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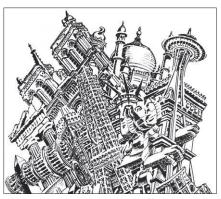
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UNDER THE RADAR

Art to check your luggage by

The newspaper business, not to mention the art world, has come to this: a former reporter and editor with the San Francisco Chronicle and copy editor with the New York Times turned performance artist has been named "artist in residence" at Lindbergh Field by the San Diego County

Regional Airport Authority. As we reported last fall, the airport advertised the opportunity in October. It features a stipend "not to exceed" \$8000 for about three months' work. The entire project is said to have a total "esti-



Writer's Block, by new Lindbergh Field "artist in residence" Sheryl Oring.

mated bid value" of \$118,000, including supplies. The mission: to come up with some kind of bafflingly described artistic contribution to the airport's new terminal complex. "The ultimate goal of this project is for an artist to create an artwork that will stimulate an intentional and ongoing dialogue with the local and traveling communities through the creation and installation of site-specific art," according to a request for qualifications posted on the authority's website. "The most successful outcome will result in an appropriate and meaningful project that will convey the vision of the Authority while providing creative interpretation and insight [into] the day-to-day operations of the Airport."

And the winner is: **Shervl** Oring, who gave up her journalism career back in the '90s and pursued her artistic career in Germany, staging Writer's Block, a one-day exhibit of 600 antique European typewriters tumbled into 21 steel cages arranged on Berlin's Bebelplatz, the site of an infamous Nazi book-burning exactly 66 years earlier. In the spring of 2008, Oring came up

with the idea of traveling across America from city to city, taking dictation on an old typewriter from passersby wanting to send a postcard message to the then-still-to-be-chosen next president. For her part, Oring wore a secretarial outfit from the 1960s. "I listen very intently," she told the Los Angeles Times. "Some people have described it as being like a therapy session."

Exactly what Oring, a onetime San Diego resident now living in Greensboro, North Carolina, will come up with for the airport has yet to be told. The agency's art blog explains, "Oring is charged with observing the inner workings of the airport environment, from the day-to-day operations to the executive level," but leaves it at that. The site goes on to say that Oring's "process relies heavily on engaging broad-based audiences through the facilitation of public discourse on political, social, historical and personal subjects. Her work is manifested as sculpture, site-specific installations, books and videos."

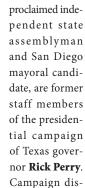
Reached by phone last week at the Univer-

sity of North Carolina at Greensboro, where she is an assistant professor of art, Oring said she arrives in San Diego next week to begin work. Following her three-month residency here, she will submit the concept designs and budget for her artwork to airport officials. Once approved, the project will take more than a year to

implement, she added. Oring noted that her \$8000 initial stipend must cover her transportation to and from the East Coast, as well as food and lodging here. She also expects to receive an honorarium in an amount yet to be determined that will come from the construction expenditure.

Texas GOP staffers love

Fletcher Now that the Republican presidential race has been pretty much decided in Mitt Romney's favor, staffers for the long roster of losing candidates are once again back on the job market. Those who might have a chance with Nathan Fletcher, the newly self-





Nathan Fletcher rakes in some dough from Texans.

closure records reveal that Janan G. Grissom, Perry's director of operations, and Raymond C. Sullivan, the campaign's communications director, kicked in \$250 and \$500 respectively to Fletcher, who in 2002 served as political director of the California Republican Party. Other \$250 Texas donors to Fletcher included Karen Hughes, the political intimate of ex-GOP president George W. Bush. She is now working for the big public relations and lobbying outfit of Burson-Marsteller in West Lake Hills.

Another Fletcher contributor is James Bog-

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U-T Saw Ryan Leaf as a Savior

By Don Bauder

an Diegans think of former Chargers quarterback Ryan Leaf as a draft bust known for drug busts he got nabbed in. But

few remember that Leaf was another kind of bust: in 1998, shortly after the Chargers drafted him, the *Union-Tribune* wrote an editorial claiming that the quarterback would not only turn the Chargers around, he would turn the city around.

sity, he finished third in voting for the coveted Heisman Trophy. In the 1998 draft, the Chargers traded away two first-round picks, plus a second-round pick and a good player, to move up one notch in the draft to

Once a symbol of hope, now Washington State Univera symbol of San Diego's ineptitude. him getting all the money from the team," former

Chargers general manager Bobby Beathard told USA Today this month. Beathard suspects that the quarterback's Washington State coach did not level with the Chargers about Leaf's proclivities.

Fourteen years ago, on April 20, 1998, two days after the Chargers drafted Leaf, the Union-Tribune penned an editorial titled, "New hope blooms with Leaf. Chargers QB may help quiet city's controversies."

Exulted the newspaper, "In a town where sports and politics have been inextricably bound for the past two years, Ryan Leaf means a lot more to San Diego than just a new quarterback for the Chargers. The controversy over Oualcomm Stadium has cast a shadow over so much in our city, such as the convention center expansion, the new ballpark, the main library, the political careers of Mayor Susan Golding and other city politicians and the relations between Chargers owner Alex Spanos and the people of San Diego.

"Leaf may finally put that controversy behind us."

For those who weren't in San Diego at the time, here's some background: downtown power brokers, led by Copley Newspapers editor-in-chief Herb Klein, had arranged for thennamed Jack Murphy Sta-

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New hope blooms with Leaf

Chargers QB may help quiet city's controversies

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Leaf may finally put that controversy behind us.

Chargers President Dean Spanos alluded to it in yesterday's Union-Tribune. 'There's been a tremendous amount of

team that people will pay to see, the ticket guarantee works. The city can make money on the deal.

If the public begins to look with more favor on the Chargers and the stadi deal, the rampant cynicism that spread to everything about local government could be diffused. That could result in the peo-ple of San Diego taking a less jaundiced view of other projects, such as the con vention center expansion and a downtown baseball park.

Subsiding public cynicism might even embolden the mayor and City Council to finally go forward with a downtown li-brary, an important project that no one at City Hall will even discuss these days for fear of public backlash.

With the shadow of the stadium controversy fading, local politicians may again

The U-T opined in 1998 that Ryan Leaf would save the Chargers and the whole city.

Yes, that was really written.

First, some background: on March 30 and again on April 2 of this year, Leaf was arrested for allegedly breaking into homes in Montana and stealing dangerous prescription painkillers. He has been charged with four felonies and is in jail without bond.

Leaf is an addict: three years ago, he was indicted on burglary and drug charges in Texas. At the time, he was going through drug rehabilitation in British Columbia. In 2010 in Texas, he pleaded guilty to eight felony drug charges. He got ten years of probation.

In 1997, as a star for

take Leaf second overall. Leaf got a \$31.25 million contract — great money in those days. The quarterback who would become an icon, Peyton Manning, was drafted first by Indianapolis, but local sportswriters gloated that Leaf had more potential than Manning.

Soon, Leaf was fighting with the media and his teammates. He was missing meetings. His work ethic was abominable. He was a flop, with the Chargers and two other teams. An MSNBC commentator called Leaf "the biggest bust in the history of professional sports."

Leaf's "biggest robbery was me drafting him and

Oh, Yes I Did

By Eva Knott

rendan O'Rourke must have liked helping customers over the phone for NTN Buzztime and planned to return to his job

after his attack. He phoned his boss every day for a week to explain that he was sick with strep throat. But he was actually checking out elementary schools in Carlsbad, looking for the one easiest to invade and to get away from.

O'Rourke rejected Jefferson Elementary. The fences were too high and the adjoining streets too trafficclogged for a fast getaway, and he noted the adult male crossing guard. O'Rourke also considered Poinsettia Elementary. His car, a lightcolored Crown Victoria, was seen there one day before the shooting.

He selected Kelly Elementary. It was midday on October 8, 2010, when O'Rourke went over the chain-link fence with a loaded handgun.

O'Rourke Tells His Tale

"I just climbed over the fence." O'Rourke mumbled his story to Carlsbad police detectives in an interview that began at 6:13 p.m. that day. He turned his face to the wall of the interview room.

"I was supposed to take the propane tank in the middle of the field, to the playground area, and start firing away."

Firing at what?

"The propane tank. With the gun."

What gun?

"The one they told me to get. It's a .357."

Automatic?

"No, it's a revolver because they wanted hollow-point bullets. This is a tank that builds enough pressure. The hollow point causes it to explode."

O'Rourke had legally purchased a Ruger GP100 .357



"It was supposed to blow up the school bus," said Carlsbad school shooter Brendan O'Rourke.

six-shot revolver more than a year before the shooting. He bought it at Duncan's Gunworks in San Marcos.

"I was supposed to blow up the school bus, supposed to put it underneath the school bus, the white tank under the school bus. But there was no school bus."

What was the explosion supposed to do?

"It was supposed to take them out."

Take out who?

"The Christians."

So, did you get that tank onto the field?

"Yeah. I threw it over the fence."

No, he didn't. The 15-pound propane tank didn't get farther than a few feet from his car, which was parked on the street alongside the school, according to witnesses. The propane tank never made it onto the schoolyard, never went over the fence.

O'Rourke told his brother. in an email before the shooting, that he wanted to "commit a horrible act against rich people." He said he would "go around and slaughter rich people's families."

Witnesses saw O'Rourke cross the schoolyard carrying a red, plastic five-liter container of gasoline and a long box of matches in one hand. With the other, he pointed the large revolver at children

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NEWS TICKER

Fletcher Buys Flurry of TV Ads

Candidate Jumps Ship on GOP, Up to Second in Polls San Diego — When looking at Nathan Fletcher's run for mayor, one has to wonder if this was all part of a master plan.

One week, polls showed him at the back of the pack with a slim chance

of making it through the

June 5 primary. The next

week, Fletcher announced

that he was abandoning

the Republican Party and

registering as an indepen-

dent. He quickly became

one of the top stories in

local and national media:

New York Times columnist

David Brooks wrote a glow-

ing portrayal of him, and he

appeared on MSNBC and

CNN, retelling his reasons

for jumping ship on the GOP.

you see in today's political

world is an environment

that isn't focused on solving

problems, it's how do you

preserve them to campaign

on them." Fletcher told

guest-host Michael Smer-

conish in an April 2 inter-

shows Fletcher has moved

from second-to-last to sec-

ond place in the polls.

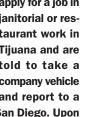
"In so many ways, what

Unaware They're Transporting Drugs

Help Wanted Ads Used by **Border Drug Smugglers** Tijuana — Drug smugglers have discovered a new tactic for getting their wares across the border — via unsuspecting couriers responding to help-wanted

ads in Mexican newspapers. Under the ruse, prospective employees who can

> legally cross the border (a job prerequisite) apply for a job in janitorial or restaurant work in Tijuana and are told to take a company vehicle and report to a

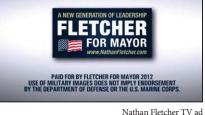


job site in San Diego. Upon arriving, they're told there will be no work for them that day, receive a token payment of between \$50 and \$200, and are told to leave the vehicle and walk back across the border.

The job seekers tend to appear less nervous when dealing with border security and are considerably cheaper than professional smugglers, who routinely take in \$1500 or more per trip.

The Associated Press reports that 39 such arrests have occurred at San Diego's two border crossings since February 2011. Cases can be difficult to prosecute, as the smugglers themselves are, for the most part, unaware that they're transporting drugs, and thus cannot be charged with intent to commit a crime.

> By Dave Rice Thursday, April 12



view on MSNBC's Hardball. And now, just under two weeks since his appearance, a new SurveyUSA poll

Just five days later, as the national media spotlight dimmed, Fletcher began lighting up San Diego's five largest television stations, purchasing hundreds of tele-

vision spots.

By Dorian Hargrove Saturday, April 14

Car Thief Flees

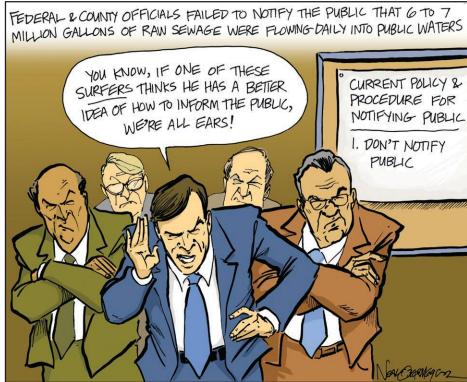
Three DUI Busts After High-Speed Chase

and Crashes

Leucadia — A high-speed chase that started in 5 Oceanside on the evening $\stackrel{\triangleright}{=}$

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Deal Me In, Lord

In response to the article by Siobhan Braun ("Christian Card Counters," Cover Story, April 12). Great article, Siobhan!!!!

First of all, I am appalled by the attitudes of the so-called Christians involved in the team of cheaters. Yes, cheaters. Shirley claims that she did not gamble a single day in her life. Sister, I don't know you from Eve, but here's a news flash for you. If you went into a casino and you placed cash money onto the table as a sort of bet, you gambled. Not only did you gamble, but because you went into the casino with deceit and treachery in your heart and you used trickery to deceive and cheat the other people (sinners) that were gambling against you, that also makes you a cheater. How can you possibly justify that? I would love to know the name of your so-called church that advocated this, as I am sure many people who are good Christians in San Diego would like to know. I do not recall ever seeing the name of your "church" mentioned in this article.

The fact that Shirley and other "team members" try to

justify their actions by saying "The money is for the church" is a bunch of crap. Like she didn't enjoy the RFBL's or the free Alaskan cruise for her family that she received as a perk of her sinning. How did a church benefit from that? Or all the great \$500 meals you and the other team members ate? How many starving children could you have fed with that, under God's name? How dare you call yourself a Christian!!!!!!!!! I, for one, will not disgrace the name of Christianity by watching this film Holy Rollers. It just seeks to give further justification to a group of misguided sinners and gambling addicts and the 15 minutes of fame they wrongly think they are entitled to after turning to a life of crime and then claiming "I did it for God."

What a bunch of losers you are in my eyes, and probably in God's. I hope you all get arrested and rot in a jail cell, where you might truly come to know your Bible.

Name Withheld By Request via email

Fixing Up Jersey

I really like Ed Bedford's foodie reviews - real and normal — so this is in no way a slant to him or his work just some fixing-up on the info he was given for the Jersey Mike's review this week ("Jersey Mike's Coming to Hillcrest," "Feast!" April 12).

Apparently, someone told Ed that it's "Point Pleasant, Jersey Shore." Contrary to popular belief, there's no such town in NJ as "Jersey Shore," and so it should be "Point Pleasant, New Jersey." Nitpicking? Guilty. I was born and raised in NJ, spending the

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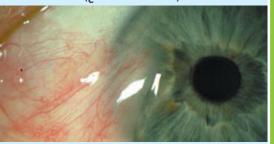
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by Barbarella

t was two years ago this month that I sought pharmaceutical assistance for my chronic anxiety. It took awhile to get the dosage right — it was four or five visits before I could talk about my condition to my doctor without getting teary-eyed. Once I had adjusted to the meds, my threshold for handling day-to-day tasks and larger, more stressful burdens had risen so high it seemed I could handle anything thrown my way. I'd never intended to stay on the anti-anxiety meds forever, but I never really considered going off them either.

A few months ago, I sensed I was in some kind of rut. Despite the "spring forward" time change, my days had gotten shorter. This was because I was sleeping in later and later, reluctantly dragging myself out of bed at around 10 a.m. I couldn't remember the last time I'd been to the gym.

David reached out, but I took another step back and collected myself. "I don't want you to have to handle me. I don't want you to wake up one day and realize you can't deal with my...my crazy.

None of my clothes fit, and I barely seemed to care. It occurred to me that I had no sense of urgency. The stuff that used to drive my panicfueled engine was gone; from the look of things, it had been gone for a while.

"I want to stop taking Lexapro," I said one afternoon while waiting for my lunch to finish microwaving. David shot me a wary look before he forced a calm, open expression onto his face. "I've been researching it," I continued, "and I'm really bummed, because from what I'm reading, the withdrawal symptoms are going to suck, big time. But if it sucks to get off of it, I should do it now rather than later, right?

Classic Barb Guy

I mean, I never wanted to be on it forever."

I watched carefully for David's reaction, gauging every microexpression that might convey to me what his words couldn't. Basically, I wanted to know if the most important person in my life could tolerate the old Barb, panic attacks and all.

"Let's see how it goes," David said. His face relayed the rest, or at least how I interpreted his subtle twitches: I'm apprehensive; there was a reason you went on these meds; I worry about you.

He insisted aloud that I taper as slowly as possible, to minimize the withdrawal symptoms. At first, I agreed. But after a full month of tapering, I grew impatient, and, without telling David, I skipped two more doses than I was supposed to. That's when I first experienced one of the most discussed withdrawal symptoms in all the forums I'd read: brain zaps.

Imagine a shock of static electricity, the kind that happens when you touch a metal doorknob. Now imagine that same sensation in the middle of your head, a place supposedly devoid of nerve

endings. I had just run up the stairs when this sensation began — not unpleasant, but most certainly disconcerting, as I'd never experienced anything like it. I stood in the middle of the room as the sensation ran its course, and then, disoriented, I dizzily found my way to a seat.

I went back on a tapered dose for another week, and then I stopped for good. I got the brain zaps several times a day for nearly two weeks. Apparently, the zaps are so common that Wikipedia offers an elaborate definition that spans paragraphs. But I didn't mind the zaps, especially when compared to other withdrawal symptoms, such as the anger bursts. Something as simple as being unable to reach a plate in the cupboard could trigger a burst of anger so intense I had to fight the urge to grab the nearest object and smash it against the wall.

The worst part about the anger bursts was the frustrating awareness that I was not in control of my own body. At all. I made a point to wait until David was not around before I stomped my feet like a tantrum-ing toddler or beat a pillow until my arms grew tired. I wondered if this was what "roid rage" (guys who overdose on steroids) was like. After a fit of fury, I would fall into a ditch of despair. I had two panic attacks in as many weeks.

But then, the symptoms ceased. "It's like you're vibrating," David said to me while I was driving us to my sister Heather's house for Easter.

"Is that bad? I mean, I do kind of feel like I'm on crack," I said. "I don't remember my highs being this high — I just was. Is this normal for me? Is this how I was?"

"It's hard to understand you when you talk that fast," David said, but he was smiling, which reassured me.

Oh, no, I thought. Why do I need reassuring? Am I worried? What if David catches on that I'm freaking out in my head right now and he wants me to go back on Lexapro? "So, I was really subdued these last two years is what you're telling me," I said, thinking about how to spin my sudden spastic behavior in a way that would make it seem ideal. "I don't like being subdued."

Over the next few days, David made a few comments along the lines of, "Lexapro Barb wouldn't have said this or done that." I began to worry that he was not happy with my newly magnified emotions. Especially because I was really enjoying them. I hadn't realized how muted my feelings had been. Now that they were back in full force — the ecstatic and the miserable, so pleasurable, so painful, so raw — I wasn't about to let them go.

"I think I like my crazy," I said. We were having breakfast (I've been waking up earlier to make time for the gym in the morning). While I spoke I was also noting in my head that my coffee consumption was down by two-thirds since I stopped taking my daily dose.

"I like it, too," David said.

I took a step back and called bullshit with a warily raised brow. "But I might have panic attacks, and I worry..." I choked on the last word and my eyes began to leak. David reached out, but I took another step back

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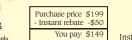


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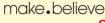
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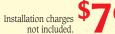




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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Mattie:

While enthroned on a porcelain bus, in my man-reading-cave, perusing How the Great Pyramid Was Built, some of my deepest dredging of thought brought up a question. Though virtually no pharaoh mummy has been found in a pyramid, King Tut's burial site provided in-depth evidence that he was provided with everything (except a pyramid) to embellish his hereafter life, including jewels, a bed, food, chariot, art pieces, and an assortment of other day-to-day living necessities. Butt, I've never read or heard from Dr. Haw-ass, Egypt's penultimate expert and over-exposed television icon, or anyone else that a crapper was provided. Assuming that even pharaoh gods had to take a dump from time to time, this is mystifying. I've read in de-tail about Egyptian mummification, but nowhere is it suggested that the deceased were sewn shut in their netherlands (no insult intended to my Dutch friends). So the question begs to be answered, why was such a

I'm sure the dapper publicity hound Dr. Hawass isn't eager to talk about pharaohs' bowels, but the people of ancient Egypt were not so shy. Egyptian pyramids do have bathroom niches in them. In fact, among the piles of gold and jewels and cool stuff in Tut's grave goods was a limestone toilet seat. I don't think it toured the world on exhibit with his famous gold Tutface, though. It's a horseshoe-shaped slab, with an outer lip on the curved portion and a keyhole-shaped piece cut out, up the midline of the thing, from the flat front edge to a point near the top of the horseshoe curve. No gold, no jewels, just a simply designed basic necessity that will get the job done.

necessary functional piece never mentioned?

— Unfaithful reader Phred

Hey Matt:

One of my very tall friends carries a fairly large knife with him on a regular basis. I asked him if it was legal to carry a knife that large and he replied with, "As long as the blade is shorter than your pinky, it's legal." Is this real? If so, how is this fair? What if you have li'l ol' tiny hands or no pinky at all? What if you're the tallest person in the world, could you carry a bowie knife?

- Friend of Knife Guy, via email

Your question and his answer are vague enough that I'll have to give you the long view of things, then let you go back and confront Knife Guy with the results. You're right, no state or local law uses pinkie length as a legal measure. And in using that shorthand, your friend is probably way misled about what the law actually says. So here's what California's Penal Code says about knives:

Two inches seems to be the critical length when we're talking knife blades. Knife laws generally don't apply to slicers

shorter than two inches. In the non-fixed-blade category, totally illegal are switchblades or gravity blades over two inches, those folding knives that can be snapped opened with a wrist flick or a button. Can't have them on you, in your car, home, wherever. There's some potential confusion here, since there are folding blades called assisted-open knives that are legal to carry - pocket knives that can be opened

with one hand but require the carrier to overcome some built-in blade resistance to being opened. Anybody who's watched those knife shows on TV knows there are millions of subtle variations on all styles of knives, and sometimes it's a tough call about your blade being an assisted-open instrument or not.

The second biggest chunk of the law applies to fixed-blade stabbing devices (including ice picks and the like) of any length - "dirks" or "daggers," as they're called. If you're packing a dagger, it must not be concealed. Everyone coming at you must be able to see you've got a toad-stabber at hand. You also can't possess or sell a blade disguised as something else: cane, umbrella, lipstick, pen. No possession of blades not detectable by metal scanners; no fixed-blades longer than 2 inches on school grounds and no type of blade 2-1/2 inches or longer on a college or university campus. No throwing knives in public parks. And no brandishing a knife of any kind in a menacing manner.

Be aware that knife laws change when you move between cities and counties and states. San Diego follows state law with no local peculiarities. But if you're heading for L.A., don't bother to bring any blade longer than three inches. That's their cut-off point. So if your friend says everything's copacetic if a knife is shorter than your pinkie, but state law says it's only okay if it's under two inches, I guess by your friend's reasoning only babies can carry knives with impunity.

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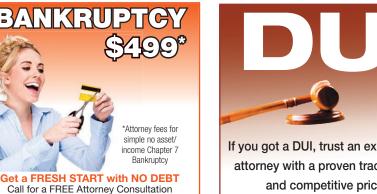
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Local Catholic University to Follow Up on Success of First-Ever Campus Drag Show with Opening of Gender-Bending Hotspot

"Limelight was a disco in a church. Bad Habits is a disco in a convent!"

MESSING ABOUT IN THE CHOIR STALLS, FOUNDERS CHAPEL, USD — Last year, the University of San Diego added "gender identity" and "gender expression" to the university's Equal Opportunity Policy and Policy Prohibiting Discrimination and Harassment. This April, USD raised up that equality by hosting a Transgender Awareness workshop and a Day of Silence to call attention to anti-LGBTQ bullying.

The school also sponsored a drag show hosted by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, a gay activist group famous for donning oldstyle nun's habits (a form of drag known as Holy Disorders).

By all accounts, the event was a huge success and was capped by a mock "altar call" in which closeted students were invited to approach the stage and accept themselves "for who God made them to be."

The school was so pleased, says the group's spokesnun Sister Mouthboom, "They asked



How many nuns are in this picture? Nun! Ha ha!

head sister Labia Majorum if we would like a permanent place on campus. A place that would serve as both a safe space for LGBTQ members of the USD community and a catalyst for the kind of theatricality that has been a hallmark of Catholicism since forever. They

already had a facility picked out: the old Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus convent from the scary days when USD was the San Diego College for Women."

Sister Mouthboom continued, "We're grateful for the opportunity to reach out to such a sexually repressed community. But frankly, they need us more than we need them — have you seen those suburban churches? Felt banners and folk music — it's all so horribly tacky. The nuns don't even wear habits anymore!"

Renovations to the old convent are slated to begin next month, and the school is hoping for a grand-opening celebration near the beginning of the Fall 2012 semester. "They're not sure about all the funding yet," said Sister Mouthboom in a rather candid aside, "but maybe the diocese can take up a second collection at Mass for 'those who are discerning.' You don't have to say exactly what it is they're discerning, and people in the pews just eat that kind of talk up."

Parents Protest "Child Rape"

Group Rallies Against Bill Requiring Medical Consultation Prior to Rejection of **Immunization**

"Keep government busybodies away from my daughter's antibodies!"

As the archconservative news site KPBS.org noted recently, "Parents who don't want their kids immunized can currently sign a statement that says immunization is against their beliefs. Democratic state assemblyman Richard Pan's bill would require a signed form from a doctor that says the benefits and risks of immunization have been discussed."

Now liberal activists have begun rallying against the measure, decrying it as a naked attempt to curtail the hard-won rights of parents when it comes to making personal healthcare decisions for their

"There's a word for when you go inserting something into a child against her will, and that word is 'rape," says Martha Van Blunderbuss, cofounder of Parents Rejecting Immunization for Children and Kids (PRICK).

"When lawmakers decide that they can force doctors to jab a needle into my daughter's bottom, when they bring politics into what is clearly a juvenile-health issue — well, I think it's fair to say that this is nothing less than a Democratic War on Children.'

The bill, of course, does not actually mandate immunization. It merely requires consultation with a doctor about the risks and benefits of the decision not to immunize. But Van Blunderbuss says the seemingly mild language of the bill is just a cover for coercive tactics.

"Everybody knows what the doctor wants here: immunization. How can he be expected to give a real account of the risks and benefits involved? All too often, these discussions are nothing more than



Anti-Immunization Mom: "If they can't trust me with this choice, how can they trust me with a child?"

attempts to mislead the patient and shame her into doing something that is not actually in her best interest. We've heard of cases of doctors displaying gruesome photographs of so-called 'disease victims' - making an already difficult decision even more traumatic."

Doctors, such as La Jolla's Bernard Golden, grant that they are in favor of immunization. But, he explains, it's not just a matter of government control over people's immunological freedom. "The decision whether or not to immunize involves more people than just the parent and child.

"Un-immunized children, while they may seem to be nothing more than a bunch of undiseased cells, nevertheless have the potential to develop into a human carrier of devastating pathogens. It's a possibility that we have to take seriously.

"It seems to me," concludes Golden, "that the parents' right to choose must be weighed against the public's right to a healthy life."

For her part, Van Blunderbuss plans to thrust PRICK into the national spotlight through a series of "potentially explosive" encounters with the medical and political establishments. "There's going to be a great big PRICK meetup at next month's American Medical Association convention," she promises. "And it's only going to get bigger from there."

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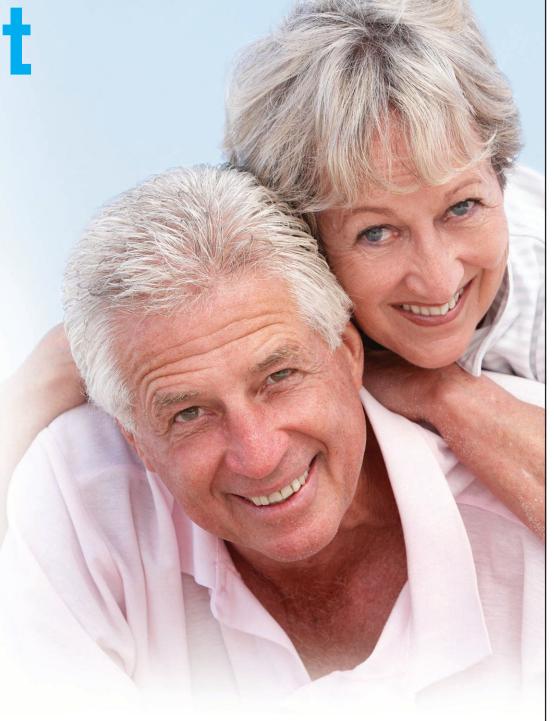
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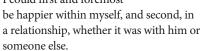
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POST TITLE: Are You a Victim If Your Spouse Cheats?

POST DATE: March 1, 2010

My husband stepped out with a young honey one day. He needed to grow and the marriage structure didn't permit the kind of lessons he needed to learn, so he chose to do it in

this way...to my horror! Believe me, I blamed and screamed and played the victim for a while. I needed to do that. But I didn't stay in that place because it's not a good place to be. Rather, I took the huge upheaval in my life as an opportunity to examine myself and to grow so that I could first and foremost



POST TITLE: Does Marriage Work? POST DATE: May 31, 2011

It's a fair question, don't you think, when we look around and see so much cheating going on. I wonder what your answer would be. Mine is "yes, it does work...for some people." The problem is, it really doesn't work for everyone. There are so many ways for people to be together in a relationship — successful ways that don't fit the norm. Given the diversity of our histories — our wounds, our vulnerabilities — it's ludicrous to think that we would all be happy in the same paradigm.

POST TITLE: Why Do People Cheat? POST DATE: September 12, 2011

My husband of seventeen years cheated. I've come to the conclusion that his actions had more to do with where he was in his own life than our marriage. Certainly, the weaknesses in our marriage played a part, but they weren't the biggest cause of what happened.

What was? Well for one thing, we found that the marriage certificate was actually hurting our relationship. Both of us came from very controlling backgrounds and after a while, all of the "rules" began to get in the way of our love. So he had an affair and we got a divorce, which took us out of the grip of the rules, and lo and behold, our love began to flourish. Instead of "until death do us part," we came up with our own agreement as to how we would be together. A way that works for us. If or when our agreement stops working, we will revisit it and change it so that it fits how we've grown. Today we are happily divorced and together.

Our new level of being together did not

come instantly. In fact it happened over a period of time (years), with both of us doing our personal growth work in order to gain the wisdom and insights that have allowed us to go deeper with each other. I think when cheating happens, it's not a good idea to just "cut your losses and run."

There is a lot to learn from the situation, and an impulsive decision just might bring regrets down the line.

Janice Bowles

POST TITLE: Did You Knowingly Marry Mr. Wrong? SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

I was young...newly graduated from college and faced with "what's next?" ... a daunting question. Even though I had my degree, I had no desire for a career (a concept I now have a hard time believing about myself), so by default, marriage was the answer. Larry and I dated at the University. I liked him. We had a good time at school, including good sex. But after graduation, we split and went our separate ways. I missed him, or maybe it wasn't exactly him, but that I was just feeling the emptiness of no longer having the whirlwind activities of college to fill up my life. So during one of our frequent phone conversations, Larry asked me to marry him. I said yes.

Everything was okay at first. We were apart and I had a wedding to plan, china and crystal to pick out, a pretty dress to choose. The trouble began when after three months of being apart, Larry joined me a few days before our wedding. It was then that I realized, "oh shit...this is all wrong." From the first moment I saw him, I felt dread creeping up through my body. The wedding fantasy was great; the reality, um, not so good.

Why did I do it? Why didn't I call it off? Quite simply, I didn't have the guts.

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egulars know I don't cover the baseball side of baseball. If I write about baseball, it's about the bidness of baseball: owners, stadium extortions, and making the game safe for rich people. I haven't followed the sport of baseball since I was 12.

I did figure that was my problem, not baseball's. So, before 2003 spring training I wrote a column asking readers to tell me what it is about three hours of athletic tedium they find interesting and requested a path of instruction so I could enjoy the tedium, too. I know how the game is played; I wanted to learn how the game is enjoyed.

Readers were generous, many wrote in, and in the way of these things, on another track altogether, within days of that column's publication, I became a member of Valhalla & Great Western Fantasy Baseball League. My participation in said fantasy-baseball league began as an effort for self-improvement. That, alone, should have warned me off.

The Valhalla & Great Western Fantasy Baseball League, that year, was made up of eight men, at least one of whom had been participating in said fantasy-baseball league since its creation in 1984.

As I wrote at the time, "Consider, for a moment, the enormity of the following statement: eight men staring across the same table, making trades, drafting players, misrepresenting their strategies, for *21 years*. Wives come and go. Jobs come and go. Children are born, toilet trained, sent off on big yellow buses to their first day of school, flunk English, manage a first date, wreck the family car, breed, graduate from high school, even, by god, graduate from college, and all the while, in the background, eight men huddle around a big,

plank farm table drinking hard liquor, drafting players, and talking baseball." Of course, it wasn't always the same eight people, but you get the idea.

I can tell you my first draft day was an odious experience. Draft day, for me, was sitting at a table with eight idiot savants who only spoke baseball. Eight hours. Each man drafted five starting pitchers, three relievers, infielders, a catcher, three outfielders, a designated hitter, backups, and more. So, it's 20 selections per man times eight men equals 160 rounds of bidding. I recognize no baseball names other than Mickey Mantle. It was *fucking endless*.

Eight hours of listening to what at first sounds like English, except none of the sentences make sense. I was harangued by people who would only talk on one topic. This horde of baseball thugs made incomprehensible baseball observations over and over and over again, which continued, it seemed at the time, every day, all day, all night, all through spring, summer, and fall by way of a ceaseless avalanche of baseball emails. Finally, it ended, at the gates of November, after the World Series was devoured.

I did not return to the league for eight years. Can report that I have just finished the 2012 draft and things have changed.

Not my relationship to the game. I still know nothing about baseball. Still don't follow it. Never watch it on TV. Never listen to it on the radio. Don't read about it in the morning paper. What's changed over the past nine years is getting to know all the participants in the league, which, by the way, is now in its 29th year. I don't dislike anyone, like most of them, am friends with some. Friends as in Christmaspresent-giving, Thanksgiving-dinner-eating, bike-riding, poker — in other words, friendsfriends, life-beyond-baseball friends.

At the draft table this year I was as ignorant as ever, but filling that breach is my resolute iPad, and, residing within it, a dandy program that tells me when to draft players I've never heard of. This allows me to fit in, at least a little bit, and more importantly, not to impede the flow of the draft, not draft players who don't play the position one is drafting for, but to draft players who are actually on a roster, who have not died, and who remain, at least for the moment, at liberty.

New, too, is realizing I enjoy the enthusiasm of my fellow league members. Although I wouldn't want to do this more than once a year, it is a pleasure to spend a day with people who are sincere fans. They like baseball, they know the game, and they have fun with it. I like being around people who have great enthusiasms — it usually doesn't matter what activity that enthusiasm is attached to. In this case, it's baseball. Fine by me, and baseball has the added bonus of guaranteeing league members reliable fun that's good for the next six months.

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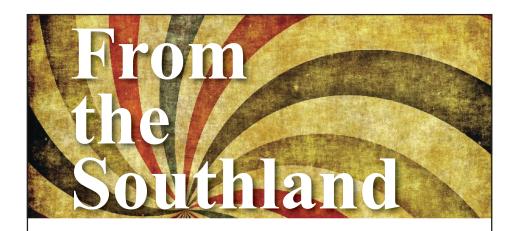
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Thomas Lux was born in December 1946. He has been awarded fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Mellon Foundation, and three times from the NEA. He received the Kingsley Tufts Award for his book *Split Horizon*.

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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Davis granted that his soil was more expensive than others. "Generally, potting soils or grower's mixes are made from green-waste compost or ground wood. Many are made with redwood, which becomes more tannic and acidic over time. But the compost really should be like woody forest material

— branches and grasses, with a more neutral pH. Also, soils full of sphagnum or wood break down and shrink. So if you fill your raised bed with 12 inches of that sort of soil, the next year you'll have to add another 4 to 5 inches because of shrinkage."

Empire Builder soil avoids these problems through the use of ground coconut husks. "It's neutral, it takes water well, it has more capacity to hold air, and better drainage. And you don't have breakdown — it lasts for years."

Another thing Sanctuary Soil adds is worm castings. "Darwin said that the worm is most responsible for our success on the planet. You can tell if your garden is good by digging a sixinch hole — if you don't see any worms, then your soil is undernourished. Worm castings are nature's all-in-one soil amendment and fertilizer. Compost that has been eaten and turned into worm poop has ten times the concentration of microingredients and microbes. Typically, a bag of soil has little to no worm-casting content. We put 150 pounds of worm castings into every yard of soil. We can do this because we have the largest worm farm in California."

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Besides worm castings, "We add another 20 micronutrients, things such as rock phosphate, alfalfa, and bone meal. If you have a garden that's not great — say, a four-by-eight bed — and you put in six bags of Empire Builder

and till it into the top six inches of your existing soil, you will vastly improve what you have."

David at Walter Andersen
Nursery in Poway (858-5134900; walterandersen.com)
told me that he fills raised beds
with Edna's Best Potting Mix
(\$8.99 for 1.5 cubic feet), "and
then we mix in four handfuls of
Grow Power All-Organic Soil Conditioner [\$30 for a 50-pound bag] and
Grow Power Flower and Bloom [\$47.99 for a

50-pound bag]. Vegetables turn out fantastic."
Evergreen Nursery in Carmel Valley (858481-0622; evergreennursery.com) has a five-yard
minimum on bulk purchases, but most products
are also available by the bag. Employee Chris
suggests the canning mix for raised beds, \$35
a yard. "It's made from sandy loam, naturalized wood shavings, iron sulfate, and calcium

carbonate. Plant and then fertilize in a month

or two." They also carry worm castings:

\$14.99 for a 20-quart bag.

Mission Hills Nursery (619-295-2808; mission-hillsnursery.com) says that buying by the bag is nearly the same as buying in bulk if you add in delivery charges and suggested planting in EB Stone's Organic Soil Booster (\$7.99 for a 1.5 cubic-foot bag). It contains fir

bark, pumice, worm castings, mushroom soil, bat guano, and kelp.

City Farmers Nursery in Islenair (619-284-6358; cityfarmersnursery.com) sells an organic topsoil mix for \$49.99 a yard made from one-third compost, one-third sand, and one-third topsoil, plus a touch of chicken manure. The clerk suggested adding worm castings before planting. They get theirs from Sharon's Worm World in Ramona (\$12.99 for a half-cubic-foot bag, enough for two yards of soil).

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How many San Diegans live outside the bubble, on the edge of the wild world?



think Clay got a chance to say hello.

Then there was Tom, an ex-Vietnam medic with too many nightmares to be stuck indoors. He gave up a large apartment in Spring Valley — at \$2100 per month — to set up on a little island in the middle of the San Diego River, not far below Old Town, along with his old lady and a couple of herons he'd rescued as chicks, one blue, the other white. Any sound of approaching footfalls and they'd be aloft, squawking, warning Tom to skedaddle or hunker down till the intruders passed.

Then there's Laura Stansell, whom I met one night on a South Park Walkabout. She described how a realtor friend had urged her to tear down her big rambling house, which straddles one of the area's canyons. He explained how she could build an apartment or condo complex in its place and maximize the value of her property.

Laura looked at it differently. "I wouldn't develop the canyon," she said. "I love it as it is. For instance, I was sitting in the hot tub on the deck one night, and I heard crackling. A coyote walked by, about 20 feet away. We stared at each other for the longest moment. Foxes, eagles, owls — I've always felt it's like living on a farm in the middle of the city, in South Park."

A surprising number of San Diegans do choose to live and work at that interface. Here are five people who have done a deal with the wilderness gods. They're either trying to have their suburban cake and eat it, too,



Stairs leading to Laurie Richards's hidden home

or they have more guts than you or me, enough to plant their lives where that other world lays down its gauntlet. Right outside the front door.

A murder of crows is

making a racket a few hundred yards away.

I check my watch. It's 7:39 in the morning. "If I had a cast of hawks, instead of just Aidan, I'd be less worried," says Andrea Ashbaugh. A cast of hawks is a pair. A mur-

der of crows is a flock. "And that's a heck of a murder of crows. They're already upset. Seeing a hawk could make them really cranky. They might attack one. Two, they'd think twice."

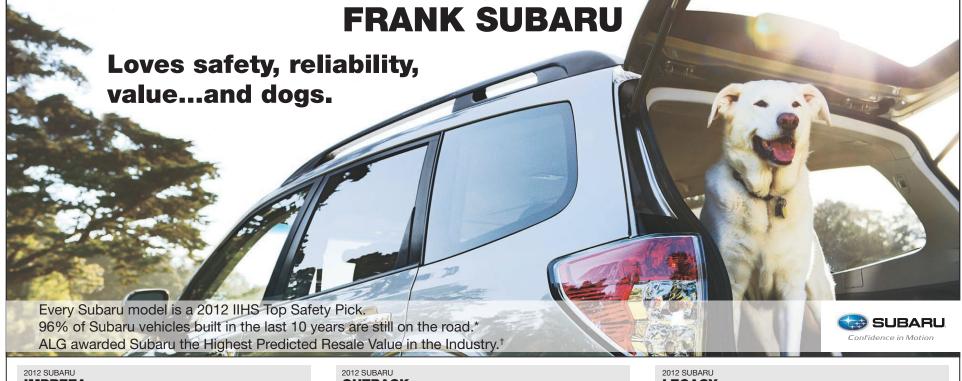
This is a rumple-

clouded, still-darkish, spritzing morning — the "nautical twilight," Andrea calls it — down near the Tijuana River sloughs, where Sunset Avenue meets Saturn Boulevard, east of Imperial Beach.

Suzie's Farm, the organic operation here, has fields cracked open by arteries of the river delta. The wanderings of these little tributaries are plainly seen through an overgrowth of trees and brambles. If Brer Rabbit had a briar patch down here, this is what it would look like.

It's also where Andrea and Aidan, her Harris's Hawk, plus Gossip, her Jack Russell terrier, and Sunny, her whippet, are headed now.

Andrea is one of the few genuine huntergatherers in San Diego County. "I live in Claire-





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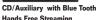
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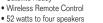
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Andrea Ashbaugh's Harris's hawk, Aidan, wears a hood to help him stay calm before and after a hunting session

mont Mesa, in a '60s subdivision, as suburban as you can get," she says. "But Aidan is my escape, and my meal ticket. I haven't bought meat in a store for three years. Aidan catches it for me."

Meaning, I guess, that what she has been eating is an awful lot of rabbit pie. "The farm allows me to hunt their fields. In return, Aidan (the name means "rascal" in Gaelic) catches rabbits, and makes other rabbits chary about returning to those exposed baby lettuce patches for a nibble. It helps Suzie's to stay organic and still harvest a good crop. "We're only hunting on Suzie's lands, not the sloughs themselves, which are protected."

Andrea knows her subject. She graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in zoology, volunteered with the Chula Vista Nature Center. Her day job is with the San Diego Humane Society.

She reaches in to the Coroplast box with her gauntlet-protected hand and hauls out one scarily big bird. He's gray, with rusty-red wing feathers and a yellow stripe across his hooked beak. And long, white-tipped tail feathers. Oh, and fearsome yellow talons. Andrea's wearing one of those brown gamekeeper's jackets with big pockets into which she might stuff dead animals and birds.

We head out across the muddy field toward the tree line, where the wild things live. "You have to learn a bunch of medieval terms to do this," Andrea says. "The designs for the equipment — tethers, knots, styles of construction — all come from the 1500s."

People, she says, have been falconing for maybe 4000 years. "The Babylonians have etchings. We have words like 'tercel' like the Toyota; it means the male falcon — and 'jerkin,' 'hoodwinked,' 'mews.' All are falconing terms. Shakespeare's play The Taming of the Shrew uses classic falconing methods."

"The Arabs and the Japanese were considered among the premiere falconers," Andrea says. "The English fly their birds differently, although Elizabeth the First did it essentially like us. So what we're doing has really ancient connections."

The most shocking moment comes when she throws this big bird in the air, no strings attached. Aidan spreads his wings. He wafts up to sit on top of a nearby power pole.

"Oh, yes, he's free to go anytime," Andrea says. "The in-joke is that there are two sorts of falconers: those who have lost their bird, and those who haven't lost their bird... yet. The thing is, you've got to handle your bird, fly him, exercise him, groom him constantly, or he'll become wild again. I recognize that I'm sharing my life with a wild critter. When I apprenticed, I had to get a permit to take a bird from the wild, and then that's what I did. Went looking for a wild, red-tailed hawk. I found a juvenile in quite an urban area. Had to tempt him down, capture him, train him, fly him, and then and here's the thing — I released him back to the wild after two years, even though I wasn't required to. I thought it was best for both of us. But that was hard. He was a fantastic hunter. He caught rabbits, pheasants, ducks. I taught him more than his mama would have. For a start, 75 percent of hatchlings die. And most parents only teach their

young to catch rats and





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mice. There are about 4500 falconers like me in the U.S. We teach our juveniles to make more noble catches. Rabbits, pheasants. We give them the confidence to catch a wider variety of prey. If he migrates up to Sacramento for the summertime, as they often do, there are lots of pheasants, and with my training, he's familiar with them. That's good for survival. They need all their chances."

On the last day with her juvenile, after two years together, Andrea cut his jesses (the leather tethers on his ankles)

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off. She says, "He caught a rabbit, looked at me with his hackles up. I knew he'd probably be okay. I let him go. But I think I've seen him in the same general area [where I caught him], ten years later. That makes me feel good."

Why doesn't Aidan just fly away, back to the wild, right now?

"He's come to see me and the dogs as his partners in hunting. I mean, with the dogs' help, this one-and-a-half pound bird has caught an 11-pound white-tailed jackrabbit. These birds realize that we're giving

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he catches, he gets some of it."

Why does she do it?

"It's a way of getting back into nature. I'm one who believes, if you're going to eat, eat something that died for you, for your true needs. The way rabbits cry, I still find that awful. Hawks are never nice. They'll eat a rabbit to death. Every animal wants to live, feels pain. I try to get to the rabbit as fast as I can and break its neck."

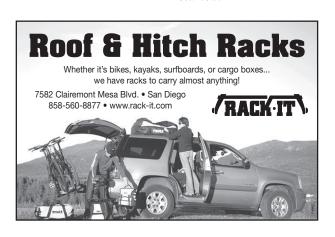
She says the Suzie's Farm rabbits she catches these days are bigger and healthier than when she started.

the rabbits that are left have more to eat? Andrea won't claim that.

In any case, rabbit scores aren't her bottom line. She just loves living this way. But why, with all the work and walking and caring and worrying? Clearly, it's not only for food or to help out Suzie's Farm — that she gets up at the crack of dawn every day. She has a fascination with these raptors, with the idea of recreating an ancient partnership with a remarkable species of hunters. "Have you ever heard the humming sound of the feathers of a peregrine falcon as it dives at 200 miles per hour, hurtling down from 1500 feet on a prey?" she asks. "Just before the explosion of pigeon feathers, there's a whip-crack! as it flares its wings and feet right before impact. He's actually breaking the sound barrier. These are astounding birds."

Wow. Could this be true? Andrea points out that the crack of a bull-whip is similarly a small sonic boom: the end of the whip moves faster than the speed of sound. The falcon is certainly the fastest animal on Earth, even before he thrusts out his talons and wings to stop his power dive.

As we're talking, and walking through the mud — probably talking too much; we've seen only one bobtail disappearing — Gossip







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and Sunny race ahead toward the tree line, the murder of crows makes a racket, darkening the sky, and Aidan has again landed, unfazed, this time on a treetop from which he can see where we're going next.

Andrea is as grateful to be able to do this as the farm is to set Aidan hunting on 40 of their 70 acres. "Access to wild land in San Diego is shrinking at an astonishing rate," Andrea says. "Now. The trick is to find an area where the rabbits don't recognize us."

How can a farm on the edge of town embrace the wild creatures that want to wolf down its crops and animals?

By not getting too hung up on them. That's what Ellie Sherman says. She's Suzie's Farm's first employee, now one of its managers. Ellie embraces both the wild and its creatures as allies, not threats.

The strategy seems to work. This farm is taking off, one of the flagships of the locovore movement.

"We started with one acre in 2009," she says. "Now, three years later, we farm 70 acres. Restaurant demand for local organic food has exploded."

We walk with Homer, her Italian spinoni dog, alongside rows of radishes, baby greens, arugula, collard greens, and kale. We're munching on red frill, a kind of Asian green, like mazuna, that Ellie casually plucked as she passed. I'd never heard of either of them, but Ellie says it's okay to eat these greens straight from the plant because they're organically grown.

Why isn't she worried about living next to the wild lands, what with all the predators and bugs nature could unleash?

"We believe life begets life," Ellie says. "We don't want a fortress farm. We should worry less and farm more." She hopes to go one step further, to actually reach out to the wild things across the river and welcome them in.

"We plan to invite a lot of these creatures. We're trying to create what we call a 'bug superhighway,' so we'll

plant flowers all the way through our fields, from here to the wild lands. It's tory wasps, and beetles, because they eat other bugs. Some wasps lay

"We believe life begets life. We don't want a fortress farm."

a way to make a safe place for the type of insects we want, for them to come right out of the tree line in the river valley and into the field. We're thinking ladybugs, predatheir eggs inside a caterpillar, and when their eggs hatch, the baby wasps eat the caterpillar. And some wasps lay their eggs inside of the eggs of agricultural pests, includ-



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ing caterpillars. So the baby wasps that emerge actually feed on the host eggs. We order them from a beneficial-insect company right now, and put them in our fields, but we hope that we provide enough forage for them to keep reproducing and stay here. They're so small, they're hard to keep track of. But we've seen that the caterpillar populations have been much more under control this year than they were before we started."

And the ladybugs? "We've never had to import them. They just come and help us control our aphid populations. They go crazy. You'll see them all over."

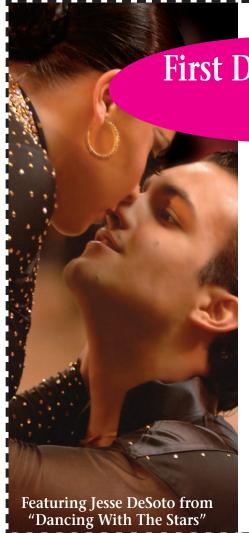
What about bigger predators, say, bobcats and lions? "There has been a rumor of a cougar sighting, but I don't believe it," she says. "Last

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year, a couple of people reported seeing a 'big cat.' It doesn't seem possible to me. I get that a big cat could have come from the east and walked the whole way down the Tijuana River. But there are too many people around here. The park nearby is used mostly by local horse people. So there's a lot of space, but it's well traveled. And I haven't heard of any bobcats. In the evening, I do hear the coyotes singing, 'Yip yip yip...' One gentleman I've talked to used to walk his dog in this field before it was being farmed. He'd let him loose, and the dog would go off and join a pack of coyotes and they'd play together. It was unusual, and cool. He'd put a light on his dog's collar, so he could see where it was playing."

Ellie doesn't panic about invasions of rabbits or foxes. "We do have the rabbits. We have little cottontails, and we have big jackrabbits. We have







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one jackrabbit who hangs out in that field. It's a perennial herb bed, and he loves to munch away there. But Homer loves to chase him."

She admits rabbits can do damage. "They come out of the woods and take a quick bite and run. Then they come back and eat more. Over a week, they get braver and braver, or more hungry. Sometimes they'll eat 20 feet of a ten-row section. That's why Andrea's hawk is so useful. Keeps them on their toes. And we have a pair of barn owls in our barn. They hunt every night. Sometimes, if you come in the evening, you'll see rabbits diving in all directions. Or the squirrels will come



Wild turkeys are comfortable outside Duncan McFetridge's home

flying out of the fields. Homer's number-one favorite thing is to chase squirrels."

How bad are rabbits for the farm's bottom line? "They're a nuisance, but they're not going to run us out of business."

The same goes for

birds, Ellie says. Even though they love the farm's seeds, she wants to create a space for them to come in, provide forage for them, and even create habitat, in some circumstances. "That's why we want to start planting hedgerows that will create permanent space and shelter. Not just a crop that we're planting. But actual space where they can settle in, do their thing."

Ellie says she uses birds to give her signals about the coming seasons. "Being from Pennsylvania, I've got to have season signals. The first birds that I've developed a deep relationship with are the red-winged blackbirds. I noticed that, at the end of the summer before last, they came for our sunflower seeds. I had never seen this bird before, and it just filled my heart with joy. They fly together in groups, and when they turn into the sun, you can see the glistening of all of their red wings. They love sunflowers.

"So, since the redwinged blackbirds were so great, this year we grew a sunflower maze for the fall. It was a whole field. Two acres of sunflowers.

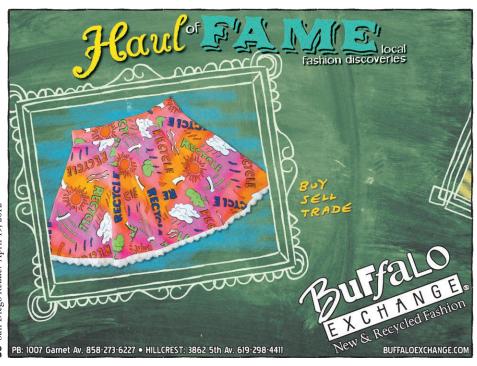
started to dry, the sunflower maze became home to at least 50 red-

"The sunflower maze became home to at least 50 red-winged blackbirds. It was incredible."

We grew them rather than corn, and then we mowed a maze into it for visitors to the farm. We set up some art installations inside. Then we hosted a big, really beautiful dinner inside the maze, for the solstice, the fall equinox.

"And then, just as I had been hoping for weeks, once the seeds winged blackbirds. It was incredible. They spent all their time hanging out here. They would descend on the maze. You couldn't really see them or hear them, then you'd walk around the corner, and they'd get scared, fly off, and they'd land somewhere else. It was beautiful...beautiful. As I say, 'Life begets life.'"





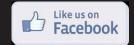


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The red-winged blackbirds are only here for September. Then they hit the road again.

"What marks the beginning of winter is the turkey vulture," Ellie says. "They come back every winter. You can recognize them because they're flying in circles in groups at least pairs, sometimes as many as five or six and they're just like you imagine vultures. Their wings are distinct, they have their two [wingtip] feathers bending up and down, fine-tuning. And they look as though they're making fun of the helicopters doing training circles out of Ream Field at the end of the farm, the birds cruising in their own circles, but beyond where the Navy flies... Then the big hawks come back for winter, also."

Ellie says that's important, because they have 150 free-range chickens, which are allowed to roam free during the day.

"We weren't worried about hawks when we first put our chickens in the field in the summertime. But then, by the fall, you start to see the big guys, and you hear their cry, and you know: now I need to keep an eye on our chickens.

"We put the chickens in the fields after the crops are done growing. We'll section off an area that might be going crazy with weeds, surround it with electric fencing, and let them have at it. They poop, they fertilize the fields, and they eat bugs, and they eat weed seeds, so it's good to have the chickens out here. We've only had one problem: a Great Dane who belongs to one of the local farmers. He was able to jump over the fence to get in, but he couldn't get out. It was a mess."

In an age of factoryfarmed chickens, these are some lucky cluckers.

"We started with a flock of 50, then added another 100. They make the best eggs. The best eggs! Their yolks are so orange. They taste like... well, like eggs should taste."

But surely the rats and squirrels and rabbits could devastate unprotected crops?

"We have squirrels and rabbits all year round, and, yes, they cause trouble all year round," Ellie says. "Sometimes the rabbits can be devastating to crops. They'll take out, say, half of your crop. But only in areas near the wild. Fields like this one are too close to human activity. There's a secluded back area in a field we call Homer — after Homer here — where the fence came down. They feel comfortable running into the field and nibbling and running back, and running in again. Summertime is when we have trouble with them. That's why we have Andrea and her hawk."

The irony? All this wildlife, farm life, bug life, happens downslope from row after row of houses. Imperial Beach's suburbia looks out on all this. And yet, Ellie says, when she talks to some of the homes' occupants, they don't even realize the farm is here.

Laurie Richards is a lawyer and a writer, but to

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voice under Laurie's tutelage, with no possibility of escape. She offers day-

"It's cut down on my drinking, that's for sure," she jokes. "Nobody comes

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long fiction and memoir workshops, arranged by Cal State San Marcos.

When the writers aren't here, she lives on her own, a refugee from L.A.'s over-stimulation and from a marriage.

"There are certainly people who think I'm crazy, living out here. But I really like the quiet. [My husband and I] bought this for a weekend house. in 1983, when we were still married. We're just 15 miles east of Carlsbad, as the crow flies, south of Twin Oaks."

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out here to pick me up for a date. If I go out, I have to be my own designated driver. I get a lot of flat tires, nails going through them. UPS can't find me, FedEx can't find me, visitors always get lost. It's easier for me to go out and find them rather than give them more instructions.

"I can see Vista, but I can't see Carlsbad. But you can't hear a thing of human civilization. What you hear, if you stand outside at night, is the sound of your own heartbeat. That's how quiet it is. I don't go walking in the

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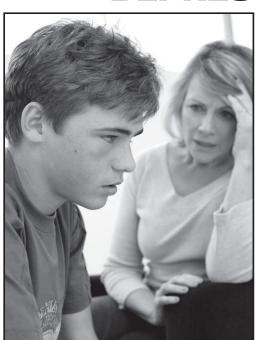
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hills around my home, because I can't necessarily get phone reception. If I fell or something, I don't know what would happen. But the solitude is very nurturing for me. I feel really good here."

She admits it's not all peace and quiet. Take her first night alone.

"I came down one weekend with a load of things, because I wanted to clean the place up. I brought bedding. I was going to sleep on the floor in one of the rooms, just me and the TV.

"I guess I might have had the TV on, when, right above, I heard, you know...footsteps. On the roof. *Clump, clump, clump, clump*. Like human footsteps. It was summer; it was in July. So it was warm. And the house had been vacant for a few years.

"I was really scared. I went and got a knife to sleep with. And I thought, This is kinda stupid, because somebody could wrest this knife away from me really easily.

"I finally decided that I'd either not wake up in the morning, because I'd

be dead, or I'd wake up in the morning and be fine. So I went to sleep. Because there was nothing I could do about it.

"When I told people, they suggested that maybe it was an owl. Somebody else said a coyote. I thought for a while that maybe it was a farmworker who had taken to sleeping on the roof."

It happened again, on another night, but Richards never found out what was making the noise.

We're standing on her small side patio. The hedge guards the drop-off down the hillside.

Then there are the coyotes.

"At night they go crazy, just beyond this hedge," Laurie says. "I hear drib-dibbleda-yip-yip-yip! They sound crazed. I think they've caught something, and they're ripping it apart. A rabbit, maybe. They're having fun."

And the woodpeckers.
"I was in my dining area, and I heard a bunch of noise in my outside wall. It was like *llblbllblllll* — like a tape

running fast. And what it was, was hungry baby woodpeckers. Their mom had pecked the nest cavity in the wall.

"I never did see them. I always take the easy way out. I just let them grow up. Because, anyway, we had termites, and woodpeckers love termites. Eventually, the babies flew away."

Let's not even mention the bobcat — okay, let's mention him.

"I'd just driven home at night. It wasn't real late. I turned around and saw these orangey eyes. The bobcat was lying along the branch of the Brazilian pepper tree that grows right next to my garage. I was only ten feet away. The light from my garage lit up the area a little bit. I saw this tail, a furry tail, maybe a foot long. He was the size of a coyote. He looked pretty healthy. He was quite comfortable. He just stared at me, and I stared back, and then I turned around and went inside."

Or the snakes.

"I have two green hoses in my courtyard and one brown one. I

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leave them out, uncurled, ready to use. Rattlesnakes love them."

She goes and gets a photograph from inside the house. "See?" she says. "There's a brown snake right here, spread alongside the brown hose. My nephew found a green snake in the garage, cozying up to one of the green hoses. Either they think they're convenient camouflage or that they're some long-lost relative. And babies? I'm always seeing baby rat-

tlers among my roses. Or inside. I came home once, again at night, and there was a baby rattlesnake curled up in the middle of my hallway on the carpet. I went and got the neighbors, and they scooped it into a shoebox. We decided to let it go someplace. Because snakes do take care of a lot of rodents."

So, really, what's a gregarious writer-lawyer from L.A. doing living out here in North County's empty quarter, all alone?

"Well, one day I was watching a docu-drama on TV about Henry David Thoreau and Walden Pond. The actor's walking around Walden Pond, in the various seasons. And I'm thinking to myself, Oh! I wish I lived in a place like that.

"And then I looked outside, and there's mountains that I could see from one side, and then I went to another side, and there's a mountain I could see there, and another side window,

and I could see another mountain. I thought, You dummy, you do live in a place like that. So I decided to stay longer. Now I've stayed longer here than anyplace in my life."

Japatul Valley, below Alpine: there's a war going on here.

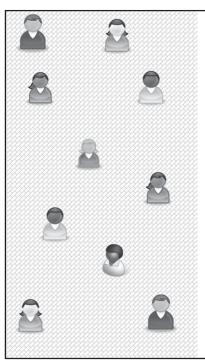
I'm standing with tree doctor Warren Stormthunder, looking down on one of the most isolated settlements in the county. From the top of the hills that form the southern rim of the valStormthunder nor most of his nine neighbors — the homes are not close

"This is the path the deer have created. That's why we get lions."

ley, you can't even see his house, only the forest of trees that hides it. Neither to each other — have electricity.

So it's a bitter irony

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that SDG&E has chosen this valley to march across with their Sunrise Powerlink lines and pylons and substations, breaking up land that was once clothed in nothing but green.

"Where that substation sits is itself a major wildlife corridor for deer and other animals, including mountain lions, as a changeover from the Sweetwater watershed to the other watersheds in the south," Stormthunder tells me. "A lot of the deer have migrated farther west, to my area, and with them the [local] mountain lion comes, and I see his footprints more often than I used to. It used to be once or twice a year. Now it's every few days."

It takes us a good 15 minutes to lurch down the steep, rain-rutted dirt road — me following again in the rental car — to the groin of the valley, where we bump along a track that weaves among live oaks. He halts us in front of a sign on a gate: "No Trespassing. Keep Out."

Warren gets out of his truck to swing open the gate. "That's only been necessary since the Powerlink struggles began," he says.

Finally, we stop in a glade of sycamore and oak trees. A rough-built house shelters within them, maybe ten feet above a stream. Stormthunder's not just living on the edge of the wild, but in the middle of it.

He says mountain lions pad right past, following the stream. But it's not just mountain lions.

"See these?" He climbs up toward a rock pile. "It's okay now — this is winter, when they hibernate — but we see rattlesnakes coming out from these rocks regularly in the spring. They live

in a nest of rocks, farther downstream. When I built this house, little did I know that." He laughs. "We always find them right around here."

All you hear now is the breeze in the trees and the gurgling of the stream. We cross it and head up to where a narrow, much-used, and muddied track climbs the steep bank and into the undergrowth. "This is the path the deer have created," Stormthunder says. "That's why we get lions."

We're maybe 50 feet from his house.

It's hard to comprehend that, in the year 2012, Stormthunder, his

wife, and a dozen other denizens of Japatul Valley spend their evenings moving about by lantern light, reading by headlamps.

I ask why he chose this extreme rejection of modern life.

"I used to live on the coast," he says. "I just didn't like the turn society was taking. By nature, I'm a recluse. I wanted to come to someplace with some solitude. And I love working with trees and the land."

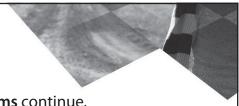
Why trees?

"It's hard to say why I like them so much, but they're a form of life. They're a necessary part of the ecosystem. Take, for example, oaks: there are something like 600 species of insects that depend on oak, and only 4 or 5 that are destructive to it. And consider all the wildlife: the food chain depends on oaks. Deer eat the acorns — all the smaller wildlife can eat acorns; for instance, it's a big part of the raccoon diet — and the mountain lion depend on the deer. In Native American times, people depended on the deer, too. So the oak was [a central] part of the ecosystem. The trees are important to many creatures, not just man. But also man."

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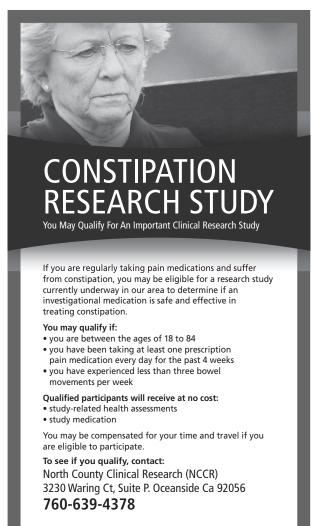
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An unusual black rattlesnake, with a body as thick as a tennis ball,

tem was being attacked. "I called a neighbor, Kathy. I also called 911,

"Did I see the snake!? It was so big I was practically riding it."

struck him.

McFetridge, who

The other day, he

"It was an incredible event. I was totally unaware of the snake, because I was looking up at a construction project. So when I did feel a bite and looked down, there was this very large black rattler. I realized I'd been bitten. By the time I'd walked in to my phone, my body had started going numb. So I realized that this was, like, serious business. My nervous sysbut they said it would take awhile to come out. So I opted to get down there as best I could. Another neighbor arrived just before Kathy, and we took off at 90 miles per hour. I felt like every second counted. A doctor friend of mine had said, 'Duncan, if you're bit by a rattler, time is tissue. You get bitten, you need the antivenom immediately.""

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"The incredible thing is, the doctor who saw me came out with this line of questions, before they gave me any anti-venom. The first thing he said was 'Did you see the snake?'

"And I said, 'Did I see the snake!? It was so big I was practically riding it.'

"He said, 'Well, you could have stepped on a stick.'

"As soon as he said that, I knew that I was in trouble. I said, 'I have the bite marks.'

"And he was, 'Well, let's see here.' It was weird. He came over, and by that time I was completely numb. I told him. It was kind of funny, because my nuts were numb. I said, 'My nuts are numb. Everything...'

"He said, 'You could be having an anxiety attack.'

"At which point I said, 'Are you a doctor?' Which totally pissed him off. Smart-ass young doctor. I knew I had to stay cool. I was aware that, if you have a panic attack, your blood starts to circulate [faster — it carries the poison along with it], so I was purposefully cool.

The bite marks finally convinced the ER doctor, and McFetridge was cleared to receive his anti-venom.

"Once they started treatment, it was the best. My next [specialist] doctor was awesome, and all the nurses, all night long. They almost had to cut my leg open. They told me, 'If it swells too much, it crushes the blood vessels.'

"The other natural reaction at the hospital was, 'Did you kill the snake?' And I said, 'No way. The snake is not the problem. It's mankind that is the problem.' People laughed at me, but I said, 'Look, the rattlesnake is defending what's left of his territory, ladies and gentlemen. I'm living in his territory.'

"I found out later, this snake is so dangerous. If I had not been given anti-venom, there's no question I'd be dead. One gentleman died in five minutes. This guy was up in Cuyamaca and he was dead in five minutes!

"They gave me mor-

phine, anti-venom — at something like \$3000 a vial. My hospital bill was \$100,000."

What came rushing in on him during the crisis was how important his little corner of the world was to him. How much he wanted to be back looking after his horses and mules and rabbits and birds, and the bobcat who has established himself on the rise

above his house.

"When I got back limping, but okay — I can't describe the feeling that came over me. Just to have a chance of spotting our bobcat. I'd seen

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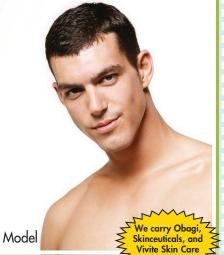
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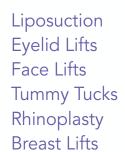
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him twice, sitting on the rock, watching the rabbits. I have lots of rabbits. It's been a bumper year. So he has ample food supply, because all he has to do is wait someplace nearby and reach out. I just wanted to see him again, see him saunter through the yard. The way he walks...he's, like, 'Well, I'm just checking out my place here...' I watched him mosey on over through the horse corral...it was like he was totally at home. His home."

Now McFetridge worries more about the bobcat than his snakebit leg.

"Because the reality is that life here is incredibly dangerous for that bobcat. I worry about him being run over on a road. I worry about his cave. Because I know where it is. It's a miracle that my

neighbor and I happen to be wilderness enthusiasts. What if he had been a normal idiot, [someone] who wants to put a house in next door? That's right where the cave is. Where would our bobcat go?"

McFetridge sighs. "Still, I count my blessings. I have everything. Turkeys, rabbits, bobcats. They're all very comfortable here."

Well, not all, if you count oak trees as wildlife. Mainly ancient oaks, some two centuries old. These past several years, the drought has brought the goldspotted beetle; 80,000 county oaks became victims, including ten of McFetridge's most magnificent trees.

It's clear he sets a lot of store by this surviving giant. It's why he

called his friend Warren Stormthunder, with his tree medicines influenced by Kumeyaay practices. "I spent \$300 on what Warren calls 'good fungus,'" McFetridge says. "And whether by talking to it, or by drilling holes to put this 'good' fungus in the earth, something made a difference. Because it's the only big one that made it. It's got to be 150, 200 years old. Ten other big ones went down. Succumbed. Died."

But not that one. And not Duncan. He's home alive, too.

There's one other bright spot: "The younger trees are coming back," Duncan says. "Sprouting from the roots of the old dead ones. It's unbelievable. I tell you, I live in a church here." ■

— Bill Manson

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net of Austin, listed as a selfemployed "campaign, strategy & communications consultant." Bognet has had a hand in past campaigns of Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mitt Romney, and failed California GOP gubernatorial candidate Steve Poizner. Joe Allbaugh, another Bush insider, who once ran the Federal Emergency Management Agency and is now working in "communications/governmental relations" at Austin's Procurement Strategy,

Inc., also backed the Fletcher cause. Fletcher's wife Mindy was once a top Bush administration press aide.

CITYLIGHTS

Brian Bilbray's class reunion Locked in a tight battle to save his congressional seat in a newly redrawn district, San Diego Republican congressman Brian Bilbray was featured in a fundraising invitation last month that reminisced about the good old days of the Clinton era. Chabot. Staged at the Associated General Contractors of America Townhouse on D Street SE, the event's invitation bade political action committees to pony up \$2500 to "Join the Class of 1994," including Bilbray, senators Lindsey Graham and Saxby Chambliss, and former senator John **Ensign**. All are said to be products of the 1994 Republican landslide, in which Bilbray beat Democratic incumbent and ex-Jerry Brown staffer Lynn Schenk in a nominally Democratic district to pick up a seat in Congress.

That was a more genteel era, when candidates of each party

competed in their own primary races without noisy distractions. This year, Bilbray is facing off against two Republican challengers who both say they are more conservative than he and two well-financed Democrats in a district with only a marginal GOP registration edge. The invitation to the March 28 D.C. fundraiser was posted online by the Sunlight Foundation's Party Time website.

- Matt Potter

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dium, which was used for both football and baseball, to be turned into a footballonly stadium at taxpayer expense. The Padres would get a new, heavily subsidized ballpark downtown. The deals were kinky and secretive and shoveled piecemeal to a naive public. The City guaranteed, in effect, that if the Chargers didn't sell 60,000 seats per game, the City would pick up the difference. It was ridiculous because the Chargers' previous attendance records had been poor. Many in the city smelled a rat (justifiably, as it turned out), but the Union-Tribune and downtown

power brokers loved it.

The *U-T* editorial quoted Chargers president Dean Spanos bemoaning the "tremendous amount of off-thefield negative issues...Ryan [Leaf] will add a new positive image."

Gushed the *U-T* editorial, "The rebuilding of the team, highlighted by but by no means limited to the signing of Leaf, will also rebuild a good relationship between the Spanos family and the people of San Diego.... With a better team and an impact player like Leaf, San Diegans will begin to see the stadium deal in a different light. An exciting team will draw more fans. Despite all the yammering about it, the only real problem with the

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much-maligned ticket guarantee is what happens when not enough tickets are sold."

Then, enthused the U-Teditorial, if the public were to look more favorably on the team and the stadium deal, "the rampant cynicism that spread to everything about local government could be diffused. That could result in the people of San Diego taking a less jaundiced view of other projects, such as the convention center expansion and a downtown baseball park," which, of course, were being touted by the *U-T* in so-called news stories.

In the euphoria engendered by the arrival of the phenom Leaf, Mayor Golding could "regain her past vigor" and local politicians would not be sneered at, rhapsodized the *U-T*.

The editorial concluded with these words: "Leaf signifies that San Diego is moving forward." Those who complained about the stadium deal "have just been proven wrong. Now maybe we can put controversy in the past and get back to the business of building a 21st century city."

At the time this was written, Klein ran the *U-T* editorial page, as well as being a key leader of the downtown overlords pushing these corporate welfare projects. He also heavily influenced the reporters writing about the ballpark and football stadium makeover. As I have said before, Klein, now deceased, was a skilled lobbyist and public relations practitioner, particularly when seeking a government handout for the private sector. However, his title was "editor." He was one of the reasons San Diego is at the brink financially.

Oh, yes. After Leaf and the City of San Diego plunged into a slough of despond, the *U-T*'s editorial writers claimed the April 20, 1998 piece was just a bit of satire that hadn't gone over. I can't imagine any intelligent reader believing that.

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Oh, yes I did

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as he walked among them. It was just a little past noon, lunchtime, and a couple hundred six-, seven-, and eightyear-old children were playing outside.

"And then I was supposed to fire at the tank or supposed to light it on fire. I had trouble with it, so I just went and shot the tank without lighting the flame. Yeah."

Initially, O'Rourke admitted that he had aimed the gun at children, but as the interview progressed, and in future interviews, he focused more and more on the propane tank as his target. In his last interview with a psychiatrist, he flatly denied trying to kill children.

What did the children do? "They just watched, and

then they screamed and stopped as I was firing at the propane tank.

"They froze, I mean, they just — that's my expression — they just froze, 'cause they were shocked at the noise."

How many times did you shoot at the propane tank?

"I don't know. Probably six times."

So, did the propane tank explode?

"No. I ran out of bullets." Then what?

"Well, after I ran out of bullets, I hopped the fence. I had to go back and get the matches. It was the big, long kitchen matches."

No, O'Rourke already had the matches, some in his hand and others in his pockets.

O'Rourke probably noticed the three construction workers about the same time that he spent all six rounds in his revolver. Witnesses said he was dropping live rounds of ammunition while he tried to reload his gun; then, he gave up and ran back toward the fence where his car was parked. The construction workers were in hot pursuit. They caught up with him on the other side of the fence.

The detectives knew that

parts of O'Rourke's story were not accurate. They told him that he never got the propane tank onto the schoolyard and that he had shot at kids. "I was just concentrating on the propane tank," O'Rourke insisted. He repeated this at least 16 times during the hour-and-a-half interview.

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"No, Brendan, you shot a couple of little girls," one detective told him.

"Are they dead?" O'Rourke wanted to know — this came fast and clear, unlike his mumbling responses to questions. But the detectives wouldn't tell him. One six-year-old girl and one seven-year-old girl were hit in the arm. Both girls have fully recovered.

Near the end of the interview, the detectives sounded impatient. They weren't buying O'Rourke's complicated story about a conspiracy based out of Illinois in which he was tortured and forced to commit what he called a "terrorist attack." At least 30 times during the interview O'Rourke told the cops he had been "tortured."

"No, you weren't," said one exasperated detective. He leaned forward across the little interview table and told O'Rourke he was lying. "Not lying," said O'Rourke. The detective made a loud snort. O'Rourke then said that he knew people would think he was crazy. This was another theme that O'Rourke repeated during the interview.

"You're not crazy, you're pissed off," the detective countered. "You're mad as hell at whatever."

The police interview was played for the jury during the sanity phase of O'Rourke's trial, which began the day after he was convicted of 17 felonies, including attempted murder and assault with a firearm. Last month, on March 16, the jury ruled that during the attack O'Rourke was sane.

Sentencing is scheduled for April 20. O'Rourke, now 42, could get more than 100 vears.

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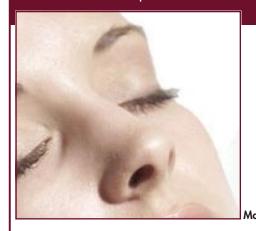




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of April 12 ended in a threecar collision on La Costa Avenue at the I-5 off-ramp in Leucadia.

Oceanside police observed a stolen vehicle at 8:12 p.m. and attempted to pull over the driver. The vehicle then headed south on I-5. Due to the high speed and erratic driving of the fleeing vehicle, Oceanside police called off the chase and notified the CHP.

At 8:22 p.m., both San Diego sheriff's deputies and the CHP received calls about the collision. The suspect driver had bailed from the vehicle and was nowhere to be found. The sheriff's helicopter also searched in vain.

As a result of not being able to follow an officer's directions to make a U-turn, three motorists not involved in the collision were tested for driving under the influence. All three failed field sobriety tests and were subsequently arrested by CHP.

By Ken Harrison Saturday, April 14

Fire Started at Reservation Guard Shack

Two Arsonists Involved in Eagle Fire Make Plea Deal East County — Two young men avoided possible life sentences in a plea deal on April 13 when they admitted setting a fire last summer that consumed more than 14,000 acres, injured 18 firemen, and caused more than \$15 million in property damage, according to investigators.

Jeremy Ortiz, 24, and Jesse James Durbin, 23, both pleaded guilty to arson of a structure and forest land when they started a fire at a small guard shack on the Los Coyotes Indian Reservation in San Diego's East County.

Prosecutor Terri Perez said today that each arsonist is expected to get six years in state prison when they are sentenced next month.

> By Eva Knott Friday, April 13

Sitting on the Rails

Man Under Train Sought Readmission to Mental Hospital

Downtown — San Diego police arrived at the Santa Fe Depot on Kettner Boulevard at about 12:40 a.m. on April 11 after an Amtrak employee called 911 to report a man sitting on the rails underneath a train engine and private car that they were trying to move.

A witness said the man was shouting accusations that he had been released from a hospital about a week ago and wanted to be readmitted. He told bystanders, "If I stay here, I am assured to get back in."

By T.B. Weipert Thursday, April 12

An Open Letter to Walmart

Community Groups, Unions Outline Requests to Retail Giant

Sherman Heights — A handful of community and labor groups have penned an open letter to Walmart concerning the company's announced intention to take over the farmers' market building on Imperial Avenue in Sherman Heights.

The letter states that the groups met with Walmart representatives and consultants on March 29 to discuss the community's expectations for the store and to request "a legally binding community benefits agreement."

The list of priorities includes local hiring, affordable health benefits for employees, traffic mitigation projects, safety improvements, and investment in community programs.

By Dave Rice Wednesday, April 11

Special Agents Endorse Vargas

Sacramento Bee Blasts Congressional Candidate for Narcotics Bill

San Diego — The many alleged conflicts of interest

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of Democratic state senator
Juan Vargas — running for
the congressional seat currently held by fellow Democrat Bob Filner, who is now
seeking to become mayor
of San Diego — have long
been a topic for California
newspapers.

On April 11, an editorial in the Sacramento Bee, headlined "Special interest bills bloom in election season," went after Vargas for carrying legislation to restore funding for the California Justice Department's Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, abolished amid last year's budget cuts.

The Bee went on to note, "The Association of Special Agents, which represents Department of Justice agents, is sponsoring the legislation.

"The special agents are part of the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association, a public employees union.

"Both groups have endorsed Vargas's 2012 congressional campaign."

By Matt Potter Wednesday, April 11

Funding for Future Elections at Risk

Ethics Commission Considers Political Party Spending Limits

San Diego — The City of San Diego Ethics Commission will consider a report from UC San Diego political science associate professor Thad Kousser on the implications of limiting political parties' contributions to local races at a meeting this Thursday.

Kousser's report explores potential benefits and detriments that could arise from placing an arbitrary cap on the amount of cash a political party could directly inject into a city election, as well as legal challenges that could arise from such a move. Earlier this year, a judge struck down \$1000 per candidate, per election limits the city had attempted to impose in

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Kousser says that while political parties may not influence votes to the extent of a private corporation or special interest group, parties may nonetheless be able to control a candidate's actions once in office. Officials might be induced to "toe the party line" if they feel they're putting their funding for future elections at risk.

It has not yet been determined whether the ethics committee will take action following discussion on the report.

> By Dave Rice Wednesday, April 11

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DIARY OF A DIVA

continued from page 6 and collected myself. "I don't want you to have to handle me. I don't want you to wake up one day and realize you can't deal with my...my crazy. You're going to throw your hands in the air and decide it's just not...worth it." I dropped my head in my hands and sobbed.

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better part of my years living along the Jersey shore (this is the part of the conversation where people tilt their heads a bit, smile smugly, and say, "Oh, I'm sorry"). Sure, there are some real pits in NJ — like in every state, but NJ also has some of the most beautiful beaches and farmland in the

Then there's the statement that Point Pleasant is "the kinda PB of New Jersey." I like Ed, so I'll keep my "WTF?!" in my head and simply fix this: Point Pleasant is a beach community chock-full of 100-year-old homes that sit along the beach, tailor-made for large families — huge wraparound porches, colorful awnings, flower boxes and the town boasts some of the best bed-and-breakfast inns and summer festivals around. This is a community that fosters a family environment and prides itself on its charm, cleanliness, and safety. Linking Point Pleasant to PB

is akin to saying HomeTown Buffet is the kinda George's at the Cove of Chula Vista, or Papa John's is the kinda Bronx Pizza of Hillcrest, or Panda Express is the kinda Amarin Thai of Mission Valley. Two completely different animals. Trust me. (Side note for anyone that's seen Jersey Shore on MTV: that's filmed in a town called Seaside Heights, and that's the PB of New Jersey.)

Okay, now on to the subs. If you're true to your NJ roots, we call them "hoagies," and I was so stoked when I visited the shop in Clairemont a while back because of the name — ah, a bit of home, right? Not a bit. None, actually. The words "Point Pleasant" are boldly splashed across the wall, but that's all the Jersey there is. The article says their secret is "the bread they bake right there" - kudos for the fresh stuff, but it's not Jersey by a long shot. A Jersey hoagie comes on a hard Italian roll — Jersey Mike's rolls were pretty much supermarket-standard. And don't you really want to be proud of the origin of the

chain? Where are the Wise potato chips and the array of Tastykakes? *That's* Jersey.

Sub shops are a dime a dozen, and Jersey Mike's could really separate themselves from the pack by being authentic. They've got 600 locations — good for them. It just would've been nice to see someone use the New Jersey name authentically instead of as an attention-grabber.

> Susan Gibbons-Bullock via email

Reviewer Reviewed

Movie reviews are born of a subjective amalgam of the author's personal experiences and learned wisdom. Personal likes/dislikes about a genre, camera angle, actors, or direction are to be expected. Thus, it's no surprise so much valuable print space is wasted on the discussion of film reviews — this letter included — but more often in the *Reader* movie review section. A reviewer stating an opinion about a movie is great when backing up their feelings with reasons — allowing me to decide to choose

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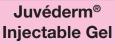
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to lay out cash for a ticket. A legacy of Reader reviews trashing a movie, countered ferociously by readers of the opposite opinion, and, sometimes, vice versa. It's not often when you get to watch as a reviewer does both by himself in one piece.

David Elliott's April 12 nostalgic review of a nostalgic film spends the first three paragraphs scuttling his feelings about the movie in a thinly veiled attempt to prove to the readership and film intelligentsia that he should know better, then the remaining four resurrecting them. One doesn't need to apologize for liking a movie for the things that make it likable. Only the crassest of cinema snobs are going to fault one for appreciating the grandeur of an epic that harkens back to a style when film was about the relationships between characters caught in dramatic circumstances. That's the human relatability thread that makes moviegoers care — and the reason there are separate categories in the Oscars for best film and best documentary. That grandeur doesn't come cheap, either. Viewers can vote with their feet if they don't like a film. When the director who changed the face of cinema technology with the introduction of Avatar rolls out a 3-D version of a 2-D filmed epic, I'd hope he dropped some coin to update it to the

stuff or you don't. Matthew Thompson via email

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which route to chart amongst

the detritus of trumped-up

laurels from the Kansas City

Star and their ilk. Cynics

(ain't nobody here but us

chickens) can confuse suc-

cess with greed all they want;

without big box office returns,

blockbusters on this scale

don't get risked by studios.

Attempts to agitate for equiv-

alency between a film's pop-

ular success and an Occupy

Fill-in-the-Blank notion of

greed will elicit more sweep-

ing vistas and cinemagraphic

excellence on the scale of The

Blair Witch Project and its

handheld on-hanger prog-

eny — of course, driving the

profit margins higher on such

fare and encouraging more

such "sellouts." I'll continue

to look at what reviewers

say, then make my own call

on the next James Cameron

film, or any film that piques

my interest, and not worry

about someone catching me

enjoying it. For those more

self-conscious viewers, IFC

usually gets thrown into the

first-tier cable package at no

extra cost. You either like this

A Word From Our Sponsors

The Reader's critique of the recent layoffs at Voice of San Diego and VOSD's operations was a good beginning but lacked depth ("The Business of Nonprofit News," "City Lights," April 5). The key questions like, "Exactly who are your major donors?" — were not asked, and that might have

offered insight into the outof-seniority dismissal of, for example, Emily Alpert, who is, it appears, replaced by Will Carless. Shortly after Alpert was gone, Carless launched a grotesque attack on the San Diego Education Association and its leadership, in essence denouncing the union for starting to think like a union, that is, recognizing contradictory interests of employers and employees.

Carless insisted that the union arrive at the bargaining table having already announced a surrender of wages, hours, and working conditions. Nobody needs a union to surrender, and moreover, that is not how bargaining works. Alpert, at least, reported from evidence. She went out, looked around, and reported what she saw, in a reasonably balanced context. Carless, writing with the breezy pen of a hit-and-run specialist, took a fictional template of understanding and tried to force his players into it. In the context of the relentless attacks on teachers, here and nationwide, reflecting the demands of a society promising youth bad jobs, no jobs, and perpetual war, it would have been very interesting to learn exactly who VOSD's sponsors are, what their interests may be, and how the Carless-over-Alpert decision was made. Absent that, thoughtful critics are left with suspecting that the *VOSD* is the voice of San Diego's largely white uppermiddle class that likes hip, if superficial, news.

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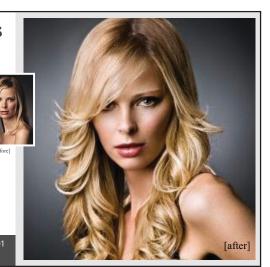
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Thursday | 19

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WHEN: 8 p.m. (ongoing through May 6; check for date and time)

WHERE: Coronado Playhouse, 1835 Strand Way, Coronado. 619-435-4856; coronadoplayhouse.com

Saturday | 21

LADYBUG DAY

The Botanic Garden asks "ladybug lovers and citizen scientists" to participate in Cornell University's Lost Ladybug Project. Search the garden for ladybugs and report your findings. Last year, seven different kinds of ladybugs were found! Plus, enjoy craft activities, flower arranging, and a release of

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunday | 22

chefs paired

SUSTAINABLE FEAST

ladybugs to benefit the garden.

WHERE: San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas. 760-436-3036; sdbgarden.org

The Outdoor Education Foundation

hosts an annual event featuring ten

with local

POND: AN EVENING WITH **HENRY DAVID THOREAU**

Francis Gercke plays Henry David Thoreau in this one-man show about the Walden author who "found his place in the world by refusing to allow the world to find its place in him." Ripples From Walden Pond is an "and the answers he lived."

WHERE: Cygnet Theatre, 4040 Twiggs Street, Old Town.

Monday | 23

RIPPLES FROM WALDEN

account of the questions Walden asked

619-337-1525; cygnettheatre.com

WHEN: 7:30 p.m., also Sunday

Tuesday | 24

SAN DIEGO FREE-SPEECH **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

The 16th-annual Literary Arts Festival begins when local labor-activist Jim Miller reads from his novel Flash ("a wild adventure through SoCal's hidden history of unsung true-life revolutionary heroes"). Musician and songwriter Gregory Page joins in to celebrate "this milestone for civil rights activists, union picketers, and political protesters everywhere."

WHEN: 7 to 9 p.m.

WHERE: Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon. 619-644-7000; grossmont.edu

Wednesday | 25

TOTEM

Cirque du Soleil returns with a cast of 52 artists from 19 countries under the blue-and-yellow grand chapiteau. The show traces the "fascinating journey of the human species from its original amphibian state to its ultimate desire to fly." Among the many acts are hoop dancing, foot juggling, roller skating, and trapeze work.

WHEN: 8 p.m., also Thursday through Saturday, check for times.

WHERE: Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 800-450-1480; cirquedusoleil.com



Friday | 20

THE 48TH-ANNUAL LAKESIDE RODEO

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association showcases bareback riding, tie-down roping, saddle-bronc riding, bull riding, and steer wrestling at this weekend-long event that includes a BBQ, parade, pancake breakfast, stickhorse race (for kids), and a cowboy-poetry contest. Plus rodeo clowns and a beauty pageant!

WHEN: 7:30 to 9 p.m. (check for event times Saturday and Sunday)

WHERE: Lakeside Rodeo Grounds, 12584 Mapleview Street, Lakeside. 619-561-4331; lakesiderodeo.com

farms to showcase local flavors. Sample gourmet dishes and meet the local chefs and farmers behind the food. There are activities for kids and music by the Bayou Brothers and the Teagan Taylor Trio. **WHEN:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

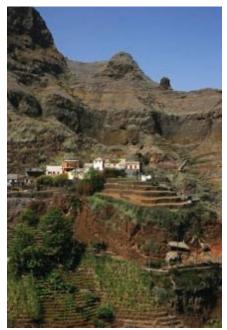
WHERE: NTC

Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road, Point Loma. 619-272-2882; oefoundation.org



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TRAVEL STORIES AND TIPS FROM OUR READERS



I would call [the landscape] lunar. but I would be maligning the moon.

Cape Verde, Africa

Praia is the capital of a West African archipelago called Cape Verde, formerly part of the Portuguese empire. It fell into economic obscurity about 150 years ago, after its main endeavor as a way station in the slave trade between Africa and the Americas became obsolete.

Since the appellation "green" has about as much relevance to Cape Verde as it does to Greenland, the prospects for an agricultural society thereafter were hopeless. Deadly drought followed deadly drought.

Survivors fled to Massachusetts, Brazil, and Lisbon. They left behind a few hearty souls to create a unique music style, to celebrate the football successes of Benfica and Sporting Lisbon, and to conduct extensive research into the biodegradable characteristics of beer bottles.

If you ever find yourself in Praia without the good fortune of being confined in a bar with a seemingly endless supply of cheap *vinho tinto*, I recommend a trip across the interior of Praia's island, Santiago.

Santiago is about the size and shape of Barbados, but without grass, palm trees, steel bands, dark rum, or powdery white beaches sprawling with topless

My guidebook tells me that with the help of the U.N., U.S., and E.U., Cape Verde has undertaken a massive reforestation effort using a "species of acacia tree particularly adapted to the area's conditions."

I took the Santiago trip, and all I can say for certain is that this species of acacia tree is particularly adept at catching and holding the millions of multicolored plastic bags passing motorists launch across the rubbled roadside. Some particularly well-adapted trees were adorned with as many as ten sacks flapping in the dusty breeze like a Chinese banner ceremony.

The trip across Santiago to the northern town of Tarrafal took three hours through landscape I would call "lunar," but I would be maligning the moon.

Despite this agricultural handicap, the irrepressible Cape Verde people have contrived to summon enough water from the earth and collect enough rainfall every year or so to cultivate occasional patches of mango, banana, and sugarcane. The sugarcane they distill into a beverage called *grogue*, which will shut down your synapses before you can say, "Damn! This shit tastes strong!"

But left to its own devices, the land would yield nothing but dust and cactus. More remarkable than the stark landscape are the pastel stucco dwellings that appear to have been airlifted from the Algarve and set down on the high slopes

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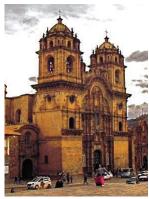
Other Adventures



shootinfool: Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao, Spain



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VOLCAN MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS PRESERVE

This 2195-acre preserve offers an array of seasonal wildflowers in oak-pine woodland and spectacular views of the lower elevations.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 62 miles. Allow 90 minutes of driving time. From Julian take Main St. north out of town for about 2.2 miles (Main St. becomes Farmer Rd.). Turn right on Wynola Rd. for about 100 yards and then take the first left, which is a continuation of Farmer Rd. The preserve entrance is on the right; park on the shoulder of the road. Mountain biking and equestrian use allowed on the fire road. No facilities; dogs not allowed.

Hiking Length: 3 miles on Five Oaks Trail when returning on the same trail; slightly shorter when walking back on the fire road trail to create a loop. • **Difficulty:** Strenuous. Elevation change up to 1000 feet.



The Julian artist James Hubbell designed the gateway to the preserve.

The Elsinore Fault passes under the staging area to the trail where the valley follows the fault. Julian artist Jim Hubbell contributed the design for the gateway, building the rock wall using white pegmatite and black tourmaline in

the raw stage with the shiny black being obsidian. The wall also includes Julian schist, a shale-like formation that is layered, plus "dirty limestone."

Follow the fire road for a third of a mile. Then hikers turn right to

continue on the Five Oaks Trail, climbing in mostly shaded areas until meeting the fire road. Depending on time of year, to the right is another 1.2 miles to the 5353-foot summit, where wind chill and the steep climb call for preparation. To

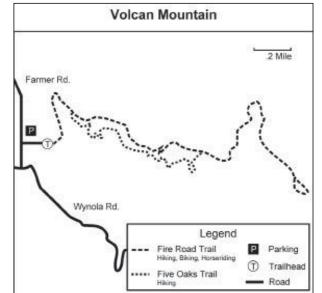
the left, the fire road returns to the parking area.

Volcan Mountain is part of the Peninsular Ranges. These include the Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Laguna mountains. These ranges are generally westerly tilted fault blocks composed of granitic rock that was created by volcanic activity, erosion, and plate movement.

The Volcan Mountain land mass extends in a northwest direction from Banner Grade to the Santa Ysabel Valley. The mountain is the fountainhead of two of the county's primary waterways: the San Dieguito and the San Diego River basins. With a pumping rate of about 15 gallons per minute, Ironside Spring at 4600 feet is the fountainhead of San Dieguito. The headwaters of the San Diego River begin about 2 miles northwest of the Wynola Valley, on the mountain's lower south slope, with most of the flow captured by El Capitan Dam.

The San Diego gold rush started in 1870 on the flank of Volcan Mountain. A cowboy named Fred Coleman noticed yellow flakes in a small creek while watering his horse. There are many mines in the area, but San Diego County was 25th in the state for gold production, with a total output of less than five million dollars. The county is better known for gems and minerals, especially tourmaline and garnet.

Along the trail can be heard the "whack-up, whack-up" call of



a common resident of oak and mixed oak/conifer woodlands: the acorn woodpecker, or *Melanerpes formicivorus*. The genus name is from Greek "melanos," meaning black and "herpes" translating to creeper. The species name derives from Latin "forma," an ant, and "voro," to devour, in reference to its ant-eating habits. The acorn woodpecker is known for storing acorns in granary trees where maintenance is time-consuming, with the woodpecker moving acorns to smaller holes as they shrink from

drying. They are easily recognizable with their black chin and red cap from forehead to the back of the head, black back, white rump, and white wing patches seen in flight.

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

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"Cradle to Grave" Docent-led walking tour explores core area of Mission Hills in its infancy, 100 years ago. Hear stories and visit hidden gems. Tours leave every 15 minutes (lasting 60 to 90 min-

utes). Refreshments following tour. Meet in parking lot off Washington Place. 619-497-1193. Saturday, April 21, 1pm; \$10-\$15. Pioneer Park, 1501 Washington Place. (MIS-SION HILLS)

Be Green! Gain insight into how plants and animals work together in the ecosystem on guide-led nature walk. Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Birding at Mission Dam It's nesting/mating season and the birds are crooning. Resident birder Jeanne Raimond leads adventure in birding at Padre Dam. Saturday, April 21, 8am; free. Old Mission Dam, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Carmel Mountain Herb Walk Learn to identify the trees, plants, and shrubs of Carmel Mountain Nature Preserve during hike with Will Bowen and find out how they were used for food and medicine by Native Americans and Spanish and Anglo-American settlers. Sunday, April 22, 4pm; free. Carmel Mountain trailhead, 4730 Fairport Way. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Help in Santee's Native Plant Garden Join Friends of Santee River Park to care for native plant garden with light gardening, pruning, watering, garden-path maintenance. Closed shoes required. Tools, supplies provided. volunteer@sandiegoriver.org or 619-297-7380. Saturday, April 21, 9am; free. Edgemoor Polo Barn, 9111 North Magnolia Avenue. (SANTEE)

Miner's Loop Trail Walk Join hike leader Arne Johanson on the Miner's Loop trail on the north face of Black Mountain for great views. Meet at the parking/staging area. Saturday, April 21, 9am; free. Black Mountain Open Space Park staging area, 14850 Carmel Valley Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

River Cleanup at Big Rock San Diego River Park Foundation's Clean and Green Team focuses on this section of river to collect trash, debris. Meet in field next to equestrian center. Wear closed shoes. Tools, supplies provided. volunteer@sandiegoriver.org or 619-297-7380. Saturday, April 21, 9am; free. Santee Equestrian Center, 7980 Mission Gorge Road. (SANTEE)

Silverwood Cleanup Volunteers invited to help with construction of trails, invasive weed control, trail clearing, maintaining fire clearance zones. Bring gloves, pruners, loppers if you have them. Snacks, water provided. RSVP: 619-443-2998. Saturday, April 21, 9am; Silverwood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

Upcycle Your Styrofoam Beach cleanup, surfboard demos, and upcycling event. Bring any unwanted polystyrene foam (aka "Styrofoam") to be upcycled into Marko Foam blank surfboards as part of the Waste to Waves Program. Thursday, April 19, 10am; free. Buccaneer Beach, Pacific Street. (OCEANSIDE)

SPECIAL EVENTS

"A Floral Olympiad" The 87th annual Coronado Flower Show includes plant sale (April 21, 7:30noon), flower show, marketplace, food pavilion. Cut flower and rose sale: April 22, 4pm. Saturday, April 21, 1pm; Sunday, April 22, 10am; free-\$5. Spreckels Park, 601 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

"Save Green by Going Green" Eco Fair 2012, promoting "household earth-friendly solutions," promises more than 25 local companies and organizations demonstrating products and services at university's Spectrum Business Park campus. Activities for families, children. Gather information on university's environmentally focused bachelor's and master's degree programs. mmaxwell@ nu.edu or 858-642-8413. Saturday, April 21, 10am; free. National University, 9388 Lightwave Avenue. (KEARNY MESA)

Composting Workshop Master composters present instruction and demonstration in building, maintenance of a backyard compost pile, vermicomposting. 760-839-6216. Saturday, April 21, 8:30am; free. Escondido Community Garden, Centre City Parkway at Decatur Way. (ESCONDIDO)

Concert Band Festival Enjoy performances by bands from Cuyamaca College, Grossmont College, Point Loma Nazarene University, SDSU in Performing Arts Theatre. Thursday, April 19, 7:30pm; \$5-\$8. Cuyamaca College, 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

Earth Day Extravaganza Celebrate with organic gardening talk by Dr. Earth representatives. Learn to "heal your soil" from Malibu Compost crew. Local vendors offer food. Live music, potting and art station for kids, veggie box giveaway. 858-483-7846. Sunday, April 22, 9am; free. Green Gardens Nursery, 4910 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

EarthFair 2012 Celebrate Earth Day at "world's largest annual Earth Day event." Hundreds of vendors, Children's Parade, alternate-fuel vehicle display, more. 858-272-7370. Sunday, April 22, 10am; free. Balboa Park south, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Pakistan: Friend or Foe? Consider the subject during Civilized Conversation open discussion forum. New members welcome. 858-231-6209. Thursday, April 19, 7pm; free. Eclipse Chocolat, 2121 El Cajon Boulevard, (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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)

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. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Gem Faire More than 100 dealers offer jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, minerals, jewelry-making tools, more. Classes, demonstrations, Week-

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of rocky, pathless pinnacles.

I asked my driver how these people managed to exist up there and he pointed out that there was a grocery store only a few kilometers' walk away. We passed this shop on our descent into Tarrafal.

While it wasn't Whole Foods, it did have sufficient survival rations and even a few luxury goods, like tins of imported olive oil and chorizos. Where those mountain people conjured up the money to buy these goodies, though, is anybody's guess.

When we arrived in Tarrafal, I learned that the main tourist attraction is the ruins of former dictator Antonio Salazar's concentration camp for Portuguese and African political

prisoners.

Anyone who has ever seen an abandoned concentration camp would never mistake this place — with its barrier ditches, barbed wire, and gun towers — for anything else. One wartime writer observed that the only difference between Dachau and Tarrafal was that Dachau was ruled by "General Winter" while Tarrafal was ruled by "General Summer." Hot, dry, airless, savage all fall far short of describing the horror that would have been this prison.

Beyond that sobering site, the village has a small clean cove of a beach and a seaside terrace for eating fresh grilled fish and swallowing icy Sagres. Nice as it was, we couldn't linger long over lunch. We had to hurry back to Praia. Benfica v. Sporting was kicking

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The 48th Annual Lakeside Rodeo This PRCA rodeo promises bareback riding, tie down roping, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing. Friday, April 20, 7:30pm; Saturday, April 21, 2pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, April 22, 2pm; \$5-\$20. Lakeside Rodeo Grounds, 12584 Mapleview Street, (LAKESIDE)

What Is Objectivism in Brief? The San Diego Objectivist Study Group explores the philosophy of Ayn Rand. 619-277-5840. Sunday,

April 22, 6pm; free. Heaven Sent Desserts, 3001 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

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BOOK SIGNINGS

Born. Not Raised: Voices From Juvenile Hall Susan Lankford signs last volume in this trilogy. 858-454-0347. Saturday, April 21, 12pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

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 Nibling." Thursday, April 19, 6pm; free, Barnes and Noble Bookstore Oceanside, 2615 Vista Way. (OCEANSIDE)

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Wyatt Earp in San Diego Author Garner Palenske plans presentation based on his book. 760-765-0370. Saturday, April 21, 1pm; free. Julian Library, 1850 Highway 78. (JULIAN)

Kirby Wright, Hawaiian Writer Author will sign copies of his com-

Rhyme & Verse

Snake

A poem by Emily Dickinson

A narrow fellow in the grass Occasionally rides; You may have met him,—did you not, His notice sudden is.

The grass divides as with a comb, A spotted shaft is seen; And then it closes at your feet And opens further on.

He likes a boggy acre, A floor too cool for corn. Yet when a child, and barefoot, I more than once at morn

Have passed, I thought, a whip-lash Unbraiding in the sun,— When, stooping to secure it, It wrinkled, and was gone.

Several of nature's people I know, and they know me; I feel for them a transport Of cordiality;

But never met this fellow, Attended or alone, Without a tighter breathing, And zero at the bone.



Emily Dickinson (1830-1886) was born into a distinguished Amherst, Massachusetts, family: Her grandfather was a founder of Amherst College and her father a distinguished attorney and U.S. congressman. A brilliant student, Emily Dickinson entered Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary when she was 17 but withdrew within the first year, possibly because of poor health

but possibly also because her refusal to sign an oath professing her Christian faith marked her as an apostate and made life at the seminary uncomfortable. In 1862, Dickinson submitted some of her poetry to the Atlantic Monthly and began corresponding with its editor, Thomas Wentworth Higginson, who admired her work but wished her to revise it so that it was more conventional, which Dickinson refused to do. She published only a few of her poems during her lifetime. Far less Romantic in language and tone and far more modern in sensibility and phrasing than the poetry of other 19th-century American poets, hers is clearly the work of a poetic talent of the highest caliber. "Snake" is believed to have been composed in 1865. The existing manuscript version, to be found in the Belknap Press edition of The Manuscript Books of Emily Dickinson, reads "boy" instead of "child" in line eleven. The version of the poem printed here is in the public domain.

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panion novels Punahou Blues and Moloka'i Nui Ahina, 760-666-2090. Sunday, April 22, 11am; free. Center for Spiritual Living Vista, 560 S. Melrose Drive. (VISTA)

Poets Schaefer and Brandi

Washington poet Norman Schaefer reads from his new book, The Sunny Top of California: Sierra Nevada Poems and a Story, and New Mexico poet John Brandi reads from his new book, Seeding the Cosmos: New and Selected Haiku. 858-456-1800. Friday, April 20, 7pm; free. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Rancho San Diego Library Turns Ten Tenth-anniversary celebration includes book signing

with Marjorie Hart (Summer at Tiffany), 11am; behind-the-scenes tour at 12:30pm; birthday celebration with refreshments at 1:30pm. 619-660-5370. Saturday, April 21, 11am; free. Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

COMEDY

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net or 951-678-3030. Thursday, April 19, 6:30pm; \$40-\$45. Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

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Comedy Night at Doc's Saloon Comedian Jessi Campbell (as seen on CMT) headlines. Also appearing, Lauren O'Brien (The Mikev Show), Bob Hansen, Cory Clarke, and Aaron Hughes. 562-786-3111. Friday, April 20, 8:30pm; \$10. 18 and up. Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q, 6955 El Camino Real. (CARLSBAD)

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PGK Dance Project "In Eden" Enjoy Love Is Gone, Faithful, Bitter, A Song for You, Cold, Tabla, and In Time performed throughout the space by the seven-member company. Appetizers, cash bar. Thursday, April 19, 7:30pm; \$16-\$21. Eden, 1202 University Avenue.

FILM

Human Rights in Tibet: Lhamo Tso Speaks Out Lhamo Tso will share the plight of her husband, Dhondup Wangchen, a Tibetan filmmaker who was arrested in 2008 for making a documentary (Leaving Fear Behind) that portrayed the feelings of native Tibetans about the Beijing Olympics and China's policies within Tibet, as well as human rights violations occurring in Tibet. Wangchen's film will also be screened. Friday, April 20, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST

International Documentary Film Series - Another Life. Another Life follows several men from various African countries on a perilous adventure to seek a better life in Europe. Speaker & discussion follow film. Benefit for International Rescue Committee. Second of three films. Tickets: \$20/\$10 Student, Trailers/info: www.Rescue.org/films. Monday, April 23, 7pm. Landmark La Jolla Village, 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive. (LA JOLLA)

FOOD & DRINK

Cheese-Making Workshop Make cheese from organic cow milk or goat milk during class led provided. Reservations: 858-481-0209. Saturday, April 21, 9:30am; \$25. Seabreeze Organic Farm, 3909 Arroyo Sorrento Road. (CARMEL

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Sustainable Feast Ten chefs paired with local farms to showcase a variety of local flavors during Outdoor Education Foundation's annual event. Sample gourmet dishes, meet local chefs and farmers (\$35). Activities for kids. Music by the Bayou Brothers, the Teagan Taylor Trio. Admission: free. Sunday, April 22, 11am; NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

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Whaddaya Know About Aging Cheese? Learn basics of aging cheeses, as well as secrets to making crackers, cheesy soufflés, cheese sauces, fondues, Sunday, April 22, 1pm; free. City Farmers Nursery, 4832 Home Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

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"Elmo Makes Music" Elmo, Abby Cadabby, Big Bird, and the other Sesame Street Live friends share their love of music. Saturday, April 21, 10:30am and 2pm; Sunday, April 22, 1pm and 4:30pm; \$14-\$37. Valley View Casino Center, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)





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I ANSWERED THE CALL

Chula Vista Community Church

Contact: 301 East J Street, Chula Vista, 619-422-7850, chulavistacommunitychurch.com

Membership: 60 Pastor: Phil Golden

Age: 62

Born: Fort Worth, Texas

Formation: Palomar College, San Marcos; San Diego State University, San Diego

Years Ordained: 4

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

Pastor Phil Golden: I would preach on John 3:16 and 17. This second verse gives greater meaning to the verse that's more familiar: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, so that whoever should believe

in Him will not perish but have everlasting life." Most people know that and have memorized it. But verse 17 then says, "For God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world but so that the world through Him might be saved." This speaks to me that as Christians we sometimes hear Christians condemning the world. But this verse tells us that's not what we're here for. We're here to save the world — to do God's work in the world and we're not here to judge others. It takes away all the prejudices we might hold against other people for whatever reason. To me that gives a strong foundation for

a church that opens its doors

to other people.

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

PG: I had one elderly woman who told me that she'd been going to church for 50 years and never understood what the Bible was about until she came here. She'd heard messages, gone to Bible study and read, but never understood it before. I'd heard that from a number of people since being here, so it gives me inspiration to share the best understanding I can give in simplest terms they can understand so they can take home a better understanding of Scripture.

SDR: What is the mission of your church?

says we are to be a place "where Jesus is seen in and through all people with joy." I like to capitalize and underline the word "all." So often people go to church to see people who are like themselves...I think a lot of people don't go to church because they feel they're not

PG: Our mission statement

SDR: Where do you go when you die?

really welcomed. I would like

for people to know they're

welcome to come just as

PG: Scripture tells us that we will sleep for a little while and our souls and spiritual bodies go into heaven to be with Jesus, if we believe in Him and receive the gift of

Phil Golden: "Hell is a reality. It's a frightening reality, but it is there in Scripture. My hope is that no one goes there."

eternal salvation that God offers through His son Jesus Christ and our belief in Him.... There is another option, of course. If you don't believe in Jesus, you don't go that way but you go the other way, into what

Revelation calls the "lake of fire." So, hell is a reality. It's a frightening reality, but it is there in Scripture. My hope is that no one goes there, but really in the end it's our own choice. There are so many good people who are not believers. It's a tough issue for me; there are people I love and know who behave the way God would have us behave - generous, kind, respectful and loving. Not everyone who is like that is a believer, so I wrestle with that a little bit and pray for

— Joseph O'Brien

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Clairemont Library Celebra-

tion Find Sparkles the Clown, a jump house, book sale, exhibits from Tecolote Nature Reserve, live music and refreshments. 858-277-4242. Saturday, April 21, 10am; free. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Day of the Child First 5 San Diego sponsors Chula Vista Community Collaborative's 12th annual event with live entertainment, interactive activities for children, resources and information for families. First Unitarian Universalist Church members offer free books for kids, lead bookmark and 'zine making. Saturday, April 21, 10am; free. Memorial Park Bowl, 373 Park Way. (CHULA VISTA)

Ladybug Day Calling ladybug lovers and citizen scientists! Participate in "Lost Ladybug Project" sponsored by Cornell University; search garden for ladybugs, report your findings. Craft activities (for

small fee), release of ladybugs (noon). Kids: make a "fresh flower creation to take home." Saturday, April 21, 10am; free-\$12. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Who Was Simon Vouet? Find out about the French painter and draftsman when professional storyteller Harlynne Geisler shares "lively tales inspired by museum masterpieces." 619-239-5548 x105. Saturday, April 21, 11am; free. 5

and up. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Wonders of Wind Learn how wind energy can be used to power our daily lives from California Center for Sustainable Energy experts during Sea Days program. Event promises "breezy hands-on activities and projects." Included in admission (\$14 general). 858-534-7336. Saturday, April 21, 11am; Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

LECTURES

"An Actor Moves from Page to Stage" Actor, singer Kim Rhodes discusses significance of arts in education and process of working from "page to stage," in Markstein Hall room 125. Rhodes is known for role as Carey on Disney's *The Suite Life of Zack and Cody*, more. 760-750-8889. Thursday, April 19, 5pm; free. CSU San

Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

"Be on the Lookout" UCSD professor Matthew Herbst considers "One Millennium of Art Missing: Searching for Byzantium in the West," in conjunction with works exhibited in museum's European art collection. Friday, April 20, 10am; \$8-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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"Our New-Clear Future" Buddhist association promotes peace in pursuit of nuclear abolition in conjunction with Earth Day. Live jazz performance, refreshments follow. Sunday, April 22, 10am; free. San Diego Center, 4828 Ronson Court. (KEARNY MESA)

"Sharks at the End of the Line" Are shark attacks on the rise in SD? Learn about the variety of sharks in local waters and worldwide, importance of sharks to marine ecosystems and humans, threats of overfishing, and more when Scripps Institution of Oceanography student Andrew P. Nosal speaks for Tijuana Estuary Speaker Series. 619-575-3613. Saturday, April 21, 10am; free. Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"Trash: Art + Science Intersect" Panel discussion on design, architecture, and environmental stewardship, with Rob Quigley, FAIA, and Oscar Romo. Reservations required: 619-795-1721. Thursday, April 19, 6pm; free. New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Abandoning Stress Workshop

American Buddhist Nun, Kelsang Chokyi, offers tips for changing our perspective to "become empowered to hold more positive and productive attitudes and come to experience mental peace." Cost includes vegetarian lunch. Registration: MeditationinSanDiego. com or 619-940-5301. Saturday, April 21, 10am; Vajrarupini Buddhist Center, 3344 Fourth Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

Citizenship Naturalization Assistance San Diego Naturalization Collaborative hosts workshop with experts providing overview of process for becoming a citizen, assistance in preparing and filing applications for citizenship in the same day. Registration: 760-239-7959. Saturday, April 21, 9am; free. Southwestern College, 900 Otay Lakes Road, (CHULA VISTA)

Citrus Disease Threat Overview Dr. Allan Dodds, emeritus professor of plant pathology, University of California Riverside, to share his knowledge of viral diseases of subtropical and vegetable crops, with a focus on citrus crops. In the Student Center, room 3450. Friday, April 20, 7pm; free. Mira-Costa College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Computer Security and Safety Daniel Libby of Digital Forensics, Inc., speaks for Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego, following user group meetings for Macintosh and Legacy software. 858-412-4536. Saturday, April 21, 9am; free. Robinson Auditorium complex at

UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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How the Brain Got Language Dr. Michael A. Arbib will explain the origin of human language at open meeting of San Diego Independent Scholars in Room 111-A Chancellor's Complex. 858-3420986. Saturday, April 21, 1:30pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA

Rediscover "Temple, Palace, Mosque" Discover the artists' visions of India's most timeless stories of gods, demons, heroes with Asian art curator Sonya Quintanilla during "intimate gallery tour" of the paintings now on view in "Temple, Palace, Mosque." Saturday, April 21, 3pm; free-\$20. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

SPOKEN WORD

Celebrate National Poetry Month Reading by Shadab Zeest Hashmi and friends, followed by an open reading. 760-602-2400 x8149. Sunday, April 22, 2pm; free. Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Kendrick Lyrical Groove Performance by Collective Purpose poetry-ensemble member Kendrick Dial, who "interweaves a sensitive blend of spoken word, music, songwriting, and entertainment with a message." Saturday, April 21, 8pm; \$10. 21 and up. 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

SPORTS

"That Dam Ride" San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders head to Miramar Dam on this 50-mile ride. 619-243-8617. Saturday, April 21, 8:45am; free. De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Del Mar National Horse Show: Western Week Giddy up! Show begins with competition in reining, trail, pleasure classes, more. Night of the Horse is April 22 (\$18). Regular admission is free until 4pm on weekdays; \$10 on weekends.

Thursday through Saturday, April 19-21, 8am; Sunday, April 22, 8am and 7pm; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard.

Earth Day 10K Biodegradable ribbons for all finishers! Scenic out and back run includes view of ocean along Coast Highway. 619-800-4376. Saturday, April 21, 7am; \$20. Cannon Park, 4933 Carlsbad Boulevard, (CARLSBAD)

NAMI Walk 2012 Stomp out stigma! This 5k walk is fundraiser for National Alliance on Mental Illness. Registration: 6:30am at corner of Sixth Avenue and Quince. Walk: 8:30am. anniedunlop@namisd.org or 619-584-5574. Saturday, April 21, 8am. (BALBOA PARK)

Walk MS: Legoland Help "raise funds and celebrate hope for the future" during family friendly event including food, drink, entertainment, and a two- to three-mile walk. Sunday, April 22, 8am; free. Legoland and Sea Life Aquarium, One Legoland Drive. (CARLSBAD)







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SEVEN LAST WORDS

On Good Friday I got a chance to sing a piece of music I've always wanted to sing. The piece was Dubois's "Seven We & Last Words of Christ." I was invited to sing phony p

at Church of the Nativity in Rancho Santa Fe.

Some might say this music is cheap or campy and in one sense they'd have a point. Dubois was not a progressive composer. Quite the opposite. When Debussy's opera *Pelleas et Melisande* came out, Dubois forbade his students from attending.

So what merit does "Seven Last Words" have? I can't put a finger on it, but it works. Baritone and tenor soloists take turns being Jesus while the chorus is part- time angry mob and part-time reverent commentators. The soprano soloist is something of a muse.

The soloists in this concert were Ed Badrak, Chad Frisque, and Natalie Mann. They all sang well, but I was particularly impressed with Ms. Mann's performance.

Music director Paul Batchelor accompanied on the organ and mercifully cut a chunk of music from "the storm" that follows Jesus' death, i.e., the campy part.

SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY AND MASTER CHORALE'S FAURE *REQUIEM*

Before the concert on Sunday, April 1, we were reminded that the San Diego Symphony is a "tier-one orchestra." That is not in dispute. How about the San Diego Master Chorale? They're a tier-one church choir, but I'm getting ahead of myself here.

The concert at Symphony Hall started with a moving performance of Villa-Lobos's *Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5.* Soprano Jessica

Rivera served up some stunning pianissimo singing, which got me very excited for the Fauré *Requiem*, but I'm getting ahead of myself again.

We got a chance to hear four of our symphony players as soloists in Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante*. Sarah Skuster was on oboe, Sheryl Renk was on clarinet, Valentine Martchev was on bassoon, and Benjamin Jaber was on horn.

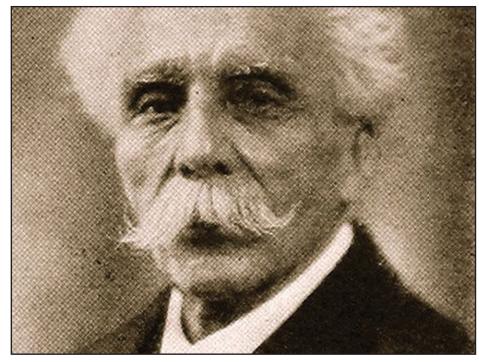
Their ensemble and solo playing were well phrased and pretty tight. The middle adagio section was gorgeous. For those not familiar with the form, a sinfonia concertante is like a concerto for multiple instruments, in this case a quartet of winds.

The second part of the concert was Fauré's *Requiem*. This music is accessible enough for any undergraduate chorus and soloists to perform well. In fact, baritone soloist Quinn Kelsey mentioned singing it as an undergrad.

This isn't to say that Fauré's music is easy to perform well. It is not. While the notes themselves are not challenging for the chorus or soloists, the sound must be as beautiful as possible at all times, and the phrasing must be exquisite.

I gave the Master Chorale a free pass in the Beethoven *Ninth*, but the grace period is over. The San Diego Master Chorale simply doesn't have the voices to perform this music at a level that is worthy of the San Diego Symphony. Their sound is out of balance with the middle voices more prominent than they should be.

The sound in general is not classical. The sound they make, particularly in the tenor section, is almost worthy of a show choir. I'm not



Fauré's Requiem, though almost worthy of a show choir, takes years of vocal instruction to accomplish.

interested hearing the cast of *Glee* sing Fauré's *Requiem*. There is no depth to the tone of the chorus but an overriding impression of horizontal vocal production.

Lower your larynxes and raise your palates, folks. Of course, that takes years of vocal instruction and practice to accomplish. Rehearsing once or twice a week isn't going to get it done.

What was prominent was the *K* in Kyrie and the *Ch* in Christe. These consonant sounds might have been the loudest thing the Master Chorale produced. Why? Why? WHY? It is distracting and ruins the line. I think we all know the text is "Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison." There is no need to beat us over the head with consonant stops.

This focus on consonants is typical of choirs that have limited vocal abilities. How about unifying your vowel production so the choir sounds better? Again, that takes time and these people are volunteers.

Throughout, the choir was a ball and chain dragging down the level of the performance. The magical moments in Fauré's music fell flat.

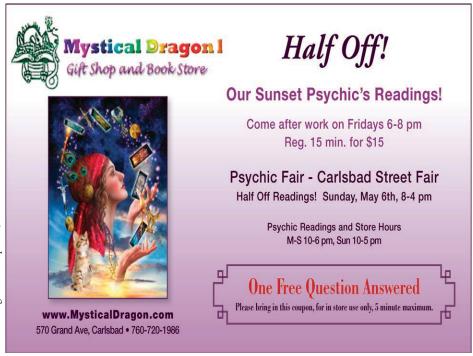
BEETHOVEN COULD BE RICK ASTLEY

I mentioned that Mozart's *Fifth Violin Concerto* may have been forgotten if it had been written by a lesser composer. The point being, there is a ton of mediocre classical music.

It is tempting to consider every piece of classical music to be a masterpiece. Every composer has a grip of "B-side" compositions.

Beethoven was the master of the piano sonata and wrote 32 of them. I hope we're all familiar with the *Pathetique*, *Moonlight*, and *Appassionata* — only 29 to go. Now, many should have heard the *Waldstein* and *Hammerklavier*, as well, but it's a little shocking when we think about it.

How many operas did Verdi write? Twenty-eight. How many can we name? Of those





we can name, which have we heard? Ever heard Puccini's Edgar? How about Wagner's Die Feen?

Then there are the composers who get no love. Sir Henry Bishop wrote over 100 operas. Georg Philipp Telemann wrote over 3000 pieces of music. Ever heard any? How about the vilified Antonio Salieri from Amadeus?

Great music stands the test of time. Period. However, I'm not sold on how accurate the test of time is. If Rick Astley is still being played two days from now it will be too long. The test of time is not a formal test, after all.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Anthology" Anonymous 4 celebrates 25th anniversary with concert boasting "at least one work from each of the ensemble's 19 recordings" for Saint James Music Series. Expect to hear "everything from 11th century plainchant to contemporary works by Sir John Tavener, Richard Einhorn, and David Lang." 858-459-3421 x109. Sunday, April 22, 4pm; \$25. St. James by-the-Sea

Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Las Tradiciones Musicales"

Classics Philharmonic celebrates music, dance, songs of Mexico with Mariachi Garibaldi and Leyenda Dance Company. "Traditional mariachi music mixes with classical music for a family friendly, bi-lingual experience. Purchase an adult ticket, receive one free child's ticket. Sunday, April 22, 1pm; \$8-\$11. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue.

The Barber of Seville San Diego Opera closes season with Rossini's "riotous musical comedy." Cast includes American baritone Lucas Meachem, Spanish soprano Silvia Tro Santafé. Conductor is Antonello Allemandi; John Copley directs. Performed in Italian with English translations above stage. Reservations: 619-533-7000. Saturday, April 21, 7pm; \$50-\$210. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Celebrity American Orchestra Series La Jolla Music Society hosts the Cleveland Orchestra performing the Adès "Overture, Waltz, and Finale from 'Powder Her Face," Smetana's "Three Symphonic Poems from Má Vlast," "Violin Concerto in D Major" by Beethoven. 858-459-3728. Friday, April 20, 8pm; \$27-\$97. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Harp Concert Kate Loughrey performs music for solo harp by Liszt, Prokofiev, Tournier, Salzedo. Sunday, April 22, 2pm; free. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

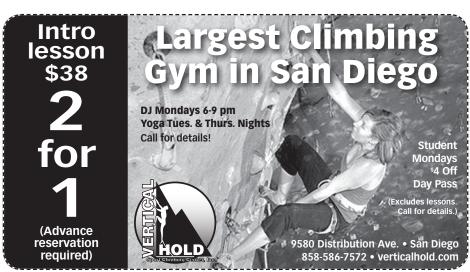
Luscious Noise Ensemble Ensemble featuring San Diego Symphony members offers "program infused with intoxicating classical music emissions, live dance, and multimedia." 619-595-0300. Sunday, April 22, 7pm; \$10-\$27. Anthology, 1337 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

MTAC Concerto Winners Andrew Zhao (11 years old) and Sophia Su (13 years old) to perform Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 1 and Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20 with Greater San Diego Community Orchestra. 619-260-4106. Friday, April 20, 8pm; Sunday, April 22, 2pm; \$5-\$12. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA

The Kensington Trio Piano, violin, and cello. 760-607-5017. Sunday, April 22, 4pm; \$10-\$15. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 6628 Santa Isabel Street, (CARLSBAD)

There Will Be Singing! Palomar Chamber Singers and Palomar Women's Chorus entertain for Concert Hour Series. 760-744-1150 x2317. Thursday, April 19, 12:30pm; free. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10), 1140 West Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)







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Buddhas in Caves

Jewels signify the power of wisdom to dispel bad thinking, suffering, and ignorance.

W.S. DI PIERO

once saw in the San Francisco airport a group of Tibetan monks waiting for their flight. It may have been my own dim, needy mood, but they seemed to me deeply, serenely happy. It wasn't

just the composure of their smiling faces, it was the wholeness of their spiritual presence, which seemed bodily to take in the world and its

trouble. I thought of them — they looked as if they carried within themselves a completed, satisfying vision of things — when I saw the Buddhas and bodhisattvas in *Echoes of the Past: The Buddhist Cave Temples of Xiangtangshan*, currently on view at the San Diego Museum of Art.

The exhibition pulls together the material world of stone sculpture, the spiritual realm that the sculptures refer to, and the digital sphere that has helped scholars and historians visualize what ruins once looked like. In the 6th Century, the Northern Xi dynasty in Hebei Province (in China's northeast corner) carved a series of caves into the local limestone mountainside and filled them with devotional images to be worshipped by resident monks and pilgrims. It wasn't unusual for dynasties to create and preserve such places, but in the early years of the 20th Century, when imperial China was agonizing itself into a republic, political and social instability caused many temple caves to go untended, so they were looted and the spoils sold (with few scruples about provenance) to collectors and to Western museums developing Asian collections.

The attributions of the 14 objects in *Echoes of the Past* suggest the history of the cave and its contents. Some identify the original purchase source ("University of Pennsylvania Museum, Purchased from C.T. Loo, 1916"), others identify only the lending institution and, sometimes, the buyer ("from the Avery Brundage Collection"). Scholars have identified works that came from the caves by comparing them to works *not* removed and by matching removed body parts to chisel marks on what was left behind.

More importantly, each object says something about Buddhist belief. A couple of bodhisattvas are draped with jewels, which are a metaphor for what Buddhist writings call "the enlightened mind," and enlightenment confers healing, restorative powers.

Jewels also signify the power of wisdom to dispel bad thinking, suffering, and ignorance. The figures themselves are manifestations of colossal interior stillness, but the necklaces and garments swad-

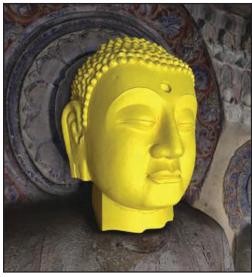
> dling the statues flow and curve back on themselves: once your eye begins to follow a line, it can't be still. The folds of the gown on one

Seated Boddhi fall and pleat down the pedestal in one sweet unbroken rhythm — the surfaces are an everlasting energy.

The most powerful piece in the exhibition is a monster, one of many the caves contained. Such sculptures were so scarily dramatic that they were the first things to be chiseled away and peddled in the international art market, although few foreigners knew what they meant. (In order to protect their supply sources, dealers didn't share information, and their clients, in any event, weren't much interested in belief systems.) In Buddhist thought, monsters, with their huge teeth, jumpy eyes, sickled horns, and fat tongues, caused evil and suffering; inside the caves, they were positioned to support pillars and columns, subservient therefore to Buddha's power to tame them and to tamp down superstitious fears.

But stone stuff makes up just a portion of the exhibition and gives only a sketchy sense of what the caves contained. The rest of Echoes of the Past describes a project undertaken by the Center for the Art of East Asia at the University of Chicago to digitally recover and re-create the caves' original contents. Using 3-D scanning technology that can hose down all sides of an object's surface, the research team photographed every square inch of the caves, crunched all the data, and created fully dimensioned models of the statuary. The Spider Man technology — all the surfaces in the museum's "digital cave" are plotted by green webbing - allowed the team to map the caves' interiors so that they could then project perfectly proportioned Buddha and boddhi heads, as well as monsters, temple attendants, musicians, and other original details. Plan to spend some time in the digital cave, because in addition to re-imaging a vanished original, it conveys a feeling for the devotional piety worshippers once brought to these spaces.





The stone stuff (left, Bodhisattva limestone ca. 550–577) makes up just a portion of the exhibit, the rest describes a project to recover and re-create the caves' original contents using 3-D imaging technology (right, Buddha head from digital cave).

Echoes of the Past: The Buddhist Cave Temples of Xiangtangshan and Dyeing Elegance: Asian Modernism and the Art of Kuboku and Hisako Takaku are on view at the San Diego Museum of Art until May 27. 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-232-7931.

The mountainside temples are still destinations. The short and rather primitive "Pilgrimage Video" included in the exhibition takes us to the Xiangtangshan caves and the nearby, industrialized mining town of Fengfeng. It shows farmers working fields in the lowlands outside town, monks up in the caves, worshippers bringing flowers, food, and baby dolls to leave in the temples, and — every shrine must have its due — one sorry tourist trap.

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It thrilled me to pass from the rigorous, mineralized stylization and religiosity of Xiangtangshan's caves to the ethereal openness and floating color of an adjacent exhibition, Dyeing Elegance, which features textile paintings on kimonos, obi, and screens by Japanese father-and-daughter pair Kuboku and Hisako Takaku. Born in 1908, the elder Takaku practiced an ancient wax-resist dyeing technique called roketsuzome. (A resist is any substance that stops dye from staining fabric in certain places.) He traveled in two worlds, the high-fashion milieu of Tokyo's elite and the fine-art world of mid-20thcentury painting. He cultivated an arduous and unforgiving art: because he applied color with a brush and needed to saturate the fabric with one stroke, he had no margin for error. He didn't layer color. To create modulated passages, he laid one color

alongside another and allowed one to "breathe on" the other. Takaku worked out his pictorial conceits in advance, and in great detail. Once executed, it had to look absolutely spontaneous. His goal was total saturation resulting in total translucency. It's an exquisitely difficult method that resulted in works of otherworldly ease and simplicity. Growing up in the countryside before moving to Tokyo in 1926, he brought a pastoral sensibility to the big city. Most of his motifs came from the natural order: plum blossoms, butterflies, rabbits, camellias, water lilies. He either depicted or suggested the entire cycle and structure of a thing. His princely picture of rubber plants shows root and soil and stem and flower, presented with a monochromatic flatness and cut-out composition he partly derived from Matisse, Braque, Picasso, and other modern European colorists whose forms came out of earlier painters such as Gauguin and Van Gogh, who themselves derived their screen-like world of appearances from Japanese prints that flooded Europe in the late 19th Century. Takaku's adopted daughter, Hisako, born in 1944, is one of the few artists alive who preserve the knowledge of her father's ancient methods and, like him, her obi and kimonos are quite chic and much in demand among Japan's affluent classes.

The designs of both father (who died in 1993)



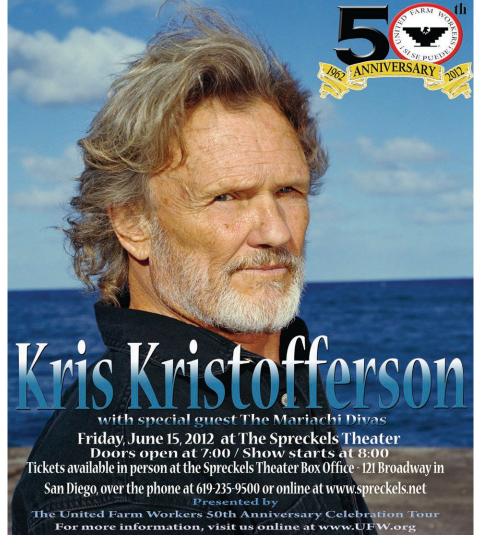














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and daughter look misted into the fabric. One of Kuboku's obi features blue hydrangeas, and the tonal range of softly defined petals, within a small surface coverage, is great but subtly graduated, from transparent azure through tissuey violet to inky purple. He aspired to balance opposing elements - tension and release, concentration and distillation, density and lightness — by unifying them with swift pictorial energy. Hisako carries on that tradition. Her Obi with Water Current is pure speed and stillness: the apparently nonchalant, calligraphic brushwork generates a binding force. In his catalog essay, Masato Nakano says that when Kuboku fuses subject and material, the result is "beauty without reason." That's an appropriately ambiguous phrase to describe an art that's reducible only to its own mysteries of inspiration and touch.



Hisako Takaku's Kimono with cluster amaryllis, hand-dyed silk (2010)

ART

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

Isaac Julien's nine-screen video installation Ten Thousand Waves "poetically weaves together three stories linking China's ancient past and present and explores the movement of people across countries and continents, meditating on unfinished journeys." Also on view through November is Julien's single-screen projection True North (2004), as well as several photographic stills. Free-\$10. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

"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 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,

(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

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"Object Lessons: France in the

Golden Age" View this "concentration of five French 17th-century

paintings" through Sunday, June 3.

attributed to Nicolas or Pierre Mignard. Permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18th- and 19th-century American paintings, and Russian icons. Free.

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and The Holy Family with Saint John

the Baptist in a Classical Landscape,

"Under the Radar" "Away from academic art, diving into the underground art scene, the viewer discovers innovative and eye opening artwork." Opening reception for exhibition of works from "lowbrow and urban artists who use everything from spray paint to illustration." Closes Saturday, May 12. Saturday, April 21, 7pm; free. Thumbprint Gallery, 920 Kline St., Suite #104. (LA JOLLA)

Boathouse Plus Architectural Tour Encinitas Preservation Association hosts tour focusing on icons of historic Encinitas. Tour Bumann Ranch (1886), Self-Realization Fellowship Hermitage and Gardens (1937), Derby House (1887), schoolhouse (1883), La Paloma Theatre (1928), and those boathouses (1928). On tour day, buy tickets at schoolhouse, Coast Hwy Traders, the boathouses (\$25) general; children under 12 free). 760-944-1381. Sunday, April 22, 11 am-4pm. Encinitas Historical Society Old Schoolhouse, 390 West

Celebrate Fenway Park's 100th Anniversary View display of art and artifacts including "a piece of a gate from Fenway, dirt removed Kuboku Takaku's Great Melon, hand-dyed silk (1953) ware Gallery, 4186 Adams Avenue.

from the ballfield at Fenway," rare photographs; photographs, autographs, baseball cards of Ted Williams, more. Reception promises hot dogs, peanuts, soda, popcorn. Exhibition, continuing through April, benefits Autism Research Institute. Friday, April 20, 6pm; Saturday, April 21, noon; free. Edge-

Dr. Sketchy's Ode To Degas Draw ballerina and aerialist Jennifer Curry while enjoying drinks, music, prizes, and wacky contests during afternoon inspired by Degas. Saturday, April 21, 3pm; \$10. 21 and up. Ruby Room, 1271 University Avenue, (HILLCREST)

Live Floral Painting Painting demonstration by Texas floral artist Nancy Medina. 619-435-5212. Saturday, April 21, 11:30am; free. Art and Frames by Wood Gallery, 936 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

Re-Opening Reception Gallery opens in new location with art by Harry Brennen, Berta Villascusa, other local artists. Friday, April 20, 6:30pm; St. Clair Gallery, 7317 El Cajon Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Spring Art Show Art, wine, appetizers, and soulful entertainment by BrandeeLinn, 619-453-0880. Thursday, April 19, 5:30pm; free, 18 and up. SmartSpace, 4455 Murphy Canyon Rd., Suite 100. (KEARNY MESA)



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EMMA GOLDMAN

Google Maps directed me to get off the 15 north at El Cajon Boulevard and drive 20 blocks to Alforon, the "amazing" Lebanese place my friend Patricia had raved about. It's at 59th Street, near the Campus Plaza Shopping Center. Rather than going with my impulse to skip the long trek down the Boulevard on this lovely April

evening, twilight descending over the city, I decided to take another route. I was reminded of a passage from Jim Miller's novel, *Drift*. Set in San Diego

circa 2000, the main character, Joe, is cruising down El Cajon Boulevard to College Billiards on the corner of 53rd, listening to the song "My Favorite Things":

"Coltrane left the structure of the melody and flew into some dissonant notes as Joe crossed Fairmount by the Labor Council, which made him think of Woody Guthrie. Etna Pizza, Amara, Saigon Restaurant, Hoover High, and Kentucky Fried Chicken, 'This land was made for you and me.' There were some kids fighting on the street outside Near East Foods. Joe

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smelled a rich sweet odor wafting out of a Chinese bakery, rolled on past Nam Bac Sam Nhugh Duoc, Chinese Herbs, Kon Luong, the Asian Business Center, Pho Hoa, 7-Eleven, and Euclid Street. 'This land is your land,' 97 Cent Discount Store, 'This land is my land,' Tony's Tire Shop, 'This land was made for you and me."

Miller's passage perfectly captures the street, the poetry of the storefronts. It was hard not to heed Guthrie's words as I bopped my head in time to the Beck tune

on my own stereo.

Indeed, my trip through City Heights to Rolando was a reminder of the plethora of immigrant influences in San Diego. The postcard-pretty image of our city can hide its dense richness, whereas a drive down one of our central arteries reveals Technicolor complexity. To get to my Lebanese food, I passed through neighborhoods where Vietnamese, Chinese, and Korean cuisines sit cheek by jowl with Mexican and Jamaican places. We forget that San Diego is a crossroads, similar to its sister to the north, Los Angeles. I hoped the meal I was fetching for my family, and our friend Keith, who was visiting from Northern California, would not disappoint.

Located in a small strip mall, next to Aladdin's Hookah and Coffee Bar, Alforon's unassuming exterior belies its warm, Mediterranean-inflected interior, burnt-umber walls, dark wood furniture, and the tile floor of its dining room. When I arrived, a table of chic Lebanese women was just clearing out. In a corner, a college-age couple nuzzled over wraps and sodas. I felt a pang that I was getting takeout rather than sitting down and eating our dishes as they emerged from a huge, wood-burning oven behind the front counter in the open kitchen. After catching a glimpse of a paper-wrapped Zaatar Mana'eesh (\$2.50) — Lebanese oven-



Tawook — so good were the garlic paste and chicken.



Thank-you notes from Lebanese diners hang on the wall.

baked flatbread — and rolled Chicken Tawook (\$5.75) — a wrap slathered with garlic paste and marinated chicken — I was intrigued to see what awaited once I got everything home. All the dishes at Alforon are affordably priced, so my family and I had gone a bit crazy with our order, aiming to experience as much as we could of what the restaurant has to offer. The menu is so extensive, our sampling left us with plenty of interesting items to try another time.

My drive back to Golden Hill was more prosaic, down College to the 94. I wanted to blast home, so we could dive into the aromas emanating from the bags on my front seat. Once in the house and unpacked, I couldn't believe



A sampler of Lebanese delicacies

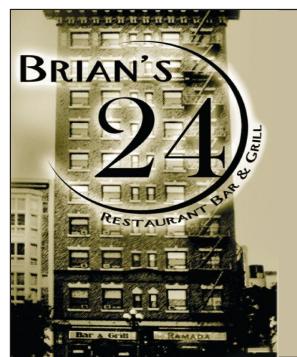


The rose syrup drips off the crust of the Aaysh Essaraya and creates a delicious pool.

the array of dishes I'd netted.

First off was a very serviceable Fattoush — a salad of tomatoes, Persian cucumbers, onions, and bread shards in a lemony dressing (\$4.95 for a small; \$9.95 for 2–3 people). While I prefer a Fattoush with a bit more bread, the dressing stood out. Alforon imports its olive oil from "the homeland," and they use it liberally in all their dishes. The flavors of the salad dressing were echoed in a fava-bean dish, Foul Moudammas (\$5.95), a warm bit of heaven. Use your leftover Zaatar Mana'eesh as a sop. These two items whetted our appetites for the main courses.

Which were, naturally, the flatbreads. According to Alforon's website, they make



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the dough for their breads throughout the day. A host of ingredients sit atop, or rolled up inside, the thin, almost cracker-like bread. I'd ordered some of Alforon's signature dishes, along with a couple of basics. Zaatar Mana'eesh flatbread, in its classic form of wild thyme, sumac, and sesame (without the yogurt cheese, labni, or other vegetables), gives a sense of the expertise of Alforon's chefs it's simple and crisp, yet pungent with herbs and toasted sesame

The Zaatar flatbread, though, is merely the gateway. Also tasty and impressive were: Lahm Bajeen (\$2.95), a mixture of ground beef, tomatoes, and herbs and spices, which we ordered spicy; Vegetarian (\$5.75), a surprising symphony of onions, tomatoes, two or three kinds of olives, sumac, oregano, and spices, all mixed in olive oil; and my friend Keith's favorite, Portobello Mushrooms (\$7.75), a pile of stewed, spiced

mushrooms beneath a sprinkling of feta cheese.

Along with the flatbreads, we ordered the aforementioned Chicken Tawook. This we devoured, so good was the garlic paste and perfectly tender chicken. We also had a Falafel Wrap (\$4.95), which was standard but enhanced by the inclusion of house-made pickles.

Rounding out our feast was Alforon's special dessert, Aaysh Essaraya (\$3.95). This confection consists of pistachio-encrusted, rose-syrupinfused phyllo suspended on a yogurt-based pudding. The syrup drips off the crust and creates a delicious pool to scrape your spoon through as you scoop up the last bits of goo.

"This land was made for you and me." How extraordinary that San Diegans are privy to such food. And we are clearly not alone in our gratitude — witness the many handwritten thank-you notes from Lebanese folks taped to a wall in the dining room, right underneath vintage pictures of

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Drink Specials!



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Made in Central Luzon

"It's the end of the night, we can give you a half order for half price," Nancy says.

ow. What an evening.

It started on a crowded trolley, Blue Line, heading south.

This was around 8:00. Had a hankering for Filipino food, and I thought I'd get off at 8th Street, National City.

A guy climbs aboard at 12th and Imperial with his bike. Classy green Monsoon with seat suspension.

"Got it for only \$30," he says. "Where you headed?"

I tell him National City, Filipino food.

"Oh, man, I love that adobo," he says. "I was over there in the Philippines, traveling around, about 12 years ago."

"Know any good places here?" I ask. He doesn't, but Manuel, the Mexican-American guy sitting next to him, does.

"Come down to 24th Street," he says. "I can give you a ride up to East 8th. It's a little Filipino city there."

So we get off at 24th Street and jump into his van.

Ten minutes later, he drops me at this shopping center, Old Schoolhouse Square. Olde English timber and stucco. I spot two, maybe three Filipino eateries already.

Trouble is, they're closed. But I step out of the van right beside a restaurant called Villa Manila. The lights are on. The sign is flipped to "OPEN."

I thank Manuel and head inside. Hmm... not many people here. Lone lady on the left — she's wearing a denim jacket with a fur collar — plays solitaire on her iPad. Across the aisle, a Filipino family shares some kind of soup in one white china bowl set on top of another white china bowl that has a burning candle in it. Looks interesting.

The waiter, Sonny, guides me to a table near a wall draped with shawls and woven plates. They look like they're straight out of back-country Philippines.

"They are made in central Luzon, where

my family is from," says the lady with the fur collar. Nancy Mendoza. "Pampanga, the first Spanish province in the Philippines...it goes

back to 1571. It's the culinary capital."

Turns out Nancy's the owner.

It also turns out they're closing at 9:00. Better step on the gas.

First up, I ask the family at the other table what that delicious-smelling soup is that they're eating.

"Sotanghon con caldo," says the father, Harwell. "We come here for this. It's the noodles. It smells like the Philippines. Like home"

Only problem: price tag's \$10.25.

"It's the end of the night, we can give you a half order for half price," Nancy says. The soup's basically onion broth with transparent noodles made from mung beans, plus cabbage, black mushroom, shrimp, chicken, and pork.

In ten minutes, Sonny arrives with the double bowl. The soup steams with glassy noodles, black 'shrooms, bright green veggies, and those shrimp and pieces of pork. The taste has a basic vinegar drum-beat, but over that, all these flavors drift in and out like dreams. Lord. Wish I knew more about Filipino cooking.

Also, it has that heater candle below, which is great, because the more the heat evaporates the liquids, the richer the soup becomes.

And now I go a little crazy — this is gonna about bust the bank. But I can't resist asking for the #2 Pinoy Combo plate (\$8.95). I like the look of the shrimp-pinkened "bagoong" rice in the illustration, and the promise of pork adobo, which I love. It also comes with something called *pinakbet*.

The combo comes with a clear soup — yeah, more soup, but that's okay — and a salad with a tantalizingly sweet dressing. I can't quite

"It's puréed lychee," Nancy says.



Woven art from Luzon, Philippines, adorns the walls.

"My son Josef makes it. It also has Dijon mustard and honey."

I know how Filipinos like to mix up those three elements: sweet, sour, and salty.

And, yes, the pink rice is kinda sweetish, sourish. Shrimp paste gives it flavor.

The adobo is delish. It's pork (you can have chicken) in vinegar, soy, garlic, onions, bay leaf, and peppercorns. It's a rich stew.

But, really, the nicest surprise is the *pinakbet*. "It's the Philippines' version of chop suey," Nancy says. "The main thing we look for, what we have to have, is the *ampalaya*, bitter gourd. Everything else depends on it. The string beans, eggplant, squash, shrimp, pork...see? There's a piece. *Ampalaya!* Taste it."

I spot the curly little monster and — *ka-pow!* It's b-b-bitter. Not spicy hot. *Bitter*. But when I load my mouth with the squash and beans and soup, the *ampalaya* gives them...meaning. Like hot sauce does to your burrito.

I realize what's different here: most other Filipino places I've been to are buffet-style, warming-plate affairs. This one, they make it for you fresh to order.

Nancy says, "My mom taught me to cook. But then I married into a family of restaurateurs — Max's, a big Filipino fried-chicken chain that's also in California. This used to be



Customers Ruth, Hannah, and Harwell stand with waiter Sonny (right) and owner Nancy Mendoza (front)



Sotanghon con caldo (soup). "It smells like the Philippines. Like home."

one of them. After running it for 12 years, my husband died. I had to give up the franchise. So I changed it to Villa Manila. Now it's me, and my kind of Central Luzon cooking."

"Central Luzon — that's just one island in the Philippines out of, what, 10,000?" I say.

"There are 7100 islands," Nancy says. "We do have a lot of different cooking styles."

Oh, man. Yakking, eating so much, time's been flying. I have to pack up pretty much half of everything. Because, hey, it's way past 9:30.

Nancy locks the doors. She sets the alarm, and we all leave together.

She ends up driving me the half-dozen blocks to the 8th Street trolley. One evening, two rides! How can I be objective? But trust me, she's a gem. ■

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Untruth in Labeling: The Problem of "Uncured" Meats

Over the past couple of years, a variety of meats (and some variety meats, but that's a different

tale) have started turning up in grocery and specialty stores with the qualifier "uncured" attached

to the packaging. This is a problematic designation when the product in question is bacon, ham, salami, or any other kind of traditionally cured meat.

I just examined a package of Trader Joe's Uncured Pastrami that I found next to the other deli meats in my local branch of that store. It's

clear that the manufacturers are using the "uncured" moniker to indicate that the pastrami was made without the addition of sodium nitrate (saltpeter) or sodium nitrite (pink salt). Both compounds, widely used in commercial meat curing, have gotten a bad rap lately for having some potentially nasty side effects. The two chemicals function to preserve meat during curing and to give it a pink coloration that's been deemed more desirable by consumers than the flat hue of meats cured in other fashion.

The big problem with the "uncured" label comes from flipping over the package of pastrami and reading the ingredients. The back of the package lists vinegar, kosher salt, honey, celery powder, and water. That list of ingredients makes up everything that goes into a cure.

Curing, at it's very root, is the preservation of meat by the use of acid, salt, and sugar to remove water and prevent spoilage. The flavor and texture that develops during the process is an added bonus and, in the era of modern refrigeration, the real point to curing anything to begin with. That Trader Joe's pastrami, despite its lack of sodium nitrate and nitrite, had most certainly been cured.

A cure can be as simple as the salt, sugar, and spice mixture within which duck confit is ensconced for one to three days before it's cooked.

That's right: duck confit is a cured meat, though it's almost never labeled as such. "Confit" is French

for "preserved."

Another complication in this labeling is that the celery powder that's an ingredient in most "uncured" cured meats actually generates nitrates during the curing process. It doesn't have the dramatic pinking effect of high-doses of nitrate added to the cure in powdered form because

> the end result is much lower in concentration.

> But the debate over sodium nitrate and nitrite isn't the point here, and debating the subtleties of chemical additives is a separate

> What I'm trying to say is that it's disingenuous for companies to be labeling products inaccurately in an effort to cash in on public concerns over the health effects of certain chemicals. Contemporary food culture has developed a sense of hypersensitivity toward the stories that surround the food we eat. Everything from the provenance of the ingredients to the environment

in which they are consumed is taken into account.

When our food is packaged in a way that's deliberately misleading, it casts suspicion over the entire chain of supply. Calling a package of pastrami "uncured" may be mostly harmless, but it's only right that we should expect the things we put into our bodies not to be marked deceptively.

Posted April 11 by Ian Pike



La Mesa Bistro: not much to look at from outside, but inside it's kinda swanky.

Weekday Brunch at La Mesa Bistro

Giant menus make it difficult for me to make decisions. Last week, at La Mesa Bistro & Bakery, it took me ten minutes to settle on the Bagel & Lox, only to be told they were out of the lox. So I had to step aside and let three people go ahead of me in line while I stressed over what else I might want.

Such a situation often ends in food envy on my part. My dining companions always see what they want right away, and it's usually way more delicious than mine.

This time, even though Sarah did not hesitate when ordering the açaí bowl, it turned out she was the one with food envy when she saw my ABC Quesadilla.

I almost envied myself when I saw the ABC Quesadilla (eggs, avocado, bacon, and cheese) it looked that good. And it was. The menu says, "served with beans, salsa, and sour cream," but I chose fresh fruit instead. Good choice.

The restaurant itself was a good choice, too. Another one of those La Mesa surprises that Sarah likes to spring on me. At the edge of a strip mall, the outside isn't much to look at, but inside it's kinda swanky.

And although the view from the dining patio is street on one side and parking lot on the other, it's not a superbusy area, so it's easy enough to enjoy the sun and some neurotic conversation with a tightly wound friend.

Note: Sarah and I met up around 11 a.m., and

it was easy to find a seat. She says that closer to noon, the place can get pretty packed.

Posted April 11 by Elizabeth Salaam

Julian Pie Company

Last week, on a drive up to Julian, I thought about Ian Pike, who wrote a couple of months ago about stopping in Julian to eat pie during a five-hour wintery cold bike ride. As I made my way up the winding roads, I imagined Mr. Pike's legs and hindquarters burning and how after such a feat, he most certainly deserved to eat all the pie he could fit into his body.

Due to circumstances of metabolic slowdown, I have arrived at that place in life where one cannot have pie unless one deserves pie. And so, as I drove, I considered what I had done or could do to deserve my own slice of pie. My friend Beans sat beside me in the passenger seat, and though we had discussed going for a long walk while in Julian, that option was out because she wore flip-flops.

For lunch, after much debate about whether to be good or to be bad, we chose healthy food. That, in itself, was probably reason enough to deserve pie.

While we stood in line at the Julian Pie Company, I became distracted momentarily by the Take and Bake pies in the freezer next to me.

Doesn't one have a responsibility to bring a whole pie back down the mountain when returning home from Julian? It was a hard call, but I decided the rule did not apply if one's husband



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and teenager were out of town, thus leaving one alone — save for a three-year-old who doesn't care for pie — with a whole pie.

When I approached Eddie with my order, he asked if I would like ice cream on top of my slice of Dutch apple. I stood staring at him for a long time.

Was a healthy lunch enough to deserve ice cream, too? I did some quick calculations and decided that all the calories I would have eaten in the whole pie certainly added up to much more than I'd get in one tiny scoop of ice cream.

"Sure. Why not?" I said to Eddie.

And when I couldn't choose between vanilla and cinnamon ice cream. Eddie told me I could have half of each. What a guy.

Although I had done nothing active (such as ride a bike for five hours or even walk for one) to deserve such a decadent treat, I pulled a Wimpy and promised myself that tomorrow I would.

Posted April 10 by Elizabeth Salaam

Laylah's Reggae Kitchen

It's pretty far out El Cajon Boulevard. Not quite all the way, but 58th and ECB is a good jog.

The brightly painted façade of the restaurant features a smiling Rasta chef, and the inside is likewise decorated with imagery from the reggae pantheon. Jamaican music plays softly from the house stereo. The tabletops are painted with maps of the island nation that identify local landmarks.

The dish to order is the jerk chicken. "Jerk" refers to the dry rub of allspice, Scotch-bonnet peppers, and other spices, but it can also refer to the method by which jerk chicken is smoked.

Laylah's jerk chicken can be made into a sandwich, served

on a salad, or as a dinner plate that comes with rice, beans, steamed veggies, and fried plantains. The plates (\$10 for a small or \$12 for a large) contain massive portions of food. I ate all of mine, but I was really hungry. Normally, a small plate would probably be enough for one person with a normal appetite.

To look at it, the jerk chicken seems to have been cooked to oblivion. But the black outside is really just the smoked-out spice rub. Inside, the meat has been colored a deep pink from the penetration of the smoke. The chicken is falling apart from the long, slow cooking, and it's a little bit dried out from the low-n-slow heat, but the chicken has undeniable flavor.

In addition to the chicken, the restaurant sells plenty of "oda meat" that includes fish, goat, and oxtail. And there



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are also some interesting side dishes, such as festival dumplings, rum cakes, and a breakfast menu that's served when Laylah's opens at 10 a.m.

The restaurant is attached to a Jamaican convenience store that sells drinks and a variety of imported Caribbean foods.

Posted April 10 by Ian Pike

\$10 Lunch: Soups and Such Café in Julian

On a trip to Julian last Friday, my friend Beans and I had a big decision to make: Would we be good or bad when it came to choosing a lunch spot? Before driving up, we'd both assumed we'd end up eating something

we probably shouldn't eat every day. Barbecue, burgers, or whatnot.

We must have been resigned to being bad because when a local suggested a place called Soups and Such Café, we hesitated. Traveling to a mountain town where our only choices were going to be bad-for-you or worse-for-you was going to be our excuse for eating poorly. So when the suggestion of a soup joint came up, we were kind of disappointed.

But, because we knew pie was on the horizon, we begrudgingly chose to be good.

Once inside, we found ourselves charmed by the countrychic interior, iron teapots, and flowers on display.









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The menu, too, proved more appealing than we'd expected. The eclectic homemade soup choices alone made us think we might have chosen wisely: Thai style chicken, French onion, broccoli and brie, farmhouse, and corn and potato chowder. Beans chose the niçoise salad for \$12. I went with the half sandwich (BLT), cup of soup (farmhouse), and green salad combo for \$10.

I couldn't believe how good the soup was. I wanted to bring gallons back home. A combination of veggies, kidney beans, herbs, and pasta, it was just the right choice to accompany the BLT. Add to that a tasty salad, and I ended up with that "Now I can eat pie without feeling crappy" feeling.

Lani, who owns both the flower shop (Flowers by Lani) and Soups and Such Café with her husband Ibrahim, calls their place "the best restaurant in Julian."

But she says this without a hint of arrogance, as if she's merely stating a fact. "Every place else, you get foods from a box or a can," she says. "Everything here is homemade."

Posted April 10 by Elizabeth Salaam

Best Dog on a Stick?

"Established 1894," reads this sign on top of the brick building. It's the old Wonder Bread building that Mission Brewery has taken over (1441 L Street).

But it's what's outside that interests me. There's this truck that looks like a, well, dog shack. And Dog Shack is what it's called. As in hot dog. The deal is, when they're here you can order dogs and take them into the brewery and chow down with your beer.

They have straight Diego Dogs on a stick or on a bun for \$3.50 or \$5 for a quarter-pounder. "The Boxer," wrapped in bacon, goes for \$4.50/\$6.

And, whoa: I wish I was man enough for the scrumptious-sounding Great Dane: two battered dogs "sandwiched together with shredded cheese, chopped bacon, chili, and crushed tortilla chips." Only trouble is they cost \$7.50 or \$10.50 for the quarter-pounders.

But in the end I go for the Diegos: one in a bun to take to Carla, one on a stick for me.

I forget to put any of the condiments on but take the dogs into the big barn where Mis-

sion makes and serves its beer. I'm in a rush, so I just get two sampler-size \$1 glasses of the most delish beer (in my book) they've got: the dark, stout-ish Shipwrecked double-IPA out of the barrel. I think the gal says 11 percent alcohol. At this level, two sippers is about all you need.

I find that they're the perfect match for my dog on a stick. It is beefy, not salty like most hot dogs. Even without those condiments, it really tastes of beef. And the batter has a sweetish thing going on. Dang, but it's good.

Where to find them: See The Dog Shack website and Twitter. Posted April 9 by Ed Bedford

Gelato at Pappalecco Hillcrest

The food at Pappalecco has been described a few times in *Reader* blogs, but the gelato has been overlooked.

The Fifth Avenue branch of the gelateria seems identical to the Little Italy space in terms of the menu. I was smitten with the decor and vibe of Pappalecco. It's chic and seems to be the kind of place that might be the perfect post-dinner stop on a night out. The massive glass display case of gelati held a lot of promise.

But the stracciatella-flavored gelato contained waxy, inferior chocolate and an espresso variety was overpoweringly dosed with a liquor or extract. Both ice creams had an unpleasant, icy texture and exhibited too much overrun (the amount of air incorporated into a frozen dessert).

Pappalecco, 3650 Fifth Avenue.

Posted April 9 by Ian Pike

Killer Breakfast Sandwich at Café Cabaret

I am loyal to the North Park coffee shop Filter, where I spend the most hours sucking down coffee and hunkering over my computer at a table in the corner. But every now and again, my travels take me elsewhere.

Last Tuesday I found myself staring in the window at Café Cabaret in Normal Heights, wondering how the coffee is and whether they have a breakfast sandwich like the one my buddy Nick makes me at the other joint.

Turns out they do have a breakfast sandwich. But —













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unlike the one Nick makes, which will only make me fat if I eat it every day — this one will kill me.

They call it the Mission Link: one egg, two sausages, Swiss cheese, and mayo on a hamburger bun, \$6.49.

The hamburger bun didn't thrill me, but it disappeared into the background at the first bite of those sausages (oh, the sausages!). Cheese, mayo, egg, it was all a stage for the meat, which was salty, meaty, juicy, and...so naughty.

I tried to eat only half. I failed.

As for the hash browns that came with the sandwich, they were a nice idea (Nick doesn't give me hash browns), but they were tasteless and under-browned.

Coffee? Yes. Not the quality of that other place, but for \$2 and a free refill, it's less expensive.

The casual atmosphere and the free Wi-Fi (as long as you purchase something every two hours) put it on my list of new favorites, but it will only remain there as long as I can refrain from ordering that dangerous breakfast sandwich too often.

> Posted April 9 by Elizabeth Salaam

\$10 Feast for Two: Lisa's Filipino Cuisine

Although I have not yet finished combing my new neighborhood for sushi joints, there are those rare days when I want something besides Japanese food.

Last week I decided to take a chance on Lisa's Filipino Cuisine, a restaurant I'd seen while running in and out of the nearby Vons. I say "take a chance" because I had only ever eaten Filipino food at parties and potlucks; I'd never ordered it myself. And not only that, I also had my daughter in tow, and she's not one to try new things without major bribing. I had my fingers crossed that they'd have some version of chicken and rice.

When trying something new and mostly unfamiliar, it's helpful to be able to see the food before ordering. In such cases, I'm a fan of pictures in the menu. At Lisa's, I got to see the food up close, through glass partitions. And Anna, the girl behind the counter, was not only happy to make her recommendations but she also offered samples of anything I inquired about.

I could not believe the amount of food we scored for \$10.10. For \$6.50 we got a twoitem regular combo: steamed rice, chicken adobo, and menudo. For \$1 we added three lumpia shanghai, and then for an additional 40 cents one turon (also known as banana

with a view 50% off 2nd entrée of equal or lesser value, with ad. Not valid with any other offer or Happy Hour. Exp. 4/30/12. 3201 Marina Way · National City lumpia). Then, for \$1 more, a can of young coconut juice.

When I scooped up a plate of the rice and chicken adobo for my daughter, she whined at first that it wasn't teriyaki chicken, and it took her awhile to get over the way it looked. Eventually, she did get over it and ate quite a bit. She wouldn't touch the menudo.

If I had to pick a favorite between the two dishes, it would be tough. Based on flavor alone, I'd go with the menudo. It was warm and salty and juicy and it hit the spot in just the right way. As much as I loved it, however, I didn't end up eating much of it because I couldn't ignore the pools of grease it swam in.

The chicken adobo, on the other hand, was a good, solid chicken dish that made me feel good about myself while I ate it. The bay leaf I found among the meat gave me that this-is-justlike-what-Mama-made feeling even though my mom never made chicken adobo.

In the end, my little one hated the coconut juice and begged for the mango juice she saw in the refrigerator. I told her she could have it only if she tried the lumpia.

I know, it sounds backward: "Eat the fried food and I'll buy you a sugary drink." But I believe that a willingness to try new things is important and sometimes worth the price of a mango juice.

It worked. She liked the lumpia, and I can now add it to the list of things she'll eat.

Score one for me.

Total (before the mango juice): \$10.10.

> Posted April 9 by Elizabeth Salaam

Analog: Food + **Video Games**

Before a trip to see a certain movie about a boat, I stopped into Analog Bar for a quick, pre-theater nosh.

The Gaslamp establishment proclaims "good food and strong drinks" on the front of the building. It's been divided into two separate rooms; the partitions come down after ten to create one larger club. The back section of Analog is devoted to a karaoke and videogame space early in the night, and it's this area that is perhaps the bar's biggest draw.

While I'd be willing to bet it's almost impossible to get a controller when the place is busy, during off-peak hours it's a delight to sit and battle your date or your friends at vintage Street Fighter.

The drinks were strong but had a very sweet character overall that disguised the alcohol. A rosemary-infused Manhattan, for one, had been dosed with a significant sum of maple syrup so that the subtleties of the vermouth and herbs were mostly buried.

More appropriate to the sweetness, the Sergeant Pepper, a mix of spiced syrup with gin and vodka, had a similarly jubilant flavor that, while unpleasant in the Manhattan, was fun in the more playful cocktail.

From the short but comprehensive menu, an order of lobster corndogs (\$12) followed the example of the Manhattan in that the delicate flavor of the lobster was overwhelmed by the sweet corn coating. Still, the texture of the little bites was pleasant.

More generous than the corndogs at the same price, an order of short rib sliders came with two, nicely braised sandwiches and some extremely garlicky fries. The bread was a pleasant surprise, with its rich, brioche-like texture and ability to withstand the potentially sloppy stewed beef.

Despite the fact that the front of the building says "good food" on it, Analog is definitely more club than restaurant. Nevertheless, the expedient service and fun atmosphere make it a worthwhile candidate for a place to gather with friends if drinking and socializing are a higher priority than eating.

Analog Bar, 801 Fifth Avenue.

Posted April 14 by Ian Pike

Friday 13th in the **Rain: The Butternut** Solution!

On a miserable Friday 13th in the Gaslamp like tonight, this is the answer: Hot butternut soup.

I'm sitting at the Hopping Pig (734 Fifth Avenue), nursing an Arrogant Bastard (another beautiful cold-weather consolation, \$6), and watching as the cook brings out this big \$5 bowl of steaming, garlicky, golden butternut soup.

Could do with some bread, sure, but can't beat the sweet, rich tummy-warmer gloop going down, making you think of Grandma's place when you'd come in all muddy and wet and sniffling.

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How did they come up with the crazy name "Hopping Pig"? Anybody know?

Posted April 13 by Ed Bedford

Café 976: Anomaly in P.B.

Although I live in Pacific Beach, I don't hang out there often. I usually end up in South Park or North Park to see bands or check out events.

Maybe that's why I've been going to Café 976 in PB. It has more of a South Park vibe than a PB vibe. There's usually people doing homework; sometimes you'll see the archetypal entrepreneur making an important business deal on his cell on the patio.

Today it was lightly sprinkling, so most patrons were inside. We ate on the porch, shielded from the elements. The menu states that the restaurant exists within a 100-year-old house. Café 976 was actually a

dusty ol' antique shop.

Anyway, they make some mean sandwiches. My favorite being the portobello mushroom sandwich. For \$8.75 this juicy, vegetarian, mushroom sammy starts my day off on the right foot. Inside my choice of sourdough bread resides a perfect blend of spinach, melted mozzarella, onion, jalapeño mayo, mushrooms, and red bell peppers. The texture of the ingredients, the flavor combination, and the temperature are in culinary harmony. It also comes with a salad, and I always get the feta cheese and balsamic vinaigrette on the side for maximum salad control.

My partner and I split the sandwich and added a side of potatoes to the meal for \$2.50. This, plus a large coffee, left me feeling motivated and satisfied.

They have decent coffee, tons of tea, a great breakfast menu, bagels, desserts, free Wi-Fi, and of course a non-bro vibe.

Café 976, 976 Felspar Street. Posted April 13 by Bobby Bray

Lunch at Terra American Bistro

Earlier this week, I happened to pass the corner of 71st and El Cajon right around 11:30, just as I was beginning to think about lunch. I had been to Terra American Bistro once before, for drinks, and I remembered the interior as cozy and the menu as intriguing. So I stopped.

Turns out, almost all their lunch options are in the \$10 range. I had my choice of salads, sandwiches, and pastas. I had decided on fish tacos (\$9.95) before the server came to my table and mentioned the specials. I don't remember the first one, but the second, salmon sliders (salmon cakes with wasabi aioli, \$11) sounded even better than fish tacos.

The server asked if I wanted fries, salad, or the citrus slaw. When I said salad, he informed me that it would be a wedge of iceberg lettuce rather than a plate of greens, so I went with



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the citrus slaw (with a lime vinaigrette) instead.

The sliders were full of flavor. I'm pretty sure I moaned out loud (with joy) and rolled my eyes back in my head while I ate them. But they were also tiny — which meant they were gone before I knew it. And, unfortunately, the slaw tasted like soap to me. Even though there was a huge mound of it, I didn't eat more than a couple of bites.

In the end, I left hungry, a disappointment after spending nearly \$20 (including iced tea for \$2.75, plus tax and tip).

Even so, I plan to return one day to see if the anything on the daily lunch menu is as moan-inducing as those salmon sliders

> Posted April 13 by Elizabeth Salaam

\$5 Breakfast: Bud's Louisiana Café

A few months ago I joined the world's population of smartphone users, and I'm still marveling at the things it can do. Yesterday morning, with an hour to spare between dropping off my daughter at school in Kearny Mesa and meeting a colleague in La Mesa, I got a hankering for a breakfast sandwich. I took my phone out, got on the internet, and typed "coffee shop near me" into the search bar.

That's how I found Bud's Louisiana Café, a restaurant within shouting distance of my daughter's school that serves a breakfast sandwich for \$2.50. And the \$1.50 you pay for coffee includes free refills if you're dining in.

At mid-morning, I was the only customer in the joint. Evan brought my coffee and egg sandwich BLT quickly. He also called me "ma'am," which I found endearing.

The fried egg with cheddar, bacon, and lettuce on a toasted English muffin was nothing fancy, but it had that "my-husband-made-this-for-me" quality that I've never found in a breakfast sandwich outside my home. I went back for it again this morning.

What does a basic breakfast sandwich have to do with Louisiana? Rob, Bud's business partner, sat down with me and gave me the scoop.

When Rob and Bud found this location, smack in the middle of a business park off of Balboa Avenue, they couldn't pass up the deal they were offered on the lease. But there was one condition: they had to offer breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday. Though Rob and Bud consider themselves dinner guys, they put together a breakfast menu.

Along with the egg BLT, they have an even more basic egg sandwich for \$1.75, a sausage-and-egg sandwich for \$2.50, and two breakfast burritos:

the Andouille (\$3.75) and the Jambalaya (\$4.50).

Rob assures me that when I bring my husband, a NOLA native, he won't be disappointed with their lunch and dinner menus, which are more New Orleans-centric. We'll have to see about that. My man is serious when it comes to food from his home turf.

Posted April 13 by Elizabeth Salaam

Urban Eats? Urban Apps!

OMG. I'm crunching into a delicious bruschetta, loaded with big sloppy caramelized onions that sit under bigger, blacker, splayed-out wild mushrooms which are topped with bubbling, golden, toasted blue cheese. Plus a wild crown of watercress on top, green and fresh. Scrumptious is the word for this little masterpiece. Six bucks for four.

This is nighttime in Hillcrest in the new place where Caffe Vergnano 1882 and then Taco Banh had their short lives. I always thought the eats and décor here should follow the spirit of the New Orleansy–style balconied building it's in.

Outside, that's just what Urban Eats (3850 Fifth Avenue) does, yet inside it's spare, techno, wine-bar looking.

But, after one bite of my Bruschetta Blue, I'd forgive any sin. Of course, it's only an appetizer. Two guys at the next table have been into the real thing. Like, evening-scale platters? Vinny, who's Guamanian and should know pork, has been chowing down on a plate of "Niman Ranch low, slow pork," with polenta, bacon, Brussels sprouts, and a honey-mustard glaze. He says it was great. Cost him \$10. Not bad for an upscale meal. The other guy, Ron, had braised Kobe beef with blue cheese, smashed potato, roasted mushrooms, spinach, and au jus. Cost \$12.

Teddy Wickersham, the manager, comes up to see how we're all doing. "Taco Banh was Chris Sayre's idea," he says. Chris is the executive chef. "But this neighborhood has so much of Asian, Mexican, he decided to go to traditional comfort foods. And believe me, he puts his soul into this."

"Well he sure put it into my Bruschetta Blue," I say. "But what's with the wine bottles and the bar but no drinks?"

Teddy sighs. "We have the application, everything. Just waiting for the word."

Big surprise at the end is Shannon the server brings me a plate of two fresh-baked chocolate-chip biscuits. Free. Even though I've only had an appetizer. And I get out of there just \$6.47 lighter in ye olde pocket.

Next time? Why not the one with caramelized onions with brie, honey, and slices of Granny Smith apple? They call it Bruschetta Green.

Posted April 13 by Ed Bedford

Fry's: No Time to Eat the Plate

Crisis! The router isn't working. Hours on the phone with a nice gal in the Philippines. Result: "Your router is defective. You are out of warranty. Good luck."

Second result: I'm on the 120 bus, 7:30 at night, then the 928, heading for Fry's, top of Mission Valley.

Consequence: I had to abandon Carla just when she was setting out a kind of chicken tikka-rice combo. She's on an Indian gig right now. I love it, too, but this place closes at nine.

"Go, go!" she says. Because we both realize we have become total internet slaves. Chat, news, checking facts to win bets. When online goes black, you feel like your cat's gone missing.

The 928 drops me and a few more desperate shoppers outside Fry's at about 8 o'clock.

"Last bus back, 9:03," he warns.

One hour. I scuttle across the parking lot and into the ginormous gray barn, get myself pointed toward the routers, get persuaded to go for the \$40 one because it's got a stronger signal than the \$30 one, then screw around typing longingly on the razor-thin Apple laptops. Then, because it's 20 to nine, make for the checkout.

That's when I see something even better than an Apple laptop: a no-name cafeteria, open, right before the checkout.

Hmm. Maybe time for some-

thing real quick. They have the whole sandwich, salad, baked goods thing going. Plus specials such as Frito pie (which sounds yum, whatever it is) for \$4.99 and a meatball sandwich for \$6.29.

But I'm thinking: no time for them to make anything. It's gotta be ready to eat. That's when I spot the other special. "Soup of the day: Azteca chicken rice, regular, \$3.59; bread bowl, \$4.99."

Denise comes up, black uniform, pulled-back hair, big smile. "I can do it quick," she says. "Just cut the top off the loaf and pour the soup. It's a meal."

She's right. Lotsa rice, of course, but plenty of chicken chunks, too. Plus tomato, onions, and all the bread they ripped out to make room for the soup, to soak up the slop.

Of course all this is all done in rapid-slurp mode. Ten to nine, I get up and run to join the checkout line to pay for the router.

Five to nine, I come back and take my last ten slurps and head for the doors. Nine-oh-one, I'm back at the bus stop among shadowy shoppers loaded with bags.

Two minutes later, I'm aboard the 928. Whew. But still, feeling uneasy. Know I forgot something. Oh, yeah. Forgot to eat the bowl. All that soupsoaked bread! The best part!

Posted April 12 by Ed Bedford









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Old Folker. The man who started the Adams Avenue Roots Festival was excused from the event's organization from 2008 to 2011. Two years ago, Lou Curtiss told the Reader, "In 2008, the Adams Avenue Business Association relieved me of that privilege."

I did the San Diego State Folk Festival from 1967 to 1987. The Library of Congress hailed it as 'The best traditional music event in the Western United States.' I also did three blues festivals and a sea chantey festival. The first Roots Festival was in 1994, after Scott asked

the inside track

There's quiet stoicism as he reports, now, "The three years I was away from the festival, grinding my teeth, the event lost quite a bit of money, mostly due to having people

me to book the Adams Avenue Street Fair. I pitched him about doing a springtime folk festival. The roots concept gave room to bring in music that wouldn't have worked at the



Possum Hunters String Band from the second SD Folk Fest (1968)

who knew little or nothing about music and formatting a music event. Scott Kessler asked me to get reinvolved. So we're picking up the pieces.

"It's great being back. This is festival number 56 for me.

folk festivals."

The Adams Avenue Business Association changed the name of the Roots Festival to Adams Avenue Unplugged. Along with Curtiss, Steve Kader, Kent Johnson, and

Louis Brazier are also booking performers. The mostly outdoor event will now take place in restaurants, bars, and a few outdoor locations stretching through Normal Heights and Kensington. Will businesses ask attendees to purchase products?

"The change to bars and restaurants was made before I came back aboard. I don't think audiences will be asked to buy things any more than a business might. I understand the reasons: clubs and coffeehouses were not making money during the weekend of the festival — especially the ones outside the main grounds. The business association represents them. There will be three free outdoor stages, and music at the Methodist church sanctuary."

What sets Adams Avenue Unplugged apart from a lot of performances happening during a short time period, or from the Adams Avenue Street Fair in September?

"A lot of the venues don't normally have music. There'll be stages at the Kensington Library and Adams Avenue parks and outside Café 21. There will be a beer garden and an ongoing jam session at the Normal Heights Community Center. And music in the clubs, that's quite different from the usual bill of fare.

"Things change, and so do visions. Over a third of the musicians I've brought to the Roots Festival are no longer

with us. Each year, folks I would have brought pass away before we can make it happen. So, I don't have the great expectations I had in the mid '70s,

they would normally get for a local show. "The only way a fair can get a big-name band is to make



Lou Curtiss with Tom Waits in 1973

them a ridiculously huge offer,"

when I could bring a lineup of legends. Now I'm lucky to get one or two...and some exciting new discoveries. This festival will have a personality of its own. I hope it's as exciting as any of the Folk or Roots festivals."

Adams Avenue Unplugged takes place April 21 and 22. Per the Adams Avenue Business Association, "170+" performers will include "folk, traditional roots music, Appalachian folk, bluegrass, Americana, cowboy, Cajun, and rockabilly."

— Mary Leary

Big Deals. When the San Diego County Fair paid \$80,000 to Gym Class Heroes to be a Grandstand headliner in 2007, one talent buyer said the New York hip-hop quartet was paid \$45,000 more than

the talent buyer said. "Fairs way overpay their headliners."

So, did the fair overpay Matisyahu when it agreed to host him July 3 for \$55,000?

Is Switchfoot getting a bro deal when they get paid \$50,000 to headline June 15?

And will Creedence Clearwater Revisited (a remnant of Creedence Clearwater Revival that tours with its original drummer and bassist but without its singer/ songwriter/guitarist John Fogerty) be given a windfall when they get \$45,000 to play June 28?

What major names get paid is not usually disclosed. But because the San Diego County Fair is on state property and is overseen by a board appointed by the governor, its contracts are made public.

One talent buyer associ-

ated with local casinos savs that the Creedence Clearwater Revisited payday is actually the going rate for that classic-rock

North County-based Switchfoot was paid \$50,000 when they first played the fair five years ago.

"[Switchfoot] may not be worth that much in other markets," says the talent buyer, "but they certainly are here. Besides, you have to remember how much extra the fair gets for preferred seats."

The Switchfoot, CCR, and Matisyahu shows are free with the \$13 fair admission. But the fair also sells reserved seats for an extra fee. All three shows have about 200 premium seats in the terrace area available for an extra \$20, and there are about 2000 reserved seats in another preferred area for an extra \$14.

"Although he just had one hit, Matisyahu is this very unique artist who taps into Jewish, reggae, and hip-hop all at once. He has a big all-ages following." According to the source, the \$55,000 fee is in line with what he got last year when he played Humphrey's, selling 1450 tickets at \$37 and

The San Diego County Fair seems to have backed away from Grandstand shows that were paid-admission only, where fair admission did not guarantee a seat.

> "Last year, they had Lenny (continued on page 78)

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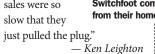


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as a separate, free-standing concert, where you had to buy a ticket to even get in," says the insider. "That show was mysteriously canceled. I heard it was because ticket sales were so slow that they



Dusting Off the Big Ol' Driver. Ex-San Diegan alt-rockers Uncle Joe's Big Ol' Driver are returning to the

studio for the first time since

The new recordings will feature frontman Andrew McKeag, guitarist Dave Jass, bassist George Viduarri, and original

> drummer Paul Brewin, who left the band after the release of the group's first album in 1994.

A single is due via Portlandbased Red River Records later this year.

The release

will follow the label's digital release on April 21 of the band's two album's, recorded for local label Headhunter: the self-titled debut and Chick Rock, which came out in 1995. Both will include demos and some of



Switchfoot commands big bucks from their hometown county fair.

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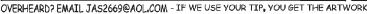
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their irreverent live classic-rock covers. The releases are part of a digital relaunching of McKeag's entire catalog, including almost a dozen groups, though not his work with indie-rock group the Presidents of the United States of America. Meanwhile, on Record Store Day, April 21, Red River will issue a seven-inch vinyl single by McKeag's latest combo, Hard Roller.

Headed by guitarist Kasey Anderson, Red River's roster includes such Americanainclined artists as Eric Ambel and Dead Rock West. It was McKeag's joining Anderson's band, the Honkies, that started the ball rolling. "I saw [McKeag's band] Shuggie many times and absolutely loved that band and wanted Andrew to revisit a couple of Shuggie tunes for the record my band was working on," Anderson said. "One night I checked iTunes with the intention of downloading and learning the tunes, but there

was no Shuggie to be found. That's a pretty easy problem to remedy, and I figured it ought to be remedied, so that's how all this came about. And if I'm going to re-release the Shuggie records, then that old Uncle

it a more regular thing," said McKeag. "Tim [Mays] and others kept asking us to come play a gig here and there, and it was so much fun we couldn't sav no."

He notes that while Brewin



Ex-San Diegan Andrew McKeag will join reunited UJBOD in studio.

Joe's stuff might as well get a dusting off, too, right?"

UJBOD began to perform sporadic reunion concerts in 2006. While most shows have been local, they also opened for the Muffs in San Francisco in 2011. "We never really made a decision of any kind to make

and Viduarri both still live in San Diego, he resides in Seattle and Jass in Minneapolis. "Logistically and financially, doing anything with UJBOD doesn't really make any sense. We fly in a day early, rehearse somewhere, and then do the gig and get paid a fraction of what

it costs to get us there. But it's so damn much fun to play that we just do it anyway."

The plan is to record only a couple of songs, but McKeag sees the band falling into its old ways as soon as they enter the studio. "Knowing UJBOD, there will probably be a cover song or two that finds its way to tape. Second single? Four-song EP? Who knows?"

McKeag notes that while the music remains much the same with UJBOD as it was in their heyday, the same can't be said for the band members themselves. "What's changed is that we're fatter, older, and our hair is going gray and thinning at a rapid pace," he joked. "And, we care even less about being good than we did then."

— Bart Mendoza

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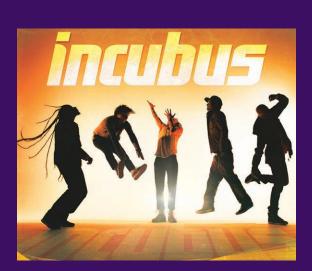


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This Week In Music



Thursday

The catchy, if kitschy, goth-pop band the **Horrors** will bring the smoke machines from Coachella to Belly Up this week. Often called "record-collector rock" by those in the know, the Horrors continue to confound those self-same critics with irresistible pop form and filler-free full-lengths. Last year's XL Recordings release *Skying* won *NME*'s best album award and prompted the BBC to declare the five boys from Southend on Sea "national treasures." Psych-rocking Austinites the **Black Angels** swoop down on the Solana Beach stage first to fill what promises to be one fuzzy wuzzy bill. Measure your head before ordering.... Best of the rest: "F U C-3PO," **Zammuto** (Nick, of New York's cut-and-paste pop band the Books) plays Soda Bar behind his crackling s/t debut. **Odd Shapes** up first...Grammy-winning Tex-Mex roots rockers **Los Lobos** lope into Anthology...House of Blues hosts Madchester alt-pop big band James ("Laid" is still a college-radio staple)...Lexington Field, Decker (AZ), Heavy Glow, and Vdrago fill an eclectic bill at the Tin Can

Ale House.. while Whistle Stop's Makeout Weird this week welcomes the young saxophonist and one-time Violent Femme Blaise Garza, with Mike Gao and Penis

Serbian

Hickey, an audio-visual installation by some mad grads from UCSD, DJ MNSTRPSY spinning 'round sets, and an art

show featuring the work of Locust drummer Gabe

From Nagasaki, Japan, the garage-punk power trio Guitar Wolf attacks Casbah with their nonstop onslaught of noise-rock, or what they call "jet rock 'n' roll," a concoction of deep-cut Ramones and

rockabilly. There's also a touch of toon to what the Wolf brothers do – outsized amps, flame-thrower mics. The Transistors and Slut Machine jack in first.... The undisputed king of juke-joint swing,

Wayne "the Train" Hancock, rolls into Midway punk club the Shakedown behind our own country skrunks **Be**hind the Wagon. Found this on Train's official website: "Wavne is the only Bloodshot artist to have had their CD taken aboard a space shuttle flight. American astronauts are badass... Dancehall DJ and



GUITAR WOLF AT CASBAH

singer **Sister Nancy** graces the stage at Til-Two. The international reggae artist has been the dominant female voice for the past two decades. From the Washington Post: "Her tune 'Bam Bam, over the classic 'stalag riddim,' is known the world even by party people who can't name a

dancehall artist other than Sean Paul." I know, Who's Sean Paul?... And in that neck of the woods: Brooklyn barroom rockers Country Mice follow like-minded locals the **Heart Beat Trail** into Soda Bar...Long Beach space-punks **Pins of Light** join SD throwbacks Sculpins at Eleven...while Bar Pink brings back rock 'n' soul dance band the Styletones.

<u>Saturday</u>

The inaugural Adams Avenue Unplugged (really just the Roots Fest renamed) goes off Saturday and Sunday. It's a long list (170 acts at 30 different venues), so I'll let you do the legwork: adamsaveonline.com/RootsFestival. And while ver browsing, check out Mary Leary's piece this week in Blurt, as brother Lou Curtiss is back onboard to

fix this fest up.... Flamboyant frontman Seth Bogart is backed by a trio of of darlin' "punkettes" to make up SanFran "young-oldies" band Hunx and His Punx. According to Bogart, "Young oldies is a mixture of '50s teenage rock 'n' roll, '60s girl groups, and bubblegum pop." Take a taste of this confection off of Hunx's Hardly Art debut Too Young to Be in Love, and then catch the comely foursome at Casbah Saturday night with Nashville garage-pop trio Natural Child and our own polite punks the

Plateaus.... Belly Up books Aussie potluck-rock act the Cat Empire, a sextet that explores ska, jazz, funk, reggae, and Latin forms of pop and hip-hop song structures. Stripes and Lines set it up.... Else: Soda Bar bags Black Elk with Death Crisis Totimoshi, and Kodiak (metal)...Joey Briggs of the Briggs will be at Eleven with Jeff Rowe, Flat Wheeler, Dead Frets, and Johnny Giles (punk)...and Interrobang clangs at the Tin Can after Landis, David Fetter, and Privet (other).

Sunday As Adams Avenue wraps it up, I recommend you head on over to El Cajon Boulevard and

Eleven's early-bird Sunday sets,

featuring Brooklyn frog-rock band — sorry, French rock band — Les Sans Culottes. The septet performs French-pop oldies and classic American rock *en français*. They are touring in support of this year's Vibratone release Pataphysical Graffiti. The Amandas and Interrobang up first.... For you heavy-metal hangers-on, Oaktown stalwarts Y&T plays 4th&B behind their latest CD, Facemelter.

<u>Monday</u>

Got a few choice choices for you Monday-nighters this week, with a soul-jazz jam featuring the Fire Eaters at Bar Pink.... Keyboardist Kevin Kavanaugh's doing his Morrissey Monday out at the Riviera Supper Club in La Mesa. "Meat Is Murder!".... And that smarmy Scot **Craig Ferguson** will mug and mince onstage at Humphrey's by the Bay. I don't get the appeal, but I don't speak Scottish.

<u>Tuesday</u>

Surf-jazz siblings the **Mattson 2** will be at Casbah behind their newish disc, Feeling Hands. Experi-



HUNX AND HIS PUNX AT CASBAH

mental jazz cats the Montalban Quintet and In Motion Trio will open the show.... Ché Café stages hardcore punk politicos Trial. According to the straight-edge Seattlites' Bookface page, "Just purchased a giant mechanical fire-breathing dragon for the upcoming West Coast tour in honor of Ronnie James Dio! Our stage show is going to put Iron Maiden to shame." Ambitious. All Teeth, Run with the Hunted, Powerwolves, and Concus-

<u>Wednesday</u>

Wavves hits La Jolla to play Porter's Pub at UCSD Wednesday night. San Diego son Nathan Williams has made quite a name for himself in indie-rock world, eliciting collaborations with Best Coast and Fucked Up on his latest surf-punk set Life Sux. On the EP, the first release from his own Ghost Ramp record label, Williams tones down the brat factor in favor of girl-getting goo.... Upthataway, Jersey blues-rock slinger/singer Walter Trout will be at



WAVVES AT PORTER'S PUB

Belly Up behind this year's Blues for the Modern Daze.... Around downtown, you got San Antone she-punk trio Girl in a Coma at Casbah with Piñata Protest and Shiva Trash blows into Tin Can Ale House after the Last Years, the Bertos. and them psych-rockers from south of the border San Pedro El Cortez to fill one piss-drunk bill in Bankers Hill.

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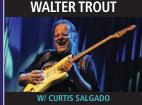


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inger/guitarist Kris Towne describes the music of A Scribe Amidst the Lions as "an adventure. You never know where we're going to go next. Oftentimes we don't even

know. Think Fugazi and Pink Floyd writing scary circus music in the dark."

Adam Jacobs, who moved

from Minnesota to San Diego with Towne in 2001, goes a more genre-specific route: "I say our music is expansive, progressive, dramatic rock. However, when you categorize, you limit yourself. We should be free to write a jazz song, a punk song, a stoner song, or whatever we like, without expectations from the listeners or ourselves."

Bobby Roquero, a professional chef, likens their sound to food. "It's a musical doughnut, fried with a fusion of rock and psychedelic, with a melodic glaze and filled with raspberry jelly."

Having just returned from playing SXSW, the band is now a foursome, including Michael Hams. "We had to let go of Nate [Ball], our original drummer," says Towne of the roster shakeup. "The sound is already so much better, cleaner. More space for vocals, melody, ambience, and samples."

The remaining quartet has been covering multiple instrumental bases. "We've adopted the motto that 'everybody sings, everybody plays everything."

The band's newest full-length, *Fever Rose*, was released earlier this year.

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and production never cease to amaze me, and this is one of his most solid records to date."

2. Radiohead, In Rainbows, B-

Sides. "Radiohead is one of those bands that have so many great songs that you'll often hear a B-side and wonder why they didn't put it on the album."

3. Fugazi, *The Argument*. "This band's final album finds them pushing the musical limits of rock and punk, and people are still catching up to it today. Along with the Clash, they're one of the only true punk rock bands ever."

Michael Hams:

- 1. John Prine, *Common Sense*. "An amazing record produced by Steve Cropper, of Stax Records fame."
- 2. Harry Nilsson, *Nilsson sings Newman*. "Two of my favorite songwriters on one record, Randy Newman and Harry Nilsson."
- 3. Charles Mingus, *The Black Saint and the Sinner Lady*. "Mingus released some great stuff on the Impulse label, but the chemistry on this album is undeniable."
- 4. Tom Waits, *Blue Valentine*. "I'm a fan of his entire catalog, but this is the album I sing to myself as I walk to work."
- 5. King Crimson, *Larks' Tongues in Aspic.* "Truly the finest work that the ever-evolving Crimson ever released. Jamie Muir is an absolute inspiration, delving into the outer realms of percussion."



A Scribe Amidst the Lions: "We should be free to write a jazz song...whatever we like, without expectations."

Adam Jacobs:

- 1. Jeremy Enigk, *Return of the Frog Queen*. "I wanted to reacquaint myself."
- 2. Ours, *Distorted Lullabies*. "I've never heard an album so packed full of emotion."

GUILTY MUSICAL PLEASURE?

Hams: "Somehow I wound up with a Tom Jones LP in my collection."

Jacobs: "The *Jesus Christ Superstar* soundtrack, but that's not really all that embarrassing. It's fucking awesome."

THINGS YOU NEVER RUN OUT OF?

Towne: "American Spirits and Netflix."

MOST UNLIKELY CYBER FRIEND?

Jacobs: "I follow Zooey Deschanel on Twitter."

WHAT REMAINS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

Roquero: "I want to go spear-fishing off the coast of New Zealand, hunt and kill some delicious fish, bring them aboard my private yacht, and then turn them into sushi."

EVER COOK FOR A CELEB?

Roquero: "I recently had the chance to make sushi for Norm MacDonald. He likes salmon and tuna."

SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

Towne: "I speak pretty good German." Hams: "I traveled to Brazil in 2004 to study percussion and ended up almost getting mugged by a bunch of fourth graders." ■

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Thursday, 7:30pm — Jimmie Dale Gilmore. Country. \$25.

Adams Avenue: 35th Street & Adams Ave., Normal Heights. Saturday, 11am, Sunday, noon — Adams Avenue Unplugged. 170 performers, including Jack Tempchin, Joe Marillo, Joey Harris, Sara Petite, Gregory Page, Skid Roper, Carlos Olmeda, Yale Strom & Hot P'Stromi, Lisa Sanders, Smart Brothers, Lorraine Castellanos, Tomcat Courtney, Tom Brosseau. Free.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 877-828-0891.

Thursday — Los Lobos. Chicano rock.

Friday — Jon Cleary's Philthy Phew. New Orleans funk. Saturday — Howard Hewett. Soul/R&B/jazz.

Balboa Theatre: 868 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100. *Friday*, 8pm — Anoushka Shankar. Indian classical.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194. *Friday*, 9pm — The Styletones. *Saturday*, 9pm — Neon Beat. *Monday*, 9pm — The Fire Eaters.

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Sunday, 11:30am — Brent Curtis.
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Belly Up: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.

Thursday, 9pm — The Horrors. With the Black Angels. Post-



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

In the glory days of rock 'n' roll, artists changed all the time: Dylan went electric, became a Christian, and went back to his irascible, inscrutable self; Bowie became a different character every couple of years; and entirely separate family trees of rock bands emerged from the influence of each of the Velvet Underground's first three albums. But today there is so much competition for people's attention that artists try to get their act together right away — your first introduction may be the only chance you get. If it doesn't work, you can try re-branding yourself, à la Lana Del Rey, but then you'll be stuck with endless questions

one told the Horrors about it, and thank goodness for that. The band emerged from an English town called Southend on Sea in 2005 with a gothy brand of punk, playing songs

This is the conventional

wisdom, but apparently no

about your authenticity.

on Sea in 2005 with a gothy brand of punk, playing songs such as the garage-rock classic "Jack the Ripper" and adopting stage names along the lines of Spider Webb and Joshua Von Grimm. But two years later they were back with *Primary*

Colors, using their own names

and sounding like early '90s shoegazers. Last year they returned with *Skying*, which often sounds like a lost '80s classic by the Psychedelic Furs or the Charlatans UK. It won NME's Best Album of 2011, and the *Guardian* newspaper declared the Horrors "Britain's biggest cult band."

The Horrors could easily outgrow that status soon. Skying is full of the kind of hooks that sound destined for arena-sized crowds,

THE HORRORS

and yet there's still enough of that shoegazer trippiness and goth-punk nastiness to keep the band interesting.

The Black Angels also perform.

THE HORRORS: Belly Up, Thursday, April 19, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$20.

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punk revival/shoegaze. \$20. Friday, 9pm — 40 Oz. to Freedom. A tribute to Sublime. Saturday, 9pm — Cat Empire. Rock/ska/jazz. Sunday — The Steely Damned. Steely Dan tribute. Tuesday, 9pm — Whiskey Avengers, Sandollar, Ottly Mercer. Reggae. Wednesday, 8pm — Walter

Birch North Park Theatre: 2891 University Ave., North Park, 619-239-8836.

Trout and Curtis Salgado.

Saturday, 8pm — Tiempo Libre. Latin jazz. \$35-\$65.

Brass Rail: 3796 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-298-2233. Saturday, 6pm — Inferno San Diego. With DJ Rockaway.

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Monday, *Tuesday*, 7pm — 1st Marine Division Band. Free.

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Friday, 8:30pm — Guitar Wolf.

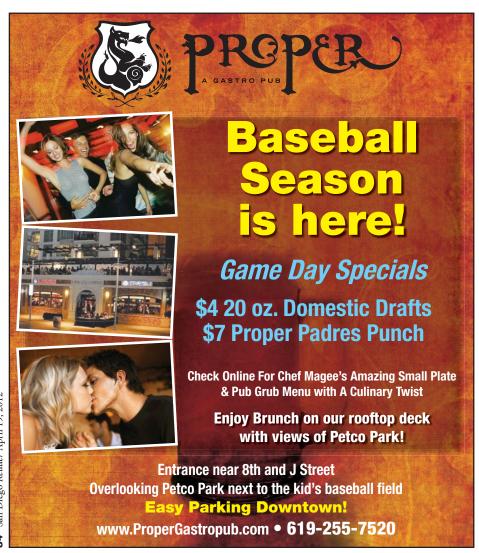
Saturday, 8:30pm — Hunx & His Punx. \$10-\$12.

Monday, 8:30pm — Mattson 2, Montalban Quintet, In Motion Trio. \$7.

Wednesday, 8:30pm — Girl in a Coma. \$12-\$14.

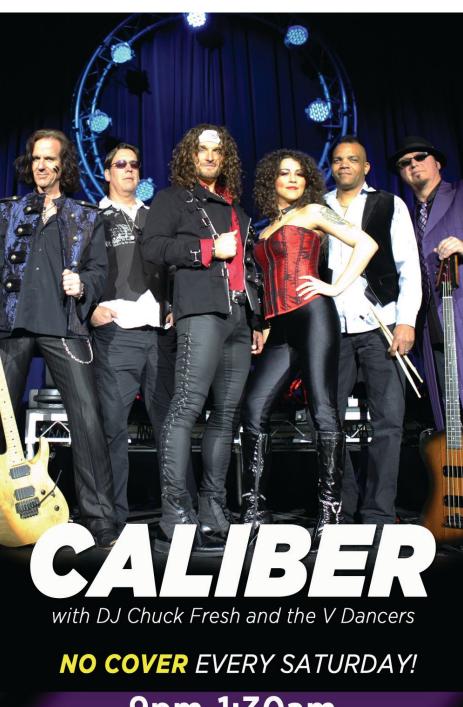
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BY DAVE GOOD

Jimmie Dale Gilmore is a singer/songwriter from Lubbock, Texas, in the early 1970s he started a band called the Flatlanders with Joe Ely and Butch Hancock. They made the first alt-country record ever, but it would take a good 20 years for it to get any attention. All American Music was re-released by Rounder Records in 1991 under the title More a Legend Than a Band. By then, each of the Flatlanders had gone on to solo careers, and Jimmie Dale Gilmore had done his time - at a Denver ashram, where he studied metaphysics. I fancy Gilmore as something of a cow-town Leonard Cohen, and it turns out I'm not far off the mark.

Gilmore is a lyricist with heartplundering instincts, wry selfdeprecation, and intelligence enough to torpedo any chance at mainstream pop success. He's John Updike in a crowd of John Grishams.

Even if you haven't heard his rock-steady honky tonk or bluegrass, you've likely seen him: Gilmore played the part of Smokey, the graying longhair hippie bowler in The Big Lebowski. He counts Hank Williams, the Beatles, and shape-note singing among

his musical influences. Shape-note singing? What is that? It's a kind of singing musical shorthand in which three elements are combined: an actual note of music, a simple shape, and a syllable.

With the Flatlanders as an on-again, offagain proposition. Gilmore released last year's folksy Heirloom Music with the Wronglers. The experience is a trip back in time to an era in country-and-western and bluegrass that few of

DALE GILMORE

us have experienced. It's not for everybody, but I appreciate the strength of the music and the character of the performance. You just don't get that stuff anywhere else.

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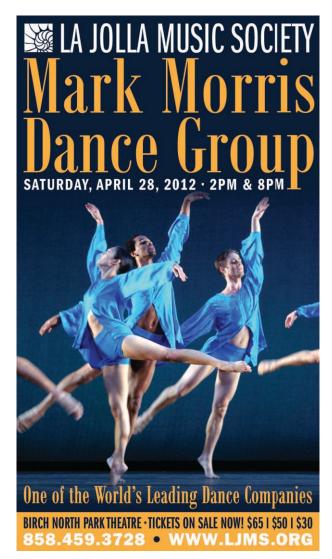
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Rooms Filled with Light **Fanfarlo**

by Marcus Perez

Thanks to NPR.org, fans of Fanfarlo were able to get their first listen to their new release Rooms Filled with Light. The Londonbased indie band once again delivers a solid album of pop melodies. Similar to their previous LP, Reservoir, Rooms constitutes an engaging collection of hooks, loops, and layers.

Many compare lead singer Amos

Memon's vocal style to that of David Byrne, lead singer of the Talking Heads. However, Memon's voice is unique enough in that he can spread a song out so that nothing that he sings about sounds repetitive. During

piano into the mix.

Warrants repeat listens track "Feathers," imagine being in a completely relaxed state of mind and welcome the interesting use of violin and

Back-up vocalist Cathy Lucas adds a simple, delicate touch to the band's sound. During track "Deconstruction," Lucas sings alongside Memon to piece together a standout fastpaced tune. Though Fanfarlo may not have strayed in a direction much different from their previous work, Rooms warrants repeated listens.

Music Reviews from Our Readers

"Ho Hey," Introducing the Lumineers by Marcus Perez

Prior to their selftitled debut, released on April 3, the Lumineers kicked off a tour with a stop at the Casbah. The threesome from Colorado creates alarming folkrock music accompanied by an ethereal violin sound and powerful drum beats.

The sing-along track "Ho Hey" is a prime example of the genre of music that the Lumineers gravitate toward —

foot-stomping bluegrass/ country that sounds simple yet satisfying. Lead singer Wesley Schultz's voice announces itself with a booming raspy sound with a raw touch similar to Bob Dylan. With just a couple of recordings under their



A band with potential

belt, the Lumineers have garnered much attention via web buzz and this year's appearances at SXSW.

The San Diego crowd seemed convinced they were watching a band with potential. Introduced as their new single, "Flowers in Your Hair" was not unrecognizable, as everyone became a "Lumineer" for about two minutes. This was the highlight of the evening.

Concert: The Lumineers

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Tio Leo's: 5302 Napa St., Linda Vista, 619-542-1462. Friday — Serious Guise. Saturday — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.

The Tipsy Crow: 770 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-338-9300. Sunday, 9pm — The Afrojazziacs. Jazz/funk. \$5-\$10.

Valley View Casino Center: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway

District, 619-224-4171. Tuesday, 8pm — Maná. Latin

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Wednesday, April 25 7pm • Jazz Vocalist **Jesse Davis**

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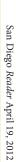
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April 30 — Cathryn Beeks Homegrown Showcase.

May 2 — Sara Watkins. May 8 — Jay Nash.

May 11 — Rachel Platten. May 12 — The BoDeans.

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May 24 — Toad the Wet

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May 12 — Delta Spirit.

May 16 — The Dum Dum Girls.

May 18 — The Cured.

Copper Bottom Band.

May 19 — Common Sense. May 19 — The Dandy Warhols. May 22 — Hugh Laurie & the

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Samoans. April 28 — Guana Batz, the Strikers, Gore Horsemen, Hard

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April 27 — Clay Colton.

April 28 — Big Shot Rueb & the

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May 4 — The Brokers Band. May 5 — Sound Vault.

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April 27 — Shady Grey. April 28 — Lynard Skynard.

May 4 — The Amalgamated. May 5 — Embalmers.

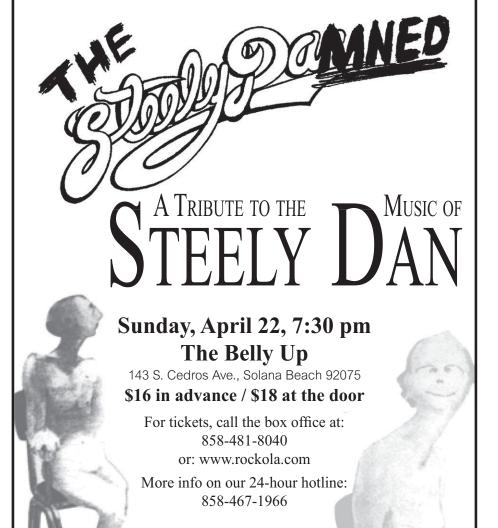
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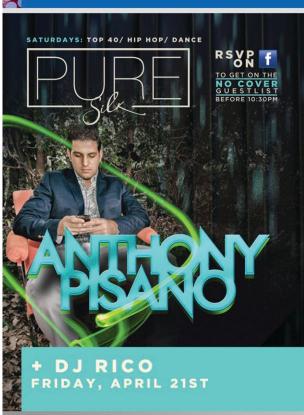
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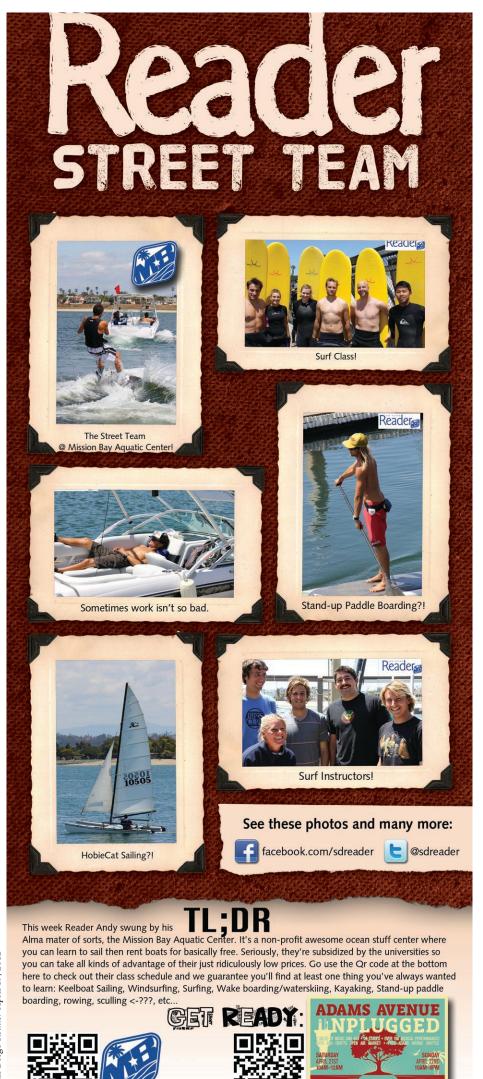
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May 26 — Tyrone Wells.

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Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224. *April 27* — Sonny Vincent & the Bad Reactions, the Widows, My Revenge.

April 28 — Bright Light Social Hour, Maren Parusel, Dark Thirty.

May 4 — Night Beats, Cosmonauts, Wild Wild Wets.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662. April 27 — Enter Shikari. April 28 — Oh, Guardian. May 4 — James Morris. May 5 — Handguns.

Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre: 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. May 1 — Mariachi los Camperos de Nati Cano. May 12 — Don McLean. May 19, 20 — The Turtles.

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Tio Leo's: 5302 Napa St., Linda Vista, 619-542-1462. *April 27* — Get Groovin'. *April 28* — The Reflectors.

The Tower Bar: 4757 University Ave., City Heights, 619-284-0158. April 27 — Shark Blood. May 4 — Punk vs. Hip-Hop. May 5 — The Widows.

USS Midway Museum: 910 North Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-544-9600.

April 26 — Three Dog Night.

Valley View Casino Center: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171. April 28 — So Cal Reggae Festival

May 13 — Roger Waters. May 22 — Morrissey.

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Anthony's Fish Grotto: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 draft, Anthony's white; \$4 wells, \$5 calls. \$2.75 fish tacos, \$3 lettuce wraps, \$4.50 tostado.

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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.

LEMON GROVE

Dirk's Niteclub: Monday-Saturday. 4-7pm; \$.50 off all drinks \$4.50 or less. Sunday, 6am-2pm: \$1 off bloody

LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells, \$2.50 beer of the month, shot special.

LINCOLN PARK

L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: Monday-Friday. 4-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$1 off appetizers, Sunday, all day: \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings.



CARMEL VALLEY • NAPA • MISSION GORGE

San Diego Reader April 19, , 2012



The Hole, thehole.com

The Hole calls itself "a pretty much world famous dive" and — having proffered stiff ones since 1934 (then Murphy's Beer Garden) — it may well be true. If the name doesn't give away the tongue-in-cheek flamboyance of this Liberty Station-adjacent cocktail cabana, perhaps the placard nailed above the bar will. "Only sailors get blown offshore," it reads — a wink and nod to the military/gay crowd that lend the Hole its special charm.

Previously dubbed the 19th Hole due to its proximity to the Sail Ho Golf Club, the bar sits in a depression dug in the early 1900s to access an aqueduct that ran between Mission Bay (then called False Bay) and San Diego Bay. Now, the stairs at the Hole's entrance descend into a tropical garden patio complete with tabletop firepit, towering ferns, and a Buddha head poised among the foliage.

To get a taste of the bar in its full glory, poke in on a Thursday (\$4 Stoli and Bacardi all

night) or, better, a Monday (\$2 wells, \$5 32 oz. well pitchers) for the weekly wet underwear contest. The Hole is packed on Sundays (\$4 Three Olives — noon to 3), when the monthly "best chest" contest (which dates back to the '70s in the days of the leatherheavy Hole Sunday Beer Bust) often sees over 600 in attendance over the course of the day.

Really, though, there's no such thing as a bad day to visit when anytime specials include \$12 Long Island mini pitchers, \$7 Yellow Tail mini pitchers, \$7 Coors Light mini pitchers with a Jäger shot, and \$2 well shots with a beer purchase.

The patio grill fires up around 8:30 most nights and cooks burgers and dogs to accompany 12 selections of draught beer or mixed-drink pitchers poured by Nino,



The Hole's "best chest" contest often sees over 600 attendees in a day.

the Hole's staple bartender of 13 years. Sharing owners with the nautical Fiddler's Green restaurant and bar on Shelter Island, the Hole touts free Wi-Fi and a piano with a few broken keys to carry the mood between jukebox jams.

Not accustomed to saluting the same sex? Don't let it stop you. The Hole is open to everyone, and you won't be the only straight sailor in the brig.

— Chad Deal

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HAPPY HOUR

LINDA VISTA

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

Anthology: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine, featured beer, martinis, margaritas.

Puerto la Boca: *Daily*, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$2.50 French fries, \$4.50 chicken wings.

Devine Pastabilities: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-6pm: \$2.50 drafts. Discounted wines by the glass. Three free bread holes with drink purchase.

MIRA MESA

A Taste of Boston: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$2.25 Bud draft, \$2.75 bottled beer (except Guinness), \$3 drafts, \$3.75 all wine. Discounted appetizers.

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 pitch-

ers. *Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$3 mimosas. *Sunday*, noon-7pm: \$3 bloody marys.

MISSION BEACH

Sandbar Sports Grill: *Monday-Thursday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics/drafts, wells, \$1 off premium beers/wine by the glass, \$3 off pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers. *Friday*, 4-9pm: 1/2-off all drinks.

MISSION HILLS

Starlite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. *Sunday*, all night: \$5 mules. \$15 off wine bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: Daily, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 wells, \$6 glasses of wine, \$7 house cocktails.

Randy Jones All American Sports Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3.75 selected craft beers, \$5 specialty drinks, \$2 off wine by the glass and grazing menu.

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

The Air Conditioned Lounge: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$3 draft,

bloody marys; \$5 you-call-it; \$6 Jayne's Gastropub fare.

Rosie O'Grady's: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers (including Sam Adams). Tuesday, all day: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers (including Sam Adams).

Triple Crown Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers. *Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers.

NORTH PARK

Bar Pink: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$1 off drafts and calls.

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.

U-31: *Tuesday*, 5-8pm: \$2 drafts, tacos. *Saturday*, noon-6pm: \$3 you-call-its, burgers. *Sunday*, noon-6pm: \$2 Buds, mimosas.

OCEAN BEACH

Blue Parrot: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: All drinks and appetizers 1/2-price (all day Monday).

Cheswick's West: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$3.25 wells, \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$4.50 microbrew pints, \$6.25 domestic pitchers.

OCEANSIDE

PCH Sports Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines. Saturday, 2-8pm: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines. Sunday, 2pm-close: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines.





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

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

Cass Street Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2.25 domestic bottles, \$2.75 micro-brew pints, \$7.50 pitcher, \$3 house wine.

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.

The Beach Grass Poway: Daily. 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 microbrews. \$4 select wines. \$5 appetizers: pankocrusted calamari, tempura avocado, veggies and hummus, more.

RAMONA

Cheers: Monday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks, \$10 steak, Tuesday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$1 tacos. Wednesday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$.50 wings. Thursday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Kelly's Public House: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$3.50 wells, house wines.

RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS

Deli Stop Sports Pub: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off all beer; \$3 Corona or glass of wine. \$1 off all appetizers.



RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Cottonwood Golf Club Bar & Restaurant: Daily, 4-6pm: \$2 drafts. 1/2-off all appetizers including pizza, quesadillas, wings, calamari.

RANCHO SANTA FE

Delicias: Daily, 4-6pm: \$5 draft beers, house wines, wells

SAN MARCOS

The Jumping Turtle: Monday, 11am-close: PBR \$2.75/pint, \$6.75/ pitcher. Tuesday, 11am-close: \$2 Corona, Pacifico, margaritas. Wednesday, 11am-close: \$4 drop drinks. Thursday, 7pm-close: \$3 Jäger, \$2.50 Bud Lime. Friday, 5pm-midnight: \$5 Long Islands. Saturday, 11am-close: \$3 Orange Patrón, Tanqueray. Sunday, 11am-close: \$2.50 bloody marys.

Landre's Sports Bar & Grill: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. \$5 appetizers: potato skins, garlic/bacon fries, shrimp cocktail, more.

SCRIPPS RANCH

La Bastide: Monday, all night: \$2 off small bites menu. Tuesday, Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 off small bites menu. Wednesday, 4-6pm: 20% off bottled wines. \$2 off small bites menu. Thursday, all night: \$2 off specialty martinis. \$2 off small bites menu.

SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: Sunday, \$2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. \$3.50 mimosas, bloody marys.

SHELTER ISLAND

Blue Wave Bar & Grill: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off drinks; \$3-\$5 appetizers, including jumbo shrimp cocktail and crispy fried calamari.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: Daily, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

SOLANA BEACH

Chief's Burgers and Brew: Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2.50 domestic, \$3.50 microbrew. 1/2-off appetizers.

SORRENTO VALLEY

Ali Baba's Cave: Daily, 3-7pm: 22-oz. beer \$4 (including tax). \$12 hookahs, \$5 refills.

Hamilton's Tavern and Café: Daily, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.

California Comfort: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wells, house wine.

TIERRASANTA

JP's Pub: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25 house wine

Michael's Lounge in the Hyatt Regency: Daily, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts and well cocktails.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Apertivo Italian Tapas & Wine Bar: Daily, noon to 6 pm: \$3 beer, wine, and sangria.

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

VALLEY CENTER

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$2 domestic. \$3 imports, wells. Discounted appetizers.

Vista Entertainment Center: Monday-Friday, 11am-6pm: \$2 domestic and \$3 premium drafts; \$3



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A Man, His Wife, and His Hat

In Lauren Yee's 90-minute surrealistic piece, the History Channel has programs about future history, a wall talks, and it's love, not gravity, that keeps people grounded. Couch potato Hetchman loves his hat more than his wife of 60 years (can't even remember her name). The hat disappears. Then the wife — did she float away? What follows is fun, heady stuff, but the payoffs don't fulfill the promise of the inventions. Director Janet Hayatshahi and a game Moxie cast do what they can with essentially lightweight, onenote characters.

MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N. COLLEGE AREA, 858-598-7620. 8PM THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRII 29

Almost, Maine

Almost is a (nonexistent) town in

northern Maine where just about evervone, 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 FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH APRIL 22.

Baldwin New Play Festival

UCSD Theatre presents four new works by MFA candidates: Gas House Baby, by David Myers: Hookman, by Lauren Yee: The Santa Barbarians, by Sharif Abu-Hamdeh: and Crv Old Kingdom. by Jeff Augustin. For specific days call 858-822-3152.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO, 9500 GILMAN DRIVE, UCSD. 858-534-2230. 8PM WEDNESDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 28.

Corn's sprouting out back, even

Buried Child

though it hasn't sprouted for what - 50 years? Carrots, too. And a secret's coming back that's so horrific the family can't block it with collective amnesia. Like a tour through the Winchester Mystery

House, Sam Shepard's surreal, Pulit-



The Pride's difficult script requires top-shelf performances, which Diversionary delivers.

THROUGH APRIL 21.

Greater Tuna

TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH

AVE., EAST VILLAGE, 619-237-4510.

8PM THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY.

The EpiCentre hosts a production

of the two-actor hoot about Tuna,

Texas, where Lion's Club is too

liberal and Patsy Cline never dies.

EPICENTRE, 8450 MIRA MESA BL., MIRA

MESA, 858-271-4000, 7:30PM FRIDAYS

AND SATURDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 28.

Welk Resort Theatre reprises its

popular production of Maripat

Donovan's very funny (and serious)

comedy. Sister, of the Old, spare not

the rod School, is substitute teach-

LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-

802-7469. 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH

Jon Lorenz and Colleen Kollar

Smith, creators of this revue of

1980s music, say that favorite songs

"mark your memories." miXtape is

performed with rampant energy

and polish by an eight-person

cast. Memory-triggers zip past:

Pet Rocks, Pac-Man, Nelson Man-

dela, AIDS. Most of the songs are

actually song-bites. But backed by

Andy Ingersoll's versatile band and

under Kerry Meads's feisty direc-

tion, miXtape is always entertaining

— and memory-provoking. (Note:

Lamb's Players has extended the

run several times.) 619-437-0600.

HORTON GRAND HOTEL, 311 ISLAND

AVE., DOWNTOWN. 619-437-0600.

7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS.

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WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860

Late Nite Catechism

ing tonight.

miXtape

Worth a try.

zer Prize-winning drama thrives on abrupt cul-de-sacs and teasing contradictions. New Village Arts' opening night was a mixed bag of acting, from Manny Fernandes's deeply felt Tilden to Jack Missett's superficial, cartoony Dodge (turn off his mug machine!). Director Lisa Berger and scenic designer Tim Wallace create a full-moon-and-bloody atmosphere, and Shepard, in spite of some questionable performances, takes it from there. Worth a try. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD, 760-433-3245. 8PM THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH APRIL 22.

Deconstruction of a Drag Queen

Circle Circle dot dot presents "a one-stop gender bending performance based on the true story of local Drag Sensation Grace Towers." (Contains strong language and

Fogel directed.

COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE 2957 54TH ST., COLLEGE AREA, 619-264-3391, 8PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS. 3PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 29.

is gay. George Bailey and Kristen

Once Upon a Mattress

Looking Glass Theatre stages a musical adaption of the Princess and the Pea. J Marcus Newman

FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO, 4190 FRONT ST., HILLCREST. 619-298-9978. 8PM FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

Bravo, Cygnet Theatre! Their largout. Critic's Pick.

THROUGH APRIL 29.

In a solo piece, Ann Marie Hough-

AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-237-4510. 8PM THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY.

Respect: A Musical Journey

A musical look at the lives of women as told through top 40 songs, including "I Will Follow Him," "Stand By Your Man, "These Boots Are Made for Walking," and "I Will Survive." LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, 619-544-1000, 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH

Ripples From Walden Pond: An Evening With Henry **David Thoreau**

Francis Gercke plays Henry David Thoreau, author of Walden, "who found his place in the world by refusing to allow the world to find its place in him.'

CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN, 619-337-1525, 7:30PM MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

Reeves directed CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO, 619-435-4856, 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH MAY 6.

Coronado Playhouse stages John

Bishop's spoof of the great murder

mystery movies of the 1940s. Nick

The Musical Comedy Mur-

The Pride

ders of 1940

For Alexi Kaye Campbell's difficult drama, Diversionary Theatre imported director Glenn Paris, from Ion, and Craig Noel Awardwinners Francis Gercke, Jessica John, and Brian Mackey. In spite of its accolades, the so-so script requires top-shelf performances, which this group delivers. Five of the ten scenes take place in 1958, the others in 2008. Three people with the same names — Philip, Sylvia, and Oliver — appear in both years. They may, or may not, be a trio in a time warp. In each Oliver is in love with Philip. Their different relations compare the status of gay men 50 years apart. The Diversionary production also sports an elegant set by Matt Scott and costumes by Trista Roland that look like her budget was carte blanche. Worth a try. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 8PM THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 6.

Four close friends slouch toward 40-something. Although Melissa James Gibson's script sounds like vet another midlife-crisis whiner (and it does err with verbal excess and a truly tidy ending), the 100-minute, intermissionless comedy-drama boasts genuine humor and three terrific scenes. The strange title (this what?) lingers throughout, since quartet hovers between what was and what's next. Courtney Corey heads a fine ensemble cast as Iane, each step of whose breakdown and recovery Corey marks with emotional truth. Richard Baird, Judith Scott, Matt Thompson, and especially Andrew Ableson (whose neurotic Alan provides ongoing angst and comic relief) all contribute. Worth a try. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE. 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURS-DAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS,

Topdog/Underdog

Ion Theatre presents Susan-Lori Park's Pulitzer Prize-winning, "darkly comic fable" about Lincoln and Booth, African-American brothers. Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directed.

ION THEATRE. 3704 SIXTH AVE... HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM THURS-DAYS AND FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH MAY 12.

Vinegar Tom

This 1976 feminist play by British playwright Caryl Churchill about poverty, humiliation, and prejudice examines gender and power relationships through the lens of 17th-century witchcraft trials in England.

SDSU'S EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE, 5500 CAMPANILE DRIVE. 619-594-6884. 7:30PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 29.

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Parade

est production to date easily ranks among their finest. The musical book by Alfred Uhry, score by Jason Robert Brown — is based on the infamous trial and death of Leo Frank in 1913. He was a Yankee and a Jew. When a young woman was raped and murdered in Atlanta, he became a magnet for suspicions. In the midst of hysteria, Leo and his wife Lucille (Brandon Joel Maier and Sandy Campbell, both excellent) fall in love, maybe for the first time. Beautifully directed by Sean Murray, with smart, humorous choreography by David Brannen, and Billy Thompson's eight-piece orchestra, the production is almost a contradiction in terms: an ensemble show where everyone stands

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

Plays by Young Writers

This year's Playwrights Project Festival adds a new twist — Plays by Young Writers will rotate with Lifestages: Reflections, plays from Playwrights Project's Recollections program for adult playwrights ages 55+. (619)239-8222 LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 7:30PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

Renegade Princess

tailing performs her undoing of the "myth of the American fairy tale" — recommended for mature audiences.

TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH

National Comedy Theatre

The National Comedy Theatre presents a 100-minute improv comedy show based completely on audience suggestions. The show is "appropriate for all audiences." NATIONAL COMEDY THEATRE, 3717 INDIA ST., MISSION HILLS, 619-295-4999. 7:30PM AND 9:45PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Night Stage to Big Shaft

Peggy Sue Productions presents a dinner-theater show set in 1853. "When a new mine and a dead lawyer are discovered, everyone becomes a suspect."

MIKKI'S CAFE, 1639 EAST VALLEY PARK WAY, ESCONDIDO. 7:30PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Norman, Is That You?

Community Actors Theatre presents Sam Bobrick and Ron Clark's play about a husband, with marital problems, learning that his son

WICKED IS FLYING BACK TO SAN DIEGO.



Civilization at Work

In Montreal, students in trauma find a sympathetic soul.

MOVIE

DAVID ELLIOTT

Monsieur Lazhar

Last year, Inspector Bellamy. This year,

Monsieur Lazhar. Both spiritually French, with an excellent central performance: Gerárd Depardieu as

Bellamy, Mohamed Fellag as Lazhar. Philippe Falardeau's French-Canadian movie dramatizes a teacher and students with exemplary skill. For me, the closest analogy is Nicolas Philibert's great school documentary To Be and

Bachir Lazhar, recently emigrated from Algeria and recently widowed by the death of his teaching wife, offers himself as teacher at a Mon-

treal school. His bona fides are poor, but the principal (appealing Danielle

> Proulx) is rattled and desperate. A popular teacher recently committed suicide, hanging herself near the

classroom. Her motivation remains opaque, but she was much loved by the students, and their shock runs beyond their ability to express it.

And Bachir is a very sympathetic soul. He is firm but kind, fond of order (desks in a straight row, precise grammar), even more fond of the potential he sees in each child. Fellag shows a man whose heart is torn between Algiers and Montreal, between a lost



In Monsieur Lazhar, Mohamed Fellag is between a lost past and a risky present.

past and a risky present. The kids, age 11 to 13, are so well cast that they seem beyond acting. Most important are the two students who saw the hanging body: the bright, lovely Alice (Sophie Nélisse), and skinny, scrappy, inwardly

churning Simon (Émilien Néron).

I took no notes — bad student but a pleased critic. Bachir is almost too good, yet always vulnerably genuine, an uprooted man who has taken on the nationality of basic humanity.

This moving film is not an issues checklist, not a hysterical whine like the recent school-drama Detachment. At its rooted core, Monsieur Lazhar is a portrait of civilization at work.

A Three Stooges Porn Parody?! What's the Idea?

By Scott Marks — April 17, 10:29 a.m.

UCSD's ArtPower! Screens Winter Story as Part of Their 21st Century Chinese Film Series

By Scott Marks — April 16, 12:39 p.m.

San Diego Asian Film Foundation's Spring Showcase

Kicks Off This Week

By Scott Marks — April 16, 11:44 a.m.

Review: Blue Like Jazz

By Matthew Lickona — April 13, 4:44 p.m.

Review: Detention

By Matthew Lickona — April 13, 3:45 p.m.

Blue Like Jazz Interview: Director Steve Taylor

By Matthew Lickona — April 13, 12:46 p.m.

Review: L!fe Happens

By Scott Marks - April 13, 12:01 p.m.

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Marley

Elvis Presley, king of rock, was buried in a casket of myth well before dying at age 42. Bob Marley, king of reggae, died at 36 and still seems remarkably alive. Even Elvis's movies had fewer







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worshipful close-ups than *Marley*, a docu-shrine directed by Kevin Macdonald (*Last King of Scotland*).

This film feels current, as if its hero died last month rather than in 1981. Though we see a shrunken Bob near the end, dreadlocks gone, baldness covered by his Rastafarian hat (this is a great headgear movie), it is the stage-prancing, song-crooning Marley we remember. He kept going long after melanoma was first detected, and it wasn't an act. What you got from Bob Marley was a life, something much more than a packaged image (late Elvis was like a billboard on steroids).

Robert Marley was a shy, skinny, biracial kid in a Jamaican village. His white father was seldom seen, his black mom would later exit for the U.S., leaving Bob behind. Music was everything to him (ska, calypso, American doo-wop groups). He seemed to have a special armor of aura, a wonderful smile, a rakish profile that the dreads framed perfectly. No wonder he fathered eleven kids by seven women (one is Cindy Breakspeare, Miss World of 1976, still magnetic and canny).

The marvel of Marley, given his upbringing, is that he didn't carry a big chip on his soul. He saw music as a way of reaching for the best and rallying the weak and oppressed, with a nectar of generosity and more than a whiff of spliff. His religion, the Rasta faith, worships the Ethiopian emperor Haile Selassie as a god of black pride. In a fine touch, Marley's plane is mobbed at Kingston airport just as Selassie was in Bob's youth. An idealist (though his kids experienced some tough love), it may never have occurred to him that the "divine" monarch was also a medieval relic.

Marley feels utterly Jamaican. Sexy colors and hormonal music blend with the conquering smile. At 16 Bob wrote the song "Judge Not," and only a fool or a racist would judge him harshly. The celebration opens April 27.

The Hunter

With his gaunt, rocky face, Willem Dafoe can seem predatory — remember his beastly Bobby Peru in *Wild at Heart*? If not a hunter, he was a "fisher of men" as Jesus in *The Last Temptation of Christ*.

His Martin David in *The Hunter* is used to hunting humans but is secretly hired by a land company to track and kill the last "Tasmanian tiger," or thylacine. Alive, the animal might impede development. He heads into the deep woods of Tasmania, a large island south of Australia. Though very much at home in the wild, Martin starts to fear that another hunter is

tracking him.

The thylacine, a marsupial that looked like a long, partially striped dog, was declared extinct decades ago. This movie has old zoo footage and relies on some CGI magic. The mystery of the creature (unproven sightings are still claimed) is resonated by Robert Humphreys's excellent landscape photography. The film has a mood of Jack London Down Under, with sprinkled aspects of Peter Mathiessen and Werner Herzog.

In filming Julia Leigh's novel, Aussie director Daniel Nettheim seeks to make a macho thriller, a family story, and an eco-issue picture. Sam Neill presides vaguely over tensions between angry loggers and righteous greenies. Frances O'Connor is the widow of a zoologist who was murdered, and Morgana Davies of *The Tree* is good as her daughter. Romantic shivers amount to little because the hunter, though fond of a warm bath and cups of tea, is a loner.

Despite its natural beauty and Dafoe's craggy charisma, *The Hunter* lacks the unsettling grip of William Wellman's *Track of the Cat*, in which Robert Mitchum is spooked by a ghostly mountain lion. Still, this hunter's tale should stick in memory, like the Tasmanian tiger.

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Lockout

No wonder the jailbirds in an orbiting prison are unhappy in *Lockout*. Their world is an ugly spaceship of gray metal, with only orange uniforms for contrast. It's 2079, and the rioting cons are badly led by Alex (Vincent Regan), who has kidnapped the President's wow daughter Emilie (Maggie Grace) during her idiotic goodwill visit.

Alex wants to avoid killing his sadistic brother (Joseph Gilgun), who

is a sort of insane meth monkey, and must figure out how to use Emilie. A small mind surrounded by fools, Alex is up against agent Snow (Guy Pearce). You can clobber Snow's face but his lippy mouth keeps spraying zingers. Emilie is special, too. Soon after taking a syringe straight in the eyeball, she looks ready for a *Vogue* cover shoot.

We are pinballed through loud nonsense from an "original concept" by Luc Besson (so original he must have missed John Carpenter's Escape From New York). Mainly this is more waste from the Blade Runner flush pipe. How could a movie that vividly impressive have spawned so much slop? Many viewers will not get the John Wayne joke, but the set up for a sequel (please, no) is obvious.

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The Ladv

Aung San Suu Kyi, held under house arrest for years by the Burmese military regime, is a Nobel Peace Prize winner whose democratic crusade has not been hurt by her elegant looks. She is rather like Gandhi crossed with Audrey Hepburn. The Malaysian-Chinese beauty Michelle Yeoh does a fine and touching impersonation, but *The Lady* is, despite some realistic brutality, too ladylike.

We sense director Luc Besson, who filmed more exciting women in La Femme Nikita, Angel-A, and The Messenger, straining under the spell of his subject's gentle, patient dignity. Her spaniel-eyed English husband (David Thewlis) suffers in sync. Dialogue stacks up clichés ("There is still a great deal to do"), and settings are burnished to a travel-magazine gloss in a film of honorable but uninspired sympathy.

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Unforgotten: On Tuesday (April 17), how many recalled that Dick Shawn died that day 25 years ago on the stage of UCSD's Mandeville Hall? Still a very cool comedian at 63, Shawn had the crowd so digging his act that when he fell dead of a heart attack it took some time for viewers to realize that he had, in fact, had the last laugh. His best work on film will forever be LSD, the crazy hipster who plays Hitler hilariously in Mel Brooks's *The Producers* (1968).

Reviewed in movie capsules: *Blue Like Jazz, The Island President,* and *The Three Stooges*.

— 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 "film-makers" 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.

• (HORION PLAZA 14)

American Reunion — A flippant but turgid sequel. The American Pie gang comes to a reunion, the "men" still quite juvenile, the women a touch jaded. The body-function gags lack a ruling brain, and a Brothers Karamazov joke seems to be from another planet. This is stamped plastic for people who find Jason Biggs, Chris Klein, and Seann William Scott adorable, but do you want to know those people? With Alyson Hannigan, Mena Suvari, Tara Reid. 2012. — D.F.

● (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROM-ENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SOLJARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)



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Calendar MOVIES

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)

Blue Like Jazz — Smart Southern Baptist boy swallows enough religious hypocrisy to sour him on Texas Baptist College and decides to head north to godless liberalland (Reed College in Oregon). It isn't long before he's knocking back tall ones and knocking religion as primitive, but what do you know, love has a way of complicating things. Reed's quirk-happy campus life (complete with a mock pope hearing mock confessions) keeps this story of collegiate self-discovery from bogging down, and even the heavy stuff is handled deftly by director Steve Taylor. 2012. — M.L.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Bully — It struggled to get a PG-13 rating because of some f-words, and Lee Hirsch's

documentary about vulnerable kids bullied in schools (and their sometimes woefully inadequate official guardians) has no shaping style. But if it bullies home its points a little, those points need to be made, and the victims (including the very moving Alex) need to be seen. And saved, 2012. - D.E.

★★★ (HILLCREST; LA JOLLA 12)

The Cabin in the Woods — Terrorizedteens 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.

★★ (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 PROM-ENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18: TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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



The Hunter — Deep in Tasmania, more than marsupials puzzle Willem Dafoe and Sam Neill

who works hard to keep his white leather jaguar boots undusty. 2012. - M.L.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Chimpanzee — An intimate nature documentary about wild chimps, including one orphaned and then adopted. Narrated by Tim Allen.

(FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER 10: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION VALLEY 20: OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24: TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 4/20)

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,

Analeigh Tipton, Carrie MacLemore, and

San Diego's Adam Brody. 2012. — D.E.

• (HILLCREST)

Deadline — An enterprising young newspaper reporter (Steve Talley) reluctantly joins forces with his daily's ripened, gun-toting bad egg (Eric Roberts) to crack a 19-year-old racially motivated murder in Amos, Alabama. The Alabama Tourism Department has standing to bring suit against screenwriter Mark Ethridge for his mildewed depiction of the Deep South. The biggest mystery is how what is essentially a 90-minute episode of Cold Case received a theatrical release. Curt Hahn directed. 2012. — S.M.

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 Prehistoric World 3D (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 1:00p.m.; Sharks 3D (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 11:00, 2:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Reading Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)

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-Sat (10:35, 12:40, 2:40) 5:05, 7 9:35 Sun (10:35, 12:40, 2:40) 5:05, 7:15; The Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:30, :30, 7:30, 10:20 Sun (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30: 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; **The Lucky One** (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; **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, 3:05) 5:25, 7:50, 10:20 Sun (10:30, 12:45, 3:05) 5:25, 7:50: Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:45, 2:15) 4:45, 7:10, 9:40 Sun (11:45,

Fri-Sun; The Raid: Redemption (Serbuan maut) (R) Fri-Sun 8:10p.m.; Think Like a Man (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:40, 2:25) 5:10, 8:00, 10:35 Sun (11:40, 2:25) 5:10, 8:00; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri-Sat (10:55, 1:00, 3:10) 5:15, 7:25, 9:45 Sun (10:55, 1:00,

2:15) 4:45, 7:10; Special Event (Not Rated)

3:10) 5:15, 7:25; 21 Jump Street (R) Fri-Sat (11:50, 2:20) 4:40, 7:35, 10:10 Sun (11:50, 2:20) 4.40, 7.35: Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:05, 1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 10:25 Sun (11:05, 1:20, 3:35) 5:50

CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square 4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722) **2001: A Space Odyssey** (G) Fri-Sun; American Reunion (R) Fri-Sun (10:20, 1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 9:45; The Cabin in the Woods (R) Fri-Sun (10:35, 12:50, 3:10) 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; **Chimpanzee** (G) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:05, 3:05) 5:05, 7:35, 9:35; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 9:40, 10:40; **Lockout** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:40, 12:55, 3:15) 5:35, 7:50, 10:15; **The Lucky One** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:55, 11:55, 1:15, 2:15, 3:50) 4:50, 7:05, 8:05, 9:25, 10:25; Mirror (PG) Fri-Sun (11:25, 1:50) 4:25, 7:25, 9:55; October Baby (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00) 8:00; Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:35, 2:00) 4:35, 7:10; Special Event (Not Rated) Fri-Sun; The Raid: Redemption (Serbuan maut) (R) Fri-Sun (1:40) 10:30; Think Like a Man (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:15, 2:05) 4:55 7:40, 10:35; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:50, 1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 7:55, 10:20; Titanic 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:00) 5:00, 9:00; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:35) 4:20, 7:05, 9:30; Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:40) 5:45

CORONADO

Vintage Village Theatre 820 Orange Avenue (619-437-6161)
The Hunger Games (PG-13); The Three Stooges (PG); Titanic 3D (PG-13)

DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp 701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709) **Ben-Hur (1959)** (G) Sat 7:00p.m.; **Casa** de mi Padre (R) Fri-Sat (11:45, 2:00) 4:05,

6:15, 8:20, 10:20 Sun (11:45) 6:15, 8:20, 10:20: Chimpanzee (G) Fri-Sun (11:30, 1:30, :30, 7:30, 9:30; **Deadline** (PG-13) Fri (11:10, 1:20, 3:25) 5:35, 7:50, 10:00 Sat (11:10, 1:20, 3:25) Sun (11:10, 1:20, 3:25) 5:35, 7:50, 10:00; Jiro Dreams of Sushi (PG) Fri-Sun (11:35, 1:45, 3:45) 5:50, 8:05, 10:10; Lockout (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:05, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; The Lucky One (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:55, 12:15, 1:15, 2:35, 3:35) 4:55, 5:55, 7:15, 8:15, 9:35, 10:30 Sun (10:55, 12:15, 1:15, 2:35, 3:35) 4:55, 5:55, 7:15, 8:15, 9:35; Mirror Mirror (PG) Fri-Sun (11:05, 11:55, 1:35, 2:30) 5:05, 7:35, 10:05; Pina 3D (PG) Fri-Sun (11:50, 2:25) 5:00, 7:25, 9:45; Rampart (R) Fri-Sun 4:10, 7:20, 9:50; **Think Like a Man** (PG-13) Fri (11:55, 1:00, 2:40) 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:35 Sat (11:00, 11:55, 1:40, 2:40) 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:35 Sun (11:00, 11:55, 1:40, 2:40) 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40; **Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy** (R) Fri-Sun (1:25) 4:15, 7:05, 9:55; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri-Sat (11:40, 12:40, 2:10, 3:10) 4:40, 5:40, 7:10, 8:10, 9:50, 10:40 Sun (11:40, 12:40, 2:10, 3:10) 4:40, 5:40, 7:10, 8:10, 9:50

Regal Horton Plaza

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) Call theater for program information.

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; **The** Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) With "Crazed Imaginations" Shadow Cast, Sat: 12:00 Midnight, Discount Shows at Landmark's Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets "()", **Turn Me** On, Dammit! (NR) Opens Friday, April 27

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386) American Reunion; Bully; The Cabin in the Woods; Chimpanzee (G) Fri-Sun 2:55, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **The Hunger Games:** The Lucky One (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 10:00; **Mirror Mirror**; Think Like a Man; The Three Stooges; Titanic; 21 Jump Street; Wrath of the

Landmark La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236

Monsieur Lazhar (PG-13) Fri Mon - Thu: (2:20), (4:50), 7:25, 10:00, Sat & Sun: (11:50), 2:20, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00; **The Lady** (R) Fri Mon - Thu: (1:15), (4:00), 6:45, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (1:15), 4:00, 6:45, 9:30; **Salmon Fishing In** The Yemen (PG-13) Fri Mon - Thu: (2:10), (4:40), 7:15, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (11:40), 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50; **Delicacy** (PG-13) Fri Mon - Thu: (2:00), (4:30), 7:00*, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45, * No 7:00 PM Show Monday, 04/23/12, Discount Shows at Landmark's La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "()", **Darling Companion** (PG-13) Opens Friday, April 27

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) American Reunion (R) Fri-Sat 10:20, 1:15, 4:10, 7:15, 10:10; **The Cabin in the Woods** (R) Fri-Sat 10:10, 11:25, 12:50, 2:00, 3:25, 4:35, 6:00, 7:20, 8:30, 9:55, 11:05; **Chimpanzee** (G) Fri-Sat 10:05, 12:10, 2:15, 4:25, 6:30, 8:35, 10:40; The Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri-Sat 10:15, 11:15, 12:45, 1:30, 4:00, 4:45

7:15, 8:00, 10:35 Sun 12:45, 1:30, 4:00, 4:45, 7:15, 8:00, 10:35; Lockout (PG-13) Fri-Sat 10:45, 1:25, 4:15, 7:00, 10:30 Sun 10:45, 1:25, 4:15, 7:00; **The Lucky One** (PG-13) Fri-Sat 10:00, 11:00, 12:40, 1:40, 3:20, 4:20, 5:15, 6:00, 7:00, 7:55, 8:40, 9:40, 10:35, 11:15 Sun 10:00, 12:40, 3:20, 6:00, 8:40, 11:15; Mirror Mirror (PG) Fri-Sat 10:35, 1:10, 4:05, 6:45, 9:30; Safe House (R) Fri-Sat 11:20, 2:05, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; **Think Like a Man** (PG-13) Fri-Sat 10:30, 11:15, 1:30, 2:15, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; The Three Stooges (PG) Fri-Sat 10:10, 11:05, 1:40, 2:30, 4:10, 5:00, 6:40, 7:35, 9:10, 10:05 Sun 10:10, 11:05; Titanic 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sat 10:00, 2:10 6:20, 9:35 Sun 9:35p.m.; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri-Sat 10:20, 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00, 11:15; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri-Sat 10:55, 4:35, 10:05; Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sat 1:45, 7:25

AMC Mission Valley

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386) American Reunion; Blue Like Jazz; The Cabin in the Woods; Chimpanzee (G) Fri-Sun 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10: Dr. Seuss's The Lorax; The Hunger Games; **Lockout; The Lucky One** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:30, 1:15, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00; Mirror Mirror; Think Like a Man (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:00, 1:00, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45; **The Three Stooges; Titanic; 21 Jump Street;** Wrath of the Titans

Ultrastar Mission Valley Hazard Center

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)

The Lucky One (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun - Wed: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, Thu: 10:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **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, 7:45, 10:00, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM,

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12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; Kidtoons: Peppa Pig (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; Mirror Mirror (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 9:45, 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, 10:30, 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, 10:15, Sat: 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15, 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 LUCKY ONE" Thursday, 4/26 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY!

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) **Bully** (PG-13) Fri (2:15, 4:45) 7:20, 9:40 Sat-Sun (11:45) 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:40; **Damsels** in Distress (PG-13) Fri (2:25, 4:55) 7:30, 9:45 Sat-Sun (11:55) 2:25, 4:55, 7:30, 9:45; **The** Hunter (R) Fri (2:05, 4:35) 7:10, 9:35 Sat-Sun (11:35) 2:05, 4:35, 7:10, 9:35; The Island President (Not Rated) Fri (2:30, 5:00) 7:35, 9:50 Sat-Sun (12:00) 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 9:50; Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) Fri (1:55, 4:25) 7:00, 9:30 Sat-Sun (11:25) 1:55, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Black Holes (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 3:00. 6:00; Born To Be Wild IMAX (G) Fri-Sun 5:00p.m.; 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.; To The Arctic IMAX (G) Fri-Sun 12:00, 2:00,

EAST COUNTY

Regal Parkway Plaza

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Act of Valor (R) Fri (12:10, 2:45, 5:20) 7:55, 10:30 Sat-Sun (12:10, 2:45) 5:20, 7:55, 10:30; American Reunion (R) Fri (11:45, 2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05 Sat-Sun (11:45, 2:20) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; **Blue Like Jazz** (PG-13) Fri (11:50, 4:50) 9:50 Sat-Sun (11:50) 4:50, 9:50; The Cabin in the Woods (R) Fri (11:55. 2:30, 4:50) 7:10, 9:30 Sat-Sun (11:55, 2:30) 4:50, 7:10, 9:30; Chimpanzee (G) Fri (11:35, 1:35, 3:35, 5:35) 7:35, 9:35 Sat-Sun (11:35, 1:35, 3:35) 5:35, 7:35, 9:35; Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Fri (12:30, 2:40, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30 Sat-Sun (12:30, 2:40) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri (11:50, 12:40, 3:20, 4:10) 6:40, 7:15, 9:45, 10:20 Sat-Sun (11:50, 12:40, 3:20) 4:10, 6:40, 7:15, 9:45, 10:20; **John Carter in** Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) Fri (11:30, 2:30, 5:30) Sat-Sun (11:30, 2:30) 5:30; **Lockout** (PG-13) Fri (11:55, 2:35, 5:10) 7:35, 10:00 Sat-Sun (11:55, 2:35) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; **The** Lucky One (PG-13) Fri (11:45, 2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05 Sat-Sun (11:45, 2:20) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; Mirror Mirror (PG) Fri (11:35, 2:05, 4:40) 7:20, 9:55 Sat-Sun (11:35, 2:05) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; October Baby (PG-13) Fri-Sun (2:25) 7:25; Think Like a Man (PG-13) Fri (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30 Sat-Sun (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri (11:40, 12:15, 2:00, 2:45, 4:20, 5:15) 7:00, 7:50, 9:20, 10:15 Sat-Sun (11:40, 12:15, 2:00, 2:45) 4:20, 5:15, 7:00, 7:50, 9:20, 10:15; **Titanic** 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun 8:30p.m.; Titanic: An IMAX 3D Experience (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 12:30, 4:45, 9:00; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri (12:20, 2:50, 5:25) 8:00, 10:35 Sat-Sun (12:20, 2:50) 5:25, 8:00, 10:35; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (2:00) 7:00: Wrath of the **Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri (11:40, 4:25) 9:20 Sat-Sun (11:40) 4:25, 9:20

LA MESA

Reading Grossmont

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264

American Reunion (R) Fri-Sun (11:25, 1:55) 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; **The Cabin in the** Woods (R) Fri-Sun (10:50, 1:00, 3:10) 5:20, 7:35, 9:50; Chimpanzee (G) Fri-Sun (11:30, 1:25, 3:20) 5:15, 7:10, 9:10; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; **Lockout** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:05 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; The Lucky One (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:20, 3:40) 6:00, 8:20, 10:35; Mirror Mirror (PG) Fri-Sun (11:10, 1:30, 3:50) 6:10, 8:30, 10:50; Special Event (Not Rated) Fri-Sun; Think Like a Man (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:15, 2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:05; The Three Stooges (PG) Fri-Sun (11:20, 1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:10, 10:25; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri-Sun (11:55, 2:25) 4:55, 7:25, 9:55

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) The Hunger Games (PG-13); This Means War (PG-13): The Three Stooges (PG); Wrath of the Titans (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade

770 Dennery Road (888-262-4386) American Reunion (R); The Cabin in the Woods (R); Chimpanzee (G); The Hunger Games (PG-13); Lockout (PG-13); The Lucky One (PG-13); Mirror Mirror (PG): Think Like a Man (PG-13); The Three Stooges (PG); Titanic (PG-13); 21 Jump Street (R); Wrath of the Titans (PG-13)

Regal Rancho Del Rey 1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street)

American Reunion (R) Fri (1:25, 4:40) 7:30, 10:20 Sat (1:25) 4:40, 7:30, 10:20 Sun (1:25, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20); The Cabin in the **Woods** (R) Fri (1:20, 5:05) 7:50, 10:30 Sat (1:20) 5:05, 7:50, 10:30 Sun (12:35, 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30); Casa de mi Padre (R) Fri (1:30, 4:20) 6:50, 9:25 Sat (1:30) 4:20, 6:50. 9:25 Sun (1:30, 4:20, 6:50, 9:25); Chimpanzee (G) Fri-Sat (1:00, 3:30) 6:35, 9:15 Sun (12:45, 2:55, 5:00, 7:05, 9:15); **Dr. Seuss' The Lorax** (PG) Fri-Sat (1:45, 4:15) 6:40, 9:00 Sun (12:35, 2:55, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30); The Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri (1:05, 4:10) 7:10, 10:15 Sat (1:05) 4:10, 7:10, 10:15 Sun (1:05, 4:10, 7:10, 10:15); John Carter (PG-13) Fri-Sat (1:05) 7:10 Sun (1:05, 7:10); John Carter in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) Fri (4:05) 10:15 Sat 4:05, 10:15 Sun (4:05, 10:15): Lockout (PG-13) Fri (2:00, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05 Sat (2:00) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05 Sun (2:00, 4:55) 7:30, (10:05); **The Lucky One** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (12:55, 3:50) :35, 10:25 Sun (12:30, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:45); **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri-Sat (1:15, 3:50) 6:30, 9:10 Sun (1:15, 3:50, 6:30, 9:10); **October** Baby (PG-13) Fri (3:20, 5:45) 10:30 Sat (3:20) 5:45, 10:30 Sun (3:20, 5:45, 10:30); The Raid: Redemption (Serbuan maut) (R) Fri-Sat 12:55) 8:10 Sun (12:55, 8:10); Think Like a Man (PG-13) Fri-Sat (1:10, 3:55) 7:15, 10:20 Sun (1:10, 3:55, 7:15, 10:20); **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri-Sat (1:15, 4:55) 7:15, 9:55 Sun (12:45, 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30); **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri (1:00, 5:00) 9:00 Sat (1:00) 5:00, 9:00 Sun (1:00, 5:00, 9:00); **21 Jump** Street (R) Fri (1:35, 4:10) 7:00, 9:45 Sat (1:35) 4:10, 7:00, 9:45 Sun (1:35, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45); Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) Fri-Sat (1:40) 7:20 Sun (12:55, 7:00); Wrath of the Titans **3D** (PG-13) Fri (4:35) 10:00 Sat 4:35, 10:00 Sun (3:45, 10:00)

UltraStar Chula Vista

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)

Kidtoons: Peppa Pig (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Silent House** (R) Fri - Thu: 3:15, 8:00; Project X (R) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45, Sun: 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30, Mon - Thu: 3:45, 6:00, 8:30; Act of Valor (R) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45, Sun: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:15 7:00, Mon - Thu: 4:15, 7:00; **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; **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, 5:30, 10:15, Sun: 12:45, 5:30, Mon - Thu: 5:30 PM; Chronicle (PG-13) 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; The Grey (R) Fri & Sat: 9:45 PM; Underworld: Awakening (R) Fri & Sat: 7:30, 10:00, Sun - Thu: 7:30 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, Mon - Thu: 3:00, 5:15

EASTLAKE

AMC Otay Ranch

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386) American Reunion; The Cabin in the Woods; Chimpanzee (G) Fri-Sat 10:00, 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40 Sun 10:15, 12:20 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40; **Dr. Seuss's The** Lorax; The Hunger Games; Lockout; The Lucky One (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:55, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40; Mirror Mirror; Think Like a Man (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:00. 12:45, 3:40, 6:45, 9:50; The Three Stooges; Titanic; 21 Jump Street; Wrath of the

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) American Reunion (R); 21 Jump Street (R); The Cabin in the Woods (R); The Hunger Games (PG-13); Project X (PG-13); Wrath of the Titans (PG-13)

NATIONAL CITY

AMC Plaza Bonita

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386) American Reunion (R) Fri-Sun 9:55, 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:30; The Cabin in the Woods (R) Fri-Sun 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:40, 8:10, 10:45; **Chimpanzee** (G) Fri-Sun 10:30, 1:10, 3:50, 6:00, 8:30; The Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:00, 2:45, 6:30, 9:50; **Lockout** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:45, 1:20, 4:05, 7:00, 9:40; The Lucky One (PG-13) Fri-Sat 10:10, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:15, 10:15, 11:00 Sun 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:15, 10:15; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri-Sun 10:00, 12:45, 3:30, 6:10; **Think** Like a Man (PG-13) Fri-Sat 9:45, 10:15. 12:45, 1:30, 3:45, 4:30, 6:45, 7:45, 9:55, 11:00 Sun 9:45, 10:15, 12:45, 1:30, 3:45, 4:30, 6:45, 7:45, 9:45, 10:45; The Three Stooges (PG) Fri-Sun 10:20, 1:00, 3:35, 6:15, 9:00; **Titanic** 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun 9:45, 1:50, 5:50, 10:00: Titanic: An IMAX 3D Experience (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 11:30, 4:00, 8:45; 21 Jump Street (R) Fri-Sat 10:05, 12:50, 4:00, 6:50 9:45 Sun 10:05, 12:50, 4:00, 6:50, 9:55; Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) Fri-Sat 2:30, 8:15 Sun 2:30, 8:00; Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sat 11:45, 5:20, 10:50 Sun 11:45,

NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

Regal Escondido

West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information.

FALLBROOK

UltraStar River Village 5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)

American Reunion (R) Fri-Sat 4:45, 10:30 Sun 4:45p.m.; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (12:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:15 Sun (12:00, 4:00) 7:00; Kidtoons: Peppa Pig (Not Rated) Sat-Sun (10:30a.m.); **The Lucky One** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 Sun (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15; Mirror Mirror (PG) Fri-Sat (11:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sun (11:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30; The Three Stooges (PG) Fri-Sat (11:45, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun (11:45, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00; 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; Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:30, 2:00) 7:45

POWAY

UltraStar Poway

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) **The Cabin in the Woods** (R) Fri-Sat (10:35, 1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun (10:35, 1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri (10:00, 10:45, 1:15, 2:00) 4:20, 5:00, 7:20, 8:00, 10:20 Sat (10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 2:00) 5:00, 7:20, 8:00, 10:20 Sun (10:00, 10:45, 1:15, 2:00) 4:20, 5:00, 7:20, 8:00; **Kidtoons:** Peppa Pig (Not Rated) Sat-Sun (10:30a.m.); Lockout (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:50, 1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:10, 10:35 Sun (10:50, 1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:10; The Lucky One (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:15, 12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00 Sun (10:15, 12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri-Sat (11:00, 1:45) 4:40, 7:10, 9:50 Sun (11:00, 1:45) 4:40, 7:10; **Think Like a Man** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:30, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun (10:30, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri-Sat (10:25, 12:55, 3:10) 5:25, 7:40, 10:10 Sun (10:25, 12:55, 3:10) 5:25, 7:40: **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:40, 2:50) 7:00; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sat (12:30, 3:00)

SAN MARCOS

Regal San Marcos

1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264) American Reunion (R); The Cabin in the Woods (R); The Hunger Games (PG-13); The Lucky One (PG-13); Think Like a Man (PG-13); The Three Stooges (PG); **Titanic** (PG-13)

5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00

TEMECULA

Ultrastar Temecula Tower Cinemas 27531 Ynez Road (951-699-2205)

The Lucky One (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun - Tue: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, Wed: 10:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Think Like a Man (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:45 4:30, 7:45, 10:30, Sun: 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:45, Mon - Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:45 4:30, 7:45; **The Cabin in the Woods** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:10 AM, 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:05, 10:50, Sun - Tue: 10:10 AM, 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:05, Wed: 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:05, Thu: 10:10 AM, 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:05; **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 - 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; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 11:00 AM, 3:15, 7:30; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri: 10:20 AM, 12:50, 3:20, 6:00, 8:30, 10:55, Sat: 12:50, 3:20, 6:00, 8:30, 10:55, Sun: 12:50, 3:20, 6:00, 8:30, Mon - Thu: 10:20 AM, 12:50, 3:20, 6:00, 8:30; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:15, Sun: 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, Mon - 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 LUCK ONE" Wednesday, 4/25 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY!

VISTA

Krikorian Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)

American Reunion (R) Fri-Sun (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00; **The Cabin in the Woods** (R) Fri-Sun (10:50, 1:05, 3:20, 4:50, 5:40) 8:00, 9:40, 10:20; **Chimpanzee** (G) Fri-Sun (11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30) 7:30, 9:30; The **Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:00, 1:00, 3:35, 4:20) 6:50, 7:30, 9:50, 10:30; Lockout (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:25, 2:45, 5:10) 7:35, 10:00; The Lucky One (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:10, 12:10, 1:40, 2:40, 5:10) 7:00, 7:40, 10:10; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:30, 2:00, 4:35) 7:05, 9:35; **Think Like a Man** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:10, 2:00, 4:10, 5:00) 7:45, 9:30, 10:30; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:45, 12:10, 12:55, 2:30, 3:15, 5:30) 7:10, 7:50, 10:20; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:25, 3:25) 7:25; 21 Jump Street (R) Fri-Sun (11:50, 2:35, 5:15) 7:55, 10:25; 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) The Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri 6:00, 9:00 Sat-Sun (3:00) 6:00, 9:00

OCEANSIDE

Regal Oceanside

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) Call theater for program information.

UltraStar Oceanside Mission Marketplace

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue

(760-806-1790) The Lucky One (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00, Sun & Mon: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, Tue: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00, Wed: 10:00 AM, 11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, Thu: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30; **Think Like a Man** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30, Sun & Mon: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, Tue: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30, Wed & Thu: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45; The Cabin in the Woods (R) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45, 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, 10:45, Wed & Thu: 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; Lockout (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:20, Sun & Mon: 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, Tue: 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:20, Wed & Thu: 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 12:00, 1:15, 2:15 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15, Sun & Mon: 11:00 AM, 12:00, 1:15, 2:15, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, Tue: 11:00 AM, 12:00, 1:15, 2:15, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15, Wed & Thu: 11:00 AM, 12:00, 1:15, 2:15, 3:30, 4:45. 5:45. 7:00. 8:00; **Kidtoons: Peppa** Pig (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; American Reunion (R) Fri & Sat: 12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:15, 10:50, Sun & Mon: 12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:15, Tue: 12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:15, 10:50, Wed & Thu: 12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:15; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 11:00 AM, 3:00, 7:00: Mirror Mirror (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:20 AM, 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00, Sun & Mon: 11:20 AM, 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, Tue: 11:20 AM, 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00, Wed & Thu: 11:20 AM, 1:50, 4:30, 7:15; **Wrath**

10:15, Sun & Mon: 2:20, 4:50, Tue: 2:20, 4:50, 10:15, Wed & Thu: 2:20, 4:50; Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 11:50 AM 7:20; The Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:10 AM, 12:10, 2:10, 3:40, 5:10, 7:10, 8:10, 10:10, Sun & Mon: 11:10 AM, 12:10, 2:10, 3:40, 5:10, 7:10, 8:10, Tue: 11:10 AM, 12:10, 2:10, 3:40, 5:10, 7:10, 8:10, 10:10, Wed & Thu: 11:10 AM, 12:10, 2:10, 3:40, 5:10, 7:10, 8:10; 21 Jump Street (R) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:30, 5:15, 7:50, 10:40, Sun & Mon: 11:45 AM, 2:30, 5:15, 7:50, Tue: 11:45 AM, 2:30, 5:15, 7:50, 10:40, Wed & Thu: 11:45 AM, 2:30, 5:15, 7:50, Parent Movie Morning: "**THE LUCKY ONE**" Wednesday, 4/25 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY!

of the Titans (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 2:20, 4:50

• (GASLAMP 15)

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)

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; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20: OTAY RANCH 12: 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. —

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16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12: LA PALOMA; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-WAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10: TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

The Hunter — Reviewed this issue. ★★ (HILLCREST; FROM 4/20)

The Island President — The Maldives - a nation of islands south of Sri Lanka that survived a long dictatorship and a terrible tsunami — is now sinking below the ocean rise caused by global warming. Doubt it? See the film. The film's young, brave, short, handsome, and very bright President Mohamed Nasheed is the hero of Jon Shenk's well-made documentary, and Nasheed's effort to alert the world has a Quixotic eloquence. The scroll at the end is devastating. 2012. — D.E.

★★★ (HILLCREST: FROM 4/20)

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.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Kid with a Bike - Another wonderful movie done with the brisk, alert, almost reportorial care of the Belgian brothers Luc and Jean-Pierre Dardenne. Their approach is grave but not thudding. Thomas Doret is terrific as the skinny, willful lad who feels abandoned and hopes his bike will rejoin him with his father (Jérémie Renier, who was the boy on a bike in the Dardenne film La Promesse). Cécile De France is the kind hairdresser who comes to his aid. The trajectory of the story feels both inevitable and surprising because the suspense is so vitally specific. 2012. — D.E.

★★★★ (KEN)

The Lady — Reviewed this issue. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Lockout — Reviewed this issue.

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The Lucky One — A soldier returns from three tours in Iraq to search for the woman he believes was his lucky charm of survival. Scott Hicks's film, from Nicholas Sparks's novel, stars Zac Efron, Taylor Schilling, Blythe Danner.

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Marley — Reviewed this issue. ★★★ (HILLCREST; OPENS 4/27)

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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Monsieur Lazhar — Reviewed this issue. ★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 4/20)

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 retrovanguard 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)

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)

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen — ${\it The}$ 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)

Think Like a Man — L.A. pals look for romantic payback on their devious women in Tim Story's comedy. With Michael Ealy, Taraji P. Henson, Chris Brown, Kevin Hart, Gabrielle Union.

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SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 4/20)

The Three Stooges — Credit Sean Hayes (Larry), Will Sasso (Curly), and especially Chris Diamantopoulos (Moe) for doing their homework. Their Xerography of the boys' lowbrow antics perfectly captures the spirit and flavor of the shorts. Slap the Farrelly Brothers for bringing smooth continuity, no glaring dubbed-in dialogue, and a paucity of dummies, doubles, and fast-motion gags to a universe where cineilliteracy normally knows no bounds. A must-see for those of us who maintain even an ounce of affection for the Stooges' patented brand of slapstick violence. Women need not apply. 2012. — S.M.

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Titanic — A great boat movie and a great star movie, if not exactly a great new 3-D movie (some fine pop-out shots, but the glasses slightly darken the image). As fated lovers on the doomed ship, Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio put a heart into the romance, the tragedy, the film. The vessel is wonderfully designed, and some creaky or corny touches cannot sink the stirring appeal of the saga, a myth movingly enshrined by James Cameron's zeal for it. With Billy Zane, Kathy Bates, David Warner. 2012. — D.E.

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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.

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Wrath of the Titans — Long ago, Zeusused 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.

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FILM FESTIVALS

TALKING PICTURES San Diego Public Library

820 E Street, East Village • 619-236-5800 Elephant 2003. Gus 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." Discussion may follow. Friday, April 20, 2:30 p.m.



Milk 2008. Gus Van Sant month contin-ues with his biopic based on the life of gay rights activist and politician Harvey Milk" (played by Sean Penn), the first openly gay person to e elected to public office in California. Friday, April 27, 2:30 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES MiraCosta College

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Potiche 2011. Comedy set in 1977 stars Catherine Deneuve as a housebound "trophy wife" (potiche). What happens when a submissive wife steps in to run her husband's umbrella factory after employees rebel against the tyrannical manager?

François Ozon's 2011 film screens in French with English subtitles Friday, April 20, 7 p.m.

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

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Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol 2011. Tom Cruise is back as IMF Agent Ethan Hunt, who "goes rogue" with his team of agents to thwart a villain intent on enjoying a nuclear winter.

Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21, 8

Beginners 2010. A dog-loving graphic artist (Ewan McGrego r) tries to string together the pieces of his relationships with his father (Christopher Plummer) — just out of the closet at age 75 — and a cool French actress. Plummer won the best supporting actor Oscar for the role.

Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28, 8 p.m.

FILM FORUM San Diego Public Library 820 E Street, East Village • 619-236-5800

Young Adult 2011. Former prom queen Mavis Gary (Charlize Theron) "must face the harsh realities of growing up" in the bittersweet 2011 comedy screening for Film Forum.

Monday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.



House of Usher 1960. Roger Cor-man's horror flick starring Vincent Price, Myrna Fahey, and Mark Damon tells tale of "a New England family cursed with madness, criminal conduct, and de-

bauchery," based on Edgar Allan Poe's short story, "The Fall of the House of Usher," Monday, April 30, 6:30 p.m.

ARTPOWER! FILM UCSD Loft

9500 Gilman Drive, San Diego, 92093 • 858-534-8497 Winter Story 2007. Zhu Chuanming's film employs Chinese street scenes and "a pseudo-documentary aesthetic" to follow a nameless protagonist with an ambiguous personal history" and a street girl whose "relationship is guided by dangerous expectations mutually imposed on one another." Tuesday, April 24, 8 p.m.

MYSTERIES

Carlsbad City Library
1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad, 92009 • 760-602-2026 Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows 2011. Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law return to their roles as Holmes and Watson to take on that cunning adversary, Professor Moriarty. Special features at 5:30 p.m.; feature at 6 p.m.

Discussion led by film buff Ann Zivotsky. Wednesday, April 25, 5:30 p.m.

DIVE-IN THEATRE Pearl Hotel

1410 Rosecrans Street, San Diego • 619-226-6100 What Happens in Vegas 2008. Romantic comedy starring Cameron Diaz and Ashton Kutcher screens.

Wednesday, April 25, 8 p.m.

Cocktail 1988. Roger Donaldson's romantic drama starring Tom Cruise, Bryan Brown, Elisabeth Shue screens, Enjoy food, drink, conversation at poolside lounge and theater. Wednesday, May 2, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY MATINEE SERIES San Diego Public Library 820 E Street, East Village • 619-236-5800

The Pit and the Pendulum 1961. Shot in just 15 days, Roger Corman's horror flick ʻabout a young Englishman who visits a



forbidding castle to investigate his sister's mysterious death" screens. Vincent Price, Barbara Steele, John Kerr star in this daptation of short story by Edgar Allan Poe. Sunday, April 29, 2 p.m.

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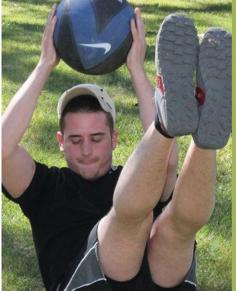
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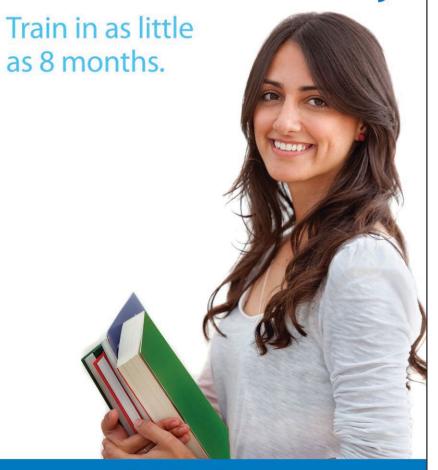


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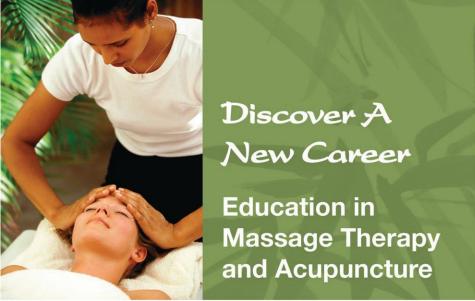
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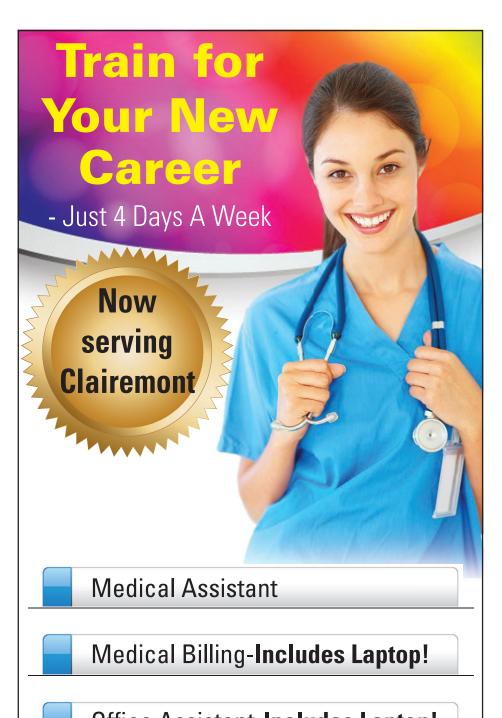


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- 1. 2011 International Tennis Hall of Fame inductee
- 7. Sits in a wine cellar
- 11. Refillable candy
- **14.** Tailor, in a way
- **15.** Sitting around

- **16.** Uncle Tom rescues her from drowning
- **17.** Free offering at a bakery?
- 19. Agent
- 20. Blogger's indulgence
- **21.** PC kev
- **22.** Loos
- **24.** ____ Sketch
- **26.** Pub?
- 31. Fails to
- **33.** It rises when you get a raise
- **34.** Give unwanted advice
- 37. Anthony Hopkins' role in "Thor"
- 38. Like SpongeBob when he's not using his inside voice?
- **42.** Knock for a loop
- 43. They may be picky
- 44. Loads, as a plate
- 46. Controversial baseball exec Marge
- **51.** Act of not paying one's taxes on time?
- **54.** Spirit in a bottle
- 55. It contains uracil
- **56.** Garden veggie
- 58. Mlle. counterpart
- **59.** Java
- **61.** Pugilistic cat?
- **65.** Everything
- 66. Dust Bowl migrant
- **67.** Muss
- 68. Word said with a fist pump
- **69.** Wren den
- **70.** Instrument with 30+ strings

- 1. Director Hitchcock
- 2. Treat in Tuscany
- 3. Chop-chop
- 4. Bridge seats
- 5. California's Big
- **6.** "____ Small World"
- **7.** "We ____ please" 8. Natl. economic stat

- 9. Building wing
- 10. Understand
- 11. Prevail upon
- 12. Christmas _
- **13.** Nuke
- 18. Mont Blanc, e.g.
- 23. "Woman With a Pearl" painter
- 25. "My Way" lyricist
- 27. Words before ante or creek
- 28. Barbershop supply
- **29.** Cookbook verb
- **30.** Poetic time after dusk
- **32.** Become bored by
- **35.** "Helps stop gas before it starts" sloganeer
- **36.** Ideal conclusion?
- **38.** Part of a flight
- **39.** Spats
- 40. Let down, as hair
- **41.** Mil. branch that patrols shores
- **42.** Doo-wop syllable
- 45. Apply haphazardly
- **47.** Announcer's call after three strikes
- **48.** Surge
- 49. Dot on an i
- **50.** Promo
- **52.** Sports shocker
- 53. Luau wear
- 57. Dreamworks' first animated
- **59.** The great Gatsby
- **60.** ____ Miss
- **62.** Luau strings
- **63.** Member of the fam
- 64. Avril Lavigne's "Sk8er _

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

L. Barling, El Cajon, 7. Are 45° angles called "half-right angles"? Can't be "wrong angles" because two wrongs don't make a riaht.

George Jackson, Oceanside,

7. A bus stops at a bus station; a train stops at a train station. What stops at a work station?

Robin Serfass, Leucadia, 7. /f

guys were supposed to hang up their clothes, door knobs would be bigger.

Butch Rosser, Chula Vista, 1.

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1) Submit completed puzzle of any difficulty level (Easy, Medium, Hard or Evil) to the Reader each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results and ranking are posted online at SDR reader.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.

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

pieces will be disqualified. Entries must include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

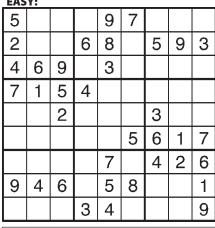
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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

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Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 7.

My wife wanted me to watch DWTS but I insisted we watch something less homoerotic like a prison movie.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1180-1290. 1BD+1BA. \$980 1st month. Block to ocean. Sunny unit. Remodeled kitchen/ bath. Berber carpet. Big windows. No dogs. 849 Diamond Street. 760-201-3818.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1185.

18D-18A, large upstairs apartment. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Balcony, Garage plus parking space. Shared courtyard. No pets. Four blocks to ocean. Available 5/12/12. 1190 Grand Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www. delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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PACIFIC BEACH, \$1185.

IBD-1BA; downstairs, large remodeled apartment. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Pool. Coin laundry. Parking. Garage space available for \$50/ month extra. No pets. Available 5/15/12. 1433 Oliver Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1195.

18D-1BA. Beautiful, newly remodeled apartment. Dishwasher, laundry, parking. Gated. Lovely courtyard, heated pool. Quiet. Cat friendly. One-year lease. 858-272-4398.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1200.

2BD+1BA cottage with shared yard. Close to all. Walk to bay. Laundry, parking, patio. No pets. 4115-1/2 Ingraham Street. 858-270-4674.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1245. 2BD+1BA remodeled apartment. Move-in Special. Hardwood floors. Parking. On-site laundry. 2009 Grand Ave. Xilarent.com, 619-683-7638.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1245.

1BD+1BA, large upstairs end apartment. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Huge private balcony. Coin laundry. Garage space. No pets. Available 5/16/12. 3711 Ingraham. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1250.

1BD+1BA, 700 sqft apartment. Heated pool, 2 Jacuzzis, 2 basketball courts, pool, 2 Jacuzzis, 2 basketball courts, 5 lighted tennis courts, clubhouse, barbecue area, business center, on-site laundry facilities, heat, A/C. Cats/ dogs welcome. Close to freeways and more! Bay Pointe Apartments, 3866 Ingraham. 888-451-8713. baypointe@ progressmanagement.net; www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1250.
2BD4-1BA, upstairs unit in duplex behind 1427. Stove, refrigerator. Parking. Small pet OK with extra deposit. Available 5/177/2. 1429 Grand Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www. delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1345.

2BD+1BA apartment, Custom interior colors, pool, barbeque, great value. One block to Vons Shopping Center. 1930 Emerald Street. TPPM, 858-273-9370, www.torreypinespm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1350.
2BD+1BA apartment. 12- month leases.
Wood floors, dishwasher, on-site
laundry. Tandem parking spots. Pets
under 30 lbs. OK. 1BD also available.
Call anytime, 858-483-7670.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1350.

2BD+1BA. Open house Saturday, 4/21, 1:00-2:00. Freshly updated apartment! New carpet, paint, and

more. Convenient central location. Mus see! 2065-G Diamond Street. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1450.

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2BD-12BA, large upstairs apartment with vaulted ceilings in Crown Point area. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Balcony. Coin laundry. Garage. No pets. One- year lease required. Available 5/25/12. 4122 Jewell. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm. com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1475.

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BD+1BA apartment. Move-in Special!
In very attractive property in Crown
Point. Open house Saturday, 4/21,
10:00-11:00. Partial bay view. Steps
to Sail Bay. 3805 Riviera Drive. TPPM,
858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1550.

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2BD+2BA in Crown Point. Pristine, perfectly located property. Two blocks to bay, the bayfront boardwalk, Rocky's, and Crest Deli. On-site laundry, parking. Rent today! 3803 Jewell Street. TPPM, 619-933-7400, www.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1595

28D+1.5BA townhome. Small yard. New carpet and fresh paint. Gas appliances. Parking. No pets. 5158 Dawes St. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1600. 2BD+2BA upstairs apartment. Off-street parking. Laundry on site. No pets. Available now! 4451 Haines Street. Chris. 858-270-4492 x203 or CDunphyPacwest@san.rr.con

2BD+1BA upper-level apartment. 3 blocks to beach. Assigned off- street parking. On-site laundry. No pets. 1050 Hornblend. Available now! 858-270-4492 x203.

PACIFIC BEACH, 31649.
2BD-2BA, top (3rd) floor remodeled apartment. Stove, refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher. Pool. Coin laundry. Elevator. Garage space. No pets. 1433 Oliver Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

deisoipm.com. sos-2/0-20/1. PACIFIC BEACH, \$1700. 2BD+ 2BA. Spacious upstairs. Gated building across Pacific Plaza. High ceilings, AC, covered parking, storage. No pets. 4640 Jewell. 619-286-3400.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1725 & UP.

2BD+2BA, 1000 sqft apartment. Heated pool, 2 Jacuzzis, 2 basketball courts, 5 lighted tennis courts, clubhouse, barbecue area, business center, on-site laundry facilities, heat, A/C. Cats/dogs welcome. Close to freeways and more! Bay Pointe Apartments, 3866 Ingraham. 888-451-8713. baypointe@ progressmanagement.net; www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com.

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PACIFIC BEACH, \$1800.

2BD-1.5BA, townhome with private patio and balcony. Stove, refrigerator. Laundry hookups. Pool. Close to bay. Available 5/10/12. 1311 Palma. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www. delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1875.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1645.

2BD+2BA, huge upstairs front apartment in North Pacific Beach. One block to Tourmaline Surf Park.

dishwasher, microwave. Private balcony. Two- car garage. Coin laundry. No pets. Available 5/17/12. 760 Sapphire Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1900.
2BD-2BA apartment in North Pacific Beach. Laundry on site, ocean view, private balcony, parking, sauna, spa. 804 Loring St. More info, call Ali, 858-699-7780.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2150.

AUTHO BEACH, \$2150.
3BD+2BA apartment. Open house
Saturday, 4/21, 11:30-12:30. Hardwood
floors, washer/dryer, new blinds, new
appliances. Parking. Close to beach.
1016 Hornblend Street #6. TPPM, 858699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2195.
3BD-1BA house. All wood floors with private patio. Only 2 blocks from beach. 858-768-4355, www.cal-prop.com. PACIFIC BEACH, \$2200.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2200. 2BD+1BA cool cottage with garage. All appliances plus dishwasher. Hardwood floors, patio. Best neighborhood near Fanuel Park, Sail Bay. No pets. 1419 Oliver Street. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2250.
3BD+2BA house. Available now!
Garage, laundry, gas stove, dishwa
2 parking spots. No dogs, cats OK.
Scott, 619-933-7727. dishwasher

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2450.

3BD+1BA duplex. 2 parking spaces, appliances, laundry hookups, fireplace. Large, fenced patio. Steps to the beach. 4981-1/2 Crystal Drive. 858-272-9547.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2500.
3BD+3BA townhouse with 3- car garage. Fireplace, washer/ dryer, patio, deck. Clean, fresh paint. No pets. 1835 Grand Avenue. 858-270-4492x203 or CDunphyPacwest@san.rr.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2595.

Clean 3BD condo with bay view in Crown Point! Remodeled bathrooms. New carpet and fresh paint. 2050 Pacific Beach Dr. Shore Management, 858-274-3500

858-274-3500.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2650.
3BD142.5BA townhouse. Clean, airy.
2- car garage. Fireplace. Washer/dryer, patio, deck. No pets. 1521 Hornblend. Available now. 858-270-4492x203 or CDunphyPacwest@san.rr.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2800. 3BD+2.5BA house, loft, garage, laundry, no pets, at 2338 Walmar Lane. Agent, 619-299-8515. www.mpmcorp. PACIFIC BEACH, \$785 & UP.

IBD-1BA apartment. Great values. Nice, convenient, multiple Pacific Beach locations. Studios from \$785. 1 bedrooms from \$1050. 2 bedrooms from \$1375. Some buildings with gated entry, pool and/or deck, parking, laundry. No pets. 858-483-3796.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$895 & UP.
1BD+1BA apartment. Ask about move-in special! Garden setting, easy access location. Pool, recreation room, no pets. 2710 Grand Avenue. TPPM, 858-273-8657, www.bayinnapts.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$895.

1BD+1BA. Quiet. Ceiling fans, microwave, dishwasher, laundry, reserved parking. Building well-maintained. No pets. Available now. 619-279-0031, akarnazes@yahoo.com.



Cyndie Wiley

Student, La Jolla

hat would be in the era of the old times, the Pride and Prejudice era. I think that's something like the 1890s, early 1900s. Not totally fictional, I guess, but it would be fictional to travel back there.



Danny Solis Unemployed, Chula Vista

eah, probably in the Marvel universe, just to chill with the Avengers. I really like Iron Man because he's using the best superpower of all,



Ricky Solis

Underemployed, Chula Vista

vatar's universe because big, tall, awesome Adragon things are flying around and everything's blue. A key aspect would be that I'm also an Avatar, or whatever they're called, not just a dude, 'cause I would get killed.



Alex Zasorano Student, North Park

he DC Universe! 'Cause there are superheros. I've always wanted to live in a world with superheros, and I think it would be really cool to meet some of them.

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Studio+1BA, 700 sqft apartment. Heated pool, 2 Jacuzzis, 2 basketball courts, 5 lighted tennis courts, clubhouse, barbecue area, business center, on-site laundry facilities, heat, A/C. Cats/ dogs welcome. Close to freeways and more! Bay Pointe Apartments, 3866 Ingraham. 888-451-8713. baypointe@progressmanagement.net; www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com.

PACIFIC FACCH. \$995.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$995.
Studio+1BA. Large balcony, lots of closet space, gated, tennis courts, 2 pools, 2 spas, gym, on-site laundry, off-street parking. Walk to beach. 1775 Diamond Street #206. 619-804-3325.

POINT LOMA, \$1200.

2BD+1BA. Recently remodeled, downstairs available. Small, quiet building; parking; laundry room, dishwasher, stove. No pets. A must see! 3128 Ingelow St. 619-222-6020.

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POINT LOMA, \$1200.

18D+18A apartment available. Movein special, half- off first month with
one- year lease! Newly remodeled
with fantastic upgrades! Extraordinary!
Everything is new! Gated, parking,
laundry and barbecue area. In Point
Loma near Nimitz, 2089 Chatsworth
Blyd. 619-222-0152. Blvd. 619-222-0152

POINT LOMA, \$1240.

Beautiful apartment homes starting at \$1240! **\$0 deposit, OAC.** City/ at \$12401 St deposit, OAC. City/ bay views, stainless steel gourmet appliances, custom cabinetry, bamboo laminate floors. Barbecue, fire pit/ lounge, resort-style pool, oversized hot tub, brand-new fitness center. Pet friendly. Gables Point Loma, 3811 Marquette Place #2N. 619-223-6577. Gables.com.

POINT LOMA, \$1395.

Jaboba Near shopping, large private patio. Cats OK with deposit. \$1200 deposit with 1- year lease. Tile floor throughout. lomascenic.com, 760-505-

POINT LOMA, \$1550.

2BD+1.5BA townhouse/ condo, park-like setting, dishwasher, new windows, central heat/ air, parking, on-site laundry, pool, gym. Nonsmoking. Pet considered. 4098 Valetta Street #388.

POINT LOMA, \$1600. 2BD+1BA at Sunset Cliffs. Steps to ocean. Ocean view. New paint. Hardwood floors. Garage included. Storage room included. Pets OK. 4829 Orchard Avenue. 619-222-6020.

POINT LOMA, \$915 & UP.
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Downtown

BANKERS HILL, \$850. Studio+1BA. Call for move-in special! Beautiful, large studio, utilities included. On-site laundry. Intercom entry. 3105 5th Ave. No pets. 619-298-7724.

BANKERS HILL, \$915. Studio corner apartment. \$800 deposit, year lease. Laminate floors. Utilities paid. Locked building. Parking. On-site laundry. 1820 4th Avenue. No pets. 619-300-1365.

DOWNTOWN, \$150.
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DOWNTOWN, \$400 & UP. Rooms \$400/ up. Clean and quiet. Includes utilities and free cable, on-site laundry, elevator, Wi-Fi. Excellent location, convenient to all. No pets. location, convenient to all. No pets. Centre City Manor, 1450 4th Avenue and Beech Street. 619-255-5631.

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Brainstorms

Monu-mental

We've mixed up 18 famous monuments and landmarks and scrambled their names accordingly. Examine the picture carefully. Then unscramble the letters below.

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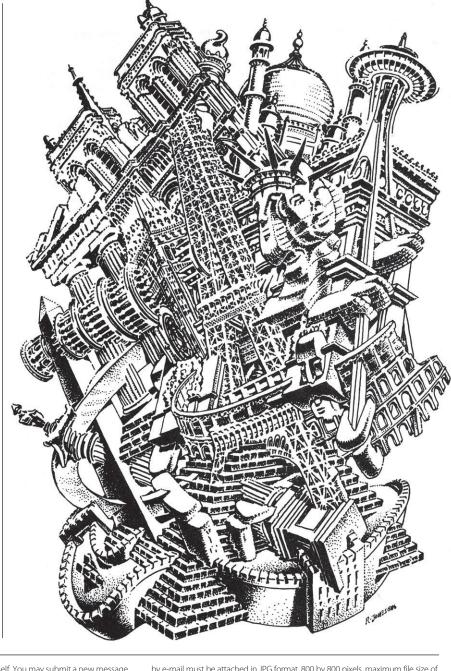
SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE: High Marx

The faces belonged to:

- 10 Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec
- 5 Tutankhamen
- 6 the Mona Lisa
- 11 Edgar Allan Poe
- 3 Leonardo da Vinci
- 12 Albert Finstein
- 9 William Shakespeare
- 2 Theodore Roosevelt
- 8 Ronald Reagan
- 7 Ludwig van Beethoven
- 4 Frankenstein's monster 1 Rembrandt van Rijn







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L. Barling, El Cajon, 6. Time management? Doing things half-assed means beina less behind.

Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 1.

The deer hunter aimed at the largest animal because he wanted the most buck for his bang.



DOWNTOWN, \$475-550.

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Studio+1BA. Rooms \$500/ up. Studios \$650/ up. Clean and quiet. Includes utilities and free cable, on-site laundry, elevator. Excellent location, convenient to all. No pets. Arlington Apartments, 701 7th Ave. and G St. 619-231-2385. www.HughesManagement.net.



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Christian Card Counters

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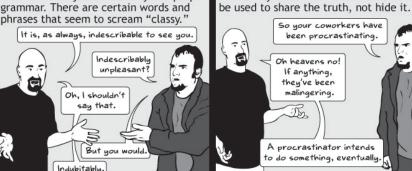
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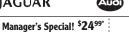
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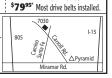
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- In February, a jury in Thousand Oaks, Calif., acquitted Charles Hersel, 41, of molesting children. Though Hersel admitted through his lawyer that he paid high school students to spit in his face and yell profanities at him and had offered to pay them money to urinate and defecate on him, jurors found that he must have done those things for reasons other than "sexual gratification" and therefore, technically, did not violate the statute under which he was

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- Equity Lifestyle Properties of Chicago fired receptionist Sharon Smiley after ten years' ser-

vice because she violated company policy by declining to stop working during her lunch hour. (The company's strict policy is apparently based on avoiding liability for overtime pay, but Smiley had in fact clocked out for lunch while remaining at her desk.) Smiley subsequently applied for unemployment benefits, but the administrator denied them because the firing was for insubordination. However, in January, a state appeals court granted the benefits.

- A South Carolina circuit court ruled in December that the sale contract on a former theater in downtown Laurens, S.C., was binding and that the rightful owner is the African-American-headed New Beginning Missionary Baptist Church — even though the property's only current tenant is the Redneck Shop, which features Confederacy and Ku Klux Klan merchandise. (New Beginnings purchased the church in 1997 from a Klan member who was unloading it because of a personal riff with the head klansman and who wanted it back after they reconciled.)

Leading Economic Indicators

- In an incident reported in February by the Indo-Asian News Service, a Pakistan International Airlines captain made a revenue-enhancing decision for his full flight PK 303 from Lahore to Karachi. Two overbooked passengers would not have to make alternative arrangements if they accepted seats for the 640-mile flight in the plane's restrooms.

- Real estate reassessments hit Pittsburgh like a bombshell in December when county officials announced enhanced estimates of property value in order to raise needed tax revenue. In the first wave of assessments (which engendered criticism countywide, according to a Pittsburgh Post-Gazette story), a real estate attorney who lives in the Mount Washington neighborhood was stunned to find his condominium apartment had jumped \$55,000 in value, now "worth" \$228,700 and, worse, his private parking space on the ground floor of the building, previously valued at \$5,000, now "worth" \$287,800.

 In December, National Geographic lamented that the number of South Africa's rhinoceroses killed by poaching increased by a third in 2011, to 443, as a response to the booming street price of rhino horns. MSNBC reported that the horns' market price "soared to about \$65,000 a kilogram, making [them] more expensive than gold, platinum, and in many cases, cocaine." The reason for the price is an escalating, though science-free, belief in Asia that rhino-horn powder can cure cancer.

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- Daniel Whitaker has been hospitalized in Indianapolis ever since, in November, he drove up the steps of the Indiana War Memorial with a gun, gasoline, and an American flag, and set the steps on fire. In an interview in December, he told WRTV that he was only trying to get everyone's attention so they would think of Jesus Christ and "love each other."

- Michael West, 41, of Fond du Lac, Wis., at first said his wife hurt herself by falling but finally acknowledged that she was attacked but by ghosts, not by him. (He was charged, anyway, in January.)

- Anthony Spicer, 29, was sentenced in January in Cincinnati after being discovered at an abandoned school among copper pipes that had been cut. He denied prosecutors' assertions that he was collecting scrap metal — because he said he was actually looking for ghosts, since the school "is supposed to be haunted."

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