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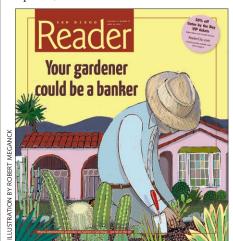
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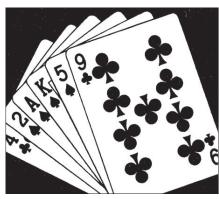
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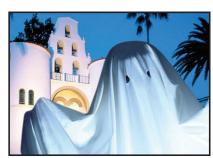
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UNDER THE RADAR

San Diego State's mouthpiece-in-chief San Diego State University's \$400,000 man, president Elliot Hirshman, is looking for a \$45,000- to \$50,000-a-year ghost-

writer to be his "presidential communications manager," according to a recent post by the university on the career networking site LinkedIn. The job calls for "drafting and editing a high volume of diverse correspondence, remarks, talking points,



At \$400,000 a year, SDSU president Elliot Hirshman isn't

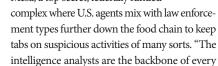
paid enough to write his own speeches. He wants to pay a ghostwriter \$50,000 a year.

e-mails and speeches for internal and external audiences; and proofreading copy for accuracy, consistency of message and appearance." The aide is also expected to "maintain a library of resource materials" and gather "relevant information well in advance of each speaking opportunity." One of Hirshman's most important tasks is hitting up fat cat contributors for cash, in part to justify his record salary. To that end, his aide is to research and prepare "briefing materials and remarks for the university President when meeting with top donors and prospects." A few more requirements of the gig: "Thorough knowledge and professional work experience in expository or journalistic writing, including story development and editing" and "Ability to write for a senior level executive and understand the difference between writing for publications and writing for speakers." The successful applicant will also have an "Understanding of SDSU, its unique history, people and stories."

Bill Gore looks to get smart

Attention all spies: San Diego county sheriff Bill Gore, himself an ex-FBI special agent, is in the

market for those schooled in the dark arts of espionage. "The Sheriff's Department is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide highly trained intelligence analysts who are subject matter experts in counter-terrorism, domestic terrorism, international terrorism, critical infrastructure, as well as all crimes/ all-hazards," says an April 16 request for proposals. The county's spy central, the document adds, is the socalled Fusion Center on Kearny Mesa, a top secret, federally funded



Fusion Center," according to the request, "as they analyze the patterns, trends, and evidence of organized criminal activity for use by first responders and public safety executives." In particular, "The intelligence analysts should have analytical work experience on the Southwest Border and work

> experience involving products developed from High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area initiatives." It also doesn't hurt to have worked for the Central Intelligence Agency, notes the document. And, of course, a security clearance is mandatory. But even espionage requires regular breaks: "Intelligence analysts will be permitted paid time off under this Agreement for all the County holidays."

John Moores, scandal magnate

Ex-San Diego State University athletic director Jeff Schemmel exited Aztec Mesa back in November 2009, ejected by then-president Ste**phen Weber** after it came to light in a divorce case that Schemmel had spent state funds visiting an alleged mistress in Alabama. He later landed on his feet as head of the college division of San Diego's JMI Sports. As we reported last fall, the company was set up by Padres owner John Moores to consult with sports interests, both amateur and professional, about how to develop stadiums and handle management issues, including "gender equity evaluation" and "NCAA infraction representation." Now comes word that Schemmel, a Moores protégé when he was at SDSU, has played a major role in getting a new job for a veteran of another legendary athletic scandal.

Colorado State University announced two weeks ago that Larry Eustachy would become the school's new head basketball coach, thanks in part to the search efforts of JMI and Schemmel, hired in March by the university for \$75,000 to serve as chief coach hunter for Colorado athletic



Scandal survivor Jeff Schemmel orchestrated the hiring of fellow survivor Larry Eustachy as head basketball coach at Colorado State.

Eustachy was bounced as head coach of the Iowa State Cyclones in 2003 after the Des Moines Register ran photos of him partying with attractive female students at a beer continued on page 44

Schemmel").

Alameda-born

Simon: **Commissioner** with a Past

By Don Bauder

n September 9, 2010, a Pacific Gas & Electric natural gas pipeline exploded in San Bruno. Eight people were killed and

38 homes destroyed. Early last year, Bay Area assemblyman Jerry Hill told the California Public Utilities Commission that its lax regulation was greatly responsible.

Michael Peevey, president of the commission, indignantly huffed that a panel had been named to study the tragedy, so the assemblyman's remark was "contemptible."

Intoned Timothy Alan Simon, a commissioner, "I find it personally offensive for the member of the legislature to come before this body and try to even imply or indicate the slightest scintilla that we have been complacent in this area." Peevey had shown some

humility right after the disaster, but in mid-2011, after the panel came out with the study lashing the utility for its incompetence and the commission for its weak-kneed regulation, Peevey gulped down a big helping of humble pie. He pledged that the commission would improve enforcement. Then, that year, he took four overseas trips paid for by utilities — to the United Kingdom, Sweden, Italy, and Australia. Simon went along on the Sweden and Italy junkets. His fiancée, San Francisco port commissioner Kimberly Brandon, went on the Sweden trip. Assemblyman Hill said the trips were shameful.

The California Public Utilities Commission continues to be marked by arrogance, ineptitude, bureau-

cratic sclerosis, pro-utility and anti-consumer bias, blindness to conflicts of interest, and the publishing of misleading information about its commissioners. The utilities the commission regulates are

is the proud father of three children." But documents from other sources raise many questions about that Simon biography. Unfortunately, he did not respond to a

by SDG&E, owed the utility

dling the wildfire case is

Timothy Alan Simon, who

was appointed five years ago

amid controversy. Simon's biography on the commis-

sion website says he is "a

former securities and banking industry attorney" who

serves on several nonprofit

boards, particularly ones

tied to the Roman Catholic

Church, and "is engaged and

The commissioner han-

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Stung by criticism after the San Bruno disaster, utility commissioners Michael Peevey (left) and Timothy Alan Simon consoled themselves with utility industry-funded overseas travel.

just as...well...contemptible. Pacific Gas & Electric wants its customers to pick up a significant part of the tab for future improvements in its pipelines. This smacks of San Diego Gas & Electric's outrageous attempt to get its customers to pay for uninsured costs of the 2007 wildfires, for which the utility was found negligent. And the local utility wants customers to indemnify it against costs of future fires.

So what is the commission doing? The administrative law judge handling San Diego Gas & Electric's attempt to fleece its customers is Maribeth Bushey, a former lawyer for — you guessed it — San Diego Gas & Electric. In 1993, her husband, then an inventor for a company 80 percent owned

request for information. He is a son of the legendary Joseph "Bunny" Simon, who owned eight nightclubs in San Francisco. One, the Play Pen, was adjacent to the first campaign headquarters of political powerhouse Willie Brown, who later recommended Bunny's son for the commission post.

In his younger years, Timothy Alan Simon used the name Sultan Muhammad Al-Nasser, according to a report by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the nongovernmental securities regulator known as FINRA. He and his wife, Kamilah Al-Nasser, had three children: Suphia, Nahel, and Jamal. The marriage ended in divorce. On September 24, 2002, he filed

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Let's Assess the Assessments

By Dorian Hargrove

esidential property owners throughout San Diego might be finding an additional charge on their annual property-tax

bills if a local businessman gets his way. The extra assessment would pay for enhanced services such as trash and graffiti removal, sidewalk cleaning, and promotional events, provided in specific neighborhoods through community benefit districts.

Since 1978, when Prop 13 was passed, declining tax revenues have forced cities across the state to cut programs and scale back on services. The trend is evident in San Diego's neighborhoods, where street trees go untrimmed and abandoned couches clutter alleyways for weeks on end.

In response, beginning in the 1990s, some residents and community leaders have taken matters into their own hands, searching for creative

ways to fund local improvement projects and prevent blight.

One popular tool is a maintenance assessment district, an area where an annual tax is levied on each property to fund maintenance services such as landscaping. Currently, the city of San Diego has 55 maintenance assessment districts, with more neighborhoods such as Barrio Logan looking to join the list.

But assessment districts have come under fire in recent years. Reports of flawed assessment engineer's reports and allegations that the districts were illegally formed and ill conceived have made some residents rethink the benefits that maintenance assessment



Marco Li Mandri wants to change city law to make it easier to form assessment districts. He's helped start 61 such districts around the country.

districts offer. In February, a judge ordered the dissolution of the maintenance assessment district in Golden Hill and South Park. Last year, residential and commercial property owners in North Park defeated a proposal to create a second maintenance assessment district.

And downtown, after three years of waiting, residents still have not been refunded hundreds of thousands of dollars they paid in miscalculated assessments.

for-profit company New City America has formed 61 districts across the country, hopes to change the local law that regulates assessment districts so as to make it easier to establish them in San Diego neighborhoods.

that to initiate the process, a petition must be signed by property owners who will be paying more than 50 percent of the total assessment. And once established, the district must be renewed by a vote of the property owners after five years.

Li Mandri proposes to create a new type of assessment district, a "community benefit district," whose life would be extended to 20 years. And instead of a petition signed by property owners who will be paying more than 50 percent of the total assessment, a community benefit district would require

NEWS TICKER

Protesters Stop Demolition

Community Leaders Speak Out Against Walmart

Sherman Heights — **A crowd** of Sherman Heights residents gathered this morning in front of the historic **Farmers Market building on** Imperial Avenue to hear a host of activists and local politicians speak on action



Community members sought a restraining order against Walmart.

recently taken by site lessee Walmart to demolish the building, a move that blindsided locals, many of whom said they'd been making efforts to communicate with the company about how to help it successfully enter the area.

While protesters successfully stopped the demolition on Wednesday morning, a large amount of debris appeared to have been removed from the site by Friday.

Perhaps the strongest words of the morning came from state senator Juan Vargas.

"Walmart is literally ripping the community apart," charged Vargas. "They cut corners every step of the way. They're cutting corners here today.

"We shouldn't stand for it. We should fight back!" he continued.

Community members will appear before a judge on Monday morning seeking a temporary restraining order blocking further destruction of the building.

> By Dave Rice Friday, April 20

I Don't Want to **Shake Your Hand**

Sweetwater Boardmember John McCann Calls Cops on Activist

Chula Vista — Tensions within the Sweetwater **Union High School District** continue to escalate.

The April 16 board meeting had an overflow audience of unhappy people, but an odd conflict between boardmember

> John McCann and recall activist Stewart Payne took place in the parking lot after the meeting.

Prior to the meeting, outside, the committee to recall Sweetwater

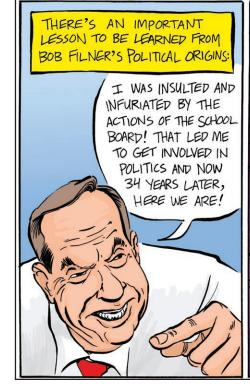
boardmembers McCann, Jim Cartmill, and Arlie Ricasa began their signature drive. In the wake of the countless Sweetwater stories of disrepute, the group is seeking to recall the three boardmembers who are not up for reelection November.

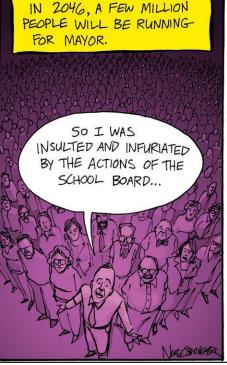
Following the meeting. McCann went out to the parking lot and gave an interview to KUSI, after which he turned and advanced toward the group he had criticized, and with an outstretched hand, said, "I just want to shake your hand." Payne replied, "I don't want to shake your hand. What are you going to do? Have them shoot me?" Payne gestured to the armed security guards who had followed McCann to the parking lot. (Security board meetings.)

On April 17, the U-T reported, "Police responded at 10:26 p.m. to a call of threats being made in the parking lot of the district's administration center.... 5 Sweetwater Trustee John

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In Control

I applaud you, Barb, for having the courage to take back control of your life ("Diary of a Diva," April 19). I have been on Lexapro as well as a dozen other drugs. I understand the draw of the mania and the raw emotion. It is thrilling! Just know your "triggers" and when to ask for help. Lean on your husband, that is what he is there for. Breathe through the panic attacks, and know it will pass in a few seconds. That being said, please don't feel as if you have failed should you decide to take another medication to help you settle down and be more stable. I am bipolar and a rapid cycler. I am currently on four meds, and for me that is just the way it is. I fought for years to get control and get off meds, but my condition is too unstable. However, on meds I feel really good, a part of the world. I am still me, and my condition does not define me.

I wish you the best of luck and happiness. Stay strong. Kathy Stevens via email

Pill Free, Rich Life

Barbarella, thank you so much for your wonderful, insightful columns. I know a lot of people mock what you have to say, and they think that you're not writing about anything very significant. They call you selfish; they think you're self-absorbed. Well, what you're doing is you're sharing your personal life with a lot of readers. And sometimes it really hits a special chord, like your last article about getting off Lexapro ("Diary of a Diva," April 19). Thank you so much for that.

I'd like to share my experience with you, too. A few years ago, after suffering from lifelong bouts of fear and anxiety due to a terrible, destructive childhood, I went to the doctor and told him that I couldn't handle my anxiety, and he promptly put me on Paxil. Well, my experience with Paxil lasted about three days. I was so exhausted, I couldn't even get up off the couch. So I threw the bottle out the window, and that was the end of that. So, now what I do is I live with my occasional bouts of anxiety; I try to practice Buddhist meditation; I occasionally will talk to my mate or talk to a friend about what's bothering me — so I just try other things. You sound like you have a wonderful husband in David, a very understanding man.

Anyway, thanks for your wonderful columns, for sharing about your life. You are helping more people than you will ever know. And continue the good, brave work of trying to stay off the Lexapro. Life is so much richer without all the psychiatric drugs, as you're finding out now.

Thanks for everything. Name Withheld via voice mail

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by Barbarella

o you not see this light blinking?" David squealed in the same voice he uses when impersonating Vizzini from The Princess Bride, a character best known for the line, "Inconceivable!"

"No," I shrugged. "Phone's behind the TV, why would I see it unless I walked around the side like you just did?"

"Were you home today?" This was rhetorical — I'm always home, especially when David takes the car to his studio. I stared at him blankly. "Why didn't you answer the phone?"

"It's probably telemarketers," I said. "And, anyway, if it's important, they'd leave a message."

"But someone did," David groaned. I tried not to smile at my man's exasperation. His ice-blue eyes get all sparkly when he gets that frustrated, and it happens so rarely. "Why didn't you check it?"

"Why would I?" I felt my face crinkle with incredulity. I often forget we even have a landline. Aside from David's parents (for whom I always answer the phone), the only calls coming in on that number are from political robocalls and charity organizations that still think telemarketing is effective.

"It's kind of rude to call someone these days," I said as David was clearing the messages and glaring at me. "You know? It's, like, intrusive."

Antiquated landline aside, I hardly ever check messages, even on my mobile phone. At this moment I have 32 unchecked voicemails, some dating back months (I don't like to delete messages without listening to them, neither do I want to spend the time screening and clearing them). It drives David crazy to know these messages exist out there, that some person's attempt to contact me remains in an indefinite limbo. I'm not concerned.

Immobile Phone

Most of those calls are from family members and close friends. I don't need to hear their messages — I see that they called, so I'll text or call them back when I'm in the mood to chat. If someone has a burning question they need an immediate answer to, chances are they'll text it.

"It's kind of rude to call someone these days," I said as David was clearing the messages and glaring at me. "You know? It's, like, intrusive." David held up his hand, an indication for me to wait while he jotted down a number. As soon as he was done, I continued, "At least with an email or a text you can respond in your own time. But the phone is, like, 'Now, answer me now!' It's so impatient and urgent...it stresses me out."

"When I was growing up, we didn't have caller I.D. or answering machines," David said. He'd hung up the phone and had taken a seat in his chair. "The phone would ring, and you wouldn't know who it was. You just answered it. Then again, I don't recall there being any telemarketers. It was either someone you knew or a wrong number."

"Talk about being caught off guard," I said, and shuddered. "I like to prepare myself mentally for a conversation. I need to know in advance — is this about work? Is it yet another political call or some charity trying to guilt me into giving them money? Is it family drama, or is Mom just calling to say 'Hey'? When I don't answer, I can check the message for numbers I don't recognize or wait for subsequent texts from those I do, and then I know in advance what it is that someone wants from me. And before you say it, I know who's calling to just say 'Hi,' and I answer them if I'm not in the middle of something else; otherwise, I just call them back or text them to set a time to talk that works for both of us."

A few hours after he freaked out about the blinking light, David and I were watching Community, one of our favorite shows, when Troy said of another character, "She was born in the '80s — she still uses her phone as a phone."

I slapped David on the arm and said, "See? I'm not just making this shit up. There's a generational divide when it comes to how people handle their telecommunication."

Later, I found myself considering what David had said and tried to imagine a world without caller I.D. or voicemail. Then I went even further back and tried to picture what life was like before phones. Probably boring, but it also seemed relaxing, so long as I didn't consider the lack of all the other modern comforts...like indoor plumbing.

The phone was a great invention, but once it went mobile and we became tethered to it at all times, it became as much (if not more) of a nuisance as a convenience. Maybe the latest generation to grow up with the technology has figured out a way to grab hold of the electronic leash, rather than allowing themselves to be jerked around by it.

My father has had a mobile phone for only a few years. When he returns one of my missed calls (I don't leave him messages; I figure he'll see my name and call me when he gets a chance), he begins with an apology for not answering. "I'm so sorry, I was on my motorcycle," or "I couldn't click over, Aunt Carol was in the middle of a story."

"Dad, you don't have to apologize for not answering your phone," I say. "Just because it rings doesn't mean you're beholden to whoever's calling you." But my father is rubbing off on me. The last time I missed his call, I found myself apologizing right back: "Sorry, I had my phone on silent." It's a bad habit to get into, apologizing for not answering one's phone. You're either available or you're not, and if you're not, that's nothing to be sorry for.

The less time I spend talking on the phone, the more time I spend talking with friends and colleagues in person. The phone has become nothing more than a tool to keep in touch via the occasional funny text and to arrange when and where to meet up in the flesh. Maybe, as with slow food, speakeasystyle bars, and handlebar mustaches, a growing faction of hipsters has found yet another way to embrace a simpler time: talking face to face.

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Where do ants go when it rains?

— Anonymous. San Diego

Starbucks? Grandma sez they come to our house. But bugologists say, nay, nay. We have so many different styles and flavors of ants living everywhere except our coldest knobs, there is a variety of answers to your question. So let's stick to ants in our particular 'hood, most of which build above-ground cones with a pretty complicated network of underground tubes and rooms and drainage piping. In an ordinary rainfall, the loose soil around the mouth of the ant hole can

absorb much of what hits the place. Some runs off because the surface tension on each droplet isn't broken. If water gets inside, some of it is diverted into a system like storm drains. And some ants can close the opening in the top of the anthill and keep water out more effectively. At any rate, ordinary rains drive ants back into their nests. where they're pretty safe. But if a hard rain's gonna fall, ants that are able to bail out of the

hill will head for higher ground and protection, like Grandma's kitchen. Deluges will kill a bunch of ants, it's true, though they'll never hit the endangered species list.

The bug that laughs heartily at rain? Flies on, chuckling arrogantly, flicking the drops away? Mosquitoes. You'd figure a mosquito hit with a hearty drop would spin to the ground in flames. Well, maybe not flames. But again bugsters say, nay, nay. Everything you know about bugs is wrong, to put a finer point on a bit of Firesign Theater wisdom. This scienceguy research comes from Georgia Tech, in the heart of the humidity-and-bug belt of our U.S. Why, one Tech engineer puzzled, can mosquitoes survive a downpour, when they weigh maybe a couple of milligrams and a raindrop can be 50 times heavier? He held a mosquito roundup in his backyard, put them in a box of some sort, squirted them with a simulated rainstorm, and turned on his highspeed video camera. Turned out the dang bugs flew right into the drops. Didn't dodge and evade. Didn't hide out. No cowering, sniveling. Just flew straight ahead, and damn the torpedoes. A mosquito's mass is so small that virtually none of the momentum from the falling drop is transferred to its body. It bobbles a little and buzzes on. Mosquito Man opines that big ol' bees wouldn't be so lucky, which

is why they seek shelter. He's busy figuring that one out as we speak.

Hey Matt:

Perhaps it was just propaganda from some spud farmer, but I once read/heard that a diet of just milk and potatoes would provide all the vitamins and minerals we need to survive. Is this so?

— A Potato Lover, via email

There's no booster like a spud booster. Who doesn't love 'em? The masterpiece of vegetables, to be sure. Tater lovers do go on and on, especially because the veggies do have a

bundle of vitamins and minerals.

And if you knock milk, I think you can be prosecuted for treason.

This potato-and-milk factlet has been knocking around for so long, it's been debated to shreds. Consensus is that you can blunder along fairly well on eight pounds of potatoes (without garnish) and two gallons of whole, vitamin-D-fortified milk a day. That's pushing 6000 calories. For a living, I hope you fell trees with an axe or push large rocks up steep hills. But true, nutrition-wise, you'll only be lacking a bit of vitamin E and a mineral called molybdenum.

Lots of home-building tools are made of molybdenum, so perhaps you can add a drill bit to your milky potato diet. Or just add oats and legumes.

Heymatt:

Why is Antarctica a continent, but the Arctic isn't? — Windsor Castle, via email

Geographers made up the idea of continents but had a little trouble convincing the full membership how to divide up the globe. Some say there are six continents, some say seven, Europe and Asia two continents, or just one, as in Eurasia? The argument has something to do with tectonic plates. But anyway, one thing they do agree on is the definition of a continent as a big land mass. The Antarctic, though a squiggly white patch on the map, is actually a land mass. It's connected to the earth's crust. Under all that ice are rocks and stuff. The Arctic, a region of the globe, not a country or a continent, is just ice. So, no land? The doormen won't let you into the club. But sometimes big land masses are admitted to clubs you might not expect. Greenland is part of the North American continent. All the land crumbs too small to form their own continents get swept into some nearby qualifying large

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U.S. Secretary of the Interior Visits San Diego Brothel in Push to Promote American Sex Tourism

San Diego — At the San Diego Petting Zoo, a North County brothel wherein both the rooms and the girls are decorated in wild animal themes, secretary of the interior Ken Salazar stroked a "cheetah," patted a "snake," and shared a platform with a "peacock."

After that, he met with local sex tourism and adult business leaders to get some feedback on the Obama administration's push to create jobs by growing American sex tourism.

Salazar wants more foreign visitors to come to the Petting Zoo, as well as the rest of America's sexual playgrounds. He was in San Diego yesterday to gather facts about promoting sex tourism (and maybe have a little naughty fun while he was at it).

Salazar said his goal was simple: to make the U.S. the top travel destination in the world for well-heeled sexual adventurers.

"For too long," he said, "cities like Thailand's Pattaya, Bahrain's Manama, and Brazil's Rio De Janeiro have been the go-to locations for the world's rapacious rich. America, once the acknowledged world leader in gorgeous, talented escorts, has



seen its international standing slip."

"In some cases," he continued, "we have even seen our abundant natural resources leaving the country through outsourcing, or 'sex trafficking.' The sad fact is that today, if you want to experience a really good Venus Flytrap, you're probably better off slipping over the border into TJ."

Salazar says \$150 million has been set aside to promote what he called "American Sexcellence." "So, from the San Diego

Petting Zoo to New York's notorious Manhattan Club to New Orleans' Bourbon Street Beauties to Hollywood's Struggling Actress Depot," he said, "we are a place people want to come to satisfy their unholy fleshy desires."

Salazar is part of a task force that will soon report to the president. Preliminary goals include finding ways to loosen age requirements and attracting tourists from developing countries like China and Brazil.

"We have to accept that we are part of a global economy," he said. "We can no longer afford to just go it alone, setting the age of consent at 18 and ignoring the demographic and economic realities of the developing world. I'm not saying we need to be putting 12-year-old boys to work, but I am saying that there is room for innovation and the free exchange of ideas — the kind of innovation that made America great."

Barack Obama's sex tourism initiative was first announced in January at Walt Diznee Fantasy World in Orlando, Florida.



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POST TITLE: Circus Freak or Saint?

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Tease. Prude. The Virgin. Whore. Naive. Heartbreaker. The Good Girl. Serial Dater. Bible Thumper.

These are all things I have been called: by men, by friends, by family, by strangers.

I am saying this to show you how one's sexuality can cause others to assume certain things that aren't necessarily true.

If I make out with a guy that I met recently then I'm a whore. But if I flirt without putting out, I'm a tease. I don't care about [or for] these false labels, but they

REAL conversation I had with a man in a bar

Norwegian: I think I'm in love with you Me: I guarantee that you're not

Norway: No, really I am

Me: What's my name?

Norway: I don't remember

Me: This isn't a good start (I begin to walk away) Norway: (He chases after me) Can I at least have a kiss good night?

Me: Definitely not, I just met you.

Norway: Pleeeease?

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Me: No! Why would I kiss you?

Norway: Because I'm never gonna see you again Me: That's funny, because that's my exact reasoning for NOT kissing you

Norway: You're a bi*#h (he mumbles as he retreats)

My stance on purity has been quite a topic lately. Well, let's be real, it's been quite a topic my

At a party about five years ago I was approached by two men that I had never met before in my life. The first words out of Jackass #1's mouth? "Are you the girl that's a virgin?" Oh, hey! Yeah, nice to meet you too. I'd love to talk to you, a stranger, about my sexuality in the middle of a crowded room.

Obviously I am not ashamed of this, as I am

destruction that sexual promiscuity can have. I saw the dangerous power of lust.

With that said, I am a very sexual person. I still have desires and wants and temptations. I can miss what I have never had.

To my future husband: you better be ready, because I have 26 years of pent-up sexual frus-

tration.

It's difficult when people tell me to "just get it over with." You would think if anyone were going to be jumping up and down about my declaration, it'd be my father. But no, even he thinks it's

POST TITLE: Italian Men POST DATE: October 30, 2011

Like I've said before, the men here [in Italy] don't even attempt to hide the stares, as they slowly look you up and down, or the muttered comments as you walk by.

Honestly, sometimes it's flattering but most of the time I just want to slap off their smirking smiles. I've learned to ignore them for the most part. Until last night...

I was sitting on the couch, talking to Marco when out of NOWHERE Diablo says something in Italian, walks across the room and kisses me, and we're not talking about a little peck here,

Soon after, Marco trotted off and left Diablo and me to our own dangerous devices. The language barrier made our make-out sesh exciting, animalistic, and entertaining. We were both communicating at a preschool level hoping the other person just might understand.

I've never had to work so hard in my life to try to explain to somebody in the heat of the moment that there would be nessun sesso. He did not hesitate to tell me he wanted to sleep with me. And I did not leave him guessing as to what the answer to his proposal would be. Perhaps he saw that as a challenge, but I'm done playing.

No sono una American tipica, I told him. But then I realized maybe I should walk the walk. Why was I hanging out with this type of guy that just wanted one thing in Firenze, when I would not be doing this in San Diego. I need to keep true to my morals, no matter my location.

[Posts edited for length.]

posting it for the world to see. But it'd also be nice if people didn't treat me like I was either a circus freak or a saint. I made this very personal and serious decision when I was 14 because, even at that age, I knew I wanted sex to be with my future husband and him only. I saw the

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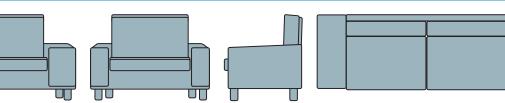
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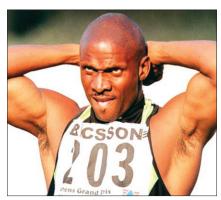
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Wives, Mothers, and Sluts



Olympic gold medalist Dennis Mitchell tested positive for stallion levels of testosterone.

■here is a story going around the sportsindustrial complex that goes like this: "Memphis basketball coach Josh Pastner tweeted the name of touted recruit Tony Parker, which is a secondary violation of NCAA recruiting rules. Pastner said it was his wife's fault for distracting him while he was doing an Internet search for Parker. 'My wife was yelling at me because I was on the phone too loud,' he told the Memphis Commercial Appeal. 'So, I was waking everybody up, I was getting yelled at, and on top of that, I was thinking, What's going on with recruiting? and Who am I going to hire? and I made a mistake."

One thinks, What a punk. Pastner drops a dime on his pregnant spouse, tries to cop a plea with, "My wife made me do it."

It's a low-rent excuse. Pastner made no effort to concoct a reasonable lie. On the other end of the excuse scale is reigning sports excuse champ Tiger Woods. He said his wife took one of his golf clubs and beat in the side window of his wrecked SUV in order to rescue him. This is a genius variation of the My Wife Made Me Do It excuse tree, and that's why he's Number 1.

Tiger's excuse is so good, many people wonder if there are any real contenders in the My Wife Made Me Do It sports excuse subdivision. Be easy, people, introducing Daniel Plaza, a Spanish race-walker. He represented Spain in three Olympic Games, won a gold medal at the 1992 games in Barcelona, his hometown.

Pretty cool, huh? Win a gold medal in your hometown with family and friends looking on. Plus, he was the first Spaniard to win a gold medal in track and field. A grateful nation stands as one. But wait, now comes misfortune: Plaza tested positive for nandrolone, an anabolic steroid.

A normal man would hire lawyers and walk away, but not Plaza — he went for gold. Plaza said the nandrolone belonged to his wife, not him. Pregnant women may produce nandrolone naturally; thus, her nandrolone got into his system by way of a prolonged session of oral sex. He served a two-year ban but won on appeal ten years after the event.

Then there is Dennis Mitchell, an American track and field star. He competed in the 1988, '92, and '96 Olympics, won a gold medal as part of the American Men's 4x100 meters relay. He tested positive for high levels of testosterone after a 1998 Gainesville, Florida, meet. Mitchell was sentenced to two years' banishment.

But not quite. Mitchell offered an inspired excuse. He said the night before the meet he drank five beers and had sex with his wife four times. He said, "It was her birthday. The lady deserved a treat."

Recognizing greatness when they saw it, USA Track and Field came home with a "not guilty." However, the International Association of Athletics Federations, probably led by the French, kept their collective head in the sand and unjustly banned the American stallion from international competition.

I'll briefly mention a few subcategories in the My Wife Made Me Do It sports excuse tree. Follows comes from the My Mother Made Me Do It division.

Australian Shane Warne is regarded as one of the greatest cricket bowlers of all time. And, so, it was especially cruel that the day before the 2003 World Cup was set to begin, Warne was sent home after testing positive for the prescription drug Moduretic.

Warne said, "I'm shocked and devastated. My mother gave me a diet tablet." He went on to explain his mother gave him the tablet so he wouldn't look fat on TV.

The Slut Made Me Do It. As to the Frenchman Richard Gasquet, a professional tennis star. Gasquet tested positive for cocaine in 2009 after he pulled out of a Key Biscayne, Florida, tennis tournament due, he said, to a shoulder injury.

Well, sir, what does a Frenchman do after he quits a tennis tournament? He goes to a Miami NIGHTCLUB! Yes, the smarmy little socialist beelined to a contemptible hot spot, to see get this — a French DJ spin tunes for a dance music festival. Said festival was, according to the International Tennis Federation's tribunal panel, "notoriously associated with use of illegal recreational drugs, including cocaine."

Gasquet said he kissed a girl named Pamela at the debauchery. "I did not take cocaine. I kissed a girl who did." Although no girl or proof of kiss was offered as evidence, the tribunal ruled that Pamela had likely consumed cocaine during the night and, therefore, Gasquet was not significantly at fault. Ultimately, the Court of Arbitration for Sport cleared him of any wrongdoing.

Nice work, Frenchy.

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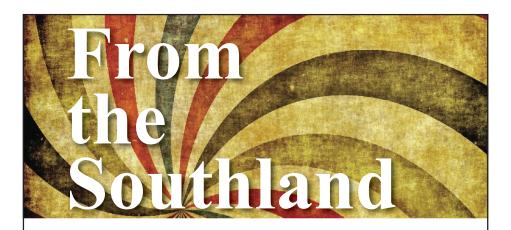
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His most recent collection of poems is *God Particles* (Houghton Mifflin, 2008) and Houghton Mifflin will publish *Child Made of Sand* in 2012.

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Miguel Herrero is just another Mexican.

for money. There are even people deep in the Mexican state of Oaxaca, almost all the way down at the border with Guatemala, who give him a call when they have a personal problem, or when, say, the local church needs re-stuccoing but can't afford the necessary scaffolding to do the job.

design on it.

We meet at Oceanside's L&L Hawaiian Barbeque. I have no idea why we're meeting here, except that my brother, who has known Miguel for a decade and a half and who has agreed to translate, told me to show up at 4:30 on a Sunday afternoon.

The mall parking lot is half empty. Actually, a



good part of the mall itself is empty. Not only empty of customers, but of tenants. The old Mervyn's a few doors down from L&L just sits there, empty, month after month. The frozen-yogurt shop is gone. The Hallmark card shop is gone. So is the car dealership across the parking lot.

All over Oceanside, probably all over America, gaps have formed in consumer society. Dead spots. A lot of people are living through their own private financial hells.

Miguel is standing outside the L&L when I get there. My brother is late, so we go inside, order a couple of sodas, and talk in my poor Spanish and Miguel's poor English about his financial work.

I ask what this money thing he does is called.

"Tandas [or] cun-

dinas," he says, "it's the same thing."

What word does he prefer?

"Tandas."

He explains that, right now, he is in the second week of a 12-week tanda. Its structure could not be simpler — each member agrees to contribute \$100 per week for 12 weeks. They will give the money to Miguel, who will hand it each week to one of the members. When the 12 weeks are over, a new tanda starts. Miguel says membership varies from 10-20 people each time.

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even partial week arrangements such as one and a half weeks.

Some members ask for an early number, "because they need the money right away," Miguel says. Such a request is perfectly acceptable.

"Some other people can wait to take their money," he adds. Such a person can ask for a late number. The member might ask to go last, for example, so that each week constitutes, essentially, a payment into a 12-week savings plan.

In an emergency, a member can tell the group that he or she needs the money on any given week, and the group will rearrange paydays so that the member with the emergency can get paid immediately.

In this way, the *tanda* acts as a system of savings,

of loans, and of insurance for emergencies.

Miguel says that,

okay."

Most of the people in Miguel's *tanda* live in or

A good percentage of the neighborhood's shopping is done off the backs of trucks that park for hours along Division Street.

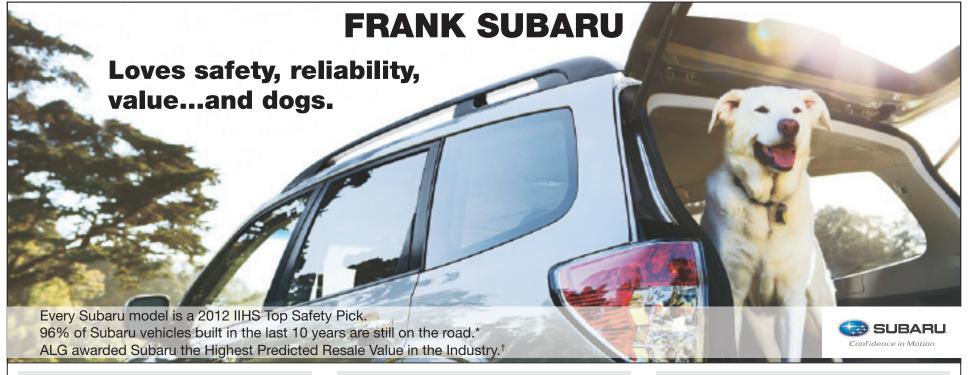
even if a person has already been paid in, say, week one, and they have an emergency in week nine, they can get paid again immediately, so long as they agree to give up their number in the next round.

"You know the people," Miguel says. "It's

near Oceanside's Crown Heights neighborhood.

The tightly packed quarter is a short walk to the beach, to Oceanside High School, to the strip mall that has stood across from the high school for ages, and even to the new Fresh & Easy market on Oceanside Boulevard. There are plenty of spots nearby to shop and bank at, but a good percentage of the neighborhood's banking goes on right here, just as a good percentage of the neighborhood's shopping is done off the backs of trucks that park for hours along Division Street, or around the corner on Grant Street, down by the community garden.

For as long as there has been an Oceanside, this has been "the barrio" — one of those little Mexican hearts that beat near the center of nearly every beach city in Southern California. Once a seedy spot, Crown Heights today is mostly free of graffiti; the streets are clean and the sidewalks relatively busy. But the little houses and apartment buildings are much more crowded than is typical of Southern



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Despite its outside reputation for crime, Crown Heights is a family place. Most of the small communities that make up the neighborhood are peaceful clusters of families, each with

its own regional flavor.

Miguel's flavor, like many people in Crown Oceanside.

If it seems odd that so many people

"You could go into any community in Oaxaca at this point and ask them, 'Where's your sister community?"

Heights, is Oaxacan. He figures there are probably 1000 Oaxacans in

from Oaxaca, one of Mexico's southernmost states, would end up in Oceanside, one only has to understand a phenomenon that migration researchers call "sister communities."

Dr. Ramona Pérez, director of the Center for Latin American Studies at San Diego State University, has worked in Oaxaca for two decades. She says, "You could go into any community in Oaxaca at this point and ask them, 'Where's your sister community?' And they'll say, 'We go to Los Angeles,' or 'We go to San Diego,' or 'We go to Vista,' or 'We go to Chicago."

Many of these sister community relationships date back to the Bracero Program, a U.S. government program from the World War II era, in which Mexican laborers were given a chance to work in the U.S. while homegrown labor was off fighting in Europe or the Pacific. The program lasted until the early '60s. Many Mexican participants put down roots in the U.S., later serving as helpers for family members and townsfolk who wanted

to come to the U.S.

"Once you get a few people that have settled in an area and know the lay of the land, they serve as a hub for other people coming in," says Dr. Pérez. "Some of them have been able to acquire linguistic skills. Where that doesn't exist, they still understand transportation, they understand where jobs are, they know where healthcare is, they know where housing is, which landlords will allow them to come in with limited documentation, that kind of thing."

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In the past few decades, Miguel says, more and more Oaxacans

of tropical plants starts all over again.

But if you live in

"Once you get a few people that have settled in an area and know the lav of the land, they serve as a hub for other people coming in."

have gone to Las Vegas, where they plant flowers and ferns around the big casinos in the morning, then tear out those same plants around midnight, when truckloads of new plants come and the daily cycle of dressing one of the hottest and driest cities in the world in a coat

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the town of El Trapiche, the people you know, the people you grew up with, they go to Crown Heights.

El Trapiche is a dirtroad farming town just off a sharp bend of highway about 40 miles south of Oaxaca City, which is, itself, about 1400 miles straight south of San Antonio Texas, or about 400 miles southeast of Mexico City.

I've never been there, but on Google Maps and Google Earth, El Trapiche compares to Oaxaca City, a city of about 250,000, in the way that Bonsall might compare to San Diego.

Before he first came to the U.S., Miguel was at one time a 12-year-old bull-riding champion from El Trapiche, winning prizes at rodeos all over the area. More than 20 years later, he recalls the bull-riding fondly, but, with three children, he says he would never get on a bull now.

When my brother arrives at L&L, we are able to get into a deeper discussion. I ask Miguel why members of his tandas don't just go to a bank and start saving that way.

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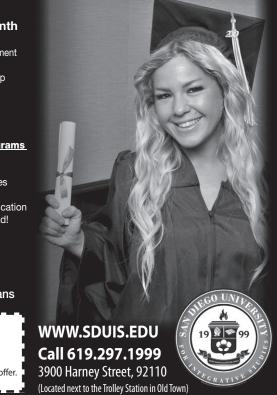
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He doesn't have much of an answer to this. In fact, the question seems, at first, to make little impression on him. In his view, it's not that the Mexicans — and a few Guatemalans — who are in his tandas are afraid of the bank or unwilling to pay bank fees. They stay out of banks simply because banks are not something they are familiar with. They do not feel confident about walking into a bank, filling out a lot of paperwork that means nothing to them, and handing over their money to people they do not know and whose motives they cannot guess.

In the part of the world they come from, he

tells me, loans are made by local *patróns*, rich men who loan money because they can make a tidy profit by making lots of small loans to their neighbors. And they know they can find you if you don't make your payments.

"They act like it's a favor to you," Miguel says about these local *patróns*, "but they charge a lot of money."

Are they like *mafiosi*, I ask him, searching for a word in my limited Spanish vocabulary, "bandidos"?

"No," he says, kind of taken aback, they are just "patrones."

So, without any inclination to walk into a bank, and with an already well-established habit of

private financial dealings, many immigrants just naturally bank with Miguel, or with one of the many, many people who play a role like Miguel's in immigrant communities (and even in some well-established Mexican-American communities) all around the U.S.

This kind of banking has a formal name among the IMF and World Bank types, it's called ROSCAS: rotating savings and credit associations.

A cademics have been studying such associations since the 1950s. The Global Development Research Center says they "can be seen in almost every society around the world, and have been in existence for a consider-

able period of time. They are flexible and adapt themselves easily to rural and urban peculiarities as well as existing community patterns of grouping/organizing. This flexibility is one reason for their worldwide popularity."

Despite their informality and flexibility, or maybe because of it, rotating savings and credit associations are powerful little engines of economic activity, ingenious, really, in that they allow for people who either do not want to or cannot access established banking to make and get loans, to build up savings, to help out neighbors who may be facing an emergency, to keep community and family ties intact

amidst a foreign culture, and even to maintain ties between members of a community like El Trapiche, who have come to the U.S., and those who have stayed or returned home.

Carlos Vélez-Ibañez wrote the book on these U.S.-based Mexican associations: An Impossible Living in a Transborder World. Part of his thesis is that the entire southwest of the North American continent is becoming one big, integrated economic region; the associations help facilitate the flow of goods and services within the region. They help Mexican nationals, who tend to be poorer and have less access to power, to function efficiently and effectively within this transnational economic reality.

His book is filled with academic jargon, and some Americans might categorize his thinking as the kind of squishy academic denial about border reality that has led to the lawlessness we now see along practically its full length.

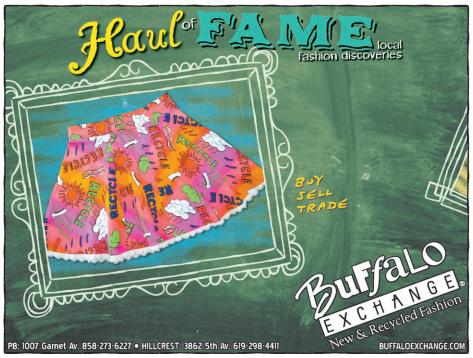
For example, Vélez-Ibañez often puts the word "citizenship" in quotes, as if to suggest that the concept is less than real, a figment of the right-wing imagination, perhaps.

His research offers fascinating insights into a profound financial and social reality that, while it is literally right next to









them, many Americans are oblivious to. Vélez-Ibañez suggests that this obliviousness to the financial ingenuity of Mexicans in America is part of a broad denial of the personhood and creativity of the Mexicans in our midst. But it could also be simply that linguistic barriers do not allow Mexicans in the U.S. to chat about these things with Americans.

The upshot of the Mexican habit of private, even secret, banking is that an individual who may appear to Americans as just another poor Mexican laborer is responsible, at any given time, for large sums of other people's money and for facilitating the banking needs of families, clans, even whole neighborhoods.

Tandas may be the most common and obvious of the various off-the-radar financial tools available to Mexican immigrants, but it is



only one among many.

Miguel, as a leader among the Oaxacans of Oceanside, provides an example of some other ways that Mexican financial interdependence works in the U.S.

He has made alliances with Americans who are willing to help poorer Mexicans. He has found Oceanside dentists, for example, who provide special rates to Mexicans lacking insurance. He has a well-off American business associate who sometimes puts up money, to be paid back in installments, when a member of the community needs help with an immigration issue or to get a car out of impound or some similar

Miguel, himself, now has the financial means to act as a patrón for families with medical bills or other sudden needs. And the entire Oaxacan community will help in a pinch by making lots of small donations, as they did when a Oaxacan family recently had a sick child who needed hospital care.

Back in El Trapiche, when the church needed that new stucco job, it was Miguel who got the call and organized the







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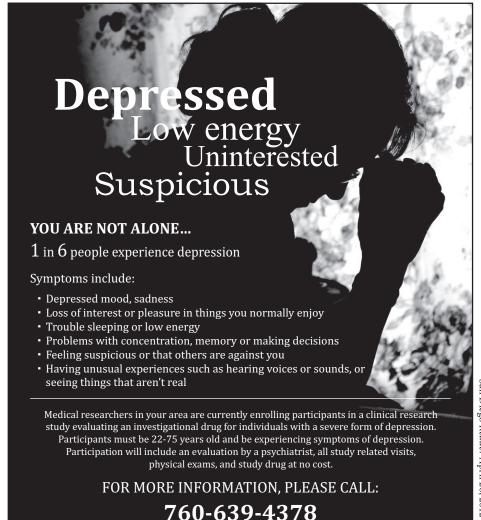
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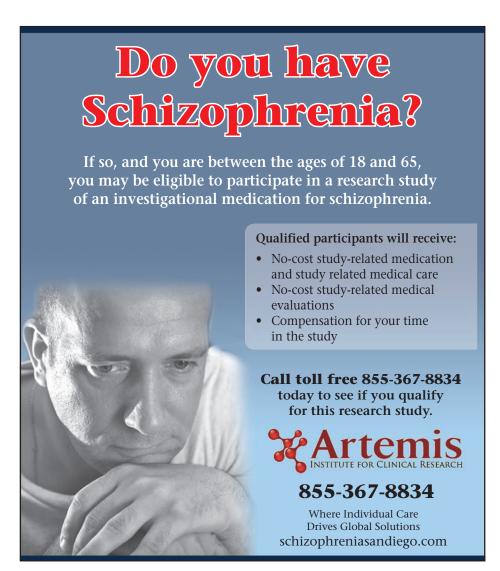
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fundraising to pay for the scaffolding. Asked how he acquired this responsibility, Miguel smiles and shrugs innocently.

"He'll never tell you how important he is in the community," my brother says.

Miguel came north about 20 years ago, when he was 14. His family is a farming family, and during some of the dry years, the fertility of their land did not match the fertility of Miguel's mother and father. They sent the boy north with an uncle, so that they could be sure he would eat.

The pair took a bus to Mexico City, a train to Mexicali, another bus to

Tijuana, and made what was then a fairly easy crossing into the U.S.

there, but also a chance to learn the business of horticulture. He moved

A habit of financial interdependence is what we might call the Mexican way of money.

In the U.S., the uncle got Miguel into a taxi and up to Oceanside, where he boarded with Oaxacan cousins.

He went to work for an Encinitas flower grower because he thought he would not only find steady work from job to job, always getting both a paycheck and an education from his employers, until he was ready to start his own landscaping business.

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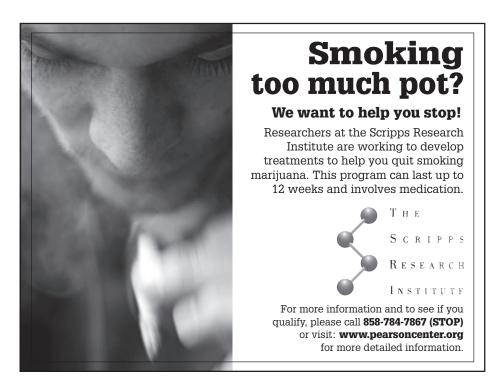
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make him an unusual person and have made much of his success possible. But he could not have made it to where he is on his own. Without a network to tap into when he came north, and without systems that aided in his financial success, there is no telling where he would be.

This habit of financial interdependence is what we might call the Mexican way of money, and, along with the many Mexican dishes that have become ubiquitous on American menus, it could be one of the lasting benefits Mexicans have brought into the U.S.

Some of the financial tools that Mexican families have at their disposal might, in fact, be the envy of many lone, struggling, and relatively financially isolated American households.

That is to say, financial cooperation and mutual assistance are far more the norm among Mexican immigrants than among Americans, and this cooperation and mutual assistance offers considerable benefits.

For many Mexicans, money troubles are community troubles. The community has, therefore, developed modes of helping people with money troubles. In contrast, an American with money troubles tends to become more isolated, putting up a brave public face while suffering and worrying alone.

Faced with the need to save and the need to have some insurance for emergency situations, Mexican men and women enter into rotating savings and credit associations together. They help each other save and make allowances for each other in emergency situations. Maybe this kind of thinking about money will one day be thought of as a contribution to American society, a prompt for Americans to be less isolated and more interdependent in terms of finances.

Since 2002, when he started sponsoring tandas for his community, Miguel has collected money hundreds of times, maybe thousands, and only twice has any-

one failed to pay. In both cases, the person fled the area. Miguel called family members, seeking help in recouping the money, but none was able to help or to locate the absconders. In time, Miguel did find one of those who failed to pay, and the young man simply said, "I don't have the money."

So Miguel covered the losses himself. "As the person in charge, I didn't get the money, so I had to pay it," he says, seemingly without resentment.

Thus, no member of Miguel's tandas, except Miguel himself, has ever lost money. It is this kind of personal responsibility that makes tandas go. "Confianza" — trust in the community — allows for a savings and credit market to be created and sustained.

Miguel says he has no need for tandas anymore; he runs the tandas because other people want him to. It is important that he do so because the trustworthiness of the tanda leader is an essential component of its success. For example, when Miguel was new to

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the U.S., he began participating in *tandas*. My brother asks him if he knew the people in the *tandas*. Miguel says no.

"But I knew the guy in charge," he says. That contact was enough to allow him entrée into the *tanda* and allow him to feel confident that no one would rip him off.

Of course, there are Americans who are sick of people like Miguel and his 1000 Oceanside Oaxacans. They take American jobs, they soak up American social services, and if the flood of them is not turned back, they will overwhelm American culture.

But that story may be more about the past than the future. Little by little, a more up-to-date narrative is finding its way into media reports.

As Newsweek pointed out in 2010, most Americans are missing the truly current story of the Mexican immigration problem — that it has become short-term. Writer Arian Campo-Flores argues convincingly that Mexico will not be producing enough off-

spring to keep sending its young to the U.S. In fact, it has not been producsions have barely topped 600.000

Apprehensions don't

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ing enough offspring for years: "The fertility rate in Mexico...has undergone one of the steepest declines in history, from about 6.7 children per woman in 1970 to about 2.1 today.... That makes it roughly equal to the U.S. rate...."

In fact, the inflow of Mexican immigrants may have reached its peak several years ago. In the year 2000, apprehensions of people attempting illegal crossings from Mexico was more than 1.6 million, while in recent years, even with improved methods and equipment for catching illegal crossers, such apprehen-

tell the whole story, of course, but other indicators seem to point in the same direction. Fewer Mexicans are coming. Fewer Mexicans are being born per capita. The Mexican economy is in better shape than most other Latin American nations. And Mexico has relatively rosy prospects in the coming years.

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The numbers work this way: slightly more than 400,000 Mexicans leave the U.S. year after year. That number changes very little. So, as the number of Mexicans taking up residence in the U.S. dropped to perhaps around 500,000 in 2010, the total increase of Mexicans in the U.S. for that year was just 100,000. If,

when the figures come out from the Department of Homeland Security this summer, we find that the total influx in 2011 was in the 400,000 region, we're finally at a net zero gain.

And the demographics suggest that we will never again see an influx from Mexico of the kind experienced over the past 30 years.

People have been saying for ages that illegal immigration was a "systemic" problem that could not be solved until the U.S. got serious about law enforcement and Mexico became able to take care of its own. Turns out, that's exactly what happened.

It may take a few more years for most people to notice, and there are disasters or setbacks that could, at least temporarily, change the trend, but it is now likely that the great migration of Mexicans into the U.S. — which has been a central feature of U.S./ Mexican relations for almost the entire postwar period — is past its high-water mark.

What that flood-tide will have left behind is two transformed nations.

For now, it's left millions of Spanish-speaking, culturally out-of-water Mexicans needing institutions to help them function in a foreign land. (This is, of course, unless we decide to physically remove the Mexicans who are already here — a prospect no political party is currently supporting and would be too expensive.)

Whether the finan-

cial habits that Mexicans have brought into the U.S. will survive is an open question. The Mexican way of money may be dying out — even in Mexico.

Miguel says that things are changing in El Trapiche. In former days, farmers worked more cooperatively, maybe banding together to buy a tractor that they could share. Today tractors are more affordable, people have more money, and there is less sharing.

"As people get money, they don't want to participate in the community stuff anymore," Miguel says.

Perhaps as Mexico grows wealthier and more urban, communal financial arrangements such as *tandas* will fade away. A well-established middle-class Mexican may want no more to do with his neighbor's finances than today's middle-class American does.

Or, perhaps, the Mexican way of money will persist in some new and creative mode. Time will tell.

For now, tandas make it possible for Mexicans to become selfsustaining in America. Understanding how they work clarifies how a Mexican migrant is not just a lone fieldworker or a landscaper, but a member of a greater whole that puts down roots, builds communal bonds, and establishes systems and practices that bring something new and vital to the U.S.

Miguel, like many who migrated to the

U.S. in those peak years, now feels a bit stuck. He hasn't been to El Trapiche to visit his mother for ten years. He says he won't cross the U.S./ Mexico border illegally again. It has become too difficult and too dangerous.

Noting that he spent the first 14 years of his life in Mexico and the last 20 in the U.S., I ask him whether he considers himself a Mexican or an American. For a moment, he seems to stumble for an answer. The L&L Hawaiian Barbeque has filled up with families and noise. I hear a fairly even mix of Spanish and English.

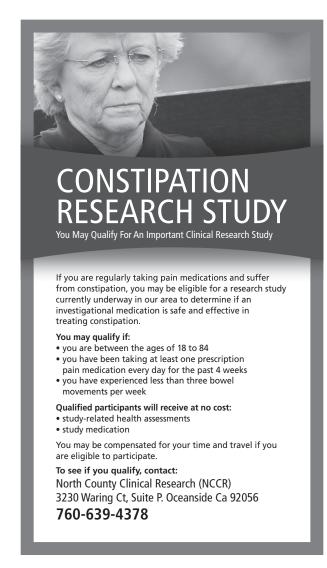
"No sé," Miguel says. Then, quietly, with a smile and a shrug, he says, "I don't know." ■

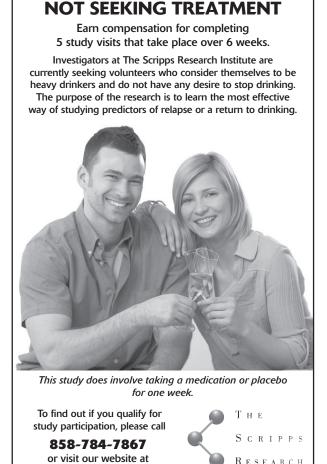
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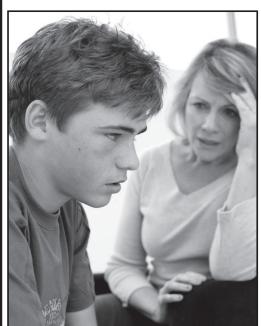
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What We Do for Our Kids

I don't claim to be a competent speaker of anything other than English, but when I hear Mandarin spoken,

Author: Stephen Gallup Neighborhood: Carmel Valley Age: 61 Occupation: Technical

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I'm often able to discern at least the topic of conversation.

Thus, when I'm strolling past a group of Chinese moms at the playground in our neighborhood park here in Carmel Valley, the overheard phrase "1.2 million" is enough for me to know they're discussing the market value of homes.

A million bucks for a tract house, a personal residence — even now, after the meltdown! I've resided here for seven years and still shake my head at such prices. Previously I lived in an older, much less affluent part of San Diego and had been there more than two decades. My neighbors were mostly college students, small-



business owners, and a few corporate factotums such as myself.

Here, the neighbors tend to be physicians, dentists, scientists, and elite engineers from India and China. The median family income in this neighborhood is enough to give me an inferiority complex, if I were disposed to having such a thing. (Sometimes I am.)

Our house is at the lower end of the spectrum in this enclave, and we're only renting. So to those who criticize Carmel Valley for being homogenous, I offer our

household as an exception.

On the other hand, we came for the same reason that drew the other families who have kids: the schools. Seven years ago my wife and I had a little girl who would soon start kindergarten. For years, thanks in part to my sister, who was a teacher, I'd been hearing horror stories about the San Diego Unified School District. From what I could gather, the superintendent had an oppressive management style that was wrecking morale and a misguided focus on test scores at



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Our daughter's teachers here have ranged from being very good to superb. Her elementary years have been a great success. This is not to say that a good education isn't available elsewhere or that there's any escape from bad politics at the school-board level. I doubt whether the quality of the teachers varies much from one place to another. But there seems to be some kind of calculus at work when an area gets a reputation for having "good schools." Maybe it attracts the kind of parents who use workbooks to keep their children ahead of what is being taught in class and that in turn reinforces the factors that originally lured them in.

Time will tell whether these kids derive a lasting advantage from this setup and if the advantage justifies the sacrifice involved. My guess is that the results will be mixed.

I think most kids growing up here enjoy a sense of security and stability. That's important. I had it when I grew up, in another era. A lot of kids miss out on it, and across the country I think more are missing out now than when I was little.

Probably, sustaining that elusive feeling for as long as possible is more critical than the education part. That feeling, and the matrix these kids move in — the environmental soup, the kinds of relationships they're forming — these are the things more likely to justify the cost of living here.

A little background: My daughter's birth occurred as my first child, a disabled son, was midway through his teenage years. A hard-fought campaign aimed at improving his options in life had pretty much run its course by then, and I was summing up what I'd learned from that in a memoir.

One obvious les-

son was that we can take nothing for granted. The events surrounding my son's early years led me to see security as not only elusive but fragile, and maybe even false — as false as Disneyland. Strip

away the surface, and life has the potential of becoming pretty scary. I'd developed the habit of trying everything possible to rebuild that lost surface. False or not, it's a lot more pleasant and constructive

than the alternative.

That habit must have led us here. Even if quality of life in general feels like it's trending downward, people still hope their kids can do better than they've done. That's

my hope.

So, yes: renting this place, after so many years as a homeowner elsewhere, feels like an awkward arrangement. But the daughter is thriving. The wife is happy

(being a native speaker of Chinese, she has lots of friends nearby). And when I feel out of step among our highly accomplished neighbors, well, I can recall my published book. ■

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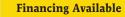
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Bad Thoughts for Bad People

Everyone believes that he is a good person and that what he does in life is done, most of the time, with honor,

Author: Quill Pena Neighborhood: Poway

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purpose, and noble conviction.

This belief is true of almost all people, the good and the bad, the saints and even the psychopaths, because evil people don't know they're evil their motivation and the things they do, in their minds, have reason and relevance.

I, however, know I am not a good person. So, am I a bad person? I hope not. I put a genuine effort into not being one. I want to believe I'm simply like most people: neither good nor bad but somewhere in between.

Sometimes I congratulate myself when I have a genuinely "good" thought. For example, when that



16-year-old girl that was sailing solo around the world was lost at sea but found alive and safe the following day. (I still wonder what parent would allow his 16-year-old daughter to sail around the world - through Somalia-pirate-infested waters or, for that matter, anywhere near the African coast — by herself! It really did seem as if the parents craved the prestige more than the girl did.)

Thank God, I thought. Thank

God that poor girl was found unharmed. And then I immodestly thought about how good and unselfish my preceding thought had been. What a good thought, Quill, a distant and smarmy voice that I knew was my own echoed. Perhaps you are an admirable person after all. But of course I know differently.

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driver was probably the furthest thing from his mind. After he was struck, he lav in a coma for months. Eventually he came out of it, but at a severe

He is now blind, with virtually no recall beyond the first 16 years of his life. When conversing with him, he usually forgets a great deal of what was just said and has to continually be reminded of current circumstances for the conversation to move along. As the stream of time moves onward, it's as if Sammy were a small stick caught in a whirlpool, spinning and spinning and never moving as time and life continue to rush by. In spite of this, Sammy is glad to be alive and manages to maintain an optimistic view of his years to come.

Since the accident, I've seen Sammy about at all in several years. I am essentially choosing to ignore him. He used to live with his mother, but she probably isn't even alive anymore. I don't know where Sammy is now, and even if I did I'd probably create reasons not to visit him. The few times Sammy and I did get together, I found it frustrating to have to keep reminding him of what we'd just said. The whole thing was sad, and then I felt guilty for pitying Sammy.

a dozen times, but not

While he was in his early 20s, Sammy held a job folding cardboard take-out boxes at a Pizza Hut. Since I haven't staved in touch with him, I don't know if he still has this job or if he's moved on. It couldn't have been a very satisfying occupation, but it undoubtedly fulfilled a fundamental human

desire in Sammy to feel needed and to actively participate in society. With Sammy's limited cognitive capacities, box-folding may have been as good as it was going to get for him.

So I ask: Is bringing Sammy happiness by visiting him more important than the discomfort I feel being in Sammy's presence? I did visit Sammy when I really didn't feel like it. Ultimately, however, I did allow Sammy to drift out of my life.

I believe that in most cases, when a newly handicapped friend or relative is introduced into your life, your life basically continues at a normal pace. The handicapped person's life, on the other hand, is dramatically changed forever. He is now dependent and must rely on others for assistance.

I sometimes think about what it would be

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like if the proverbial shoe were on the other foot. What if I were the newly handicapped individual? How would I like to be the one that hoped my old companions in life would think of me? I would daydream that when they got together they would mention my name and even consider visiting me. I would fall asleep each night praying that this would come true, and when it did — because my friends are fine people — I would be ecstatic.

But I would envy them for their normal lives. I would love them for being my friends, but silently I would resent them because I would know that after they left they would go to their home to be with their families and tell their wives how glad they were that they had never suffered injuries similar to mine, and if they had, they would rather be dead than face a pointless destiny like Quill's. And then, alone again, I could be sure that their next

visit would be far in the future, and perhaps it would not occur at all. Let's be honest: I am now a real downer.

For me, however, it might be a little different. I love my family and friends, but for the entirety of my life I've been very comfortable with my own company, oftentimes preferring it over socializing. Being alone is nothing new. Maybe the tragic accident that handicapped me won't be so bad, after all. Maybe it's even better that it

happened to me than to someone else, who wouldn't be able to manage it as well.

Not to say that if I were suddenly blind, brain damaged, or left without the use of my limbs that I would accept it easily. Without the freedom to do what I want to, when I want to, and to be burdened with the knowledge that I am forced to rely on others, I'd feel dreadfully sorry for myself. I might possibly allow the inevitable values and oversights that complicate the tapestries of our lives to entangle and irreversibly shackle me, ultimately dragging me down to the bottomless pit of utter self-sorrow and desperation.

I might become bitter and shun my visitors, knowing that — as they put on cheerful faces to view my broken body and humbled spirit — they were there only to fulfill their moral obligation, which will taper off and one day vanish. It will happen, I know it will, and, deep down, so do they.

All of this, of course, is assuming that I would still have my intellect. If an accident left me mentally and emotionally reduced, perhaps severely, then I suppose everything that I previously proposed would

be academic. I would then be that stick in the whirlpool, spinning and spinning, waiting for life to begin, every day, just waiting. As each uneventful day passed by I would be blissfully unaware that I was closer to the end, the clouds moving overhead, the discolored autumn leaves brushing against me in the wet vortex, all of it the sum of my life.

I think my present relationship with Sammy, my general understanding of how life works, and my rigorous unwillingness to change it for the better says whether or not I am a good person.

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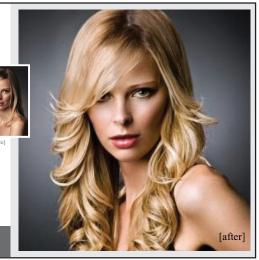
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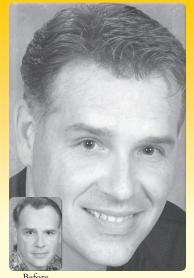
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Under the radar

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bash only hours after his team was beaten by the University of Missouri. Photos and videos of similar conduct elsewhere also surfaced, and Eustachy's divorce from both the university and his wife quickly followed. After his new appointment was announced last week, Eustachy, now a recovering alcoholic, told the Coloradoan that his sudden downfall had "humbled" him. "I don't think these things happen by mistake; they happen for a reason.... I think someone stronger than me put me in that situation." Colorado volleyball coach Tom Hilbert blamed the Web for his friend Eustachy's problems. "He was the first person to get busted in the internet age. He didn't do anything illegal; it was simply a little bit of immaturity."

— Matt Potter

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Simon

for Chapter 13 bankruptcy "due to financial conditions imposed by dissolution of marriage," he reported on his finra form. Alameda County records show that Timothy Alan Simon was hit by numerous liens and notices of default in the 1990s and early 2000s. The Los Angeles Times said in a 2007 story that in 2006, while Simon was appointments secretary for Governor Schwarzenegger, a judge ordered the state to deduct \$1795 per month from Simon's salary as part of a plan to repay his debts. Initially, he defaulted on that plan. I couldn't reach Simon's ex-wife for comment.

graduated from the University of California's Hastings College of the Law in 1982 but didn't pass the California bar until 1997. He did get a law license in Oklahoma in 1990 and practiced there. He was suspended for three months that year for failure to comply with mandatory education requirements, according to FINRA records.

which he did the next year.

his Series 7 examination

— the one taken by stock-

brokers-to-be. In 2002, he

passed examinations for a

securities sales supervisor

and for a compliance officer.

(A brokerage's compliance

officer makes sure the firm

is following industry rules.)

From 2002 to 2005, he

worked for a San Francisco

firm called PreferredTrade.

During that period, the bro-

kerage got fined and cen-

sured by exchanges for not

submitting accurate trad-

ing information; failing to

have appropriate supervi-

sion procedures; failing to

fund reserve accounts for

customers; not adhering to

good business principles;

and the like, according to

the regulatory authority's

records. The firm was sold

worked for Global Crown

Capital in San Francisco,

which is now out of busi-

ness. In 2005, two custom-

ers charged one of its major

owners, Rani T. Jarkas, with

churning their accounts,

putting them in unsuitable

investments, and commit-

ting fraud and elder abuse.

An arbitration panel found

that Global Crown and

Jarkas were liable to pay

\$512,000 to their accusers.

Over the years, the Financial

Industry Regulatory Author-

ity charged the firm with

several violations. In 2009,

Global Crown dropped its

securities registration, owing

\$1.7 million to customers.

That year, Global asserted,

In 2005 and 2006, Simon

in 2005.

In 1989, Simon passed

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He was suspended again in on the charge and doesn't 1998, according to Oklaknow of any lawsuit. ■ homa bar records, but was preparing to quit that bar,

Let's assess

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Francisco FINRA office have,

and are, pursuing a vendetta

against Global Crown Capi-

tal based on race and nation-

ality discrimination.... The

firm believes the San Fran-

cisco office is corrupt and

intends to pursue legal

action against the members

FINRA has no comment

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of that office."

only 30 percent to start the process. Li Mandri's proposal also broadens the services that can be offered to include such improvements as parking facilities and kiosks and such activities as promotion of community events and furnishing of music in public places.

On November 2, 2011, Li Mandri appeared before the city council's Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee during public comment to pitch his new ordinance.

His proposal was met with a glowing reception from councilmembers. "Assessment districts of all shapes and colors have been transformational in my council district," said Councilmember Todd Gloria, "and Mr. Li Mandri is nationally recognized for his work on this issue. If there are suggestions to make it better, then I am all ears."

And as city councilmembers and other city officials looked over the proposal, the same proposal appeared in the state legislature as Senate Bill 949, introduced on January 4 by Senator Juan Vargas.

Vargas's bill, however, was met with resistance from constituents and taxpayer groups. "As it stands, we are taking an 'opposed until amended' position," David Wolfe, legislative director for the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, said earlier this month. "We have concerns,

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Simon's background as a securities industry attorney is hardly impressive. He

mainly how the assessment is implemented." In mid-April, Vargas pulled the bill from committee, and last week his spokesperson in Sacramento confirmed that the bill is dead.

The same month that Vargas introduced the bill in the state legislature, Li Mandri was busy studying state law and working on the local ordinance. At the end of January, he submitted an invoice for \$10,000 to the Downtown San Diego Partnership, which administers the Downtown Property and Business Improvement District, where Li Mandri serves as a consultant. On the invoice, Li Mandri listed among his accomplished tasks "Work on Proposition 218, Section 36600, MAD [maintenance assessment district], CBD [community benefit district], Golden Hill packets."

Li Mandri did not respond to a request for comment about his proposal.

Vladimir Kogan, PhD candidate at the University of California San Diego and an expert on assessment districts, has looked over Li Mandrel's proposal.

"This is clearly a fullemployment act for [Li Mandri], who would get a lot of new business as a consultant for forming [maintenance assessment districts]," wrote Kogan in an email.

"[Maintenance assessment districts] are terrible ways of financing local needs. It's incumbent on those of us who don't like [them] to identify an alternative funding source. Currently, there is none. The city can't afford to do it and will not be able to afford to do it unless its revenue structure changes."

Kogan prefers funding mechanisms "that allow all residents, rather than just property owners, to participate and don't require expensive consultants like Li Mandri to take a substantial cut of the proceeds. They are really the people that benefit the most from the status quo." ■

NEWS TICKER

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McCann said he called police after he was threatened by a member of the community activist group Occupy Sweetwater, which is organizing the recall. McCann said he had just finished a TV news interview and was trying to shake hands with some Occupy members standing nearby, including Stewart Payne.

"'I said, "I'm just trying to shake your hand," and he basically said he was going to knock me out,' McCann said. 'He was raising his arm and then a security guard stepped in between me and Mr. Payne and he was unable to hit me."

In an April 17 interview, private security officer Sanchez, from JDS Exclusive Security Services, said his intervention between Payne and McCann consisted of "coming between their conversation."

> By Susan Luzzaro Wednesday, April 18

Electrical Fire Breaks Out

Nuclear Station's Reactor Burns for About 40 Minutes San Onofre — A fire broke out at San Onofre Nuclear **Generating Stations' Unit 2** reactor this afternoon, the **North County Times reports.**

The fire, which started at an electrical panel, burned for about 40 minutes, and was "easily extinguished," according to Jennifer Manfre, a spokeswoman for plant operator Southern California Edison.

No workers were injured in the fire. Unit 2 was shut down on January 9 for maintenance and has remained out of commission since, as a radioactive leak at the neighboring Unit 3 reactor prompted the **Nuclear Regulatory Commis**sion to call for further investigation of tubing in the steam generators that has shown signs of premature wear at both reactors.

> By Dave Rice Friday, April 20



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City Takes Defensible
Posture on Disputed Tax
Assessments?

San Diego — City attorney Jan Goldsmith wants to "place the city in a more defensible posture" against those looking for refunds on tax assessments.

Goldsmith plans to do so by adding a new section to the city's code that sets strict guidelines for residents who wish to challenge the amount or legality of a city tax, assessment, or penalty. The new section will prohibit residents to file lawsuits against the city without having paid the disputed assessment first and before going through the proper administrative channels. Lastly, a group of claimants would not be allowed to file a class-action tax claim against the city.

Some recent examples of disputed local assessments have occurred in Golden Hill

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and South Park, where residents paid millions of dollars to an illegally formed maintenance assessment district before a judge struck the district down in court, or in downtown, where thousands of residents overpaid on their property and business improvement district assessments due to a flawed engineer's report. No refunds have been issued in either case.

By Dorian Hargrove Friday, April 20

Punched One, Stabbed Another

Mexican Mafia Urges Campaign Against African-Americans

Escondido — The Mexican Mafia has put the word out for Hispanic street gangs to stop battling each other and to "focus on getting the blacks out" of their territories, according to an Escondido police gang specialist.

Detective Erik Witholt said it was a couple years ago that police started hearing from contacts on the street about the new directive. He gave testimony in a hearing for alleged gang member Ulysses Ocampo, 22, who's been charged in two separate knife attacks in Escondido that occurred in February of this year.

Ocampo denies being the man who attacked a group of friends hanging around a parking lot in front of a pizza place near the corner of Rose Street and East Valley Parkway. The group, described as black and "mixed race" by witnesses, was reportedly approached by a Hispanic male who announced a gang challenge and then punched one man and stabbed another, witnesses said. A group of five Hispanic males rushed the group while the first attacker reportedly jumped into a witness's gold

Surveillance cameras from a nearby business assisted police in identifying Ocampo, who has been a documented gang member since 2005, when he would have been 15 years old.

2003 Saturn and took off.

By Eva Knott Monday, April 16

Following Fletcher's Lead

Bonnie Dumanis Prepares to Launch TV Ad Campaign San Diego — With only a little over a month and a half before the June 5 primary, San Diego voters will begin to see more political ads when watching television.

That was clear this month, when Nathan Fletcher purchased more than \$110,000 in television spots. Until then, Fletcher was the only one of four mayoral candidates to run campaign ads on local stations. The barrage of television ads and, of course, his decision to leave the GOP seemed to pay off, vaulting him to the front of the pack.

And with a firm hold on last place, according to a

SurveyUSA poll conducted by 10News, district attorney Bonnie Dumanis hopes to see some of the same results. In the coming weeks, Dumanis plans to spend \$82,901 to run more than 150 television ads on two of San Diego's major stations.

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By Dorian Hargrove Monday, April 16

His Day Job Is Poetry

Reader Columnist W.S.
Di Piero Wins Ruth Lilly
Poetry Prize

San Diego — W.S. Di Piero writes a fine column on the visual arts for the Reader. but that's just a sideline. His day job is poetry. Today, the **Poetry Foundation announced** that it had selected Di Piero as the recipient of the 2012 Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize. The award is given to a living U.S. poet whose lifetime accomplishments warrant extraordinary recognition. Previous recipients have included such notables as John Ashberry, Gary Snyder, Richard Wilbur, and the recently deceased Adrienne Rich. It is, as they say, kind of a big deal.

> By Matthew Lickona Tuesday, April 17

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Electric Slide

Re "San Diego Gas & Electric: Fat Profits, Fat Pay" ("City Lights," April 5).

First, Don Bauder, you are simply the best!

Second, years ago I was working weeks of overtime and had basically overlooked paying monthly bills, one of which was the SDG&E bill. One evening, after working a 14-hour day, my only thoughts were getting home, throwing dinner into the microwave, and watching late-night news before heading to bed. When I walked into my apartment, there were no lights, no TV, no air-conditioning, no radio, no alarm clock, and no microwave. A notice had been slid into my door saying SDG&E had terminated service due to nonpayment.

Honestly, I totally lost it. Having previously worked for the chief financial officer of a large company, I knew that certain businesses would get three months behind before SDG&E would call for payment. I also knew that Stephen Baum, chief executive officer of Sempra at the time, had taken home \$13.5 million that year — \$1 million salary, \$2.1 million in bonuses, and \$9.6 million in stock. Oh, yeah, my unpaid SDG&E balance? Forty-two dollars.

In the years since, things have only gotten uglier for the consumer being forced to pay these unbelievable salaries and bonuses to this unregulated monopoly.

SDGE/Sempra will say they are regulated. Hah!!! SDGE/Sempra has the California Public Utilities Commission in their back pocket.

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Thursday | 26

WINGS OF FREEDOM

Take a tour of a B-17 or a B-24 and view a P-51 Mustang up close when the **Collings Foundation**

("Preserving Aviation History") brings their vintage

World War II aircraft tour to San Diego. You can even take flight in one of the restored planes. Walking tours are \$12 for adults; \$6 for kids (free for WWII vets). Flights begin at \$425.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (also Wednesday and Friday, check for times)

WHERE: Gillespie Field, 1960 Joe Crosson Drive, El Cajon. 800-568-8924; collingsfoundation.org

Friday | 27

CALIFORNIA EARTH DAY JAM

This eco-festival is powered by solar energy and features educational speakers, "socially conscious exhibitors," food and beverage samples, kids' activities (mural painting, parade with "ecocostumes and eco-instruments" created by kids), cultural arts, an eco-fashion show, live entertainment, an electronic dance music festival, BBQ rib-eating contest, "Equinox laser tag," and more.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (also Saturday)

WHERE: Chula Vista Center, 555 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-869-1901; californiaearthdayjam.com

Saturday | 28

A COURSE IN MINDFUL PARENTING

"Mindful parenting" is defined as being fully present in each moment with your child with kindness, consideration, and compassion. This two-hour workshop introduces the foundation of mindfulness practice and techniques for remaining present and responsive when engaging with children.

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

WHERE: UCSD Center for Mindfulness, 5060 Shoreham Place, La Jolla. 858-334-4636; mindfulness.ucsd.edu

Sunday | 29

THIS

Four close friends slouch toward 40-something in this comedy drama that, according to Jeff Smith, "boasts genuine humor." Featuring the "stuff of real life," This covers the gamut from friendship and marriage to bereavement. It's billed as a "rueful comic meditation on love, adulthood, and adultery." Directed by Kirsten Brandt.

WHEN: 2 and 7 p.m.

WHERE: North Coast Repertory Theatre, 987 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Solana Beach. 858-481-1055; northcoastrep.org



Monday | 30

SALAAM DUNK

This international documentary follows a college women's basketball team in northern Iraq as the women (many of whom had never played sports) experience what it means to be athletes, from "the joy of their first win to the pain of losing the coach who started their team." A discussion follows the screening. Proceeds

benefit the International Rescue Committee.

WHEN: 7 p.m.

WHERE: Landmark La Jolla Village, 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive. 619-819-0236; rescue.org/films

Tuesday | 1

FATHER OF CHICANO THEATER

Spend "An Evening with Luis Valdez" when the playwright, activist, and

director speaks in Clarke Room 113. Valdez is the founder of El Teatro Campesino, a bilingual theater group.

His plays and films include Zoot Suit, La Bamba, La Pastorela, and *I Am Joaquín*. This is a part of Cal

State San Marcos' Arts & Lectures series and is free and open to the

public.

WHEN: 5 p.m. WHERE: CSU San

Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks

Valley Road, San Marcos. 760-750-8889; csum.edu/al

Wednesday | 2

BALLET FOLKLORICO TIERRA CALIENTE

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Enjoy the history of Mexico through the "exciting art of dance in costumes that reflect Mexico's colorful traditional culture." As part of WOW First Wednesdays, this performance is free and first come, first seated (limited reserved seats available for \$7).

WHEN: 4 p.m.

WHERE: California Center for the Arts, 340 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253; artcenter.org



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TRAVEL STORIES AND TIPS FROM OUR READERS



A mile and a half from the Taj Mahal stands the Red Fort of Agra.

Day Trip from Delhi

The stunning architectural beauty of the Taj Mahal, built entirely of white marble, is particularly evident at sunrise and sunset. At sunrise, the changing light casts shadows, and at night it seems to glow — especially when there's a full moon.

The Taj was built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife, Mumtaz Mahal, in Agra, India, and houses the grave of the beloved queen.

The entrance fee to the Taj has increased to \$20, but it's worth it to visit this wonder of the world. You'll find many guides who will point out (for a fee) the

best spots for taking photographs. Ticket lines are longest at the west gate and shortest at the south gate.

After you've visited the Taj Mahal, take a 2.5-kilometer drive to the Red Fort of Agra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The fort was originally built with brick by Hindus; the Islamic Mughals later captured the fort and rebuilt it with red sandstone. Be sure to check out the Delhi Gate and the Lahore Gate when entering. Throughout the fort you'll see the interesting mix of Hindu and Islamic architecture.

Most guidebooks recommend that you make a day trip from Delhi to Agra to see the Taj Mahal. The city itself is quite dirty and polluted, and there's little else to warrant spending a night there. The Taj is closed on Fridays, so make sure to schedule your visit on a day you can visit both monuments.

You can see the Taj Mahal for free by climbing onto a hotel rooftop in the Taj Ganj neighborhood. Or, go to a small Krishna temple by the Yamuna River, where you can see the Taj; or, take a boat ride (100 rupees) to see it from the river. If you're not a fan of crowds, have a guide take you across the Yamuna on a road bridge to Mehtab Bagh for another breathtaking view of the Taj at dawn.

After daytripping at the Taj and Red Fort, be sure to experience the famous Mughlai cooking before returning to Delhi.

Mojave Desert, California

by Ruth Newell

The Trona Pinnacles (not to be confused with Pinnacles National Monument near Steinbeck's Soledad) is one of those natural geological wonders that awes.

Set back five miles off SR-178, 20 miles east of Ridgecrest, CA, on a dirt road, the 500 tufa (calcium carbonate) peaks — some as high as 140 feet — stand out for miles. As with those in Mono



The Trona Pinnacles are 500 tufa towers — like those at Mono Lake in the Owens Valley.

Lake, these towers were formed underwater more than 100,000 years ago, when the surrounding area was at the bottom of Searles Lake, part of a chain of lakes that once stretched from Death Valley to Mono Lake.

The isolated "Cathedral City," now a National Natural Landmark overseen by the Bureau of Land Management, is

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Other Adventures



rt4babies: The Celsus Library in Ephesus, Turkey



JoeEwing: Crop Circles in Ocean Beach, San Francisco



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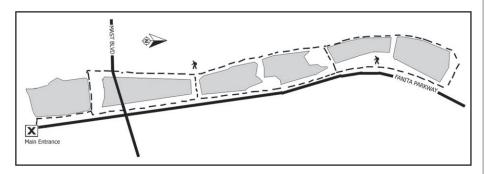
Distance from downtown San Diego: About 19 miles. Allow 25 minutes. From I-15 or SR-163, drive east on SR-52 and exit on Mast Boulevard and turn left (east). Drive for 1.4 miles, then turn right (south) onto Fanita Parkway. After 0.8 mile, the Santee Lakes entrance will be on the right (west).

Hiking length: Three trails of 1k (.62 mile), 3k (1.86 miles), and 5k (3.1 miles) that loop around the lakes. **Difficulty:** Easy. Great for small children. Handicap access to one of the lakes and a playground. Facilities.



American coots, mallards, wood ducks, cinnamon teals, great blue herons, great egrets, and many other water fowl congregate at Santee Lakes.

The lakes at Santee Lakes Regional Park were built on 190 acres by the Padre Dam Municipal Water District in the 1960s to handle the wastewater disposal issues of a growing suburban community. The way in which the problem was handled was unique and ahead of its time. What started out as a wastewater treatment facility became a series of seven man-made lakes that are clean enough and attractive enough for a public park and resort-like activities.



The hikes are on flat terrain and are paved around the lakes. Although not much of a challenge for the athlete, the trip is worthwhile for anyone with even a passing interest in birding. The lakes support a wetlands ecology, boasting 175 species of birds, both native and non-native. American coots, mallards, wood ducks, cinnamon teals, great blue herons, great egrets, and many other water fowl can be easily spotted in the lakes. The coots and mallards are particularly tame and will approach people since the park office/general store sells bird food. The herons and egrets are less approachable, but good photography opportunities abound, even for those without a telephoto lens.

Take time to view the trees as well as the water for backyard birds such as jays, finches, hummingbirds, woodpeckers, goldfinches, swallows, and many others. For those new to birding, bring binoculars and a warm jacket if the weather is cool. Viewing birds often requires a bit of time standing still, so you are not likely to work up a sweat in cooler weather. The best time for viewing birds is early in the morning, so arrive as soon as the park opens (6:00 a.m., Friday through Sunday) for the most bird activity. Food and drinks are sold at the general store, and there are restroom facilities throughout the park.

Be on the lookout for native plants, as well. One end of the park sports a native plant garden, but throughout the park both native and non-native species can be found.

Santee Lakes has many other recreational activities to offer. The lake is stocked with fish for the aspiring angler. Daily fishing permits, sold at the park, are required. There are camping facilities, including cabins on the lake,

boat rentals, and playgrounds. Check the website for special events: santeelakes.com.

The park charges \$3 per car during the week and \$5 per car on the weekends. Camping, area rentals for parties and other activities also require fees. See the website for details. While bicycling to the park can certainly be done, you will likely find that you want to park your bike when you get there and walk around the lake to best enjoy the birds and avoid the many anglers. Pets on leashes are also welcome.

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

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OUTDOORS

April Is Landscape Architecture Month! American Society of Landscape Architects hosts walking tour led by Diana Bergen, UCSD's senior landscape architect. Bergen discusses value of walking, describes Walk UCSD program, gives brief history of landscape architects who have shaped UCSD,

talks about the campus master plan, which includes walking paths. Meet at intersection of Hopkins Drive and Voigt Drive; park in Hopkins Parking Structure. 619-294-4477 x151 or 619-665-5981. Thursday, April 26, 12pm; **free**. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (IA JOLLA)

Audubon Society Bird Walk Outings may be canceled due to inclement weather or poor trail conditions. 858-581-9944. Saturday, April 28, 8am; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road.

Birding Basics Learn five simple techniques to identify birds at a glance from birding guide Winona Sollock. Tips on using bird field guides; bring one if you wish. Saturday, April 28, 1pm; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Creek to Bay Cleanup 2012
I Love a Clean San Diego's tenth annual cleanup takes place at 82 sites throughout San Diego County. Volunteers remove trash from local beaches, bays, parks, creek, canyons, and participate in variety of projects to beautify, restore our shared environment. Saturday, April 28, 9am; free. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Explore Balboa Park's Trail System Landscape architect Mike Singleton, who was responsible for preparation of Balboa Park trail maps to guide visitors along the numerous trails, leads a group on one of these unique trails, talks about the design process. Meet at 593 Upas (at Sixth Avenue). 619-294-4477 x151 or 619-665-5981. Thursday, April 26, 12pm; **free**.

Explore Urban Trails of La Mesa American Society of Landscape Architects hosts walking tour led by Michele Greenberg-McClung (City of La Mesa recreation supervisor) and Jon Wreschinsky (landscape architect). Head out along blue (beginner) route from downtown La Mesa, with option to meet up with part of red (advanced) route showcasing city's "secret stairs." 619-294-4477 x151 or 619-665-5981. Thursday, April 26, 12pm; free. La Mesa Depot Museum, 4695 Nebo Drive.

Know the Whirlpool Galaxy of Ursa Major? Mission Trails resident stargazer George Varga leads viewing of moon features, the aforementioned Whirlpool Galaxy, M81, and M82. Saturn may also be visible. Meet at far end of dayuse parking lot. Saturday, April 28,

7pm; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Kumeyaay in Nature Learn about Kumeyaay traditions, ecology, history, folklore during trail guide-led walk. Saturday, April 28, 9:30am; Sunday, April 29, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Walk Among Blooms California Native Plant Society leads adventure starting with steep ascent on west side of Lake Hodges. Wear sturdy shoes. 858-663-1497. Saturday, April 28, 10am; free. Del Dios Highlands Trail, 9860 Del Dios Highway. (ESCONDIDO)

Wildflower Wonders and History See golden yarrow, blue elderberry, Padre's shooting stars during trail guide-led nature walk to historic Old Mission Dam. Saturday, April 28, 8:30am; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

SPECIAL EVENTS

"On the Waterfront: Little Italy's Fishing History" San Diego Italian Film Festival hosts "movies, memories, and some talk about fishing culture, Italian culture, and local history." Introduction by Pasquale Verdicchio. View "San Diego Waterfront Through the Eyes of a Child," a "photo

journey through SD's waterfront and Little Italy" by Jim Bregante. Noah Tafolla's Fishing from the Rack (2010) screens. Peter Halmay of San Diego Fishermen's Working Group discusses SD's "old and new fishing industry." Verdicchio will introduce Confetti for Gino, a novel written in the late '50s by Little Italy resident Lorenzo Madalena (novel available for purchase). Suggested donation: \$5.619-238-7559. Thursday, April 26, 7pm; Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado.

"Ramp it Up" Opens "Ramp It Up: Skateboard Culture in Native America" exhibit opens with unveiling of indoor mini-ramp on south balcony. Professional skateboarders Augustin "Augie" Lerma III and Armando "Mando" Lerma, who are featured in the exhibit, demo the ramp (2pm). Exhibit curator Elizabeth Gordon shares "her experiences with the exhibition and the awesome world of Native American skateboarding" (1pm). Gordon leads tour of exhibit (3:30pm). Saturday, April 28, 1pm; \$5-\$12. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

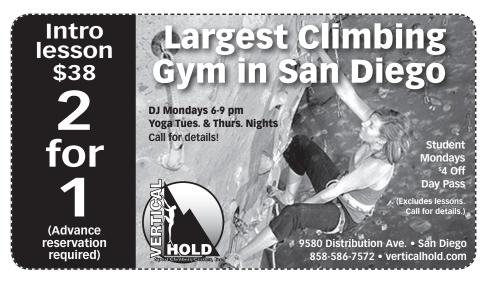
"Totem" Cirque du Soleil returns with cast of 52 performing artists from 19 countries under its blue and yellow grand chapiteau. The show "traces the fascinating journey of the human species from its original amphibian state to its ultimate desire to fly." Wednesday and Thursday, April 25–26, 8pm; Friday and Saturday, April 27–28, 4pm and 8pm; Sunday, April 29, 1pm

and 5pm; Tuesday, May 1, 8pm; \$40-\$148. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

"Urban Farming" Spring garden festival promises "biggest plant sale of the year," experts, workshops, exhibits to "empower visitors to create the drought-tolerant landscape of their dreams." Animal exhibits, musical guests, dancers, kids activities, international food court. 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, April 28, 9am; **free.** Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DISCO)

29th Annual Encinitas April **Street Fair** Roughly 450 vendors selling clothes, accessories, plants, household products, environmental products, art, antiques, home décor, food, a beer garden, and four live music stages. Encinitas Fire Department hold their annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 28, from 7-11am. Music lineup includes Retro Rockets, Shoreline Rootz, Rhythm Method, Bill Magee Blues Band, Josiah & the Uplift Band, Rodello's Machine, Bell Pepperz, and Blue Moonies. 760-943-1950. Saturday, April 28, 9am; Sunday, April 29, 9am; free. Encinitas, Highway 101 between D and J streets. (ENCINITAS)

"A Course in Mindful Parenting" Learn to be "fully present in each moment with your child with kindness, consideration, and compassion" during workshop. 858-334-4636. Saturday, April 28, 10:30 a.m.; \$30. UCSD Center for



Mojave continued from page 50.

conveniently located en route to the western entrance to Death Valley. It's a popular location for films and commercials and is surrounded by almost 4000 acres of mud flats with mountain ranges visible in the distance.

Isolated in the western Mojave Desert, the lunar landscape is a little eerie. No wonder, then, that the Trona Pinnacles were used as a backdrop for sci-fi films, including *Battlestar Galactica*, *Star Trek V: The Final Frontier*, and the recent remake of *Planet of the Apes*.

The roads may have been a bit rough on my Celica, but the drive in was worth

it. Hiking among the ancient pillars, I saw faces in stone at every turn. The ranger shook his head at me on the way in but stopped in his tracks, nodding, seemingly impressed, as I exited a few hours later after hiking into the heart of the Pinnacles. My car was not among those that has found its nose buried in the sand wash.

Primitive campsites set beneath the steeples are available for up to 14-day stays. I planned my visit during a full moon, but the clouds prevailed. Nonetheless, images of Charlton Heston in a loincloth hovering over the heavy-lidded Maryland beauty queen Linda Harrison — aka the mute ape slave Nova — came to mind.

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Mindfulness, 5060 Shoreham Place, Suite 200. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

ArtWalk Mission Federal ArtWalk 2012 celebrates visual and auditory arts, with more than 350 artists showcasing, selling work in wide variety of media on 17 city blocks. Music and dance performances on six stages; activities for kids. Saturday, April 28, 11am; Sunday, April 29, 11am; Little Italy, India Street at West Date Street. (LITILE ITALY)

Bridal Bazaar More than 200 exhibitors offer their wares, share "thousands of fresh ideas." Fashion shows: 11:30am, 1pm, 2:45pm. 760-334-5500. Sunday, April 29, 10am; \$9-\$12. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Build a Hydroponic Spring/ Summer Garden Learn principles of applying hydroponics as a sustainable gardening method, then set up a kitchen garden with spring/summer vegetables and herbs during hands-on workshop. Fee includes materials. Required registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, April 28, 9am; \$70-\$90. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

California Earth Day Jam 2012 Eco-festival powered by solar energy with educational speakers, 150 exhibitors, food and beverage samples, kid's activities (mural painting, parade with "ecocostumes and eco-instruments" created by kids), cultural arts, ecofashion show, live entertainment, electronic dance music festival at Terra Firma (4:30-9pm). event@ $California Earth Day Jam.com\ or$ 619-869-1901. Friday, April 27, 10am; Saturday, April 28, 10am; free-\$25. Chula Vista Center, 555 Broadway, (CHULA VISTA)

Composting Workshop Want to create nutrient-rich garden soil from leftovers? Learn to make a compost pile during workshop at Spring Valley and East Communities Center, divulging "all you need to know to make terrific compost at home." Saturday, April 28, 10am; free. Family Fitness and Fun Park, 3845 Spring Valley Drive. (SPRING VALLEY)

Cruisin' Grand Summer-long Friday-evening car show hosted on Grand Avenue. The Royals perform. Friday, April 27, 6pm; **free**. Grand Avenue between Juniper and Kalmia Street. (ESCONDIDO)

Earth Day Festival 2012 Enjoy garden tours, children's activities and games (10am-2:30pm), plants and art for sale, music and dance performances, food court, speakers, eco-vendors, gardening demonstrations, more. "Duchy of Brandenburg Medieval Village" promises display of costumes, arts, and skills of the period; storytelling for children; "stylized sword fighting demonstrations." Saturday, April 28, 10am; Alta Vista Botanical Gardens, 1270 Vale Terrace Drive. (VISTA)

Get to Know the Philosophical Library The 49th annual open house promises book sale, seminars, readers. Speakers: Emily Just "Introducing Gong Meditation" (11:30am); Reverend Veronica Lan-

des on "The Key to Living Your Divine Purpose" (1pm); Wanda Binats (2:30pm); Beverly Brodsky (4pm). 760-745-2724. Saturday, April 28, 11:30am; **free**. Philosophical Library, 2091 East Valley Parkway, Suite D. (ESCONDIDO)

Green Fair at the Beach City of Oceanside hosts environmental celebration with children's activities, booths, food vendors, more. Music by Jeff Diamond, Ray Ream, others. greenoceanside@ci.oceanside.ca.us

or 760-435-5021. Saturday, April 28, 11am; **free**. Oceanside Pier Plaza Amphitheatre, 200 North of the Strand. (OCEANSIDE)

Hanamatsuri Festival Enjoy Japanese and Buddhist cultural festival promising food and entertainment such as taiko drumming, demonstrations, Japanese candy sculpting, game booths for children, talks on Buddhism. 760-941-8800. Saturday, April 28, 12pm; Sunday, April 29, 12pm; free. Vista Buddhist Temple

and Japanese Cultural Center, 150 Cedar Road. (VISTA)

House of Italy Lawn Party In Balboa Park at the International Cottages Stage. Free to the public. Free entertainment. Meatball and sausage sandwiches and drinks for sale. Bring your own lawn chairs. Come join the fun! For more information about House of Italy, visit www.houseofitaly.net. Sunday, April 29, 12pm; Balboa Park - Hall

of Nations, 2191 West Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

J.D. Souther/Jenn Grinels Top-notch acts will be at Queen Bee's all year long. There will be a showcase every month of 2012! A portion of the proceeds from each show will go to benefit the San Diego Humane Society. Tickets are \$25 each. www.queenbeessd. com. (619)255-5147. Friday, April 27, 8pm; Queen Bee's Art & Cul-

tural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

Mamafest 2012 "Moms' night out" benefiting Postpartum Health Alliance promises panel discussions on topics such as postpartum health. Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, silent auction, gift bags, marketplace for shopping, more. 619-858-0322. Friday, April 27, 7pm; \$20-\$25. La Costa Resort and Spa, 2100 Costa del Mar Road. (CARLSBAD)



Postcard and Paper Collectible Show Almost half a million items displayed, offered for sale by 12 dealers. Shop postcards, paper collectibles, ephemera, advertising trade cards, cigar labels, travel brochures, matchbooks, more. Appraisals of old paper collectibles (included in admission). Saturday, April 28, 10am; Sunday, April 29, 10am; free-\$5. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

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)

Renaissance Faire Queen Elizabeth I and her royal court, pirates, entertainers, food vendors, merchants, Renaissance reenactors gather for Renaissance Faire. Enjoy period music, battle pageants, Shakespearean theater, continuous entertainment, vendors, children's activities. Weekend passes available. 805-496-6036. Saturday, April 28, 10am; Sunday, April 29, 10am; free-\$17. Felicita Park, 742 Clarence Lane. (ESCONDIDO)

Student Shakespeare Festival San Diego Shakespeare Society hosts performance, theater art, "sheer enthusiasm." San Diego students perform ten-minute scenes from Shakespeare on outdoor stages along El Prado. Festival begins with procession from Spreckels Organ Pavilion to stages "led by Queen Elizabeth I herself." Saturday, April 28, 12pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Thursdays on the Coast Pick up a self-guided art walk map at information booth (on corner of State Street and Grand Avenue), then enjoy art, music, food, community fun. 760-434-2553. Thursday, April 26, 5:30pm; free. (CARLSBAD)

Train Song Festival — The Age of Steam Explore train yard of Poway Midland Railroad or board Old Cantankerous, the 1907 Baldwin Steam Engine, "as it chugs through the Wild West avoiding certain showdowns with Western gunslingers." Hear songs, stories of the rails as musicians and storytellers share accounts of railroad life. Learn to play banjo, other instruments in frontier musician camp. Arts and crafts offered at Boardwalk Craft Market. Food for sale. 858-668-4576. Saturday, April 28, 12pm; free. Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Road. (POWAY)

Wings of Freedom 2012 Collings Foundation tour showcases vintage World War II aircraft. Walk-through tours of B-17 and B-24 offered daily; view a P-51 Mustang up close. Fee for tours and viewing: \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids, free for WWII vets. Flights begin at \$425. 800-568-8924. Thursday, April 26, 9am; Friday, April 27, 9am; Gillespie Field, 1960 Joe Crosson Drive, El Cajon. Friday, April 27, 2pm; Saturday, April 28, 9am; Sunday, April 29, 9am; McClellan-Palomar Airport, 2192 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad. (EL CAJON, CARLSBAD)

Singles Rockin' Party! Ages **45-65.** Simply The Best Singles, an upscale organization for singles looking for relationships, marriage and more, offers a dance/ mixer with a live band, lock & key, chocolate tasting and more! Self-parking \$5, valet \$10. Classy dress. Price \$10 prepay, \$15 door. www.SimplyTheBestSingles.com, 818-577-6877. Saturday, May 12, 8pm to 11pm. San Diego Marriott Del Mar, 11966 El Camino Real.

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SPOKEN WORD

"April Showers of Shame, Volume 2" VAMP Showcase promises bonding "over our most horrifyingly embarrassing moments" with eight featured performers. Donation: \$5. 619-284-6784. Thursday, April 26, 8:30pm; 21 and up. Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Fourth Thursday Open Mike **—Jihmye** Performance by Lizz Huerta. Host: Jim Moreno. 619-461-7100. Thursday, April 26, 7:30pm; free. Spacebar Internet Cafe, 7454 University Avenue, Suite A. (LA MESA)

Literary Reading Poets Susan Schultz (Memory Cards) and Craig Santos Perez (from unincorporated territory [saina]) read from their work in Markstein Hall 125. 760-750-8077. Thursday, April 26, 7pm; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN

ART

"A Fantastic Voyage" "The Art of Ynez Johnston" surveys six decades of the artist's wood and bronze sculptures, paintings, prints, ceramics from 1940s to 2010, including recent works that have never publicly been shown. Closes Sunday, June 17.

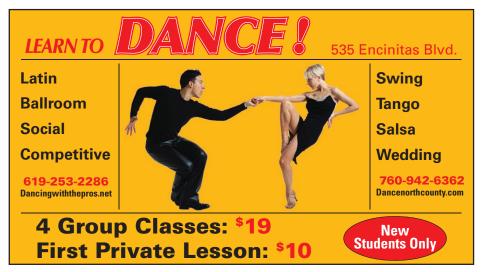
"New Jewelry in a New Medium" includes individual beads and beaded objects of adornment (necklaces, bracelets), as well as polymer beads from the collection of the Bead Museum (formerly in Glendale, Arizona). On view through Sunday, June 17. Free-\$7. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"A Feeling of Transience"

Opening reception for exhibition of new artwork by Boston native/ Portland resident Jshea, who "creates sculptures from the small discarded parts of forgotten gadgets and cultural icons." Closes Tuesday, May 1. Friday, April 27, 6pm; free. Hellion Gallery South, 433 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"Bifocal" Opening reception for collaborative exhibit by painter Theresa Vandenberg Donche and photographer Ian Cummings.





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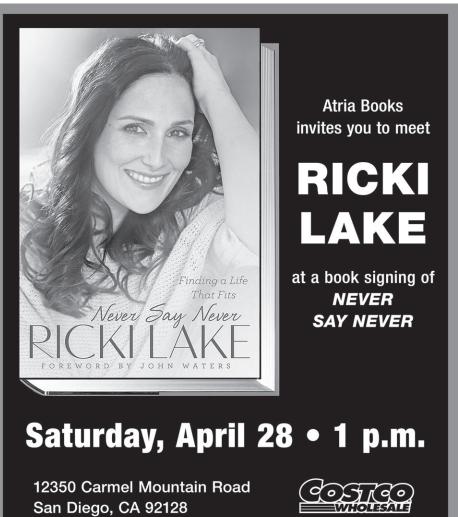














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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

Cummings' "work focuses on views of nature through vibrant color and form"; Vandenberg Donche "takes the aerial view of farmland, cities, and mountains. 619-220-0470. Saturday, April 28, 4pm; Via Design, 3911 Harney Street. (OLD TOWN)

"John Baldessari: A Print Retrospective" National City native John Baldessari, who has been making art for decades, is one of the most influential artists working today. This retrospective including more than 100 works made between 1973 and 2010 in media as diverse as lithography, etching, photogravure, aquatint, photo intaglio, embossing, silkscreen, and more, is drawn from the collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and his family foundation. View this exhibition, representing "the largest offering of Baldessari's graphic oeuvre ever assembled," through Sunday, May 13.

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

"Liquid Capture: Masters of Underwater Photography" This

juried exhibition boasts "the best underwater photographic art from around the world," organized by photographer Lee Peterson. Images gathered in categories such as ocean environment underwater, macro, diver, ocean environment above water, marine mammals, submersion (a creative look at diving). Show opens Saturday, April 28 and closes Sunday, June 17.

"Lee Silton: Evolution," also opening Saturday, April 28, juxtaposes organic shapes to create a lyrical sense of design, Silton's three-dimensional wooden wall sculptures have a sense of motion while exploring universal themes of encapsulation, isolationism, and escapism. The largely abstract pieces are "expertly crafted through the layering of wooded panels painted in a monochrome or polychrome scheme," tracing "the trajectory of the artist's career over the past ten years, focusing on a collection of pieces that show her evolution of style from a more figurative approach to a stronger abstract sensibility." Closes Sunday, August 12.

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

Rhyme & Verse

The Greatest

A poem by Robert Hedin

What I remember most about Muhammad Ali Are not the fast hands and loose, graceful footwork, Or Manila or Zaire. Or even what came after — The slurred speech, the sad slow shuffle. No, what I remember is a boy somewhere In the foothills of the snowy Zagros Mountains, A small Kurdish boy in a long blue robe Who gave us directions that day we were lost, And how he knew nothing of America But two syllables he sang over and over In the high: unbroken voice of a girl — Ali, Ali — then laughed and all at once Began to bob and weave, jabbing and juking, His robe flaring a moment like a fighter's. Ali. One word, two bright syllables That turned to smoke in the morning air. And he pointed down the long dusty road To Hatra and Ur, the ruins of Babylon, And the two ancient rivers we had read about, Their dark starless waters draining away into fog.



Poet and translator Robert Hedin serves as founding director of the Anderson Center, an artist retreat, in Red Wing, Minnesota. His most recent books of poems and translations include *Poems Prose Poems* and *The Lure-Maker from Posio: Prose Poems of Dag T.*Straumsvåg, both published by Red Dragonfly Press. He is, in addition, the editor of the

important anthology *Old Glory: American War Poems from* the Revolutionary War to the War on Terror. "The Greatest" is from his collection *Poems Prose Poems*, also published by Red Dragonfly Press. It is printed by permission.

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ceramics and paintings of Malcolm McClain.

The painting installation "Penumbra: An Ode to Oceanside in a Time of War," continuing through Sunday, June 3, is described as "a poetic homage to Oceanside by artist Geoffrey Cunningham, created as an ode to his hometown in a time of war." Free-\$8. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

"Object Lessons: France in the Golden Age" View this "concen-

tration of five French 17th-century paintings" through Sunday, June 3. The inaugural grouping is mounted with Cleveland Museum of Art's loan of Nicolas Poussin's The Holy Family Returning to Nazareth, shown alongside paintings by Poussin's contemporaries: Christ Healing the Blind by Philippe de Champaigne, Pastoral Landscape by Claude Lorrain, Simon Vouet's Aeneas and his Father Fleeing Troy, and The Holy Family with Saint John the Baptist in a Classical

Landscape, attributed to Nicolas or Pierre Mignard.

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

"Reflective Narratives" Exhibition of artwork by Daphne Hill, Danielle Herzog, Leslee Houston, Elena Karavodin, Gloria Muriel, Nicole Waszak, whose work contains "strong narrative appeal."

Show is part of ArtWalk festivities. 619-255-7885. Saturday, April 28, 5pm; **free**. 21 and up. 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE

"Unusual Suspects" Exhibition of paintings and photographs by Holly Roberts "invites viewers to explore new approaches and expression in photography" through innovative work combining painting and collage. View the pieces, in which perception "of





the photographic medium is challenged," through Sunday, May 6.

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

Art Studio and Garden Tour

Visit one-acre garden overlooking Lake Hodges, view paintings and hand-painted jewelry by Cathy Carey. 760-489-9109. Saturday, April 28, 10am; Sunday, April 29, 10am; free. Cathy Carey's Art Studio, 2048 Ridgecrest Place.

Artist Studio Tour Glassblowers, painters, jewelers, and upcycled metal sculptors open their studios. Demonstrations, live music, and art by Zjhunk Metal Art, Cathy Carey and Glass Ranch Studio. 760-745-5956. Saturday, April 28, 10am; Sunday, April 29, 10am; free. Zjhunk Metal Art Studio, 2932 Via Loma Vista. (ESCONDIDO)

Come Out and Play Sargent Art Group hosts exhibit of fine art and "artisan gift ideas," with work by local artists Rosemary Valente, Diane Cieki, Sue Paparisto, Terri Jackson, Don Pallia. 760-448-5245. Saturday, April 28, 9am; free. La Costa Resort and Spa, 2100 Costa del Mar Road. (CARLSBAD)

Stereoscopic Art Show Enjoy "art in explosive 3-D" by Celestte. Reception includes walking tours of exhibit, music, refreshments, Saturday, April 28, 7pm; free. Twin Oaks Gallery, 757 North Twin Oaks Valley Road #3. (SAN MARCOS)

"When Worlds Collide" Art, music (Burning of Rome and Super Computer), and drinks, along with artists Pancake, Copio and Jason de la Torre. 619-238-7117. Friday, April 27, 8pm; free. The Propagandist, 835 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

воок SIGNINGS

A HalfMan Dreaming SDSU professor David Matlin reads from his new novel, boasting "lyrical intensity and pyrotechnic prose." 858-456-1800. Saturday, April 28, 7pm; free. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Earth Is Your Sweet Spot Ellae Elinwood reads from, signs her new book, offering A Woman's Guide to Living Beautifully. She will "share simple rituals celebrating a feminine connection with Earth, and exchange ideas with those attending." 619-284-7684. Saturday, April 28, 4pm; free. Grove, 3010 Juniper Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Jonestown Survivor: An Insider's Look Laura Johnston Kohl discusses her memoir about life as a member of Peoples Temple in California and Guyana. Thursday, April 26, 7pm; free. Mission Hills Library, 925 West Washington Street. (MISSION HILLS)

Novelist, Short-Story Writer, Essayist, Poet American author Sandra Cisneros reads from and discusses her work for 16th annual Literary Arts Festival, in Griffin Gate. Among her books: Bad Boys, The House on Mango St., Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories. Thursday, April 26, 7pm; free. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

Vanessa Diffenbaugh and Voices for Children The Language of Flowers author joins forces with Voices for Children to raise

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awareness of "the realities of foster care, the inspiration for her novel." rebeccar@speakupnow.org. Lecture: 7pm; booksigning: 8pm. Thursday, April 26; \$10 general. Qualcomm Hall, 5775 Morehouse Drive. (SOR-RENTO VALLEY)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"From Paris to You" Paris resident and pianist Zachary Deak, a San Diego native, is joined by Bordeaux-born violist Virginie d'Avezac de Castera to perform duos for piano and viola by Sergei Prokofiev and Henri Vieuxtemps. Free, Donations welcome, 760-666-1810. Saturday, April 28, 2pm, Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club, 17025 Avenida de Acacias. Sunday, April 29, 2pm, La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. ((RANCHO SANTA FE, LA JOLLA)

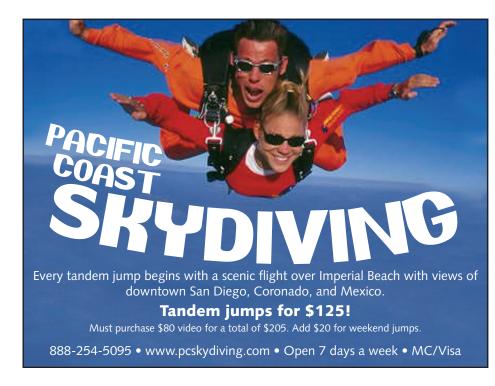
"It's So Very Tango" Enjoy allnew Camarada arrangements by Argentinian composer Astor Piazzolla, with "dynamic and exciting ensemble pieces...in service to the dramatic story told by the intimate, intense dance called tango." 619-231-3702. Friday, April 27, 7:30pm; \$20-\$25. St. Paul's Cathedral, 2728 Sixth Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

"Ten-String Music" Concert Hour series continues when Erica Erenyi and Colin McAllister perform original music and transcriptions for cello and guitar by Friedrich Burgmüller, Manuel de Falla, Radames Gnattali, Dusan Bogdanovic. 760-744-1150 x2317. Thursday, April 26, 12:30pm; free. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10), 1140 W. Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)

"The Fortepiano at the Time of Louis XVI" Marcia Hadjimarkos performs selections by Mozart, Haydn, Claude Balbastre, Hélène de Montgeroult, Johann Schobert, and Dussek on an 1813 Broadwood fortepiano for San Diego Early Music Society. 619-291-8246. Friday, April 27, 8pm; \$20-\$22. All Souls' Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

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. Friday, April 27, 8pm; Sunday, April 29, 2pm; \$50-\$210. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Dedicated to Doomed Romance! San Diego Symphony performs Bernstein's "Symphonic Dances from West Side Story," "The Love" by Tan Dun, Chen/He's "The Butterfly Lovers Violin Concerto" with violinist Cho-Liang Lin, and "Romeo and Juliet" by Tchaikovsky. 619-235-0804. Thursday, April 26,





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7:30pm; Saturday, April 28, 8pm; \$20-\$96. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Spring Choir Concert "Celebrate song in a new and fresh way" during joint recital by San Diego Children's Choir and Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir. Offering. Sunday, April 29, 4pm; First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South.

COMEDY

Comedy/Creativity Workout

Exercise your humor and creativity, meet other playful people, unwind from your workweek, and laugh! 858-581-0050. Friday, April 27, 7pm; \$20. 18 and up. LiveWell San Diego, 4425 Bannock Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

DANCE

Argentine Tango with Colette

Will give you a First Free Class Monday, April 30, or Wednesday, May 2, at 7pm, or any Monday or Wednesday at 7pm, and will introduce you to the passion and magic of Tango at Dance Place San Diego in Point Loma. No need for a partner. Moreinformation: www. Tango With Colette.com or call 514-726-5567. Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Road, Studio 106.

Studio Showcase Inaugural performance in new theater features choreography by Jean Isaacs, Blythe Barton, Minaqua McPherson, Anne Gehman, John Diaz, Jessica Curiel, Sadie Weinberg, Sara K. Blodgett. 619-225-1803. Sunday, April 29, 6:30pm; \$12-\$15. White Box The-

ater at NTC, 2590 Truxtun Rd., Studio 205 in Building 176. (POINT LOMA)

World Dance Day Celebrate during dance festival promising "lots of dancing, dance instruction, vendors," more. Sunday, April 29, 12:30pm; free. Balboa Park Club, 2150 Pan American Road West.

FILM

International Documentary Film Series — Salaam Dunk Salaam Dunk follows a college women's basketball team in Northern Iraq. Many are playing sports for the first time. Speaker & discussion follow film. Benefit for International Rescue Committee. Tickets: \$20/\$10 Student. Trailers/info: www.Rescue.org/films. Monday April 30, 7pm. Landmark La Jolla Village, 8879 Villa La Jolla

FOOD & DRINK

Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Getting to Know Cheese Sample cheeses from all over the world, enjoy glass of wine in intimate setting. Thursday, April 26, 6:30pm; \$50. 21 and up. Venissimo Cheese, 871 G Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Louisiana Crawfish Boil Fourhundred pounds of live crawfish from Louisiana, served alongside other Cajun Creole specialties. No reservations accepted. 619-795-4770. Sunday, April 29, 12pm; \$16-\$35. Local Habit, 3827 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Paella Class Explore the nuances of mixed paella (chicken, chorizo, clams, mussels, calamari, shrimp, and langostinos). Bring an apron, chef's knife, and containers to transport your creations home. Fri-

day, April 27, 6am; \$65. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Dr., Suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

Savory and Sweet Crêpes Learn to make "perfect batter, how to swirl the pan to achieve the correct form and thickness of the crêpe, and how temperature affects the outcome" during class led by chef Carrie Rosebraugh. Thursday, April 26, 6pm; \$50. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Dr., Suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

FOR KIDS

"The Big Read — Shades of Poe" Arts and Literature Family Night promises student dance presentation, inspired by Poe and choreographed by Evoke Dance Theatre, including a group Raven dance. Create Poe-inspired art projects. Each family receives a copy of Bunnicula Meets Edgar Allan Crow. Thursday, April 26, 6:30pm; free. Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center, 6845 University

Children's Book Party Reading Literacy Learning Inc. promises books for children, as well as entertainment, refreshments, during 28th annual book party for those in kindergarten through 12th grade. Each child receives two new books (for free). 619-266-4118 or 619-804-7992. Saturday, April 28, 8:30am; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Avenue. (COLLEGE AREA)

Mommy, Me & My Chickens Meet author and illustrator Holly Berkley — and a few of her chickens! — when she signs copies of her new children's book about raising chickens in an urban environment. Sunday, April 29, 3pm; free. The Grove, 3010 Juniper Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Critter Connections Classes introduce children, their parents

to furry — and not so furry — animals. Learn about animals and their needs through arts and crafts, speakers, stories. Kids 2½ to 3½ years old:10am; 3½ to 5 years old:11am. Tickets: \$25, plus \$10 materials fee. education@escondidohumanesociety.org or 760-888-2261. Fridays, 10am and 11am; through Friday, May 11, \$35. 2 and up. Escondido Humane Society, 3450 East Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Día del Niño — Children's Day San Diego Children's Discovery Museum hosts live music, games, hands-on activities for children. The "Dr. Bronner's All-One Ark" and Dr. Bronner's Fire Truck provide "water fun for kids." 760-233-7755. Saturday, April 28, 11am; free. Grape Day Park, 321 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

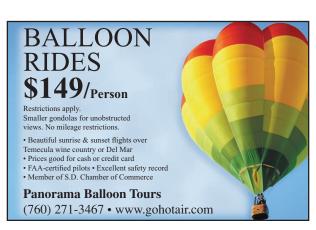
Healthy Kids Day Enjoy a family fun run, obstacle course, arts and crafts, pool games, sports activities, Y-dance performances, ballet folklorico, Crockpot cook-off (tasting: noon). 619-428-9622. Saturday, April 28, 8:45am; **free**. Border View Family YMCA, 3601 Arey Drive. (NESTOR)

Totem by Cirque du Soleil Free Day Experience the current exhibition ("Trash"), get creative with hands-on art-making activities. Saturday, April 28, 10am; **free**. New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

LECTURES

"Japanese Netsuke — Art in Miniature" "Originally used in Japan to secure objects carried by Japanese gentlemen to their *obi* (sash), *netsuke* became a way to show a man's taste and wealth as the merchant class prospered in the 18th century." Marsha Vargas Handley, president of International









SHEEP and GOATS

"An Exhortation to the Clergy in Convocation"

Be not conformed to this world, but be you reformed by the renewing of your mind; that you may prove what is that good will of God, well-pleasing and perfect (Romans 12:2). This the Apostle wrote to all Christian men, but most chiefly to Priests

and Bishops. Priests and Bishops are the light of the world. For he said unto them, you are the light of the world: and he said also, If the light that is in you be darkness, how great is that darkness? that is, If Priests and Bishops (who should be as lights) run in the dark way of the world, how dark then shall the secular people be? Wherefore St. Paul

said chiefly to Priests and Bishops, *Be you not conformed to this world, but be you reformed.* In which words, the Apostle doth two things: First he *forbids*, that we be not conformed to this world, and made carnal: and then he *commands*, that we be reformed in the spirit of God, and become spiritual.

John Colet (1467–1519) an

English cleric, was considered one of the early pioneers of Christian humanism. Along with his friends Thomas More (1478–1535) and Desiderius Erasmus (1466–1536), he helped launch the "new learning" that sought to synthesize classic Greek and Latin writings with the great minds of the Catholic Church and ushered in the European Renaissance. The dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Colet recog-

nized the need for reform in the Catholic Church at a time when such concerns were coming quickly to a head, soon to explode throughout Europe as the Protestant Revolt. Perhaps because he remained Catholic throughout his life, Colet's works are mostly lost — with a few prayers and one sermon, excerpted above.



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Netsuke Society, offers brief history of *netsuke* and *sagemono*. Thursday, April 26, 1pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BAL-BOA PARK)

"My Affair With Art" Artist, author McNeil Sargent shares stories of working with artist Françoise Gilot at the Printmaker's Atelier, discusses the art of printmaking, recalls her friendships with Gilot and her husband Dr. Jonas Salk and others. Learning Is for Everyone program offered in room 201. 760-944-4449 x7782. Friday, April 27, 1pm; free. 18 and up. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

"Out of Asia: A Symposium" Panelists from across the country

Panelists from across the country share insights on a diverse range of topics to contextualize museum's diverse holdings in Asian art and the two new exhibitions, "Echoes of the Past" and "Dyeing Elegance."

Saturday, April 28, 9am; \$10-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Secrets of Steinway" "Piano specialist" David Farkas shares "history behind the Steinway family legacy as well as the craftsmanship that goes into creating a handmade instrument." Reservations: 858-586-7000. Saturday, April 28, 11am; free. Greene Music Recital Hall, 7480 Miramar Rd., Suite 101.

Don't Sleep There Are Snakes

Discuss linguist Daniel Everett's *Life and Language in the Amazonian Jungle* with Humanist Fellowship book club, meeting in back of restaurant. Thursday, April 26, 6:30pm; **free**. Paesano, 3647 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

The Things They Carried Discussion of Tim O'Brien's book, in which questions such as "What

is meant by story truth and happening-truth?" will be posed. Discussion precedes author's May 1 appearance at USD. Saturday, April 28, noon; free. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA PARK)

Beginning Beekeeping Learn basics of keeping hives, encouraging bees to live nearby, and caring for "these black-and-yellow buddies." Farmer Bill clarifies hive styles, colonies, harvesting and storing fresh honey. Sunday, April 29, 1pm; free. City Farmers Nursery, 4832 Home Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Connecting the Americas: Partners for Prosperity John

D. Feeley, Summit Coordinator for the U.S. State Department, will share the inside scoop on the Sixth Summit of the Americas, held in Cartagena, Colombia, in mid-April, and attended by 34 presidents and prime ministers of the

Western Hemisphere. Thursday, April 26, 6:30pm; \$10. Institute of the Americas, UCSD, 10111 North Torrey Pines Road. (IA JOLIA)

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

SPORTS

Board and Brew the Long Way Enjoy 50-mile bicycle ride with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society. Bring money for lunch during outing, 619-764-9304. Saturday, April 28, 8:45am; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

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Big Heart and Kitchen

"My son Rudy started working here when he was 10. Now he's 34 and the chef."

t's nearly lost in the blizzard of clever stickers stuck to the wall on my right.

"Lord, help me to be the person my cat

Honestly, I think people here in South Park kind of are. Better than the rest of us, that is. They hand-pick garbage off of the street, just because this is their South Park. They start circuses. They hold walkabouts.

It's like they live on a better planet or in a better century. Come here, and you want to stop being your usual bitchy self and try and remember all those old ideals. Believe in, wow, something as squishy as...love?

Take this bright, sunny, breezy morning. I had to get off the #2 at 30th and Grape Street and head down to the Big Kitchen, to fuel up on the positive energy field of what people call Judy-World. Judy's run this place since 1980. The good things she's made happen in these two little dining rooms recharge you every time you come in.

I walk past sidewalk tables under the trees, into the room with the counter (there's another with only tables and chairs). The place is bulging, buzzing.

I sit up to the counter next to this guy Mitch. Actually, I think it's his home fries wafting their aromas that make the decision for me. Oh, man. Rosemary, garlic, onion?

"I'll have what he's having," I say to Mark, the lanky guy behind the counter. "With poached eggs."

Then I start reading...the wall.

"Hippies use the FRONT door," says one sign. The handwritten word "FRONT" has been stuck over the original word "BACK."

"What part of 'Thou Shalt Not Kill' don't you understand?" says another. Yet another backs it up. "When Jesus said 'Love your enemies,' I think he probably meant don't kill them." A tag explains that the quote's taken from a song by Linda K. Williams of the First Church of the Brethren, right here

in San Diego, California.

I'd like to hear that song.

There's a big noise at the back, near the left

wall, which is plastered with photos of customers, including many who have died from complications brought on by AIDS. Judy's making a big fuss over one of the many teenage kids she keeps a protective eye on and often gives work

to. He's come out from the kitchen (it *is* big) in punk-style clothes he's stitched together himself. Nick. Works here.

Judy shows him off to the customers on that side of the room, then heads over to a booth where an older woman, Sue, is sharing grilled chicken and turkey with a gal who's tattooed herself right up to her neck. Dahlia. "Hi!" Judy says. She introduces herself, and in a flash she's sitting down and they're exchanging life stories.

Nothing has changed from last time I was here. Maybe four, five years back.

Now Mark is bringing my steaming plate out. He slides it in front of me.

"It's 'Whoopi's Breakfast," he says. As the entire community knows, Whoopi Goldberg used to wash dishes here, before she got famous. The dish named after her has two eggs any style, plus bacon, those home-fried potatoes, toast, and a large orange juice.

The things I notice are: my potatoes smell just as wicked as Mitch's did, and they taste as great as they smell. Rosemary, onions, garlic. Also, the bread is thick, golden-grilled egg bread. "Actually, it should be Texas bread," Mark says. "But it didn't come today." And bacon? We're talking way-thick-cut. Unbelievably luscious.

"It's 10/12 shingled bacon," says Mark. "That's about as thick as it gets."

Uh, 10/12? Turns out, the lower the numbers, the thicker the slice. I think "shingled" means laid out flat, like shingles on a roof.

And the orange juice?

Mitch sees me tripping on the first gulp.
Into OJ nirvana.

"They squeeze it when you put your order in, not before," he says. "I can definitely taste the difference."

Me, too. And it's a big tumbler-full.

"I remember Whoo-pi," says a guy down the counter from Mitch.

He's eating a sandwich of bacon with melted cheese and onions, plus a pile of home fries. "In 1980, she was washing dishes, just after Judy opened. It was sure fun being here with those two carrying on."

That's what everybody says. The Big Kitchen would have been just another greasy spoon except for Judy the

Beauty on Duty. This fire-and-brimstone broad from New York City has done everything from employing guys straight out of the big house to helping start the Fern Street Circus, right here in this room. Heck, Sadie, one of her workers, is an acrobat in Cirque du Soleil. Tim, the guy doing Whoopi's job these days, is lead guitarist in a death-metal band.

"Look at that: Lucy's here!" Judy tells everybody as an arty-looking gal swings in through the narrow doors.

And then comes her trademark French phrase: "*Très bien, très bien!*" It's not like she's French, but the story is that her customers flew her to Paris once for a break, and when she came back, she had that phrase. Now it's part of the lingo here.

"Judy has a big heart," says this guy to my left. John. "I'm diabetic and have become

Big Kitchen owner Judy shows off her punk-rock employee, Nick

legally blind. Judy has helped me so much. Taken me to the hospital, made sure I get good food, like this salad."

He's working his way through a chicken salad. "My son Rudy," he says, "started working here when he was 10. Now he's 34 and the chef. She gave him a good life."

Whoopi's breakfast ain't cheap: it costs \$13.95, plus \$2.75 for an endless coffee. With tax, that comes to \$18. Yes, if I'd looked, I'd have found cheaper choices — like, \$4.75 for one egg, home fries or rice, and toast. Instead, I've shelled out \$20 for breakfast (including tip). Sticker shock? Little bit. But I like to think some of it will go to Judy's many good

Lucy's heading out. She's been Judy's friend for all 32 years this place has been open. "When I'm not here," she says, "my heart is." ■

The Place: Big Kitchen, 3003 Grape Street, South Park, 619-234-5789

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Salad Style: In the Chapel? Or **Under the Green Umbrella?**

Green noodles, red cabbage, lime umbrellas, blue sky. Who could ask for anything more?

I couldn't resist stopping at Salad Style (807 F Street), what with the sunny day and the cute,

little ol' low red-brick building. And this block (kitty-corner to the back of the post office) looking bright, like it's an up-and-coming block.

Besides, on a day like today, you wanna be healthy, walk healthy, and — why not? — eat healthy.

And, yes, I'm still on a campaign to get down to 200lbs. Doing okay. Three to go.

Of course, inside there's a line waiting to order. I

look at the salads menu on the wall. They start at \$9 (\$12 for the large) at the top with the grilled salmon salad and go down to the house salad at bottom (it comes with organic greens, cotija cheese, corn, and other good stuff) for \$6, \$8 large.

Also at the bottom and also \$6: Morning Glory, a mix of yogurt, strawberry, blueberry,

pineapple, pear, granola, honey, and mint. That'd be good.

I almost go for that but then see the Moroccan Couscous salad (\$7/\$10). Oh, yeah. I remember having it once. Big molded chunk of couscous in the middle of a sea of greens, feta cheese, black currants, almonds. Great.

But then, also at \$7/\$10, there's the soba noodle salad with green-tea soba noodles, shredded cabbage, grilled chicken, shiitake mushrooms, peanuts, all sorts of good stuff, plus a gingersesame dressing.

I go for that. The small.

"Good choice," says the guy behind the counter. Name's Gy, spelled G-Y. The manager. "It has the lowest calorie-count of all our salads, 140."

If it tastes good, that's a win-win.

I'm tempted to sit down here, inside, like most

customers seem to be doing. It's nice. Actually, it's historic. The building could be 125 years old,

says Gy. "And I was told this room was the chapel of the first Catholic church downtown."

I can see that's possible. The open timber rafters look old. The green wine bottle chandeliers don't, but they kinda add to the atmosphere.

But today being what it is, I decide to go out in the sun under the green umbrella on the sidewalk. Gy arrives with a glass of water, napkin, and a heavy knife and fork.

The salad is pretty amazing. So much stuff. The pile of noodles is on the bottom...but then you've got spinach. Endless chunks of grilled chicken, those tasty little sliced shiitake mushrooms, shavings of red cabbage, carrot, scallions, lotsa peanuts, and that sexy infusion

Posted April 18



My soba noodle 'n' chicken salad

of the ginger-sesame.

by Ed Bedford

Tandoori Hut: All the Curry You

The buffet is advertised on the exterior of Tandoori Hut: "All you can eat for \$8.99 at lunch

low cost of the buffet, and other touches such as plastic dishware reinforce the image that



The Counter: If they come, will they build it?

Tandoori Hut is not trying to muscle in on the upscale Indian dining scene that the Monsoon Group has on lockdown. Perhaps this is just as well, as the affordability of the buffet may fill the "anything but a burrito" category of cheap eats.

The long-ish buffet table had rice, a few appetizers, a good selection of the house curries in meat and vegetable form, and a few morsels for dessert. Everything was in great shape and seemed not to have been sitting around too long. Indian food keeps well in a chafing dish, but truly ancient curry is never pleasant. Tandoori's looked fresh.

The food was on the okay side of adequate, although a goat curry "with bones" was better than the other dishes and showed more deviation from the norm than the ubiquitous saag paneer and chicken tikka.

Some of the most important points were covered: the rice was good and fluffy, the naan bread that came out of the kitchen (freshly baked to order) was excellent, and there was plenty of protein in the curries. Even merely average curry is delightful over really good rice or hot, tender bread.

The menu extends beyond the buffet and is massive in scope. As is usually the case in the U.S., the dishes are primarily from the culinary styles of northern India, where meat consumption is more common and the savory flavors are more immediately recognizable to

American taste. 3890 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest.

Posted April 17 by Ian

Counter **Culture: Still Counting Down**

"Arriving Early 2012." We're nearly May now. What's happening, fellas?

The sign is stuck to the window of this new condo building at Sixth and G downtown. It's beside an application for

a "41," the beer-and-wine license, and scrumptious pictures of three-foot-high mega burgers and the promise of a dozen craft beers on tap.

The idea here: build your own burger. The motto: "Let them build it, and they will come." The claim: you have at least 312,120 combos you

This spot is going to be the Counter (695 Sixth Avenue, downtown), one of maybe three-dozen franchises, mainly in California and stretching from Times Square to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

The make-your-own idea is great, and spreading (see Which Wich? the sandwich franchise). You come in, grab a clipboard, and start checking off all the stuff you want between the buns. That'd be half an hour for me right there.

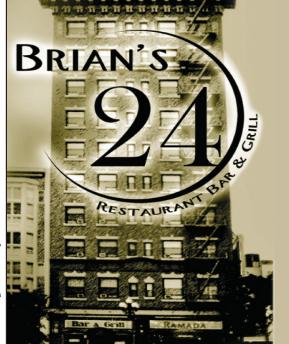
The caution: You'd better have a Jackson in your pocket. The counter is being cute about prices, but it looks like it'll be way more expensive than, say, In-N-Out. Maybe \$11 to \$12 for your burger with fries. Call it a burger assault on the bourgeoisie.

Standard burger will have a 1/3rd-pound patty, one cheese, four toppings. And, à la Burger Lounge, they promise the cows are humanely raised and handled. (Read: They just get a bonk on the head when they least expect it and are hormone and antibiotic free.) Didn't see the word "organic," though.

Meanwhile, sigh, two months and counting... Posted April 16 by Ed Bedford

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Park House Eatery

The patio at Park House is excellent. Shading is sufficient, so it's manageable on sunny days, and the view on Park Boulevard in University Heights is pleasant. The interior of the restaurant is nice as well, but on an ideal day during lunch, the patio is a must.

Service was inattentive, though friendly enough when the servers found the time to check on the table.

A lamb burger (\$12.95) featured a generous amount of gorgonzola cheese, a crusty bun, and an excellent tapenade. The olive spread was a bit of a surprise as a burger topping but proved to be the biggest delight of the sandwich. The side salad (served in lieu of fries) was a bit forgettable, as the dressing lacked distinction.

For lunch, a soup and halfsandwich deal (\$9.95) included a cup of the Park House's delicious shrimp-and-potato chowder. Though the cup of soup misses out on the grilled shrimp that accompany the bowl, the body of the soup itself was rich and carried lots of flavor. An ahi tuna salad sandwich had a bit too much bread for the filling, and the fish could have been more plentiful. Still, what fish there was proved to be scrumptious.

Drinks were on the expensive side: \$3.25 for a perfectly average glass of lemonade and over \$5 for all the draft beer (none of which were breathtaking selections) makes a lunch bill balloon out of control quickly.

A small but irksome quirk of the Park House Eatery is in the menu printing. Lots of syntactical ambiguities created menu items that were confusing or misleading. For example, "Totally eggless Caesar salad, lots of garlic and focaccia croutons" could well contain lots of garlic and some focaccia croutons — or it might have lots of croutons that were made with garlic.

4574 Park Boulevard, University Heights.

Posted April 16 by Ian Pike

Ballast Point Looking into Locations for Third Brewery

The world's reigning top Small Brewing Company (as awarded at the World Beer Cup, the next biennial iteration of which will occur in San Diego the first weekend of May) is looking to grow. Ballast Point Brewing and Spirits is currently searching for a 55,000- to 100,000-squarefoot building within San Diego County where they can build a 100-plus barrel brewhouse.

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This will be their third brewing facility, a significant step for the business. To put their size target in perspective, Green Flash Brewing Company's new facility is considered large by San Diego standards, and it's 45,000 square feet. Indoor space for the Escondido facility of Stone Brewing Co. — the county's largest brewing company and the 11th-largest craft brewery in the country — is just over 60,000 square feet, and over 14,000-plus of that is office and restaurant space.

Productionwise, Ballast Point is poised to brew 60,000 barrels this year at their Scripps Ranch brewery. That space has undergone recent expansion, but it's doubtful they can squeeze much higher production out of it, creating the need for the new location.

> Posted April 23 by Brandon Hernández

Izakaya Masa

Tucked into the corner of a Mission Hills retail complex (928 Fort Stockton Drive), the izakaya is only identifiable by a small sign in Japanese. Also, it's the only thing that's open late since the nature of an izakaya is to be an after-work or late-night destination.

Reservations are highly recommended, especially on weekends, as the restaurant is diminutive and surprisingly popular, given its out-of-theway location. I might not have needed my reservation at 10:30,

but any earlier and it would have been a good idea.

The staff greeted me in cheerful Japanese and showed me promptly to my table in the back room (with all of five tables in it). Service is, as a rule, very prompt and efficient at Izakaya Masa, sometimes leaving no time to peruse the menu before ordering, but the waitstaff will just keep coming back as many times as needed.

The signage that covered the walls was heavy on the Japanese text, of which I understand zero, but somehow lent the place credibility. It wasn't that the signs were in Japanese, but that there was an aspect of sincerity there that's hard to fake.

The sake selection isn't extensive, but it's also not expensive, so simply ordering at whim is probably the best place to start. Special bottles can be as cheap as \$12.

Much of the menu is tapasstyle food that is meant to be shared and eaten with sake. I started off the meal with a cold monkfish liver. It was expensive (almost eight dollars) but possessed a rich flavor and a unique texture. As an accompaniment to sake, the cold fish liver was ideal: it smoothed out the potential bite of the hot alcohol, and the flavors were perfectly complementary.

A small plate of deep-fried oysters had been formed into quenelles, breaded in panko, and fried quickly so that the soft, briny interiors didn't have a chance to toughen. The







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unidentified brown sauce (sort of a ponzu, but not quite) went well with them.

Sliced and roasted pork, another small plate, came smothered in sliced scallions and drizzled with a very umami sauce for less than five dollars. While not elegant in the sense of some Japanese food, it fit the "drinking and sharing" aesthetic of an izakaya perfectly, especially on a cooler evening.

The star of the show at Izakaya Masa is definitely the ramen. Only available after 9 p.m., the tonkotsu (pork bone stock) noodle soup comes in three different varieties; all of which threaten to make a mockery of ramen as it's widely known in the U.S., i.e., the stuff that college freshmen live on for the first year of school.

I ordered a large bowl of hakata ramen (\$8.95), which had sliced pork, fried garlic, scallions, seaweed, and ginger laid across the top of the noodles. The salty broth tasted deeply of roasted pork and felt as if it would have been a nourishing meal just on its own. That flavor had pervaded the noodles as well. It was, in short, massively satisfactory.

The overall expense of a trip to Izakaya Masa isn't as much as it could be, considering the small size of the plates and the emphasis on drinking sake. Two people can dine well in the neighborhood of \$20 each.

As a final note, the staff showed great presence of mind when I left my keys on the table. Pulling my number from the reservation sheet, they called me up and saved me a bunch of trouble before I had gotten more than a block away from the restaurant.

Posted April 22 by Ian Pike

The Peculiarity of Lily's Garden Cafe

I remember when Lily's used to be in University Heights, catercorner to Henry's. Now the café there has shut down and moved to Normal Heights (3501 Adams Avenue). The address is on Adams Avenue, but the door really opens about 30 meters down 35th Street. The only reason I noticed it was because a little sandwich board had been set out on the sidewalk to bring passersby down the road. The unassuming door has the same sign that used to hang on the gate out front of the old location, which piqued my curiosity enough to pop in for a cup of java, despite the heat of the afternoon.

I'm weird like that — if I'm going to drink coffee, it's got to be hot, no matter how high the mercury runs.

What can I say, I expected gardens! The only way I can really describe the inside of Lily's is that it reminds me of basements that I used to play in as a kid when the grown-ups would banish us below the earth at family gatherings. The mixedup decor and fluorescent lighting (there were no windows) in conjunction with the relative lack of noise (any background sounds were lost in the thick, wall-to-wall carpeting) evoked the subterranean feel of a 21stcentury dungeon.

The guests at the occupied table spoke loudly about the nature of God and His infallibility.

The man at the cash machine handed me a small cup from behind the airpots and I poured a custom blend of half Folger'sgrade and half chocolate-flavored coffee. Both were actually hot, which was a surprise. The cream was sitting out in an opaque relic of a plastic jug and the sugar was in a Tupperware with a spoon for doling out the required amount.

The cost of my small coffee

was \$1.50, and it was actually better than I expected, though far from an elite cup of joe.

Lily's Garden Cafe fascinated and spooked me in roughly equal portions. The word on the street is that the place is a base of operations for lots of 12-step groups, which would be consistent with the vibe. Also, the website says the café is Buddhist in philosophy and practice, which is interesting and something that one might not guess from the decor but definitely adds a layer of mystery to this room where people gather away from the sun to drink half-good coffee.

Posted April 21 by Ian Pike

Kumpir from Mr. Potato

Perhaps this is the new streetfood sensation! Kumpir is a Turkish fast-food dish made from a baked potato that's been stuffed with various fillings. Mr. Potato, a stand that makes regular appearances at San Diego farmers' markets, specializes in the snack.

I ordered a small *kumpir* from the stand during Adams Avenue Unplugged. The potato had very crispy skin, almost crunchy, and a dry, fluffy interior. The woman in the cart split it in half, rubbed



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in some butter, and then topped the entire potato with chicken, cheese, sour cream, olives, corn, and green onions. The result was a bit more cumbersome to eat than, say, a corn dog, but the kumpir was extremely satisfying.

I found the white-meat chicken to be a little on the dry side — as it always is when the skin's been removed — but since the entire spud had been smeared with butter and covered in cream, the final dish was more than sufficiently indulgent. Maybe the coolest thing about this dish is that it was a snack that had both meat and starch in it without being based on any grain. There's nothing wrong with corn and wheat and their ilk, but it's really refreshing to sink the teeth into a potato instead of a slice of bread every now and again.

The stand also sells baklava and börek (savory pies), but the *kumpir* is the dish that might stand a chance at becoming a street-food staple, particularly if someone had the notion to stuff it with carnitas or pulled pork in a manner that might appeal to local appetites!

Posted April 21 by Ian Pike

Las Hadas Bar and

Las Hadas Bar and Grill (558 Fourth Avenue in the Gaslamp District) first attracted me with their happy hour menu. Nice prices, good selection on both food and drink specials, and extended hours.

I started with a Diablo (\$5), the Las Hadas take on a michelada. It was cold and refreshing, not too much lime, not too much tomato juice. The beer selection is limited, but they did have Ballast Point Pale Ale (\$4 during happy hour) on draft for John.

The complimentary corn fritters were a pleasant surprise. The moist, tender cakes of masa studded with corn kernels were lightly fried, golden and delicious. The honey butter and mildly spicy salsa were tasty accompaniments.

My Chile Verde Cheeseburger (\$7) was just a little pink inside, topped with melted pepper jack, chipotle aioli, roasted green chili strips, and sliced avocado. The bun had been buttered and grilled, a very nice touch. The fries were okay, but they had been sitting out a bit too long and were lukewarm.

John's Adobo Chicken Wings (\$6) were a success. Eight big pieces, crisp-fried and lightly sprinkled with peppery spice. Drizzled with just enough adobo sauce, they were savory, tender, and juicy. A side of blue cheese dressing and chili-dusted jicama sticks rounded it out.

Other happy-hour selections include coconut shrimp, chipotle barbecued ribs, and ceviche, priced \$6-\$7 and generous enough to share. Top-shelf margaritas are \$5; house drinks, wine, sangria, and drafts are \$4. Posted April 20 by Mary Beth Abate

Toma Sol Cafe

Toma Sol is situated on the lessoccupied stretch of Washington Street between Hillcrest and Mission Hills proper (301 West Washington Street). Considering the relatively sterile feel of the block on which it's located, Toma Sol manages a comfortable vibe that might make the quiet coffee shop a good place to sit and get some serious work

A shot of espresso (the coffee comes from local roaster Cafe Moto) was better than average with good crema and a deep, rich flavor that had a touch of sweetness to it even without sugar.

The café serves panini in a few different flavors and soup from Decker Brothers, a company that purveys ready-to-serve soups to a handful of San Diego coffee shops and small restaurants. A Tuscan lentil soup (\$5.25/16oz) was very hearty and had just the right texture; not too brothy, yet not quite reduced to gravy. It could have withstood a dash or two of salt and pepper, which is not ideal, but far better than the alternative since one cannot unsalt soup.

In addition to the soup and sandwiches, there are a few prepackaged salads on display from Ganosh Gourmet. The Coronado-based company, which offers weekly meal plans and home delivery, seems to produce some nice-looking food, though I didn't have the appetite to sample any of it at the café.

Somebody at Toma Sol knows her way around a blender. A mango smoothie (\$4.05) was gloriously thick and managed to strut the line between fruit and ice perfectly.

The pleasant atmosphere and professional coffee-making at Toma Sol were more noteworthy than the food options. The available snacks and light meals would definitely suffice for, say, the frazzled graduate student working hard on a thesis and unable to tear himself away, but they wouldn't really warrant a dedicated lunch trip unless caffeination was a serious priority.

Posted April 20 by Ian Pike

A Beer Pairing Dinner Based on... Cupcakes?

They say candy's dandy, but liquor's quicker. Put the two together and you've got the sweet line of baked goods that is local dessert company Pub-Cakes. From the La Mesa home base she shares with Treehouse Coffee, owner Misty Birchall crafts home-style cupcakes using beer as a core ingredient.

Since debuting nearly two years ago, she's gained a cult fol-



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lowing among beer enthusiasts. Behind that loyal clientele, she's expanded her catalog of cakes from six to dozens of interesting flavors, been tapped to create an exclusive recipe for Karl Strauss Brewing Company, and competed on the Food Network show Cupcake Wars.

Now, she's collaborating with the Grill at Torrey Pines (the casual, golf course-adjacent restaurant at the Lodge at Torrey Pines; 11480 North Torrey Pines Road) to offer what very well may be San Diego's firstever cupcake-themed beer pairing dinner.

The thought of six courses of flour- and sugar-based fare sounds both intriguing and like sweet-tooth overkill but the menu is more than a sextet of cupcakes, and actually offers a great deal of variety. In fact, reading over the offerings, there's zero sign of Birchall's traditional products.

The closest thing I can find is a Savory Bloody Mary Cupcake that will be served as a tray-passed pre-meal appetizer and paired with the cocktail it's based on, made using Ballast Point Brewing & Spirit's Fugu Vodka and namesake bloody mary mix. (Ballast Point beers will be served with each of the sit-down courses.)

Aside from that, there's a dish called "Corn" Bread with Butter which could be a corn cake, but given the wide array of quotes on this menu, I wouldn't bet on it. The braised short rib "cup cake" is bound to at least look like dessert, but expect some fall-apart regionally sourced beef chef Kyle Bergman's doted on for hours underneath the dish's maple whipped-potato "frosting."

No matter what shape the offerings on this one-night-only menu take, they're bound to be outside the normal bill of fare. And based on the consistently delectable flavors of Birchall's PubCakes and the simple yet stunning composition of similar beer dinners Bergman's put on in the past, no matter the weirdness level, good taste is sure to bring things back to Earth.

The PubCakes and Ballast Point beer dinner took place on Wednesday, April 25. Cost per person was \$55 and included valet parking.

Posted April 20 by Brandon Hernández

Coming Attractions: The Summer of Karl

A month ago, I shared details on Karl Strauss Brewing Company's expansion of their production facility. That project, which is scheduled to debut in late summer, includes installation of a 20-tap bar, outdoor beer garden, private event spaces and a tour deck. It's plenty ambitious all on its own, but that's just one component of what will be the biggest summer in the company's

In addition to aesthetic and architectural changes being made for the visiting public, Karl Strauss's production brewery is also undergoing a utilitarian

expansion that will include installation of new equipment to increase their annual production to 80,000 barrels. That represents a 31 percent increase from the amount of beer they produced in 2011.

The need to pump out more beer comes not only from increased demand on the home front, but as a result of their recent decision to begin distributing beer in Northern California. Since opening in 1989 as San Diego's first brewery post-Prohibition, Karl Strauss has made and sold all of their beer in Southern California, making this a significant move and one that figures to help them keep growing. As it stands, they are the 44th-largest craft brewing company in the country and one of the three fastest-growing breweries in the Western U.S.

Tempering the out-of-region move is one more large-scale project. Come July, Karl Strauss intends to open its seventh brewery restaurant in north San Diego's 4S Ranch community, at

10448 Reserve Drive. That spot will join the company's family of four San Diego-based beer-producing eateries in Downtown, La Jolla, Sorrento Mesa, and Carlsbad, and bring 100 open employment opportunities to the area.

> Posted April 19 by Brandon Hernández

La Terrazza — Life at the Top

Oh, man. Seems every day off, the lovely Carla wants to head for Diane, on the sceptered isle of Coronado, to get her hair swished up.

She's there now. Me, wandering lonely as a cloud, till I pass this place I've always been curious about, La Terrazza (1309 Orange Avenue; 619-522-0077). Upstairs, exclusive-looking. And the menu? Don't even go there.

"Hi," says the gal at the lectern, but without much hope. Just kinda pro forma, I ask, "Do you guys have happy hour?"

"Oh, sure. Every day, three

to six."

Right now we're talking five. She hands me a little onepage menu. Huh. "Piccola Bruschettina con Balsamico, \$3.50." Okay, I think that means "Small, little minibruschetta with balsamic." So I guess you can't say they didn't warn you. But they have other stuff, all priced between \$3.50 and \$5.50. Like, mini-meatball panino with marinara sauce and mozzarella (\$4), or seafood combo trio, breaded scallops, calamari, and shrimp on greens (\$5.50).

Guess I'll have to leap up those steps to the second level terrace (they have an elevator, too).

Once I'm up there, gotta say, the view, even on a cloudy day, is great. Del's red towers line the horizon. Yellow, blue tablecloths, giant yellow and blue umbrellas checker the terrace, and the top fronds of palms rustle just beyond the parapets.

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"What would you like to drink?"

'Course, I'd been hoping to get away with water. But now I look more closely at the happy-hour menu, and I see it says "All of the above offers with the purchase of one beverage minimum, per guest."

And the happy-hour drinks are house wines and domestic champagne, \$5 per glass; well drinks \$3.50 off; domestic beer, \$3.50.

Ho-kay. I have to ask the uncool question.

"Uh, which happy-hour dish would fill me the most?"

Most are either mini panini or pasta dishes like Tortellini Tre Colore, ricotta-stuffed round



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But then I see they have appetizer-size pizzas. Margarita (\$4), pepperoni (\$4.50), eggplant and tomato (\$5), gamberetti (shrimp, \$5.50), and veggie (\$4.50).

"Well," says Manny — and he's been here ten years, so he should know — "actually most people get something that will go well with their drinks. The most delicious taste combo for me is the bruschettina. It's probably the most popular, too. But, filling? I'd say the pizzas."

That's good enough for me. I ask for a glass of the house Chablis white wine (because Manny says it'll be sweet enough but not too) and the pepperoni pizza.

And guess what? It's not that small. Maybe eight inches, and plenty of pepperoni, plus nicely oozing tomato sauce and cheese. Thin, crisp edges, and with the wine, you start to feel like the king you should be by rights.

And really, it's a beautiful little pizza.

Suddenly look at my watch. Ayee!

Cell phone.

"Carla, what's happening?"

"What's happening? I'm waiting for you, that's what's happening. Actually, darling, Diane and I have been talking. She's still drying my hair. Another 20 minutes."

"Okay. No more." Great to have the upper hand. "You'll have five minutes to get here. La Terrazza. We can afford it, long as you make happy hour."

"Great! See you in 30, max." Posted April 19 by Ed Bedford

Limone: San Diego's **Newest Pop-Up**

After my fun time at Cellar Door, I was eager to try the newest underground restaurant that popped up on my foodar: Limone. Limone's chef, Accursio Lota, is originally from Sicily, What the Chef Eats by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

ALMOND-CRUSTED PORTOBELLO MUSHROOM

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To be honest, I kind of fell into cooking. I was a hostess at the Prado in Balboa Park and I didn't like it as much as I thought I would. I asked the chef at the time if there were any openings in the kitchen and he said, "Not really." I told him I wanted to work in the kitchen and he said, "I don't know. Do you have any experience?" I told him I didn't. But he found me a spot in the kitchen anyway.

I loved every second of it. I came home and would report that I made 200 fruit pies. It seemed so foreign and exciting to me. I worked at the Prado for a couple of years and was promoted a few times. A chef told me to go to culinary school. He said I

should pick New York or Paris and I said, "I'll just go to Paris."

My mom and grandmother were huge cooks and I loved eating all their goodies. Sometime in school I decided I wanted to be vegan for some reason, and I had to cook all my own food. Maybe that's when I really got into cooking, although the vegan thing was short-

In terms of putting the "Katherine" stamp on French cuisine, I just try to make it more approachable for people because a lot of the time, it's just too weird. I try to use more common ingredients and explain things on a menu. Sometimes French words scare people off. I like to

make it more fun and use opposite flavors. If I make something sweet, I'll pair it with something tangy. I like to create food wars on my plate.

I love going out to places that are comfortable. Something comfortfoodie that isn't too loud, like the hole-in-the-wall sushi place next door. If I'm cooking for someone it's usually some sort of grilled steak. I don't have a grill at the restaurant so at home I grill as much as possible. I'm mostly not fancy. There has to be an occasion for me to go crazy in the kitchen.

INGREDIENTS (SERVES 1 AS A MAIN COURSE OR 4 FOR APPETIZERS)



Katherine Humphus

1 portobello mushroom

1.5 T Dijon mustard 1 splash lemon juice

1 thyme sprig

1 rosemary sprig

3 T ground almonds

Salt, pepper to taste

1 C arugula

2 lemon wedges

3 T toasted sliced almonds

HOW TO DO IT

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Peel and clean portobellos by holding the mushroom in your hand, stem side up, and tearing the top layer of outer skin off gently. Remove stem

but, as with Logan of Cellar Door, he made his way to San Diego via San Francisco. Both cited San Francisco's vibrant pop-up restaurant scene as inspiration.

The team behind Limone are newlyweds Corinne Goria (an immigration attorney) and the aforementioned Accursio, a chef by trade who has cooked at the Four Seasons in Milan and the Biltmore in Santa Barbara. He currently spends most of his kitchen time at the Marine Room in La Jolla. Accursio was born and raised in "a farming town by the sea."

The day of the meal, I was emailed the address to Corinne and Accursio's home, which is a 15-minute drive east of downtown. When we arrived, we were led past the table in the front room, through the kitchen, and to a deck overlooking a large backyard with areas of tilled soil, chickens roaming free, and pet

rabbits hanging out and hopping around in their hutch.

Accursio cures his own sausage. After a toast of Prosecco, he presented three varieties: garlic and fennel, red wine, and five chili. He'd also cured and seasoned peppers and olives, but I went right past those to the bread, which was baked using yeast Accursio had cultured himself from golden raisins.

It was a chilly evening (Corinne was quick to grab me a scarf when I shivered), so I was happy when the group made its way indoors. Eight diners, including me and David, chose our seats. The table seats ten, but one couple had made a late cancellation. Still a good turnout, considering this was Limone's "opening night."

Much effort had obviously been expended. Before I even get into the details of the almostmolecular-gastronomy of the dishes, let's go back to the bread.



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with a small knife so there is no remaining stump. Place mushroom face up on a lined baking dish.

Smooth Dijon mustard over gills of mushroom. Sprinkle salt and pepper on top of the mus-

tard. Squeeze lemon juice on mushroom, and then add the ground almonds on top of that. Place the thyme and rosemary sprigs over the almonds and bake for 12-15 minutes.

To serve, remove

the rosemary and thyme from the mushroom and discard. Garnish a plate with fresh arugula. Cut the mushroom in quarters and lay decoratively on top of the arugula. Add a good amount of toasted sliced

almonds on top of the mushroom. Finish with lemon wedges on the side.

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Several kinds of bread, all baked by Accursio, were on offer, and each design (sticks, rings, buns, etc.) had its own flavor. The bread was paired with D.O.P. Val di Mazara olive oil from Accursio's hometown, which is available in San Diego.

The theme of the menu was Lu Mari West, and featured all locally sourced seafood. We began with an amuse-bouche, octopus with kalamata olive bits in a marinara-type sauce. I was happy to see I wasn't the only one at the table to use bread to get every last bit of it into my mouth.

After the amuse was cleared, we received a strange-looking dish that frightened me as much as it excited David. Housesmoked Catalina halibut, pickled red onion, and an oyster emulsion. The halibut was delicious and went well with the pickled onions, but after two bites, I was done and passed the rest to my partner. David, who'd cleared his plate, was already satisfied with his generous portion and didn't want any of mine.

Next up was a more rea-

sonably-sized plate of squid ink ravioli filled with liquified Baja shrimp atop a sweet pea and wild fennel purée. We were instructed to eat this dish with the spoon provided and to pop an entire ravioli into our mouths at once, rather than attempting to dissect them. Having the warm, flavorful liquid (a thin broth) explode in my mouth added a fun sensory experience to each bite.

The entrée was my favorite dish of the evening: Baja California sea bass filet with artichokes, fingerling potatoes, and a roasted tomato that made everyone moan. This dish was so popular that the table was silent for a long stretch of time, prompting the people in the kitchen (Accursio, Corinne, and their friend Marco, who'd come down from Newport Beach to help out for the night) to peek around the curtain to make sure everything was okay.

We received a *pre* dessert to our dessert dessert. As I listened to the strange sound of a hairdryer working in the kitchen (what were they doing in there?) I enjoyed a demitasse of strawberries and cream with a tangy, viscous balsamic vinegar.

The evening ended with an interesting bang when we received our deceptive dessert. What I thought was a giant slice of chocolate cake was actually iced chocolate-cardamom foam, served with raspberry mouse and crumbled angel cake.

This was the first of what Accursio and Corinne hope will be many such dining experiences on offer at Limone. If you want to be in the know, get on their list by emailing limone. sdiego@gmail.com.

Posted April 19 by Barbarella

Manakeesh at Sajj **Mediterranean Grill**

Sajj is the name of the domed, cast-iron oven that bakes the fresh bread at this Lebanese restaurant in Hillcrest at the corner of University and Normal Street (1459 University Avenue). The grill is a fascinating piece of equipment and all the best dishes at the restaurant are organized around the crispy

flatbread that gets served hot and marked from the hemisphere of the Sajj.

The design of the restaurant offers lots of breeze to diners and, though the particular stretch of University isn't the quietest or most scenic for patio seating, the en plein air atmosphere evokes some nice, Mediterranean sentiments.

Table service was a pleasant surprise in the face of the takeout appearance of the restaurant, and the girls who work the register and run the food were both very friendly.

The specialty of the house, according to those same friendly girls, is the manakeesh. In its most basic form, manakeesh is a slice of the freshly griddled bread that's been spread with a mixture of herbs and olive oil for \$2.49. The "supreme" manakeesh at the other end of the spectrum also contained cucumbers, tomatoes, olives, mint, and grilled chicken. The chicken was a touch on the dry side as it seemed to be only breast meat. Redolent of fresh herbs, briny olives, and snappy cucumbers, the manakeesh did prove to be extremely satisfying with a lighter flavor than the yogurtand tahini-smothered wraps that are more typical of Lebanese and other Middle Eastern restaurants.

One nice touch: before the

sandwich was served, one of the girls brought out a little dish of salted carrots with a touch of lemon juice.

The menu, of course, extends far beyond the manakeesh. There are different kebab plates and a series of salads and shawarma sandwiches. Nevertheless, it's the manakeesh that stand out as something more than just another gyro.

A short selection of beers is available in bottles, and some different drinks (including the salty, yogurt beverage that's sometimes found in Middle Eastern establishments) offer a taste worth acquiring.

Posted April 19 by Ian Pike







Nuisance Noise. A group of San Diego police officers descended on a Pacific Beach apartment complex shortly after 10 p.m. on Saturday, October 29, 2011.

Reggae-rock band Sunny Rude was playing to about 17 people, according to bassist

were given no warnings. They just busted in and started taking pictures."

There were no arrests. but the police weren't done with Sunny Rude. All four members - Millican, drummer Kevin Sokol, guitarist Piers Windebank, and singer

the inside track

Dan Millican. "We started about 9:30 and played until about 10:07." That's when he said seven or eight cops entered the three-story, horseshoeshaped Pacific Beach complex

Eric Trogisch — were given a "nuisance noise" citation, saying they each had to pay the city a \$1000 fine and split the cost of \$2845 in administrative fees that the city incurred to



Sunny Rude could be out \$7K — talk about pay-to-play!

on Felspar near Cass Street. Sunny Rude was playing outside, in a common area of the gated complex.

"The first thing they did was started unplugging our equipment," said Millican. "We

process the noise complaints. "We didn't get paid anything to play that night. If we lose this, that means we'll have to pay almost \$7000 to play about 35

minutes of music." None of the members of Sunny Rude live at the apartment building. Millican says that two residents of the complex who accepted responsibility as party hosts agreed to pay their \$1000 fines.

The complaint packet received by Sunny Rude includes photos of the offending band equipment and Halloween decorations. It stated that this apartment complex was a "chronic Halloween party house" and that it was responsible for 28 police "calls for service" in 2011.

The band members and their attorney planned to contest the fines at an April 24 administrative appeals hearing.

"This is pretty ridiculous since we never got any warning. We were never told to stop [until police showed up]. We had nothing to do with those other problems they may have had before."

Millican says what happens at the hearing could have a big impact on the future of live music in San Diego.

"If we lose this case and musicians face an automatic \$1000 fine, you can say goodbye to outside house parties in P.B.

Millican maintains that his band was not that much louder than the ambient drone for P.B. at that time on a Saturday. "If you walked around, we were not that much louder than the noise you would hear coming from other random house parties or from the bars nearby."

The complaint packets

received by the Sunny Rude members list code compliance officer Lynette Norman and administrative assistant Theresa Almazan as City of San Diego employees involved with the citation or the administrative hearing. Calls to them were not returned.

Sunny Rude next plays April 29 at RT's Longboard Grill.

— Ken Leighton

Earthquake Central. "I

have the habit of making seemingly insurmountable goals for myself," says Joe Mousey, an art student, musician, and promoter who will be constructing a 20-foot-tall pyramid and six 4-foot pyramids for an upcoming outdoor music festival in the deep east town of Jacumba.

Psychedelic video jockey Wind Spirit will be projectionmapping on the larger pyramid's custom-tailored fabric while the smaller structures will be covered in fabric and animated by LED arrays.

"When you come over the hill at the site, you'll see all these glowing pyramids, so it will be quite the spectacle to behold," says Mousey, whose engineering experience includes a geodesic dome built for Haloa, a free November 2010 party in the Imperial Desert that saw a couple hundred in attendance and performances from 16 bands and electronic musicians.

"I didn't finish it until the day before Haloa and never put it together until the day of the festival."

Mousey has also produced two Tectonic festivals in the desert and Jacumba, which featured visuals by Wind Spirit and Moistrix

with acts including Pilots, Shiva Trash, Jamuel Saxon, Wild Pack of Canaries, Planet Tribe, Joy, Mystery Cave, Phen Swan, and DJs coordinated by Liquid



One of desert-dance promoter Joe Mousey's party pyramids

and musicians including Snuffaluffagus, Wild Pack of Canaries, Free Moral Agents, Plant Tribe, Sleeve, HM.T DM.T, old-school projectionists Operation:Mindblow, and Mousey's psych-rock outfit Pilots.

"We decided to call it Tectonic because the desert is earthquake central," recalls Mousey. "We were going to be out there with our amplifiers and we wanted to cause an earthquake. Sure enough, the next day there was an earthquake and we were right at the epicenter."

Mousey is gearing up to get seismic once again, this time in collusion with the nearly decade-running Telemagica festival in Jacumba.

On the night of Saturday, June 9, the Tectonic Temple at Telemagica stage will be aglow Geometry.

To support the project, Tectonic will be holding a fundraiser at Tin Can Ale House on May 25 with performances from Pilots, Shiva Trash, and Lyon Crowns. Five dollars at the door.

— Chad Deal

No More Road Dogging.

"We're going to put out teasers on the internet," Scottie Blinn says, "and hope the show goes viral and possibly lands sponsors." He is not particular who. "Taco stands, guitar-repair shops, car-parts stores, record stores." The show is Black Market III: The Garage Sessions. It debuts in May on YouTube. The plan for now is to make weekly videos of Black Market III, "jamming, bullshitting, doing stuff out of left field" in Blinn's

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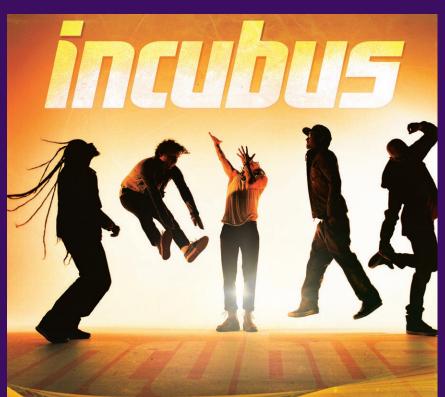
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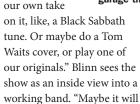
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Black Market III is the

guitarist/singer joined by his wife Roxanne Coverdale on bass and North County drummer Haley Allen. "We might play a song out of our area [blues, roots, grease punk] but put our own take



just be the three of us sitting in a circle and writing a song, which we'll then actually play."

But the Garage Sessions ultimately have a larger purpose. "We're going to tie

> it in with a tour as a tool to accompany and promote our club dates." Blinn says they have plans to organize gigs in fan garages across the country. "Like house



BMIII's got something in the garage they want you to see.

concerts," he says, "only greasier."

The show, filmed in Blinn's garage with a pair of handheld cameras and miked for sound quality, "is designed to get people watching and

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adding new fans, so when we come to their town we will already have a name." He explains that, in the old days, a band road-dogged the same circuit several times over and gained fans slowly. Blinn thinks that with YouTube and cross-marketing, BMIII will have an audience in place when they show up to play.

"And we're gonna pick bands we really dig and bring them to the garage. Tomcat [Courtney], Nena Anderson, Stephen Rev." Blinn talks about getting national-level performers into the garage, as well, which is not such a stretch. Last year, he hosted blues-guitar workshops in his living room with blues-guitar legends Coco Montoya and Anson Funderbergh.

- Dave Good

Record-Release Roundup.

The release party for Dawn Mitschele's EP Love Remains happens Friday, April 27, at Mueller College in University Heights. "I chose this venue because I got my start at Twiggs across the street before they closed," says the frequent Bushwalla collabora-

TV Girl will give it away free when their 15-track mix tape The Wild, the Innocent, the TV Shuffle is released digitally on May 4, courtesy of Das Racist's Greedhead la-

bel. A new single, "I Wonder

Wonder who she's kissing now? Download the new TV Girl freebie.

tor. "Plus, Johnny Ciccolella, who's been running the place for years, appears on my album." She and Seattle-based opener Kris Orlowski will duet on a cover of Luke Reynolds's "Floating in Space," and local singer/songwriter Lee Coulter is also on the bill.

Who She's Kissing Now," can be downloaded.

Maren Parusel's second full-length, Tightrope Walker, drops May 8 via Requiemme Records/BMG Chrysalis, featuring tracks contrasting her upbringing in Germany with her current SoCal lifestyle.

Adam Lambert's sophomore full-length, Trespassing, will be available May 15, with its second single, "Never Close Our Eyes," already streaming online.

A.J. Croce is prepping Further On, a package collecting his last three Americana albums.

P.O.D.'s first studio fulllength in four years, Murdered Love, is set for release this summer, with a preview track called "Eyez" now streaming online.

Manual Scan is writing songs with former child actor Robbie Rist, best known as little Oliver the Jinx in the final season of the Brady Bunch TV show.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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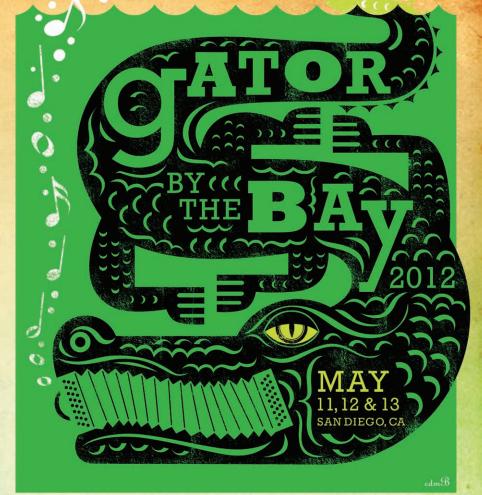








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Thursday

Between Beatlemania, La Bamba, and Walk Hard, singer/songsmith/guitarist Marshall Crenshaw

has had a nice, quiet career in rock 'n' roll. The New Yorker by way of Detroit surfaced in the early '80s between disco and MTV with a s/t album that remains a must in any self-respecting collector's bins. Crenshaw held a top-40 hit with the summer anthem "Someday, Someway," a soulpop throwback that connects

the dots from

power-pop

Buddy Holly to MARSHALL CRENSHAW AT AMSD

contemporaries such as Alex Chilton and Elvis Costello. Crenshaw is touring what he dubs "the NPR singer-songwriter circuit" in support of his latest, Jaggedland. He will take the stage at AMSDconcerts in North Park.... If you're still hungry for singer-songer stuff after that one, Chicago-based acoustic artist Joe Pug will be down at the Casbah behind his first full-length. Messenger. "Customers who bought this item also bought Justin Townes Earle, Dawes, and Ryan Adams," if that helps.... From Riverside, ska-core big band the Voodoo Glow Skulls will light up Midway punk club the Shakedown after them drunkin' punkin' idiots **D.P.I.** The Skulls this year released their ninth studio set, the self-produced Break the Spell which follows the band's recipe for longevity: two parts punk with a dash of hardcore, one part ska, hot salsa to taste.... Swedish psych-rock outfit La Fleur Fatale takes their filmic Second Wave tour through Tin Can Ale House in advance of next week's release My Dear Sorrow. The quartet follows like-minded locals Sugarrush Railroad Inc. and Manuok into the Bankers Hill bar. Indie rockers Maren Parusel and Hills Like

Elephants play a Requiemme Records showcase at Bar Pink. Did you check out the Elephants' vid for "Invisible Ink" yet? Tasty — they filmed it at Lucha Libre Taco Shop, front guy Sean Davenport's place of employment.... Else: Soda Bar sets up Minneapolis surf-pop band Parlour Suite with **Dr. Seahorse**...and **Marsupials** hop into Eleven after Deep Sea Thunder Beast and Roach Spit, yes, Roach Spit.

Friday

Jello Biafra and the Guantanamo School of Medicine (?!) will stack 'em at Brick by Brick Friday night. The Dead Kennedys founder has

since moved on to spoken-word form, he started the influential Alternative Tentacles Records, and

is a leading figure in the Green Party of the United States. So, what's up with Guantanamo? The SanFran punk band was Biafra's 50th birthday present to himself and another outlet for the activist's anti-agenda, as gleaned from the band's record titles Audacity of Hype and Enhanced Methods of Questioning. Angry Samoans will get the pit going.... Texas singer/songsmith/actor J.D. Souther (Linda Ronstadt, the Eagles) will play Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center behind his latest country-rock collection Natural History.... Also up-town, you got '77 NY punk legend Sonny Vincent (the Testors) and his Bad Reactions joining our

own Widows and Hector Penalosa's (the Zeros) My Revenge at Soda Bar for a night of old-school punk 'n' roll...and funkin' jazz jam band **Pocket** will primiere their new t'do at Whistle Stop.... Porn-punk trio the Mentors will take down the Shakedown with local hardcores Coda Reactor and punk-pop newbies Sculpins.... And for your late-night haps, Casbah clears the floor for another **Blowoff**, as rock and electro notables Rich Morel and Bob Mould host "a musical smackdown featuring their meaty mix of indie rock, electro, and house.



'Love is like a battle of the bands, so crank up vour amps

man!" Ché Café will stage the gig to get to Saturday night, as Japanther, Loma Prieta. Screaming Females. and Toys That Kill fill a noise-pop bill



at the campus collective. Japanther's an art-punk, dense-in-the-best-sense Brooklyn duo that tour, record, and perform at a sick pace

that can only be called hardcore. But sweaty punk dudes Ian Vanek and Matt Reilly also employ hip-hop beats and samples and pop melody and structure, as they verbally hurl over the lo-fi din of fuzzed-out bass. It's pretty awesome. All four bands are rad like that.... Farther up the 5, that low-toned troubadour Jake Smith, aka White Buffalo, follows Dead

Feather Moon into Belly Up. White Buffalo is out to tout his new record, Once Upon a Time in the West, which is roaming up the CMJ charts.... Soma stages reggae sets at the Valley View Sports Casinorena, where **Tribal** Seeds will headline a heady affair

that also features

Through the Roots, Fortunate Youth. and Irieside.... Best of the rest Saturday night finds electropop peeps Jamuel Saxon and Boom Bip at Bay Park bar the Griffin, while right 'round the bend at Brick by Brick you got psychobilly sets by Guana

Batz, Strikers, Gore Horsemen, and Hard Fall Hearts...loudass locals Long and Short of It turn up at Eleven with Ghetto Blaster...while a block right, Soda Bar sets up Austin's Bright Light Social Hour with Maren Parusel and Dark

Thirty for an indie-rock threeway - giggity.

JELLO BIAFRA AT BRICK BY BRICK



Real fun Sunday stuff early on, as Shakedown hosts a SK8 Jam BBQ with punkrock muzak by **Deniz Tek** & the Golden Breed, Subjector, Shiva Trash, and Shark Blood...while Eleven fires up its grill for

trucker troubadour D.S. Yancey, whose acoustipunk songs are informed by Americana and a longhauler's coast-to-coast scope.... Sunday night, it'll be Georgia-based

experimental-pop quintet Jane Jane Pollock at Soda Bar with our own odd poppers Kera & the Lesbians and Little Fowl...while East County folkie and one-time Wrong Trouser Kelsea Little wraps up her West Coast tour in support of Personal Myth at the Loft at UCSD.

Monday JASON & THE PUNKNECKS AT SHAKEDOWN

Cathryn Beeks books a hella homegrown showcase at Little Italy supper club Anthology Monday night (go to anthologysd.com for the deets, if you don't mind)...while 'dirt-pop band" Short Eyes looks into Casbah's Anti-Monday thing after garagerockers Barbarian and the Yawmen.

<u>Tuesday</u>

It's my birthday. Jason & the Punknecks are playing Shakedown. What now, son!

Wednesday

Tillman and Tillmann. Former Fleet Foxes drummer J. Tillman is now Father John Misty. Tillman made a mushroom-fueled move from Seattle to Laurel Canyon last year and found the voice for this year's Sub Pop debut, Fear Fun, a record that collects "such disparate elements as Waylon Jennings, Harry Nilsson, Arthur Russell, All Things Must Pass, and Physical Graffiti — often within the same song." Novelty-rock performer Sean Tillmann, aka Sean Na Na, aka **Har Mar**

Superstar, opens the show at Casbah for what promises to be one dilly of a double bill.... Not into it? Damon McMahon's

Amen Dunes **Entrance** Band. and **Tropical** Popsicle fill a sweet lo-fi bill at Tin Can Ale House... while L.A. emos Say Anything bring this year's angsty Anarchy,



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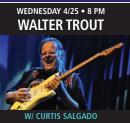


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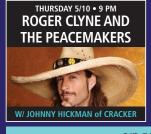
















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Dirty Brew

"Limp Bizkit's not as great as you think."

obody uses the word 'grunge' anymore, so I tell people our band plays dirt pop," says singer/guitarist Sean Sanders, whose group Short Eyes began as a oneman band.

"I'd played with Kevin [Whan, the drummer] before, and I'd talked to him through Facebook about getting together for old time's

sake. We jammed a few times at my place, and it took off from there."

Whan says he added the "pop" flavor to Sanders's dirty brew. "Sean had a vision of bringing '60s garage rock back to San Diego when he finished college at San Francisco State...with my pop and indie influences, I think Short Eyes has an old sound with a new twist."

Singer/bassist Chris Richardson adds a '70s-inspired ingredient to the mix. "I supply the funk and most of that jam-band groove."

Guitarist Justin Sanders adds another spice. "I love to surf, and as far as I'm concerned, we're a surf-rock band. At least my parts are."

Short Eyes performs Thursday, April 26, at the Flying Elephant in Carlsbad.

WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO?

Sean Sanders: "The second album by Girls, *Father*, *Son*, *Holy Ghost*."

Kevin Whan: "Best Coast's first album, *Crazy for You.*"

Chris Richardson: "An old classic: Sérgio Mendes, *Equinox*."

Justin Sanders: "Ryan Adams, Cardinology."

MOST EMBARRASSING SONG IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

Sean: "Lou Reed, 'Rock Minuet." Kevin: "Train, 'Save Me San Francisco."

Chris: "The Kinison, 'What Are You Listening To?"

WHERE DO YOU HANG OUT WHEN YOU'RE

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Sean: "Swami's Meditation Gardens."

Kevin: "Balboa Park." Chris: "Mi casa."

Justin: "The E Street Café."

BEST CONCERT?

Kevin: "Paul McCartney at Coachella in 2009. Truly a magical performance, with him talking about his friend John Lennon and covering songs that John sang."

Chris: "Black Angels with Black Mountain at the Belly Up. I love them both."

WHAT WOULD YOU TELL THE YOUNGER YOU?

Sean: "Limp Bizkit's not as great as you think." Kevin: "Never listen to anyone in the music biz." Chris: "Let it come to you."

Justin: "Don't worry, your mustache will grow."

WHO DO PEOPLE SAY YOU LOOK LIKE?

Sean: "Seth Green, but I honestly think I look more like Susan Sarandon."

Kevin: "*Family Guy* creator Seth MacFarlane. Sometimes Peter Brady."



Which of the Short Eyes guys admits to listening to Train?

Justin: "Robert Downey Jr."

WORST INJURY?

Kevin: "I broke my left elbow skateboarding in front of a girl I had a crush on in high school. Tried to look cool and blew it. I cried like a baby and got rushed to the ER to get pins put in my arm. Great day."

Chris: "I had just finished a show at a house party and was feeling good when I tried doing a 360 onto an electrical box on the way to the bars afterwards and broke my ankle."

PET PEEVE?

Kevin: "People who smile too much and don't understand tough times for a younger lad like myself. 'Why doesn't he go to college?' Or 'Why doesn't he work in an office?' That's not who I am, that's why." Sean: "That I don't live closer to Rudy's Taco Shop."

EVER BEEN A CRIMINAL?

Kevin: "As a high school prank, I lit fireworks off

at a cheerleader slumber party. They ended up catching us in a church parking lot."

BIGGEST REGRET?

Kevin: "Not making moves on the hot girls when I was younger."

BRUSH WITH FAME?

Chris: "I saw Stevie Wonder at NAMM 2011. There was a crowd of people following him. He had headphones on and somebody leading him around. I don't know how to describe it other than breathtaking."

FAVORITE MOVIE BASED ON A BOOK?

Sean: "Lolita. The Stanley Kubrick version." Kevin: "Holes. Great read!"

Chris: "Stand by Me is a classic."

Justin: "*True Grit* is a great book and a great movie." ■

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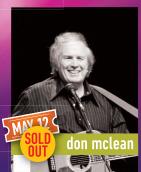






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Monday, 7:30pm — Cathryn Beeks Homegrown Showcase.

With Emerson, the Yes Team, Bitter Sober, Garbo, Paul Cannon, 321 Stereo, Vagabond Junction, Just Like Jenna. \$5.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Sara Watkins. Singer-songwriter.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.

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Friday, 9pm — Bonkers! Dance Party. EDM dance party with Junior and Vaughn.

Saturday, 9pm — Toys That Kill and Screaming Females. \$5-\$8.

Beaumont's: 5662 La Jolla Bl., La Jolla, 858-459-0474. *Thursday*, 8pm — Mike Oleta. **Free.**

Friday, 9pm — Scratch. Free. Saturday, 9pm — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds. R&B/soul/groove. Free.

Sunday, 11am — Matt



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

When talking about San Diego's Little Hurricane, it's best to get the White Stripes comparison out of the way first. Little Hurricane is a duo with a guy singing and playing guitar and a woman playing the drums. (They have, however, recently made noises about adding a full-time third member.) The aesthetic is retro, from their clothes (vintage) to their instruments (old and battered with custom-made amps made out of old suitcases) to their occasional stage sets (cozy living-room furniture) to their music (rooted in folk, blues, and oldies). So, yes, the White Stripes are an obvious influence. But if the White Stripes

and the Black Keys taught us anything, it's that a folk-bluesrock duo can go far, artistically and commercially, if they have the talent.

Little Hurricane does. Guitarist-singer Tone comes from the school of rock where emotion and sweat prevail over precision, but he's good even when he's wildly tearing things up on one of his homemade bottleneck slides. And drummer-singer CC is a sight to behold, in a vintage dress,

playing mandolin, stomping on a bass drum and singing at the same time. In "Give 'Em Hell," her voice bounces along softly under Tone's blues wail, and it sounds like something Jack and Meg never could have pulled off.

Their recent stop at South by Southwest capped off two years of roadwork, including residencies in Seattle, San Francisco, and other places, trying to build networks of fans and con-



nections. I don't know whether the world has room for another band like this to rise to Stripes/
Keys heights, but if Little Hurricane doesn't conquer the world, it won't be for lack of trying.

River City also performs.

LITTLE HURRICANE: The Casbah, Saturday, April 28, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$14.

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Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. Friday, 8pm — Jello Biafra. With the Angry Samoans. \$12-\$15. Saturday, 8pm — Guana Batz, the Strikers, Gore Horsemen, Hard Fall Hearts. \$10-\$13. Wednesday, 8pm — The Remotes. \$5.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355. *Thursday*, 8:30pm — Joe Pug. \$10-\$12. *Friday*, 10pm — Blowoff. DJ's

Bob Mould and Rich More. \$12-\$14.

Saturday, 8:30pm — Little Hurricane and River City. Sold

Wednesday, 8:30pm — Father John Misty and Sean Tillmann. \$12.

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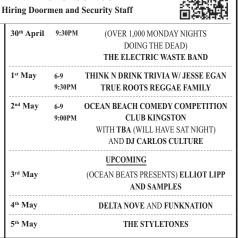
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The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497. ${\it Thursday}, 8 {\rm pm} - {\rm Active~Child}.$ \$10-\$15.



BY DAVE GOOD

Last week a writer posed this question to online magazine Slate: "Is Madonna too old to make Madonna music?" Sonny Vincent would have a laugh. He's just turned 59 and has no trouble still being a punk. And, unlike Madonna — who at 54 is well-cared for, both on the road and off — Vincent still wheels about the country in a van, plays small venues, and bunks wherever.

It's a hard life, for which Vincent may have been better suited in 1976 when he was a teen and started the band that would make his name. The Testors (named after a type of model-airplane cement: Vincent was an admitted glue-head) was a trio that had two guitars and a drum kit with the cymbals removed. They were crappy at first, but so was all of punk back then. It was attitude that mattered. and the Testors were violent. Their performances at Max's Kansas City and CBGB often got Vincent locked up. At one point he was committed to a mental hospital in Upstate New York. When he got out, he started another band.

After the Testors divorced for good in 1981, Vincent

moved to Minneapolis where he launched Sonny Vincent & the Extreme, After their demise, he went on to form a number of bands and continued to release CDs, too many of which to list here. Recognition for his three-chord music and his dark explosions of vigor would not come until later, when San Diego's Swami Records released a Testors retrospective in 2003.

The point is this: Like Madonna, Vincent has



never given up, nor has he stopped being who he is. And while Madonna has loomed larger, all that ever mattered to Vincent, as a troubledyouth-turned-musician, was to keep it real.

The Widows and My Revenge also perform.

SONNY VINCENT: Soda Bar, Friday April 27, 9 p.m. 619-255-7224. \$8.

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Sunday, 8pm — Kelsea Little's homecoming show coming off West Coast tour. With Oldest Boy and Girl. Free. Monday, 9pm — Rosie Thomas.

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Oceanside Museum of Art: 704 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-435-3720.

Thursday, 7pm — Bviolin & the Gypsy Knights, featuring composer and violinist Bahman Sarram (Bviolin) and his musical ensemble Gypsy Knights. Original fusion violin compositions. \$20-\$30.

Patrick's II: 428 F St., Downtown, 619-233-3077. Friday, 9pm — Bill Magee Blues Band. \$5. Saturday, 9pm — Stoney B. Blues

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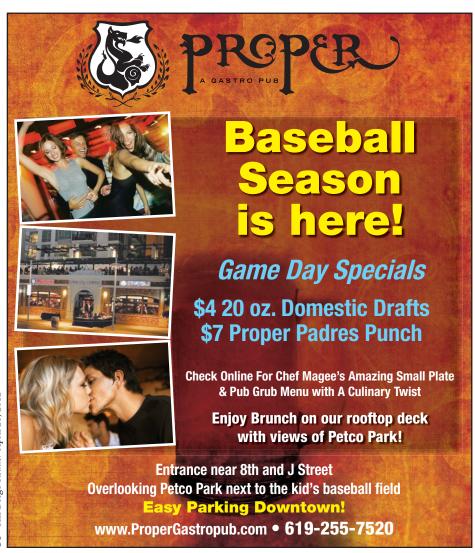
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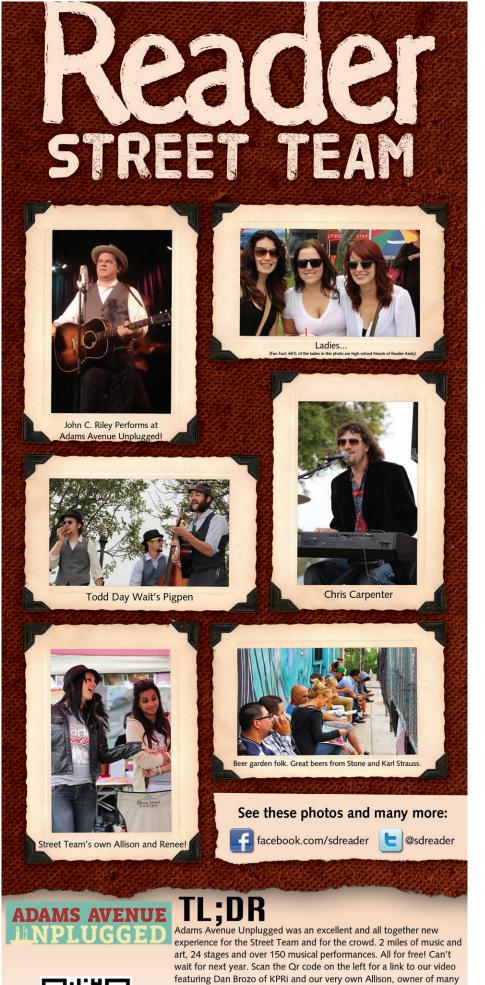
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San Dieguito Academy: 800 Santa Fe Dr., Encinitas, 760-752-1121.

Sunday, 2pm — Approximately 30 musicians from the San Dieguito Union High School District, chosen by their band directors, will join the Coastal Communities Concert Band for concert of popular music. \$10-

Sand Crab Café: 2229 Micro Pl., Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sunday, 11am - Stoney B. and Papa Bob Prater. Free.

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

Thursday, 9pm — Voodoo Glow Skulls

Friday, 10pm — The Mentors, Coda Reactor, Sculpins. Sunday, 4pm — Deniz Tek & the Golden Breed and Subjector. With Shiva Trash and Shark Blood. Early show! Tuesday, 9pm — Jason & the Punknecks.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224. Thursday, 8:30pm — Parlour Suite and Dr. Seahorse. Surfpop. \$6.

Friday, 9pm — Sonny Vincent & the Bad Reactions, the Widows, My Revenge. \$8. Saturday, 8pm — Bright Light

Social Hour, Maren Parusel, Sunday, 8:30pm — Jane Jane

Pollock, Kera & the Lesbians, Little Fowl. \$5.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662. *Friday*, 7pm — Enter Shikari.

Saturday, 5:30pm — Oh, Guardian. \$10.

Spanish Village Art Center: 1770 Village Pl., Balboa Park.

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Le Voyage Dans La Lune, by Air by Randy Ryandi Le Voyage Dans La

Lune (A Trip to the Moon) was inspired by the 1902 film of the same name by Georges Méliès. The sound has a haunting, hypnotic effect, much like the soundtrack Air did for Sofia Coppola's 1999 film The Virgin Suicides. Having revealed their sci-fi leanings on their debut, Moon Safari. Air was the natural choice to create the soundtrack for the restored and hand-colored print of Méliès's silent sci-fi film.

The French duo, known for their electronic music, created Le Voyage with traditional, hand-played instruments. They have said that they wanted to retain the handmade quality of Méliès's special effects. A hallucinatory journey

Opening track "Astro-

nomic Club" is a dark song with down-tuned guitars and eerily slow drumbeats. That pulse works well with the dystopic voices that echo throughout the track. "Seven Stars" has more lucid drum rhythms and piano patterns, a fluttering flute, and the chilling vocal duet of Vincent Taeger and Isabelle Vuarnesson. "Sonic Armada" is full of '60s-inspired psychedelic harmonies and aggressive guitars over a pulsing bass.

The music accompanies the film, but several tracks could stand alone as singles. This score, like Méliès's film, is about discovering the unknown, and the trepidation and excitement that comes with it presents a hallucinatory journey.

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Soda Bar Serves One-Man Bands by Brett Uddenberg

Floridian emcee Bleubird launched into "Giehe 1977," which chronicles a small Italian village and the home in which his great-uncle was shot by Nazis. A mellow, folksy flow that dominated half of his set was tempered by a Gatling-gun delivery on tracks such as "Hustle Hard," his tongue-in-cheek Ace Hood détournement.

Denver-based Sole dove deep into his repertoire.

One of the most underappreciated lyricists of his generation wowed the Soda Bar faithful with his catalogue-spanning setlist, highlighted by the battered prose of "Hello Cruel World."

Ceschi took the stage.



Ceschi performed shoulder to shoulder with fans.

guitar in hand, and opened things with a Spanish ballad. The number leaked effortlessly into "Black and White and Red All Over," the troubadour's acoustic battle cry against Catholic hypocrisy. From there his set showcased standouts from The One Man Band Broke Up, such as "Bad Jokes" and "No New York," with many verses performed shoulderto-shoulder with fans.

Concert: Ceschi, Sole, Bleubird

Venue: Soda Bar Date: March 28 Seats: General

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Saturday, noon — Tony Taravella. Swing/Latin jazz/ballads. Free.

The Stage Rock Bar & Grill: 762 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-

696-9436 Thursday, 10pm — Seismic Dubstep.

Friday, 10:30pm — Disco Pimps. Saturday, 10pm — DJ Miss Dust.

Sycuan Casino Showcase

Theatre: 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. *Tuesday*, 8pm — Mariachi los Camperos de Nati Cano. \$25-

Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-955-8525. Thursday — La Fleur Fatale, Sugarrush Railroad Inc., Manuok. \$6. Friday, 9pm — Reignbeau,

Monsters From Mars, Bodhi, and Big Time. \$5. Saturday, 8pm — Stalins of Sound, Gloomsday, Erleen Nada.

Wednesday — Amen Dunes, the Entrance Band, Tropical Popsicle, \$10.

Tio Leo's: 5302 Napa St., Linda Vista, 619-542-1462. *Friday*, 9pm — Get Groovin'. Saturday, 9pm — The Reflectors.

The Tower Bar: 4757 University Ave., City Heights, 619-284-0158. Friday, 9pm — Shark Blood.

USS Midway Museum: 910 North Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-544-9600.

Thursday, 7:30pm — Three Dog Night. Third-annual American Freedom Festival San Diego, a celebration of our veterans and military. \$25-\$75.

Valley View Casino Center: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171. Saturday — So Cal Reggae Festival 2012. With Tribal Seeds, Through the Roots, Fortunate

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Saturday, 2pm — Battle of the Bands. Tim Pyle, San Diego's unofficial "Mayor of Local Music," to MC. Performances by theBREAX, and VTEAM — the Vista School of Rock house band.

Whistle Stop Bar: 2236 Fern St., South Park, 619-284-6784. Friday, 10pm — Pocket. Saturday, 10pm — Booty Bassment.

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Family. May 26 — Oscar D'Leon. May 31 — Rusko. June 15 — J Boog and Fiji. June 17 — Jack Russel's Great White and Faster Pussycat. September 1 — David Allen Coe and the Kyle Turley Band. September 15 — Adam Ant & The Good, the Mad, and the

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May 12 — The Afrojazziacs.

May 13 — Sketchy Black Dog. May 18 — The Mattson Two.

AMSDconcerts: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.

May 5 — It's a Beautiful Day. May 27 — Danny O'Keefe and Bob Lind.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little

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Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194. May 5 — Hello Trouble. May 12 — JD Samson, Men, and Mikev Beats.

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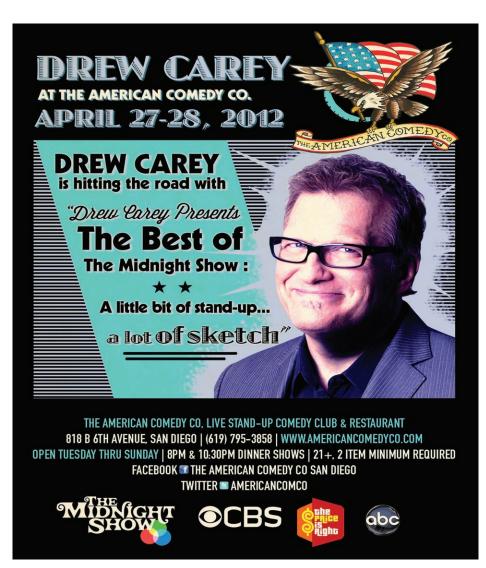
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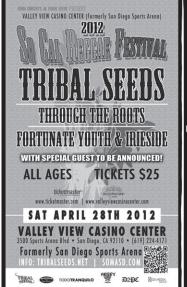
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June 16 — Thunder Road. June 22 — Common Sense. *June 23* — Shoreline Rootz.

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Huzzi. May 17 — Psychostick.

May 18 — Metalachi.

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May 5 — Transfer and Black

May 6 — Allo Darlin'. May 7 — Rocky Votolato. May 9 — The Wombats. May 10 — Brendan Benson and Young Hines.

May 11 — Hanni El Khatib. *May 12* — The Jezabels. May 14 — OFF! and ReTox.

May 15 — Flight to Mars and Mistress of Reality. May 18 — Clap Your Hands Say

Yeah and the Darcys. May 19 — Milo Greene and Papa.

May 23 — The Riverboat Gamblers.

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Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311. May 15 — OFF!, Spider Fever,

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B St., Downtown, 619-235-0804. *May 18, May 19* — Winter Pops Season Finale.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.

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May 5 — 4th Annual Coyote Music Festival.

May 16 — Cuyamaca College Concert Band.

May 18 — Cuyamaca College Rock Pop and Soul Ensemble.

Del Mar Fairgrounds: 2260 Jimmy Durante Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-1161.

June 10 — Larry Hernández. June 12 — Demi Lovato.

June 13 — Cody Simpson.

June 14 — Kenny Loggins. June 15 — Switchfoot.

June 17 — Joan Sebastian.

June 20 — Hot Chelle Rae. June 21 — Lonestar.

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el Limón. June 26 — Scotty McCreery. *Iune 28* — Creedence Clearwater

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June 30 — Train.

Eleven: 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-450-4292. May 5 — Sleep Lady, Immovable Objects, and Midnight

Ghosttrain.

May 11 — Temple of the Dad, Telemetry, the Wagon.

Embarcadero Marina Park South: 206 Marina Park Way, Downtown. June 23 — Tux 'n Tennies Summer Bash.

June 29-July 1 — Star-Spangled

Pops.

Encinitas Library: 540 Cornish Dr., Encinitas, 760-753-7376. May 6 — First Sunday Music.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000. May 4 — Shoot Z Pier vs. Everyone Else.

Flying Elephant: 850 Tamarack Ave., Carlsbad, 760-434-2660. May 4 — The Amalgamated.

May 5 — Embalmers. May 11 — Full Circle.

Four Points by Sheraton: 8110 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa. *May 5* & *12* — Viento Negro-

Grupo Norteño. Gallagher's Pub & Grill: 5046 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach,

619-222-5300. May 12 - Los Sindicate. May 18 — Brian Jordan Band.

The Griffin: 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-684-1816. May 3 — The Nformals and Landis.

May 4 — The Heavy Guilt and Black Sands. May 5 — The Greasy Petes.

May 12 — Bad Acid Trip, Actuary, Jesus Christ vs. the World, Squirrelly Arts.

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House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583. May 3 — Middle Class Rut and Secret Music.

May 4 — Thrice. May 5 — The B-Side Players. May 11 — Augustana.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. May 4 — Detroit Underground. May 5 — Viva Santana. May 11 — Quino.

Humphreys by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577.

May 5 — James Morrison and honeyhoney. *May* 12 — Devo.

May 13 — Rufus Wainwright and Krystle Warren. May 25 — The Cult, Against Me!, Icarus Line.

The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Rd., San Marcos, 760-471-7778. May 4 — Fleetwood MAX and Groove Kitty.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437. May 27 — Robin Henkel Band with Horns.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497. June 2 — Ben Howard.

Main Stage Bar at Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Rd., Valley Center, 866-843-9946.

May 4 — Cinco de Mayo Latin Rock Festival.

Oceanside Museum of Art: 704 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-435-3720 June 7 — Peter Sprague.

Open Air Theatre: 5500 Campanile Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947 July 29 — Tenacious D and the

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252. May 5 — Bonsallpalooza 2012.

Sights.

August 10 — Diana Krall. The Par Lounge at San Vicente Resort: 24157 San Vicente Rd., Ramona, 760-789-8290.

June 8 — Rear View Mirror.

Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819. May 6 — El Puma. May 11 — Snow Patrol.

Petco Park: 100 Park Bl., East Village, 619-795-5000. *May 26 & 27* — "I Love This City" Electronic Festival.

Pete's Place: 8330 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-464-9535. May 19 — Manganista and A Fistful of Blue.

Porter's Pub at UCSD: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-587-4828. — Washed Out and May 7 Memoryhouse.

Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center: 3925 Ohio St., North Park, 619-255-5147. June 16 — Birdeatsbaby, London Below, Harlequin Jones.

RT's Longboard Grill: 1466 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030. May 6 — The Chad Scott Band.

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

May 17 — Tab Benoit.

Robbie's Roadhouse: 530 N. Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-634-2365. May 28 — Cowboy Jack.

Ruby Room: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372. May 4 — Origin, Decrepit Birth, Cattle Decapitation. May 11 — R.A. the Rugged Man, Thirstin Howl the 3rd, 33rd Infantry.

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100. June 14 — New Edition.

Second Wind (Santee): 8528 Magnolia Ave., Santee, 619-596-

May 26 - Dust N' Bones and Alice & the Cooper Gang.

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

May 4 — Prima Donna. May 5 — Nerve Control, Verbal Desecration, the Pee Ons. May 11 — Smogtown, Shake Before Us, Cat Party.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224. May 4 — Night Beats, Cosmonauts, Wild Wild Wets. May 11 — Lotus Plaza, Wymond Miles, Mirror Mode. May 12 — The Donkeys, Rafter, Mohammed Qiang.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662. May 4 — James Morris. May 5 — Handguns. May 11 — The Supervillains.

Spanish Landing Park: 4077 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown. May 11-13 — Gator by the Bay.

Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre: 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. May 12 — Don McLean. May 17 — Kix Brooks. *May* 19 & 20 — The Turtles.

Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-955-8525. May 4 — Broken Heart Tattoo Party and RS2 Solid Sound. May 5 — Moosejaw. May 11 — Roy Rapid, the Palominos, Mark Merrell Band.

The Tower Bar: 4757 University Ave., City Heights, 619-284-0158 May 4 — Punk vs. Hip-Hop. May 5 — The Widows. May 11 — Rat City Riot, All City Boot Boys, the Industry.

Valley View Casino Center: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171. May 13 — Roger Waters. May 22 — Morrissey.

Viejas Arena: 5500 Canyon Crest Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947. *Iune* 8 — One Direction. June 14 — Van Halen and Kool & the Gang.



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BALBOA PARK

The Prado: Tuesday-Saturday. 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$4.50 wells, wine, draft ale, margaritas, mixed drinks.

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Avenue 5: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2 off wine; \$3 wells and select beer, \$7 specialty drinks.

Azuki Sushi Lounge: Monday-Saturday, 5-6:30pm: \$3 Sapporo draft, \$5 large sake, wine, grapefruit passion.

Pizzicato: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 draft and house wine. Saturday, 4-6pm: \$3 pints and house wine.

Wet Stone Wine Bar and Café: Tuesday-Sunday, 5-7pm: \$5 glass of wine or sangria, \$20 carafe of sangria, \$6 salad.

BAY PARK

Bay Park Fish Company: Daily, 3-6pm: \$4 draft, \$5 house wine by the glass; \$2 oyster shooter, \$3 fish taco. Bar only.

The High Dive: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 9-11pm: \$3 wells, \$2 off local drafts, \$1 off wine, \$4 off bottles of wine, \$1 off specialty-drink menu.

Offshore: Daily, 3-6pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$3.50 micro & imports, sangria, wells, house wine, \$6 Millionaire Mojitos, Discounted appetizers.

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Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hookah: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$1 off wine and bottled beer, \$2 off wells and drafts.

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La Costa Grill: Daily, 4-7pm, 9-11pm: \$4 wells, house wines, \$1 off calls & premiums. Appetizers reduced.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 bottle and draft, house wine, house margaritas, well drinks. \$3 off appetizers (except grilled corn and chips & salsa).

Flying Elephant: Daily, 11am-6pm: \$3 all well drinks, \$1 off all drafts.

Mr. Peabody's: Monday-Friday, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, wine, spooli shots, wells + juice. \$3.50 margaritas. Free taco bar 3pm to 6pm with drink purchase.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

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

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co.: Monday-Friday, 11am-2pm: \$3 house microbrews.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CITY HEIGHTS

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

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

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

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

Fat Tony's Pizza: Monday-Thursday, 4-8pm: \$2 glass/\$8 pitcher Yellowtail, Blue Moon, Big Eye, Coors Light. \$5 pizza, wings, salad.

COLLEGE AREA

California Kebab: Monday-Friday, 3-8pm: \$1 off pints, \$2 off pitchers. Saturday-Sunday, all day: \$1 off pints, \$2 off pitchers.

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

Marie Callender's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1.95 draft, \$2.50 well, \$3.50 house margarita. 1/2-price appetizers (in bar only).

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

Satin Lounge: Thursday, 9pmclose: \$1 Bud drafts.

CORONADO

Bistro d'Asia: Daily, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, \$3.50 Gekkeikan sake, \$4 wells, wine, \$5 sake-tini. Sushi specials. \$5 chicken sliders, vegetable spring rolls,

Brigantine: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$4 Brig brew, Dos Equis. \$4.75 margarita, \$5.50 chardonnay, \$6 merlots, \$1 off featured wine. Discounted tacos, shrimp, oysters.

Candelas on the Bay: Daily, 4-6pm: 1/2-off drinks & bar menu.

Coronado Boathouse 1887: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 5-6:30pm: \$5 wine varietals, \$7 specialty cocktails.

Costa Azul: Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, domestic bottles. \$3.50 imported bottles, wells, house wine, sangria. \$3.75 drafts. \$6 margaritas, mojitos. \$2.95 tacos, \$3.50 shrimp, \$5.95 nachos.

Lil' Piggy's Bar-B-Q: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$1 off

Set 'Em Up, Joe!

The Irish Bären they make over at Hooley's could just as well be called an "O'Jito." According to Hooley's bartender Austin Bell, his creation has all the properties of the traditional mojito but with a few changes in taste and texture that lend the Cuban favorite a bit of an Irish brogue.

The real difference between the two drinks, he says, is the honeylemon flavor that transplants the mojito's minted sweetness — and there's a trick to extracting the fullness of the drink's flavor from its ingredients.

"The Bärenjäger is thick, so once it's in the cocktail tin, I want to make sure I get the rest of that residue out of it," he says. "I take a half-ounce of soda water and graze the inside of the tin and then pour that on top of the drink so you get all the essence of the honey and lemons.

Explaining how he first conjured up the concoction, Bell tells me that he was looking to give customers a different twist on the Irish whiskey that Hooley's serves more commonly straight or on the rocks.

"Tullamore is the Irish whiskey we use for our well whiskey," he says, "and so we started playing around with the stuff and started putting two and two together.'

The whiskey, Bell says, gives the drink its potency while the Bärenjäger endows the Bären with depth.

"It's not so much citrusy and tart as it is sweet and mild," he says. "You can't even taste the whiskey in it. That was one thing that surprised me. You can taste that it has a little kick to the drink. The whole thing comes together perfectly."

Kitchen Proof: The whiskey's peat, while a little understated, ties well to the classic combination of honey and lemon. Try upping the quantity of Tullamore to yield an even larger, more flavorful pot o' gold.



HOOLEY'S

IRISH BÄREN

In a shaker combine: 11/4 oz Tullamore Dew Irish Whiskey

½ oz Bärenjäger Honey Liqueur

2-3 fresh squeezed lemons 1/4 oz peach schnapps

Shake well and pour contents (unstrained) into a pint glass filled 1/4 of the way with ice and top with soda.

AUSTIN BELL

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appetizers, \$1.50 sliders. All day: \$3

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

Yummy Sushi: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 pints, \$4 large hot sake. 20-50% off appetizers.

DEL MAR

Cafe Secret: Wednesday, all day: 1/2-off bottle of wine. All night: Buy one ceviche, second one 1/2 price.

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

Del Mar Rendezvous: Monday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$1 off bottles, \$2 off drafts; \$3 Sapporo draft pints, small

Shimbashi Izakaya: Daily, 4-6pm: \$3.25 small bottle Asahi, \$4.25 draft, \$5.25 cocktails, \$6/\$6.50 wines, \$6.25

cup/glass sake. Discounted sushi rolls,

Zel's Del Mar: Daily, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off drafts & premium drinks, \$2 off wines by glass, \$3.50 wells. \$4 fried calamari, \$5 fish tacos, \$10 burger & heer

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Altitude Sky Lounge: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$5 premium wells. 1/2-off artisan flat breads.

Analog: Tuesday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$5 house wines, \$6 specialty drinks. 1/2-off loaded skins, hummus, sweet-potato fries.

Anthony's Fish Grotto: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 draft, Anthony's white wine; \$4 wells, \$5 calls. \$2.75 fish tacos, \$3 lettuce wraps, \$4.50 tostado.

Athens Market: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30 pm: \$3 Mythos Greek beer, \$4 Belgian beer, \$5 house wines. \$5 spanakopita, stuffed grape leaves, gyros

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine: Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm: discounted signature cocktails, wine, beer.

Blue Point: Monday-Friday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-off specialty cocktails; \$4 draft, \$5 featured wine by the glass. \$1 oysters & jumbo shrimp, \$6 calamari.

Buster's Beach House & Longboard Bar: Daily, 3-6pm: \$3 Buster's pale/amber ale; \$3.50 mai tai, margarita, Long Island. \$4 fish tacos, crab cakes: \$6 sliders: \$8 carne asada

Candelas: Daily, 5-7pm: 1/2-off drinks and escargot, cheeses/dried fruit, portobello.

Chianti: *Daily*, 4-7pm, 9-11pm: \$5 martinis, house wines. \$6 meatballs satay, antipasto; \$7 calamari.

Currant: Daily, 4-7pm, 9-close: \$3 domestic & \$4 imported beer, \$5 wells,





red/white wine, specialty cocktails. 1/2-off tempura green beans, mac & cheese, popcorn.

Dobson's: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$1.50 draft, \$3 margaritas

Downtown Johnny Brown's: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$1 off wine; 40% off bar menu.

Dublin Square: Daily, 2-5pm: \$2 off drafts, bottled beer, house wine, wells, Irish whiskey. 1/2-off sliders, fish tacos, meat pies.

Elephant & Castle Pub and Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4.50 20-oz. drafts, house wine, well liquor. \$1 off nachos, quesadilla, onion

La Fiesta: Daily, 11am-6pm: \$3 draft & domestic bottles, margaritas; \$4 moiitos.

The Fish Market: Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm; \$2.95 bottled domestics, \$4.25 drafts. \$1.25 oyster 1/2 shell; \$5.95 mahi sliders, prawns, calamari.

The Fleetwood: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts; 1/2-off calamari, prawns & chips, ahi poke.

Gaslamp Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells; \$4 house margaritas.

La Gran Tapa: *Daily*, 5-6:30pm: \$3 artisan drafts, \$4 wines. \$3 marinated mushrooms, bread/dipping sauces; \$4

Las Hadas Bar & Grill: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 tequila poppers; \$4 house margaritas, sangrias; \$5 shots. \$6 coconut shrimp, nachos; \$7 carne asada, BBO ribs.

The Hopping Pig: Daily, 11am-6pm: \$4.50 local drafts, house wine, well drinks. \$3.50 tacos, \$4 pulledpork sliders.

Horton's Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 wells, \$6 house wine, \$7 margaritas/cosmos; \$7 potato skins/mozzarella sticks; \$7.50 nachos grande/buffalo wings.

House of Blues: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wines, \$3 wells, \$4 martinis. Killer happy hour menu.

Jsix: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 bottled beer, \$6 cocktails, wines. \$6 salads, grilled garlic shrimp, ravioli.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$4 beers, wells, wines, and flights. \$5 select appetizers, including boneless wings, fries, spicy hummus.



Red Light District: Daily, 3-6pm: \$4 wells, \$5 wine, \$4 buttermilk fried chicken, ovsters.

San Diego Wine and Culinary Center: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-8pm: \$5 house wine, wells, \$7 Christopher's Cuvee. Noon-9pm: tasting flights.

Siren at Hotel Palomar San Diego: Daily, 4-8pm:. 1/2-price specialty cocktails/beer/wine (excluding special events and pool parties).

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

Sushi Deli: Monday-Thursday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-off all beer, \$3.50 large beer & house small hot sake, \$4.50 large beer & small crazy milk.

Time Out Sports Bar: Daily, 3-7pm: \$1 iello shots: \$2.50 selected drafts; \$3 house wines; \$4 shooters, wells, selected crafts, 1/2-off

onion rings, chips & guacamole,

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

EAST VILLAGE

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$5 mason jar Russian standard vodka, \$3 carafe, beer, \$6 wine. Complimentary Basic

Café Chloe: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$4 verdejo, Côtes du Rhône, oatmeal stout; \$5 white Bordeaux, Monte Bucciano, blonde ale; \$6 Chardonnay, Zinfandel, Trapezoidale.

Dragon's Den: Monday-Friday. 2-7pm: \$4 drafts, wells. \$4 off specialty cocktails. \$5 house wines. Saturday-Sunday, to 6pm: \$5 build-your-own bloody mary & champagne bar.

East Village Tavern and Bowl: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 16-oz. domestic drafts, wells (vodka, gin, rum). \$4 import drafts. \$5 house margaritas, house wine, nachos, cheese quesadilla, potato skins.

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge: Friday, 5-9pm: \$5 menu cocktails. Saturday-Sunday, 7-9pm: \$5 menu

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

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

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

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

Phi Terrace: Monday-Thursday Saturday, 5-8pm: \$4 domestic bottled beer, wells, select wines. Friday, 5-8pm: \$4 domestic bottled beers, wells, select wines. Sunday, all day: \$4 bloody marys, mimosas, tequila shots.

EASTLAKE

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

D'Lish Gourmet Pasta: Monday-Saturday, 3-5pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, house wine, pizza slice, Texas-brisket slider, three St. Louis ribs.

Lisa's Filipino Cuisine: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wine; \$3 sangria. Doggy happy hour: \$2 beef & rib bones.

EL CAJON

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

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

Double D's on Broadway: Daily, 10am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$.50 off mixed drinks, \$1 off shots.

Downtown Café: Daily, 2-6pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$3.50 microbrew pints, \$4 import pints; \$3 well drinks and house wine: \$4 16 oz. margaritas: \$5 Long Islands. (All day Monday.)

El Caion Grand: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3 wells.

Flinn Springs Inn: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.25 domestic bottles, \$3 wells.

Main Tap Tavern: Monday-Friday. 4-6:30pm; \$1 off 16-oz, drafts, \$2 off pitchers, \$3 calls, \$5 nachos.

ENCINITAS

Blue Fin Sushi Bar: Tuesday-Thursday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, sake, select appetizers, sushi rolls.

Boston Gourmet Pizza: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: \$1 off pint, \$2 off schooner. Saturday-Sunday, all day: \$1 off pint, \$2 off schooner; \$5 bloody mary, screwdriver.

Bullpen Pub & Grill: Monday-Friday, 2-7pm, 10pm-2am: \$1 off draft beer, \$3 off pitcher, \$2 off wine.

Cap'n Kenos: Monday-Friday, 6pm-midnight: \$2.50 drafts, wells. Free appetizers.

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

Savory: Daily, 5-6pm: 30% off food & beverages in the bar & lounge area.

Union Kitchen & Tap: Tuesday-Friday, 5:30-7pm: Two-for-one all wine by the glass.

ESCONDIDO

El Galeón: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: Two-for-one draft beer, margaritas.

Holiday Wine Cellar: Monday, 5:30-7:30pm: \$5 for five wine tastings.

Tango Restaurant & Lounge: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off bar menu.

Vinz Wine Bar & Tasting Room: Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm: \$6 wine, tapas, premium and eclectic beer; \$4.50 wells. Saturday, noon-5pm: \$6 wine, tapas, premium and eclectic beer;

FALLBROOK

Aqua Terra: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3 domestic, \$9 pitcher; \$4 imported, \$12 pitcher; 1/2-off sushi rolls (no sushi on Monday).

GOLDEN HILL

Turf Supper Club: Friday-Sunday, noon-4pm: \$1 off all beer/wine/spirits. \$5 lunch: 1/2-lb. burger, chicken

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sandwich, or two Louisiana hot links + chips.

GRANTVILLE

Camel's Breath Inn: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 10:30am-8pm: \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$3 wells.

JT's Clubhouse Pub & Grill: Monday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints, 11am-4pm: 25¢ wings, Tuesday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-4pm: \$1 tacos. Wednesday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-close: \$1 sliders. Thursday-Friday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. \$5.25 1/2-lb. burger with fries. Saturday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 4-8pm: 1/2-off all food. Sunday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints.

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

HARBOR ISLAND

The Boathouse: Daily, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 margaritas, \$3 Cuervo margaritas, \$3 Karl Strauss, \$4 mojitos.

Tom Ham's Lighthouse: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 house wine, domestic/import.

HILLCREST

The Alibi: Daily, all day: \$3 dipper, wells

Baja Betty's: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$3 bottled beer, salsa margarita, wells, house wine, sangria, quesadillas.

Bangkok Thai Bistro: Daily. 4-7pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, appetizers.

CJ's Club: Daily, 5-7pm, 9pm-midnight: All wells \$2.75.

The Caliph: Daily, noon-7pm: \$4 wells, \$3 domestic bottles.

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

Nami: Daily, 5-7:30pm: 1/2-off sake, beer, \$3 house wine. 1/2-off sushi rolls, appetizers.

Ruby Room: Monday, Wednesday, 7-8pm: \$1 wells. Tuesday, Thursday,

7-8pm: \$1 drafts. Friday-Sunday, 6-9pm: \$3 wells.

Tre Porcellini: Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 domestic bottles, \$3.50 drafts and

Wine Steals: Tuesday, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. Saturday, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

IMPERIAL BEACH

Club Bananas at Lydia's Café: Daily, open-10pm: \$3 wells & domestics.

KEARNY MESA

Carriage House Cocktails & Karaoke: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic bottled beer, \$3 wells, domestic pints. Free munchies.

Churasan: Monday, Sunday, football special: \$4 hot dog, garlic fries, small beer. *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$4 large Japanese beers.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6:30pm: \$1 off draft, glass of wine. *Saturday*, 3pm-close: 1/2-off bottles of wine.

Pampas Argentine Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 4:30-7pm: \$3 wells, \$3.50 drafts, \$4 wine specials. Discounted empanadas and appetizers.

Rayo Grill: Daily, 4:30-7pm: \$4 drafts, wines; \$3 domestic bottles.

Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: Monday-Thursday, 5:30-7pm: 1/2-off house sake/drafts.

KENSINGTON

Kensington Cafe: Daily, 3-7pm: \$3 all beers, \$4-\$5 all glasses of wine, all tapas under \$5.25.

The Kensington Club: Daily, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

Kensington Vine: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$5 fine wine.

Til-Two: Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and imported drafts.

LA JOLLA

Aloha Sushi Hawaiian Grille: Daily, 4-6:30pm: \$2.50 small sake, \$4 large sake, \$1.95 select hand rolls, \$3



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Beaumont's: Daily, 4-6pm: \$3 draft, well; \$5 Cabernet, Chardonnay. Special prices on margarita, sangria, wine cooler.

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2 Bud/Bud Light; \$3.50 wells, Bull & Bear wine.

Edo Sushi: Monday-Friday, all day: Buy one sake, get one half off. 3-6:30pm: 25% off select nigiri and maki rolls.

Extreme Pizza: Daily, 3-6pm: \$3 premium beer.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$4 beers, wells, wines, and flights. \$5 select appetizers, including boneless wings, fries,

La Jolla Brew House: Tuesday-Thursday, noon-7pm: \$2 off craft beer; \$3 wells and house wines; \$3 off appetizers. Friday-Saturday, 10pm-close: \$2 off craft beer; \$3 wells and house wines.

Lupi Italian Restaurant: Tuesday-Sunday, 5-7pm: \$3-\$5 martinis, beer, wine. Free doggie treats.

The Melting Pot: Daily, 5-7pm: 1/2-off cheese fondue, salads, chocolate fondue.

La Sala: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 4-7pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails.

The Shack Bar & Grill: Daily, 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, domestic taps.

The Shores Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: 5 for \$5 Happy Hour menu: 5 appetizers & 5 drinks for \$5

The Steakhouse at Azul: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off beer, \$2 off wine by the glass, \$6 appletinis, lemon drops, cosmos, margaritas. 1/2-off lounge, patio

Su Casa: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

LA MESA

Casa de Pico: Monday-Friday. 3-7pm: Free appetizer with purchase of bar drink. \$3.95 margarita.

Hoffer's Cigar Bar: Monday-Saturday, 11am-7pm: \$2 off all beer, \$1 off wine. Sunday, 1-7pm: \$2 off all beer, \$1 off wine.

Parkway Bar: Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 domestic drafts and bottles, \$4 mixed drinks, wine specials.

LAKESIDE

Coach Stop: Monday-Friday, 9am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 large drafts, domestic bottles, 7-11pm; \$1.50 12-oz. drafts, \$6.50 60-oz. pitchers.

Coo Coo Club: Monday-Friday, 6-8pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

LEMON GROVE

Dirk's Niteclub: Monday-Saturday, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks \$4.50 or less. Sunday, 6am-2pm: \$1 off bloody marys.

LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells, \$2.50 beer of the month, shot special.

The Calypso Café: Daily, 5:30-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine, \$3.50 beer.

LINCOLN PARK

L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$1 off appetizers. Sunday, all day: \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings

LINDA VISTA

Brick by Brick: Daily, 3-6pm: \$2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.

The New Morena Club | M1319: Daily, 2-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.50 wells and domestic bottles

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

LITTLE ITALY

Anthology: Tuesday-Friday, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine, featured beer, martinis, margaritas

El Camino II: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 margaritas, sangria, Corona, Corona Light. 1/2-off quesadilla & nacho plates. Sunday, 10am-4pm: \$1 mimosas.

Puerto la Boca: Daily, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar: Monday-Friday,

4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$2.50 French fries, \$4.50 chicken wings.

Desi's Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, 2-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic beers. 11pm-midnight: \$3 drafts.

Devine Pastabilities: Monday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$2.50 drafts. Discounted wines by the glass. Three free bread holes with drink purchase.

Wine Steals: Wednesday, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. Saturday, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

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.

Bamboo Hut: Daily, 3-6pm: Buy large beer, get small house sake free. \$2.75 small beer, \$3.25 house wine.

Callahan's Pub & Brewery: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 house beer, domestic drafts, well drinks, house wine, \$1 off appetizers.

MIRAMAR

Abbey's Real Texas Bar-B-Q: Daily, 3-6pm: \$2.49 pint Bud, \$2.99 premium pint, \$10.99 pitchers. \$2.49 small BBQ sandwich, \$1.49 hot link.

Excalibur Cigar Lounge & Wine Bar: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 select pints, \$5 house wine.

The Filling Station: Monday, 7pm-close: \$4 margaritas. Tuesday, 7pm-close: \$2 kamikazes. Wednesday, 7pm-close: \$3.50 premium drafts. Thursday, 7pm-close: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers; \$7.50 domestic pitchers. Saturday, noon-7pm: \$3 mimosas. Sunday, noon-7pm; \$3 bloody marys.

Fish Boutique: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$6 fish & chips; \$4 all

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Guava Beach Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: Two-for-one cocktails, beer, shots.

Sandbar Sports Grill: Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics/drafts, wells, \$1 off premium beers/ wine by the glass, \$3 off pitchers. 1/2off appetizers. Friday, 4-9pm: 1/2-off all drinks.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: Daily, 2pm-2am: \$.50 off beer and wells.

Bar Dynamite: Monday-Saturday, 5-9pm: \$2 domestics bottles and drafts, \$3 wells. Free food from Lucha Libre Taco Shop

Cafe Bleu: Daily, 3-6pm: \$5 select wine by the glass; special prices on starters, hors d'oeuvres, sandwiches.

Starlite: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. Sunday, all night: \$5 mules. \$15 off wine bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: Daily, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 wells, \$6 glasses of wine, \$7 house cocktails.

Bully's East: Monday-Friday, 4:30-7pm, 10pm-close: \$2.50 domestic, draft; \$3.50 wells, \$5 wine: Chardonnay, Merlot, Jacob's Creek Cabernet.

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

Buster's Beach House & Longboard Bar: Daily, 2-7pm: \$2.25 Bud drafts; \$3.50 mai tais, Long Beach tea, margaritas.

Café La Maze: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar.

Lai Thai Restaurant: Daily, 4-6pm: \$2 Thai beer.

McDini's: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

Pier 32 Waterfront Grill: Tuesday, 11am-2pm: P32 margaritas, \$5. Wednesday, 11am-2pm: P32 sweet tea, \$5. Thursday, 11am-2pm: Jim Beam and Coke, \$5. Friday, 3pm-sunset: \$2 domestic beer, \$3 import and local beer, \$5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys. Saturday-Sunday, all day: \$2 domestic beer, \$3 import and local beer, \$5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys.

NESTOR

Baja Oyster Bar: Monday-Thursday, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

The Air Conditioned Lounge: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$3 draft, bloody marys; \$5 you-call-it; \$6 Jayne's Gastropub fare.

Bourbon Street: Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$3 domestic pitchers, \$4 well drinks, \$5 imported pitchers.

Jayne's Gastropub: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-6:30pm: \$3 Trumer & Guinness drafts, \$3 red & white wine, \$5 cocktails.

Live Wire: Daily, 5-8pm: \$1 off drafts and cocktails.

Triple Crown Pub: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers. Saturday, noon-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers.

NORTH PARK

Bar Pink: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$1 off drafts and calls

Bluefoot Bar and Lounge: Monday-Friday, 11am-7:30pm: \$1 off everything, \$2.50 domestic bottle, \$3.50 draft.

El Comal: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wells. Two-for-one mixed shots.

Crazee Burger: Daily, 3-6pm: \$2.99 drafts, \$15 pitchers, \$3.99 select glasses of wine. \$2.99 bratwurst, \$3.99 turkey burger.

Cricket's Pub and Grill: Monday-Friday, 8am-2pm: \$2 domestic pint, \$6 domestic pitcher. 4-6pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$.50 off domestic bottles, wells, pints.

Lips Restaurant: Sunday, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

The Office: Daily, 5-8pm: Two-forone price on all drinks.

Redwing Bar & Grill: Daily, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles.

The Smoking Goat: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm: 1/2-off select bottles of wine.

Splash: Tuesday, all day: 1/2-price wine. Wednesday, Sunday, all day: \$3 select wine and beer. Thursday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$3 select wine and beer.

Toronado: Daily, 11:30am-5pm: \$1 off drafts.

U-31: Tuesday, 5-8pm: \$2 drafts, tacos. Saturday, noon-6pm: \$3 youcall-its, burgers. Sunday, noon-6pm: \$2 Buds, mimosas.

West Coast Tavern: Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 wells, drafts, house wine.

3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro: Tuesday-Saturday, 3-6pm: \$4 sangria, \$4 glass of wine, \$5 specialty craft beers.

The Arizona Bar: Daily, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3 house wines, 20-oz. domestics, microbrew pints, wells, 1/2-off all pitchers.

Blue Parrot: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: All drinks and appetizers 1/2price (all day Monday).

Cheswick's West: Daily, 5-7pm: \$3.25 wells, \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$4.50 microbrew pints, \$6.25 domestic

OB Noodle House: Daily, Noon-5pm: \$1 beer. \$5 sake after 6pm.

Sunshine Co.: Daily, 5-6pm: 1/2-off

Winstons: Monday-Saturday, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.

OCEANSIDE

Arvana at Holiday Inn: Daily. 5-7pm: \$2 domestics, wells; \$3 premiums, glass of wine. Appetizer specials.

Firewater Saloon: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm; 10pm-midnight: \$5 Jäger bombs, Long Islands, Jameson. \$2 off all pitchers, \$1 off drafts & wells.

The Flying Bridge: Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wine. 20% off appetizers.

Hana Japanese Restaurant: Daily, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, 1/2-off cocktails.

Harney Sushi: Thursday, \$5 specialty cocktails.

Hosie's Pacific Pub: Monday-Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, 5-7pm: \$1 off all drafts. Thursday, 5-7pm: \$1

P's & Q's Sports Pub & Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic



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.

Pier View Pub: Monday-Friday. 4-7pm: \$1 off drafts, \$2 off pitchers.

Show Palace: Thursday, 6-9pm: \$2.50 wells, \$20 beer bucket all night.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Acapulco Mexican Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 1/2-price

appetizers, \$1 soft taco, \$3 draft beer, \$3.50 well, house wine, \$3.95 house

Alamo Mexican Cafe: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: 1/2-price drinks, food specials.

Barra Barra: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts, house wine, \$3 house margaritas, \$2 off absinthe specials. \$2

Café Coyote: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6pm: \$3.75 draft beers, \$4 specialty shots, \$4.95 Coyote drinks, \$5.95 flavored margaritas, flavored shots, \$2 assorted tacos.

Casa Guadalajara: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: Free appetizers. \$3.50 well drinks, margaritas.

Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$3 wells, house wine, and drafts.

Harney Sushi: Wednesday, \$5 specialty cocktails.

Old Town Mexican Café: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials, \$2 Taco Tuesday (chicken, beef, fish, carnitas); \$2.50 margaritas, Tecate, tequila,

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: *Daily*, 4-7:10pm: 1/2-off food & booze

The Australian Pub: Monday-Friday, 7-9pm: \$3 Long Islands. Saturday, \$2.50 Karl Strauss. Sunday, \$3 bloody marys.

Baleen: Monday-Thursday, 5-7pm: 1/2-off small bites at bar/fire ring. Friday-Saturday, 5-6pm: 30% off entrées.

Bare Back Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 select drafts, \$3 wells. 1/2off turkey chili, chicken tenders, onion

Sinbad Café: Daily, 4-8pm: \$1.50 drafts, \$2 wells, shots, \$2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

Tony Roma's: Daily, 1-4pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$3 off appetizers.

The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$2 drafts; \$3 cask wine, sangria; \$4

POINT LOMA

Extreme Pizza: Daily, 4-7pm: \$6 craft beer pitchers.

Gabardine: Daily, 4-6pm: \$5 Snake Oil beer, \$6 house wine; \$1 oysters, \$2 hand-cut fries.

The Pearl: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wells, \$5 wines.

Sail Ho Golf Club: Monday, Thursday-Saturday, 4pm-close: \$3 drafts, \$3.50 wines, \$4 wells, Tuesday, All day: \$2 wells. Wednesday, All day: \$3 Pacifico drafts. Sunday, All day: \$3 drafts, \$3.50 wines, \$4 wells

POWAY

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$1 off all wells, drafts, bottles,

Boll Weevil Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2 off all pitchers.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Capri Blu: Daily, 3-7pm: 1/2-price drafts, wells, discounted bar-menu

Carvers Steak & Chops: Monday-Friday, 2-6:30pm: 1/2-off drinks. \$3-\$4 off appetizers.

Kelly's Public House: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$3.50 wells, house wines.

RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS

Deli Stop Sports Pub: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off all beer; \$3 Corona or glass of wine. \$1 off all appetizers.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Cottonwood Golf Club Bar & Restaurant: Daily, 4-6pm: \$2 drafts. 1/2-off all appetizers including pizza, quesadillas, wings, calamari.

Da Boyz Pizza & Pasta: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 2-6pm, 9pm-close: \$2 draft, \$3 glass select wine.

RANCHO SANTA FE

Delicias: Daily, 4-6pm: \$5 draft beers, house wines, wells.

SAN MARCOS

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What you expect is not all there is. The black women, for example, are the wealthiest.

n *Thinking Fast and Slow*, Daniel Kahneman writes brilliantly about how the mind works and how we make decisions. He calls one of our most consistent errors "WYSIATI," the assumption that "what you see is all there

is." In Janece Shaffer's comedydrama *Brownie Points*, currently at Lamb's Players, five women learn to see beyond all they think there is.

When Allison, a white woman, heard her Girl Scout troop would go camping in Forsyth County, she gave it no thought: fresh air, mountains, and time away from Atlanta with her seven-year-old daughter. But when Deidre and Nicole heard the news, both African-American women thought twice. In 1912, a white mob went on a rampage so severe the county still can't shake a reputation for brutality. Deidre and Nicole go to be with their daughters, but they go warily because "crazy happens here all the time."

If the title sounds cutesie, so is the setup: five mothers accompany 14 Girl Scouts to a cabin in the woods. While the children remain offstage, working on merit badges (or watching videos, instead), the mothers have unplanned encounter groups and learn more about themselves. Also, the five women are a convenient cross-section: three

white (one's a Jew) and two black. From the start, however, Shaffer cuts through stereotypes. What you expect is not all there is. The black women, for example, are the wealthiest.

Lamb's Players has a new policy: along with

regulars, Lamb's will cast more actors from outside the organization. *Brownie Points* benefits from the change. Karson St. John, Noel Award–winner, plays "insensitive"

Allison, an organizer so compulsive she's a human Control Tower. Noel Award-winner Monique Gaffney plays Deidre, a "high-maintenance," indemand Atlanta surgeon. When Allison makes a possibly racist mistake with the itinerary, St. John and Gaffney go toe-to-toe with such ferocity that resolution seems impossible.

Then the playwright slyly realigns the quintet. Different women discover things in common: two connect here, another two there, like building blocks, and they slowly repair at least some of the damage.

Lamb's new policy hasn't changed its approach to theater. Directed by Deborah Gilmour Smyth — with an eye for goofy slapstick and surprisingly intense drama — *Brownie Points* is primarily an ensemble show and all contribute: Cynthia Gerber as Sue (sensible-seeming but ripped up inside),



In Brownie Points, now at Lamb's Players, different women discover things in common.

Brownie Points, by Janece Shaffer

Lamb's Players Theatre, 1142 Orange Avenue, Coronado

Directed by Deborah Gilmour Smyth; cast: Kaja Amado Dunn, Monique Gaffney, Cynthia Gerber, Erika Beth Phillips, Karson St. John; scenic design, Michael McKeon; costumes, Keith Bonar; lighting, Nathan Peirson; sound, Patrick Duffy

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Topdog/Underdog, by Susan-Lori Parks

Ion Theatre, 3704 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest

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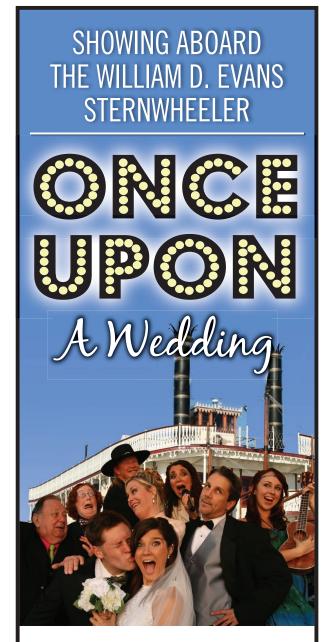
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Departs from The Bahia Resort Hotel 998 West Mission Bay Drive San Diego, CA 92109 Kaja Amado Dunn as Nicole (knows the good, married to a pro athlete, and the "crazy"), and Erika Beth Phillips as Jamie (makes knee-jerk, PC earnestness both funny and a "teaching moment").

Nathan Peirson (lighting) and Patrick Duffy (sound) build a convincing, reach-forthe-umbrella storm scene. And Michael McKeon has become one of San Diego's most inventive scenic designers. Looming above his rustic cabin interior, pillars of fluted cloth represent tall, North Georgia pines.

Susan-Lori Parks's artistic rap sheet is a mile long. She's won all kinds of awards, including a Pulitzer for *Topdog/Underdog*. She's been honored by the Council for the Arts and the NAACP, and in 2001 she earned a MacArthur Foundation Genius Grant. So why has San Diego seen so few of her plays?

Ion Theatre's fierce, quirky, funny, and first-rate *Topdog/Underdog* raises that question anew. It helps that Moxie's Delicia Turner Sonnenberg is guest-directing (she's turning

2012 into a kind of victory tour, having already done wonders with Moxie's *Raisin in the Sun* and the Rep's *In the Wake*) and that Laurence Brown and Mark Christopher Lawrence have been cast as the African-American brothers Booth and Lincoln.

You heard right. Their father, who abandoned them a few years after their mother did, named them as a joke. The parents did give them a gift, though. Both have artistic hands. Booth, a thief, can pilfer like a god; Lincoln used to be "Link the Stink," America's greatest thrower of Three-Card Monte. Each longs for more respectable skills. Booth wants to surpass Lincoln with the cards, and Lincoln wants a "sitdown job with benefits." His current one has him dressing as his namesake, whiteface and all, at an arcade, while "Booths" pay to assassinate him with a cap pistol.

The title refers to Fritz Perls's theory (if you repress — "underdog" — something, it will find ways to reemerge) and to how the play unfolds: a repressed sibling rivalry resurfaces. Lincoln and Booth try to one-up, to "topdog" each other,

Moxie stages surrealistic A Man, His Wife, and His Hat through April 29.

first in subtle, then in violent ways. It's tempting to compare *Topdog* with Sam Shepard's battling brothers in *True West*. But while the latter ends with popping toasters, *Topdog* escalates to brothers at arms.

Lawrence and Brown excel with the play's rhythms and basic "king of the mountain" drives. They flip-flop and spiral and lie so much, the truth hops about like a winning Monte

card. They con us as well. From Ion's intimate house seats, you'd swear they were spiraling upward. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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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, one-note characters. MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N. COLLEGE AREA, 858-598 7620, 8PM THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH

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Act of Valor — The Navy granted "filmmakers" Mike McCoy and Scott Waugh permission to play with their toys, and the result is a gung-ho recruitment film that's as incompetently acted and slapped together as it is propaganda. If the two former stuntmen could direct as well as they fight, the film would kill. Instead we are asked to cheer on a fear-inducing video game made by and for war lovers. 2012. — S.M. • (CHULA VISTA 10; HORTON 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 bodyfunction 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.E.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: PLAZA BONITA 14: TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Artist — A comedy of unreserved movie love, shot in Hollywood by French director Michel Hazanavicius. Big silent star George (like a merger of Douglas Fairbanks, John Gilbert, and Warren William) falls when sound arrives. The casting of brash, funny, hugely likeable Jean Dujardin as George gives heart to the charm. Bérénice Bejo (the director's partner) as Peppy, an emerging star of talkies, is iffier (female stars of the era had more flesh), but she sure is "swell." Beautiful design, period touches, and black-and-white tonalities sustain the simple story's odd, witty dreaminess. Words are only heard at the end, and the lift of 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)

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



Darling Companion, an amiable sitcom that's short on com.

victims (including the very moving Alex) need to be seen. And saved. 2012. - D.E.

★★★ (HILLCREST; LA JOLLA 12)

The Cabin in the Woods — Terrorized teens in a desolate location become unwitting participants in a faith-based reality TV show. For 40 minutes we're treated to

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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: FASHION VAL-LEY 18: GROSSMONT CENTER 10: HORTON

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Casa de Mi Padre — Will Ferrell deadpans his performance in a semi sendup of Spanish telenovelas (yes, it's in Spanish), and his unwinking commitment to the role makes all the surrounding silliness enjoyable. It's all there: florid themes, cheap production values, goofy technique, hack dialogue, and awesome ranchero ballads. The weakest stuff is the spoofiest — better is Gael García Bernal as a prissy drug lord who works hard to keep his white leather jaguar boots undusty. 2012. — M.L.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Chimpanzee — A hardy film crew went deep into the jungles of Uganda and the Ivory Coast to film wild chimps. This Disney release has some old Disney flavor, with perky songs, Tim Allen's narration ("This is Freddie — he's large and in charge"), and an overlay of humanized drama about an orphaned male (predation is shown, but not carnage). The close footage of these usually sympathetic creatures is fairly amazing, and the emphasis on pure survival is sobering. For kids seven or eight and up. 2012. — D.E.

★★ (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VAL-LEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: PLAZA BONITA 14; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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 pain-



Lockout — More waste from the flush pipe that traces back to Blade Runner

ful, 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. • (GASLAMP 15)

Darling Companion — In Utah settings, Lawrence Kasdan directs other veterans -Diane Keaton, Kevin Kline, Dianne Wiest, Richard Jenkins, and Sam Shepard — plus a canine that seems their main interest, along with the problems of aging. Less an '80s

time capsule than a forgotten file, it mostly wanders around looking for the dog. The highlights are an animated dog dream and Keaton shoving Kline's shoulder back into its socket. This amiable sitcom, short on com, seems like TV filler. 2012. - D.E.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Delicacy — Audrey Tautou brings her curious, wide-eyed beauty to a gentle portrait of grief after loss. We're given plenty of time to loll in the perfect bliss of her romance with a handsome hunk before he dies, the better to grasp the numb paralysis that follows. The restoration that follows that is the work of time and a bearish Swede. Nobody understands what she sees

in him. But we do, and so we're willing to wait and watch as he hunts for the humanity inside his mournful angel. 2012. — M.L.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20)

The Five-Year Engagement — Engagement takes its time for Emily Blunt and Jason Segel in this comedy directed by Nicholas Stoller. With Chris Pratt, Jim Piddock, David Paymer.

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His Girl Friday — Howard Hawks's mischievously screwed-up version of the MacArthur-Hecht newspaper comedy, The Front Page. The ace reporter, Hildy, has been transformed, or rather transsexualized, into Rosalind Russell (which is not exactly an emasulation of the role), and the result bears a striking resemblance to Leo McCarey's The Awful Truth, with Cary Grant once again trying to impress his ex-lover by poking fun at her new fiancé, a thick-headed straw man obligingly played in both cases by Ralph Bellamy. Russell does not by a long shot live up to the precedent set by Irene Dunne, but the gaggle of reporters lounging around tables, playing cards, puffing cigarettes, and cracking wise, is delightful. — D.S.

 $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$ (TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 4/30)

The Hunger Games — In the future, rebel districts are punished by the Reaping: every year they have to send a couple of teenagers to the Capitol. There, the kiddies fight to the death in a regulated, televised competition. Sloppily directed by Gary Ross, it's more games than hunger and





more a comment on media manipulation than games. But Jennifer Lawrence keeps things gripping as Katniss, a girl brave enough to volunteer in place of her little sister, pretty enough to charm the audience, and rugged enough to face the brutality of the arena. With Stanley Tucci, Donald Sutherland, Woody Harrelson. 2012. — M.L.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14: ESCON-DIDO 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: OCEANS-IDE 16: OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: RIVER VILLAGE 6: SAN MARCOS 18: SANTEE DRIVE IN: TEMECULA TOWER 10: TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

The Hunter - Craggy Willem Dafoegoes into the Tasmanian jungle to kill the rumored "last Tasmanian tiger" (thylacine), a marsupial like a striped dog, and also suspects that he, too, is being tracked. Daniel Nettheim's film has good Down Under landscapes and tensions, but the ecomessage and a faint romance don't have much grip. View Bob Mitchum's Track of the Cat to see how this can be done more engrossingly. With Frances O'Connor, Sam Neill, Morgana Davies. 2012. — D.E.

★★ (HILLCREST)

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 Ion 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)

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.

★★★★ (HILLCREST)

The Lady — Despite touches of brutality, this dramatized salute to tireless Burmese freedom leader Aung San Suu Kyi is too ladylike. Michelle Yeoh plays her like a cross between Gandhi and Audrey Hepburn, and Luc Besson's direction often seems like a civics lesson. David Thewlis plays the heroine's almost equally suffering British husband, Spaniel-eyed as speeches and rallies and repressions pass in parade. 2012. — D.E.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Lockout — Scum in orbit. Visually monotonous, turgidly violent, inanely scripted. it concerns a 2079 revolt of convicts in space-ship prison, the President's abducted daughter (Maggie Grace) - who still looks

great after taking a syringe in her eyeball - and a special agent (Guy Pearce) who keeps flipping zingers as his face is bashed. Floating with this space junk are the guilty ghost of Blade Runner and drab fragments of Escape From New York. 2012. — D.E.

• (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Lucky One — A pretty Marine (Zac Efron) returns from un-pretty service in Iraq to seek out the pretty blonde (Taylor Schilling), whose pretty photo he felt was his lucky charm in combat. In pretty Dixie, she is the widow of another Marine, with a pretty son and a still-pretty mom (Blythe Danner). Romance gets pretty help from music. Scott Hicks's pretty-awful film from Nicholas Sparks's novel turns regard for veterans into drivel 2012. — D.E.

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Marley — Pious but not sanctimonious, Kevin Macdonald's documentary on Jamaican-reggae-god Bob Marley hits all the high points and some low ones. It is rich in concert and interview material and maintains a sexy pulse of Caribbean affirmation, thanks to the nectar of goodwill in most of Marley's songs. And in him. The charisma lingers lavishly. 2012. — D.E.

★★★ (HILLCREST)

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.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VAL-LEY HAZARD CENTER 7: OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: OTAY RANCH 12: POWAY 10: RIVER VILLAGE 6; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Monsieur Lazhar — From French Canada, a stirringly direct, human film about an émigré Algerian who talks his way into teaching at a Montreal school. He helps repair the traumatized morale of students and staff after a loved teacher commits suicide. In the fine cast (the kids are beyond just acting), Mohamed Fellag as Lazhar has the power of an unpretentious life force, vulnerable but imposing. At heart, Philippe Falardeau's film is about civilization at work, one day and one child at a time. 2012. — D.E.

★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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)

The Pirates! Band of Misfits -A

Mirror Mirror — Tarsem Singh brings his \$60-million cartoon about pirates looking flair for visual composition to the fairy tale to win a big award, and also the first pirates genre, and the modesty of scale reins him movie to include a "lovelorn" Charles Darin to good effect. But the star of this Snow win. Voices by Hugh Grant, Salma Hayek, White adaptation isn't the scenery, nor the David Tennant, Brendan Gleeson. FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE BIG CHILL AND GRAND CANYON MARK RICHARD DIANE KEVIN DUPLASS **JENKINS KEATON** KLINE ELISABETH DIANNE **AYELET** SHEPARD MOSS WIEST ZURER "A TRUE GEM! A RICH ENTERTAINMENT! "A WINNER!" -Daniel D'Addario, NEW YORK OBSERVER "A PERFORMANCE BY DIANE KEATON THAT IS RADIANT." DARLING COMPANION WRITTEN BY MEG KASDAN & LAWRENCE KASDAN DIRECTED BY LAWRENCE KASDAN STARTS FRIDAY. La Jolla Village

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 $\textbf{The Raven} - \operatorname{Edgar} \operatorname{Allan} \operatorname{Poe} \left(\operatorname{John} \right.$ Cusack) joins with a detective (Luke Evans) to track a serial killer in 19th-century Boston. James McTeigue's thriller is not in deep debt to the master. With Alice Eve, Brendan Gleeson, Reviewed next week, (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14: ESCONDIDO 16: FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSSMONT CENTER 10: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7: OCEANSIDE 16: OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; OPENS 4/27)

Safe — Jason Statham stars as Luke Wright, a cage fighter who comes to the aid of Mei (Catherine Chan), a young girl being pursued by the Russian mob.

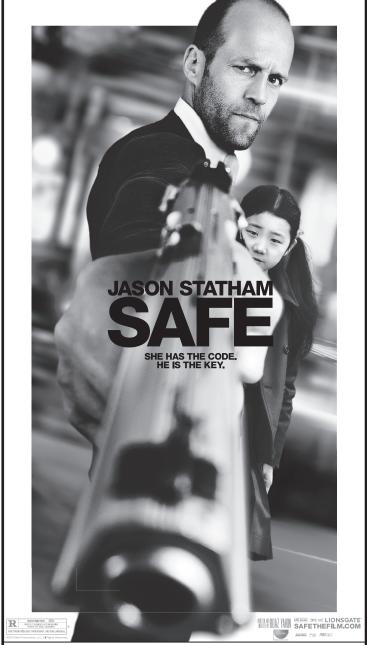
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Salmon Fishing in the Yemen — ${\it The}$ charm stretches but doesn't break in Lasse Hallström's odd, gentle comedy about a visionary sheikh (Amr Waked) who devises a dam, river, and imported salmon in dry, hot Yemen. Caught up in his crazy but moving scheme are two Brit dreamers (Emilv 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 SOUARE 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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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.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VAL-LEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14: PO-WAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Titanic — A great boat movie and a great star movie, if not exactly a great new 3-D



The Lucky One, a pretty film filled with pretty people set to pretty music.

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 ap-

peal of the saga, a myth movingly enshrined by James Cameron's zeal for it. With Billy Zane, Kathy Bates, David Warner. 2012 — D F

★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18: HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Turn Me On, Dammit! — A slide into terminal cuteness, as Norwegian teen Alma (Helene Bergsholm) is branded a slut and "pervo" when the boy she desires comes on too strong. Her story is not drama, not comedy, not much at all. Jannicke Systad

Jacobsen's frank but trite movie fades into its pale, Nordic photography. 2012. — D.E. ★ (KEN)

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-alaugh cameos, and incessant gay jokes sanitized for political correctness. 2012. — J.R. ■ (FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: LA IOLLA 12: MISSION VALLEY 20: MISSION VAL-LEY HAZARD CENTER 7: OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14: POWAY 10: TEMECULA TOWER 10: TOWN SOUARE 14)

Wrath of the Titans — Long ago, Zeus used the Spear of Something or Other to defeat his father Cronos, now imprisoned in Tartarus. But now people have stopped praying, and the gods' work — Tartarus included — is coming undone. What to do? Reassemble the Spear, of course, and make sure half-human Perseus handles it this time. Apparently, the indomitable human spirit is all we really need — plus magic geegaws, of course. Family rivalries brother vs. brother, father vs. son — get tossed in for drama, like bacon bits on a rancid Greek salad. 2012. — M.L. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; RIVER VILLAGE 6)

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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. 1:00, 3:00; Sharks 3D (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 4:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Reading Carmel Mountain 11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264

The Cabin in the Woods (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:05, 3:15) 5:30, 7:40, 9:45 Sun. (11:00, 1:05, 3:15) 5:30, 7:40; **The Five-Year Engagement** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 2:20) 5:05, 7:55, 10:25 Sun. (11:35, 2:20) 5:05, 7:55; **The** Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1.30) 4.30, 7.30, 10.20 Sun (10.30, 1.30) 4.30, 7:30; **The Lucky One** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 1:10, 3:30) 5:40, 8:05, 10:15 Sun. (10:55, 1:10, 3:30) 5:40, 8:05; Mirror Mirror (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:40, 1:00, 3:25) 5:45, 8:00, 10:20 Sun. (10:40, 1:00, 3:25) 5:45, 8:00; Oc**tober Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 2:15) 4:40 Sun. (11:50a.m.); **The Pirates! Band** of Misfits (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:35, 12:45,

2:55) 5:00, 7:05, 9:10 Sun. (10:35, 12:45, 2:55) 5:00, 7:05; **The Raven** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:50, 1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35 Sun. (10:50, 1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15; **Safe** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:00) 4:05, 6:10, 8:20, 10:35 Sun. (11:55, 2:00) 4:05, 6:10, 8:20; **Salmon Fishing in the** Yemen (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:10) 4:45, 7:10, 9:40 Sun. (11:45, 2:10) 4:45, 7:10; **Think** Like a Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 2:25) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30 Sun. (11:40, 2:25) 5:10, 7:50; 5:10, 7:50, 10:30 Suln. (11:40, 2:25) 5:10, 7:50; The Three Stooges (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 12:50) 12:50, 3:05) 5:15, 7:25, 9:45 Sun. (10:45, 12:50) 12:50, 3:15, 7:25, 7: 12:50, 3:05) 5:15, 7:25, 9:45 Sun. (10:45, 12:50, 3:05) 5:15, 7:25; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri.-

CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square 4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722) American Reunion (R) Fri.-Sun 10:10p.m.; The Cabin in the Woods (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 12:45, 2:55) 5:10, 7:30, 9:55; Chimpanzee (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:05, 3:05) 5:00, 7:35, 9:35; **The Five-Year Engagement** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:10) 7:00, 9:45 Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 5:05. 8:00, 10:45; His Girl Friday (1940) (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun.; The Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:25, 1:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:25; **The Lucky One** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. $(10.55,\,11.55,\,1.15,\,2.15,\,3.50)\;4.50,\,7.05,\,8.05,$ 9:30, 10:30: Mirror Mirror (PG) Fri -Sun (10:20, 12:40, 3:00); The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 3:25) 5:35; The Raven (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 4:45, 7:15, 9:50; Safe (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:20, 3:30) 5:45, 8:10, 10:40; Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 5:20, 7:45; Special Event (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun.; The Pirates! Band of Misfits 3D (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:55) 7:50, 10:00; **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; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:35) 4:20, 7:10, 9:40

CORONADO

Vintage Village Theatre 820 Orange Avenue (619-437-6161) Call theater for program information.

DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp

701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709) Casa de mi Padre (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:00) 4:05, 6:15, 8:20, 10:20 Sat. (11:35, 2:00) 4:05, 10:20 Sun. (11:35, 2:00) 4:05, 6:15, 8:20, 10:20; **Chimpanzee** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:25, 3:30) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Damsels in Distress (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:25, 7:50, 10:10; **The Five-Year Engagement** (R) Fri. (11:45, 1:00, 2:30) 4:15, 5:15, 7:05, 8:05

9:50, 10:45 Sat. (10:50, 11:45, 1:30, 2:30) 4:15, 5:15, 7:05, 8:05, 9:50, 10:45 Sun. (10:50, 11:45, 1:30, 2:30) 4:15, 5:15, 7:05, 8:05, 9:50 Jiro Dreams of Sushi (PG) Fri.-Sun (11:30, 1:45, 3:45) 5:50, 7:55, 10:05; Lockout (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:45) 5:10, 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, 1:35) 4:10; **Pina 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 5:00, 7:25, 9:45; **The Good, the Bad, and the** Ugly (Il Buono, il brutto, il cattivo) (R) Fri. Sat. 7:00p.m. Sun.; **Think Like a Man** (PG-13) Fri.-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. 7:10, 10:00; 21 Jump Street (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 12:40, 2:10, 3:10) 4:40, 5:40, 7:10, 8:10, 9:55, 10:40 Sun. (11:40, 12:40, 2:10, 3:10) 4:40, 5:40, 7:10, 8:10, 9:55

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4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) Turn Me On, Dammit! (NR) Fri(27): (3:30), (5:30), 7:30, 9:30 Sat(28) & Sun: (3:30), 5:30, 7:30, 9:30, Mon - Thu: (5:30), 7:30, 9:30, Discount Shows at Landmark's Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets "()". ELLES (NC17) Opens Friday, May 4th - see www. LandmarkTheatres.com for more information

LA JOLLA

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386) **Bully** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:25, 9:35; **The** Cabin in the Woods (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:50, 2:25, 4:45, 7:10, 9:50; Chimpanzee (G) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 2:55, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; The Five-Year Engagement (R)Fri.-Sun. 10:40, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30; The **Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:55, 3:20, 6:45, 10:00; **The Lucky One** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:40, 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Mirror** Mirror (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:45, 4:10, 6:55; The Raven (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:55, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00; **Safe** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:25, 1:55, 4:25 7:15, 9:40; The Pirates! Band of Misfits **3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:20; Think Like a Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 1:35, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40; The Three Stooges (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 12:50, 3:10, 5:40, 8:05, 10:30; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:35, 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 10:10

Landmark La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236 DARLING COMPANION (PG-13) Fri. Mon - Thu: (1:50), (4:30), 7:00, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Monsieur Lazhar (PG-13) Fri. Mon Thu: (2:00), (4:40), 7:30, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 9:50; **Salmon** Fishing In The Yemen (PG-13) Fri. Mon - Thu: (1:30), (4:10), *7:20, 10:00, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 1:30, 4:10, 7:20, 10:00, * No 7:20 PM Show Monday, 04/30/12; **The Lady** (R) Fri. Mon - Thu: (4:20), 9:40 Sat & Sun: (10:50), 4:20, 9:40; **Delicacy** (PG-13) Fri. Mon - Thu: (1:40), 7:10, Sat & Sun: (1:40), 7:10, Discount Shows at Landmark's La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "()", THE BEST EXOTIC

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Raven (R); Safe (R); Think Like a Man (PG-13); The Three Stooges (PG); Titanic (PG-13); 21 Jump Street (R); Wrath of the Titans (PG-13)

AMC Mission Valley

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386) American Reunion; The Cabin in the Woods; Chimpanzee (G) Fri.-Sun. 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10; Dr. Seuss's The Lorax; The Five-Year Engagement; The Hunger Games; Lockout; The Lucky One; Mirror Mirror; The Pirates! Band of Misfits; The Raven; Safe; Think Like a Man; The Three Stooges; Titanic; 21 Jump Street; Wrath of the Titans

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Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) Thu: 12:00 AM; Marvel's The Avengers 3D (PG-13) Thu: 12:00 AM: The Five-Year Engagement (R) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45, Sun - Wed: 10:15 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, Thu: 10:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; **The Pirates!** Band of Misfits 3D (PG) Fri & Sat: 12:15, 4:45, 9:30, Sun - Wed: 12:15, 4:45, Thu: 12:15, 4:45, 9:30; **The Pirates!** Band of Misfits (PG) Fri - Thu: 10:00 AM, 2:30, 7:15; The Raven (R) Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:45, 10:30, Sun Wed: 10:45 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:45, Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:45, 10:30; The Lucky One (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00 , 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 8:00, Mon: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, Tue: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, Wed & Thu: 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 - Wed: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, Thu: 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Kidtoons: Peppa Pig (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM: Mirror **Mirror** (PG) Fri - Thu: 10:30 AM, 4:15; The Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:15, Sun - Thu:

Sat. 7:45, 10:10

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12:00, 3:30, 7:00; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri & Sat: 1:15, 7:30, 10:00, Sun - Wed: 1:15, 7:30, Thu: 1:15, 7:30, 10:00, Parent Movie Morning: THE FIVE YEAR ENGAGEMENT Thursday, 5/3 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY!

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest 3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) **Marley** (PG-13) Fri. Mon - Thu: (2:05), (5:15), 8:30, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 2:05, 5:15, 8:30; **The Hunter** (R) Fri. Mon - Thu: (1:55), (4:30), 7:00, 9:25, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 1:5 4:30, 7:00, 9:25; **Salmon Fishing In The Yemen** (PG-13) Fri. Mon - Thu: (1:45), (4:20), 6:50, 9:20, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 1:45, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20; The Island President (NR) Fri. Mon - Thu: (2:20), *7:20, Sat & Sun: (2:20), 7:20, * No 7:20 PM Show Thursday, 05/03/12: The Kid With A Bike (PG-13) Fri. Mon - Thu: (4:45), 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:40), 4:45, 9:35; **Bully** (PG-13) Fri. Mon - Thu: (2:15), 4:40, 7:10, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30, Discount Shows at Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "()"; **HEADHUNTERS** (R) Opens

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Black Holes (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00 6:00 Sat. 1:00, 3:00 Sun. 1:00, 3:00, 6:00; Born To Be Wild IMAX (G) Fri. 5:00p.m. 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. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00 Sat. 2:00p.m. Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Regal Parkway Plaza

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information.

LA MESA

Reading Grossmont

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264

The Cabin in the Woods (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:25, 3:40) 5:55, 8:10, 10:20; Chimpanzee (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:20, 3:15) 5:10, 7:10. 9:10; The Five-Year Engagement (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:40; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:40) 4:35, 7:30, 10:25; **The Lucky** One (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:30, 3:50) 6:10, 8:30, 10:45; **The Pirates! Band of Misfits** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:10) 5:30; The Raven (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:20, 9:55; **Safe** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 1:45, 3:55) 6:05, 8:20, 10:35; **Special Event** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun.; The Pirates! Band of Misfits 3D (PG) Fri.-Sun. (3:20) 7:40, 9:45: Think Like a Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:35) 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:15, 3:30)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) The Hunger Games (PG-13); The Lucky One (PG-13); The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG); The Three Stooges (PG)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade 770 Dennery Road (888-262-4386) The Cabin in the Woods (R); Chimpanzee (G); The Five-Year Engagement (R); The Hunger Games (PG-13); Lockout (PG-13); The Lucky One (PG-13); The Pirates! Band of

Misfits (PG); The Raven (R); Safe (R); 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) (619-216-4707) Call theater for program information.

UltraStar Chula Vista

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Kidtoons: Peppa Pig (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; Silent House (R) Fri - Sun: 2:15, 7:00, Mon - Thu: 7:00 PM; **A Thousand Words** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 6:00, 8:15, 10:30, Sun - Thu: 6:00, 8:15; **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, 10:00, 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, Mon - Thu: 4:45 PM; Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15, Sun: 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, Mon - Thu: 4:15, 6:45; **Safe House** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30, Sun: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, Mon - Thu: 5:00, 7:45; The Vow (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 4:30, 9:15, Sun: 11:45 AM, 4:30, Mon -Thu: 4:30 PM; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15, Sun: 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, Mon - Thu: 3:30, 5:45, 8:00; Underworld: Awakening (R) Fri & Sat: 7:30, 10:00, Sun - Thu: 7:30 PM; The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Fri Sun: 12:45, 3:15, Mon - Thu: 3:15 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)

The Cabin in the Woods (R); Chimpanzee (G); The Hunger Games (PG-13); The Lucky One (PG-13); Mirror Mirror (PG); The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG); The Raven (R); Safe (R); Think Like a Man (PG-13); The Three Stooges (PG); Titanic (PG-13); 21 Jump

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information.

NATIONAL CITY

AMC Plaza Bonita

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386) American Reunion (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:55, 12:45, 3:35, 6:25, 9:15; The Cabin in the Woods (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:45, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20; Chimpanzee (G) Fri.-Sun 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30; The Five-Year Engagement (R) Fri.-Sat. 9:50, 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15, 11:00 Sun, 9:50, 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15; The Lucky One (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 9:45, 12:20, 3:00, 5:40, 8:20, 11:00 Sun. 9:45, 12:20, 2:55, 5:35, 8:15, 10:45; **The Raven** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:40, 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:55, 10:45; **Safe** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:10, 12:45, 3:20, 5:55, 8:30, 11:00 Sun. 9:55, 12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15 10:40; The Hunger Games: The IMAX **Experience** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:50, 3:15, 6:45, 10:10; **The Pirates! Band of Mis**fits 3D (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:50, 1:15, 3:45, 6:15, 8:45; Think Like a Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sun 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:05, 4:15, 5:20, 7:25, 8:30, 10:30; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri.-Sun 10:55, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:45, 2:00, 6:15; 21 Jump **Street** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:30p.m.; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:30, 4:40, 9:50; Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13)

NORTH INLAND ESCONDIDO

Regal Escondido

350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information

FALLBROOK

UltraStar River Village 5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) Thu: 12:00 AM: The Five-Year Engagement (R) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, Sun: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, Mon - Thu: 4:45, 7:30; The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG) Fri & Sat: 12:00, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00, Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, Mon - Thu: 5:15, 7:45; The Lucky One (PG-13) Fri & Sat:

11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45, Sun: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, Mon - Thu: 4:30, 7:15; The Three Stooges (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45, Sun: 11:45 AM, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, Mon - Thu: 5:30, 8:15; Kidtoons: Peppa Pig (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; Mirror Mirror (PG) Fri - Sun: 11:30 AM, 5:00, Mon - Thu: 5:00 PM; Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) Fri & Sat:2:15, 8:00, 10:30, Sun: 2:15, 8:00, Mon - Thu:

8:00 PM; The Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:30, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00, Sun: 12:30, 4:00, 7:00, Mon - Thu: 4:00, 7:00

POWAY

UltraStar Poway *13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)*

Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) Thu: 12:00 AM; Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) Thu: 12:00 AM; Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) Thu: 12:00 AM; Marvel's The Avengers 3D (PG-13) Thu: 12:00 AM; The Five-Year Engagement (R) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30, Sun - Tue: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, Wed: 10:10 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, Thu 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; The Pirates! Band of Misfits 3D (PG) Fri - Thu: 10:00 AM, 2:30, 7:00; **The Pirates! Band of Misfits** (PG) Fri & Sat: 12:15, 4:45, 9:30, Sun - Thu: 12:15, 4:45; The Raven (R) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 12: 45, 3:15, 6:00, 8:30, 11:00, Sun - Thu: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 6:00, 8:30; Safe (R) Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:45 , Sun - Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00; The Lucky One (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:20 AM, 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 8:05, 10:35, Sun - Thu: 10:20 AM, 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 8:05; **Think Like a Man** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:40 AM, 1:25, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00, Sun - Thu: 10:40 AM, 1:25, 4:20, 7:10; **The Cabin in the Woods** (R) Fri: 10:35 AM, 1:00, 3:15, 5:35, 8:15, 10:45, Sat: 1:00, 3:15, 5:35, 8:15, 10:45, Sun: 1:00, 3:15, 5:35, 8:15, Mon - Thu: 10:35 AM, 1:00, 3:15, 5:35, 8:15; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:25 AM, 1 2:55, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20, Sun - Thu 10:25 AM, 12:55, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50; **Kidtons: Peppa Pig** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; Mirror Mirror (PG) Fri - Thu: 10:05 AM, 3:00, 7:55; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:10 AM, 1:20, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25, Sun - Tue: 10:10 AM, 1:20, 4:25, 7:25, Wed: 1:20, 4:25, 7:25, Thu: 10:10 AM, 1:20, 4:25, 7:25; **21 Jump**

SAN MARCOS

Regal San Marcos

1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information

5/2 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY!

TEMECULA

Ultrastar Temecula Tower Cinemas 27531 Ynez Road (951-699-2205)

Street (R) Fri & Sat: 12:30, 5:25, 10:30, Sun

"THE FIVE ENGAGEMENT" Wednesday,

Thu: 12:30, 5:25, Parent Movie Morning

Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) Thu: 12:00 AM; Marvel's The Avengers 3D (PG-13) Thu: 12:00 AM; The Five-Year Engagement (R) Fri & Sat: 10:00

10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, Thu: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:15; **The Pirates!** Band of Misfits 3D (PG) Fri & Sat: 12:45, 5:45, 10:45, Sun - Wed: 12:45, 5:45, Thu: 12:45, 5:45, 10:45; **The Pirates!** Band of Misfits (PG) Fri - Thu: 10:15 AM, 3:15, 8:15; The Raven (R) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00, Sun -Wed: 10:15 AM, 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, Thu: 10:15 AM, 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; **Safe** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00 , Sun - Wed: 10:30 AM, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10: 00; The Lucky One (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:10, 10:40, Sun - Wed: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:10, Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:10, 10 :40; **Think Like a Man** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30, Sun Wed: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **The Cabin** in the Woods (R) Fri & Sat: 10:10 AM , 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:05, 10:30, 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, 1 2:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:05, 10:30; The Three Stooges (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:30 , 4:15, 6:30, 8:45, 11:00, Sun - Wed: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45, Thu: 11:00 AM , 1:30, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45, 11:00; **Kidtoons:** Peppa Pig (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM, Thu: 10:30 AM; Mirror Mirror (PG) Fri: 10:20 AM, 3:20, 6:00, Sat & Sun: 3:20, 6:00 Mon - Thu: 10:20 AM, 3:20, 6:00; The Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:45, Sun - Wed: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:45; **21 Jump** Street (R) Fri & Sat: 12:50, 8:30, 11:00, Sun - Wed: 12:50, 8:30, Thu: 12:50, 8:30, 11:00, Parent Movie Morning: "THE FIVE YEAR ENGAGEMENT" Wednesday, 5/2 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY!

VISTA

Krikorian Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)

The Cabin in the Woods (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:05, 3:20, 5:40) 8:00, 10:20; Chimpanzee (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:20, 3:20, 5:20) 7:25, 9:25; The Five-Year Engagement (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 12:20, 2:00, 2:50, 5:20) 7:10, 7:50, 10:20; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 4:00) 7:15, 10:15: Lockout (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (5:15) 10:25; **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. (11:45, 2:15, 4:50); **The Pirates! Band of Misfits** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:05, 4:30) 7:05; **The** Raven (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:35, 4:25, 5:05) 7:40, 9:35, 10:15; **Safe** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45, 5:05) 7:35, 10:00; **The Pirates! Band** of Misfits 3D (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:20) 9:20: 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. (12:15, 2:30, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40; **Titanic 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:45) 7:50; 21 Jump Street (R) Fri -Sun (11:50, 2:35) 7:55: Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:30, 10:00

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)

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)

Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) Thu: 12:00 AM; Marvel's The Avengers 3D (PG-13) Thu: 12:00 AM; The Five-Year Engagement (R) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45, Sun & Mon: 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, Tue: 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45, Wed: 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, Thu: 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; The Pirates! Band of Misfits 3D (PG) Fri - Thu: 11:15 AM. 4:30, 7:00: The Pirates! Band of **Misfits** (PG) Fri & Sat: 1:45, 9:30, Sun & Mon: 1:45 PM, Tue: 1:45, 9:30, Wed & Thu: 1:45 PM; The Raven (R) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10, Sun & Mon: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, Tue: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10, Wed: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, Thu: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10; **Safe** (R) Fri & Sat: 12:00, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15, Sun & Mon: 12:00, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, Tue: 12:00, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, Wed & Thu: 12:00, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45; **The Lucky One** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:40 AM, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 10:00, Sun & Mon: 11:40 AM, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, Tue: 11:40 AM, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 10:00, Wed & Thu: 11:40 AM, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20; **Think** Like a Man (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:20 AM, 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30, Sun & Mon: 11:20 AM, 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, Tue: 11:20 AM, 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30, Wed & Thu 11:20 AM, 2:05, 4:50, 7:40; The Cabin in the Woods (R) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 1:3 0, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:40, 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, 10:40, Wed & Thu: 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; Lockout (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 2:00, 10:00, Mon: 2:00 PM, Tue: 2:00, 10:00, Wed: 2:00 PM, Thu: 2:00, 10:00; **The Three Stooges** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:20, Sun & Mon: 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, Tue: 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:20, Wed: 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:1 5, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:20; **Kidtoons: Peppa Pig** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **American** Reunion (R) Fri & Sat: 2:50, 8:10, 10:50, Sun & Mon: 2:50, 8:10, Tue: 2:50, 8:10, 10:50, Wed: 2:50, 8:10, Thu: 2:50, 8:10, 10:50; **Mirror** Mirror (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 4:15, 7:15 Sun: 11:30 AM, 7:15, Mon & Tue: 11:30 AM, 4:15, 7:15, Wed: 4:15, 7:15, Thu: 11:30 AM, 4:15, 7:15; Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:50 AM, 5:00, 10:10, Sun & Mon: 11:50 AM, 5:00, Tue: 11:50 AM, 5:00, 10:10, Wed & Thu: 11:50 AM, 5:00; Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) Fri -Thu: 2:20, 7:30; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:10 AM, 12:10, 2:10, 3:40, 5:1 0, 7:10, 8:10, 10:20, 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, 10:20, Wed: 11:10 AM, 12:10, 2:10, 3:40, 5:10, 7:10, 8:10 Thu: 11:10 AM, 12:10, 2:10, 3:40, 5:10, 7:10, 8:10, 10:20; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri - Thu: 12:15, 5:30; Parent Movie Morning: "**THE** FIVE YEAR ENGAGEMENT" Wednesday, 5/2 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY! Amnesty International Film Festival (NR) Sun:

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ern California premiere of Janece Shaffer's comedy-drama about five mothers of Girl Scouts on an outing who "discover more than they bargained for about themselves. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 27.

Getting Sara Married

PowPAC stages the comedy about Sara Hastings, her meddlesome Aunt Martha, and a young man knocked unconscious and delivered to Sara's apartment. But he's already married.

POWPAC, POWAY'S COMMUNITY THEATER, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 20.

Grease

OnStage Playhouse presents the "original high school musical," and "the glory that was grease." Thomas Fitzpatrick directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 8PM FRIDAYS AND SATUR-DAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 26.

Greater Tuna

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 FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, THROUGH APRIL 28.

Late Nite Catechism

Welk Resort Theatre reprises its popular production of Maripat Donovan's very funny (and serious) comedy. Sister, of the Old, spare not the rod School, is substitute teaching tonight.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO, 888-802-7469, 8PM SATUR-DAYS THROUGH MAY 19

Jon Lorenz and Colleen Kollar Smith, creators of this revue of 1980s music, say that favorite songs "mark your memories."

miXtape is performed with rampant energy and polish by an eight-person cast. Memory-triggers zip past: Pet Rocks, Pac-Man, Nelson Mandela, AIDS. Most of the songs are actually song-bites. But backed by Andy Ingersoll's versatile band and under Kerry Meads's feisty direction, miXtape is always entertaining - and memory-provoking. (Note: Lamb's Players has extended the run several times.) 619-437-0600. Worth a try. HORTON GRAND HOTEL, 311 ISLAND AVE., DOWNTOWN. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURS-DAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 4PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 27.

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 SUN-DAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Night Stage to Big Shaft

Peggy Sue Productions presents a dinnertheater show set in 1853. "When a new mine and a dead lawyer are discovered, everyone becomes a suspect." MIKKI'S CAFE, 1639 EAST VALLEY PARKWAY, 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 is gay. George Bailey and Kristen Fogel directed.

COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH ST., COLLEGE AREA. 619-264-3391. 8PM FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 3PM SUNDAY, THROUGH APRIL 29.

Parade

Bravo, Cygnet Theatre! Their largest 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 Ioel Maier and Sandy Campbell, both excellent) fall in love, maybe for the first time. Beautifully directed by Sean Murray, with



The musical Parade marches at Cygnet Theatre through April 29.

smart, humorous choreography by David Brannen, and Billy Thompson's eightpiece orchestra, the production is almost a contradiction in terms: an ensemble show where everyone stands out. Critic's Pick. CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN, 619-337-1525, 7:30PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAY 2PM AND 7PM SUN-DAY THROUGH APRIL 29

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

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Real Women Have Curves

MiraCosta College Theater stages Josefina Lopez's comedy about the struggles and dreams of "five full-figured Mexican-American women." Tracy Williams directed. MIRACOSTA COLLEGE THEATRE, ONE BARNARD DR., OCEANSIDE, 760-795-6815, 7:30PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 6

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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.

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The Boys Next Door

Mesa College Theatre Company presents Tom Griffin's drama about four mentallychallenged men and their caretaker, all of whom must define for themselves "what constitutes success.

MESA COLLEGE APOLLIAD THEATRE, 7250 MESA COLLEGE DRIVE. 619-388-2621. 8PM FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 7PM SUNDAY.

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The Musical Comedy Murders of

Coronado Playhouse stages John Bishop's spoof of the great murder mystery movies of the 1940s. Nick Reeves directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH MAY 6.

The Pride

For Alexi Kaye Campbell's difficult drama, Diversionary Theatre imported director Glenn Paris, from Ion, and Craig Noel Award-winners 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., UNI-VERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 8PM THURS-DAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 6.

This

Four close friends slouch toward 40-something. Although Melissa James Gibson's script sounds like yet 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 Jane, 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 THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH APRIL 29.

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 THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH MAY 12.

Vinegar Tom

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FILM FESTIVALS

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A Tale of Mari and Her Three Puppies 2007. Ryuichi Inomata's film is "based on a true story of a young girl and her puppies after the 2004 earthquake that devastated Japan. In Japanese with English subtitles. Friday, May 4, 7 p.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL

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The Story of Stuff 2007. Evening commences with an animated short showing how consumer goods are produced, consumed, disposed of, or recycled. Flow follows. Thursday, April 26, 6 p.m.

TALKING PICTURES

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820 E Street, East Village • 619-236-5817



Milk 2008. The Gus Van Sant biopic is "based on the life of gay rights activist and politician Harvey Milk" (played by Sean Penn), the first openly gay person to be elected to public office in California. Friday, April 27, 2:30 p.m.

SUNDAY MATINEE

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The Pit and the Pendulum 1961. Shot in just 15 days, Roger Corman's horror flick tells of "a young Englishman who visits a forbidding castle to investigate his sister's mysterious death." Vincent Price, Barbara Steele, and John Kerr star in this adaptation of Edgar Allan Poe's short story. Sunday, April 29, 2 p.m.

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

4040 Goldfinch Street, Mission Hills

Beginners 2011. "A dog-loving graphic artist (Ewan McGregor) 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. Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28, 8 p.m.

The Maltese Falcon 1941. Humphrey Bogart plays a private eye hot on the trail of a priceless black bird. With Peter Lorre and Mary Astor. Thursday-Saturday, May 3-5, 8 p.m.

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House of Usher 1960. Vincent Price and Myrna Fahey star in the Roger Corman tale of "a New England family cursed with madness, criminal conduct, and debauchery." Monday, April 30, 6:30 p.m.

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Pearl Hotel

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SAPS AT SEA

Trinity Presbyterian Church 3902 Kenwood Drive, Spring Valley 619-417-9032



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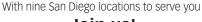
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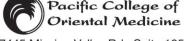


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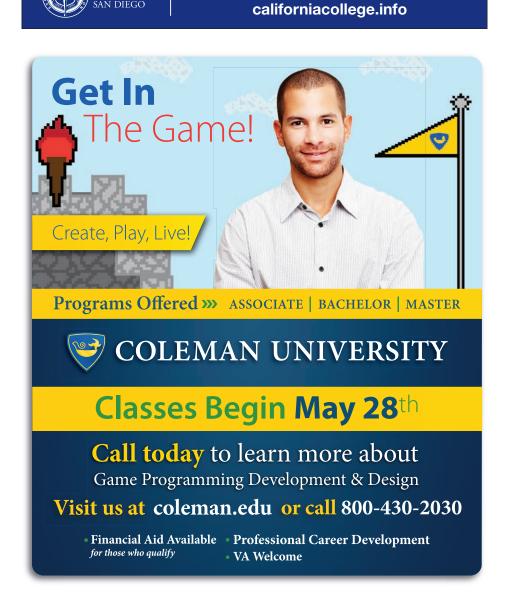


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4) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

5) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

- 1. Sportsdom's Foyt and Burnett
- 4. Take badly?
- 9. Follow
- 13. Runnina
- 15. Stockpile
- **16.** Rear

- 17. Major golf tourneys
- 18. Union locale

20. Helping hands ... or an apt clue for 72-Across

- 23. "Fly the friendly skies" co.
- **24.** Logical beginning?
- **25.** Wintry mess
- **28.** Gussy up
- **30.** Place for some car fluid ... or an apt clue for 72-Across
- **33.** NYSE, e.g.
- **35.** Your, in Italy
- **36.** Marx's "____ Kapital"
- 37. With 39-Across, close friend ... or an apt clue for 72-Across
- **39.** See 37-Across
- 42. Actress ____ Dawn Chong
- **46.** Lucy of "Charlie's Angels"
- 47. Top 50% ... or an apt clue for 72-Across
- **51.** Baseball Hall-of-Famer Conlan
- **55.** "Twilight" protagonist
- **56.** "Are you saying ____ blame?"
- **58.** Brit. word reference
- **59.** Not fit for discussion ... or an apt clue for 72-Across
- **63.** Actress Rogers
- 65. Pork cuts
- **66.** Hooters
- **67.** Blissful spot
- 68. Part of NAACP: Abbr.
- **69.** Some jeans
- 70. Task list heading
- 71. Aquarium fish
- **72.** Garment that inspires many fun crossword clues

Down

- 1. Intensifies
- 2. Rain forest cat
- 3. Bread, milk or eggs
- **4.** Bit of shattered glass

- 5. Quetzalcoatl worshipper
- 6. Chooses not to cook, say
- **7.** Give ____ of hope
- 8. Ones in charge: Abbr.
- 9. "Ratsl"
- 10. Missouri River nickname
- 11. Doc who may examine the sinuses
- 12. Cloth meas.
- 14. Medium skill
- 21. Cries from sties
- 22. Chinese menu general
- 26. School setting
- **27.** "48 _
- 29. Punk offshoot
- 31. Watering hole
- 32. Do a trucker's job
- 34. Comedy Central's "__
- **37.** Decked with feathers
- **38.** ____ culpa
- **40.** Honey ____ dressing
- **41.** Tango team
- 42. Massage
- **43.** Mock
- 45. Snob
- 48. Phenomenon named for the infant Jesus
- 49. Zodiac animal
- **50.** Key of Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2
- **52.** October decor
- **53.** Helen on Alabama's state
- **54.** Texas oil town
- 57. Puccini opera
- **60.** Israeli port
- **61.** Snoop (around)
- **62.** Gmail alternative 63. Satisfied
- 64. 18-Across words

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Cap: We are temporarily out of T-shirts. Winners will receive caps.

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

Martha Awdziewicz, Claire

mont, 8. My tomato had a split in it. Can I fix it with tomato "paste"?

Kaye D. Benton, San Diego,

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1. Does pointless mean less point no point?

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www.cal-prop.com. LA JOLLA, \$1950.

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Saturday, 4128, 2:30-3:30. Charming La Jolla Shores garden complex, near Beach & Tennis Club. Roomy,

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LA JOLLA, \$965.

LA JOLLA, \$965.
Studio; charming upstairs apartment with full kitchen! Stove, refrigerator. Located in the Bird Rock area close to many quaint shops, restaurants and public transportation. Shared courtyard. Coin laundry. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 5/10/12. 415 Colima. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www. delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

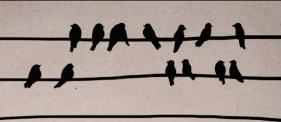
MISSION BEACH, \$1095.

just seconds from beach or bay! Stove, refrigerator. Coin laundry. Shared courtyard perfect for sunning. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 6/10/12. 731-1/2 Ensenada Court. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www. delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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Dear Birds Chirping Outside My Window At 5 a.m.,

I know there's a whole expression about the "early bird," but it doesn't even seem like any of you are looking for any worms. You're just sitting on that telephone wire chirping your idiot heads off. What do you have to get up so early for, anyway? You've got a full schedule of pooping on cars? Relax. Sleep in. I'm pretty sure worms will still be around at 9.

Sincerely. Just Trying to Sleep

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18D-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.

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2BD+1BA, upstairs unit in duplex behind 1427. Stove, refrigerator. Parking. Small pet OK with extra deposit. Available

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PACIFIC BEACH, \$1650.

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2BD+2BA. Spacious upstairs. Across
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pets. 4640 Jewell. 619-286-3400.

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PACIFIC BEACH, \$1750.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1/30. 2BD+1BA plus garage, Pacific Beach/ Crown Point. \$825 deposit. Upper unit with bay view, new tile floors and remodeled kitchen. Available end of May. No pets. No co-signers. 3854 Lamont Street. 858-483-3221. PBeachCalifornia@aol.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1795.

2BD+1.5BA apartment. Two story. Newly remodeled, new carpet and tile floors. Fireplace, all appliances. Fenced- in patio. 1827 Missouri St. 858-272-9547.

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, \$1825. 2 master bedrooms, 2-1/2 bath condo. Fireplace, wood deck, washer/ dryer, attached garage, 1 outside parking space No pets. 1838 Diamond Street. 858-945-2370.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1875.

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-

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1875

28D-2BA, huge upstairs front apartment in North Pacific Beach. One block to Tourmaline Surf Park. Remodeled unit with stove, refrigerator, 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, \$2200.

2BD+1BA cool house with garage. *Open house Saturday*, *4*/28, 11:30-12:30. All appliances, washer/ dryer. Hardwood Appliances, washer veryer. Hardwood floors, patio. Best neighborhood near Fanuel Park, Sail Bay. No pets. 1419 Oliver Street. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www. torreypinespm.com.

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

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Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy,

8. If you have the biggest bonfire at the beach party, are you engaging in conspicuous combustion?

Michael Rewa, Allied Gar-

dens, 8. I've been a human subject in so many drug tests, I'm addicted to nlacehos

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 8. If I get

a joint replacement, does it make me more "HIP"?

Martin Mucciarone, Carlsbad,

1. It doesn't look like a camel, so why do they call it camel-flage?

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Downtown

BANKERS HILL, \$825

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BANKERS HILL, \$895. 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.

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Jennifer Williams

San Diego/England, Surf Instructor

once caused a food fight by throwing a banana at someone. I was in eighth grade, and I got put in lunchroom isolation for like, six months.



Chris Smith

Pales Verdes, Surf Instructor

once crashed a Hobie Cat into a Whaler. It wasn't my fault — somebody rigged my sail wrong. Possibly I should have checked their rigging work, but I expected them to know how.



Rachel Nelson

Del Mar, Camp Administrator

Then I was a teenager I snuck out of the house to hang out with friends past curfew. The police caught us, and they had to call my parents to come bail me out.



Colin R.

Mission Beach, Another Surf Instructor

I can't say I was in trouble, but I once rescued a coworker with a broken wrist, I've been a lifeguard for years, but the only person I ever saved was a fellow lifeguard.



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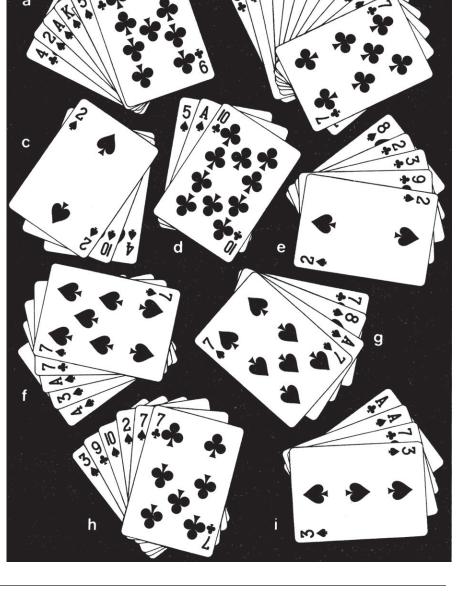
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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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- 5 Parthenon
- 6 Colosseum 7 Easter Island
- 8 Gateway Arch
- 9 Great Wall
- 10 Stonehenge 11 Space Needle
- 12 Washington Monument
- 13 Notre-Dame Cathedral
- 14 Arc de Triomphe
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- 16 Leaning Tower of Pisa
- 17 Nelson's Column
- 18 Great Pyramid





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Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 7.

Only the nail knows what the wood thinks.

Fay McQueen, Julian, 1. East is East, but Shanghai is west of L.A

EL CAJON, \$800-900 & UP.

1BD+1BA and 2BD+1BA apartments.
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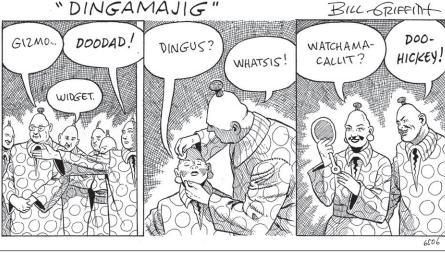
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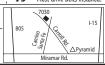
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The Entrepreneurial Spirit

 Last year, the Cape Town, South Africa, "gentlemen's club" Mavericks began selling an Alibi line of fragrances designed for men who need excuses for coming home late. For example, as men come through the door, they could splash on "I Was Working Late" (to reek of coffee and cigarettes) or "My Car Broke Down" (evoking fuel, burned rubber, and grease).

- White supremacist Richard Treis, 38, was arrested in February in St. Louis, along with his alleged partner, black gang member Robert "Biz" Swinney, 22, and charged with running a huge methamphetamine operation. The two, who had met at a prison halfway house, had allegedly meshed their unique talents — Treis as a meth cook and Swinney as a skilled street seller who recruited people to buy restricted pseudoephedrine products from pharmacies. Said a deputy, "They put away their differences to get the job done."

Science on the Cutting Edge

— "[A] growing number of scientists" are at work on biocomputer models based on movements of slime to solve complex-systems problems, according to a December report in London's Daily Telegraph. Though slime molds are single-cell organisms lacking a "brain," said professor Toshiyuki Nakagaki of Japan's Future University Hakodate, they somehow can "organize" themselves to create the most direct route through mazes in order to find food. Said professor Atsushi Tero, of Kyushu University, ordinary computers are "not so good" at finding such ideal routes because of the quantity of calculations required, but slime molds seem to flow "in an impromptu manner" and gradually find the best routes.

- Claire Osborn, 37, of Coventry, England, was diagnosed in October with an aggressive, inoperable throat-mouth cancer and given a 50 percent chance of survival. However, less than a month later, during a severe coughing spell, she actually coughed out the entire tumor in two pieces. Subsequent tests revealed no trace of cancer in her body. (Doctors hypothesized that, fortuitously, the tumor was growing on a weak stalk that was

overcome by the force of the cough.)

- In January, doctors at North Carolina State University performed knee-replacement surgery on a cancer-stricken house cat. Such surgery on dogs has been done, but because of cats' smaller bones and joints, doctors had to use micro techniques usually employed on humans.

Fine Points of the Law

- The Houston Funding debt collection company in Houston, Texas, had fired receptionist Donnicia Venters shortly after she returned from maternity leave when she announced that she intended to breastfeed her child and needed space in the office to pump her breast milk. The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission sued Houston Funding for illegal discrimination based on "pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions," but in February, federal judge Lynn Hughes (Mr. Lynn Hughes) rejected the EEOC's reasoning. The law does not, he wrote, cover "lactation" discrimination.

Least Competent Criminals

- According to prosecutors in Camden, S.C., in November, Christopher Hutto, 30, needed money badly to buy crack cocaine, but the best plan he could devise was getting a friend to telephone

Hutto's mother and demand a ransom. Though Hutto, according to the phone call, supposedly had been beaten up by kidnappers and dumped in a secret location and was "near death," the "kidnapper" asked only for \$100. The un-eager mother dawdled a bit until she and the caller had negotiated the ransom down to \$60. The money drop was made, and sheriff's deputies arrested Hutto running from the site with the booty.

Bright Ideas

- Like many cities, Taipei, Taiwan, has a dog-litter problem that has proved unsolvable, as citizens continue to ignore pleas to pick up after their dogs and keep sidewalks clean. Finally, city officials designed a successful program (announced in December): a dog-poop lottery. Anyone handing in a bag of dog litter would get a ticket (one ticket per bag) to a drawing with prizes ranging up to pieces of gold worth the equivalent of about \$2000. Citizens would be on the honor system as to whether the "litter" in the bag came from a dog or from another source.

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NAME: Mark Rasmussen

CAR: 2006 BMW 530i

PREVIOUS CARS: 1996 Ford Escort, 1986 Plymouth Voyager, 1986 Honda Civic Wagon, 1993 Honda Civic Del Sol

HOW'S YOUR COMMUTE? About 18 minutes from El Cajon to Kearny

CHEAPEST GAS? I just pull over wherever I'm out of gas. I'm not worried about a couple cents here and there.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR

CAR? Nothing but a little weatherstripping drying up. Also, it just left warranty and it's a BMW, so I'm worried.

WHAT DO YOU LISTEN TO WHILE YOU DRIVE? KPBS, mostly, also podcasts from my iPhone, including Radiolab, This American Life, Freakonomics, etc. Slacker Radio is an excellent way to consume music

DO YOU USE YOUR CELL PHONE AND DRIVE? My car has built-in hands-free that works very well, so I never have to use any hands that should be on the wheel

WHAT COOL CARS HAVE YOU DRIVEN? As you can see from my previous cars list, I'm pretty much driving the coolest car of my life right

ANY GOOD HITCHHIKING

STORIES? I hitchhiked once in Europe. Nothing to report...we were all heading to the same youth hostel, so...pretty boring.

TICKETS? I've never gotten a single moving violation. I must be a safe driver, but I've gotten many parking tickets.

ACCIDENTS? Nope! Not a single one. Again, safety first. I've had a few cars stolen, however — one from my aunt and uncle's house while I was out of the country. They didn't even realize it was gone until presumably weeks after it was stolen. It was found broken down on the side of

the road not ten miles away. Bet that was inconvenient for those robbers.

by ANDY BOYD

WHERE DO YOU TYPICALLY **EXPERIENCE THE WORST** TRAFFIC IN SAN DIEGO? I don't

like the intersection of the 15 and Aero Drive. Trying to get on the freeway from the 15 is just a pain.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE DRIVE? Going south from Del Mar up into Torrey Pines.

YOUR BEST SHORTCUT? When I'm leaving Fry's, I take the back way

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WHAT IS YOUR DREAM CAR?

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WHAT BOTHERS YOU MOST **ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE'S DRIVING?** When other people are

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Mark Rasmussen worries about his BMW, now with no warranty.

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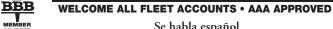
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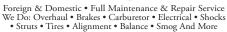
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