live music, refreshments. Open to all artists. 760-479-1848. Friday, April 13, 7pm; **free**. Studio 2nd St., 528 2nd Street. (ENCINITAS)

Stamp-Collecting Show Stamp and cover dealers offer their wares. 619-218-7835. Sunday, April 15, 10am; **free**. Al Bahr Shrine Center,

5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Stylophone Stylings Enjoy new musical compositions for Stylophone, in conjunction with the exhibition "Stylophone: The Greatest Little [Musical] Instrument of the [Last] Century?" The Stylophone is an iconic British toy instrument embraced by pop musicians of the late 1960s, including David Bowie and Kraftwerk. Sunday, April 15, 2:30pm; **free**. UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Tailgate Gem Show San Diego County Council Gem and Mineral Show promises more than 40 dealers offering gem-related items for sale. 760-726-7570. Friday through Sunday, April 13-15, 9am; **free**. Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. (VISTA)

Taking Care of Our Own Fund-raising Dinner and Auction. Tickets are \$75 each and include double entree 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. Call Gary: 858-201-8577 or email: boatsburg@gmail.com. Saturday, April 14, 6pm; \$75. Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Place. (DOWNTOWN)

What Is a Political Moderate? Join Civilized Conversation group, non-partisan forum, to discuss the subject. 858-231-6209. Thursday, April 12, 7pm; **free**. Eclipse Chocolate, 2121 El Cajon Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Wildlife Baby Shower Every spring, Project Wildlife cares for thousands of sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife until they are ready for release. Experience the wildlife "baby season" — see wildlife babies, take behind-the-scenes tour of center, meet animal ambassadors, enjoy food truck samples.

Rhyme & Verse

The Philosopher's Club

A poem by Kim Addonizio

After class Thursday nights the students meet at the Philosopher's Club. It's right around the corner from the streetcar tracks at the West Portal tunnel. No one bothers to check I.D.s. Five or six of them get shooters and talk — about sex, usually. Let me tell you about this dildo I bought, one girl says. She describes how it looks when all the gadgets attached to it are going at once. My girlfriend is pregnant, says one of the boys. That's nothing, says another, I've got twins I've never seen. It goes on like this all semester. Gradually they learn each other's stories: the girl raped at knifepoint in Florida, the kid whose old man shot seven people in a trailer park outside Detroit. Life is weird, they agree, touching glasses. The bartender flips channels on the TV, the sound turned down. Spoiled brats, he thinks. He imagines a woman with the blonde's legs, the brunette's tits. *Dynasty* looks boring and he quits at a black-and-white newsreel about the Nazi camps — piles of heads with their mouths open, bodies with arms like chicken wings. On the jukebox Otis Redding sings "Try a Little Tenderness."

One of the regulars stands there popping his gum, jamming in selections. The students, smashed, are hugging each other. I love you, they all say. Outside, in the rain, people are boarding a lit streetcar. As it jolts towards the tunnel some of them look back at the bar, its staticky neon sign the last thing they see as they enter the dark.



Kim Addonizio is an American poet who lives and teaches in the Bay Area. She is the author of two novels, two books about writing poetry, and several collections of poetry, one of which, *Tell Me*, was a National Book Award finalist. She is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships. Her poetry collection *Jimmy and Rita* has just been republished by Austin State University Press. "The Philosopher's Club" is taken from her collection *The Philosopher's Club*, published by BOA Editions, and is reprinted by permission.

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Donations requested for admission. Saturday, April 14, 10am; Project Wildlife Wildlife Triage Center, 887½ Sherman Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Ravi Shankar Foundation presents: Sitar player and composer Anoushka Shankar. Be a part of this special one night only performance as this multi-talented 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)

Celebration Under The Stars San Diego Family Magazine's 30th Anniversary, a Hollywood-Style

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tural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

A Course in Mindful Parenting Mindful Parenting is being fully present in each moment with your child with kindness, consideration and compassion. This 2-hour workshop introduces the foundations of mindfulness practice and techniques for remaining present and responsive while engaging with children. Tickets: \$30. www.Mindfulness.ucsd.edu. 858-334-4636. Saturday, April 28, 10:30am to 12:30pm. UCSD Center for Mindfulness, 5060 Shoreham Place, Suite 200. (LA JOLLA)

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Bad Luck? Share your poems of disaster and despair during Friday the 13th meeting of Gelato Poetry series. 760-434-1240. Friday, April 13, 7pm; **free**. Korky’s Ice Cream and Coffee, 2375 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

Literary Reading Harold Jaffe, author “of the docufiction collection” *OD*, reads from his work in Commons 206. Musical accompaniment, sound manipulation by Shane Roeschlein. 760-750-8077. Thursday, April 12, 7pm; **free**. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

ART MUSEUMS

“John Baldessari: A Print Retrospective” National City native John Baldessari, who has been making art for decades, is one of the most influential artists working today. This retrospective including more than 100 works made

between 1973 and 2010 in media as diverse as lithography, etching, photogravure, aquatint, photo intaglio, embossing, silkscreen, and more, is drawn from the collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and his family foundation. View this exhibition, representing “the largest offering of Baldessari’s graphic oeuvre ever assembled,” through Sunday, May 13.

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

“Object Lessons: France in the Golden Age” View this “concentration of five French 17th-century paintings” through Sunday, June 3. The inaugural grouping is mounted with Cleveland Museum of Art’s loan of Nicolas Poussin’s *The Holy Family Returning to Nazareth*, shown alongside paintings by Poussin’s contemporaries: *Christ Healing the Blind* by Philippe de Champaigne, *Pastoral Landscape* by Claude Lorrain, Simon Vouet’s *Aeneas and his Father Fleeing Troy*,

and *The Holy Family with Saint John the Baptist in a Classical Landscape*, attributed to Nicolas or Pierre Mignard.

Permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18th- and 19th-century American paintings, and Russian icons. **Free**. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“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

“An Afternoon with T. Jefferson Parker” The best-selling author discusses *Iron River*, signs copies of his books (which will be available for purchase) at 2pm. Tickets, limited to two per person, distributed at 1pm. Saturday, April 14, 1pm; **free**. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Nimpentoad San Diego elementary school students Josh and Harrison Herz read from, sign their recently published children’s fantasy, “the story of a courageous and resourceful little Nibbling.” Sunday, April 15, 1pm; **free**. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Mira Mesa, 10775 Westview Parkway. (MIRA MESA)

Tenth Anniversary Celebration Day begins with community art reception (11am), continues with San Diego Historical Society pre-

sentation on history of East County (1pm). Juvenile biography author Kathleen Krull (*Jim Henson: The Guy Who Played with Puppets and Lives of the Presidents: Fame, Shame, and What the Neighbors Thought*) speaks about her work (2:30pm). 619-660-5370. Saturday, April 14, 11am; **free**. Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

“From Paris to You” Paris resident and pianist Zachary Deak, a San Diego native, performs “diverse program” with piano music from baroque period through 20th century, including sonatas by Scarlatti, Liszt’s “La Vallée d’Obermann,” “Etudes” by Scriabin, and “Piano Sonata No. 1 in F-Sharp Minor” by Robert Schumann. Donations welcome. 760-666-1810. Sunday, April

15, 2pm; **free**. Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street. (POINT LOMA)

“The Best for Last” Palomar College artist-in-residence Peter Gach presents his final solo performance as full-time Palomar faculty member, highlighting his 31-year tenure. On tap: music by Gach’s favorite composers, including Haydn, Ives, Chopin, as well as “the live creation of ‘Sketches,’ a Gach original.” 760-744-1150 x2453. Sunday, April 15, 2pm; \$8-\$12. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

“The Last Quartets” ArtPower! Chamber Music Series closes with concert by Emerson String Quartet. Program includes Mozart’s “String Quartet No. 23 in F Major (Prussian 3),” Haydn’s “String Quartet No. 67 in F Major (Wait Till the Clouds Roll By),” and “String Quartet No. 16 in F Major” by Beethoven. 858-534-8497. Sunday, April 15, 8pm; \$10-\$60. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD,

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Blue Rose Ensemble The Los Angeles-based piano, cello, clarinet trio performs works by Beethoven, Bruch, Villa Lobos, and contemporary composers. Sunday, April 15, 2pm; **free.** Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Canterbury Cathedral Choir Concert The 31-voice choir of men and boys performs "finest historic and contemporary sacred music by some of the greatest choral composers of all time." Saturday, April 14, 7pm; \$12-\$15. First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Low Flute Specialist Peter Sheridan presents music from his recent recording, *Monologues and Dialogues*, for Concert Hour series. 760-744-1150 x2317. Thursday, April 12, 12:30pm; **free.** Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10), 1140 West Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Scholarship Vocal Recital Virginia and Susan Hawk Memorial Scholarship recital and reception. Applicants were required to sing

two operatic arias, a selection from an oratorio or cantata in its original language, more. 619-465-7425 or 619-447-4721. Sunday, April 15, 2:30pm; **free.** Ronald Reagan Community Center, 195 East Douglas. (EL CAJON)

Spring Concert Choir of Saint Therese of Carmel performs "Lux Aeterna" by Martin Lauridsen, "Totus Tuus" by Henryk Gorecki. Reception follows. Sunday, April 15, 3pm; **free.** St. Therese of Carmel Catholic Church, 4355 Del Mar Trails Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Twentieth Century Music of Russia and America Volante Piano Quartet performs Russian songs by Rachmaninoff, American songs by Rorem and others, music by American composer Amy Beach. Concert promises "mini-lecture" highlighting composers' histories, biographies, musical styles. Reception follows. 858-538-8158. Sunday, April 15, 2:30pm; **free.** Scripps Miramar Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

COMEDY

Australian Musician, Actor, Comedian, Writer Tim Minchin performs "his unique brand of musical comedy." 619-570-1100. Thursday, April 12, 8pm; \$29. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Mixx Nuts Comedy Relief Show Pee's Company presents

headliner Bombo Belford, featured comedian Dave Wright, jokesters Michael Avila Jr., Ed Badrack, Dylan Boisvert, Chris Dahlberg, Duke Michaels, Sindi Somers, host Pman. Music by DJ Pla\$tic. Two-item minimum. pmanbooking@gmail.com or 619-944-1251. Saturday, April 14, 5pm; \$20. 18 and up. Comedy Palace, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Stage Monkeys Improvised Theater Stage Monkeys perform long-form improvised theater, using "one single suggestion from the audience" to catapult "into characters, scenes, games, songs," more. Friday, April 13, 8pm; \$5. 18 and up. Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Unravalled Improv Show The long-form improv troupe will "create a full-length play or movie from audience suggestions." Saturday, April 14, 8pm; \$5. 18 and up. North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe, 2031 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

West Coast Funnies Monthly comedy variety show blends sketch, video, stand-up comedy. This month, see Karen Rontowski, Gary Cannon, host Kurt Swann. Saturday, April 14, 8pm; \$20. 18 and up. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2822 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

DANCE

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on Monday, April 16, and on Wednesday, April 18, at 7pm, when another 6-week session starts. Free classes are given every Monday or Wednesday at 7pm. Come and be introduced to the magic and passion of Tango at Dance Place San Diego in Point Loma. No partner needed. Visit www.TangoWithColette.com or call 514-726-5567. Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Road, Studio 106. (POINT LOMA)

FILM

Profughi a Cinecittà (Refugees in Cinecittà) San Diego Italian Film Festival hosts an evening with Marco Bertozzi, including screening of his 2012 film documenting "transformation of Cinecittà from 1944 to 1950, from Nazi occupation, to its use as a refugee camp by the Allies and, finally, to its birth as Hollywood on the Tiber." Afterwards, UCSD literature professor Pasquale Verdicchio moderates discussion exploring "new trends in documentary film," with panelists Bertozzi, Deborah Klochko, Clarissa Clò, Loredana Di Martino. Suggested donation: \$5. 619-238-7559. Friday, April 13, 7pm; Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

International Documentary Film Series – The Hungry Tide *The Hungry Tide* focuses on the island nation of Kiribati's struggle with rising ocean levels. Speaker & discussion follow film. Benefit for International Rescue Committee.

Tickets: \$20/\$10 Student. First of three films. Trailers /info: www.Rescue.org/films. Monday, April 16, 7pm. Landmark La Jolla Village, 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive. (LA JOLLA)

FOOD & DRINK

Titanic Centennial First-Class Dinner Enjoy salute to the *Titanic* with ten-course feast "meticulously planned to replicate the final dinner served to *Titanic*'s first-class passengers." Wait staff will don period tuxedo jackets. Piano quintet will play 1912-era melodies. Saturday, April 14, 6pm; \$212. Prado, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Art of Amore Enjoy "presentation on dynamic artworks from history whose creations were inspired by love and passion," with vocal performances driven by the featured artworks. Lobby will be filled with "living sculptures" modeling original fashions by local clothing and jewelry designers. Open champagne bar, wine and beer tastings, savory appetizers, dessert samplings. Suggested reservations: 760-435-3721. Sunday, April 15, 2pm; \$20-\$30. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

College Area Taste Enjoy self-guided culinary adventure when more than 20 of the neighborhood's diverse restaurants offer samples. 619-233-5008. Sunday, April 15, 11am; \$25-\$30. College Area Business District Office, 4704 College Avenue. (COLLEGE AREA)

Cookie and Wine Pairing Cookie Chew — specializing "in unique truffle stuffed cookies and other delectable stuffed cookies" — provides four of the company's most popular cookie flavors, each paired with wine. Samples, light appetizers served as well. Thursday, April 12, 7pm; \$18. 21 and up. Jake's on 6th — A Wine Bar, 3755 Sixth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Morning Glory Brunch The 14th annual brunch promises "more than 30 food and wine stations, boutique shopping, art and gardening demonstrations," the annual frog race. Reservations: jredondo@stmsc.org or 619-442-5129 x115. Saturday, April 14, 10am; \$60-\$225. St. Madeleine Sophie's Center, 2119 East Madison Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Real Ale Festival The 15th annual celebration promises over 50 cask-conditioned beers "served in the English tradition." Fee includes tasting glass, eight four-ounce tastes; \$1 for additional samples. Friday, April 13, 1pm; Saturday, April 14, 11am; \$30-\$40. 21 and up. Pizza Port, 571 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Titanic Tea Honorary champagne toast and saber ceremony commence *Titanic* centennial affair. Enjoy loose-leaf teas, culinary treats inspired by menus served aboard the legendary cruise liner. 619-744-2039. Saturday, April 14, 1pm; \$22-\$47. U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

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FOR KIDS

“Garden of Activities” Children 6-12 invited to “Art Alive” family area, with hands-on projects for families to enjoy. Create floral arrangements using art materials, add to collaborative garden wall, enjoy museum-wide flower hunt, hear nature-inspired stories. Included in “Art Alive” admission (\$15 general). Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15, 12pm; 6 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Community Science Fair Elementary and middle school students invited to enjoy more than 100 hands-on interactive science activities on central lawn near clock. cwilkinson@miracosta.edu or 760-795-6616. Saturday, April 14, 1pm; **free**. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Mom and Pop-Ups! “Make a sweet and personal” Mother’s Day Card personalized with pictures taken in the photo booth during Crafty Sunday program. Sunday, April 15, 1pm; \$4. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

GALLERIES

“Collide” Enjoy a “multidisciplinary contemporary art show and benefit curated by Sezio” showcasing works by artists Mike Maxwell, Wes Bruce, Exist 1981,

Spenser Little, others. Individual art displays, installations will “inhabit apartment units throughout the property.” Food and beverages on offer. Saturday, April 14, 6pm; \$5. Community at Carnegie Building, 950 Ninth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

“Crossing the Divide” Opening reception for display of art in variety of media by San Francisco artist Jenn Porreca. View exhibit “drawing inspiration from the repetitive religious iconography of her childhood, European silhouette and folklore artists of the early 1900s, literature, San Francisco street art, manga, and Japonisme” through Saturday, May 5. 760-781-5779. Saturday, April 14, 6pm; **free**. ArtHatch, 317 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

“Dreamability” Reception for fine art exhibition curated by Marty Tiedeman, “A Place of One’s Own” by the Photo Arts Group, art by Andrea Zuill. Ceramics demonstration by artist David Hudgins (3pm). Saturday, April 14, 3pm; **free**. Escondido Municipal Gallery, 262 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

“Eat Here Now” Opening reception for exhibition offering “an investigation into how we can re-imagine our cities to be near food, starting with...North Park.” NewSchool of Architecture and Design students present artistic renderings of how spaces along streets, roofs, yards, vacant lots can be transformed into urban food gardens. Closes Tuesday, May 15. Saturday, April 14, 6pm; **free**. Art

Produce Gallery, 3139 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

“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, 6pm. Exhibit closes Friday, May 4. **Free**. Cirello Gallery, 3803 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

“Hybrids” Reception for exhibition of “new two-person collaboration works,” in which “artistic projects reveal unexplored ground for both the artists and viewer.” See work by abstract painters Jack Stricker and Jeff Donndelinger, Chikle and Ricardo Islas, and many others through Sunday, May 6. Saturday, April 14, 5pm; **free**. Thumbprint Gallery, 920 Kline St., Suite #104. (LA JOLLA)

“Immaterial Ergonomics” Reception for four artists with “an affinity for material transcendence,” displaying work representing “range of hybrid practices: sculpted canvases, painted videos, printed sculptures, and digital processes.” Party promises “experimental music” by Michael Trigilio, an installation from Anna Chiaretta Lavatelli’s *My Pink Room*. Closes Saturday, May 26. 619-269-7230. Saturday, April 14, 6pm; **free**. Space 4 Art, 325 15th Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

“Transition” Solo art show by Sonia López-Chávez, with more than 20 original paintings “portraying her path towards personal enlightenment.” Music by DJ SolTonic. Live painting by López-

Chávez. All ages. Saturday, April 14, 6pm; **free**. Spot, 1835 Main Street. (BARRIO LOGAN)

“Tree of Life” Painter Daniel Ryan has exhibit of his “tree-scapes” resulting from an “effort to develop an artistic painting style in oil on canvas that reflects his academic art background and personal affinity for the natural world.” RSVP: pr@ecgallery.com or 800-204-0062. Saturday, April 14, 6pm; Sunday, April 15, 12pm; **free**. 21 and up. Exclusive Collections Gaslamp Quarter, 437 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Meet Featured Artists Painters Bobbi Harrington and Wendy Gauntlett-Shaw, photographer Carolina Van Leeuwen fêted during reception. 760-942-3636. Saturday, April 14, 5pm; **free**. Off Track Gallery, 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Suite C-103. (ENCINITAS)

Open Studios Night Gallery artists host open studios event and gallery exhibition on building’s second and third floors. 858-205-7558. Sunday, April 15, 12pm; **free**. Brokers Building Gallery, 402 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

LECTURES

“Bandits, Millenarians, Folk Saints, and Sharpers” Paul J. Vanderwood (1929-2011) was an “internationally recognized historian of modern Mexico who taught for his entire academic career” at SDSU. Conference promises analy-

sis of each of his four major books by “an important historian of modern Mexico, with additional commentaries by other scholars and general discussion at all points” by attendees. Reception follows. RSVP: gmallinger@ucsd.edu or 858-822-1696. Friday, April 13, 10am; **free**. Institute of the Americas, UCSD, 10111 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

“Book Publishing 1-2-3” Editor, proofreader Laurie Gibson presents lecture-workshop “From the Writer’s Fingers to the Reader’s Hands,” designed to empower and inspire writers. Expect writing exercises, “editor’s tips on craft,” question and answer. 858-635-1233. Thursday, April 12, 6:30pm; \$10. Marcella June’s Coffee Lounge, 8513 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

“Climate and Climate Mandates on Regional Transportation” Mike Bullock of the Sierra Club discusses the San Diego Regional Transportation Plan, “how it fails to meet our climate responsibilities,” when Escondido Democratic Club meets. All are welcome. Saturday, April 14, 10:30am; **free**. Escondido Chamber of Commerce, 720 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

“Surveying Cross-Border Perceptions” Emmy Award-winning correspondent Charles Krause is keynote speaker for “Cross-Border Perceptions: Do We Really Know Our Neighbors?” symposium, in concert hall (building 2400). mreeve@miracosta.edu. Thursday, April 12, 7:30pm; **free**. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

“Cross-Border Perceptions: Do We Really Know Our Neighbors?” Symposium focuses on “The Role of Contemporary Literature in Cross-Border Perceptions” during panel discussion in MiraCosta College Little Theatre (room 3601). Panelists: authors Michael Jaime-Becerra (*Every Night Is Ladies’ Night*) and Olga García Echeverría (*Falling Angels: Cuentos y Poemas*), creative writing professor and moderator Chad Tsuyuki. mreeve@miracosta.edu. Friday, April 13, 9am; **free**. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

“The Role of the Media in Cross-Border Perceptions” Symposium themed “Cross-Border Perceptions: Do We Really Know Our Neighbors?” continues with panel discussion in room 204. Panelists: Laura Castañeda, Jose Luis Jiménez, Carmen Escobosa, Richard Yñiguez, moderator Kent Davy. mreeve@miracosta.edu. Friday, April 13, 7:30pm; **free**. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

“Doc’s Magic” MiraCosta College business professor Rita Soza recounts “seven-year process of documenting the life of a beloved California community college pioneer, Helen Miller Bailey,” known as “Doc” by her admiring students. Learning Is for Everyone program takes place in room 201. 760-944-4449 x7782. Friday, April 13, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. MiraCosta College

San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

“Flower Bouquets in the Work of Marc Chagall” Bella Meyer, granddaughter of French artist Marc Chagall, shares “her take on flower bouquets in her grandfather’s work” for Art Alive 2012. Friday, April 13, 11am; \$40-\$60. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Great Museums of the United States” Explore “a selection of the premier public art museums in the United States with encyclopedic collections” when art historian James W. Grebl leads “virtual tour of some of the most visually stunning, historically significant, and artistically rich art museums in America.” Reservations: 858-454-5872. Thursday, April 12, 7:30pm; \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)


“Remembering the Art Center in La Jolla” Dave Hampton, curator of “Contemporary Art Wins a Beachhead: The La Jolla School of Art, 1960-1964” and former La Jolla School of Arts faculty and students on hand for “informal conversation about what it was like to take classes and attend exhibition openings at the Art Center and the prevailing culture and environment in the early 1960s.” Included in regular admission (\$8). 760-435-3720. Saturday, April 14, 2pm; Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

“Seven Steps to a First Draft” “Learn a simple, step-by-step system to brainstorming, outlining, selecting ideas for marketability, swiftly writing” a first draft at the highest level possible during workshop led by Marni Freedman. Saturday, April 14, 10am; \$60-\$72. 18 and up. Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN)

“TV to Film: An Insider’s Perspective” Television writer, story editor Larry Reitzer (*Ugly Betty*, *Just Shoot Me*, *Twins*) shares experiences from sets of his various productions, in Markstein Hall 125. 760-750-8889. Thursday, April 12, 5pm; **free**. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

“The Contemporary Documentary as Creative Archive” Director Marco Bertozzi shares clips from his works, discusses recent developments in the role of documentary and the use of historical and personal archives, suggests how these might find correspondence in the current debates on “new realism.” Thursday, April 12, 7pm; Visual Arts Facility Performance Space, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Consider the Children’s Writing Industry Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators meets for talk by Lin Oliver, a TV producer and author of humorous children’s books (*Who Shrunk Daniel Funk?* and *Hank Zipzer: World’s Best Underachiever* with co-author Henry Winkler). Join group in USD’s Hahn School of Nursing Building (Linda Vista Road and Marion Way). pr-sd@sandiego-scbwi.org or 619-713-5462. Satur-



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In spirit Our Lady to Nazareth her led,
And showed her the place where Gabriel her greet.
Lo daughter consider, to her Our Lady said,
Of this place take accurately the measurement
Another like this at Walsingham thou set

Unto my laud and singular honor,
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day, April 14, 2pm; \$7-\$9. 18 and up. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

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Meet the New Underwater Parks! What are Marine Protected Areas? Where are they located? Learn about California’s new underwater parks, established on January 1, during WiLDCOAST event. Octavio Aburto from Scripps Institution of Oceanography presents “Cabo Pulmo: Marine Protected Area Success Story.” *diane@wildcoast.net* or 619-423-8665 x207. Sunday, April 15, 10:30am; **free**. Encinitas Community and Senior Center, 1140 Oak Crest Park Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Piano Care and Maintenance Learn “to save money with proper maintenance, keep your piano’s resale and trade-in value,” what to look for “inside and outside” during workshop. Reservations: 858-586-7000. Saturday, April 14, 11am; **free**. Greene Music Recital Hall, 7480 Miramar Rd., Suite 101. (MIRAMAR)

Raising Goats in the City Join a discussion with local goat-raisers during class divulging “everything needed in the process of raising a four-legged friend like a goat.” Saturday, April 14, 1pm; **free**. City Farmers Nursery, 4832 Home Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Small Business Boot Camp Accion San Diego hosts “start-up program for new and aspiring business owners and a growth program for seasoned business owners.” Learn ten key steps to starting a business, financing and banking basics, marketing 101 for new businesses, hiring and managing employees, more. Saturday, April 14, 8am; **free**. Joe and Vi Jacobs

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Stars in the Salon Singers, conductor, director of *The Barber of Seville* on hand for discussion in Beverly Sills Salon. 619-533-7000. Thursday, April 12, 5:30pm; **free**. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Village Aquaponics Ecolife Foundation presents workshop on “symbiotic growing of plants and aquatic animals in a recirculating environment. Water is cycled between fish tanks and vegetable growing areas, and fish waste acts as a natural fertilizer for plants.” Learn to build, maintain a system through demonstration and hands-on practice. Fee includes manual, refreshments. Saturday, April 14, 10am; \$25-\$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

What Are “Skunk Works”? Find out during video presentation on UFOs, Area 51, anti-gravity by T.L. Keller for MUFON (Mutual

UFO Network). Sunday, April 15, 6pm; **free**. 18 and up. Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

MUSIC

“Tribute to Ray Charles” Winter Pops concert with Ellis Hall (piano, vocals) promises songs including “Hit the Road Jack,” “Georgia On My Mind,” more. 619-235-0804. Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14, 8pm; \$20-\$85. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

“Deadline” American Wrestling Alliance presents main event between SoCal Crazy and Amanda the Bloodthirsty Vixen. Bouts also planned with Joey “the Bone” Barone and Ryan Kidd, Kitana Vera

and Terra Calaway, others. Friday, April 13, 8pm; \$10. Sky Box Sports Grill, 4805 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

Clifford L. Graves Memorial Ride Head to Elfin Forest with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders during scenic 60-mile ride. 858-277-7499. Saturday, April 14, 8:45am; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Kickball Without Borders Kickball tournament for ten-player teams benefiting Engineers Without Borders and its international projects. Saturday, April 14, 11am; \$350-\$900. NTC Park at Liberty Station, 2455 Cushing Road. (POINT LOMA)

March for Babies Help March of Dimes raise funds for “research and programs that help babies begin healthy lives” during 3.5-mile walk (8am). Registration: 7am. 858-576-1211. Saturday, April 14, 8am; **free**. Oceanside Pier Plaza Amphitheatre, 200 North of the Strand. (OCEANSIDE)

Padres vs. Diamondbacks San Diego Padres host the Arizona Diamondbacks. Games broadcast on radio station XX Sports Radio (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000. Thursday, April 12, 7:05pm; Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Sharon’s Ride-Run-Walk for Epilepsy Support Epilepsy Foundation of San Diego County with family fun ride or 15-mile bike ride (8:45am) or 5k run and walk (9:30am) along a scenic bayside route. Registration: 7:30am. Phil’s BBQ, live music, activities for kids. 619-296-0161. Sunday, April 15, 7:30am; **free**-\$25. De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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Darlene and Steven have just about finished their food, but as soon as they see me come into the courtyard, they toss out the invite.

“We always feel good when we’ve had our fix of Creole food,” says Darlene. They’re from N’Awlins but living here.

So, hey, I sit down, and, like, instantly, we’re old friends.

This is the New Orleans Creole Cafe, a little place set in the ghostly garden of the haunted Whaley House, near El Campo Santo — the old Spanish-Mexican cemetery. I was sauntering past the restaurant, thinking no way I’d be able to afford it. Two or three sets of Beautiful People sat chomping under umbrellas. Zydeco music was playing on the sound system, a waiter dashing about the brick courtyard in a long white starched apron...

Something held me there.

Next thing you know, I’m sitting down with two Beautiful People, Darlene and Steven.

It’s dusk, so if any spirits are gonna come out, this would be the time. Meanwhile, there are plenty of high spirits. “The thing about New Orleans?” says Darlene, when I ask her to nail what the fuss is all about. “Everybody fits. We hug necks. Everyone’s saying ‘How’s your mama’n’em?’ Meaning, ‘How’s your mother and all the family?’ There’s a neighborliness there.”

The bricky Whaley House, with its real gas-powered gaslamps, would fit right into the French Quarter. So would the two cottages that are the heart of this eatery. Think one used to be a house of, uh, joy, the other a gun shop. Both were up on stilts, down on the waterfront, before they were saved from demolition and hauled over here. Talk about the Wild Wild West.

This courtyard also makes me think of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*.

(Remember that book/movie about voodoo, and the strange, stylish southern life in upscale Savannah?) It’s got that old brick paving,

bright red and white umbrellas, black metal-mesh tables and chairs with scarlet cushions, long shadows of people and electric green lawns backlit by the setting sun. There’s a garden of luminous purple lavender and — get this — an Angel’s

Trumpet tree, with yellow, foot-long, trumpet-shaped flowers dangling like so many ghostly bells. (You want to watch out for those flowers, though. Supposed to be poisonous. Talk about garden of good and evil...)

“We come about once a week,” Steven says. “They really do cook the real thing. Mark and Humberto run it. Mark’s from Louisiana.”

Steven’s finishing up a plate of crawfish étouffée. Smells garlicky delish. Darlene has put away a fried-shrimp platter.

Humberto appears with a menu for me. I’m looking at prices.

“Not sure I can fly with you guys,” I say.

“Well,” says Humberto, “maybe just study the menu a bit.”

“How much is the crawfish étouffée?” I ask. “Or the fried shrimp?”

“The crawfish étouffée is \$19.75,” says Humberto. “The fried-shrimp platter goes for \$18.50. But we have plentiful appetizers and po-boy sandwiches. Or” — he leans over confidentially — “just ask for a half-order of one of the entrées. It’s okay. You could get red beans and rice, or jambalaya with sausage for around \$6, \$7. Or crawfish étouffée for, like, \$10.”

That would be a lifesaver.

Still, most of the po-boy sandwiches are \$11, \$12. Can’t see asking for a half-size there, though I’m tempted by the alligator sausage po-boy. It has “the other white meat, Cajun-style, blended with pork,” for \$11.75. I’m about to ask for a half jambalaya, the rice dish with sausage, which would probably run \$7–\$8, unless you added chicken, or shrimp, or both.

Then you’re paying more. But then I spot something in the “starters,” a small bowl of gumbo — “New Orleans’ richest soup, made with a dark roux and savory spices, \$6.75.”

All right! We have liftoff! I order that.

Then I see Steven finishing up a bottle of beer. Abita Amber. Seems Abita’s the beer of New Orleans. His amber costs \$4.75. In a fit of crazy, I hear myself asking for the Abita Andygator, a 22-ounce bottle of 8 percent beer that’s gonna set me back \$8.

Whatever, no regrets. The gumbo has chicken and sausage in it — the “soup”

part is based on a roux of the Holy Trinity of N’Awlins cooking: onion, celery, and Bell peppers. The whole lot comes with a flurry of white napkins, a basket of bread with butter, and it’s totally delish and totally enough, and with the last of the sun making the Andygator bubbles sparkle like champagne, its sweet, fruity taste countering the peppery end-taste of the gumbo...man, I’m in heaven.

“It is the true American food,” says Humberto. “A mix of African, Native American, French, Spanish, German, Irish, and Italian traditions.”

Mark the chef comes out to see how we’re doing. “These are my own family’s recipes,” he says. “We’ve been in Louisiana since 1750.”

Whoa.



In a fit of crazy, I hear myself asking for the Abita Andygator, which sets me back \$8.

And the legendary ghosts of the Whaley House? Oh, sure, Mark says, he’s smelled the perfume of a lady called Violet. “And we get cigar smoke in the kitchen — probably Mr. Whaley himself. Or, once, I went across to the Whaley House and saw a chandelier, perfectly still, start wildly swinging. It went on for ten minutes. Another time, when I was coming to open the kitchen, I felt something pushing me back. Five minutes later, police arrived and found an armed man hiding under our veranda right here, with a gun. He probably would have taken me hostage. So, from that, I feel the ghosts are happy that Humberto and I are here.”

It’s getting dark. I stand up. Fork over \$15.89. Sniff for perfume. ■

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Pizza as Vehicle

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Afghan Pizza? Zia's Shows How

Nine at night in Normal Heights: Khaled Waleh is trying to explain just what Afghan pizzas are.

This place, Zia Gourmet Pizza (3311 Adams Avenue) is his vehicle to bring Afghani tastes in food to a town that has only heard about its wars.

Me, I'm hooked on the look of this eggplant pizza. "It's the most Afghan of them all," Waleh says. "Eggplant is one of our main foods, and so is the Indian-style raita salty yogurt we put in. And the cranberries."

Cranberries and yogurt in a pizza? Definitely a South Asia thing. I pick it up and bite in, and any doubts evaporate. Squishy eggplant, scallions, tomato, those cranberries, red sauce, mozzarella, and splotches of the savory yogurt sauce. The combo is, well, rico suave. And the yogurt/cranberry/eggplant combo makes you think of Persia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India.

There's so much more to tell. Waleh is working on a cool lounge behind his main pizza room, and soon they'll be getting a wine and beer license.

Posted March 30
by Ed Bedford

Catching Up with Pizza Port Carlsbad at Local Habit

San Diego really is the Napa Valley for beer. The region is rich with opportunities to experience exceptional brews.

The latest proof came to me last week when, on consecutive nights, I had the chance to sample beers from the reigning best large and small brewpubs in the U.S. (as determined at the Great American Beer Festival, the largest and most definitive brewing competition in the country).

Both of those operations call San Diego home. Pizza Port Carlsbad is the big boy of the pair. I caught up, broke bread, and sipped suds with their head brewer Ignacio Cervantes at Local Habit during the latest of the venue's monthly Brewmaster Dinners. These affairs feature five courses paired against beers presented and explained by the brewer du jour.

The majority of the beers Cervantes contributed were recently entered into the upcoming World Beer Cup. Held every two years, that competition is the brewing industry's Olympics. Breweries the planet over send their beers in to vie as the best-tasting, most-text-book version of 90-plus individual styles.

San Diego breweries have historically done well in the WBC and, after sampling Cervantes' entries, it would seem Pizza Port Carlsbad has an above-average shot at bringing home some medals.

Posted April 4 by
Brandon Hernández

Chocolat: The Perfect Pour?

Are there cheaper places to buy coffee? At \$3.18, including tax, for the house coffee, you betcha. Plus, here at Chocolat (3896 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest), while you're waiting for the danged coffee to be made, you have to look at all these scrumptious cookies and home-made candies.

But here's the thing: I defy any place in town

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Zawzaw the Burmese chef with owner Khaled



The perfect pour

to have a smoother-pouring li'l coffee pot. The silver beauty here pours the purest column of coffee I can remember.

I know, it's no big deal. Just one of those tiny pleasures you remember as you sip while you wait for the Number 11 stretch limo.

Posted April 3 by Ed Bedford

Que Huong Vietnamese Restaurant

As Elizabeth Salaam recently pointed out, City Heights has some amazing places to eat if one is willing to look around a bit. Que Huong, tucked into a strip mall at the intersection of University and Marlborough, is just such a place.

Lavishly decorated, at least as compared to the more familiar pho joints that specialize in meals-on-the-quick, Que Huong offers a more leisurely atmosphere. Families regularly sit down together around the tables that have Lazy Susans installed in the center to provide access to the lavish spreads that come out of the kitchen.

The lengthy menu has section after section devoted to exotic meats. Beef and chicken start the parade, but they're followed by quail, venison, wild boar, and even crocodile. Adventurous eaters will have a field day with the 100+ item selection. Prices are all over the place, since some items are massive, family-style banquets and others are as simple as a bowl of hot soup. Roughly speaking,

ten to fifteen dollars per person buys more than enough food.

Part of the fun at Que Huong is that a lot of the food is cooked at the table. A small-sized "beef, shrimp, and squid hot grill" (\$12.95) came out of the kitchen as a dizzying array of ingredients and equipment. There was a propane griddle, raw meat, cold rice noodles, fresh and pickled vegetables, rice paper, and a selection of sauces. The ultimate goal? Grill, roll, and eat

your own spring rolls. It was fun, and the heaps of fresh ingredients made more food than one person could eat.

Catfish steaks, a more single-person-friendly option, were cooked in a scorching hot clay pot that sizzled and bubbled on the table. The bony, fatty cuts of fish were a bit difficult to eat with chopsticks, but the intense flavor of the fish gravy was an amazing way to cook catfish, which can be a little muddy in more-delicate preparations. The fattiness of the preparation might turn some people off, but the accompanying depth of flavor is a fair trade-off.

Service was excellent, and the young guy working the dining room provided guidance and support for diners new to the restaurant and the specifics of Vietnamese, family-style dining.

Que Huong, 4134 University Avenue.

Posted April 3 by Ian Pike

Good Eats and a Foie Gras Alternative at Gabardine

Unless you're lucky enough to live in Point Loma's affluent inner expanses, it takes something special to justify a rush-hour trip on the long, congested, un-thoroughfare that is Rosecrans Street. Count a meal at Gabardine, Point Loma's new modernized Portuguese fish house, as an experience worth the frustrating stop-and-go.

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of the rarely seen sea-fare treatments he made a name for himself at North Park's smallish, tightly budgeted Sea Rocket Bistro, ramping them to new heights behind the deep pockets of James Brennan and Brian Malarkey's Enlightened Hospitality Group. The result is a menu that is creative, daring, and unlike anything in San Diego.

Like all of EHG's restaurants, the bill of fare is extensive. Not counting items from the Oyster Bar, Gab Bar, Aged Bar, daily specials, sides or desserts sections, Gabardine's menu has over 35 entries. On a recent visit, I tackled eight of them and came back with plenty of inventive and interesting dishes to discuss.

The most praise-worthy of the bunch is Black Cod "Foie Gras." As I mentioned last month, the process of fattening a duck's liver to produce foie gras as we know it will be outlawed this summer. This item from Gabardine's Hot Bar will provide a delicious go-to for foie fanatics in need of a fix.

A plump morsel of black cod liver — which tastes incredibly close to duck liver but with less of a tinny iron note and a slight fishiness that really only shows up in the aftertaste — comes perched atop a griddled piece of brioche that tastes like French toast. A gastrique of brandied cherries provides a nice sweet note, while pistachio brittle lends some crunch. It's decadent, rich, and every bit as good as any fowl liver I've come across. One of the best dishes I've had this year.

Each EHG venue offers its own version on two dishes — shrimp and grits, and bacon and eggs. Gabardine features two takes on the latter, and I tried them both.

The first consisted of a meaty cube of slow-roasted, honey-glazed pork belly served alongside an egg cooked for four-and-a-half minutes, then panko breadcrumb-dusted and fried until crispy on the outside yet soft and runny. A mustard green-based chimichurri (a spicy, herbal Portuguese condiment) adds acidity to cut through the unctuousness of the belly, its sweet lacquer, and the egg yolk. Though heavy, there's a good amount of balance, flavor wise. That and some astute cookery is the key to this dish's success.

Bacon and Eggs part deux was a salad with a cold halved-egg over chopped asparagus

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and a mélange of lettuces. The bacon component is cured, smoked swordfish belly, which delivers all the salty meatiness of pork, plus some crispiness from being deep-fried before hitting the plate. While not as harmoniously balanced as the dish before, it's a plate that's worth ordering just to taste this rather obscure ingredient.

Another swordfish rarity is also available: the creature's bone marrow. It comes served in all its aquatic glory atop a lime round and lightly dusted with ground espelette chili on a block of pink Himalayan salt. The dish comes with instructions. They're simple: bend down and suck the clear gelatinous mass in. Alone, it has a neutral flavor, but with the addition of citrus and pepper it comes across a bit like a margarita sipped from a glass with a chile salted rim.

The last standout dish to leave a big impression was White's signature ice cream, made from cream, sugar, liquid nitrogen and...wait for it...uni. Sea urchin roe is the base for this dessert, which looks a lot like pumpkin ice cream and even tastes a bit like it thanks to a vanilla foam and an icy vanilla granita. Those

components bring the only slightly fishy-tasting delicacy back to the realm of familiar flavors. I was as skeptic as any diner when I first heard about this dish, but after having it I found it amusing and delicious enough to crave as much as a scoop of rocky road or mint chocolate chip.

Gabardine, 1005 Rosecrans.

Posted April 3

by Brandon Hernández

Hamilton Eats Free in the Gaslamp

Life in the Gaslamp? It's a Damon Runyon play.

Midnight, Monday night: This is the time when you start hearing the clacking of cans being crushed, smell drifts of marijuana smoke, hear guys on side streets yelling out their own rap, and watch the Russian girls as they coast around on their pedicabs, hoping their blonde glamour will pull in one last customer on this cold spring night.

Bouncers exchange guffaws over the night's doofers, and up on Fifth and Broadway a fight breaks out between a group of white boys and a couple of black guys.

"Hey! Waddaya think now,

huh?" yells one of the white guys, except he adds that word as one of the black guys races into a check-cashing place for safety, and they run off whooping across Broadway before the bicycle cops arrive. The fracas gets even those shadows in doorways, the homeless, settled in for the night, sitting up and moving nervously.

On Saturday, it was the rain. As people were coming out from eateries, the skies opened up. Couples skittered along, laughing, shivering, yelling things such as "Don! Where's Don?" "He's gone to get the car." "What? We can't wait out here! Don!"

This guy Leaf Smith isn't put off by the rain. He strides up and down I Street and Fifth with his big arrow sign advertising "Gaslamp Pizza by the Slice." Then he stands in the rain, wowing ladies who are lining up to get into Stingaree, the nightclub.

"You need a slice, ladies!" he says. "You'll pay ten times as much there!"

We get to talking, and when I ask, he leads me like a dripping Pied Piper over to the Gaslamp Pizza (505 Fifth Avenue).

I've eaten here before. The

pizzas are good, and they do two slices and a soda for \$6. But you really know it's hot when a bunch of the Russian girls haul their pedicabs up and head in out of the rain.

"This is a bit like Vladivostok," says one of the girls, "but the pizza is way better."

Leaf stands shivering outside. "Might have to quit in this," he says.

"Yes, yes," says Hadir ("Call me Eddy"), one of the Chaldean owners. "Good job"

Leaf looks relieved. We're still out in the rain. The Russian girls have filled the sheltered part.

"I'm a musician," he says. "I play Christian rock. My grandma knew Buffalo Bob Smith. Buffalo Bob Smith? He was Mr. Howdy Doody."

"Howdy Doody?" he says to the Russian girls.

"Hi," says one of them.

Posted April 3 by Ed Bedford

Chopahn: It Means "Shepherd," Not "Composer"

This must be Afghan Month. First I found Zia Pizza, then Ian turned up at Khyber Pass, then I find myself outside Chopahn (650 Sixth Avenue,

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Gaslamp).

I'm gawking at the menu-pedestal outside when the owner comes up. For me, the entrée prices are gobsmacking. Kabob plates go from \$17 to \$35. So we're talking quality. But not in my league. Not at these dinner prices, anyway.

Then my eye flits to the appetizers and soups and salads. Here we're talking \$7 to \$9. That I could handle, if it's cool to have just that.

"Would you like to come in?" says the owner, Mr. Hussainy.

"Would it be cool to just have, like, an appetizer?" I ask.

"Absolutely." He says it like he means it, and so I follow him in.

Inside's it's muy elegante: chandelier, cream arches reaching two stories high, carved wooden chairs you'd expect to see in the US Grant. White linen tablecloths, translucent marble sconce lights, heavy flatware, fresh roses at each table, the whole nine yards.

I think about the soups: chicken vegetable variations, and the salads. But the most

Afghan-looking dishes are the apps. Aushuk, steamed dumplings with leeks, yogurt, meat sauce. Or mantu, steamed dumplings with chopped beef, yogurt, sautéed veggies (both \$6.95). Or two bulanee dishes: turnovers stuffed with leeks or ground beef (\$5.25). Or sambosas, the triangular pastries filled with ground beef and chickpeas (\$7.95).

What I end up going for is the eggplant. Love eggplant. So do Afghans. Big time, turns out. Pakawra-e-badenjan (\$6.95) is batter-dipped sautéed eggplant topped with yogurt and meat sauce.

I have to say, the service is like I'm a millionaire. Rodrigo, the black-tied waiter serves the badenjan with the full-on elegant, and the waitresses, Rachel and Jayna, constantly check that all's okay and my water's topped up.

The badenjan is beautifully squelchy inside the crispy batter, with that same, slightly salty yogurt on one half and a pot of green sauce to ladle on. Rachel says it's a cilantro chutney mix with serrano pepper, walnut, citrus, garlic, and

some fresh herbs. It zings the taste up good.

In fact, the three are quite filling. Folks around have piles of rice and stews and chicken, but I don't feel robbed. I'll be back to try those sambosas next time.

I got outta there paying \$7.49 and feeling like a king.

Posted April 2 by Ed Bedford

Daddy's Hot Dogs

There's been a little commentary on Feast! blogs, that people would prefer to see local businesses over big, national places. That is sort of a double-edge sword, folks.

At the end of the day, the industry is the industry and places like Costco aren't going anywhere. It's better for our local scene to patronize the local shops, but being informed about all the options is in diners' best interests, so everybody should enjoy reading about Costco just as much as about the little guy.

On that note: Daddy's Hot Dogs (1281 University Avenue) is pretty much anti-Costco. It's a legitimate family affair. The

picture of the guy on the website with his kids? That's William, and he grilled my hot dog himself, which was delicious.

The Chicago Dog is a great iteration of a personal favorite. With the pickle spear, tomatoes, pepperoncini, and a generous sprinkling of celery salt, it was spot on. The Manhattan, with onions, mustard, and kraut was...well, frankly, it was ordinarily perfect, which is a way of saying that it was the kind of hot dog that lives in my mind and represents hot dogs as I know them.

Daddy's is super cheap and open late on weekends for anyone who wants to grab a dog after going out. Also, it's got indie status, so at the end of the day the money's going to stay in the neighborhood instead of padding some corporate account somewhere else.

Posted March 30 by Ian Pike

JSix: Three Courses for \$15

When I was a kid, my heart hurt to see anyone dining alone at a restaurant. It hurt so bad,

I had to look away. During my twenties in New York, I discovered the joy of a great novel, a glass of wine, and a whole restaurant table all to myself.

These days, when I have the chance to eat alone and to linger over a magazine rather than over my computer and all the work I have to get done, I cherish it.

A couple of weeks ago I received an invitation to a hosted lunch at Jsix. I was quick to jump at the opportunity because a) who wouldn't want a free lunch and b) I rarely get downtown. I thought about inviting a friend to join me but changed my mind when I considered what a pleasant time I could have by myself.

When I arrived, the host seated me at a large, round booth that curled around me and offered a private cocoon of sorts. I could see no one else in the dining room unless I stood up and looked over the top of the booth. Seated, I had a view out the large, warehouse-like windows that overlook J Street. It was perfect. And then, just as I began to look at the menu,

the hovering began.

I had come for the Quick Lunch menu, three courses for \$15. Before I had a chance to look over the choices (soup or salad for the first course; ravioli, burger, or chicken sandwich for the second; gelato, sorbet, or cookies for dessert), Kris, the lovely head server, was at my table smiling up a storm and informing me of what I would eat.

Of course, I could have made my own decisions, but I opted instead to go with her recommendations.

Score three for Kris: One, I will go back for the lavender lemonade alone. It could have gone very wrong with too much lavender or not enough. Heaven. Two, the bread was amazing. The roasted red-pepper focaccia was my favorite. Three, I could have eaten the Kalamata olive tapenade by the spoonful.

Score one more for Kris: I'm glad she insisted on bringing samples of both the soup and the salad, because I don't care for ginger. But because Kris was raving about the soup, I probably would have ordered



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it anyway. The texture was wonderfully smooth, and it might have sent ginger lovers to the moon. Not me. I preferred the salad, which was light and topped with quinoa, of all things.

For dessert, Kris brought a chocolate chip cookie and gelato, both of which will make choosing difficult next time.

Regret #1: The wild mushroom and mascarpone ravioli. I wish I'd gotten the burger instead. The pasta itself was a bit more dense than I care for, and the intense mushroomy flavor got to be a bit much after the first couple of bites.

Regret #2: Accepting a hosted lunch. It resulted in a lot of hovering — the chef twice and Kris every two minutes or so. I was unable to get through the magazine article I'd hoped to read. Although everyone — especially Kris — was thoughtful and kind, I would much rather be left alone than checked on after every bite.

The lesson: An hour alone, dining in anonymity, is worth the price of a meal, especially when it's only \$15 for three courses.

Posted April 7
by Elizabeth Salaam



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Asian Fusion at Café Jay

I was chatting with some friends about Thai food, and someone mentioned Café Jay in Sorrento Valley (9450 Scranton Road) as a nice, quick lunch spot.

Located on Scranton Road, in the shadow of the Qualcomm

office building off the 805, it's part of a small food court that serves office workers from the Sorrento Valley area.

Café Jay isn't Thai; it offers simple, vegetarian Asian-fusion cuisine.

Prices are reasonable, too. My pad see ew with soy chicken was \$6.95. At first glance, I thought that there was baby corn in it. On closer inspection, I realized that the soy chicken had been formed so that one side looked bumpy, like skin. It didn't taste like chicken, but it did its job soaking up the light, garlicky brown sauce, as did the wide, slippery rice noodles.

The vegetables were nicely cooked: chunks of green cabbage, carrots, and broccoli were still crisp and bright. Plenty of scrambled-egg bits (optional) were tossed in the mix.

The level of heat in the dish surprised me, in a good way. I know it's tough to judge how heat tolerant a customer is when they ask for "spicy," so most places err on the mild

side. And adding pepper flakes at the table just isn't the same as having it cooked into the food. I was happy to sip my iced green tea (\$1.35) in between bites to cool off.

Café Jay also serves soup, salads, stir-frys, curries, and a number of chef's specials which come with house salad, soup du jour, and steamed jasmine or brown rice. Prices range from \$3.95 for an appetizer to \$8.25 for specials.

Posted April 6
by Mary Beth Abate

Tractor Room

I've checked out the Tractor Room a few times, based on recommendations from an Argentine guy I know. His verdict is that the place makes "the best burger I have ever eaten in my life." Since the man basically lives on a diet of beef, I take his recommendation pretty seriously.

The inside of the place is much smaller than it looks from without. "Intimate" would be the word. Probably half the restaurant's seating is on the patio, which is going to be great when the temperature rises a little bit but right now it's tough to get a seat inside when the mercury is low.

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make sure that no light penetrates the inner sanctum. It's a bit on the dark side because of that.

The Tractor Room is right in the mix of cocktail culture, and the specialty drinks are excellent. As with other places that are doing the cool thing with mixers, nothing's cheap. That's excusable, as the drinks are good and pretty large.

The house Manhattan (\$8) is one of the cheaper cocktails on the menu, even though it uses brand-name bourbon. With a few macerated cherries at the bottom and a generous splash of vermouth and bitters, the drink was good and fit the ambience of the restaurant. On the other end of the spectrum, a Prohibition Punch (\$8) based on rum and fruit juice was lively and the kind of drink that leads to another, and then maybe another after that.

The burger, as prophesied, was exceptional. At \$15, it's not the cheapest burger in town (despite being the cheapest entrée on the menu). The kitchen managed to achieve a deep char on the outside of the burger, despite the fact that I ordered it rare, which is a big plus. Also, being able to substitute one of the side dishes endeared the burger to me. Baked beans were a huge improvement over fries, and the

other options (such as corn on the cob or acorn squash with maple butter) looked equally enticing.

The kitchen did commit the crime of needless garnish in the form of the long chives that covered every plate. Also, the ketchup could have been a more exciting sauce for my \$15.

The rest of the menu featured lots of interesting game foods such as buffalo, pheasant, rabbit, and boar.

Posted April 6 by Ian Pike

Jersey Mike's Coming to Hillcrest

Okay, it's a way-big chain, but I've met true fanatics of this sub place.

It started in Point Pleasant, Jersey Shore, the kinda PB of New Jersey, an hour south of New York City. A real guy named Mike started "Mike's Subs" in 1956, when subs were pretty new. It was a big summer vacation thing for New Yorkers.

He hired a 14-year-old high school kid named Peter Cancro as a gofer in 1972. Three years later he wanted to retire, and the 17-year-old kid found backers to actually buy the business from Mike.

Fast forward 37 years, and Cancro has expanded the joint to 600 locations and a name change to "Jersey Mike's." They say their secret is the Angus-beef top rounds they use and the bread they bake right there.

What the Chef Eats

by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

PASTA WITH TRAPANESE PESTO

RECIPE BY JARED VAN CAMP

Executive Chef, Quality Social

What I like to cook are the questions people can't answer for me. For example, if I asked how to make mashed potatoes, there would be several answers. But when I asked how to make charcuterie, I didn't get a clear answer. I love diving into that.

Before culinary school, I took a job in a bakery owned by a woman from Switzerland. I came in every morning at 4 a.m. and baked bread and listened to music. I didn't even see a person until after nine, when we opened. It was one of my favorite jobs ever. The bakery had a case of meats and salamis but no one knew how they were made. Even at culinary school, no one could tell me how to dry-cure

salami.

I talked to some butchers in Pennsylvania who knew how to make charcuterie but they wouldn't tell me how. They were afraid I would mess it up and hurt someone. Another butcher told me I had a lot to learn and he gave me an out-of-print book.

Now we have a massive charcuterie program at Quality Social. We bring in whole animals from farmers and break them down and dry-cure the whole thing from the bacon to the mortadella and head cheese [a cold cut]. Charcuterie is something young chefs want to learn. They have the questions now and I love my role as a teacher. You can't just read

a recipe and do it because charcuterie is so nuanced. I feel like I've worked to get the information and now I'm paying it forward.

When I'm not eating salami, I am eating pasta. It makes me happy. I'll gravitate toward any person or restaurant making good pasta. I love making simple noodles at home with a really great sauce.

INGREDIENTS

(SERVES 8)

1 lb. fresh cherry tomatoes, blanching and peeled
4.5 oz. almonds, blanching for 2 minutes in boiling water
4 garlic cloves, peeled
25 large basil leaves, torn into small pieces
25 leaves Italian parsley, leaves only, chopped
10 leaves fresh mint, chopped



Jared Van Camp

1 teaspoon ground Calabria chili pepper (substitute cayenne if needed)
¾ cup extra virgin olive oil
16 oz. fresh "pici" pasta (or substitute linguini)
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*Posted April 5
by Brandon Hernández*



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There I was, waiting for the 928 to take me back down to Fashion Valley, when I noticed a little café, Thai Pepper Cuisine (3361 Sandrock Road). It looked kind of open. This was around sunset, seven in the evening. I'm really open to suggestion at that time, especially to Thai.

Before I knew it, my hand

What the Chef Eats

flesh and seeds. Pass the remaining tomatoes through a food mill and reserve for later. (If you don't have a food mill, then push the remaining tomatoes through a fine mesh sieve held over a bowl and reserve contents in the bowl for later.)

Repeat the same

blanching procedure for the almonds.

Add the almonds and garlic to a mortar and pestle and finely grind until creamy. Add the herbs and continue to grind until the herbs are incorporated.

In a mixing bowl, combine the tomatoes, the almond/garlic/herb

mixture, and season with salt, pepper, and Calabrian chili powder. Next, whisk in the olive oil.

To finish, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the fresh pici noodles to the pot and cook al dente.

Reserve one cup of the cooking water. In a sauté pan, add 1 cup of

the pasta cooking water to the pesto.

Combine the sauce with the cooked pasta and toss to coat. Serve with grated Pecorino Romano if desired.

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had pulled open the door and my feet had walked me inside to this cute little eatery. Cream-and-blue cinderblock walls, a dozen tables, and that black-and-gold puffy Thai art on the walls of elephants and monks greeted me.

A perky lady named Oy came up. "I just want a snack," I said, and started looking at the menu. But the menu was huge.

So I resorted to the soups. The two I love most in the world, tom yum kung hot-and-sour shrimp soup (with lemongrass, lime juice, and mushrooms) and tom kar, the addictive coconut soup with galangal (a kind of ginger), lemongrass, lime juice, lettuce, and mushrooms. It has a rich, creamy-tart sweetness to it.

So I went for the tom yum. Sour, hot, usually sets the hairs on the back of your neck going all prickly. It comes in a bowl or in that great charcoal-fired hotpot. I love that. Hotpot costs \$10.95. Madness, I know, especially as the bowl is only \$4.95.

"I'll have it in the hot pot," I said. But the lady, Oy ("It means sugar cane"), saved me

from myself.

"Maybe too much for you," she said. "The bowl has plenty."

I'm impressed. She loses money on the deal. I agree to the bowl. But then I can't leave well enough alone, and before I know it I've ordered a dish of mee krob ("crispy stir-fried chicken and shrimp mixed with tamarind and orange skin tomato sauce," the menu says). I guess I went for it because it's only \$5.95.

When they arrive, I realize I've gone greedy again. The tom yum, though, was fantastic, with a couple of hand twitches of hot peppers and some of the gooey peppery stuff from the little spices tray. I'm fire-breathing at the pain and the pleasure.

The mee krob was only okay. Probably a mistake, though. Too much! Plus I didn't realize it's basically sweet. The owner and cook, a nice guy named Thanakorn Sukjinda, said a lot of people don't realize that. Basically those crooked-back crisp noodles with chicken and shrimp.

But the silver lining is that I

got it packed to take back to the lovely Carla. Fine, a sacrifice. But what man with an ounce of decency in him wouldn't sacrifice his future hunger for his woman? But then, when I'm on the bus, she called and said, "What? You've eaten Thai? Without moi? You owe me big-time, Bedford. Don't come home unless you have two hot dogs from 7-Eleven."

"You don't want Thai? I have some left over. I'm bringing it."

"Cold leftovers? Fugged-aboutit! Your punishment is hot dogs."

I swear. That Carla. I love her. I should be finding her a hot-dog addiction specialist. I worry 7-Eleven will run out.

But that meant I got to eat my mee krob after all, at a leisurely pace, while the ravenous Carla carved her molars into those dogs.

And guess what? It was delicious. The sweet noodles, the chicken and shrimp, the lettuce, and the forest of bean sprouts with lime squirted all over them...it was like a healthy dessert.

But Carla and I agree: next

time, it's tom yum kung. There. Together. Hot pot.

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Give It Away Now. Since October of last year, the Hard Rock Hotel has hosted a once-a-month concert featuring headliners that would normally play Casbah or Belly Up. And the shows are free.

The Soundcheck concert series is held in the downtown

Diego, they opened for Wavves at Soma. That show sold out.

"This just doesn't make any sense," says the confounded insider. "I don't see how they're ever going to make their money back. It's like they are pouring thousands of dollars into the ocean for one free show a

Our goal is to connect quality music to the Hard Rock Hotel experience.”

Peck says Mary Jane's Underground is another once-a-month showcase at the Hard Rock Hotel. It features local bands, such as Dead Feather Moon, the Kabbs, and Kera and the Lesbians, and is curated by Tim Pyles of 94/9. On April 15, the hotel's larger Float room will host DJ Paul Oakenfold.

Peck says the Hard Rock has committed to keeping the Soundcheck series free through 2012. She says no ads were taken out to promote Soundcheck. “We put all our money into the show. We have a robust database, and we rely on our media partner, *FILTER Magazine*, to get the word out.”

FILTER is an L.A.-based fashion/music/lifestyle magazine and marketing company that was brought in by the Hard Rock Hotel to produce and promote the Soundcheck series.

The insider remains skeptical. “Club 207 is the first bar you see coming out of the gate at Petco. That Best Coast show happens to fall on a home-game night, which could be a logistical trainwreck for them.... Plus, I don’t understand what they expect to get out of it. I don’t think those people who came to see a free Built to Spill show are going to say, ‘I want to come back to the Hard Rock this weekend and buy a bottle of vodka for \$400 and watch the sparklers.’”

— Ken Leighton

Ziggy's Love Chicken. When Ezequiel "Ziggy" Pelayo says, "We started Yeah Buddy Fest because we really just wanted to barbecue and



Renaissance buddy Ziggy Pelayo does it all — dude even cooks!

party and hang out all day," you believe him. When the 30-year-old musical renaissance buddy isn't pouring drinks at Eleven, Tower Bar, or Ruby Room, he's booking bands under Another Zeke Productions (eight years and running), playing drums with pop-punk outfits Moosejaw and Beside Myself, pressing vinyl with La Escalera Records, or silk-screening (Escalera partner William Castro owns B Street Hill screen printing company) shirts, record sleeves, and posters designed by his girlfriend, Jillian. Oh, and he just picked up another job at Starbucks to support the label.

"It was all about spending the whole day raging, you know? Just celebrating," Ziggy says of February's third annual Yeah Buddy Fest, which grew out of Yeah Buddy Tuesday shows at the late Zombie

Lounge. This year's festivities at Shakedown included ten bands, a hundred-some friends, and 25 pounds of Ziggy's Love Chicken — a sweet and spicy

recipe from back home in Guadalajara with a homemade honey-whiskey barbecue sauce.

"It's all our friends," Ziggy says. "We're all Yeah Buddy. We all say hi to each other that way."

The salutation is extended in La Escalera's Yeah Buddy series — limited 500-copy split seven-inch runs of mostly pop-punk groups but also bands such as A Scribe Amidst the Lions, Sour Soul, Otro, and the Marsupials.

Spanish for “the staircase,” La Escalera’s dedication to supporting and elevating the music they love is evinced by nine record releases this year on vinyl, digital, CDs, and, soon, cassettes. Albums are available online and at shops around San Diego, Sacramento, Seattle, and Mexico City, and the label recently connected with Eager

Beaver Records in Japan to
broaden distribution.

"Remember one thing, we can all do our part," La Escalera's website reads. "La Escalera is not a group or a faction. It's not a band or a label. It's a movement. It's up to you."

Do your part and have a good time at the Tower Bar on Thursday, April 12, from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m., when La Escalera Records will be celebrating their one-year anniversary with four album releases, six bands (Prosthetic Arms, the Shell Corporation, the Mighty Fine, Bastards of Young, Beside Myself, and Kids Say the Darndest Things), and, of course, a mountain of marinated Ziggy's Love Chicken.

— *Chad Deal*

Take Me I'm Yours.

While some artists choosing to open a tour in San Diego might do so for the scenery or weather, Squeeze cofounder Glen Tilbrook's reasoning for his band coming to town on April 10 at the House of Blues was perhaps a little less obvious. "We opted to start there chiefly because it's the home of the wonderful Steve Poltz," Tilbrook said.

Poltz will open this single show on Squeeze's U.S. tour before heading to Australia for a month-long road trip.

A mutual admiration society has developed between the two songwriters since Poltz opened a solo U.S. Tilbrook tour in 2001. The pair cowrote a song,

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blurt the inside track

hotel's 500-capacity Club 207 room. VHS or Beta, Heyena, Penguin Prison, and Built to Spill have played the event. One insider tells the *Reader* that Built to Spill typically com-



Best Coast up next (April 24) at Hard Rock's free Soundcheck shows.

mands a \$5000 to \$7000 guarantee and could be counted on to sell 500–600 tickets.

The next Soundcheck show is L.A. garage-pop duo Best Coast on April 24. The last time the indie band played in San

month.”

But Jana Peck, the Hard Rock Hotel's marketing director, sees it as money well spent.

“We want to establish the Hard Rock Hotel with our

guests and with the local music fans as a place where music is worshipped.... We had the Black Eyed Peas play at our grand opening four and a half years ago. We also had Adele perform here two years ago.

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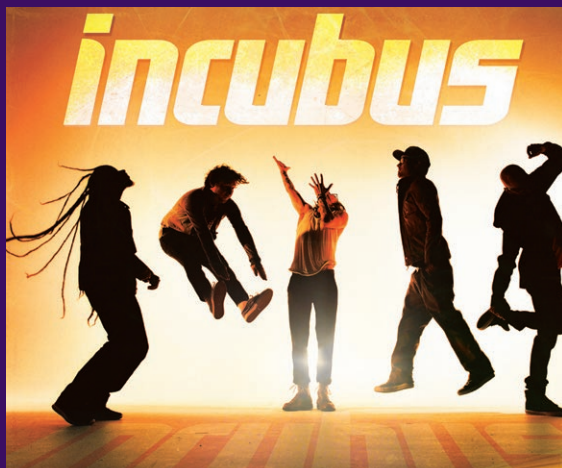
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"Hot Shaved Asian Teen," which appeared on Tilbrook's 2004

album *Transatlantic Ping Pong*, but lost touch for several years. They reconnected in Chicago in early 2011 and quickly made up for lost time.

Poltz spent the last quarter of the year opening for Tilbrook and his band on

a seven-week tour of England, Scotland, and Wales. Furthering the connection, Poltz took local sound engineer Chris Modl with him to work sound for both performers.



Poltz finds a friend, collaborator in Squeeze founder Tilbrook

one collaboration and then a Poltz solo disc. "We've had such a great time playing together that we have to make a record at some point," Tilbrook said.

"We've become good friends,

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Squeeze have been no strangers to San Diego since their debut album was released in 1978, even visiting the zoo, though not necessarily to see the animals. "I'm a big Beach Boys fan, and the fact that the

Pet Sounds album cover photo was taken there meant I had to go," Tilbrook remarked.

Plans are under way for Tilbrook and Poltz to make a pair of albums together next year —

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said Poltz. "The fact that we're talking about doing an album together is just icing on the cake."

— Bart Mendoza

Like Vaudeville. "The cool thing about performing funny songs is that you know immediately if the audience is enjoying the tune based on their laughter," says rapper/rocker Rob Dee. "They'll be laughing so hard at one line that they'll miss the next. I'm not worried about being pigeonholed as a novelty act... there's a lot of improvising in my act, and that appeals to the folks that wouldn't otherwise be interested in what I'm doing."

San Diego has a long tradition of comedic music, from Frank Zappa and his protégé Wild Man Fischer to the Rugburns ("Hitchhiker Joe"), the Beat Farmers ("Happy Boy"), the Bugs ("Dave Navarro's Goatee Fucking Sucks"), Gram-

matical B ("Don't Ask Don't Intel"), and "the Mexican Elvis" El Vez, as well as José Sinatra, Adam Gimbel, and Mojo Nixon, whose comedic cut "Stuffin' Martha's Muffin" got him banned from MTV

lead singer of the Smiths ("I Think My Boyfriend's Gay For Morrissey"). "I do worry about being pigeonholed as a 'novelty act,'" says Joe MacAskill, "because people sometimes underestimate the amount of thought

because I'm a big fan of old-school variety entertainment, like vaudeville and burlesque in the pre-WWII era and TV programming like the *Carol Burnett Show* and the *Muppets*. It's difficult to stand out as a performer among so many other people doing more or less the same thing, like 'rock' or 'country.' There's more diversity within the novelty acts."

Rob Dee is working on a new album, with planned tracks to include "Self Deprecating Love Song," "Check Into Cash," and "Hairy Palms." "All I'm trying to do is entertain people. And everyone loves to laugh," says Dee, who appears April 14 at the Lazy Hummingbird in Ocean Beach.

— Jay Allen Sanford



Jaye doesn't mind the stereotype — she's all into variety shows.

for singing about one of their VeeJay's vajayjay.

Local duo Pony Death Ride ("Breaking Up with You Is Gonna Be Fun") is recording a new full-length, with songs concerning fans of anthropomorphic funny-animal sex ("Furries") and the former

and time that goes into writing songs like ours. That's why we incorporate the punk-rock element and a variety of musical styles, to show that we're versed in our craft."

His wife and bandmate Jaye MacAskill disagrees. "I don't mind being stereotyped,

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ACID MOTHERS TEMPLE AT SODA BAR

Thursday 12

Tinnitus will unite us when masters of the psych-rock universe **Acid Mothers Temple** land at Soda Bar. Led by guitarist Kawabata Makoto, the freakout rock 'n' soul collective this year released a jazz-chopped wink at Miles Davis, *Son of a Bitches Brew*. It's not only the most listenable record they've put out in their nearly 20 years — with your head held at just the right angle, it can be downright addictive. I'm equally excited to check out openers **Phantom Family Halo**, a Brooklyn-via-Louisville "post-metal state of ungodly loudness" led by Slint/For Carnation guitarist Michael McMahan. PFH last year released a gem in the country-goth *Mind-eater EP*, which more than one music scribe described as spooked-out Palace Music with slide; in fact, Palace Brother Will Oldham appears on a few tracks. You can check that out at the Knitting Factory Records website right after you secure tickets to these must-see sets.... Miss the door to that sonic psychotherapy session, haul it across town to Tin Can Ale House where our own aural experimentalists **Batwings** and **Innerds** join Seattleites **Haunted Horses** and **White Coward** to fill a face-melting bill at the Bankers Hill bar. And don't not grab a sammy from the Doods Foods dudes when the beer munchies kick in — wicked delicious.... Around downtown, you got some fluffy stuff at Casbah, which installs **Chairlift**, a synth pop duo from Brooklyn that one of the Of-Noters Of-Noted for ya, so flip or click to that for the poop...and 4th&B digs up **Zeds Dead**. They're a Toronto-based dubstep duo (DC and Hooks) touring in support of this year's *Rumble in the Jungle*, which, apparently, "bangs."

Friday 13

"Busting Up a Starbucks," singer/songsmith **Mike Doughty**, the baritone bard behind trip-hop hits *Soul Coughing*, will play Anthology Friday night. In January, Doughty released double-live disc *The Question Jar Show* (2012), which compiled the best takes from his Question Jar tour, wherein Doughty played acoustic sets as a duo with cellist "Scrap" Livingston, covering requests and answering questions fans dropped into a jar.... Keeping it old-school, you got '80s new-wave radio staples **Bow Wow Wow** out at Brick by Brick...and from Huntington Beach, roll-back skate punks **Guttermouth** down at Casbah with Atoms/Watusis bassist Bran-

den Parish's new joint **Sculpins**. Jay got the down-low on Sculpins in Blurt a couple weeks back, if yer innerested: sandiegoreader.com/news/2012/mar/21/blurt3/.... And it wouldn't be a Friday the 13th if we didn't have a few rocky-horror shows 'round town. You can get down with the **Creepy Creeps**' haunted Hammond at Bar Pink or roll up to Ché Café, which'll stage surf-rockers **Monsters from Mars** with the **Natives**.... If you're sitting out the big t'do in the desert this year, the Griffin is putting on a coupla Coachella cover bands, as **Radiohedz** join the **Blackest Keys** at the Bay Park bar. Knock back a couple a shots and squint



MIKE DOUGHTY AT ANTHOLOGY

rock trio **Boats** dock at Tower Bar after **Shark Blood** and **Shiva Trash**.

Saturday 14

San Diego son Billy Shaddox has been up in Salt Lake City, playing and recording solo-like, but he'll be back home for a bit, which means one of our favorite roots-rock outfits and 2008 SDMA winners for best Americana record (*Don't Get Your Hopes Up*) **Billy Midnight's** going to find a stage someplace. Looks like they'll land at Ruby Room in Hillcrest with that other reunion-ready indie-rock act,



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their friends and cohorts **Rookie Card**.... From NYC, DFA discopunks the **Rapture** hit the Irenic in North Park. The trio's touring in support of last year's *In the Grace of Your Love*, which conjures "both the cheesy and dense sides of early-'80s new wave," according to the *Onion's* AV Club. **Beehive and the Barracudas** go first. These greazy garage-rock SD staples are worth the price of admission at the all-ages show.... Else: Goth-pop bassman **David J** (Bauhaus, Love & Rockets) will play Brick by Brick behind his latest, *Not Long for This World*. **Valentino Frankenstein** up first... dance-pop playa **Rafter** will be downtown at the El Dorado, where DJs **Gabe Vega** and **Keith Sweaty** will be spinning 'round sets...hardcore hits **Coda Reactor** and **Oddball** split a CD-release bill at Eleven...Skillet's North County ska-punk big band **Oceanside Sound System** will pack the stage at Shakedown...and Nashville folkies **David Mayfield Parade** march into the Loft at UCSD.

Sunday 15

Early at Eleven (5p), you get barbecued food and barroom rock by **Phantoms**, **Jet Kill Radio**, and the **Cutaways**. All for the low, low price of free.... Then, SanFran electro-pop band the **Frail** will be at North Park hot spot Bar Pink.... Harlem-based blues great Henry Saint Clair Fredericks, aka **Taj Mahal**, graces the stage at Belly Up.... San Diego's jazz 'n' blues-grooves dudes **Nathan James and the Rhythm Scratchers** will play the backroom at 98 Bottles.... And from Riverside, five-man band the **Devastated** delivers the death metal off of this year's *Devil's Messenger* to Brick by Brick.



BUZZCOCKS AT BELLY UP

Monday 16

Int'l pub-rockers **Elvis Costello and the Imposters** will help kick off this season's sets out at Humphrey's by the Bay. That one's sold out, unless you got a dinghy, brah. And room for one more?...

If not, that new-wave prof. **Thomas Dolby** will be blinding them with science at Little Italy supper club Anthology...while a gypsy-swinging-serenading-firebreathing **Caravan of Thieves** brings sideshow rock to the Griffin.

Tuesday 17

Nostalgic for the '90s? **Yuck** is back at Casbah, bending (and sometimes breaking) the best of indie's brief history. Weened on Weezer and Pavement, these British kids have a knack for the past. **La Sera** opens the show.... More '90s? Another good one, as the elder Oasis brother **Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds** land at the Balboa Theatre behind their hit s/t disc.... The evening's ultimate throwback, though, goes to British ska-pop band **Madness**, which will take the stage at Humphrey's by the Bay. Thirty-five years and counting for the brassy big band, and from tour reports, they still kill it live.



TUNE-YARDS AT HOUSE OF BLUES

Wednesday 18

I'm outta room, so real quik with the humpnight highlights: we've been digging at Reader HQ the lo-fi leanings of chowdahead songstress Merrill Garbus, aka **tUnE-yArDs**, who will tune up at House of Blues behind her indie hit *Whokill*. **St. Vincent** and **Keep Shelly in Athens** share the estrogen-heavy bill...and from Brooklyn, ex-Crystal Stilt, -Dum Dum Girl, -Vivian Girl (that's pedigree) **Frankie Rose** blooms at Soda Bar behind her new Slumberland set, *Interstellar*...Brit-punk throw-backs the **Buzzcocks** will be up at Belly Up after **Makeup Sex**...the Griffin welcomes the Coachella-bound **Band of Skulls** and **We Are Augustines**...

and English electro-rock duo **Big Pink** plays Casbah after **Cold Showers**.

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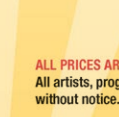
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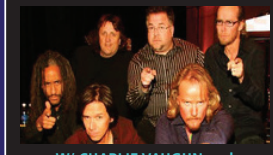
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Even if you haven't heard of Mario Quintero's bands Sleep Lady (whose bassist is his wife, Sarah Quintero) and Hialeah, if you're a San Diego music fan, you probably own something produced at his Black Box Studio in Golden Hill.

A partial list of his local clients includes Transfer, Modern Rifles, Japanese Sunday, Apes of Wrath, the Long and Short of It, the North Atlantic, Good-bye Blue Monday, Marasol, Sirhan Sirhan, A Scribe Amidst the Lions, Swim Party, Fever Sleeves, and the newest from the Beautiful View, with whom Quintero just finished showcasing at Austin's South By Southwest music fest.

After studying jazz composition and arranging at Berklee College of Music (1998–2001), Quintero relocated to San Diego with fellow Miami transplant Mike Pereira and opened Black Box in late 2005.

“It was originally conceived as a wired concert venue, where we could record live performances,” says Quintero. “We had bands like Goblin Cock and Ilya come in to play shows, and all while we were building this maze of soundproof rooms and collecting equipment [to do] more sophisticated full-service recording.” The studio is now also home to Quintero's record label, Requiemme.

Quintero feels it's important to maintain his hand in at least one or two working bands. “The studio doesn't leave me a lot of free time...with Sleep Lady, I mainly play guitar. I also play drums in a band called Great Like Cake, which is more of a post-punk-type thing. Much of what I do now,

musically, is more on the recording and production side of things. I do a lot of session playing and arranging with the other bands.”

WHO ARE YOU LISTENING TO?

“Immovable Objects, East of Sweden, D/wolves, and, if I'm lucky and there's still time on the clock, some Helmet.”

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WHAT'S YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

“I tend to use my phone as my main music-listening device, but it's rare these days that I get a chance to listen to music because I'm usually too busy working *with* music. So mostly I'm listening to either demos of the bands I'm working with or playing rough mixes to get mixing and production ideas.”

ANYONE YOU WERE EMBARRASSED TO MENTION?

“Even though I actually like this song, and it's over ten years old, it would have to be ‘Nothin,’ by a hip-hop group called N.O.R.E.”

FAVORITE LONG-GONE LOCAL VENUE?

“I really used to enjoy the free shows at Scolari's Office, back in the day.”

BRUSH WITH FAME?

“Greg Allman practiced at Black Box in 2009 before his show at Humphrey's. He packed a bowl [with marijuana], so I couldn't say no.”

OUTSIDE THE STUDIO?

“When I was the manager at Sushi Deli 2, I did a shot with Johnny Rotten.”

BEST CONCERT?

“Seeing Jawbox reunite for the first time in a dozen years to play on the Jimmy Fallon show in December 2009. It was great, because I never got to see them before they broke up and I was in New York City with my best friend, who's now my wife, and it was f**king Jawbox!”

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL THE YOUNGER YOU?

“Instead of wasting \$30,000 a year to go to an overrated music college in Boston, take that money and buy some great gear, because you're gonna own a studio in the next four years and you'll go broke buying gear. Oh, and grow the f**k up, quit blaming your lack of success on others, and work harder on your own shit.”

WORST INJURY?

“When I was seven and living in Bogotá, Colombia, I busted my face and two teeth out on Mother's Day while I was riding a bike that was too big for me. They used to close a main street on Sundays for people to ride bikes and skate, and I got run into by some guy. I had to wear a fake tooth and a retainer-thing for a few months, which added countless insults to my injury.”

EVER BEEN ROBBED?

“I got my identity stolen when I was 21, and it really



PHOTOGRAPH BY SARAH QUINTERO

Mario Quintero: “I got beat up by the ghost of a small child when I was 16. I swear!”

f**ked up my life for the next eight to ten years. When I was living in Boston in 1998, I started getting bills in the mail for places I'd never heard of. Come to find out that a guy in California had six credit cards, two delinquent bank accounts, and a car repossession under my name. I still sometimes get calls from creditors.”

SOMETHING TRUE ABOUT YOU THAT FEW WOULD BELIEVE?

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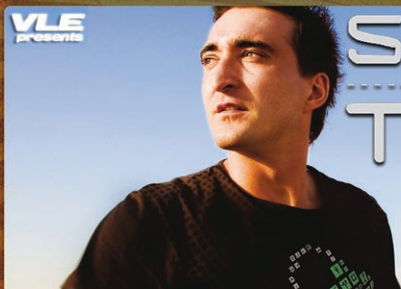


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Friday, 8pm — Ian Tordella
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Sunday, 6pm — Nathan James &
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Thursday, 7:30pm — Oz Noy
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Friday, 7:30pm — Mike Doughty.

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Wednesday, 7:30pm — Jody
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Tuesday, 9pm — The Secret
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Wednesday, 9pm — Stevie & the
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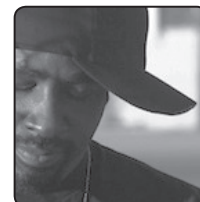
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Friday, 8:30pm — Friends and TV Girl. \$8.
Saturday, 8:30pm — The Sandwiches. \$7.
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Wednesday, 8:30pm — Frankie Rose. \$10.

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Peter Wolf Crier is a duo consisting of singer-guitarist Peter Pisano and drummer Brian Moen, and you might guess they sound like the Black Keys, the White Stripes, or other retro-minded guitar-drums duos. But Peter Wolf Crier takes some of the same elements as their peers — beat-up, vintage instruments, minimalist arrangements, traditional American music styles — and comes up with something very different.

Pisano and Moen met in Minneapolis after playing in other bands and made their debut as Peter Wolf Crier in 2010 with *Inter-Be*. A couple of tracks were titled "Untitled 101" and "Demo 01," suggesting that the band was still

getting its act together, but in the catchy "Crutch and Cane," they sounded fully realized. In that song, Pisano plays a one-chord guitar riff and sings earnestly in a high-pitched melody, double-tracked with folksy vocal harmonies, on top of Moen's jazzy drumming.

The duo toured heavily behind the debut, playing 100 shows in six months. When they released the followup, last year's *Garden of Arms*, it sounded profoundly altered. The guitars still sound like obscure old arch-tops played through ancient tube amps, but now they have a lot more kick. The vocals still hit the high notes, but the songs are vague, haunting, and atmospheric. The drums skitter instead of shuffling. The roots-rock elements are still there, but everything seems to be run through a computer and rearranged like a puzzle. One reviewer likened the result to ambient electronic music, Berlin-era David



PETER WOLF CRIER

Bowie and Radiohead's *Amnesiac*. The Black Keys may have mixed things up on their past couple of records, but they haven't come close to this.

Damien Jurado also performs.

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April 27 — Stepping Feet.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

When asked, the Hives will say that they are the best rock band in all of Sweden, maybe even the planet. For sure, they are the biggest smartasses. "First, you will clap," singer Howlin' Pelle Almqvist once demanded of a Street Scene audience. "Then and only then will there be music. And if there is not enough clapping, there will be no more music."

The rock press is infatuated with the Swedish rockers. In 2006 they made #8 on *Spin's* list of the 25 Best Current Live Bands, sandwiched between heavies Green Day and Prince. Two years before that, the Hives made the cover of *Spin*, posters of which are still available for \$19.99 on eBay. Not bad for a band from a Swedish town with a population less than that of Lakeside's. But here is

where it gets weird: after all is said and done, the Hives — dapper in their matching bellhop's suits — are in truth a smoking-hot garage band doing a parody of a smoking-hot garage band.

In 2000, the New Rock Revolution was a tense scene that dumped a lot of self-involved post-punk acts on global pop culture all at the same time. Consider the Vines, the Strokes, the White Stripes, and Jet. The Hives were two albums old by then but hadn't yet been invited to the bigger stage. When they finally did, they were easy to tell apart from the rest: the Hives were amusing, and they played tighter, brighter, and quicker than anyone. As a rock unit, they embodied neither angst nor vices. They were badass musicians but seemed that they couldn't care less. Most important? To have a good time, to screw with an audience, to avoid understatement at all cost. In this way the Hives, unlike their hackneyed contempo-



THE HIVES

raries, grew to become larger than life — if only for brief moments, onstage.

THE HIVES: Belly Up, Tuesday, April 17, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$23.

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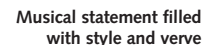
Farantouri's on the songs she knows, from ancient traditionals to modern classics, but Lloyd, Moran, bassist Reuben Rogers, and drummer Eric Harland stick with and around her like they've learned this language, too. Harland finally pounds the crowd to attention. It's time for a ritual toast, to friendship, and to melding.



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June 16 — Larry Gatlin & the
Gatlin Brothers.
July 14 — Howard Jones.

Tango Del Rey: 3567 Del
Rey St., Pacific Beach, 858-794-
9044.
April 21 — Mundell Lowe.

Til-Two: 4746 El Cajon Bl.,
Kensington, 619-516-4746.
April 20 — Sister Nancy.

Tin Can Ale House: 1863
Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-
955-8525.
April 20 — The Almagamed.
April 21 — Interrobang.

Tio Leo's: 5302 Napa St.,
Linda Vista, 619-542-1462.
April 20 — Serious Guise.
April 21 — Lady Dottie & the
Diamonds.

Typhoon Saloon: 1165
Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-
373-3474.
April 20 — Ease Up and Project
Out of Bounds.

Valley View Casino Center:
3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway
District, 619-224-4171.
April 24 — Maná.
April 28 — So Cal Reggae
Festival 2012.
May 13 — Roger Waters.
May 22 — Morrissey.
September 23 — Red Hot Chili
Peppers.

Viejas Arena: 5500 Canyon
Crest Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947.
June 8 — One Direction.
June 14 — Van Halen and Kool
& the Gang.

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

Winstons: 1921 Bacon St.,
Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.
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San Diego Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 select house & domestic beers, house wine, well drinks. 1/2-off appetizers.

ALPINE

Donato's Italian Restaurant: Monday-Saturday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$3.50 imports & house wine, \$6 Long Islands, \$3 wells.

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The Prado: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$4.50 wells, wine, draft ale, margaritas, mixed drinks.

BANKERS HILL

Wet Stone Wine Bar and Café: Tuesday-Sunday, 5-7pm: \$5 glass of wine or sangria, \$20 carafe of sangria, \$6 salad.

BAY PARK

The High Dive: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 9-11pm: \$3 wells, \$2 off local drafts, \$1 off wine, \$4 off bottles of wine, \$1 off specialty-drink menu.

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Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hoo-kah: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$1 off wine and bottled beer, \$2 off wells and drafts.

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Besta-Wan Pizza House: Daily, 11am-6pm: \$1 off drafts, wines by the glass. \$3 off pitchers.

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The Alley: Daily, 11am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestics.

Argyle Steakhouse/Golf Club-house: Tuesday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$5 well cocktails and draft/domestic beer, \$6 select wine and Argyle bites.

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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.

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.

Joe's Pizza: Thursday, 6-9pm: \$2 any tap or bottled beer, glass of wine.

COLLEGE AREA

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

CORONADO

Costa Azul: Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, domestic bottles. \$3.50 imported bottles, wells, house wine, sangria. \$3.75 drafts. \$6 margaritas, mojitos. \$2.95 tacos, \$3.50 shrimp, \$5.95 nachos.

Yummy Sushi: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 pints, \$4 large hot sake. 20-50% off appetizers.

DEL MAR

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

Del Mar Rendezvous: Monday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$1 off bottles, \$2 off drafts; \$3 Sapporo draft pints, small sake.

DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine: Friday, \$6 pomegranate martini. Saturday, \$6 cosmos.

Bella Luna: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$5 house wine, 1/2-off appetizers.

Funky Garcia's Mexican Restaurant: Daily, 3-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks; \$1.50 carne asada and pollo asado tacos.

House of Blues: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wines, \$3 wells, \$4 martinis. Killer happy hour menu.

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

Sushi Deli: Monday-Thursday, all day: \$.99 Bud Light. 5-6:30pm: 1/2-off all beer. Friday-Sunday, all day: \$.99 Bud Light.

EAST VILLAGE

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge: Friday, 5-9pm: \$5 menu cocktails. Saturday-Sunday, 7-9pm: \$5 menu cocktails.

Hive Sushi Lounge: Daily, 5-7pm: \$2 domestic, \$4 micro, \$2.50 sake, \$3.50 well, \$4 house wine. Miso, edamame, \$9.99.

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

EASTLAKE

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

D'Lish Gourmet Pasta: Monday-Saturday, 3-5pm: \$2.50 domestic beer,

house wine, pizza slice, Texas-brisket slider, three St. Louis ribs.

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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.

Double D's on Broadway: Daily, 10am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$.50 off mixed drinks, \$1 off shots.

El Cajon Grand: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3 wells.

Flinn Springs Inn: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.25 domestic bottles, \$3 wells.

Main Tap Tavern: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off 16-oz. drafts, \$2 off pitchers, \$3 calls. \$5 nachos.

ENCINITAS

Blue Fin Sushi Bar: Tuesday-Thursday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, sake, select appetizers, sushi rolls.

Savory: Daily, 5-6pm: 30% off food & beverages in the bar & lounge area.

Union Kitchen & Tap: Tuesday-Friday, 5:30-7pm: Two-for-one all wine by the glass.

ESCONDIDO

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

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.

C-Level: Monday-Friday, 3:30-5:30pm: \$3.50 Bud Light, Karl Strauss, Stone IPA, \$5 specialty drinks, wells, house wine. \$5 crispy calamari, ahi tuna poke, steamed Fox River mussels.

Tom Ham's Lighthouse: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 house wine, domestic/import.

HILLCREST

The Alibi: Daily, all day: \$3 dipper, wells.

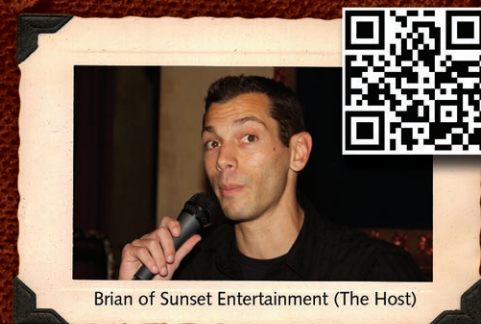
Bangkok Thai Bistro: Daily, 4-7pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, appetizers.

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IMPERIAL BEACH

Club Bananas at Lydia's Café: *Daily*, open-10pm: \$3 wells & domestics.

KEARNY MESA

Bud's Louisiana Café: *Wednesday-Thursday*, 3-9pm: 1/2-price beer and wine by the glass.

Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: *Monday-Thursday*, 5:30-7pm: 1/2-off house sake/drafts.

KENSINGTON

Kensington Cafe: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$3 all beers, \$4-\$5 all glasses of wine, all tapas under \$5.25.

The Kensington Club: *Daily*, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

Kensington Vine: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$5 fine wine.

Til-Two: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and imported drafts.

LA JOLLA

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2 Bud/Bud Light; \$3.50 wells, Bull & Bear wine.

Extreme Pizza: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$3 premium beer.

Jose's La Jolla: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 margaritas. \$2 off appetizers.

La Jolla Brew House: *Tuesday-Thursday*, noon-7pm: \$2 off craft beer; \$3 wells and house wines; \$3 off appetizers. *Friday-Saturday*, 10pm-close: \$2 off craft beer; \$3 wells and house wines.

Lupi Italian Restaurant: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 5-7pm: \$3-\$5 martinis, beer, wine. Free doggie treats.

The Melting Pot: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off cheese fondue, salads, chocolate fondue.

Roppongi: *Daily*, 3-6pm: 1/2-off Asian tapas & sushi rolls.

La Sala: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails.

The Shack Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, domestic taps.

The Shores Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: 5 for \$5 Happy Hour menu: 5 appetizers & 5 drinks for \$5 each.

Su Casa: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

LA MESA

Centifonti's Restaurant: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells; \$5 off beer boots. \$1 off appetizers.

Charcoal House: *Daily*, 11-7pm: \$.75 off all drinks, \$1 off all appetizers.

LAKESIDE

Coach Stop: *Monday-Friday*, 9am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 large drafts, domestic bottles. 7-11pm: \$1.50 12-oz. drafts, \$6.50 60-oz. pitchers.

Coo Coo Club: *Monday-Friday*, 6-8pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

LEMON GROVE

Dirk's Niteclub: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks \$4.50 or less.

Sunday, 6am-2pm: \$1 off bloody marys.

LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells, \$2.50 beer of the month, shot special.

The Calypso Café: *Daily*, 5:30-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

LINCOLN PARK

L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$1 off appetizers. *Sunday*, all day: \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings.

LINDA VISTA

Brick by Brick: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.

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

LITTLE ITALY

Puerto la Boca: *Daily*, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Wine Steals: *Wednesday*, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. *Saturday*, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa Lanes: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$7 pitchers. \$3 import pints, \$10 pitchers. \$2.50 wells. \$3.50 chicken strips, chicken wings.

MIRAMAR

The Filling Station: *Monday*, 7pm-close: \$4 margaritas. *Tuesday*, 7pm-close: \$2 kamikazes. *Wednesday*, 7pm-close: \$3.50 premium drafts. *Thursday*, 7pm-close: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers; \$7.50 domestic pitchers. *Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$3 mimosas. *Sunday*, noon-7pm: \$3 bloody marys.

MISSION BEACH

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Two-for-one cocktails, beer, shots.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Daily*, 2pm-2am: \$.50 off beer and wells.

Cafe Bleu: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$5 select wine by the glass; special prices on starters, hors d'oeuvres, sandwiches.

City Wok: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-5pm: 1/2-off beer, wine, sake, appetizers.

Starlite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. *Sunday*, all night: \$5 mules. \$15 off wine bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

Postcards American Bistro: *Monday*, 5pm- end of football game: \$3 local craft beers. \$5 burgers. *Tuesday-Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$4 draft beers, house wine, & wells. 20% off appetizers.

NATIONAL CITY

Pier 32 Waterfront Grill: *Tuesday*, 11am-2pm: P32 margaritas, \$5. *Wednesday*, 11am-2pm: P32 sweet tea, \$5. *Thursday*, 11am-2pm: Jim Beam and Coke, \$5. *Friday*, 3pm-sunset: \$2 domestic beer, \$3 import and local beer, \$5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys. *Saturday-Sunday*, all day: \$2

domestic beer, \$3 import and local beer, \$5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys.

NESTOR

Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Live Wire: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off drafts and cocktails.

NORTH PARK

Bar Pink: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$1 off drafts and calls.

Bluefoot Bar and Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-7:30pm: \$1 off everything, \$2.50 domestic bottle, \$3.50 draft.

El Comal: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wells. Two-for-one mixed shots.

Crazee Burger: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$2.99 drafts, \$15 pitchers, \$3.99 select glasses of wine. \$2.99 bratwurst, \$3.99 turkey burger.

Cricket's Pub and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 8am-2pm: \$2 domestic pint, \$6 domestic pitcher. 4-6pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$.50 off domestic bottles, wells, pints.

Lips Restaurant: *Sunday*, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

The Office: *Daily*, 5-8pm: Two-for-one price on all drinks.

Redwing Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles.

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Winstons: Monday-Saturday, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.

OCEANSIDE

Firewater Saloon: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm; 10pm-midnight: \$5 Jäger bombs, Long Islands, Jameson. \$2 off all pitchers, \$1 off drafts & wells.

The Flying Bridge: Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wine. 20% off appetizers.

Hana Japanese Restaurant: Daily, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, 1/2-off cocktails.

Pier View Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 off drafts, \$2 off pitchers.

Show Palace: Thursday, 6-9pm: \$2.50 wells, \$20 beer bucket all night.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Acapulco Mexican Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers, \$1 soft taco, \$3 draft beer, \$3.50 well, house wine, \$3.95 house margarita.

Alamo Mexican Cafe: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: 1/2-price drinks, food specials.

Casa Guadalajara: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: Free appetizers. \$3.50 well drinks, margaritas.

Old Town Mexican Café: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials. \$2 Taco Tuesday (chicken, beef, fish, carnitas); \$2.50 margaritas, Tecate, tequila.

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: Daily, 4-7:10pm: 1/2-off food & booze.

Sinbad Café: Daily, 4-8pm: \$1.50 drafts, \$2 wells, shots, \$2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

Tony Roma's: Daily, 1-4pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$3 off appetizers.

POINT LOMA

Sail Ho Golf Club: Monday, Thursday-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

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"No man or woman has ever crossed the line and lived to tell the tale!"

During intermission at New Village Arts' opening night of *Buried Child*, a patron said, "I'm confused."

Another replied, "Don't worry. You've been paying attention."

Asked to describe what some have called a masterpiece, Sam Shepard joked, "It's sort of a typical Pulitzer Prize-winning play."

He was half-right. In 1979, *Buried Child* won the Pulitzer for drama. But typical? Not a chance.

Some characters resemble others: Halie, the mother, sounds like Amanda Wingfield recalling jonquils and gentlemen escorts in *The Glass Menagerie*. Her half-mute son Tilden — who has either "lost his marbles" or just misplaced them — acts like a cross between Lennie in *Of Mice and Men* and Biff, the jock gone to seed in *Death of a Salesman*. Associations flicker behind other characters. But they serve, at best, as entries to a play that severs all ties with the familiar and with attempts to pin its mysteries down.

The first stage direction's a dead giveaway: Shepard wants stairs going "up to the wings with no landing."

Like a tour through the Winchester Mystery House in San Jose (where Mrs. Winchester

ordered carpenters to build, nonstop, in all directions), *Buried Child* thrives on contradictions and cul-de-sacs. In fact, it's as if Shepard hands you the script and says: "Here are the elements of a Pulitzer-worthy drama. You write it. Good hunting."

Dodge, the decrepit patriarch, says his family has lived on the farm — in Illinois? — 57 years.

Long ago, an event entombed the clan in collective amnesia. Dodge, Halie, and sons Tilden and Bradley refuse to remember, but can't forget, an unthinkable horror. "Everything canceled out by this one mistake," says the aptly named Dodge (an unartful dodger who can't escape his past). The family's so squelched emotionally, they often don't recognize each other.

Tilden's son Vince, who's been away for six years, stops by with girlfriend Shelly. Given his yummy descriptions of the family, she expects Norman Rockwell: "turkey dinners and apple pie." Instead she stumbles into *American Gothic* — and beyond. "This is taboo territory," Vince yells at her toward the end. "No man or woman has ever crossed the line and lived to tell the tale!" And as he shouts the warning, you can almost see an unseen hand yank Vince back into the vortex.

Shelly, the outsider, vows to sleuth the mys-

THEATER REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



In Sam Shepard's *Buried Child*, his people improvise like jazz soloists.

Buried Child, by Sam Shepard

New Village Arts Theatre, 2787 B State Street, Carlsbad

Directed by Lisa Berger; cast: Jack Missett, Dana Case, Manny Fernandes, Samuel Sherman, Kelly Iverson, Adam Brick, John DeCarlo; scenic and sound design, Tim Wallace; lighting, Chris Renda; costumes, Kristianne Kurner and Allyson Francis

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tery. Something was buried out back, where corn or carrots haven't grown since 1935 — and are suddenly sprouting. In a sense, she becomes Shepard's playwright. Good hunting, Shelly.

Nancy Meckler, who directed the play years ago, made an astute comment about *Buried Child*. "Sam isn't writing about people who are crazy; he's writing about people under stress. They're doing

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what they’re doing for real reasons, usually avoidance.”

The acting at New Village Arts ranges from some under palpable stress, to some trying desperately to seem crazy. Of the former, Manny Fernandes earned a Craig Noel Award for his portrayal of Lennie in New Village’s *Of Mice and Men*. As Tilden, Fernandes does an interesting thing — he is Tilden first and foremost: lost, numb, trying to honor the family’s Gag Rule. But he shows flashes of his Lennie, as when Tilden fondles a coat made of rabbit fur. In effect, Shepard and Fernandes doubly reference Lennie — with verbal and visual recollections — then go back about their business.

Fernandes also creates the sense, crucial for doing Shepard, that he hasn’t a clue what comes next. As Dodge, Jack Missett does the opposite. There is nothing spontaneous or internal in this performance. Even the cartoony eye-rolling and relentless mugging look as planned in advance as the heavy red make-up under his eyes. Dodge, like a half-sunk battleship, has been under such pressure he could implode at any moment. Instead, Missett makes him superficially crazy, a goofy second banana.

The other performances fall somewhere in between. Kelly Iverson — who has grown as an actor! — does some fine work as Shelly, though she could kick her ferocity up another notch when the time comes. On opening night, Adam Brick found Vince’s leonine ferocity at the end.

In the late ’70s, Shepard used what he called a “halfway in the dark” style. He created “open” characters, with no through-line, and composed by intuition, not knowing where he would go next. He had the craft to structure the play as he went, but his people improvise like jazz soloists.

One of his best “halfway” characters, Halie, rarely appears onstage. She’s a voice beyond the end of the stairs, and her words beam on and off like a lighthouse. Or should. The usually reliable Dana Case hurries through Halie’s sentences and omits the spaces in between.

Shepard gives explicit, detailed, even fussy stage direc-

tions. Tim Wallace’s scenic and sound designs match them. Aided by Chris Renda’s ominous lighting, the set looks as dilapidated — and near death — as Dodge. Grimy, broken slats for walls and beat-up furniture locate the set somewhere between real and abstract, or, in Shepard’s terminology, “halfway in the dark.” ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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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 THURSDAYS THROUGH 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.

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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 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 varied 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 accessories (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.

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Buried Child

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CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 29.

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Titanic

My most surreal preview was in December, 1997. I sat alone in San Diego’s single-screen Cinema 21 in Mission Valley, surrounded by what

seemed like 10,000 empty seats. The vast *Titanic* rolled over me, on its way to its fabled finish and a global gross of \$1.8 billion. I recall thinking later that the movie should be revived on the centennial of the ship’s sinking — which comes this Sunday, April 15.

I’ll bet a billion that director James Cameron already had the idea in mind. Cynics will say that he is greedy, even after having a bigger hit, *Avatar* (\$2.8 billion, though that reflects a decade’s inflation). But if *Titanic* proves much beyond Cameron’s acumen, it is that he is a sentimental man. He wants to show off his \$18 million rehab, with added 3-D and “4K digital remastering,” but mostly he wants that grand ship to sail again (sadly, the Cinema 21 sank after *Titanic*, replaced by a coral reef of condos).

What was weak in 1997 remains

weak: cardboard villains (Billy Zane and his servant, David Warner),

the fake oil study for Picasso’s *Les Femmes d’Alger*, Bill Paxton’s noxiously cute assistant (Lewis Abernathy) making dumb cracks, too much misty memory from dear old Rose (Gloria Stuart), some corny close-ups and creaky lines. I never quite bought the framing device about a gaudy jewel, and Kathy Bates presses her folksy gusto a little hard as Molly Brown (still, I’ll take her over Debbie Reynolds in *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*).

Those are all bubbles in the backwash. *Titanic* is a great boat show and a great star show. The dynamic staging of the doomed vessel is often exquisitely designed. Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet are splendid as the nautical Romeo and Juliet, Jack from steerage and first-class Rose. I invoke critic John Leonard’s comment about Norman Mailer’s work: “You either like this stuff or you don’t. I do.”

Cameron’s genius was not in the

MOVIE REVIEW

DAVID ELLIOTT



In *Titanic*, DiCaprio and Winslet are splendid as the nautical Romeo and Juliet.

effects, which is why the new doo-dads are only extras. It was in finding the perfect young stars to install a heart into the ship, the romance, and the tragedy. Rose tops Jack’s “King of the world!” with her “I’m flying!” In one of the best foreplay scenes ever, he draws her in the nude (gutsy for Winslet at 22). The love scene that steams up a car, on

the boat, was inspired.

There comes the stunning disaster, including the poignant instruction to the musicians: “Nice and cheeky, so there’s no panic.” Poor Captain Smith (Bernard Hill) is doomed. So are many. I skipped out, this time, on watching gallant Jack go under (inevitable, for romance must pay homage to tragedy).

Does 3-D help the film? Yes and no. It adds some pop-out, but the glasses slightly darken the images and, I think, slightly reduce the epic scale.

I plan to see the San Diego Museum of Natural History’s exhibit of *Titanic* artifacts. I won’t make it to their nearby “Titanic Centennial First Class Wine Dinner Package” at \$212 per seat (will ice be served?). For now and years to come, the great ship and its myth belong to Cameron, DiCaprio, and Winslet.

★★★★

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The Kid with a Bike

It captures the time in a boy’s life when his bicycle is a companion and a ticket to freedom, but *The Kid with a Bike* is not sentimental. No surprise, for it is from the brilliant Belgians, Luc and Jean-Pierre Dardenne. Again their theme is youth and family life in peril. Again we are pulled into their lucidly beautiful, often hand-held shots.

Thomas Doret is excellent as Cyril, 11, abandoned by his single father to a state home. He lucks into Samantha (Cécile De France), and the hairdresser becomes a virtual, then real foster mother. She is instinctively humane and willing to offend a boyfriend to help the child. But Cyril is a tough, wary, tricky, willful kid. His speedy legs, on and off the bike, are driven by a fierce, almost feral desire to join his father.

Dad, however, is shallow and selfish (actor Jérémie Renier was once the boy on a bike, in the Dardennes’s 1996 marvel *La Promesse*). And our hearts tense when Cyril draws the interest of a sly punk (Egon Di Mateo), a modernized Fagin. We realize how fast Cyril could fall and how close his bravery is to despair. The Dardennes know how to insert an adagio passage from Beethoven’s *Emperor* concerto and, raised Catholic, they know how to thread themes of charity and forgiveness.

For all its “found” realism, this is sophisticated work. Cyril’s red shirt echoes the lofty but vulnerable title element in *The Red Balloon*. But comparisons to movies (*The 400 Blows*, *Oliver Twist*, *The Bicycle Thief*, even *Pee-wee’s Big Adventure*) are less valuable than the urgent pressure of Cyril’s life, as the hinge of fate turns on the whirring chain of his beloved bike.

★★★★

Bully

The ratings system finally awarded *Bully* a PG-13, after threatening an R because of some f-words, so now kids can see how the shy ones, the loners, the non-sports, the odd-lookers are made to suffer. Some school administrators in the movie are too worried about possible litigation to do much about anything. You know the alibis: kids will be kids, boys will be boys, sadistic boys will really be sadistic, so what can we do? Well, pay attention, help the victims, punish the bullies.

For me the hardest scene in Lee Hirsch’s documentary is a kid crying as he helps carry the coffin of his gentle friend tormented into suicide. And there is the girl ostracized in her town because she came out gay. And the string bean who was pushed around until she waved her mom’s pistol on the school bus (nobody was hurt). And there is Alex, slightly deformed by premature birth, called Fish Face by boys who rag him horribly (his mother tries so hard to help, but dad retreats into stern macho silence).

Hirsch has the TV-news impulse to wait for the tears. He caught some bullying with hidden cameras and some adults who ought to lose their jobs. By finally resorting to a rally and speeches and more tears, he falls into the arms of obviousness. But if the movie has to bully its points a little to make people see the problem, so be it.

★★★

American Reunion

The first *American Pie* comedy anticipated, I now realize, Minny’s special, anally retentive pie in *The Help*. Now comes the fourth pungent slice, *American Reunion*. The “old” gang (pushing 30) returns for a high school reunion. The men find their inner 18, the women are more like 22 facing 40. From the rectal joke to the porn joke to the gay sex joke to the masturbation joke to the penis-in-a-glass-pan joke, it’s all downhill. Maybe the bare-breasts sequence counts as family humor.

Jim (Jason Biggs) is still cute. Stiffler (Seann William Scott) is still a party animal and obnoxious bonehead. As Jim’s dad, Eugene Levy still flashes tiny facets of his talent (few fans of this series know his great comedy work on SCTV). The one suave buddy (Eddie Kaye Thomas) cracks a line about *The Brothers Karamazov*. Hey, dude, say it in Russian! This moron movie is for diehard fans; the rest of us die watching.

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Newsreel: Marco Bertozzi joins the panel after his new documentary screens at 7 p.m. Friday (April 13) at the Museum of Photographic Arts, Balboa Park. *Perfughi a Cinecittà* (*Refugees in Cinecittà*) is about the Roman studio’s post-WWII use as a refugee center before being reborn as one of the greatest film factories. Donation for the event, sponsored by the San Diego Italian Film Festival, is \$5.

Reviewed in the movie capsules: *The Cabin in the Woods* and *Damsels in Distress*.

— David Elliott

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by David Elliott, Matthew Lickona, John Rubio, Scott Marks, and Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release, and by rating are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

Act of Valor — The Navy granted “filmmakers” Mike McCoy and Scott Waugh permission to play with their toys, and the result is a gung-ho recruitment film that’s as incompetently acted and slapped together as it is propaganda. If the two former stuntmen could direct as well as they fight, the film would kill. Instead we are asked to cheer on a fear-inducing video game made by and for war lovers. 2012. — S.M.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

American Reunion — Reviewed this issue.

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The Artist — A comedy of unreserved movie love, shot in Hollywood by French director Michel Hazanavicius. Big silent star George (like a merger of Douglas Fairbanks, John Gilbert, and Warren William) falls when sound arrives. The casting of brash, funny, hugely likeable Jean Dujardin as George gives heart to the charm. Bérénice Bejo (the director’s partner) as Peppy, an emerging star of talkies, is iffier (female stars of the era had more flesh), but she sure is “swell.” Beautiful design, period touches, and black-and-white tonalities sustain the simple story’s odd, witty dreaminess. Words are only heard at the end, and the lift of some *Vertigo* music is impudent but effective. This Chaplinesque nostalgia bubble has a tender, endearing fondness for its sources. 2011. — D.E.

★★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; FROM 4/13)

Bad Ass — Danny Trejo picks up the old Charles Bronson bat as a Vietnam War veteran looking for righteous urban revenge. With Ron Perlman, Charles S. Dutton, Joyful Drake.

(GASLAMP 15; FROM 4/13)

Blue Like Jazz — An indie comedy with *Portlandia* vibes. Don (Marshall Allman) flees his broken, sternly religious home in Texas, then finds his faith tested at Oregon’s most liberal college. Steve Taylor adapted and directed the popular Christian-themed book by Donald Miller. With Claire Holt, Jason Marsden, Tania Raymonde.

(HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; FROM 4/13)

Bully — Reviewed this issue.

★★★ (HILLCREST; LA JOLLA 12; FROM 4/13)

The Cabin in the Woods — Terrorized teens in a desolate location become unwitting

participants in a faith-based reality TV show. For 40 minutes we’re treated to an encyclopedic vivisection of everything wrong with contemporary horror movies. The overly clever script by Joss Whedon and director Drew Goddard eventually falls victim to its own satirization, but not before sufficiently broadsiding the genre. Richard Jenkins and Bradley Whitford

steal the show as a pair of monastic geeks calling the shots from the director’s booth. With Kristen Connolly and Chris Hemsworth. 2012. — S.M.

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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)

Damsels in Distress — Writer and director Whit Stillman (*Metropolitan, Last Days of Disco*) fumbles in his renewed quest to be our WASP Woody Allen. On a generic college campus, prim coeds at a suicide-prevention center exchange snippy witticisms and contend with fraternity boors. Attitude prevails, and the almost private gags (about men, depression, tap dancing, the Cathars, etc.) are like cartoon balloons looking for their frames. Lousy lighting and crude editing climax in a painful, sub-Astaire dance number. Beautiful Megalyn Echikunwoke has verbal tang; the more feebly used include Greta Gerwig, Analleigh Tipton, Carrie MacLemore, and San Diego's Adam Brody. 2012. — D.E. ● (HILLCREST; FROM 4/13)

Deadline — A reporter and an idealist reopen the case of a black youth murdered in Alabama. Curt Han directed from a script by Mark Ethridge from



The Kid with a Bike — *We realize how fast Cyril could fall and how close his bravery is to despair*

Ethridge's novel. With Eric Roberts, Anna Felix, Lauren Jenkins, Steve Talley. (GASLAMP 15; FROM 4/13)

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 — Audrey Tautou brings her curious, wide-eyed beauty to a gentle portrait of grief after loss. We're given plenty of time to loll in the perfect bliss of her romance with a handsome hunk before he dies, the better to grasp the

numb paralysis that follows. The restoration that follows that is the work of time and a bearish Swede. Nobody understands what she sees in him. But we do, and so we're willing to wait and watch as he hunts for the humanity inside his mournful angel. 2012. — M.L. ★★ (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)

Detention — Serial killer stalks a high school, with a cold eye for hot chicks. Horror hopefuls include Josh Hutchinson and Spencer Locke, with Dane Cook as the principal. (MISSION VALLEY 20; FROM 4/13)

Dr. Seuss's The Lorax — Color Dr. Seuss's "earth-friendly" children's book gloomy green and Illumination Entertainment's animated counterpart a blinding shade of pestled pastel. (Consider sporting two pair of 3-D specs.) The ecological message holds firm, only this time our young hero does it all to impress a chick. Throwaway gags (Nemo can be found congealed in JELL-O) help to ease parents' pain, but not even shooting-range earplugs can deaden the fearfully upbeat songs. Danny DeVito, Zac Efron, and Taylor Swift lend their voices. 2012. — S.M. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

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 establish-

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Potiche (Trophy Wife)

2011. What happens when a submissive wife (Catherine Deneuve) steps in to run her husband's umbrella factory after employees rebel against a tyrannical manager? This comedy set in 1977 screens

in French with English subtitles. Friday, April 20, 7 p.m.

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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.

What Happens in Vegas 2008. The romantic comedy stars Cameron Diaz and Ashton Kutcher. Wednesday, April 25, 8 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, a lawyer-turned social entrepreneur who has made a significant impact in the poorest neighborhoods of Calcutta by empowering children to become leaders in improving health and sanitation." Tuesday, April 17, 8 p.m.

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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.

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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 Gus Van Sant's drama. Friday, April 13, 2:30 p.m.

Elephant 2003. Van Sant's drama takes place in a fictional high school in the suburbs of Portland, Oregon, chronicling "events surrounding a school shooting, based in part on the 1999 Columbine High School massacre." Friday, April 20, 2:30 p.m.

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The Adventures of Tintin 2011. Steven Spielberg's 3D motion-capture tale, based on the comic book series by Belgian artist Hergé, travels the world with boy reporter Tintin and his dog Snowy. Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14, 8 p.m.

Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol 2011. Tom Cruise is back as Agent Ethan Hunt, who "goes rogue" with his team of agents to thwart a villain intent on enjoying a nuclear

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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.

Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows

2011. Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law return to their roles as Holmes and Watson to take on the cunning Professor Moriarty. Wednesday, April 25, 5:30 p.m.

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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.

Young Adult 2011. Former prom queen Mavis Gary (Charlize Theron) "must face the harsh realities of growing up" in this bittersweet comedy. Monday, April 23, 7 p.m.

ing a fantasy universe in which their man-children can cavort. With Jason Segel, Ed Helms, Susan Sarandon. 2012. — S.M.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HILLCREST; LA PALOMA)

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 Barsoom 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)

The Kid with a Bike — Reviewed this issue.
★★★★ (KEN; FROM 4/13)

The Lady — Michelle Yeoh plays Aung San Suu Kyi, the Burmese freedom leader long under house arrest, with David Thewlis as her British husband. Directed by Luc Besson. Reviewed next issue. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 4/13)

Life Happens — Gal pals are tested when one has a baby. Kat Coiro’s comedy stars Kate Bosworth, Krysten Ritter, Rachel Bilson.
(FASHION VALLEY 18; FROM 4/13)

Lockout — Tough guy, falsely accused, must spring the President’s daughter from an outer-space hellhole. With Guy Pearce, Maggie Grace, Peter Stormare. Reviewed next issue.
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Mirror Mirror — Tarsem Singh brings his flair for visual composition to the fairy tale genre, and the modesty of scale reins him in to good effect. But the star of this *Snow White* adaptation isn’t the scenery, nor the workaday comedy, nor even Snow White herself (an adorable Lilly Collins), even if she is still the heroine. No, this is Julia Roberts’ film. Her haughty, glammed-up Queen discovers what every woman knows: magic or otherwise, the mirror doesn’t lie. A brave role for an aging beauty. 2012. — M.L.
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The U.S. vs. John Lennon: Some may say they know enough about John Lennon already through his songs, but this documentary will blow you away with how much you’ll learn about the U.S. civil rights movement, Vietnam, the Nixon administration, lowering of the voting age, plus great songs as well as Lennon, the man. I wish all history lessons were this cool.

Alien: Ridley Scott’s brilliant piece of sci-fi history can be watched over and over. How I would love to disappear for four days with the anthology or single *Alien* Blu-ray and geek out on every bit of director Scott’s commentary, backstory to scenes, and more. Add this to your to-do list for April because Ridley Scott’s *Prometheus* is coming in June, which will reveal the pre-story to the *Alien* saga.

THE U.S. VS. JOHN LENNON (USA) 2006, Lionsgate
List price: \$14.98
ALIEN ANTHOLOGY (USA/England) 1979, Twentieth Century Fox
List price: \$99.99 (six discs)

VISTA VILLAGE)

Miss Bala — Mexico’s official entry for the recent Oscars competition is Gerardo Naranjo’s drama about an aspiring beauty queen (Stephanie Sigman) whose hopes are threatened by a crime cartel. (GASLAMP 15)

Norwegian Wood — A fall below past form for expat Vietnamese visionary Tran Anh Hung (*The Scent of Green Papaya*). His visual elegance and delight



Repo Man

DOUG BARKER

Webmaster, the Whistle Stop

Alex Cox’s *Repo Man* and *Straight to Hell* are among the most repeat-view worthy films I can think of. Cram-packed with smart comedy, lively cinematography, non sequiturs, and understated slapstick, both serve up new hilarity and charm on each repeat viewing. 1984’s *Repo Man* uses L.A.’s auto repossession and punk scenes as settings for intrigue and the supernatural regarding a dead alien.

1987’s *Straight to Hell* is essentially a Western (populated by the likes of Joe Strummer, Elvis Costello, Dennis Hopper, and a screechy Courtney Love), but to my mind, the stories are almost beside the point: the sheer density of multi-leveled high-grade wit — visual and cerebral — puts to shame any other three or four movies you can think of. Watching each of these movies is like practicing to watch them again.

REPO MAN (USA) 1984, Universal
List price: \$19.98
STRAIGHT TO HELL (USA) 1987, Anchor Bay
List price: \$24.95

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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)

October Baby — Hanna’s parents fi-



The Night of the Hunter

HEATHER ERIN LONG

Social media manager,
the Whistle Stop

Tommy is one of the greatest rock-and-roll movies ever made. Directed by the late, great Ken Russell, it’s beautifully filmed with a brilliant use of symbolism. Full of career-defining performances, Ann Margret’s smash-the-mirror scene and Tina Turner’s Acid Queen make this film worth watching on their own. I promise, you don’t have to like the Who to enjoy this movie.

The Night of the Hunter is often described as a demented fairy tale. The only movie ever directed by actor Charles Laughton, it’s one of the most suspenseful movies I’ve ever seen. Robert Mitchum is sinister. From Mitchum’s love/hate knuckle tattoos to children being hunted as they float down the dark river to Lillian Gish in a rocking chair with a shotgun, this movie is chock-full of imagery that will stay with you long after the viewing. The eerie soundtrack adds to the timeless creepiness of this classic story.

TOMMY (England) 1975, Sony Pictures
List price: \$14.99
THE NIGHT OF THE HUNTER (USA) 1955, Criterion Collection
List price: \$35.95

nally get around to telling their 19-year-old daughter, the survivor of a failed abortion, that she was adopted. Forget what side of the debate you’re on: a bad movie is a bad movie, and this escapee from the Hallmark Channel is strictly amateur time. If you’re not sure what to think or how to react, Andrew and Jon Erwin’s by-the-numbers storytelling and Paul Mills’s treacly score will guide you. With Rachel Hendrix and John Schneider. — S.M.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; TOWN SQUARE 14;

FROM 4/13)

Pina — An elegant, heartfelt, never-sappy salute to the late German choreographer Philippina “Pina” Bausch and her dancers. Veteran fan and auteur Wim Wenders uses 3-D superbly to put us inside intensely kinetic, body-stressing dances (most in short form). They can be a little retro-vanguard but are always vivid, witty, and/or beautiful. This is a great tribute by one art form to another, as both stretch admirably. 2012. — D.E.
★★★★ (GASLAMP 15; FROM 4/13)

Project X — Somebody took a perfectly good black comedy and grafted a fairy tale onto it. The results aren’t pretty. What could have been a delicious dissection of one poor bastard’s attempt to become cool by whoring out his upscale home for party-fueled destruction winds up as an affirmation of true love and human gratitude. “Hey man, thanks for letting us thrash your folks’ place!” Plus, a dog mates with a drunk dude’s face. Directed by Nima Nourizadeh; with Thomas Mann and Oliver Cooper. 2012. — M.L.
★ (GASLAMP 15; 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.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HILLCREST; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Rampart — Built like a bullet, yet with his mind a cage of wormy lust, greed, and bigotry, cop Dave Brown (Woody Harrelson) is far below the LAPD’s finest. Oren Moverman directed as if fiercely merging *Colors* and *Bad Lieutenant*, while chief writer James Ellroy overplays his slumming zeal for lowlife crud. Backed well by Brie Larson, Sigourney Weaver, Ned Beatty, Cynthia Nixon, Robin Wright, Ben Foster, Anne Heche, Ice Cube, and Steve Buscemi, Harrelson achieves more than macho presence as this sick loser. But the story, losing momentum, sags into pulp. 2012. — D.E.
★★ (GASLAMP 15; FROM 4/13)

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)

The Three Stooges: The Movie — An irreverent tribute to their greatness, with the boys played in living color by Sean Hayes, Will Sasso, Chris Diamantopoulos. Find your yuks in Stooges savant Scott Marks’s analysis on the *Reader’s* Big Screen blog. (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 4/13)

Titanic — Reviewed this issue. ★★ ★★ (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



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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

American Reunion — *A moron movie for diehard fans*

a comedic comet. 2012. — S.M. ★★ ★ (GASLAMP 15)

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 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)

Wrath of the Titans — Long ago, Zeus used the Spear of Something or Other to defeat his father Cronos, now imprisoned in Tartarus. But now people have stopped praying, and the gods’ work — Tartarus included — is coming undone. What to do? Reassemble the Spear, of course, and make sure half-human Perseus handles it this time. Apparently, the indomitable human spirit is all we really need — plus magic geegaws, of course. Family rivalries — brother vs. brother, father vs. son — get tossed in for drama, like bacon bits on a rancid Greek salad. 2012. — M.L. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; 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)

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

San Diego Natural History Museum
Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 12:00p.m.; **Sea Rex: Journey To A Pre-historic World 3D** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 3:00; **Sharks 3D** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 4:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Reading Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)
American Reunion (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 2:25) 5:10, 8:00, 10:35 Sun. (11:40, 2:25) 5:10, 8:00; **The Cabin in the Woods** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:05, 3:20) 5:30, 7:45, 9:50 Sun. (11:00, 1:05, 3:20) 5:30, 7:45; **Dr. Seuss’ The Lorax** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 12:40, 2:40) 5:05; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:25 Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30; **Jeff, Who Lives at Home** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15) 9:40 Sun. (12:15a.m.); **Lockout** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 12:50, 2:55) 5:00, 7:05, 9:30 Sun. (10:45, 12:50, 2:55) 5:00, 7:05; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:40, 1:15, 3:40) 5:55, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (10:40, 1:15, 3:40) 5:55, 8:15; **October Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 12:45, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 10:00 Sun. (10:30, 12:45, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40; **Salmon Fishing in the Yemen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:15) 4:45, 7:10; **The Raid: Redemption (Serbuan maut)** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 8:10, 10:25 Sun. (11:05, 1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 8:10; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 1:00, 3:10) 5:15, 7:25, 9:45 Sun. (10:55, 1:00, 3:10) 5:15, 7:25; **This Means War** (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:15, 9:35 Sun. 7:15p.m.; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:20) 4:40, 7:35, 10:10 Sun. (11:55, 2:20) 4:40, 7:35;

Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:50, 1:10, 3:30) 5:45, 8:05, 10:15 Sun. (10:50, 1:10, 3:30) 5:45, 8:05

CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square
4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)
American Reunion (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:20, 11:20, 1:10, 2:10) 4:10, 5:10, 7:10, 8:10, 9:45, 10:45; **The Cabin in the Woods** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 12:50, 3:10) 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; **Charade** (NR) Fri.-Sun.; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30) 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30; **Lockout** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 12:55, 3:15) 5:35, 7:50, 10:15; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:50) 4:25, 7:00, 9:25; **October Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:40) 4:40, 7:15, 9:50; **Salmon Fishing in the Yemen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:00) 4:35, 7:20, 10:10; **Special Event** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun.; **The Raid: Redemption (Serbuan maut)** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:05, 3:25) 5:45, 8:05, 10:25; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 7:55, 10:20; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10) 4:15, 8:15; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:35) 4:20, 7:05, 9:30; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:25, 12:45, 3:05) 5:20, 7:40; **Wrath of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00p.m.

CORONADO

Vintage Village Theatre
820 Orange Avenue (619-437-6161)
The Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00) 3:00, 6:00, 9:00; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00) 2:30, 5:15, 8:15; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00) 4:15, 8:15

DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp
701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)
Bad Ass (R) Fri. (1:00, 3:55) 6:00, 8:05, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 1:50, 3:55) 6:00, 8:05, 10:05; **Casa de mi Padre** (R) Fri.-Sun.

(11:40, 1:45) 4:05, 6:15, 8:20, 10:25; **Deadline** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:15, 3:25) 5:35, 7:50, 10:10; **The Descendants** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35) 4:40, 9:55; **Detachment** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 7:20; **Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:25a.m.); **It Happened One Night (1934)** (Not Rated) Sat. 7:00p.m.; **John Carter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:55) 7:10; **Lockout** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:05, 7:35, 10:10; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 11:55, 1:25, 2:20) 4:55, 5:50, 7:25, 8:25, 9:50, 10:45 Sun. (11:00, 11:55, 1:25, 2:20) 4:55, 5:50, 7:25, 8:25, 9:50; **Miss Bala** (Not Rated) Fri. (12:10, 2:45) 7:40 Sat. (12:10p.m.) Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 7:40; **Norwegian Wood (Noruwei no mori)** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:50); **Pina 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:40; **Project X** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20) 5:00, 10:00; **Rampart** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:20; **Silent House** (R) Fri.-Sun. 5:45, 7:55, 10:10; **Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:05) 4:50, 7:45, 10:35 Sun. (11:15, 2:05) 4:50, 7:45, 10:30; **The Trouble with Bliss** (R) Fri. 5:20, 10:15 Sat. 10:15p.m. Sun. 5:20, 10:15; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 4:30, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30 Sun. (11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 4:30, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:25

Regal Horton Plaza
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Act of Valor (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:05, 9:40; **American Reunion** (R) Fri. (12:40, 1:10, 3:50, 4:20) 6:30, 7:30, 9:15, 10:05 Sat. (10:05, 12:40, 3:50) 4:20, 6:30, 7:30, 9:15, 10:05 Sun. (12:40, 1:10, 3:50) 4:20, 6:30, 7:30, 9:15, 10:05; **The Artist** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00, 4:20) 7:00 Sun. (2:00) 4:20, 7:00; **Blue Like Jazz** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 4:10) 6:40, 9:05 Sat. (10:20, 1:05) 4:10, 6:40, 9:05 Sun. (1:05) 4:10, 6:40, 9:05; **The Cabin in the Woods** (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:05) 7:00, 9:30 Sat. (10:50, 1:45) 4:05, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (1:45) 4:05, 7:00, 9:30; **Dr. Seuss’ The Lorax** (PG) Fri. (12:35, 2:45, 4:55) Sat. (10:10, 12:35, 2:45) 4:55 Sun. (12:35, 2:45) 4:55; **Housefull 2: The Dirty Dozen** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:40) 6:55, 10:10;

The Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 1:15, 3:45, 4:15) 6:45, 7:15, 9:45, 10:15 Sat. (10:05, 12:45, 1:15, 3:45) 4:15, 6:45, 7:15, 9:45, 10:15 Sun. (12:45, 1:15, 3:45) 4:15, 6:45, 7:15, 9:45, 10:15; **The Metropolitan Opera: La Traviata** (Not Rated) Sat. 9:55a.m.; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri. (12:55, 1:30, 3:10, 4:00, 5:30) 6:30, 7:45, 9:00, 10:15 Sat. (10:15, 11:00, 12:55, 1:30, 3:10) 4:00, 5:30, 6:30, 7:45, 9:00, 10:15 Sun. (12:55, 1:30, 3:10) 4:00, 5:30, 6:30, 7:45, 9:00, 10:15; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 1:00, 4:30, 5:00) 8:30, 9:00, 9:30 Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 1:00) 4:30, 5:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30 Sun. (12:30, 1:00) 4:30, 5:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri. (3:10) 7:50 Sat. (10:25, 3:10) 7:50 Sun. (3:10) 7:50; **Wrath of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 5:30) 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:50) 5:30, 10:10

KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Kid With A Bike (PG-13) Fri. (2:45), (5:00), 7:15, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (2:45), 5:00, 7:15, 9:30, Mon - Thu: (5:00), 7:15, 9:30, Discount Shows at Landmark’s Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets “()”; **The Hunter** (R) Opens Friday, April 20; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) With “Crazed Imaginations” Shadow Cast, Plays Saturday, April 21

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
American Reunion (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:15, 2:55, 5:35, 8:15, 11:00 Fri.-Sun. 10:45, 1:25, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55 Sun. 12:15, 2:55, 5:35, 8:15; **Bully** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; **The Cabin in the Woods** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:25, 1:10, 3:35, 4:20, 6:45, 7:45, 9:55, 10:55 Sun. 10:00, 12:25, 1:10, 3:35, 4:20, 6:45, 7:45, 9:55; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **The Metropolitan Opera:**

La Traviata (Not Rated) Sat. 9:55a.m.; **The Raid: Redemption (Serbuan maut)** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 1:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri. 10:10, 2:10, 6:15, 10:15 Sat. 2:10, 6:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:10, 2:10, 7:40; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:55, 2:50, 5:25, 8:00, 10:35; **Wrath of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:20, 1:45, 4:15, 6:50, 9:15

Landmark La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
The Lady (R) Fri. Mon - Thu: (2:00), (5:00), 8:00, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; **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: (4:30), 10:00, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 4:30, 10:00; **A Separation** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: (1:30), 7:10*/**, */** No 7:10 PM Shows Monday, 04/16/12 or Thursday, 04/19/12, Discount Shows at Landmark’s La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “()”; **Monsieur Lazhar** (PG-13) Opens Friday, April 20th or at Hillcrest

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; American Reunion; The Cabin in the Woods (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 12:50, 3:25, 8:35, 11:10; **Dr. Seuss’s The Lorax; The Hunger Games; John Carter; Life Happens** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15, 10:45; **Lockout** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 1:00, 3:35, 6:10, 8:45, 11:15; **Mirror Mirror; Safe House; The**

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Three Stooges (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 3:10, 5:45, 8:20, 10:55; **Titanic**; **21 Jump Street**; **Wrath of the Titans**

AMC Mission Valley
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
American Reunion; **Blue Like Jazz**; **The Cabin in the Woods** (R) Fri.-Sun. 5:10, 8:00, 10:50; **Casa de Mi Padre**; **Detention** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 10:05; **Dr. Seuss's The Lorax**; **The Hunger Games**; **John Carter**; **Lockout** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; **The Metropolitan Opera: La Traviata** (Not Rated) Sat. 9:55a.m.; **Mirror Mirror**; **Project X**; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30; **Titanic**; **21 Jump Street**; **Woman Thou Art Loosed: On the 7th Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:50, 1:40, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10

Ultrastar Mission Valley Hazard Center
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)

The Cabin in the Woods (R) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sun - Thu: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30; **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) Mon: 11:00 AM, 3:30, 7:45; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri - Sun: 11:00 AM, 3:30, 7:45, Tue - Thu: 11:00 AM, 3:30, 7:45; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30, Sun - Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri: 10:45 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 - Wed: 10:45 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, Thu: 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; Parent Movie Morning: **"THE THREE STOOGES"** Thursday, 4/19 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY!

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Bully (PG-13) Fri. Mon - Thu: (2:05), (4:35), 7:10, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:35), 2:05, 4:35, 7:10, 9:35; **Jiro Dreams Of Sushi** (PG) Fri - Thu: (2:30), 7:35; **Jeff, Who Lives At Home** (R) Fri. Mon - Thu: (5:00), 9:40, Sat & Sun: (12:00), 5:00, 9:40; **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; **Damsels In Distress** (PG-13) Fri. Mon - Thu: (2:15), (4:45), 7:20, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (11:45), 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45; **Raid: The Redemption** (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 "()"; **Monsieur Lazhar** (PG-13) Opens Friday, April 20th or at Village

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Black Holes (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 3:00, 6:00 Sun. 3:00p.m. Sun. 6:00p.m.; **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; **Forces of Nature** (PG-13) Fri. 8:00p.m.; **Mysteries of Egypt** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.; **Secret of the Cardboard Rocket** (Not Rated) Sat,-Sun. 11:00a.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. (11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:05) 4:30, 5:35, 7:00, 8:05, 9:35, 10:35; **The Cabin in the Woods** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:00, 3:10) 5:25, 7:35, 9:50; **The**

Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; **Lockout** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 1:55) 4:05, 6:15, 8:25, 10:40; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:20, 3:45) 6:05, 8:30, 10:50; **Special Event** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun.; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:25, 3:40) 5:55, 8:15, 10:25; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 3:55) 8:00; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55; **Wrath of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:10p.m.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
Call theater for program information.

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Call theater for program information.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade
770 Dennery Road (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

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: 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30, Sun: 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, Mon - Thu: 3:30, 5:45, 8:00; **Act of Valor** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15, Sun: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, Mon - Thu: 4:15, 7:00; **Gone** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 PM; **Tyler Perry's Good Deeds** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 7:15, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 7:15 PM; **Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (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; **The Secret World of Arrietty (Kari-gurashi no Arietti)** (G) Fri - Sun: 11:30 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, Mon - Thu: 4:45, 7:15; **This Means War** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 8:15 PM; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15, Sun: 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, Mon - Thu: 4:15, 6:45; **Safe House** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30, Sun: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, Mon - Thu: 5:00, 7:45; **The Vow** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:45, 5:45, 10:45, Sun: 12:45, 5:45, Mon - Thu: 5:45 PM; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 PM; The Grey (R) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 5:00, 10:15, Sun: 11:45 AM, 5:00, Mon & Tue: 5:00 PM, Thu: 5:00 PM; **Underworld: Awakening** (R) Fri - Sun: 2:30, 7:45, Mon - Thu: 7:45 PM; The **Adventures of Tintin** (PG) Fri - Sun: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, Mon - Thu: 4:45 PM; **Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (G) Fri - Sun: 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, Mon - Thu: 3:00, 5:15, 7:30

EASTLAKE

AMC Otay Ranch
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
American Reunion; **The Cabin in the Woods** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Dr. Seuss's The Lorax**; **The Hunger Games**; **Lockout**; **The Metropolitan Opera: La Traviata** (Not Rated) Sat. 9:55a.m.; **Mirror Mirror**; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:10, 1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; **Titanic**; **21 Jump Street**; **Wrath of the Titans Lockout** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20

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. 10:45, 12:00, 1:45, 3:15, 4:45, 6:40, 8:00, 9:40, 11:00 Sat. 10:45, 12:00, 1:45, 3:15, 4:50, 6:40, 8:00, 9:40, 11:00 Sun. 10:45, 12:00, 1:45, 3:15, 4:40, 6:40, 7:50, 9:40, 10:45; **The Cabin in the Woods** (R) Fri.-Sat. 9:45, 12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:15, 11:00 Sun. 9:45, 12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:15, 10:45; **Dr. Seuss' The Lorax** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 12:30, 3:00, 5:20; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:05, 12:00, 2:45, 3:30, 6:15, 7:00, 9:45, 10:30; **Lockout** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:20, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:10, 1:00, 3:40, 6:20, 9:15; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri. 10:00, 11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 7:45, 9:35 Sat,-Sun. 11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 7:45, 9:35; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:45, 1:50, 6:00, 10:00; **Titanic: An IMAX 3D Experience** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 11:40, 4:00, 8:15; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:55, 12:50, 3:50, 6:45, 9:30; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 12:55, 3:45, 6:30, 9:20; **Wrath of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20

NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

Regal Escondido
350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
Call theater for program information.

FALLBROOK

UltraStar River Village
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)

The Three Stooges (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 8:00, 10:45, Sun: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 8:00, Mon - Thu: 4:45, 8:00; **Kidtoons: Peppa Pig** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **American Reunion** (R) Fri & Sat: 12:00, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30, 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, 10:15, Sun: 11:15 AM, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, Mon - Thu: 5:00, 7:30; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 4:30, 7:15, 9:45, Sun - Thu: 4:30, 7:15; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 3:15, 7:00, 10:00, Sun: 11:00 AM, 3:15, 7:00, Mon - Thu: 3:15, 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 - Sun: 11:30 AM, 2:00

POWAY

UltraStar Poway
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

The Cabin in the Woods (R) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sun - Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Lockout** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:15, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30, 11:00, Sun - Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:15, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00, Sun - Tue: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, Wed: 10:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, Thu: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **Kidtoons: Peppa Pig** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **American Reunion** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:05 AM, 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:50, Sun - Thu: 10:05 AM, 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 10:40 AM, 2:50, 7:00; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50, Sat: 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:50, Sun: 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, Mon - Thu: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 10:10 AM, 2:55, 7:45; **Wrath of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:35, 5:20, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 12:35, 5:20; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:20 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:20, 2:00, 4:30, 5:10, 7:30, 8:15, 10:30, Sun & Mon: 10:20 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:20, 2:00, 4:30, 5:10, 7:30, 8:15, Tue: 10:20 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:20, 2:00, 4:30, 7:30, Wed & Thu: 10:20 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:20, 2:00, 4:30, 5:10, 7:30, 8:15; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:35, 8:05, 10:35, Sun - Tue: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:35, 8:05, Wed: 12:30, 3:00, 5:35, 8:05, Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:35, 8:05, Parent Movie Morning: **"THE THREE STOOGES"** Wednesday, 4/18 @ 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)

The Cabin in the Woods (R) Fri & Sat: 10:10 AM, 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:30, 10:50, Sun - Thu: 10:10 AM, 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:30; **Lockout** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45, Sun - Thu: 10:15 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 10:45 AM, 12:45, 1:20, 3:15, 4:00, 5:45, 6:15, 8:15, 8:40, 10:45, 10:55, Sun - Tue: 10:15 AM, 10:45 AM, 12:45, 1:20, 3:15, 4:00, 5:45, 6:15, 8:15, 8:40, Wed: 10:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 10:45 AM, 12:45, 1:20, 3:15, 4:00, 5:45, 6:15, 8:15, 8:40, Thu: 10:15 AM, 10:45 AM, 12:45, 1:20, 3:15, 4:00, 5:45, 6:15, 8:15, 8:40; **Kidtoons: Peppa Pig** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **American Reunion** (R) Fri: 10:30 AM, 1:10, 3:45, 6:15, 8:45, Sat & Sun: 1:10, 3:45, 6:15, 8:45, Mon - Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:10, 3:45, 6:15, 8:45; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 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 & Sat: 11:00 AM, 7:45, 10:40, Sun - Thu: 11:00 AM, 7:45; **Wrath of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 2:00, 5:15; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:35 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00, Sun - Thu: 10:35 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, Parent Movie Morning: **"THE THREE STOOGES"** Wednesday, 4/18 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY!

VISTA

Krikorian Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
American Reunion (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 12:00, 2:00, 2:40, 4:40, 5:20) 7:20, 8:00, 10:00, 10:40; **The Cabin in the Woods** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 12:20, 1:00, 2:40, 3:20, 5:05, 5:45) 7:30, 8:10, 9:55, 10:35; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:25, 12:10, 1:30, 3:35, 4:35) 7:00, 7:40, 10:10, 10:45; **Lockout** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:45, 5:10) 7:35, 10:00; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:35) 7:05, 9:35; **The Raid: Redemption (Serbuan maut)** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:10, 12:50, 2:30, 3:10, 4:50, 5:30) 7:10, 7:50, 9:40, 10:20; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:20, 11:25, 2:20, 3:25) 6:20, 7:25, 10:20; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15; **Wrath of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:45p.m.

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Moviemax Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Call theater for program information.

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
Jeff, Who Lives at Home (R) Fri. 7:00, 9:00 Sat,-Sun. (4:35) 7:00, 9:00

OCEANSIDE

Regal Oceanside
401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
Act of Valor (R) Fri. (1:10, 3:40) 7:15, 10:05 Sat,-Sun. (12:35, 3:40) 7:15, 10:05; **American Reunion** (R) Fri. (1:20, 2:00, 3:50, 4:35) 6:55, 7:25, 9:40, 10:10 Sat,-Sun. (12:00, 2:35, 3:50) 5:05, 6:55, 7:40, 9:40, 10:20; **The Cabin in the Woods** (R) Fri. (1:05, 3:20, 5:40) 7:55, 10:15 Sat,-Sun. (11:45, 2:05) 4:35, 7:00, 9:20; **Dr. Seuss' The Lorax** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 3:00, 5:00) Sat,-Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50;

The Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 10:00 Sat,-Sun. (12:40, 3:55) 7:00, 10:00; **Lockout** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:05) 6:50, 9:35 Sat,-Sun. (11:35, 2:00) 4:25, 6:50, 9:35; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri. (2:05, 4:55) 7:30, 10:10 Sat,-Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:55, 7:30, 10:10; **Project X** (R) Fri. (1:10, 3:25, 5:35) 7:45, 10:15 Sat,-Sun. (12:15, 2:25) 5:20, 7:45, 9:55; **Safe House** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:10, 9:45; **The Metropolitan Opera: La Traviata** (Not Rated) Sat. 9:55a.m.; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri. (1:05, 2:00, 3:15, 4:45, 5:25) 7:05, 7:40, 9:30, 10:00 Sat,-Sun. (11:55, 12:25, 2:15, 2:45) 4:40, 5:10, 7:05, 7:35, 9:30, 10:00; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (12:55, 1:20, 4:50, 5:15) 8:45, 9:10 Sat. (12:30, 1:30) 4:30, 5:25, 8:30, 9:15 Sun. (12:30, 1:00) 4:30, 5:00, 8:30, 9:00; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri. (1:05, 3:35) 6:45, 9:25 Sat,-Sun. (12:05, 3:20) 6:45, 9:25; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45, 4:30) 7:25, 9:50 Sat,-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:30, 7:25, 9:50; **Wrath of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (2:20, 5:05) 7:55, 10:20 Sat,-Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 7:55, 10:20

UltraStar Oceanside Mission Marketplace
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

TNA Wrestling Lockdown (NR) Sun: 4:30 PM; **The Cabin in the Woods** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30, Sun & Mon: 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, Tue: 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:3

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HELP WANTED

CUSTOMER SERVICE

CREW MEMBER. Tutti Frutti Frozen Yogurt in Grossmont Mall is seeking a new team member. Service industry experience and high school diploma required. Pays \$8/ hour plus tips! Advancement opportunities! Applications at Tutti Frutti, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive, La Mesa 91942. 619-460-4220.

DOMESTIC SERVICE

HOUSEKEEPER. Full time, live in, 5 days a week with cleaning experience. Need to be very organized to maintain standard of care. Large home. \$1600/month. Must have current CA driver's license. Must be flexible with positive disposition. Tuesday late afternoon to Sunday. Background check required, proof of updated immunization. 858-454-0513.

DRIVERS / DELIVERY

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DRIVERS/ COURIERS. Cargo vans needed. Must have a cargo van. Full- and part- time shifts. \$16-\$18 per hour which includes mileage pay. Call 858-444-2350.

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EDUCATION

INFANT/ TODDLER TEACHERS/ Aides for preschool in Hillcrest. 7:30am-2pm and 2-6pm Monday- Friday. Must have 12 core ECE units with infant/toddler class. Dana, 619-295-4147.

HEALTH CARE

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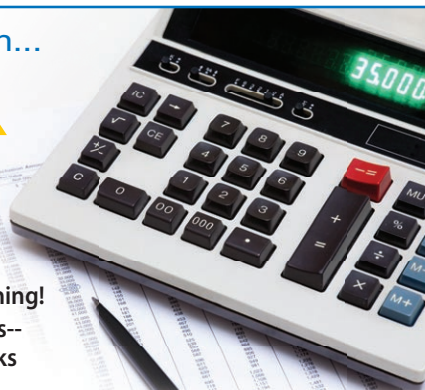
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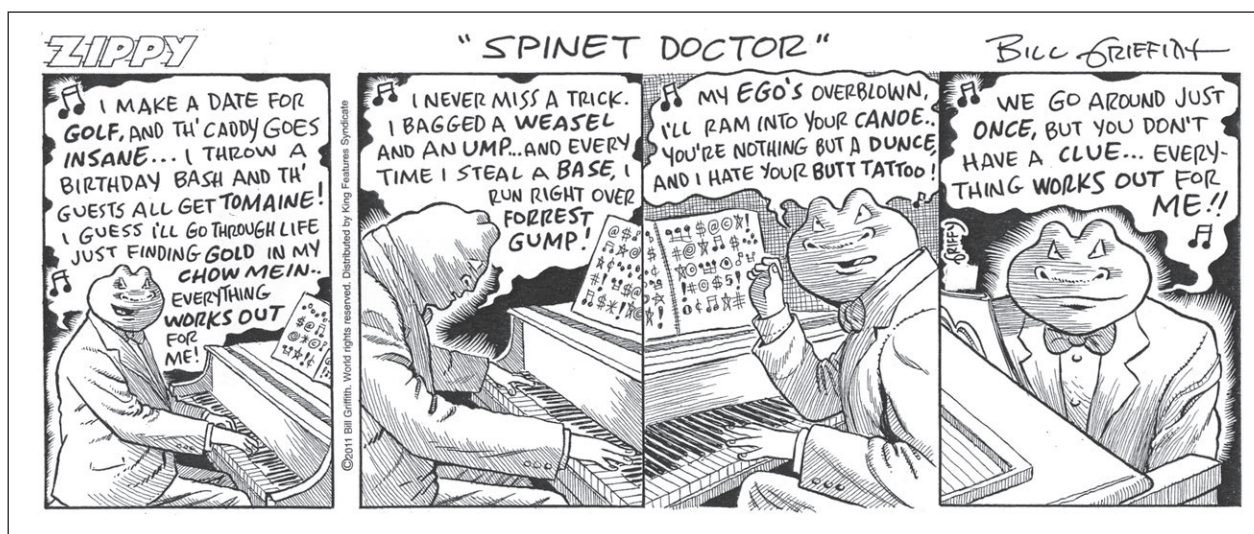
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Across

1. Play of 1606
8. Eavesdrop, maybe
11. Criminalize
14. Turtleneck, e.g.
15. Young man
16. Anka's " ____ Beso"

17. Photographer whose work appears in the 1941 book "Let Us Now Praise Famous Men"

19. QVC competitor

20. Nile deity

21. Grade school subj.

22. Glace, when it melts

23. "Put ____ writing!"

24. Hall of Fame NFL coach who won Super Bowl III

28. French carmaker

30. Fence alternative

31. Some ER cases

32. Info for some captains

34. Hershey brand

35. Dodge City lawman

37. William Randolph Hearst's San ____

40. Prod

41. Basketball position: Abbr.

44. Keep ____ to the ground

45. Had the hots for

47. "The Spirit" cartoonist

51. " ____ the word!"

52. Prefix with athlete

53. Snitch

54. Dudley Do-Right's org.

55. Suffix with ball or bass

56. Opening words of the U.S. Constitution ... or a hint at solving 17-, 24-, 35- and 47-Across

60. Neither Dem. nor Rep.

61. Singer who's the descendant of a Japanese emperor

62. "Rest easy, man!"

63. Org. doing pat-downs

64. Boy toy?

65. Fire starters

Down

1. Counselor's deg.
2. Looked forward to
3. Temperature scale creator

4. Kind of soda

5. Summers in France

6. Thrice, to a pharmacist

7. Old Eur. realm

8. Secondary strategy

9. Driving ____

10. Fabric amts.

11. Takes the top off

12. WikiLeaks founder Julian

13. Peacenik's slogan

18. Civic center?

23. Stock mkt. debut

24. Teutonic war god

25. Californie, e.g.

26. " ____ the fire?"

27. Microwave sound

29. Pooh pal

33. "Rugrats" dad

34. Wild party

35. Prosperity

36. Third planet from die Sonne

37. Took care of business

38. Shackled

39. Bill & ____ Gates Foundation

41. Give way suddenly

42. Knight ____

43. Ave. relatives

46. "Brrr!"

48. Hurricane of 2011

49. Squelched

50. To the ____ degree

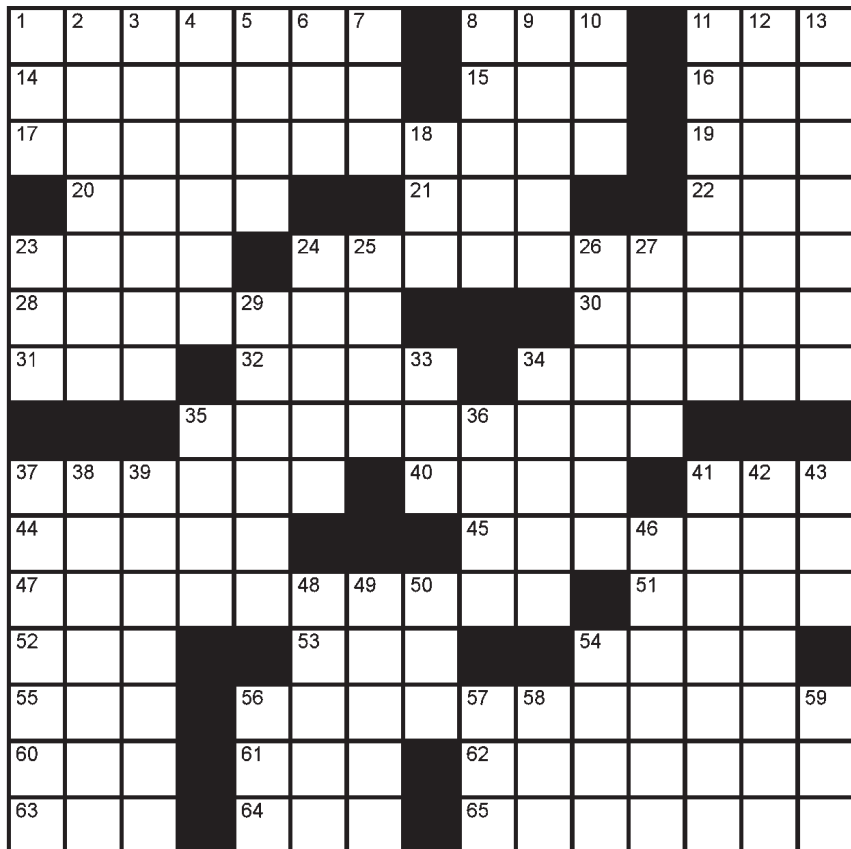
54. It may hold your horses

56. Moo goo gai pan pan

57. Outer: Prefix

58. ____ Beta Kappa

59. "All My ____ Live in Texas" (1987 #1 country hit)



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We are temporarily out of T-shirts. Winners will receive caps.

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

Carolyn Clark, Lakeside, 6. If we were cannibals I'd think, "So many politicians, so few recipes."

Dale Duffala, Bird Rock, 6. Last week's winners weren't all that puns!

Cindy Fisher, San Clemente, 6. If I say something and my husband doesn't listen, did I make a sound?

Bill Pischke, Ramona, 6. Waffle when you can't decide the breakfast menu.

Conway Redding, La Mesa, 6. Clever is as clever plagiarizes.

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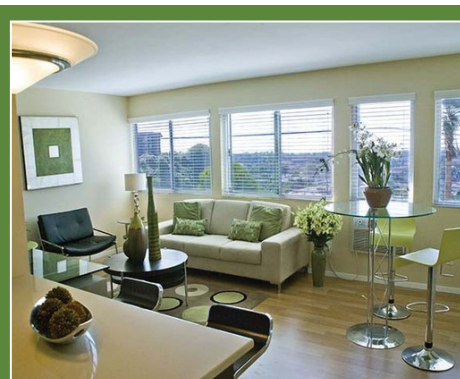
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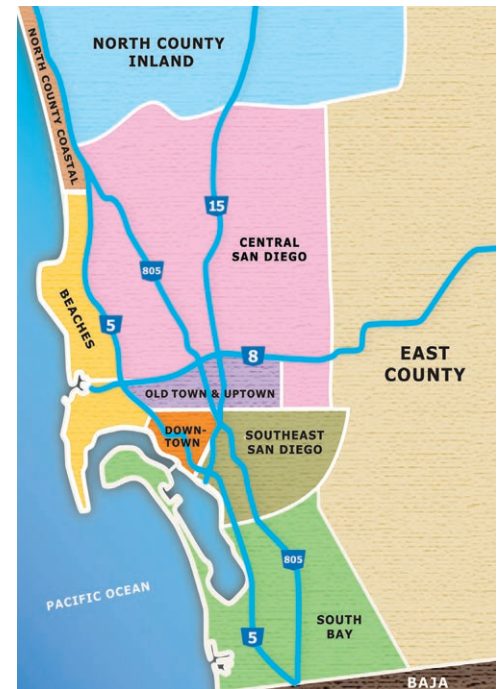
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2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name and a brief message (20 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are cut into

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3) We will award writers of the best messages, among those who correctly solve the puzzle, one of the famous *Reader* baseball caps or T-shirts. And we will print the winning messages in the paper and online.

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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.

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

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☛ **Don Bowman, Santee, 6.** *How did the dictionary cross the river? It brought abridge along.*

☛ **Laura Owen, City Heights, 2.** *"A Puzzler and a Writer"? Thanks for the boost to self-image. Sure beats "Cat Lady." Be overjoyed to win cap!*

☛ **Cindy Fisher, San Clemente, 6.** *A journey of a thousand mules begins when the first one decides to move.*

☛ **Wang Tang , San Diego, 2.** *Ask not what Reader can do for you, ask....*

☛ **Lily Sun, Carmel Valley, 1.** *No hat, no shirt, no problem.*

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Kari Smith

Temecula, dance instructor

I'd probably live in the first Costco I could find. There are limited and secure entries and exits and there's most everything you need to live for a while.



Steve Nash

Tennessee, software engineer

I would get to my car as quickly as possible. I keep a gun there with seven rounds, which should be enough to get me home where I keep the other 200. My house is secure enough, plus I'd rather die at my home than anywhere else.



Ian Carty

Sacramento, PG&E

I would smack 'em! All the zombies get smacked. But, seriously, I'd start running toward my car, then straight to Tijuana. Actually, first I'd find a drink, then I'd do the rest.



Cinnamon Allen

Sacramento, student

I'd make sure to trip everyone else on my way out so the zombies wouldn't eat me, just all the fallen bodies. You don't need to be faster than the fastest person, just faster than the slowest. That would give me more time to escape.

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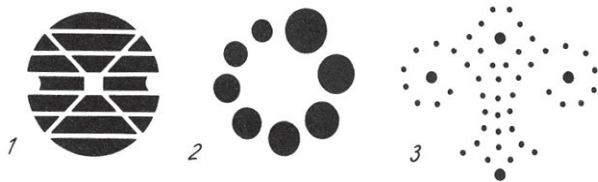
We are temporarily out of T-shirts. Winners will receive caps.

Cap: _____ T-shirt: S _____ M _____

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

More holes

- 7 scissors
- 11 egg slicer
- 3 shoe (wing tip)
- 6 spatula
- 13 slotted spoon
- 5 radio speaker
- 2 pencil sharpener
- 8 electrical outlet
- 1 hair dryer
- 9 pretzel
- 12 pipe
- 4 coin-op washer
- 10 colander (detail)



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.)

☛ **Martha Awdziewicz, Claire-mont, 6.** *I almost ate this puzzle since it was a piece of cake.*

☛ **Conway Redding, La Mesa, 6.** *Should proponents of the gas chamber be called asphyxionados?*

☛ **Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 5.** *Do you do sudoku? I do, and voodoo, too.*

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MISSION VALLEY, \$1150.
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no pets, at 1330 Eureka Street #5. Agent, 619-298-5820. www.mpmcorp.net.

MISSION VALLEY, \$1650.
2BD+2BA condo. 977sqft. 2 parking spaces in underground garage! River Colony Community, 2220 Camino De La Reina. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400.

MISSION VALLEY, \$1695.
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2BD+1.5BA townhouses. 1290 sqft. Gas stove, dishwasher, garage, large patio, pools, laundry facilities. Lakewood Villa Townhomes, 8492 San Carlos Drive. Available now. Call 619-469-3585.

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North County Coastal

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2BD+1BA duplex. Excellent location. Walk to Moonlight Beach. Large yard. All appliances. Available April/ May. Lease. 237 Lolita. 858-792-5002/ 858-442-3798.

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North County Inland

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RANCHO PENASQUITOS, \$1695.
3BD+2BA upstairs condo, washer/ dryer, fireplace, 2 parking spaces, balcony, complex has swimming pool, Poway School District, 858-768-4311, www.cal-prop.com.

Old Town & Uptown

CITY HEIGHTS, \$725.
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OPEN LETTERS

BY JORY JOHN & AVERY MONSEN



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Compelling Explanations

— In December, music teacher Kevin Gausepohl, 37, was charged in Tacoma, Wash., Municipal Court with communicating with a minor for immoral purposes, allegedly convincing a 17-year-old female student that she could sing better if she tried it naked. Gausepohl later told an investigator of his excitement about experimenting at the “human participant level” to determine how sexual arousal affects vocal range. The girl complied with “some of” Gausepohl’s requests but finally balked

and turned him in.

— Rock Dagenais, 26, pleaded guilty recently to weapons charges after creating a siege by bringing a knife, a sawed-off rifle, and 100 rounds of ammunition to a Quebec elementary school. He eventually surrendered peacefully and said he was only trying to send the kids a message not to disrespect each other by bullying.

Latest Human Rights

— Librarians typically can shush patrons whose conversation disturbs others, but, at least in Washington state, librarians are powerless to prevent another “disturbance” — when a pornography user’s computer screen disgusts other library patrons who inadvertently glimpse it. A visitor to the Seattle Public Library complained in February that the librarian said she was bound by a 2010 state supreme court decision upholding the right of consumers of otherwise-legal pornography not to be censored.

— Elena Zakharova of New York City became the most recent litigant to challenge a state law that regards pets as “property” (and that, thus, the owner of an injured or disfigured pet is entitled to no more consideration than for a defective appliance). She sued a pet store that had sold her a dog with allegedly bum knees and hips, claiming that

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Least Competent Spies

— The embarrassing disclosure in November by the Lebanon-based terrorist organization Hezbollah, of the CIA’s major clandestine operations in Beirut, likely resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen anti-Hezbollah CIA “assets,” according to ABC News reports. Among the details made public by Hezbollah was that it learned of the agents’ meetings with the potential “assets” (which took place at a Beirut Pizza Hut restaurant) by intercepting agents’ email messages that used the sly, stealthy “code” word “PIZZA.”

Recurring Themes

— A museum at University College London recently opened a comparative installation of “works” from an elephant and several kinds of apes, leading the museum manager to observe that “art produced by apes is a lot more creative.” The elephant, with brushes affixed to its trunk, “is not deliberately doing anything” when it stomps or swirls the paint around on the canvas, but ape art is “much freer” and “expressive” — “almost indistinguishable from abstract art by humans...”

But, he added sheepishly, “Whether this is actually art is the big question.”

Bright Ideas

— South Korea’s Customs Service arrested eight men in January for a 2010 scheme to smuggle gold into Japan without paying import fees. The smugglers allegedly broke down gold bars into small beads and brought them in in their rectums. — In an advertising campaign in December for a new line of extreme push-up bras, the Dutch department store Hema hired as its fashion model the androgynous (but flat-chested) superstar Andrej Pejic. — The U.K. household services broker Local-Traders.com announced in December that it is planning, for central England in 2012, a “world watching-paint-dry championship,” with a short list selected on “mental strength, concentration, and endurance.” Finalists will be asked their favorite color, which will be painted on a wall, and whoever stares the longest without turning away will win. Said a spokesman, “Previous paint-watching experience is not essential.”

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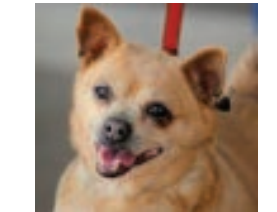
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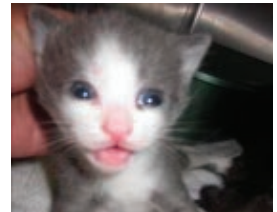
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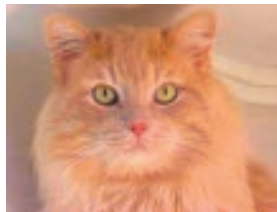
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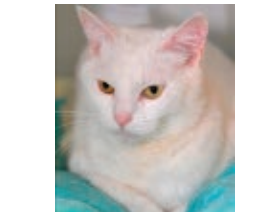
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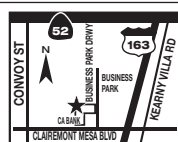
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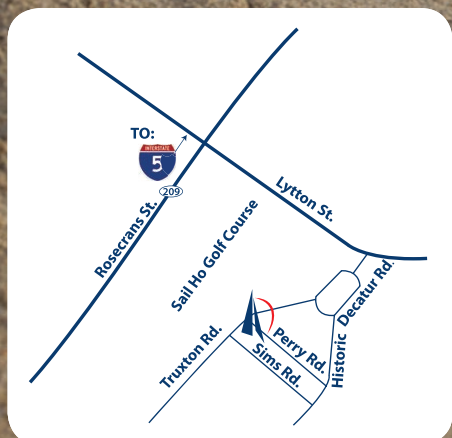
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