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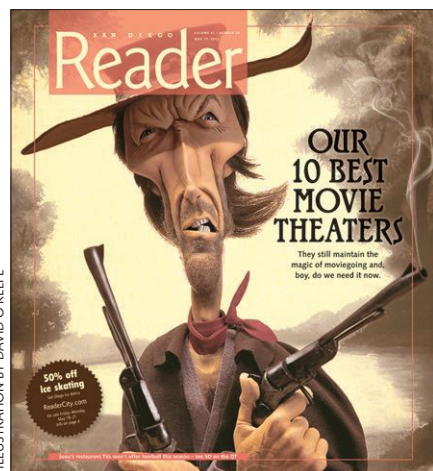


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## NEWS TICKER

## Memorial Paddle-Out

Surf Community Honors Former Charger Junior Seau

*Oceanside* — Over 250 surfers joined the memorial paddle-out to honor Junior Seau on Sunday, May 6. The Oceanside beach, in front of the former San Diego Charger linebacker's home, was packed with two to three thousand people.

Jessica and Bob from Oceanside joined the paddle-out because Bob had surfed with Junior and worked out with him at their gym. Michael from San Marcos sported his Chargers lightning bolt surfboard and wore Junior's #55 jersey over his wetsuit.



More than 250 surfers paddled out in Oceanside to honor former Charger and avid surfer Junior Seau.

John wanted to do something special on his 50th birthday, so he drove up from Chula Vista. Ronny from Maui moved to Oceanside two years ago. He said he met Junior on several occasions and had been making plans to go Sea-Doo'ing with him.

After the surfers paddled out and joined together in the traditional circle, one of Junior's best friends, Jay Michaels, paddled out to the center of the circle on Junior's paddleboard and addressed the crowd.

*By Ken Harrison, Tuesday, May 8*

## I Am Worth Less Than an iPad

Sweetwater Union Meeting Gets Chaotic Despite Police Presence

*Chula Vista* — Before the May 7 board meeting began, the street in front of the Sweetwater district office was lined with police cars. Stationed inside the boardroom along the wall were several armed private security officers. An overflow crowd was fenced outside the building because the district refused to move the meeting to a larger venue.

The main action of the board was to lay off approximately 190 teachers. The vote was 3-2, with Quiñones and trustee Bertha Lopez voting no.

But the big story was the deepening division between sides — with interim superintendent Ed Brand and some of the boardmembers on one side and teachers, parents, and community members on the other.

The four-hour meeting was filled with public complaints about district problems and priorities of district spending.

A controversial purchase of iPads became even more controversial with the district's request to spend an additional \$26,000 on iPad covers. One of the teachers who had been laid off told the trustees, "I'm getting the feeling I am worth less than an iPad."

The chaotic meeting concluded with a parent volunteer — denied two minutes to speak because her card had not been submitted in time — standing on a chair yelling to whoever would listen about her frustration with the district.

*By Susan Luzzaro, Tuesday, May 8*

## Stabbed in the Head

**Suspect Arrested at Gunpoint During Attempted Robbery at Walgreens Midway District — A 34-year-old man was arrested at the Walgreens store**

located at 3005 Midway Drive early Saturday, May 5, after he allegedly stabbed another person in the head at a nearby apartment complex. The suspect also attempted to rob the Walgreens of drugs, San Diego police said.

An unidentified Walgreens employee said that the suspect was "agitated and pacing back and forth near the pharmacy, demanding Oxycontin." At one point, the suspect jumped behind the pharmacy counter and the pharmacist jumped away and ran off. Police soon arrived and tackled the suspect as he tried to run away and arrested him at gunpoint.

The stabbing victim was hospitalized and treated for a non-life-threatening injury.

*By Justin Powell, Tuesday, May 8*

## Fiancée into the Fray

**Utilities Commission Employees Want Investigation of Its Commissioner San Diego** — Employees of the California Public Utilities Commission have submitted a complaint to the Office of the Governor and the Fair Political Practices Commission, complaining of the "illegal and unethical" behavior of CPUC commissioner Timothy Alan Simon.

The complaint states that Simon's long-time fiancée (of ten years), Kimberly Brandon, is chair of the Museum of African Diaspora. At a San Francisco dinner, while Simon was away from the table, Brandon hit up a senior executive of San Diego Gas & Electric for

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## Did Sempra Bribe Mexicans?

*By Don Bauder*

**D**id Sempra Energy pass bribes to officials in Mexico to grease construction projects there? Then, when a whistle-blower

complaint was filed, did the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Bureau of Investigation permit Sempra to investigate itself by hiring friendly law firms that — of course — exonerated the company?

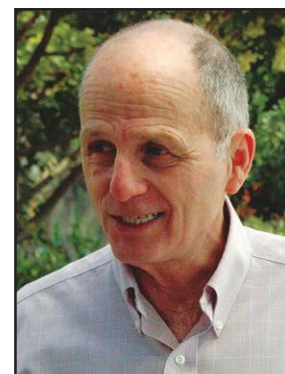
A lawsuit filed in federal court in late April may shed light on those questions. Rodolfo Michelon, who had a high Sempra accounting position in Mexico, filed suit against the SEC and FBI, stat-

charges, and neither agency conducted its own investigation, according to the suit. Sempra's vice president and general counsel, Javade Chaudhri, had once been a partner in two of the three firms: Jones Day and Winston & Strawn.

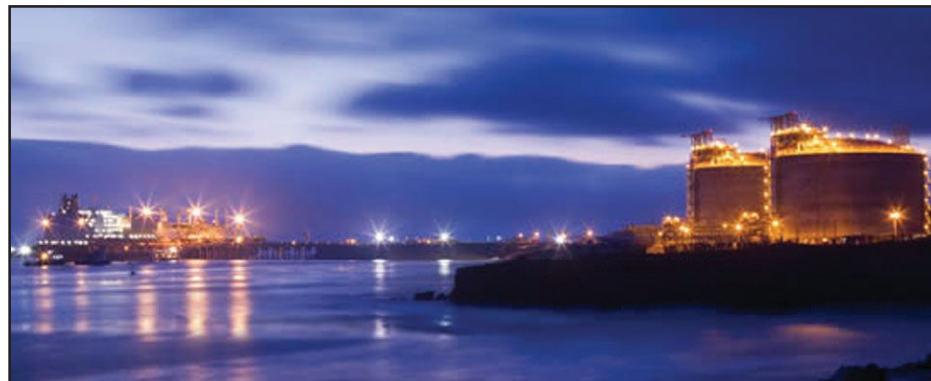
There are two major prongs to the April suit, filed by San Diego lawyers Gary Aguirre and Daniel Gilleon. First, Michelon describes in detail Sempra's alleged Mexi-



San Diego attorneys Dan Gilleon...



...and Gary Aguirre filed suit against Sempra.



Lawsuits and accusations of bribing Mexican officials dog Sempra's Costa Azul natural gas plant in Baja.

ing that they did not respond adequately to information requests under the Freedom of Information Act.

In 2010, Michelon filed a still-pending suit against Sempra, alleging wrongful termination and that the company passed bribes in Mexico, among other things. Later, Michelon filed a whistle-blower complaint with the FBI and SEC incorporating the information about alleged Mexican bribes. However, those two agencies deferred any investigations to law firms hired and paid by Sempra, according to the April suit.

Three law firms exonerated Sempra on the bribery

can accounting abuses that he believed had a "high risk of concealing actual bribes to foreign government officials," in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977.

For example, in August of 2007, Michelon got an urgent request to approve a payment of \$84,000 to a construction company that would build a fire station in Tijuana. The station was inaugurated in 2007 and soon abandoned. The whole thing "was a ruse to channel funds to government officials employed by the City of Tijuana," says the suit.

And in 2006, Sempra wanted a piece of land next

to its proposed liquefied natural gas plant at Costa Azul, near Ensenada. "Sempra concocted a sham transaction to purchase the land from another purported owner who had died two years earlier," charges the suit. There was a family living on the property. Under instructions from Sempra, Michelon withdrew the equivalent of \$16,000 in pesos for a so-called bond for the Mexican prosecutor's office, as a first step in evicting the family, according to the suit. Shortly, the family was ousted and the house leveled by a bulldozer driven by a Sempra

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Developers seek an exception in current zoning to build a nearly two-million-square-foot mixed-use complex.



Dennis Ridz says developers are fabricating community support for the project.

## UNDER THE RADAR

### Lobbyist joins fluoridation plot

One very busy city hall lobbyist is **Richard Ledford**, the former aide to GOP ex-mayor **Susan Golding**. According to his most recent disclosure filing, covering the first three months of this year, Ledford got \$8000 for working on behalf of Alliant Real Estate Investments, Inc., regarding the “development of a project at 500 West Broadway.” That’s the address of the former Armed Services YMCA building, a city historic site designed by master architect Lincoln Rogers that is now being used

as a hotel. The ornate structure carries many memories for aging Navy and Marine warriors, who have opposed making dramatic changes to the venerable facility. Ledford lobbied city development aide **Jeff Graham** to “Obtain necessary permits for redevelopment of the site.”

Another lucrative Ledford client was the California Dental Association, which paid the Republican lobbyist \$12,000 to “promote the fluoridation of potable water supplied by the city of San Diego.” Ledford and his associate **Liz Saidkhanian** — former field representative for GOP ex-assemblyman **George Plescia**, now running for state senate against incumbent Democrat **Marty Block** — met with deputy city attorney **Raymond Palmucci** and the city water department’s **James Fisher**.

Ledford’s firm picked up \$4000 from General Dynamics NASSCO, the big shipbuilder on the bay, to “facilitate the establishment of a bicycle path adjacent to the

facility.” The goal: “completion of a bicycle path with minimal impact to the business facility.” On that assignment, they consulted with **Travis Knowles**, a staffer with District Eight city councilman **David Alvarez**.

A great deal of Ledford’s revenue this winter came



Richard Ledford is lobbying for permits to redevelop historic Armed Services YMCA.

as the result of “Contingency fees earned for lobbying performed in a previous reporting period,” the disclosure says. In that category was \$8000 from La Jolla Crossroads II, LLC; \$12,000 from Palm Properties, LP; \$11,000 from St. Paul’s Senior Homes and Services; and \$8000 from High Flying Foods, Inc. High Flying, which specializes in running trendy bistros at airports, won a big contract last fall with the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, due in part to Ledford’s lobbying.

**Quick draw** San Diego County sheriff **Bill Gore** is back shopping for riot gear.



Sheriff Gore’s shopping for some 40mm “multi-launchers” for crowd management. They run about \$3000 each.

This time the FBI veteran is in the market for nineteen 40mm pump-action “multi-launchers.” Made by Penn Arms of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, the town made famous

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## Our Roots Are Real Grass

By Dorian Hargrove

What better way to defeat a grassroots movement than to create an astroturf campaign? That’s what residents of Carmel Valley believe Kilroy Realty is doing to gain approval for its massive mixed-use project, One Paseo.

Residents say that in order to pass what will be the largest development project ever in Carmel Valley the developer has hired a

Santa Barbara-based public relations firm that specializes in creating fake grassroots campaigns to make “NIMBYs and naysayers irrelevant.”

One Paseo is a 1,857,440-square-foot development on 23.6 acres planned for the

corner of El Camino Real and Del Mar Heights Road. If the project is approved in its current form, its ten multistory buildings will house a movie theater, a 150-room hotel, 608 multifamily units, and 806,000 square feet of retail and office space.

However, to proceed, the developer needs to persuade Carmel Valley residents and San Diego city councilmembers to change the zoning from commercial, which allows a maximum of 500,000 square feet of office space on the site, to a designation that permits residential and commercial buildings almost four times

that size.

So far, persuading the community has been difficult.

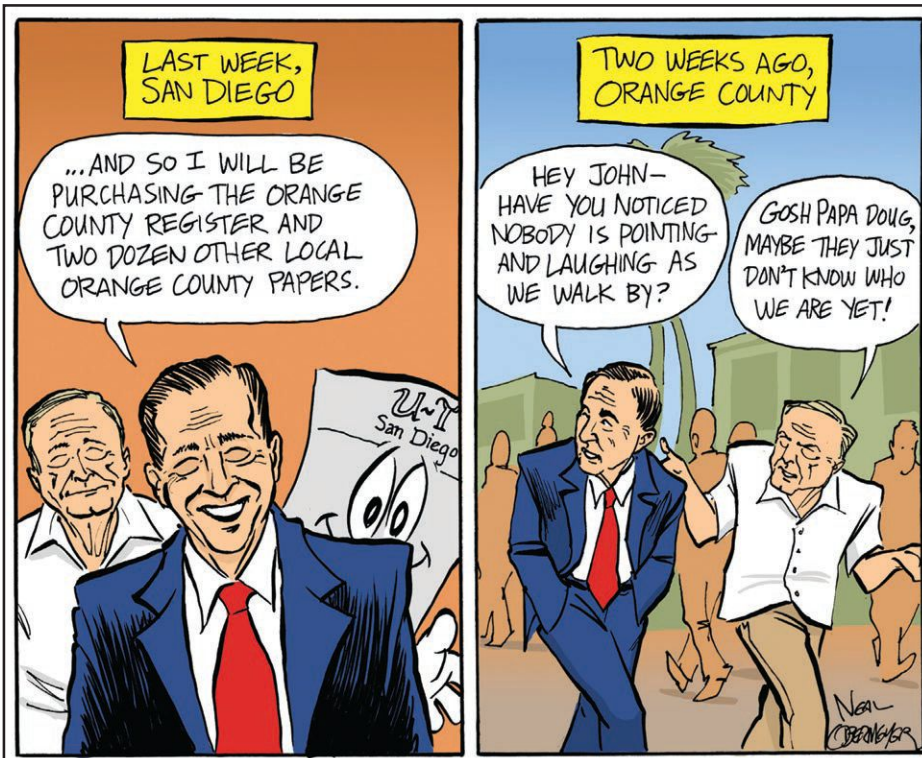
After the plan was announced, concerned community members quickly launched a grassroots effort in opposition to One Paseo. The group’s website, *What Price Main Street?*, is a platform for local residents to express objections. They say the projected 26,000 daily trips generated by the new homes and offices will create gridlock on city streets and at the intersection with I-5. They say the project is incompatible with community character.

Those residents believe that executives at Kilroy Realty have taken steps to quell the opposition by hiring a former director of development services for the City of San Diego, Marcela Escobar-Eck, to serve as a project consultant. Kilroy has also hired Davies, a public relations firm in Santa Barbara. O’Dwyer’s public-relations news organization ranks Davies as the third top PR firm in the country dealing with environmental projects.

Davies creates, according to O’Dwyer’s, “grassroots programs to gain (or divert) the attention necessary to favorably shape public opinion and build genuine support for their clients’ projects. Davies uses authentic programs to

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### Neal Obermeyer





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### Very Un-Ferret

The title of your article “Ferrets Eat Babies. They Shred Human Tissue. They Drink Blood” (Cover Story, May 10) is appalling. The article itself is good, but it is titles and headlines like this that put ferrets at risk of being confiscated and hamper the legalization efforts. People may not read the article, but will remember the title so next time some crazy person reports a ferret owner because they remember your title you will have been partially responsible for the pain and suffering of the owner and the animal!

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### No Insights Wanted

The conference at USD described in “Catfish, Tulsa, Nazis, Jefferson — Civility” (City Lights, May 10) seemed to get no further engaging the issue of Political Civility than the one I attended at UCSD a few weeks earlier. It was sponsored by a consortium of departments, importing guest speakers from top-tier universities in this country and Europe in an attempt to

elevate objective science over partisan rhetoric. I understood the liberal bias of this era’s public universities, but had hoped that a conference dedicated to transcending this in political life would achieve such purity, at least in this setting.

While there have been no reports or transcripts of the presentations, I personally got a great deal out of attending the three-day event. Beyond the objective presentations, I discerned a clear subtext of the content that reflected values attributed to the left. Ironically, only a few weeks after the conference, and after I created a website based on it, a major report, “Virulent Incivility, the Academic Challenge,” was released by an association of conservative academics on the liberal bias of the University of California, exactly the issue I had attempted to engage.

I sent a critique of the analysis to their director of communication who invited me to write an article on it, as she concurred with many of my points. But, after many attempts, I was struck by the realization of the same conundrum facing both the USD and the UCSD conferences. I could not express any insights on this issue of partisanship without political self-identification, without which the message is meaningless.

My goal is to push for a space where knowledge is untainted by values, no matter how convinced its academic advocates may be of their worth.

You can read more about the UCSD conference, along with my interactions with the participants, on my personal website: [AlRodbell.com](http://AlRodbell.com).

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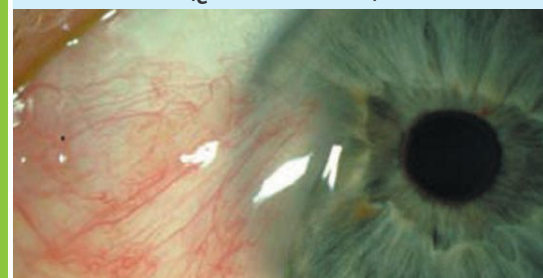
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by Barbarella

# Cirque du Crazy

I have issues with time. Not the laid-back, “I’ll get there when I get there” variety that seems to afflict so many here in San Diego. My time issues are more Swiss-German.

I was standing at my computer, applying makeup while scanning email, when I decided to double check the time on my Cirque du Soleil tickets. When I’d first received them, I’d noted “7:30 p.m.” and assumed that was when the outside tents would be opened — the area where people perused merchandise and the concession stands prior to taking their seats.

“Oh, *shit*. Shitshitshit,” I said, dropping my compact mirror and shoving items (phone, lipstick) into my purse.

David entered the room while putting on his jacket. “What is it?”

“This says 6:30. The grounds open at 6:30. It’s 6:38 right now. Oh my God, we’re not going to make it — the *actual* show starts at 7:30.”

“First of all, you need to learn to discern the consequential from the inconsequential. This is not consequential,” David said in his last-resort, drill-sergeant tone.”

“Relax, it’s okay if we don’t mill around, we have time,” David said.

“You don’t get it. We should *be there by now*, and *we haven’t even left*. Sorry, I don’t mean to snap. You’re right, I just want to be sure we have time to pee and find our seats before the show starts, and then there’s parking, and *fuck*. Okay, no, I’m good, you’re right, let’s go.”

As I drove (fast, frantic), David continued to reassure me, but I wasn’t hearing him. My inner monologue was deafening: *Why didn’t you check the tickets? You’re never going to make it. You’re going to miss the beginning, and*

*they don’t seat you until the next break, you fuck-up. Why didn’t you check?*

“It’s just a show,” David said.

“One I really want to see,” I shot back. But I was beginning to calm down. It was 6:48, and we were only a few miles from the exit. We were going to make it; everything was going to be okay.

“Oh, no, No, NO, what’s this?” Traffic to the exit was backed up by at least half a mile. I brought the car to a stop. I was so close, I could see the tents set up at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. “This is not happening,” I said. “You know when we have a tight flight connection? How when there’s plenty of time I’m relaxed, and how when I know I’ve missed it I’m relaxed, but how I am when there’s still a *chance* of making it based on when we land and how far we have to run to the next gate?” David nodded. “I can’t handle that limbo,” I said.

I took a deep breath. David was already showing signs of irritation — rolling his eyes, making comments along the lines of, “Let’s just forget about it, then”; things that told me I needed to stave off the freak-out that was building inside of me with each passing minute. I glared

at the clock as if trying to telekinetically set it on fire.

I tried to not talk, but the words just came. “This is all my fault. I should have checked. I can’t believe this. We were just hanging out, it’s not like I even have a good reason, and if we miss the beginning...” I sensed I was further angering David, which only made me feel like more of a fuck-up, so I stopped talking. My car inched forward. “I can see it. This is torture. So close and yet so far away, knowing we’re right here and going to miss it,” I said, mentally slapping myself for not holding it in.

“First of all, you need to learn to discern the consequential from the inconsequential. This is not consequential,” David said in his last-resort, drill-sergeant tone. “It’s not like we’re rushing somebody to a hospital and can’t get there — this is just the fucking *circus*.”

“Cirque du Soleil,” I said quietly. “It’s better than the circus.”

David sighed so hard I could smell the mint in his mouth. “If we get there late, they’ll seat us when they’re able to seat us. Worst-case scenario, we miss the first half but we’ll be able to watch it on the big-screen monitors while we sip champagne.” He looked at my face, which was pulled tight into a wide-eyed grimace. “Look, if it means this much, we’ll just buy tickets for another night. None of this is worth being self-destructive over.”

“What do you mean by that?” David looked pointedly at my arms, or, more specifically, to the fingernails I was digging into them — methodically, evenly, so that no spot was missed. “I can’t...” I forced my nails away from my arms, squinted my eyes, and bit my bottom lip so hard I could feel it turning white beneath the red lipstick. My eyes

started to water. It was 7:15, and we were nowhere near the light at the end of the exit.

David didn’t get it — it wasn’t the show, or at least it wasn’t *only* the show. It was the *principle*. I have never attended an event I wasn’t at least 30 minutes early for. We don’t go to the movies anymore, mostly because David is sick of arriving up to two hours before showtime. When going to any theater, I need time to adjust — to relax, to buy a drink, to find a seat, to pee. I spurn those who arrive “on time,” which is late in my world. Everyone knows if the show begins at 7:30, you need to be in your seat *before* then. I closed my left hand into a fist and pounded my forehead.

“I’m going to get out of this car and get a cab home if you don’t stop it,” David said.

“I’m sorry, I’m sorry, I just... I can’t accept it. I can’t let go of it. I keep chiding myself for not looking at the damn ticket better.”

“You need to get over it. Because I can’t be around you like this.”

“And now I’m feeling more anxious because I’m upsetting you, on top of being able to see the place I’m trying to get to, but *can’t reach*.” I wouldn’t find out how hard I was gripping the steering wheel until we almost needed to cut off one of my fingers to remove a deformed ring later that night. I still maintain it was from the clapping during the show and not my death grip on the wheel.

“I hate feeling like I don’t have any control,” I said. “Of this traffic, of the way I’m reacting to it. I just... I hate it.”

“I know,” David said, softening his tone for a moment. “I know.” ■

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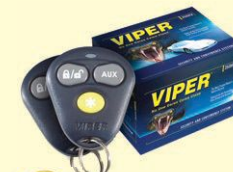
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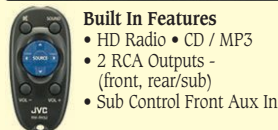


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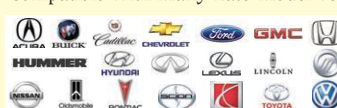
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*A question popped into my mind today so creepy, so disgusting, it actually made me feel slightly sick just to think about it. Figured it was right up your alley. Do chickens get breast cancer? I figure with some 300 million or so Americans, we must eat a good billion of the little cluckers a year. Surely not all of them could be aware of the importance of regular self-examinations. And even if they were, who'd make sure they were following through? So my questions are:*

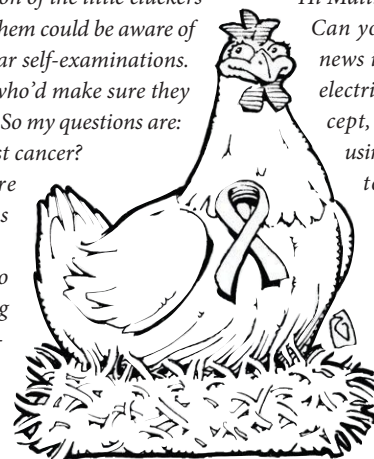
*1) Do chickens get breast cancer?*

*2) If they do, what are the chances someone has eaten it?*

*3) Would you be able to tell if you WERE eating it? (You know how sometimes you're eating an otherwise good piece of chicken, and then you hit that weird, stringy stuff? Could that be it?)*

*4) And of course, most importantly, if you did eat it, could it pose any health risk?*

*— Chicken in Lakeside*



Hi Matt:

*Can you explain this? Suddenly the news is all buzzing about "phantom electricity." If I understand the concept, it seems to suggest that I am using my expensive electrical power to energize unused charging devices, televisions, and media centers that have been turned off for weeks. If the preceding is actually true, how do I take control of my ever-increasing electric bills and save money for my huge water bills (which is another issue all by itself) and my disgusting gasoline charges, which sicken*

*me at every gas stop.*

*— Phil Nichols, North County*

We haven't had a really good creepy, disgusting question since sometime in the Nixon administration. Thanks, Chicken. I'm remembering every tendony, lumpy, suspicious bite of fast-food chicken I've ever had. Yowza!

So, no, chickens don't get breast cancer because chickens don't have breasts. Strictly speaking, a bird's "breasts" are its pectoral muscles, with no overlying mammary tissue because birds don't need it. Human breast cancer usually arises in cells in milk ducts or milk glands. That's both for women and men; men do have a rudimentary baby-feeding system in their breasts, so it's rare, but men can get breast cancer.

Chickens' pecs are for flight. There's a long-shot chance that a chicken could develop DNA changes in pectoral cells. Those changes would have to be in a DNA string that controls the rate of cell reproduction. When the genetic brakes go bad and cells reproduce willy-nilly, you've got a tumor. Maybe cancer, maybe not. Cancer in general is a disease of older age, with some genetics thrown in. You usually have to rack up many years of life to be susceptible. Commercial chickens go from egg to frying pan in a flash, without time for deadly diseases to sprout.

If chickens don't often get cancer in muscles, they do get bone and oviduct cancers. But unless you're eating chicken butt or going all Neanderthal on that leg bone, you're probably in the clear. Okay, say you've got some stray cancer lump in your bag of nuggets, what would

It goes by many names (vampire voltage, my favorite), but best I can tell, Phil, you've got it right. It's the sneaky voltage drawn by various appliances and gadgets plugged in to house power, even when the gadget itself is turned off. The power's necessary in devices that are controlled by remotes or that have to maintain settings from session to session or that need to be on their toes in case they're needed — an answering machine or motion sensors, for instance. The more Wi-Fi we go, the more of it there'll be. When you can control your toaster from the comfort of your bed each morning, your toaster will turn into a voltage vampire. Basically, any device with a stand-by mode is guilty.

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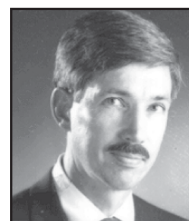


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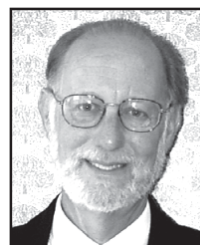
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## DEA Apologizes to Daniel Chong

*Federal Agents Say Methamphetamine Left in Cell with Stranded San Diego Student Was Supposed to Have Been Heroin*

*"We were trying to ease him out gently, you know?"*

TRYING TO REMEMBER WHAT THE SUN LOOKS LIKE, KEARNY MESA DEA OFFICES — Daniel Chong, the UCSD student who was "accidentally" left in a DEA holding cell for five days without food or water, has received a formal apology from the organization's director, Larry Park. "On behalf of the entire United States government and the Drug Enforcement Agency in particular, I would like to extend my sincere apologies to Mr. Chong," said Park at a televised press conference. "No man, not even some punk stoner swept up in a drug raid, should have to endure what he endured until after he is convicted in a court of law. After an internal investigation, we have determined that the methamphetamine left in Chong's cell — which Chong eventually ingested — was supposed to have been heroin." The narcotic, said Park, was intended to help Chong make a relatively painless exit from this life.

"Of course we kept him in total darkness for two days and nights," continued Park. "Sensory deprivation, combined with the narcotic effect of industrial grade heroin, is a clinically proven, field-tested method for removing a man's will to live. But somebody down in the

lab goofed and put meth in there with him instead of heroin, and there's nothing like tweaking on an empty stomach to make a person just keep going, on and on and on. It's inexcusable, really. We're the Drug Enforcement Agency. We're not supposed to make mistakes about which drug is which."

Park stressed that the mistake, though grievous, did have an upside. "Being on meth probably made it a lot easier for Chong to drink his own pee, which proved to be a life-saving move. Trust me, I've seen meth-heads do a lot worse without batting an eye."

As of press time, the DEA had yet to offer any explanation for why they wanted Chong dead, though some have speculated that they figured he would rather die than have to face the shame he had brought to his parents. (Chong's attempt to carve the words "Sorry, Mom" into his arm with a shard of his broken glasses seems to lend credence to this theory, but nothing has been confirmed.) But ABC has reportedly expressed interest in a prison-based reality game show based on Chong's experience, and there are rumors about Chong collaborating in some distasteful fashion with noted pee-drinker and *Man vs Wild* star Bear Grylls.

## Seau's Restaurant: We Are Not Ready for Some Football

*In Wake of Junior Seau Suicide, National Restaurant Chains in Talks to Join with Seau's Restaurant in Refusing to Air Professional Football on Bar TVs*

*Chili's national director: "There's plenty of golf and tennis we can show during those months. Maybe even some soccer."*

LIGHTING A CANDLE AT SEAU'S RESTAURANT, MISSION VALLEY — At a press conference this morning, Seau's restaurant manager Glen Ross announced that the popular eatery had taken a bold step: if tests on the brain of former NFL great Junior Seau showed that he did indeed suffer from a degenerative brain disease brought on by repeated head trauma, "Seau's will not show professional football during the 2012-'13 season. Or possibly ever."

"Seau's has always been a great place to watch football on Sundays, Mondays, and sometimes Thursdays," continued Ross. "But its chief loyalty must always be to the man who gave the place its name. To continue to profit by broadcasting the sport that may have brought on the depression that led to his death would be at best ghoulish, and at worst flat-out inhuman."

Remarkably, added Ross, "We have found that we are not alone in our view. I've had emails from the heads of Chili's, Friday's, and Applebee's, and they all feel the same way. We'll have to see the test results, but this could be a huge deal, and we are grateful for their



corporate support."

A quick hack of Ross's email account revealed this email from Chili's CEO Stuart Lumke: "Should the CTE thing turn out to be true, we plan to release the following statement to the press: 'We are proud to stand with the restaurant that bears Junior Seau's name in refusing to put entertainment and economics before a basic regard for the health and well-being of our fellow man.'

"You know, at least until the playoffs," added Lumke.

## Soylent Pink?

*In Wake of Twin Bans on Pink Slime and Abortion-Cell Flavor Enhancers, Local Biotech Shifts Gears*

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MIRAMAR — "We get it," said Senomyx chief engineering officer Hans Von Hanselhans. "Nobody wants to see how their sausage gets made. They just want the delicious and inexpensive results of what can be a gruesome — if completely legal and totally sanitary — process. Fair enough."

Von Hanselhans was referring to two recent food-related controversies wherein scientific breakthroughs have been reversed by popular outcry. In the first, many national grocery chains promised to stop using finely textured beef — so-called "pink slime" — to bulk up their traditional ground beef. "Pink slime is just super-ground beef," he argued. "If anything, it's less fatty and more sanitary than regular ground beef. But people see the texture and hear the word 'ammonia,' and suddenly, they think Big Food is trying to kill them. When really, Big Food is trying to get the most out of every cow it slaughters, so that you can make your delicious burgers for less."

In the second, pro-life activists agitated for a boycott of PepsiCo products when it was revealed that the company had contracted with Senomyx, a local biotech that produces organic flavor enhancers. The activists objected because Senomyx used human embryo kidney cells obtained from an electively aborted fetus in its development process. PepsiCo eventually disavowed the use of fetal cells in connection with its products.



"On the one hand, you had an industry that had just lost a huge source of supply," explained Von Hanselhans. "On the other, you had a company that just lost a major client. So we evolved on the fly, and shifted from an emphasis on improved food quality to an emphasis on quantity. It turns out that fetal cells can be made to grow at astonishing rates in the right conditions. Processed correctly, the resultant material looks and tastes an awful lot like pink slime. But it's not pink slime. We're calling it human beef supplement, or HBS. The beef people get their cheap supply line back, and as long as no one goes hollering to the press, everybody's happy."

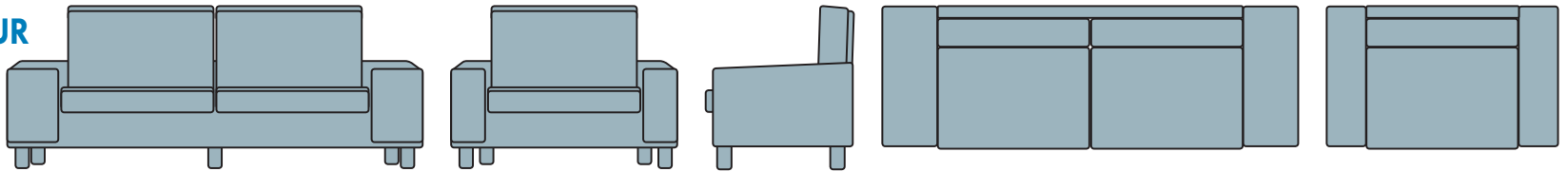
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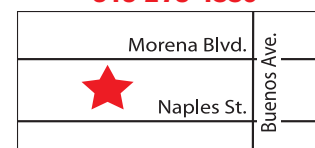
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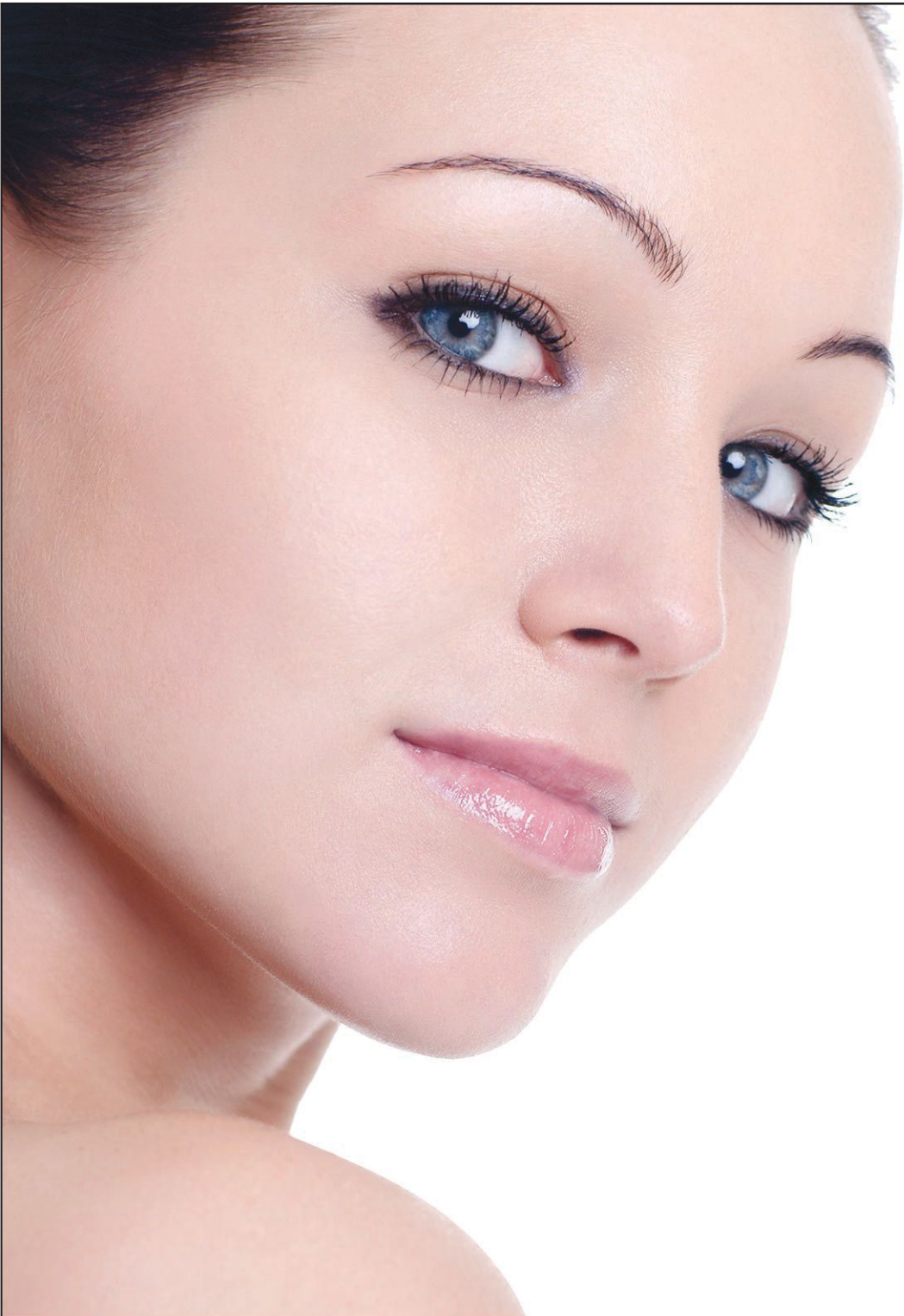
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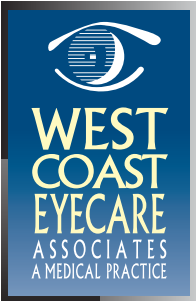
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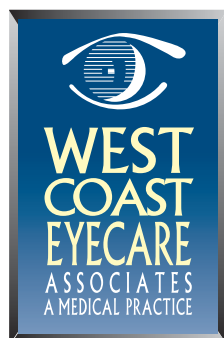
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Sometimes, you need to give yourself permission for peace.

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#2. Like that time my roommates were so messy that I paid double rent just to move out immediately — and I had to leave the church we all attended because it was so awkward.

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Just because I felt in the right, didn't give me permission to give others the middle finger. That is when I needed peace the most.

*"There will be times when we have to defend ourselves. When those times occur, let's be sure we don't confuse our job description with God's job description. He is the consuming fire; we are not."* (One Year Alone with God, Ava Pennington).

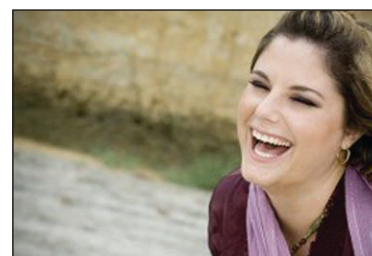
Going back to #1. After I quit my job God brought me into a place of abundance. Because that experience was so humiliating I ended up writing again. I started blogging. Most of the pages to *Faithbook of Jesus*, my first book, were from those few years of asking God where the heck he was.

Going back to #2. God restored my relationships, although not to the point where they were — but it gave me permission to find a roommate that suited my needs at the moment. I wrote *Faithbook of Jesus* there, and I couldn't have done it without my roommate.

Going back to #3. I am only responsible for my actions. I am only responsible for my actions. It took me months of therapy, disability classes, and anxiety meds for me to see that I was the one in error. God wanted me at that moment in time to leave room for faith and start writing full time as my ministry.

Going back to #4. I am not proud of how

I handled that situation at all. It was the first time that I had the guts to give someone a piece of my mind — to their faces. Still, I felt awful for my actions. After I apologized and calmed down, God used their prayers to bring the most amazing man into my life almost immediately — my husband.



*It took me months of therapy...and anxiety meds to see that I was the one in error.*

Oftentimes, when God wants to transition our lives is when we're most vulnerable to attacks of the enemy. Satan knows how to push our buttons. He knows our weaknesses. God is patient and waits for us. If you're struggling with playing the blame game, here is a chart to keep you on the right path for peace.

## Common Signs of Bitterness

1. Gossip and Slander. "See to it that no one comes short to the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled..." (Hebrews 12:15-17)

2. Ungrateful and Complaining. "Do all things without grumbling or disputing..." (Philippians 2:14)

3. Judges Motives. "Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness..." (1 Corinthians 4:5)

4. Self-Centered. "...do not merely look out for your own personal interests..." (Philippians 2:4)

5. Excessive Sorrow. "But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart" (John 16:6)

6. Vengeful. "Never pay back evil for evil to anyone...Never take your own personal revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God..." (Romans 12:17, 19)

7. Brooding. "Love does not take into account a wrong suffered" (1 Corinthians 13:5).

8. Loss of Joy. "And I shall delight in Thy commandments which I love" (Psalm 119:47).

9. A Critical, Judgmental Attitude. "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye" (Matthew 7:5).

(Taken from *The Excellent Wife*, Martha Peace)

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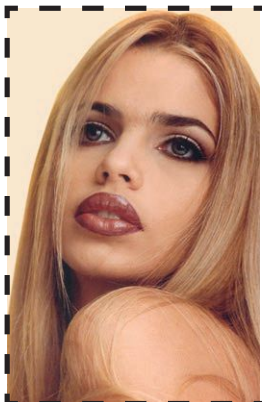
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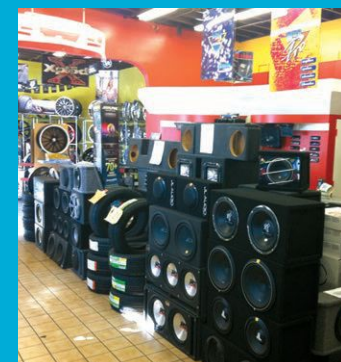
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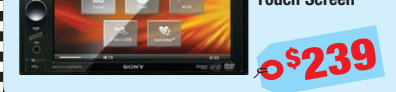
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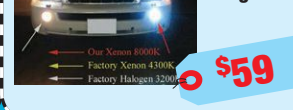
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My ten-year-old has always had dry, sensitive skin. A few months back, the issue exploded. Dry and sensitive became rashy and painful. We had her tested for allergies. The tests came back: intolerance to gluten, soy, and peanuts. Those ingredients were cut out of the family meals.

It was no small feat for this carb-loving, nutty family. We quickly found out that gluten is in more than just bread and pasta (ice cream!). Even some lotions and toiletries contain gluten. Soy is also a sly ingredient that lurks in many food products.

If it comes in a wrapper, we found, it almost certainly has soy in it.

After we cut out the pertinent allergens, the red raised rash on our little girl's arm disappeared. But the lighter rash up around the neck and shoulders remained. It had the look of a contact allergy. Patrick furrowed his brow as he examined it. "Certain laundry detergents make my dad break out," he said. "Maybe she inherited her grandpa's sensitivity."

Why hadn't I thought of that? I asked around and found many of my friends have similar issues in their family.

"Whenever people complain of a rash, I ask if they use Tide," said Serena as we sat together at Easter. "I think that Tide is an offender when it comes to contact-rashes."

Funny she should mention Tide. I have been a Tide believer for years. It's the one laundry soap that can wash the deepest dirt out of my hubby's pants. The following week, I bought Tide Free & Gentle (\$11.97 for 64 loads at Walmart). Perhaps a detergent free of dyes and perfumes would help my little lady. The clothes got clean, but my daughter's rash remained.

"We use All Free Clear [\$8.77 for 64 loads at Walmart] and the Costco Kirkland Free & Clear [\$14.39 for 120 loads]," said Lisa. "It does not get stains out. So I just buy brown pants for my toddler. If the stain is still there, no one notices."

Jules was another All Free Clear user. "I add a small amount of OxiClean Versatile Stain Remover Powder [\$7.52 for three pounds at Walmart] to each load," she explained. "I think it helps with stains. I also have a lot of pee-accident clothes around here, and I think it's more of a disinfectant."

OxiClean would not be wise here in rash-land. But my friend Sophie offered another option. "We use Method Free and Clear Laundry

Perhaps a detergent free of dyes and perfumes would help my little lady. The clothes got clean, but my daughter's rash remained.

Detergent. It rocks. A small bottle gives you 50 loads. I buy it at Target [\$14.99]."

"We use Trader Joe's Liquid Lavender Laundry Detergent," said Andrea (\$9.99 for 64 loads). "I am allergic to the powder detergents — they make my skin itch and the smell makes my eyes water."

"Mrs. Meyer's Clean Day Laundry Detergent [\$15.99 for 64 loads at Sprouts] is my favorite, but a bit pricey," said Cherie. "Lavender is my favorite, and I also like lemon verbena. The lemon reminds me of college and my friend's verbena garden."

I like the smell of lavender and lemon, too. But the saleslady at Whole Foods said I should go fragrance-free if skin irritation is an issue. She suggested the Seventh Generation Natural Laundry Detergent Free & Clear (\$8.49 for 66 loads at Whole Foods). The text on the bottle quotes the Great Law of the Iroquois Confederacy: "In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations." The container of the soap is a compostable cardboard.

"My nanna breaks out in rashes from Tide and some soaps," offered Bernice. "She uses All Free Clear. But in our home, I have started to make my own laundry detergent. I don't know if it is hypoallergenic, but it is gentle on the nose. A lot of regular detergents have heavy perfumes."

Bernice's homemade detergent is a combination of melted Fels-Naptha Heavy Duty Laundry Soap bar (\$9.99 a bar at Walmart), Borax All Natural Laundry Booster (\$3.38 for 76 ounces at Walmart), and Arm & Hammer All Natural Super Washing Soda (\$3.24 for 55 ounces at Walmart). "The Fels-Naptha has a light, clean scent."

Bernice adds a bit of lavender oil for a mild, natural scent. "Making my own detergent costs me a fraction of the price to buy regular laundry soap. I can make it for about \$7, and it lasts for over a month."

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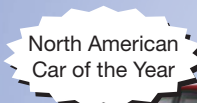
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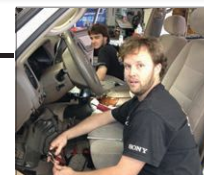
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The #1 house is neither San Diego's biggest nor does it lodge the most expansive screen. What it does have is something you won't find anywhere else: lush floor-to-ceiling red-velvet curtains that act as a nostalgic reminder of what once was. The 44-x-18-foot screen is sizable enough and the sound and focus will blow you away. They recently installed a Sony 4K projector in their #7 house and the 3-D presentation is impeccable.

So why are there no lines snaking around the block clamoring for a ticket to watch a movie in San Diego's premier showcase? Parking. With the exception of the Ken, this is the only local theater that doesn't offer free parking. In this case, you're going to have to work a little for your art. You didn't hear it from me, but





**UltraStar Mission Valley Cinemas at Hazard Center, San Diego's premier showcase for film festivals, is facing demolition.**

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a streamline Art Moderne makeover in 1947, and in 1975 the theater became the second house to be acquired by the Landmark chain. In its youth, the Ken was little more than a standard-issue neighborhood theater, not a patch on downtown picture palaces like the California or

the Fox. In its ability to outlast its ritzier counterparts, the Ken achieved San Diego movie immortality by being the last of its breed: a single-screen neighborhood art house.

It's a safe bet that at one point many refrigerator doors in San Diego County were enhanced by

a Ken Cinema calendar, alerting film fans of their daily change of double features. That was when the Ken was known as a revival house. The theater has gone through several different personality changes over the years — for a time it appeared to follow a strict "if it's gay, it

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plays” policy — finally settling into its current state as our premier venue for first-run art films.

Upon first moving to San Diego and discovering the wonders of the Ken, I would talk it up during my film intros at MoPA. Several highfalutin boardmembers called me out on my endorsement, branding the theater “uncomfortable” and “filthy looking.” How can anything as beautiful as the Ken be considered squalid? These are the same philistines who refused to allow the sale of popcorn at MoPA

because the smell offended them.

The theater has since installed new seats, and what was once one of the few remaining theaters in America to project with carbon arcs switched over to xenon bulbs. In an attempt to keep abreast of the times, a Sony 4K projector recently took up permanent residence in the booth. All they need now is 3-D.

### 3 UltraStar Mission Valley Cinemas at Hazard Center #7

Bonus Features: Side-to-side

masking and curtains that work!

**Number of Seats:** 398  
**Total Number of Screens:** 7  
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**MISSION VALLEY**

It opened in 1990 as part of the Mann chain and for a brief time was owned by Madstone. (Was there ever a less conducive name for an entertainment venue than Madstone Hazard Center?) Currently run by locally based UltraStar Cinemas, San Diego’s premier showcase for film festivals (Asian, Jew-

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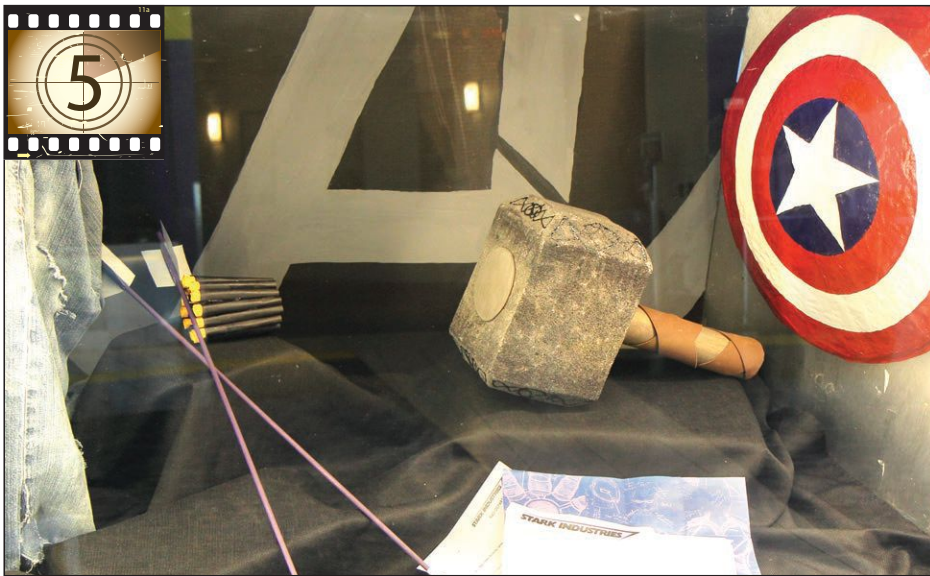
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**Handcrafted employee art for upcoming pictures is showcased in the lobby of the Reading Cinemas Grossmont Center.**

ish, and Latino) is facing demolition.

Two years ago it was announced that UltraStar Hazard Center was slated to meet the wrecking ball. An off-ramp from the 163 is in the works to give drivers easier access to the shopping center. Something had to give.

The good news is the theater has been given a stay of execution, so to speak, and should be around for at least two more years. Six of the seven screens are no great shakes, but house #7 is a marvel. Excitement surges every time the traveling curtains open to reveal the massive 40-x-16-foot curved screen. Their impeccable exhibition of Jackie Chan's *Little Big Soldier* for the Asian Film Festival was last year's single most memorable presentation. The focus was so sharp you could

count the grain pattern.

There is not much time left to take advantage of the space — the two years will pass faster than the pop of a flashbulb — so by all means make it one of your destination cinemas.

#### 4 Landmark Theatres Hillcrest Cinema #1

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the Ken, the La Jolla Village, or the late, lamented Cove, all Landmark Theatres.

Hillcrest has been forced to change with

the times, particularly between January and April, when the smaller art films take a backseat to potentially moneymaking awards winners and con-

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that the majority of the morning press screenings would be held there. A disc jockey at a nighttime promotional show was handing out bumper stickers and one just happened to find a permanent home plastered to the bottom of my favorite seat to help mark the territory.

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## 6 Edwards Mira Mesa IMAX

Number of Seats: 312

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the venues up for discussion, Edwards Mira Mesa is the most efficiently run megaplex in the county. After seeing many a movie under their roof, I have the pleasure of reporting that it's the one venue where

I've yet to make an unbilled mid-movie cameo in the lobby to grouse about presentation issues.

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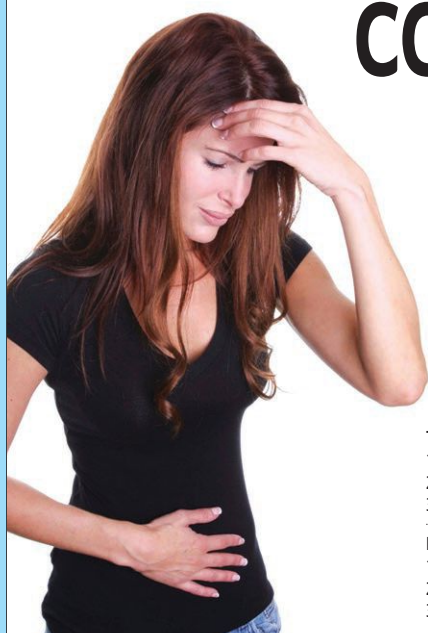
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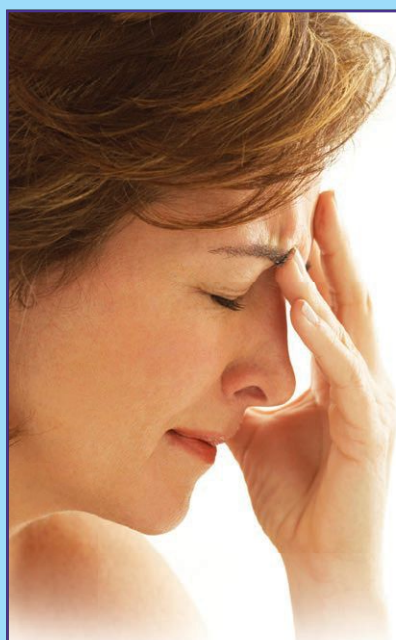
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- **Study involves liquid nitrogen to the affected areas followed by an application of an approved topical medication for 3 days.**
- **9 office visits over one year.**
- **Compensation for time and travel.**

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There are currently five IMAX houses serving San Diego County: Edwards Mira Mesa, AMC Mission Valley 20, AMC Palm Promenade 24, AMC Westfield Plaza Bonita, and the domed IMAX at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center in Balboa Park. The latter was the first giant screen house to grace our town and is the real deal when it comes to fitting the proper technical specifications. With this tradition of excellence comes the equally customary selection of non-narrative, wide-gauge science and nature documentaries that tend to resemble high-end versions of the National Geographic Channel. And no matter how many times they try to solve the problem, the seams in a domed IMAX screen remain annoyingly

visible during brightly lit scenes.

The closest we come to genuine IMAX is the Edwards Spectrum IMAX Theater in Irvine. Of the four local-area IMAX screens I've visited (one day, Plaza Bonita), Mira Mesa is the amazing colossal screen du jour. Management was loath to release specific screen dimensions, but a quick eyeballing gives it a slight edge over its counterparts in Mission Valley or Palm Promenade.

### 7 AMC Mission Valley #17

**Bonus Features:** Curved screen and side-to-side masking.

**Number of Seats:** 323

**Total Number of Screens:** 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North

619-296-2737

MISSION VALLEY

AMC's first stadium-seating theater erected in San Diego, the Mission Valley 20 is one of the chain's top performers. The place is fairly imposing; no local megaplex has more screens. You might want to think about renting a golf cart to transport you to the back auditoriums.

AMC Mission Valley was my first brush with stadium seating. While vacationing in 1995, the year the theater opened, I stopped by for a showing of the relatively obscure romantic comedy *Paperback Romance*. It was like stepping onto Noah's Ark, had the vessel come equipped with high-backed turquoise blue chairs and raked rows. Once seated, you could barely see the tops of other patrons' heads, and the unobstructed view

contributed to a surprisingly pleasurable viewing experience.

It's a crunch to get in on the weekends, and while some of their smaller cookie-cutter auditoriums are cramped and impersonal, the 40-foot screen and crisp acoustics make Cinema #17 the local jewel in AMC's crown.

### 8 The Museum of Photographic Arts Joan and Irwin Jacobs Theater

**Bonus Features:** Twinkle lights and functioning curtains!

**Number of Seats:** 226

**Total Number of Screens:** 1

1649 El Prado

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BALBOA PARK

This is an auditorium I can personally vouch for, as I was there before so much as one seat was nailed to

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the floor. (Sadly, I cannot take credit for the twinkle lights.) As the museum's inaugural film curator, I had the honor to ensure that MoPA's booth, built in 2000, was the most technically proficient one in town, stocked with the finest 35mm projection and sound equipment.

The place is not perfect. The center aisle robs the auditorium of its "sweet seats," and the cherrywood slabs that adorn the walls tend to deaden sound — but it's unlikely you will find a venue with sharper focus and more comfortable seating than the Joan and Irwin Jacobs Theater.

Why did the MoPA film series fold? After an almost five-year run, they closed my program due to a shrinking budget and, quite frankly, a lack of interest. People don't want to sit in a dark room watching old movies when it's warm and sunny outside in Balboa Park.

Currently home to several local festivals (Italian, German, Coming of Age, Human Rights Watch, etc.) and MoPA's signature POP Thursdays series, the theater doesn't get nearly the amount of use it should.

## 9 Reading Cinemas Town Square

**Bonus Features:** The friendliest staff in town.

**Total Number of Screens:** 14

4665 Clairemont Dr.

858-274-9994

CLAIREMONT MESA

From the looks of it, Reading Cinemas Town Square is nothing more than your typical nondescript suburban house with 14 screens pumping out pretty much the same fare as any other show in town. The difference lies in management. Jennifer Deering, aided and abetted by a staff of 35, helps to make the

Town Square the friendliest place in the county to watch a movie.

Deering started with Mann Theatres in the '70s, at the 2252-seat Fox Theatre, now Copley Symphony Hall. She subsequently wound up man-

aging several venues and was there the time Barbra Streisand visited the Valley Circle Theatre to oversee the presentation of *The Main Event*. "She didn't like the color of the walls," Deering remembers, "and had them repainted to suit

her taste."

Deering made the move to Pacific Theatres in 1996 and took command of the Clairemont Town Square in 2000. She stayed on after Reading Cinemas bought out the competing chain in

2008. When it comes to adding a personal touch to the job of multiplex overlord, Deering is this town's supreme show person. The lobby art (particularly the jumbo standees) is always precisely assembled and situated. Except

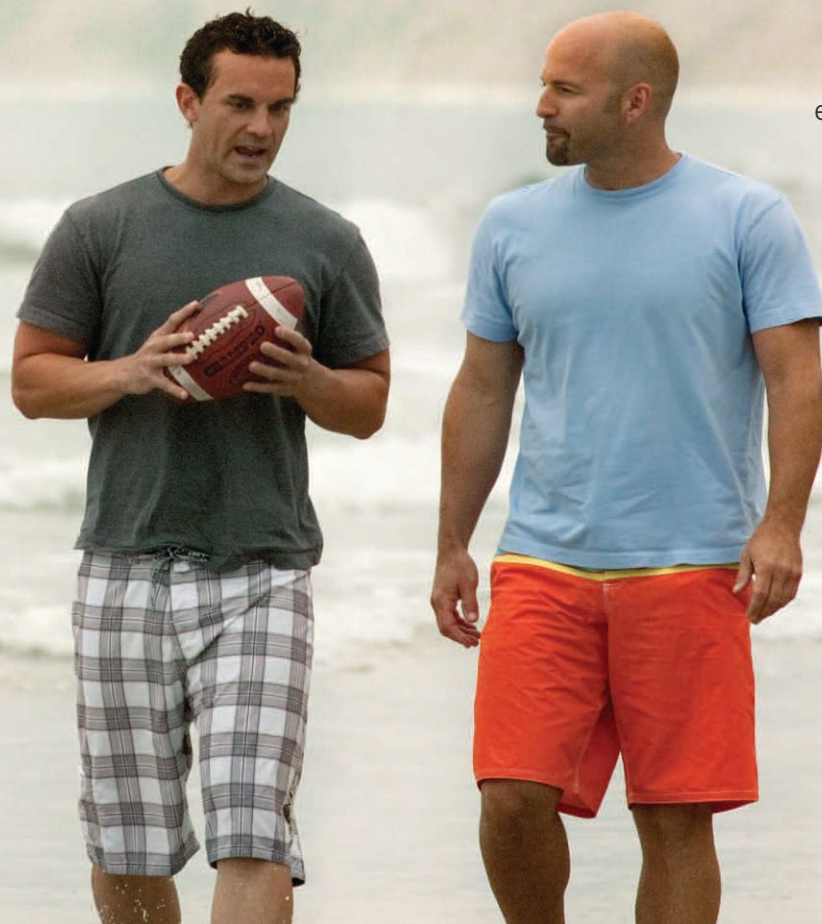
for the time a life-size Bart Simpson figure turned up missing, later to be found seated in a stall during a bathroom check.

She is not the type of manager that spends her day hiding in the office, and her knowledge of and

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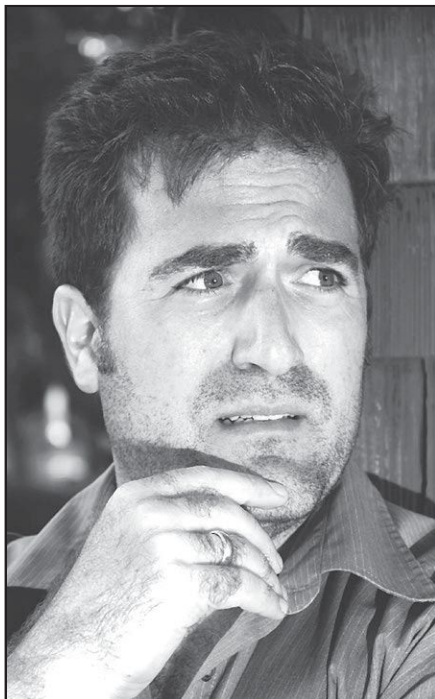
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passion for film is boundless. Next time you visit, ask to speak with "Ms. D.," as her adoring staff calls her. Consider it time well spent in a movie theater lobby.

## 10 Vintage Cinemas Village Theatre #1

**Bonus Features:** Art deco lobby, illuminated murals in each auditorium, and functioning curtains.

**Number of Seats:** 215

**Total Number of Screens:** 3

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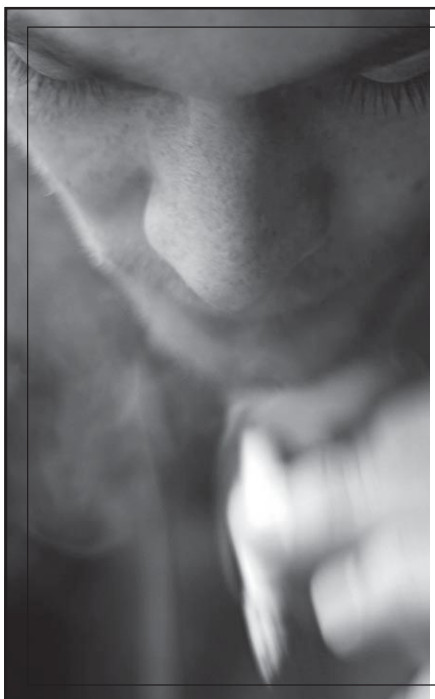
The 25,000 residents of Coronado Island once again have a movie the-

ater to call their own. After 53 years of serving the community, Coronado's Village Theatre, dilapidated and in sad need of repair, was shuttered in 2000. Last year, Los Angeles-based Vintage Cinemas restored the theater — to the tune of \$3 million — beyond its former glory.

Vintage Cinemas refurbished the landmark theater with a jeweler's eye. Their attention to detail is striking; more thought went into designing the lobby than you'll find in a dozen new builds. With its shimmering blue curtains and phosphorescent wall art, the 215-seat main auditorium is a compact hint of what theatergoers experienced during cinema's halcyon years. Though beautifully engineered, the two 48-seat rooms resemble swanky home theaters, the type you'd find in many homes on the island.

The purist in me wishes they had renovated the 600-seat single-screen theater instead of slicing it in three, but with all the movies currently jockeying for screen space, it would have been difficult, if not impossible, to book mainstream films in a house with only one auditorium. ■

— Scott Marks



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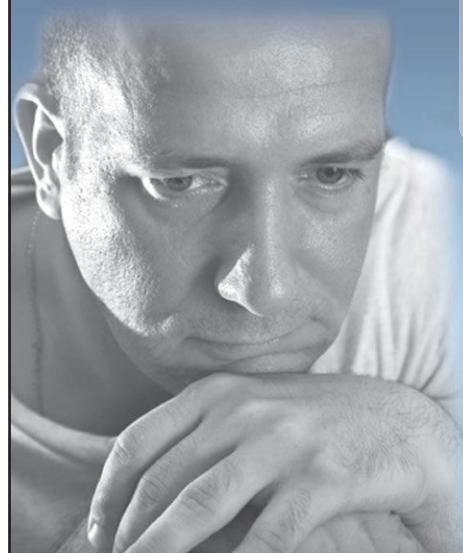
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These cozy images of the woman and her old boyfriend at Solana Beach may be the last ones taken of her alive.

I'm a freelance TV producer, working for a syndicated entertainment show. In the process of completing the assignment, it's also been my good



**"I have to ask you a question:  
Did you steal those photos?"**

fortune to hose a major television network, which has already scored a set of the prints. But they're being held for a weekly television newsmagazine, which won't air until tomorrow. Bad mistake.

It gets worse for the competition. The cheap bastards haven't locked up the photo rights. My syndicated show quickly makes a deal. The images will be broadcast in a few hours, scooping the network.

In Los Angeles, my bureau chief is ecstatic. Over the phone he crows, "We really put the boot up their asses this time."

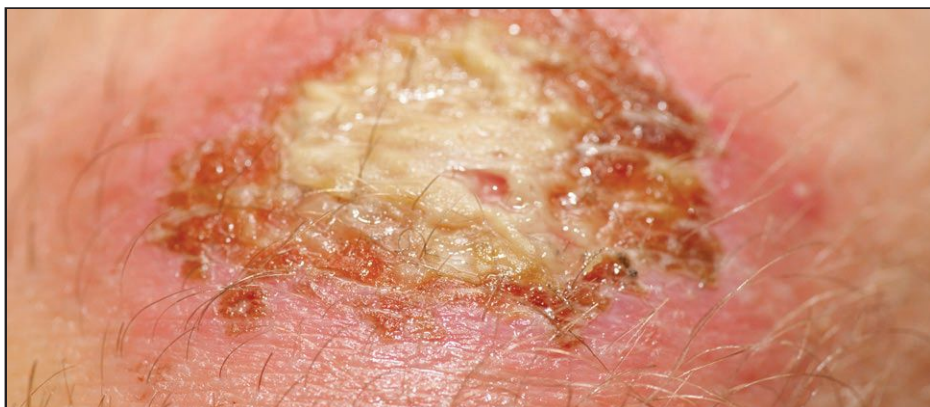
Moments like this burnish my reputation as the go-to guy for stories in San Diego. But I've also angered the media gods, who have ways of

demonstrating displeasure with a lowly day-hire who crosses them.

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When a national story breaks in San Diego, and there's no time to send a crew from L.A., I get a phone call. Or maybe a news outlet needs a door-knock, a document run, or other off-camera chores. This is menial labor in the glamorous media world, but it's embarrassingly easy. No tapes to log, no scripts to write. Just fax or FedEx the raw material and everybody's happy.

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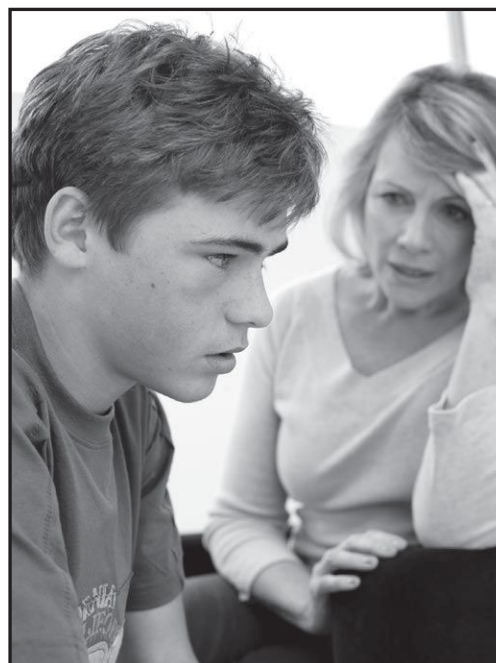
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East Coast for two hours after that, but start times are non-negotiable. Waking up at 1:00 a.m. always hurts. Plus, it's no fun dealing with some of the staffers for these early shows, who are truly disturbed.

I go to bed early the night before. Fearful that I've overslept, I jolt upright several times to look at the clock. When I finally get some decent REMs going, the alarm startles me. I'm instantly awake, thanks to a massive adrenaline dump. I splash water on my face and get dressed quickly. It takes me one second to style my hair. It's called a ball cap.

Forget about the shower or the makeup. As a freelance producer, I never appear on-camera. There are many others who toil behind the scenes, but a temp like me is an amoeba

in the national media's food chain. As the lowest form of life, I wait for my superiors in New York to scream when something goes wrong on the shoot. The control room keeps a phone line open, waiting for those opportunities.

This morning, I'm at the zoo, where one of the pandas recently gave birth. There's a major problem just before airtime. Bai Yun, which means White Cloud in Chinese, won't come out of her enclosure. Across the country, this infuriates a guy named Jim, who's communicating with the crew in San Diego. He starts yelling at me.

"You just blew through the tease, Kevin. I hope you're happy."

"Sorry. We're doing the best we can."

"Sorry? Sorry? What good are you? If you can't

handle this job, we'll find another producer."

Good luck with that, pal, at fricking 4:30 a.m. He must have forgotten about the time difference. The West Coast is still sleeping. Sadly, this includes Bai Yun.

I hold the phone away from my ear, hoping Jim will punch himself out. I look around the fake jungle, shrouded in darkness. It's surreal. I tune back into his rant.

"...do something, Kevin. You're talking to a very upset person in New York." He's more like a deranged poodle, frothy and shrill. But I know what he wants. I'm supposed to get angry with the zoo's PR guy and the panda expert, both of whom are standing right next to me. These poor bastards had to get up in

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the middle of the night, too.

"Hey!" I say to them, speaking a little louder than usual. Maybe I can trick Jim into thinking I'm furious. "New York wants to know if there's anything you can do."

The zoo people look at me like I'm an idiot.

"Well, they're wild animals," the panda expert says. "Their behavior is unpredictable."

I want to debate the primal instincts of any animal named after condensed water vapor. My cat, a serial killer of lizards, rats, and even small cottontails, could take a panda. Jim, who has been monitoring the conversation, is also unimpressed.

"We've done wild animals before," he says. "We've never had a problem, Kevin. *Do something.*"

I can't recall now if

Bai Yun ever came out of her enclosure. What I do remember is speaking to Jim on my cell phone later that morning, following his miraculous recovery from an aneurysm. He doesn't mention the pandas. It's as if the blown live shot never happened. Instead, we discuss some procedural nonsense about using different telephone numbers to reach the control room in New York. I take notes. The sad truth is that I will work with this clown again. As I head to my bedroom for a nap, I wonder if Jim is a master at compartmentalizing or just one miserable human being.

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When I'm not freelancing, I'm home working on a novel. During breaks, I talk with my neighbor when I

see her outside. "Right now, a celebrity is doing something incredibly stupid," I say. "I just hope it's in San Diego. That way, I get paid to cover it."

"I never thought of it that way," she muses. The poor lady is accustomed to my bottom-feeder cynicism.

I need another Tiger Woods or Jesse James. Both of those bad boys had lovers in San Diego County. Bimbo eruptions are the best, especially if there's juicy evidence. What, those text messages didn't get erased? *Cha-ching.*

I join the Tiger beat and the James gang for a day each. This amounted to the usual media clusters, clogging up neighborhoods like an occupying force. Everybody was looking for a unique angle, but

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we all got the same thing: basically, nothing.

It's a lot more fun when you're snatching somebody else's exclusive, like my gotcha with the bikini model. It takes two trips to cajole the woman who has the photos, but I finally convince her to sell them.

"I already gave them to the network," she reminds me.

"They didn't give you any money, so you don't have a deal with them. They're exploiting you." There's genuine anger in my voice. I'm pissed at the jackals in New York who rely on the public's inexperience in dealing with national media.

It's their hypocrisy that really gets me. I hear the sanctimonious denials of checkbook journalism, but I received a \$400 finder's fee for hooking up another newsmagazine with photos of the adolescent Kristin Rossum. She was the toxicologist at the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office who poisoned her husband in the infamous "American Beauty Murder." The forensic femme fatale is serving a life sentence, though she is appealing her conviction.

I mix it up with a second network over the Rossum story. A female producer asks me to take notes during the murder trial, which lasts for weeks.

"Do you have any idea how extraordinary it is for you to be working for us under these circumstances?" she demands, sensing my lack of deference. She's based on the East Coast, one of the feudal lords who rule the media fiefdoms. I'm in San Diego, a clueless serf.

Her partner at the newsmagazine gets tweaked when I recommend a local cameraman to spray some video out-

side the courthouse. He's freelanced for other big-name outfits, but she's never heard of him.

"I can't deal with this," she whines.

The bikini model won't be nearly as big as Rossum was, though the

bathing beauty has her own salacious kick: her body, stuffed in a suitcase, was so mutilated that pathologists identified the corpse by serial numbers on her breast implants. That's why the syndicated media love the story. It's

another nice payday for me, if I can keep the deal from going sideways.

The Chula Vista woman with the \$750 portfolio is worried. "I just don't want to get in trouble with the network," she says.

"Give them my number. I'd love to tell them exactly what I think of the way they treated you."

I never get the chance. By the time I return from copying her prints, which I scanned and emailed to the syndicated show, I've

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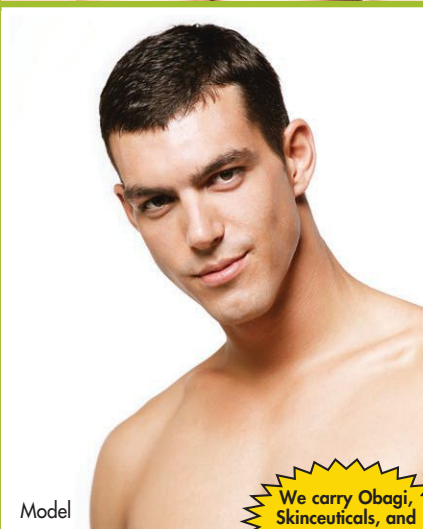
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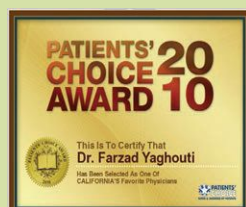
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up," I explain patiently. "The network is the one that's screwing you. We're the people who are treating you fairly."

"No, you're taking advantage of me. I never agreed to anything."

I apologize, but she's the one who should be thanking me. It's pointless to continue the discussion. This frazzled woman doesn't understand how she's getting abused again. The gutless TV execs in New York are using her to cover up their own incompetence.

I drive home to North County. The bureau chief in L.A. calls with even more distressing developments.

"Kevin, I have to ask you a question: Did you steal those photos?"

"No, I'm better than that."

"Oh, I know." He's

laughing, so everything's cool. "Their lawyers called our lawyers," he continues. "They're claiming that Kevin Koch grabbed the shots out of the lady's hand and ran out the door."

The vicious lies about my behavior aren't as comical as the mishandling of my last name. It's Cox, not Koch.

"They couldn't get one frigging fact right?"

We chat about the network's pathetic tactics. There's a perverse pleasure in being labeled as thieves. If the newsmagazine's attorneys are lashing out like this, we must have really nailed them with our Doc Martens.

Like most legal blustering, it all evaporates. Later that afternoon, the bureau chief calls back. I'm not being accused of a felony anymore. The

woman in Chula Vista is happy. She's undoubtedly realized that she's \$750 richer, thanks to a free-lancer named Koch.

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I'm working another job for the syndicated entertainment program, following up on the guy who kidnaps a teenager from Utah named Elizabeth Smart. Apparently, the perp gets on I-15 and keeps heading south, because he ends up in Lakeside. When he hits the streets — in a beard and a bathrobe — a woman in her car takes home video of the spectacle through the windshield, complete with a hilarious audio track.

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the fast-food joint. "He's a very scary man," she adds.

That clip, maybe a couple of minutes long, was worth \$1500 to the amateur newshound. I feel sorry for the local affiliates who can't keep up when my bureau chief in L.A. whips out his wallet. He is also buying lunch today to celebrate our East County score. I join the crew from the bureau as we chauffeur the four-figure videographer around town so the competition can't find her.

As we're cruising west on I-8, my cell phone rings. It's an assignment editor at a TV station in San Diego, where I once worked as a reporter.

"Where are you right now?" he asks, a blast from the past: that was his opening line as he prepared to launch me like buckshot at stories from Oceanside to San Ysidro.

"I'm going to feed the Lakeside video."

"Is there any way I could get a copy?" He's pleading because his bosses are all over him. I know the players and can imagine the scene. I haven't been gone that long. But they're SOL because my syndicated show appears on a different affiliate in the market, and I can't share with them. Even if I could, the locals don't have that kind of coin. I'm not about

to cheat the woman who bagged Osama bin Dairy Queen.

But my former employer would have the video, if I hadn't been fired. The irony is as delicious to me as my combo plate at the Mexican restaurant near Montgomery Field, where the L.A. bureau treats the stringer and the rest of us to lunch.

As on-air talent in San Diego, I only lasted for five years, which is nothing in this market. Some of the locals hang on for decades. That's a lot of Mother Goose parades.

I was a short-timer because I sabotaged my career. When the Russians detain a Qualcomm tech and accuse him of espionage, I cover the story. It's like the Cold War all over again, so I'm reminiscing about the Reagan era. I attend a news conference where Irwin Jacobs, the company's founder, makes an appearance. Everybody is properly deferential, except for me. I make a joke about the health of his overseas employee, behind enemy lines.

"Yeah, he's got a cold. You know, like Yuri Andropov."

It takes awhile for everybody to get the reference to the dead Soviet leader, who disappeared for months with major

health problems while the Kremlin insisted he wasn't really that sick.

Jacobs groans. So do his underlings. I shrug and mumble an insincere apology.

A few years later, I'm one of the presenters at a ceremony to hand out local Emmys. We're at Sea World, dressed in formal wear for dinner and the awards. There are lots of cutbacks going on at my station. Even though I compete vigorously with my coworkers for the best stories, I still respect their professionalism. In honor of the recently departed, I make a sardonic remark about nobody being left to show up for work next week. More groans. Another shrug.

I wind up in the assistant news director's office. "We are very disappointed in your comments," he says. I'm officially a troublemaker, but at least I'm a productive one. I uncover another exclusive angle on the Kristin Rossum story, which I broke when I was still working at my station.

But my editor isn't offering me extra air time as a reward. She wants me to cover a brush fire instead. We're not talking about the major conflagrations that burn half of San Diego County. This is one of those smoldering jobs

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by a highway, covering an acre, maybe two. I can't believe she's serious. I start yelling, just like Jim at the network.

"I've got a story that nobody else has, and you're telling me to cover a stupid brush fire?" My voice easily fills the newsroom. My coworkers stop typing and turn to watch. The editor backs down. I've seen anchors pitching fits that are much more impressive, such as throwing a coffee cup through an office window. My muted performance involves no projectiles, but management decides not to renew my contract.

I've been gone from the station for a few years when I see my old manager at a crowded social event. He's the big boss who runs everything. I remember that his kid is an athlete, so we talk sports for a while. Our wives pretend to be fascinated. Eventually, we get around to my termination, as regrettable and untimely as it might have been.

"Hey, if you weren't screwing me, you'd be screwing whoever was in my place," I say. My wife smirks. She worked for him, too, and feels equally violated.

"Well, I don't know about that," he mutters. I tell him that he's actu-

ally done me a favor. I've been liberated to write my novel, which satirizes not just the news business but the famous, wealthy, and powerful. That describes the countless buffoons I've met during my career.

"You're all in it," I say to El Jefe, as if I'm doing him a huge favor. But he's too much of a pro to react. We shake hands and it's over.

There is a station manager in my novel, though the big boss won't recognize himself. Any resemblance, of course, would be purely coincidental. Other real-life characters play themselves, as I combine the gritty headlines of true crime with the hyper-realism of gonzo fiction. There are references to the high-profile murder cases I covered, including Andrew Cunanan, the serial killer from Hillcrest. His cross-country spree ended with the murder of Gianni Versace in Miami. A day later, I'm standing in front of the designer's mansion in South Beach, doing satellite live shots.

I use other local references in my fictional settings, such as the coyotes that live in my neighborhood. Their brazen suburban banditry — Fluffy was here just a minute ago — is an irresistible plot development. Turns out

that a pomeranian, which belongs to the wife of my make-believe station manager, perishes when Wile E. wants a snack. Jake Elliott, the main character in my novel, roots for the predator, not the prey.

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One afternoon, my cell phone rings. I see the 310 area code, which means the syndicated TV show is calling again. The L.A. bureau chief, who has a great Australian accent, gives me an assignment at a strip club. The hook: a celebrity mom allegedly once graced the pole in San Diego. As I trade double entendres with the boss, I'm hoping he'll send me to Cheetahs. I teach a journalism class at Mesa College, and one of my students tells me she works there.

It might be a little awkward, seeing her naked. But I won't be as creepy as one of the regulars she describes, a guy who says she looks like his niece. He asks for a private dance but wants her to call him "Uncle."

I would keep it strictly academic. She would call me Professor Cox, and I would call her Miss Smith.

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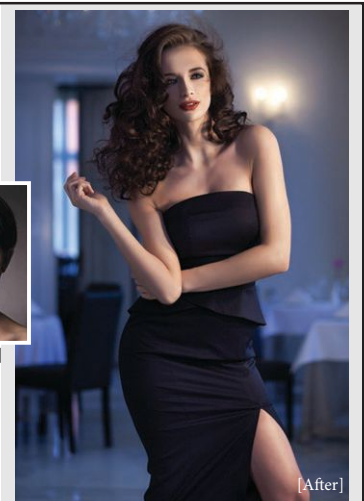
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rough neighborhood off the 805 — we drive past houses with bars on the windows. We arrive and meet up with the strip-club manager. But he can't deliver on a promise he made to the L.A. bureau. There is no paperwork with the celebrity mom's signature on it.

Without proof, the story will be killed, but we interview one of the strippers anyway. We also talk to the manager. With his pinstriped white suit and shaved head, he looks great on camera. To make the shot even better, I ask another stripper to dance in the background. She's still wearing lingerie, and the stage is far enough from the lens that she's not recognizable anyway. With those limitations, I don't expect her best work, but her list-

less shuffle reminds me of the morning coffee line at Starbucks.

As we're packing up our lights, the stripper asks the camera operator for a \$100 tip. He laughs, thinking that she's joking. She's not.

The manager pulls me aside. I smell nicotine mixed with his cologne, plus hints of desperation from the girls who are constantly rubbing against him.

"Hey, I gotta tell ya something," he says. His voice is straight bourbon. "I've turned down more [sexual favors] than most guys get in their entire lives."

He uses much more descriptive language, which I won't repeat here. But the unedited version is in my novel, on page 231. ■

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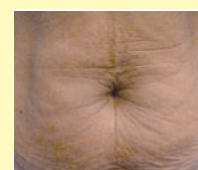
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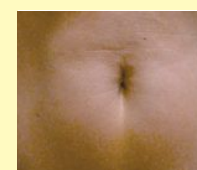
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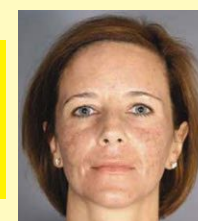
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by a groundhog, the devices are favored by law enforcement for SWAT and crowd-management operations using tear gas and pepper spray. “The 40mm grenade launchers feature a rifled barrel vs. the 37mm’s smooth bore, and the 40mm grenades/munitions are smokeless,” notes the website *Defense Review*. “The 40mm’s accuracy potential allows an operator to put the munition exactly where he needs to, whether it be the upper corner of a window or a specific spot on a hostile subject’s body — from a (relatively) safe stand-off distance.” Long gone are the days when all a county lawman needed was his cheap and trusty six-shooter. The PGL-65 models sought by Gore are quoted at about \$3000 per unit online.

### Grace under lobby-ing

Former San Diego County Regional Airport Authority board-member **Xema Jacobson**, once business manager for the San Diego County Building Trades Council and an ex-chief of staff to Democratic city councilwoman **Marti Emerald**, is now in the public relations and lobbying business. She and an associate, advertising man **Robert Billings**, have set up Trilogy PR Group to peddle what they say is their considerable influence. “We are experienced ‘insiders’ who successfully guide you through the maze of red tape because of our unparalleled relationships with those who make the decisions and influence public policy,” says the company’s website. “Our grace under fire approach to Public Relations and Public Affairs will make sure that you get back to safe haven unharmed. Mission accomplished.” The company claims Jacobson’s former employer, the trade union council, as its flagship client. Others have included Metropolitan Airpark, a development proposal for city-owned Brown Field on the border; Southwestern College; and ticket telemarketing for various San Diego State University athletic teams, the firm’s website says.

Yet another client, accord-

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sure filing at San Diego city hall, is the giant French conglomerate Veolia Water. According to the document, Jacobson is angling for a “long term contract/agreement” with the City regarding “management for water department infrastructure services and operations and management.” For that assignment, Jacobson reported lobbying San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders** and two of his aides, chief of staff **Julie Dubick** and deputy director of intergovernmental relations and fiscal policy **Almis Udryns**. Trilogy was paid \$9000 for its work, according to its filing.

— Matt Potter

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### Did Sempra bribe?

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employee, according to the suit.

In 2010, a Mexican court declared that the family was the rightful owner of the land. That same year, a federal judge in San Diego dismissed the family’s American suit against Sempra, claiming that the charges should be aimed at the Mexican government, not Sempra. Michelin, convinced that the incident smacked of bribery, wanted more information from his employer. Sempra’s private security force escorted him off the property, generating his 2010 suit. Sempra claims Michelin was a “disgruntled employee” trying to “extract money from the company.”

Sempra complained to Michelin’s supervisors in 2006 that his accounting staff was obstructing a \$5 million payment to a so-called charitable trust established for Ensenada. Michelin was suspicious. The suit notes that Interfor, an international investigative firm, reported that Sempra was making payoffs to get approvals for the Ensenada

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operation, and some of the money may have landed in the offshore tax and secrecy havens of the Cayman Islands and Switzerland.

The second prong of the April suit describes how the SEC and FBI allegedly let Sempra’s law firms do the purported digging. The securities agency has a program to “outsource” whistle-blowing complaints originating within major banks and corporations to law firms that will be paid by those entities, says the suit. This is inherently contradictory, because law firms “are obligated to act as zealous advocates of their clients’ interests,” says the suit. So how could those law firms do anything but exonerate their clients?

The FBI refuses to comment. Although he won’t comment specifically on any investigations, a spokesman for the SEC claims, “Our enforcement division does not rely on any company’s internal review, but conducts its own investigations.” But Aguirre and Gilleon produced emails showing that the agencies met repeatedly with Jones Day. The lawyers couldn’t find anything suggesting that either agency interviewed Mexicans.

I question the securities agency’s statement. For some time, in certain circumstances, the SEC has encouraged corporate self-regulation and self-investigation under a precedent set by Seaboard Corporation 11 years ago. The Seaboard precedent was used by the securities agency to let board members of San Diego’s fraud-pock-marked Peregrine Systems off the hook.

In November of 2010, Aguirre attended a conference of securities attorneys in New York City. Congress had recently passed the Dodd-Frank Act, which made sweeping changes in financial regulations. The act would give monetary rewards to whistle-blowers who provide original information to regulators,

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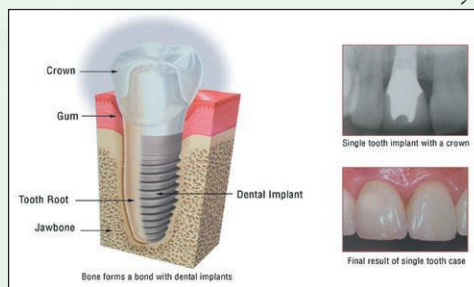
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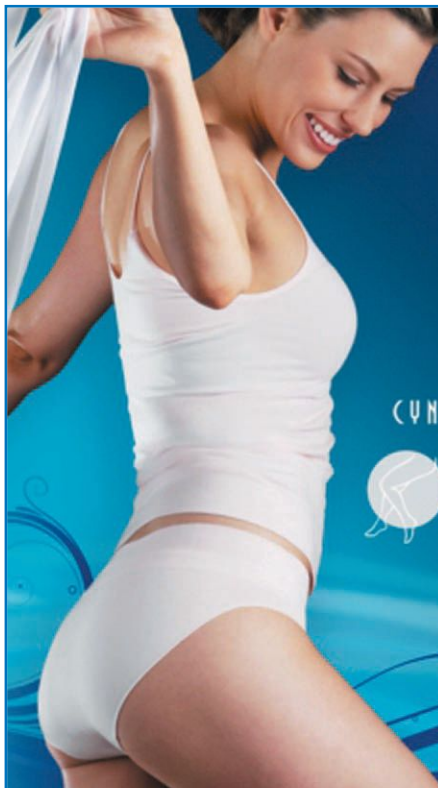
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including the SEC. Many lawyers were concerned about abuses.

The head of enforcement of the securities agency reassured the lawyers. "We'll have a separate office of the whistle-blower, which will in all likelihood sit in our office of market intelligence, the group that currently handles tips, complaints, and referrals, and...I am sure that it will not be uncommon in the appropriate case to contact the company and indicate that we have received this and have them undertake at least the same kind of initial review that they would currently do.... And then, we'll analyze and evaluate that effort...and if we feel that it's been thorough and complete and honest and candid, *the likelihood of us independently conducting that review is lessened.* (Italics mine.)

In bureaucratese, the securities agency is admitting it *does* permit companies to do their own investigations. That is probably what happened with Sempra and the charges about Mexican bribes. Now it is up to the court to force the SEC and FBI to cough up more information about this so-called self-regulation. ■

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### Real grass roots

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win approvals for any controversial project — from natural resources extraction and mining, real estate developments facing tough NIMBY opposition, to permitting energy facilities (from wind to coal plants) in sensitive environments."

Last summer, Carmel Valley residents believe they saw Davies's strategy unfold.

"We got this elaborate brochure in the mail, and we wondered why they were sending it to us. Something just felt weird about it," says Carmel Valley resident Carolyn Keen.

"And then we started seeing these letters printed in the *Carmel Valley News* in support of the project. I knew this wasn't grassroots, it just pretended to be."

Dennis Ridz, chair of the Torrey Pines Community Planning Board and last-minute candidate for the District 1 city council seat, noticed something strange at a project review committee meeting.

"I started seeing people coming in with sunflower-shaped signs and buttons saying something like 'We

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love One Paseo.' One woman sitting next to me had a bag full of fans with 'One Paseo' printed on them. I was waiting for somebody to pop out of a birthday cake."

Another Carmel Valley resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, has an idea why so many supporters were at that meeting. Two hours before the meeting, she received a phone call.

"An older lady called me earlier that day. She asked me to attend the meeting because they needed support, and then she invited me to a little get-together at Sammy's Woodfired Pizza after the meeting."

The resident said more phone calls came asking for a different kind of support.

"It sounded like the same lady. She asked if I'd be willing to write a letter to city council, and if I was unsure how to do that, they have people who can write the letter for me. She said they would write it, send it back for me to sign, and I would send it back to them. It's sleazy and dishonest. They are trying to dupe us."

Phone calls, mailers, and rewarding residents for attending community meetings was not all.

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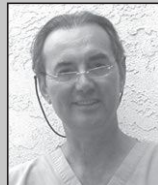


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According to campaign finance reports, the president of Kilroy Realty, John Kilroy Jr., personally contributed \$500, as did chief operating officer Jeffrey Hawken, vice president Elizabeth Smagala, and senior vice president Justin Smart. Vice president of development and project manager Robert Little made two donations to Lightner totaling \$499.22.

Executives at Davies Public Affairs matched those contributions. John Davies and his wife gave a total of \$1000, as did executive vice president Patrick Canfield and his wife Angela; Rosa Estraelas, wife of another Davies executive, gave \$500.

Bob Little, vice president of development for Kilroy, denies the residents' allegations of astroturfing. "We hired Davies to make the brochures, but they are not in charge of recruiting people to go to meetings," he says. "And we never hired them to start an artificial grassroots campaign."

As for the claim that Davies or Kilroy had people phone residents to solicit letters in support of the project, Little doesn't know who would be making those calls. "That call didn't come from me, I can tell you that," he says.

Little says the owners of the neighboring shopping plaza, Del Mar Highlands Town Center, are behind the campaign against One Paseo. "The opposition is not grassroots. That website is funded by the owner of the shopping center across the street. The owners, Donahue Schriber, had their names on the *What Price Main Street?* website. They are the ones trying to

pose as grassroots for their own economic interests."

Bob Fuchs, who started the website in September 2009, admits that Donahue Schriber hosted the site for about a year but only because Fuchs didn't have the know-how to do it himself. "Somehow Donahue Schriber heard about what I was doing, and I brought over my materials. They said they have a common interest because of the traffic impacts. They offered to get the message out to the community. I maintained editorial and content control and managed everything that went on the website. There is nothing on that website from anyone but community members."

Ken Farinsky, a former planning group member, has taken over hosting the site. "There is absolutely no connection to Donahue Schriber," he says. "This is absolutely a grassroots campaign, a real grassroots campaign." ■

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**a \$25,000 donation to the museum — and in return, she said Simon would vote in favor of SDG&E's attempt to get San Diego customers to pay the uninsured costs of the 2007 fires, for which the utility was found negligent.**

**San Diego attorney Mike Aguirre has mentioned this incident in his fight against the utility's blatant attempt to have ratepayers, instead of shareholders of parent Sempra Energy, pay for the utility's negligence. Simon is the commissioner in charge of that case.**

**Those filing the complaint said they could not use their names for fear of retaliation.**

*By Don Bauder  
Friday, May 11*

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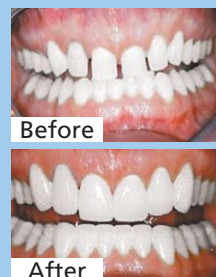
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Downtown Lions Club in a PowerPoint presentation yesterday (May 8) that the *UT* is in final talks to purchase the *Orange County Register*, *Coast Magazine*, and 24 local newspapers in Orange County.

The newsrooms of the two papers would be combined to provide “one media brand” for all of Southern California, Lynch said, according to former *UT* reporter and editor Trish Barr, who was a guest.

It is not clear what Lynch meant by “one media brand,” particularly since a new *UT* sign is scheduled to go up on the Mission Valley headquarters. A combination of the two news staffs would probably involve more layoffs, although he did not say that, according to Barr.

Barr says Lynch also talked about the *UT*'s commitment to a downtown sports stadium, which the paper has covered at length.

Asked about the firing of Tom Blair, longtime popular three-dot columnist, Lynch said veteran staff members have been told they have to “reinvent themselves,” but some “are not going to embrace” the company's new policy.

By Don Bauder  
Wednesday, May 9

### Don't Mar the Park

National Park Service

Opposes Plaza Project

*Balboa Park* — The National Park Service has come out against Irwin Jacobs's plan to clear traffic from the Plaza de Panama in Balboa Park by constructing a Cabrillo Bridge bypass road that would lead to a new parking garage behind the Organ Pavilion.

The Plaza de Panama project, partially financed by Jacobs and supported by the mayor and all mayoral candidates except for Bob Filner, has drawn ire from residents and the historical preservationist group Save Our Heritage Organisation. They say the new bypass road would ruin a historical landmark and mar the aesthetics of the park.

The National Park Service agrees. In a letter to councilmember Kevin Faulconer, associate director of cultural resources Dr. Stephanie Toothman wrote, “The Project will physically destroy a part of the [National Historic Landmark] property, and the Project will introduce visual elements and spatial changes that will diminish the integrity of the property's historic features.”

In summary, the letter supports statements from Save Our Heritage Organisation and others that say there are easier alternatives to removing traffic from the plaza.

By Dorian Hargrove  
Wednesday, May 9

### Radioactive Steam Up

Edison Backs Off Nuclear

Station Restart Proposal

*San Onofre* — Southern California Edison, operator of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, has announced that more than 1300 tubes that carry radioactive water and steam through the plant's generators are so heavily damaged that they will be taken out of service.

The new damage estimate is more than three times that reported by Edison International chairman Ted Craver to stockholders last week.

While the *Reader* has not reported that a request with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to restart operations at the plant had been filed, we did note that Southern California Edison executive vice president Stephen Pickett told *U-T San Diego* that “we would present [a proposal for resuming operations] to the (Nuclear Regulatory Commission) in mid-May.”

By Dave Rice  
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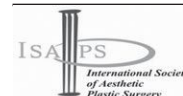
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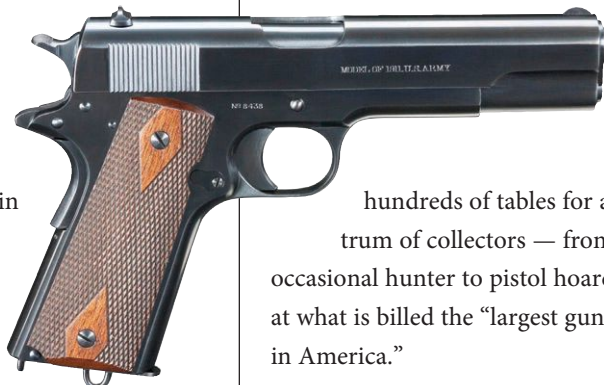
## Thursday | 17

### O.B. BEACH BALL

Book it to the boardwalk for live music, action sports, Human Haulin' contest, mechanical bull, micro-brew festival, games, food, and a giant water slide. And take a ride on a 60-foot Ferris wheel! All set up at O.B. pier and main beach parking lots and Saratoga Park.

**WHEN:** Noon to 10 p.m. (also Friday through Sunday)

**WHERE:** Ocean Beach Pier, 5091 Niagara Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-224-4906; [obbeachball.com](http://obbeachball.com)



## Saturday | 19

### CROSSROADS OF THE WEST GUN SHOW

Bring your gun to sell or trade (unloaded, please), or simply get it appraised.

Browse hundreds of tables for a spectrum of collectors — from the occasional hunter to pistol hoarders — at what is billed the “largest gun show in America.”

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

**WHERE:** Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. 801-544-9125; [crossroadsgunshows.com](http://crossroadsgunshows.com)

## Friday | 18

### TOPDOG/UNDERDOG

According to the *Reader's* Jeff Smith, this production about African-American brothers' escalating escapades to one-up or “top dog” each other is “fierce, quirky, funny, and first rate.” This “darkly comic fable of brotherly love and family identity” has been extended by popular demand, so catch it while you can.

**WHEN:** 8 p.m. (also Thursday through the last show on Sunday; check for times)

**WHERE:** Ion Theatre, 3704 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-600-5020; [iontheatre.com](http://iontheatre.com)

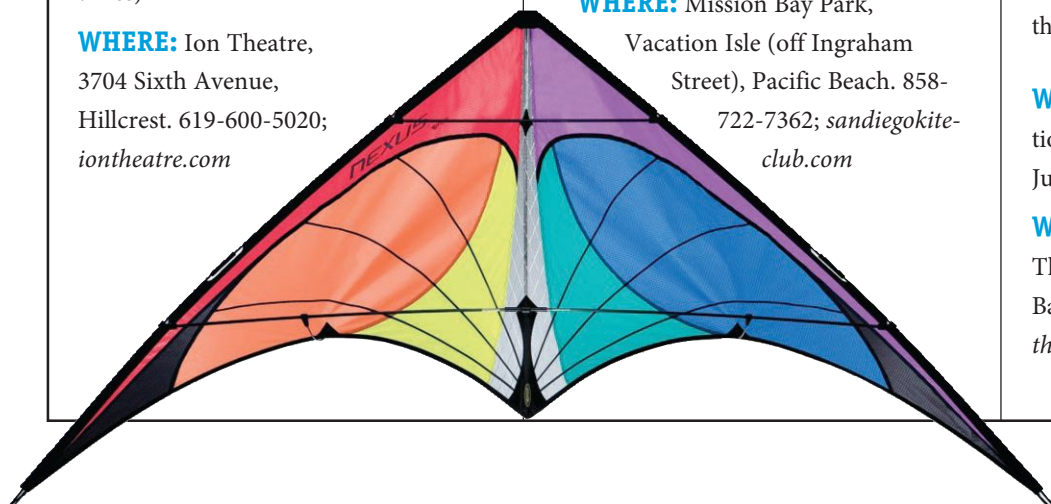
## Sunday | 20

### SAN DIEGO FAMILY KITE FESTIVAL

Take part in this second-annual festival of kite-making, decorating, and (if the winds are right), flying! Experts will share how to properly fly a kite. Bring a picnic lunch to make a perfect day of it, and enter the drawing contest, with proceeds going to benefit Rady Children's Hospital.

**WHEN:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**WHERE:** Mission Bay Park, Vacation Isle (off Ingraham Street), Pacific Beach. 858-722-7362; [sandiegokiteclub.com](http://sandiegokiteclub.com)



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## Monday | 21

### POCKETS OF PARADISE

Hawaiian poet Keoni Cabral — who “weaves his experiences growing up in Hawaii into his original spoken-word poetry” — will perform for the San Diego Library's Downtown Verse series.

**WHEN:** 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street, Downtown. 619-236-5817; [sandiego.gov/public-library](http://sandiego.gov/public-library)

## Wednesday | 23

### LIVE, LEARN, AND SERVE OVERSEAS

What will you do after college? Why not consider the Peace Corps? Learn more about this opportunity when Diana Gomez, a recruiter and returned Peace Corps volunteer, visits the Career Center to discuss service abroad, eligibility, life as a volunteer, benefits, and more.

**WHEN:** Noon to 1:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla. 800-424-8580 (Peace Corps headquarters); [peacecorps.gov](http://peacecorps.gov)

## Tuesday | 22

### NOBODY LOVES YOU

The Old Globe stages the world premiere of a musical romantic-comedy about reality television and real life. “When Jeff, a philosophy grad student, joins a dating show to win back his ex, he breaks all the rules and tries to blow the game wide open.”

**WHEN:** 7 p.m. (additional dates through June 17; check for times)

**WHERE:** The Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way, Balboa Park. 619-234-5623; [theoldglobe.org](http://theoldglobe.org)





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Built in 1876, St. Joseph's Catholic Church is one of the last religious structures in German Town, Iowa.

### Bauer, Iowa

by Joe Tuborg

In order to describe Iowa, you have to start with the land. Its freshly overturned sod is as black as a starless night, and a handful of dirt is richer than any potting soil you can buy. Too cliché to say that Iowans are the salt of the earth, but they're certainly warm, friendly, and down to earth.

Sure, there are those who live in the city. Des Moines, the state capital, now touts a population in excess of 200,000, with a metro area over 500,000. For a state of just over 3 million people, it is their metropolis. Yet it is in the country where you feel that the real Iowans dwell.

The small towns have shrunk over the years, wrung out by corporate farming and Walmarts. Those who remain are proud even as they teeter on the brink. Each seems to be in competition with the other when it comes to civic pride. Most boast the name of their hamlet by emblazoning it on the local water tower.

Our travels took us to the Bauer Picnic, an annual event held in south-central Iowa. (Lacona, population 349, is the closest official jurisdiction, for those keeping score at home.) At one time, Bauer was an actual town, albeit small, comprising a school, a church, and a grocery store. Now only the church remains and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Built in 1876, St. Joseph's Catholic Church is one of the last religious structures in the often-called German Town area that has not been burned down or extensively vandalized.

The structure is a tall red-brick building with bell tower and stained glass windows. A single stair separates the outside from the inside. Two freshly painted white doors open into another era: you're immediately treated to the sight of old wooden pews facing the altar, where worship has been led for almost 150 years. Multicolored rays of light stream through the tall narrow windows. A

large crucifix dominates the back wall.

Behind the church lies the cemetery. Grave markers and headstones date back to the early 1800s and pre-statehood. Nearly 50 percent of those interred here are named Bauer; at least 95 percent appear to be related in some manner. The grounds are neatly manicured and the grass a dark emerald green.

Adjacent to the church, a white wooden utility building has been constructed. Newer by a hundred years, it stands in sharp contrast to the rest of the area. It provides for parties, receptions, and in our case, the picnic.

We arrived around two in the afternoon and the event was already in full swing. Young and old abounded, all conspicuously white. Although there were a lot of John Deere and DeKalb caps, the majority of the headgear worn supported the University of Iowa Hawkeyes. Picture any summer barbecue and you have

the Bauer Picnic: hotdogs and brats on the grill, cold sodas iced down in large steel troughs. Younger children were entertained by simple games of ring toss and face painting. The teens grew bored quickly and slinked away into the cemetery, away from the crowd, or, more likely, the adults. The older attendees seemed the happiest, reminiscing about times gone by, quick to tell you a story or give you a history of the area.

We stayed for a while but left just before dusk arrived. As I looked back, I couldn't help but think that perhaps the sun was also setting on this rural lifestyle, and it would not be long before it too would be enveloped in the darkness we like to call progress.

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**Distance from downtown San Diego:** About 45 miles. Allow 1 hour driving time. Take I-8 toward Alpine and continue east to exit 40, signed as Hwy 79/Japatul Rd. Go north on Hwy 79 about 3 miles to Oakzanita, which is on the right. There is limited parking in a small gravel lot beside the road and no facilities or drinking water.

**Hiking length:** Almost an 8-mile loop. • **Difficulty:** This is a moderate hike over easily navigated, well marked trails with an elevation gain of about 1000 feet. A sign at the trailhead warns of mountain lions. Poison oak and rattlesnakes are also possibilities. Long pants are recommended for protection from chaparral plants that are beginning to encroach onto the trail in a few places.



The trail gradually leaves the creek and takes you uphill among ceanothus, mountain mahogany, and scrub oak.

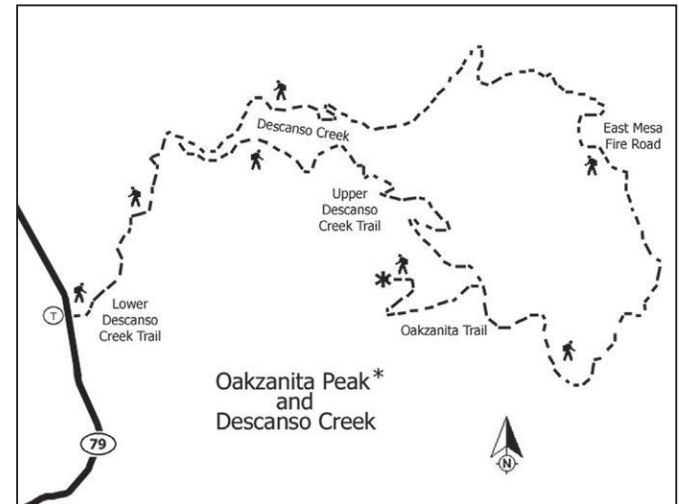
Although the 2003 Cedar Fire took its toll in this area, the chaparral is coming back beautifully. Visitors in late March into June will be met with a multi-hued display of California lilacs, manzanitas, winter currant, wild rose, the occasional peony or lupine, and a brilliant assortment of small annual wildflowers. Also the view from the peak on a clear day is inspiring.

The Lower Descanso Creek trailhead is about ten yards from the Oakzanita sign, just off the highway. The name is a give-away as to what you will be seeing in this area — lots of oaks and manzanita. Begin hiking south (to the right as you face the sign). The trail soon turns east and follows Descanso Creek, taking you past an abundance of arroyo willow, basket bush, wild rose, winter cur-

rant, eastwood manzanita, and California lilac, with occasional sycamores and oaks in various stages of recovery.

Shortly after crossing the creek and passing through an oak grove, you come to the East Mesa Fire Road (0.8 mile from the trailhead). Go right on the fire road for a short distance (0.11 mile) and find the Upper Descanso Creek Trail on your right (0.91 mile from the start). The Upper Descanso Creek Trail gradually but steadily takes you away from the creek and up the northwest facing slope of the canyon through vigorous growing ceanothus, mountain mahogany, and scrub oak. The skeletons of the pre-fire manzanitas protrude above the living chaparral but are only sparsely represented among the living here. After you have gone about 1.6 miles, the Upper Descanso Creek Trail ends at a low saddle where you meet the Oakzanita Trail.

Go to the right on the Oakzanita Trail for an easy 0.6 mile to reach the boulder-strewn, 5054-foot peak. Look for the peak register at the top if you want to sign your name. On a clear day you can expect dramatic vistas in every direction. Note both Cuyamaca and Stonewall peaks in the distance. There is even a hitching post to tie



up your horse, if one brought you.

After descending from the peak via the Oakzanita Trail, continue east, past the junction with the Upper Descanso Creek Trail and through what must have been a beautiful stand of massive oaks and pines. Most of the pines are now charred stumps. Some scattered Jeffery and Coulter pine seed trees survived, so the area may eventually recover. Seedlings have been planted to help this recovery along, some of which have survived and are growing vigorously.

After hiking 1.5 miles from the peak along the Oakzanita Trail, you will arrive at the East

Mesa Fire Road. Go left down the fire road. After 2.5 miles of easy downhill walking on this narrow dirt road, you will come to the well-marked Lower Descanso Creek Trail off to the left. Take it, and in 3/4 of a mile, you will be back at your car.

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**One Book, One San Diego** Alan Brennert, author of historical novels, short stories, teleplays, screenplays, and the libretto of a stage musical, makes appearance. Friday, May 18, 4pm; **free**. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA PARK)

**Secrets of a Pet Whisperer** Animal communicator Terri Steuben signs her book. 619-232-7387. Saturday, May 19, 12pm; South Bark Dog Wash, 2037 30th Street. (SOUTH PARK)

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

**"Best and Brightest"** Showcase of young SD musicians features Danli Liang performing the Saint-Saëns "Piano Concerto No. 2 in G Minor" and Adrian Liu sharing "Piano Concerto No. 20 in D Minor" by Mozart. San Diego Symphony will then be joined by members of Civic Youth Orchestra, San Diego Youth Symphony, and Young Artist's Symphony to perform "Fanfare for the Common Man" by Copland and the Brahms "Symphony No. 1 in C Minor." Complimentary tickets may be reserved by email only: [rsvp@sandiego-symphony.org](mailto:rsvp@sandiego-symphony.org). Sunday, May 20, 2pm; Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Made in America"** Fallbrook Music Society's season finale promises Redlands Symphony concert of works composed in the U.S. Listen for Hindemith's "Symphonic Metamorphoses," the "MotorCity Triptych" by Michael Daugherty, and Ellington's "The River." 760-

451-8644. Sunday, May 20, 3pm; \$38-\$10. Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts, 2400 South Stagecoach Drive. (FALLBROOK)

**"Mozart and the Mind: Exploring the Music-Brain Connection"** Evening commences "with an eclectic music-brain exposition" curated by Tim Mullen and Grace Leslie (of UCSD's Swartz Center for Computational Neuroscience), "surrounding your senses with fascinating interactive installations and demonstrations exploring the music-brain connection." Later find out how timbre works and why "we find certain sounds compelling" with neurobiologist Dr. Aniruddh Patel and cellist Ronald Thomas (7:30pm). Question and answer with artists follows concert. Reservations: 619-466-8742. Saturday, May 19, 6:30pm; \$25. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**An Afternoon of Jazz** Family-friendly concert promises performances by classical pianist and ragtime specialist Virginia Eskin; jazz fusion by Jewazz; music videos of a variety of styles and sounds; a musical petting zoo. Eskin and Yochanan Winston (flute and sax) play selections by Copland, Mendelssohn, Berlin, Gershwin. Sunday, May 20, 1pm; **free**-\$12. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Bach, Mendelssohn, Popper, and Cassado...** Enjoy selections by these composers when cellist Francisco Vila and pianist Jennie Jung perform. 760-633-2746. Sunday, May 20, 2pm; **free**. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

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**The Diva and the Baritone** Hallie Neill and Theodore Lambrinos to perform Broadway, opera, and sacred music. 760-607-5017. Sunday, May 20, 4pm; \$10-\$15. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 6628 Santa Isabel Street. (CARLSBAD)

**Woodwind Quintet** Family concert promises "show and tell" with the instruments to pique children's interest, followed by performance of songs from movies, Mozart, and patriotic scores. Free childcare. Offering. Sunday, May 20, 4pm;

La Jolla United Methodist Church, 6063 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

**Works by Mozart** Poway Community Symphony Orchestra performs an overture, three marches, "Horn Concerto No. 3," "Symphony No. 40" by the maestro. 858-673-9702. Sunday, May 20, 2pm; **free**. Poway Center for the Performing Arts, 15498 Espola Road. (POWAY)

**Works by Vivaldi and Turina** Enjoy selections by these two, as well as Martinu, Vaughan Williams, Arvo Part, and Rota, when Youth Philharmonic Orchestra String Orchestra and Soloist Ensemble present final concert of the season. Friday, May 18, 7pm; \$12-\$8. Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church, 17010 Pomerado Road. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

## COMEDY

**"Jimpressions"** Entertainment by "YouTube sensation and master impressionist" Jim Meskimen, who provides *JibJab.com* political animation voices. Program includes appearances by "YouTube's Professor Knestor Jackdaws," eleven-year-old comedian Trevor Harrison, warm-up comic Ken Harrison, music by Ray Mead/Papa Grande duo. Saturday, May 19, 7pm; \$15-\$20. 14 and up. La Paloma, 471 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

**Comedy Night at Doc's Saloon** Stand-up comedy by headliner Jeff Capri, Wes Martens, Mark Gonzalez, Aaron Hughes, host Lamont Ferguson. Recommended reservations: 562-786-3111. Friday, May 18, 8:30pm; \$10. 18 and up. Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q, 6955 El Camino Real. (CARLSBAD)

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**Wanda Sykes** Stand-up comedienne. Friday, May 18, 8pm; \$45-\$70. Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway. (TEMECULA)

## DANCE

**"San Diego Black Choreographers and Friends"** The Foster-King Dance Collection presents an encore, highlighting works by Christopher Huggins, a former Alvin Ailey dancer, now a renowned choreographer. Concert includes works by Donald McKayle, local choreographers Sandra Foster-King, Daniel Marshall of La Diego Dance Company, Natasha Riddle and Dancers, Peter Kalivas of PGK Project, Vincent Hardy, Francisco Gella. 619-584-2660. Saturday, May 19, 7:30pm; \$12. Educational Cultural Complex, 4343 Ocean View Boulevard. (MOUNTAIN VIEW)

**"The Door is Open: An Inter-generational Dance Project"** Program weaves five stories garnered from weekly Jean Isaacs "Aging Creatively with Dance" class in which students, age 60-84, journaled about any memories or life stories triggered from the movements generated in class. Eight company dancers and sixteen seniors featured in evening merging dance, video, sound, and projections. Friday, May 18, 8pm; Saturday, May 19, 2pm and 8pm; \$15-\$30. Saville Theatre at San Diego City College, 14th and C Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

**Belly Dance Showcase** Dancing by Shalimar, Tarciana, Jayna, guest Sonia Ochoa. Live music by oudist/vocalist John Bilezikjian, percussionists Dave Dhillon and Frank Lazzaro. 858-794-9044. Thursday, May 17, 8pm; \$10. Tango Del Rey, 3567 Del Rey Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Consider Choctaw Culture** Eileen George and members of Choctaw Social Dancers of Lemon Grove present program of traditional Native American dances and Choctaw culture. 619-660-5370. Saturday, May 19, 1pm; **free**. Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

**Argentine Tango with Colette** Will give you a free first class Monday, May 21, or Wednesday, May 23 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. More information: [www.TangoWithColette.com](http://www.TangoWithColette.com) or call 514-726-5567. Damce Place San Diego, 2650 Truxton Road, Studio 106. (POINT LOMA)

## FOOD & DRINK

**Cajun Dinner Supper Club** "The idea is to bring strangers together in celebration of food, wine, and conversation, so meals are served family-style in a private dining room." Prix fixe meals paired with wine. Solo diners welcomed. Saturday, May 19, 7:30pm; \$75. 21 and up. Whiskinladle, 1044 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Dashburger Festival!** Festival combines "the best deliverable burgers in town with local vendors, live music, a beer truck, and the Aussie Pub parking lot." Take part in DashBurger eating contest with cash and prizes for winners; the "Ten Minute Contest" is for competitors over 21. Saturday, May 19, 12pm; **free**. 21 and up. Australian Pub, 1014 Grand Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Deep Pit Barbecue Time!** Celebrate local heritage of San Dieguito area and contributions of Richard and Adeline Bumann, recipients of "Living Heritage Award" for their work in preserving Bumann Ranch. Barbecue (noon-2:30pm), kid's activities, viewing of museum exhibits, display of vehicles including 1957 Del Mar Fire Department fire engine, a stagecoach, a 1917 Model T Ford, more. Music by Two

of Us Plus One. 760-632-9711. Saturday, May 19, 12pm; **free**-\$30. San Dieguito Heritage Museum, 450 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**Friday Night Dinner Party — Vegetarian Dining** Whip up zucchini ribbons with roasted tomato vinaigrette, arugula, feta cheese, "beefless" Wellingtons with mushrooms wrapped in puff pastry, and other recipes when Phillis Carey leads hand-on class. Friday, May 18, 6pm; \$49. Great News!, 1788 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Market-to-Table** Learn to shop like a chef at farmers' market, and "learn how to cook like one too" with chef Jesus Gonzalez, former creative chef for Rancho La Puerta and Golden Door Spas. Wear comfortable shoes to walk to market with group. Lunch prepared, provided from market's bounty. Recipes provided during instructional class. 858-489-2877. Sunday, May 20, 9:45am; \$55. Cups Lounge and Culinary, 7857 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Seeds & Suds Tour** Behind-the-counter tour of Venissimo, then hop on a bus headed for Suzie's Farm for farm tour, picnic lunch, and bag of produce to take home. Next stop Alesmith, for beer and cheese-tasting soiree. Saturday, May 19, 10am; \$100. 21 and up. Venissimo Cheese, 871 G Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

**Taste of Cardiff** Stroll, savor tastes from 20 spots on Cardiff's restaurant row and Bull Taco in San Elijo State Campgrounds. Cast vote for Cardiff Golden Fork Award winner. Thursday, May 17, 5pm; \$25-\$30. Cardiff 101, 124 Aberdeen Drive. (CARDIFF)

**UCSD Natural Healing & Cooking Program** Are you ready to transform your body into its optimal state-of-being? UC San Diego's Center for Integrative Medicine is hosting an interactive 8-class series that teaches a proven, practical, and delicious way to fight and protect against premature aging, obesity, diabetes, heart disease, autoimmune disorders, and cancer. This physician-designed, 8-class series will meet for 8 weeks and provide you access to hundreds of recipes, course materials, and an ongoing support network. Classes meet on Sundays and Mondays, from June 3 to July 23. Call 800-926-8273, Register online: <http://cim.ucsd.edu/cooking>. Ongoing until Monday, July 23, 2012. UC San Diego's Center for Integrative Medicine, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

## FOR KIDS

**"Breathing in Climate Change"** Celebrate American Lung Association's Clean Air Month during climate-themed Sea Days program. "Uncover the link between air pollution and climate change as Scripps Oceanography researchers" share real-time experiments. Included in admission (\$14 general). 858-534-7336. Saturday, May 19, 11am; Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

**Children's Book Festival** Meet authors and illustrators of children's books and young adult books including Ned Vizzini (*It's Kind of a Funny Story*), James Burks (*Gabby and Gator*), Kelly Bennet (*Mommy Was Just Like You*), PJ Haarsma (*The Software Series*), DJ MacHale (the *Pendragon* series), Jerry Cesak (*My Personal Panther*), others. Vendor booths, activities for young readers. Sunday, May 20, 10am; **free**. Mesa Village Plaza, 8100 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

**Family Drop-in Day: Icon and Ornament** Explore, learn about museum's art through child-friendly tours and art-making during Family Drop-in Day. For children ages 6-12. Included in museum admission (\$12). Sunday, May 20, 1pm; 6 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Musical Trash Birthday Bash** Celebrate museum's fourth anniversary by "listening, building, and performing with sound projects based on trash and recycling, and work alongside artists, scientists, musicians, and engineers to create original musical compositions." Perform in a music ensemble made from obsolete computers, build contact microphones, turn trash cans into electric drums. Included in admission (free-\$10). 619-233-8792. Sunday, May 20, 10am; New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

**Pop-Up Cards for Pop!** Create a one-of-a-kind Father's Day pop-up card to celebrate your dad during "Crafty Sunday." Sunday, May 20, 1pm; \$4. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Woodwind Quintet** Family concert promises "show and tell" with the instruments to pique children's interest, followed by performance of songs from movies, Mozart, and patriotic scores. Free childcare. Offering. Sunday, May 20, 4pm; La Jolla United Methodist Church, 6063 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

**San Diego Family Kite Festival** Second annual festival at Telecote Shores promises kite-making, decorating, and flying. Experts share "how to properly fly a kite." Bring a picnic lunch. Proceeds benefit Rady Children's Hospital. [Maria@Team-q.com](mailto:Maria@Team-q.com) or 858-722-7362. Sunday, May 20, 11am; **free**. Mission Bay Park, Vacation Isle, off Ingraham Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Target Free Family Day and Festival** Enjoy art-making, performances, special tours inspired by museum's permanent collection and "Echoes of the Past" and "Dyeing Elegance" exhibitions. Sunday, May 20, 12pm; **free**. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Thomas Family Day** Dress as a character — in costume, shirt, or pajamas — for this party. Create a Thomas mask, pretend to be Sir Topham Hatt, operate the G-scale train with Thomas and Percy on the tracks. Saturday, May 19, 11am; **free**-\$8. San Diego Model Railroad Museum, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)



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# Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

## LECTURES

**"Density: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly"** Panel discussion with Howard Blackson, Eric Naslund, Frank Wolden, moderator Mary Lydon, hosted by Friends of SD Architecture. Arrive early for coffee and an "architectural moment," an image selected from the Ned Paynter Collection. Saturday, May 19, 9:30am; **free**-\$5. NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

**"Plato and the Nature of Love"** Philosophy talk is part of "Ancient Greeks/Modern Lives: Poetry, Drama, Dialogue" series. 619-236-5817. Sunday, May 20, 2pm; **free**. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

**"Rites of Passage"** "In Greek culture, events were marked with rituals designed to make sense of the transformations encountered in life, society, and nature." Loyola Marymount University classics professor Katerina Zacharia leads discussion on rites of passage. Sunday, May 20, 2pm; **free**. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

**"Textile Techniques of India"** Gallery founder Nirmala Jagannath launches lecture series with examination of *khadi*, described as "the finest cotton in the world.... The symbol of simple luxury as well as India's independence." Reception follows. 858-259-2622 or 760-613-2924. Thursday, May 17, 4pm; **free**. Amba Gallery, 355 N. Coast Hwy. 101. (SOLANA BEACH)

**"The E.T. Presence Explanation"** Inventor, author Reginald T. Miller speaks for MUFON (Mutual UFO Network). 760-753-2456. Sunday, May 20, 6pm; **free**. 18 and up. Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"The Future Is Already Here"** Gary Hoffman presents "Updates on Cloud Genealogy" for Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego, following group meetings for Roots Magic and DNA Genealogy. 858-412-4536. Saturday, May 19, 9am; **free**. Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**"The Home Clinic"** Educational event hosted by the Housing Opportunity Collaborative, a coalition of nonprofit organizations and housing agencies helping homeowners. Homeowners receive one-on-one counseling about their individual mortgage situation from HUD-certified lending representatives, attorneys, housing officials. Recommended registration: [HOMEclinic@housingcollaborative.org](mailto:HOMEclinic@housingcollaborative.org) or 619-283-2200. Saturday, May 19, 10am; Ramona Library, 1406 Montecito Road. (RAMONA)

## Rhyme & Verse

### Reunion

A poem by Jacqueline Kudler

After the name-tag squinting and the quick refills of Chablis, after the introductions, the recognitions — eighteen-year-old faces peering out from behind time's compromises in the flesh — after the big-bosomed hugs, the handshakes, the celebratory speeches (only the reasonably self-satisfied attend these things),

I wander out onto the campus quad wondering... looking for why I'd come — the grass, the great shade trees just as I'd remembered, light lingering in the evening sky, loamy fragrances of late May rising from my footsteps — exactly the kind of insidious spring I remember running away with me each year.

No wonder I find her seated there on the steps of Boylan Hall between classes — it was always between classes in May — and the boy sprawled beside her is the boy she'd been flirting with the better part of freshman year.

When she looks up from her lap to meet his gaze, she notices how his hair curls over the rim of his fisherman's cap, and the impulse to reach over and touch a small strand springing up just above his left ear is so intense, it prickles in my fingertips fifty years later.



Jacqueline Kudler is a teacher of memoir writing and literature at the College of Marin in Kentfield, California. Her poems have appeared in numerous literary reviews and anthologies. Kudler was awarded the Marin Arts Council Board Award in 2005 and the Marin Poetry Center Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010. She lives in Sausalito, California.

"Reunion" is from her second book, *Easing into Dark*, published by Sixteen Rivers Press, and is reprinted by permission. Author's photo by Mary Ann Pacula.

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tive.org or 619-283-2200. Saturday, May 19, 10am; Ramona Library, 1406 Montecito Road. (RAMONA)

**"Tropical Forests and Global Climate Disruption"** California Western School of Law professor Richard Finkmoore traces "development of REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation

and Forest Degradation) under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and assess its current status." Head to Social Sciences Building room 107 to learn of "controversial issues which must be resolved in order to 'get REDD right.'" [iicas-events@ucsd.edu](mailto:iicas-events@ucsd.edu). Thursday, May

17, 3:30pm; **free**. UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**"Wild Willow Farm: Opportunities and Education in Growing Food"** Learn about this "nonprofit farm striving to educate and engage the community about sustainable farming" when Tijuana Estuary Speaker Series continues

with talk by Lisa Ordóñez. Farm provides farming and education internships, school field trips, community potlucks, workshops, more. Saturday, May 19, 10am; **free**. Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

**Cataloging the Collection** John Marciari — museum's European

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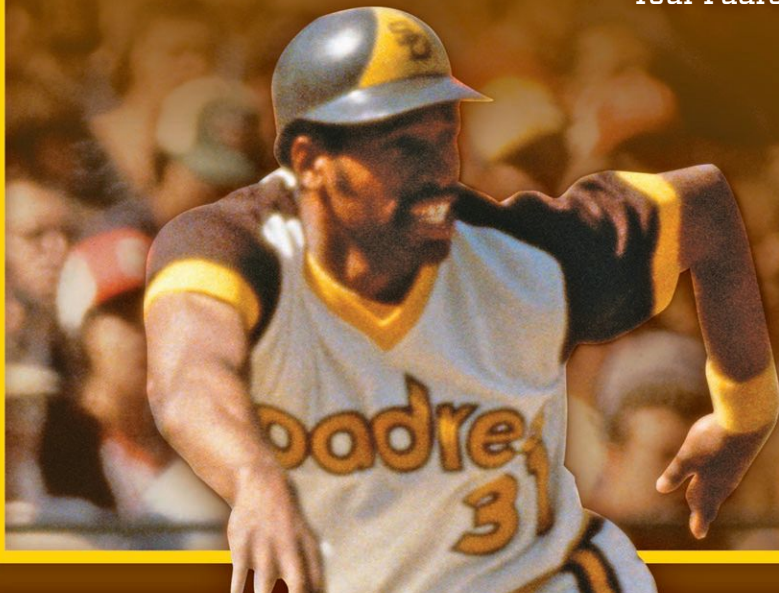
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## Locations

Classes will be ongoing starting at 7 a.m. until noon

- 1 Embarcadero Marina Park North (San Diego)
- 2 Pepper Park (National City)
- 3 Bayside Park (Chula Vista)
- 4 Pier Plaza (Imperial Beach)



## Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

art curator and head of provenance research — considers the task of cataloging “From Reginald Poland and the Putnam Sisters to Punchmarks and Provenance.” Friday, May 18, 10am; \$8-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

### Get Into Storytelling on Film

Calling writers, filmmakers, students, creative souls “looking to create their own short film.” During three-part workshop, learn basics of video production process, from script selection, locations, auditions to what is needed on day of production, what to do when film is completed. Fee: \$30 per class. Registration: [lfrank@mediaartscenter.org](mailto:lfrank@mediaartscenter.org) or 619-230-1938. Thursdays, 6pm; through Thursday, May 24, Media Arts Center, 2921 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

### Magee Park Poets Writing Workshop

Georgette James — a poet and translator of Spanish, French, and Portuguese — leads workshop. Her poem *Water and Blossom* appears in *The Best of Border Voices* anthology. Registration: 760-602-2400 x8149. Sunday, May 20, 1:30pm; **free**. Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

### San Diegans for 9/11 Truth

presents Richard Gage, AIA, founder of Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth. [www.AE911truth.org](http://www.AE911truth.org)

org. Mr. Gage will host the world premiere for his new documentary film, *9/11 World Trade Center on 9/11/01*. Discussion and Q&A follow. Info: [www.SD911Truth.org](http://www.SD911Truth.org) or call 619-222-2120. **Free**; donations accepted. Monday, May 21, 6:30pm. Joyce Beers Community Center, Uptown Ralph's/Trader Joe's Shopping Center, 3900 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

## OUTDOORS

### Birding at Kumeyaay Lake

Park's resident birder Jeanne Raymond leads search for late-nesting migrants and and newly fledged birds inhabiting the lake's scenic environs. Bring a bird book and binoculars (optional). Meet at campground entry station. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 19, 8am; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

### Calling All Naturalists

Go “a-trail” with a guide in search of butterflies, wildflowers, burrowing residents, woodrat nests, more. Learn about native and non-native plant varieties. Saturday, May 19, 9:30am; Sunday, May 20, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

### Potluck in Nature!

Meet others who share an interest in birds, animals, native plants during community potluck in natural setting. Enjoy a walk on trails, see restored

native habitat. [beckywilbanks@cox.net](mailto:beckywilbanks@cox.net) or 760-295-1548. Saturday, May 19, 1pm; **free**. Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve, 2437 Hutchison Street. (VISTA)

**Silverwood Cleanup** Volunteers invited to help with construction of trails, invasive weed control, trail clearing, maintaining fire clearance zones. Bring gloves, pruners, loppers if you have them. Snacks, water provided. RSVP: 619-443-2998. Saturday, May 19, 9am; Silverwood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKEVIEW)

### Star Party Sights

Park's resident stargazer George Varga leads “solar exploration of the Whirlpool (M51), Sunflower (M63), Black-Eye (M64), and Sobrero (M104) galaxies and more.” Join group at far end of campground's day-use parking lot. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 19, 7:30pm; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### “A Broadway Montage”

San Diego Master Chorale performs a concert collaboration with Lincoln High School choir. Listen for “some of the finest hits from the American musical theater songbook in choral arrangements.” 858-581-2203. Sunday, May 20, 4pm; \$5-\$10. Lincoln High School, 4777 Imperial Avenue. (LINCOLN PARK)

**“Fun House”** Technomania Circus hosts art garden and “unexpected creative interactive activities.” Play “strange and unusual giant musical instruments, spin the wheel for prizes, watch artists make theatrical props,” more. Hours vary. Call for details: 619-236-1971. Sundays, 4pm; through Sunday, May 20, \$2-\$5. Victory Theater, 2558 Imperial Avenue. (GRANT HILL)

### “Inspiring Tomorrow's Champions”

Traveling Stories celebrates two-year anniversary with party including performance by members of South Sudanese Cultural Center. Upon arrival, guests receive an “event passport” for their travels, allowing them access to three international library stations initiated by group's literacy efforts in El Salvador, Nicaragua, South Sudan. Reservations: [Emily@TravelingStories.org](mailto:Emily@TravelingStories.org). Thursday, May 17, 6:30pm; \$25. 21 and up. Fifty Seven Degrees, 1735 Hancock Street. (MISSION HILLS)

### “It's How I Roll!”

Prepare your bike, take part in National Bike to Work Day 2012. Register in advance to be eligible to stop at one of 80 pit stops (throughout the county) to pick up free t-shirt, snacks, beverages on Bike to Work Day. Friday, May 18, 6am; **free**. San Diego County

### “PavoneArte”

Center for Academic and Social Advancement plans fundraiser “supporting after-school education for underserved communities.” Mingle with artists, shop the art auction, enjoy hors d'oeuvres, entertainment by Ken-

drick Dial and the Lyrical Groove. Thursday, May 17, 5pm; \$10. Alexander Salazar Fine Art Exhibitions, 1040 Seventh Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

### The Secret Sharer

Join Del Mar Great Books Discussion Group to discuss Joseph Conrad's short story. New members welcome. 858-756-4298. Friday, May 18, 6:45pm; **free**. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Del Mar, 12835 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

### Cirque Wings

Enjoy a “circus theatrical production...exploring the history and passion to fly from ancient times to modern days” through trapeze, aerial dance, flying on fabric, hand balancing, contortion, acrobatics, comedy, dance. Admission free for kids (3-12) with purchase of one adult ticket per child. 619-570-1100. Saturday, May 19, 2pm and 6pm; **free**-\$100. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

### Create Compost

Learn “to make terrific compost at home” during Solana Center workshop focusing on making compost piles. Registration: 760-436-7986 x222. Saturday, May 19, 11am; **free**. Summers Past Farms, 15602 Olde Highway 80. (EL CAJON)

### Crossroads of the West Gun Show

Exhibits designed to appeal to hunters, gun collectors. 9am, Saturday and Sunday, May 19 & 20; **free**-\$12. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

### Del Mar Quilt, Craft, and Sewing Festival

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of sewing, quilting, needle-art, craft supply exhibits from many companies. 858-793-5555. 10am, Thursday, May 17, through Saturday, May 19; **free**. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

### Enter a Laboratory!

Learn about marine research in SD and local ecosystems during open house showcasing marine research facilities. Research talks, guided lab tours, turtle-tracking demonstration, fish printing, marine-science music videos, touch tank, games, more. Information: [mebsa.cml@gmail.com](mailto:mebsa.cml@gmail.com). Sunday, May 20, 10am; **free**. Coastal and Marine Institute Laboratory, 4165 Spruance Road. (DOWNTOWN)

### Explore a Custom Cat Com-

**pound!** Bob Walker and Frances Mooney have turned their bungalow “into a pet paradise for their cats,” with “architectural design and décor” geared towards contentment of their nine cats. Open house is benefit for East County Animal Rescue. [info@catshouse.com](mailto:info@catshouse.com) or 619-276-3621. Saturday, May 19, 7pm; Sunday, May 20, 1pm; \$5-\$25. Cats' House, 5010 Northaven Avenue. (BAY PARK)

### Gender Queer Soiree

Canvas for a Cause is hosting a night of gender queer celebration, with performances by New Queers on the Block, Hardlee Hangin' and more, to support a campaign to save the Fair Education Act and fight against LGBT bullying! Sliding scale donations at the door will lead to a night of fun. Drag and gender



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# SHEEP AND GOATS

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**Years Ordained:** 23

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

**Pastor Steven Myatt:** The grace of God is all about what God has done for us. So much of religion is about man's attempt to reach God but God has, through his son, sent so much to us. The Gospels are called

the Good News because it is no longer about man's attempt but about what God has done. Most of us don't get it, so it needs to be said over and over and over. It is the essence of the message of the Gospels.

**SDR:** Why the Assembly of God?

**PS:** I grew up Catholic, so my roots are Catholic, but I wasn't really getting much out of it when I went to college. My neighbors started sharing with me a greater understanding of what the Bible says who God is than what I got in the Catholic Church. They attended an Assembly of God church, so I started to attend and it was there that

I got established....When I began to understand, I realized that I agreed with where the Assembly of God stands on the Holy Spirit, the work of God, and so it felt like a comfortable, natural fit for me. They believe that the gifts of the Holy Spirit — the gifts of praying for the sick, prophecy, miracles — are still available for us today.

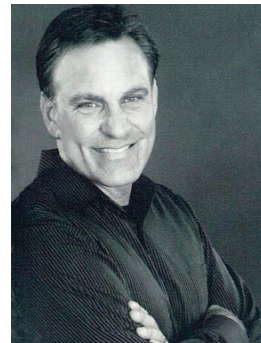
**SDR:** Why did you become a minister?

**PS:** I never set out in life to be a minister. My dad is a businessman, and he wanted me and my brothers to be part of his business. I grew up with that mentality — that's why I have a business degree

and that's what I went to school for. But along the way, as I'm a very introspective person, I thought that there had to be more to life. I was always asking the bigger questions, and wanting more, wanting purpose and meaning. I was on a quest, trying out a lot of different religions, gurus, and all kinds of junk along the way. I felt there must not be anything, until I encountered some real Christians who demonstrated a real love for God and lives changed by that love.

**SDR:** Where do you go when you die?

**PS:** God's desire is that none would perish, the



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Bible says, and that all would be saved. Our sins, the Bible teaches, separate us from God, so Jesus became the ultimate sacrifice so that through Jesus we could have access to God both here and in eternity. So it's through Christ

that we have that blessed hope to look forward to; but those who don't receive that gift won't be admitted to heaven and will miss out. The gift is free to everyone; there are no strings attached. You have to receive Christ and the gift of forgiveness of your sins. He's done the work for us; all we have to do is receive it. The Bible teaches there is a hell, and hell is a real place, a place of eternal torment for those who continue to reject the free gift that God makes available.

— Joseph O'Brien

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**Geranium Show and Sale** San Diego County Geranium Society hosts 40th annual event promising plants for sale ("including a very special geranium"), experts on hand to answer questions on growing, nurturing the plants. Room 101. 858-472-0540. Saturday, May 19, 9am; Sunday, May 20, 9am; **free**. Casa del Prado, 1800 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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by the end of class” and do simple projects with instructor Risa Gettler. 619-223-0058. Sunday, May 20, 1pm; \$60-\$68. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

**Patriot's Day Parade Time!** TierraFest activities include parade (10am), arts and crafts fair, barbecue dinner (4-9pm), fireworks (dusk). Games, activities for kids. [amyhall@san.rr.com](mailto:amyhall@san.rr.com) or 858-573-2648. Saturday, May 19, 9am; **free**. Tierrasanta Town Center, 10633 Tierrasanta Boulevard. (TIERRASANTA)

**Run to the Hills Car Show** Monday Nite Car Club and Mountain Empire Men's Club join forces to present tenth annual show. Old Highway 80 will be closed through town as custom cars line the historic highway. 619-440-6168 or 619-460-4945. Saturday, May 19, 9am; **free**. Pine Valley

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**Spiritual and Gospel Concert** Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir performs benefit concert. 619-298-2130. Saturday, May 19, 6pm; **free**. St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 3725 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

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**The Big Bay Calendar of Events Summer 2012** Gator by the Bay, May 11-13, Spanish Landing Park. Big Bay Bootcamp, May 20, various waterfront parks. Night by the Bay, June 22, Embarcadero Marina Park North. Summer Pops, June 23-September 2, Embarcadero Marina Park South. Bay Bay Boom July 4th Celebration, various waterfront viewing locations. This is a good day.... <http://www.thebigbay.com/events.html>.

**Was Communism Right About Anything?** It's the topic for debate during Civilized Conversation forum. 858-231-6209. Thursday, May 17, 7pm; **free**. Eclipse Chocolate, 2121 El Cajon Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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## SPOKEN WORD

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## SPORTS

**“Barona's Battle of the Badges X”** Charity boxing event promises ten bouts by law enforcement officers to raise money for Community Youth Athletic Center. Saturday, May 19, 4pm; \$20-\$5. Barona Resort & Casino, 1932 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

**“That Dam Ride”** San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders head to Miramar Dam on this 50-mile ride. 619-243-8617. Saturday, May 19, 8:45am; **free**. De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Angels and Padres** Los Angeles Angels arrive for game with San Diego Padres. Games broadcast on radio station XX Sports Radio (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000. Friday, May 18, 7:05pm; Saturday, May 19, 7:05pm; Sunday, May 20, 1:05pm; Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

**City of Encinitas 5K/1K** Encinitas Sports and Fitness Festival includes this event over course through downtown Encinitas. Race-day registration (6:30am) in Moonlight Beach parking lot; 5k steps off at 8am, 1k walk/run starts at 9am. Also planned: paddle board and SUP races. Saturday, May 19, 8am; \$25-\$35. Moonlight Beach, 200 B Street. (ENCINITAS)

**Clay Macleod Quarter Horse Show** Equestrian competition. 858-794-1171. 8am, Thursday, May 17 through Sunday, May 20; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

**Drew Brees Celebrity Championship** More than 50 celebrity golfers compete for \$100,000 purse during 14th annual event, seeking to crown “best celebrity golfer in the United States.” 858-836-0133. 7am, Friday, May 18 through Sunday, May 20; \$10-\$15. La Costa Resort and Spa, 2100 Costa del Mar Road. (CARLSBAD)

**Encinitas Sprint Triathlon 2012** So many sports, so little time! Encinitas Sports Festival concludes with triathlons, relay, and duathlon, as well as health and fitness expo. Sunday, May 20, 9am; \$80-\$125. Moonlight Beach, 200 B Street. (ENCINITAS)

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# Marfa Moments

*The scruffy landscape and stark mountains have a diffuse energy.*

I was standing in a bookstore next to the actor Randy Quaid — a slouchy galoot in cargo shorts and flip-flops — when he was a wanted man, a warrant having been issued for him and his wife Evi for running out on a \$10,000 hotel bill in Santa Barbara. Running, too, from a purported Hollywood hit squad that was targeting movie people, Randy among them, or at least this is what Evi believed. I was standing next to Randy in the Marfa Book Company, in the small town of Marfa (pop. 2121) in the high desert of West Texas, where the Quaid family had fled to elude both the assassins and the law. A week later the celeb fugitives were taken into custody and I haven't tracked their fortunes since.

That was two years ago, when I was spending a month in Marfa on a writing retreat, courtesy of the Lannan Foundation. I was recently back for another such gig and spotted — in various bars and in the garage-size space that does duty as a coffeehouse/laundromat/ice cream parlor — the movie director Larry Clark, who was shooting a picture with the working title *Marfa Girl*. Clark's movie *Kids*, about an HIV-positive high-school boy who intentionally infects local girls, got up in viewers' nostrils some years ago, and his 1971 photographic essay, *Tulsa*, featured images of his pals (one of them pregnant) shooting up, having sex, playing with guns, and indulging in other sorts of X-rated behavior, all of which made me wonder if the good citizens of Marfa knew exactly who was in their midst, auditioning their children.

The movies like Marfa. The scruffy landscape and stark mountains have a diffuse energy against which to play out extremities of conflict. And

desert light at magic time is an astonishment. The legendary film event was the 1956 shooting of *Giant*, soon after which James Dean was killed in his green Porsche on a road near Paso Robles.

The local glamour-puss hotel, El Paisano, has a cheesy, mildly ghoulish *Giant* museum. Marfa and its encompassing emptiness were used for *Flesh and Bone*, a

twisted, smart, overlooked father-son story starring Randy's brother Dennis. The Coen brothers were there for *No Country for Old Men*, and all but the bowling alley scenes of *There Will Be Blood* were filmed outside town.

Geographically, Marfa's not the center of anything. The nearest major airport is in El Paso, a three-hour drive west; the nearest fair-sized town, Alpine, is 26 miles away. (Alpine, for those in the know, annually hosts the Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering.) And yet the town attracts a subspecies that a friend of mine calls marfanatics. Some visit to experience the mysterious nonvibratory vibe of the place that can't be reduced to any single element, such as the movie connection, or the fact that the bookstore where I sighted Randy has a more astutely and quirkily curated inventory than any independent bookstore in San Francisco, where I live, or that this wide spot in the road contains two fine restaurants (and a couple of squawky honkytonks). And every visitor I know has had Marfa moments. One sleepy afternoon, I saw parked on the otherwise deserted main street, as if they'd been abandoned there, six late-model Corvettes. Another day I watched a luxury Humvee SUV rolling, in parade-style crawl, behind a horse and rider. Six wild turkeys that had free run of the town jumped on the porch of the house

## ART

W.S. DI PIERO



For Donald Judd, the sublime was a collaborative condition between an object-reality and our own perceptual desires (pictured: *100 Untitled Works in Mill Aluminum*, 1982–1986).

For information about Donald Judd and John Chamberlain: [chinati.org](http://chinati.org); for information on Marfa: [marfacc.com](http://marfacc.com).

where I was staying and, when I left the door ajar, staged a home invasion. (Just before I left, they were reported to animal control, so by now the turkeys may be history.) A Marfa moment is when the ponderously portentous and most flimsily inconsequential seem to be occurring at once.

But a great many more tourists, from all over the world, come to Marfa because it's home to world-class installations of some of the most influential artists of the past half century, thanks to the Chinati Foundation/La Fundación Chinati, which oversees the constellated locales that Donald Judd created. Judd, born in 1928, made his reputation in New York in the 1960s with ascetic abstract sculptures that critics called "minimalist," a term Judd rejected. His aspiration was to create a rich and lucid visual conversation be-

tween planes and space, material and color. He worked elegantly with polymers, Cor-ten steel, concrete, enameled metal, mill aluminum, and other substances, but his art, as he came to envision its totality, wasn't just the sculptural object, it was the dynamic between it and its installation space and, by extension, its architectural housing or natural surround. He crafted his sense of the beautiful (and the meaningful) in the spatial intervals between volumes. His work trains the eye to see relations between things — *any* things — in a fresh, inventive way.

Drawn to the desert landscape, in 1971 Judd rented a house in Marfa and, while he kept his Spring Street studio in New York, mostly lived and worked there till his death in 1994. Over time, he bought several buildings that he converted



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## ART

for specific purposes — living spaces, studios, art venues. He expanded his holdings outside town, too, acquiring ranch property in Presidio County. He rehabbed whatever he took over but respected its original integrity. The sculptural and architectural imagination was for him one unified faculty. He made sculptures for specific buildings (and, for his domestic arrangements, designed furniture and interiors) and crafted exhibition spaces for his friends Dan Flavin, who worked with light, and the automobile scrap-metal master John Chamberlain, whom I'll get to later.

One of the properties Judd acquired was the abandoned Fort D.A. Russell southwest of town (where, riding my bike, I spotted one of the many pronghorn antelope that graze thereabouts). He refashioned the two grand artillery sheds, installing glass walls where garage doors

had been, and to occupy them he designed *100 Untitled Works in Mill Aluminum*. Judd wanted to integrate the products of the form-making imagination (his) with a given space (the gunsheds) and the natural order (the desertscape visible out those windows). The bright, finely chased boxes — 48 in one shed, 52 in the other, the sheds sited end to end north by south — stand equidistant from one another and proportionally arranged in relation to the windows and floor squares. Each box has the same outer dimensions (41 x 51 x 72 inches), but no one replicates another. Each is differently inflected by interior or exoskeletal planes, and when those planes are doubled up, they are always proportioned four inches apart. Each box readjusts our perceptual apparatus. Look at a box with an interior panel slanting across its upper half and the space filling the interval looks like a solid black surface. Move slightly to the left or right of



In John Chamberlain's various works (1972–1983), the sexuality is muscular, liberated, jaunty, and nonstop.

another box and one or more of its panels, because of refracted light inside the sheds, looks transparent.

For Judd, the sublime was a collaborative condition between an object-reality and our own perceptual desires. (See the trim, dense lyricism of a 1972 shelf, made from anodized aluminum and galvanized

iron, that's hanging in the San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art.) The gunsheds in their entirety — buildings, windows, landscape, light, boxes — comprise an art in which each aspect exists in a calibrated but changing relation to every other. Judd once said to a group of students: "Everything happens together and exists together."

The boxes change. Their surfaces and spaces are washed or scoured or befogged by whatever quality of light is falling on them, and that same light strikes and shines the stone floor, and light bounced off one box ghosts over other boxes. And because of the desert's ambient temperature, which from noon to midnight can vary

more than 30 degrees (there's as yet no temperature control in the sheds), the aluminum expands and contracts. A former Judd assistant who showed me around said that when the extreme heat cools, the restless molecules can sound like rain falling on the roof. There's visual evidence, too: some of the boxes have *walked* a little — you can see where one corner over the course of time has crept six inches.

Until I experienced *100 Untitled Works in Mill Aluminum*, Judd's work felt remote to me and I felt indifferent to it. No more. The act of the form-finding mind to create more complex and harmonious and complete fields of relatedness, fields that are also overwhelming pleasure-givers — that act is passionately human and immediate. The sheds are such fields: the mind centers itself on the unity and the continuity of landscape, industrial fabrication (of buildings and boxes both), and Judd's ratio-driven

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# Calendar

## ART

and you see, beyond and *upon* them, the greasewood, goat-head, sagebrush, prickly pear, and desiccated terrain stretching beyond the walls. All these actions and relations stir up a terrific unworldliness totally in and of the world.

Judd first thought to install his aluminum blocks in the empty Marfa Wool & Mohair Building in the center of town, but that space became instead a site — the best I’ve ever seen — for John Chamberlain’s sculptures. Chamberlain (who died last December) is best known for his work constructed of automobile scrap metal. He scavenged fenders, tail-light assemblies, radiators, bumpers, dashboards, and other stuff, put the pieces in a compactor, crunched them to an appropriate dimension (he could control the pressure) then cut or used them whole,

tack-welding while he explored the composition. His raucous, industrial flora shouldn’t be as lyrical as they most certainly are. They have Walt Whitman’s rousing energy (as Judd has Emily Dickinson’s rhapsodic severity), and they are magically light, partly because of the way he worked the surfaces: he left the original paint job intact, or scraped and sanded it, or painted over it with a runny, splashy enthusiasm.

Considering their congested volume, the 22 pieces, made between 1972 and 1975, have incredible speed and brevity. They’re built on a human-ish scale, even the regal reliefs on the walls, and they look vaguely “of use,” like the original machines their materials derive from. Consistent with Judd’s aspirations regarding everything, Chamberlain’s works are positioned and spaced in the hangar-like interior at measured intervals, and their forms are modulated by the actions of available light. Nearly every

piece — restlessness and physicality never looked so desirable — stand on dainty feet where scrap corners touch the floor.

Chamberlain was literary and loved giving his work crazy titles. The Marfa installation contains two “gondolas” (as he called them), low-built, long-framed, constructions that stretch Chamberlain’s more usual spheroid bunchings. One gondola, *William Carlos Williams*, looks seaworthy and anxious to be splashed. It’s a visual equivalent of idiomatic speech turned into a poetic vernacular. The other gondola, *Ezra Pound*, reminds you of Pound’s poetry: it looks like something broken — a toboggan, maybe, or bed-frame — with messy, sharp edges and barely coherent relations of part to part. Williams believed all poetry could be reduced somehow to sex. Chamberlain, too, had his own ideas about that. In Marfa, you see realized what he said about his work, that it all came out of “sexual and in-

tuitive thinking,” and that “the sexual decisions come with the fitting of the parts.” The sexuality is muscular, liberated, jaunty, and nonstop. The ten-year-old tourist I chatted with, however, had none of that in mind. When I asked what he liked about Chamberlain, he said: “I like how you know how old the car is by its color.” ■

## ART

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

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

## “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 closes Sunday, June 17.

Personalized automobiles known as lowriders “are part of a subculture whose aesthetic tendencies cross over into the world of fine art.” Lowrider cars are typically customized with a hydraulic setup to be low to the ground, an elaborate paint job, striking chrome features, uniquely designed upholstery. Lowrider culture can be seen in cars and motorcycles as well as in sculpture, photography, paintings as an expression of individuality, cultural pride. “Cruisin’ Califas: The Art of Lowriding,” including several full-size cars and motorcycles in lowrider style, paintings, and sculptures, continues through September. Featured artists: Victor Cordero, Eddie Galindo, Rick Alvarez, David Avalos, Magu, Teen Angel, Salvador Gonzalez.

“Lee Siltan: Evolution” juxtaposes organic shapes to create a lyrical sense of design, Siltan’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; 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 “concentration of five French 17th-century paintings” through Sunday, June 3. The inaugural grouping is mounted with Cleveland Museum of Art’s loan of Nicolas Poussin’s *The Holy Family Returning to Nazareth*, shown alongside paintings by Poussin’s contemporaries: *Christ Healing the Blind* by Philippe de Champaigne, *Pastoral Landscape* by Claude Lorrain, Simon Vouet’s *Aeneas and his Father Fleeing Troy*, and *The Holy Family with Saint John the Baptist in a Classical Landscape*, attributed to Nicolas or Pierre Mignard.

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**“Sutures: Stories with Seams”** Reception for exhibit by Rebecca Webb, Saturday, May 19, 5pm; **free**. Show runs through June 30. jdc Fine Art, 2400 Kettner Bl., Suite 208. (LITTLE ITALY)

**“Three Story House”** Drawn from museum’s photography collection of more than 7000 images, this exhibit “traces how photographers have captured the familiarity of the domestic environment to tell stories of how we live and where we live, as well as transforming it into a creative space to make art.” Continues through September.

In 1957, W. Eugene Smith, a former *Life* magazine photographer, moved out of his home and into a dilapidated, five-story loft building in New York City’s wholesale flower district. Between 1957 and 1965, Smith made approximately 40,000 exposures of the nocturnal jazz scene inside the loft, and of the street below as seen through his fourth-floor window, as well as creating 1,740 reels (4,000 hours) of stereo and mono audiotapes, capturing more than three hundred musicians. Enjoy the results of his work in “The Jazz Loft Project: Photographs and Tapes of W. Eugene Smith,” on view Saturday, May 19 through Sunday, October 7. **Free**-\$6. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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# Wild Pork Wings!

“Actually,” says Joe, “we were arguing over this, me and Doug, the kitchen manager.”

**M**e thinks a trend is happening. A new wave of small-scale, back-to-the-future neighborhood bars. The Cheers thing. You see downtown blossoming with places like, well, Neighborhood (Eighth and G), or, in South Park, Hamilton’s (30th and Beech), or Whistle Stop (2236 Fern).

Imperial Beach has beautiful never-change outfits like Ye Olde Plank (24 Palm Avenue, right on the beach), a local watering hole plastered with customers’ souvenirs and portholes and puffer fish...I’d be there now, except they don’t do food anymore.

I’m mulling all this as I amble up Palm Avenue in IB. I mean, face it, Palm Avenue isn’t exactly the coziest street in town. It’s a mix of auto shops, carpet outlets, parts stores, the kind of strip you drive past on your way to somewhere else.

Then, suddenly, right next to Mason’s Car Clinic, the one with the “flying” yellow ’40s car, a front end stuck at the top of a 15-foot pole, you hear laughs, clinking of glasses, music, the sound of sports TV.

It’s all coming from this anonymous white-and-blue cinderblock place. Well, not quite anonymous. They have a neon Budweiser sign in the window and big blue-and-black letters painted along the wall.

“The Scoreboard Sports Bar & Grill.”

I peer through the window. Looks so warm, woody, inviting inside...

Moment later, I’m in there, hopping aboard a bar stool and clunking my elbows onto the shock-blue Formica bar. Lots of TVs, but guys and their girlfriends and wives can still talk to each other across the four-sided island bar. They do it like this is their club.

The barkeep comes over.

“What can I get you?”

“Do you have happy hour?” I ask. Because, hey, it’s on the way to 7:00.

Joe the bartender shakes his head. “We do have \$3 Buds. Draft pints or bottle.”

“Great,” I say. “A Bud draft. And the menu.” I’m not expecting any revolutionary food here. Really, just hoping to get a good price and enough for the money.

But I’m about to make a discovery. A first. Or maybe I’m the only guy in the county who hasn’t eaten pigs’ wings before.

“K.C. Wild Pork Wings, w/chips, \$7.99,” says a handwritten addition to the menu that lists

today’s specials on a stapled-on sheet. There’s also spaghetti with meatballs, \$6.99, and a grilled meatloaf sandwich, \$6.99. Teriyaki shrimp for \$8.95. The regular printed menu includes “Score-burgers,” with “hand-formed” patties — they start at \$2.99. And what a deal on biscuits and gravy: only \$1.99. But I see that’s weekends only.

Then this couple sits down beside me at the bar. Cheryl and Doug. They’re lifetime I-Bethans. “But this is the first time we’ve eaten here,” Cheryl says. “We came in for the tacos.”

Taco Tuesday! Which is today. I hadn’t noticed. But now I see they have 99-cent deals for carnitas, shrimp, carne asada, even imitation-crab tacos.

Pia, the waitress Joe has sent around to take my order, points to another handwritten addition on the regular menu.

“Wild Pork Wings!” she says. “You’ve gotta try them.”

“Uh, pork wings? Pigs that fly?”

“Sure,” she says.

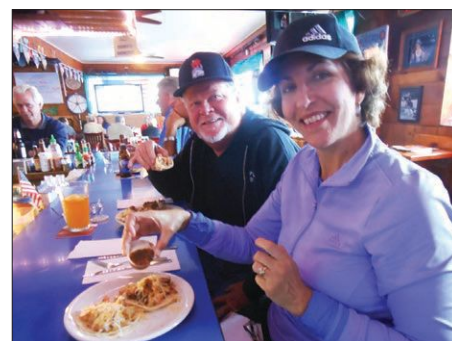
I take a slurp of Bud (which, okay, I secretly like), just to take in this new concept. If pigs could fly...? “You serious?” I ask. “This is real pork meat, at least?”

“Actually,” says Joe from across the bar, “we were arguing over this, me and Doug, the kitchen manager. He said they must be processed meat squeezed around sticks of bone, so they look like chicken wings. But, no. These’re really bone-in pork shanks. Lower back leg. The meat around the fibula.”

Pia says, “And they have a sweet dark sauce, and that pork taste. I love it.”



K.C. Wild Wings



Doug and Cheryl

They’re \$7.99, but I can’t resist.

Ten minutes later, Pia brings a plate with three of them. They look pretty fat for wings, more like drumsticks, though twice as big as chicken drumsticks, plus chips. Lots of big, crackly, homemade chips. Must say, the “wings” are convenient. You hold the flat-ended bone at one end and chew the meat off the other. The pork tastes like they slow-roasted it. The sauce is dark and sweet. Wish they had more, but I never do get around to asking.

“Delicious,” says Cheryl, when I ask about her carnitas tacos. I’m thinking, *bet they taste like my wings*. Because they’re both real, slow-cooked pork.

But, pork wings? I ask around. Guy on my left googles it on his iPhone. Seems the whole idea started when a pig farmer named Bob File noticed pork novelty stalls selling them at NASCAR, around 2003. These little bits of fibula bone with spare meat attached had always been throwaways scraped for pet food, at best, till these NASCAR guys noticed how easy they were to eat — if you prepared them right.

The kicker is that during the slow roast of 6–8 hours, the meat contracts, pulling back to one end of the shank. Result: you get a natural bone handle. A ready-made corndog effect. So easy to eat!

Pig farmer File and others have spent this last decade wholesaling pig wings to places like the



Yes, it's a sports bar

Scoreboard all across America. Now, folks buy two and a half million pounds every year.

How come we haven’t heard of them? Maybe because they’re called everything from “squealers” to “beaver tails” to “pork hammers” to “carnitas lollipops.”

Whatever, they’re certainly delish, and the three I get are plenty to fill you up.

Joe, who knows what I.B. likes to eat — his family has owned this place since 1986 — says it took awhile to bring folks around to pork wings.

“I tried them a year or so back. No one was interested. Now I’ve introduced them again, and they’ve taken off like crazy.”

Half an hour later, I’m back out at Ninth and Palm, waiting for the 934.

Head’s abuzz. The flying talk, the flying pawk, the island bar, the flying car...feel like I’ve just come out of a 1950s flashback. The pig wings were great, of course, but what’s *really* great is regulars and strangers yakking away like old friends. A new trend in neighborhood bars? Nah...down here it never went away. ■

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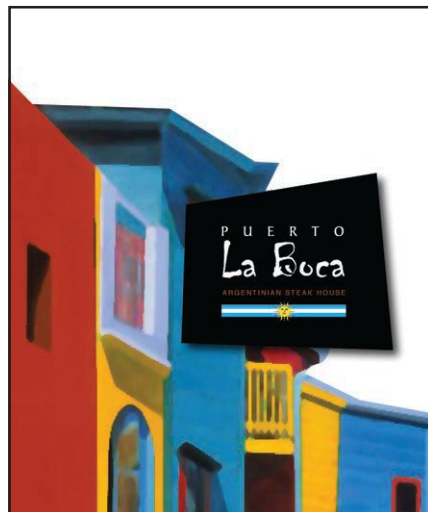
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# Oh! the Presentation

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## A Car Wash...and Persian Food?

The Shell gas station at the corner of Leucadia Boulevard and El Camino Real offers gas and a full-service car wash, as well as the usual fare of snacks and fountain drinks. If it's about lunchtime, it offers something more: Persian food. Skewers Grill, which has been at this location for seven years, sells primarily kebabs, rice, and salads.

The set-up is low key, from the simple sign outside and above the counter to the bistro-style tables surrounded by a Lotto machine and displays for Red Bull. There is nothing to indicate that the food served is authentic Persian food from the personal recipes of Mary Ghandy, a regular fixture at the counter and the owner's mother.

I brought a friend who lives down the street. She was amazed that she had never heard of this place and that it was located in a gas station. I chose a combination plate with a beef-filet skewer, herb rice, and Caesar salad for \$10.50. My friend ordered the same, except with a chicken skewer and the mixed salad (\$8.75). There were other diners and an equal number of people waiting for their cars to be washed.

Since I had eaten there before, Mrs. Ghandy came out to chat with us. We discovered that it isn't so surprising that many people aren't aware of Skewers Grill — they do not advertise and have relied on word of mouth for business.

Our food came out — not fast, but quickly enough for someone on an hour lunch. The pre-

sensation elicited an "Oh!" from both of us due to the addition of freshly chopped herbs scattered over the food. Amazing how something so simple can delight the senses.

The salads were fresh. My friend felt her salad was over-dressed, though still tasty. My Caesar was just right, though the croutons detracted from the overall homemade appearance of the meal.

## FEAST!

Our meat skewers were tender and deliciously marinated. My beef was cooked just right: a little rare and easily cut with my plastic knife.

The herb rice was a real treat. It's made with basmati rice, which was fluffy and contained plenty of dried herbs. My friend and I kept trying to determine what other seasoning was used. She thought cardamom, and I felt sure that it was cinnamon. We couldn't get an answer from Mrs. Ghandy.

In addition to the meat kebabs, there was also a marinated vegetable skewer as an option. They also have hummus, tabbouleh, and wraps. Interestingly enough, you would have to read the menu to find out that the menu is authentic Persian food. The menu also gives a catering price list.

My friend took a menu for future take-out nights. And I thought about how this

is a great way to combine a fill-up, car wash, and tasty lunch in one stop.

Skewers Grill, 1060 El Camino Real, Encinitas.  
Posted May 4 by Amy Davis

## Counting Calories at the Coffee Bean

There was a time when I didn't think much about calories. I've recently attributed my newfound



You hear "muffin" and you think, *better than a donut.*

calorie counting to my age and the slowing of my metabolism, but it might have more to do with California's menu labeling law.

This morning I went corporate for my (third cup of) morning coffee. I usually make the trip to North Park, but today I wanted to stay within the general vicinity of my daughter's school so I could maximize my work time.

The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf on Clairemont Mesa had an open table next to the window and an outlet, so I spread out my computer, notebooks, and pens and went to the counter to order.

I'm usually partial to bagels and breakfast sandwiches at this time of day, but the Coffee Bean is more of a pastry kind of place. I've heard that muffins are one of those traps for people seeking to cut back on calories. You hear "muffin" and you think, *better than a donut*, but they're high in calories.

Sometimes I pretend I don't know this and order one anyway. Other days, I order a scone. Maybe I'm the last one on Earth to know this, but when I looked at the calorie label on the scones this morning, it blew my mind. At 530, they were higher in calories than the croissants (400)! The two pastries with the lowest calories were a mini cheese danish (another surprise — I would've thought that would be higher) and the mini banana-nut muffin, both at 190.

I'm now convinced that the new obsession with mini everything that seems to have overtaken

the food universe has as much to do with calories as it does to do with cute.

I settled on a mini muffin to go with my coffee. It seems like muffins have gotten sweeter and cake-ier in recent years. Or maybe they always were. Anyway, this one was surprisingly less cakey and sweet than most other banana-nut muffins I've had, which made it just the right companion for my black, no-sugar coffee.

Total bill: \$3.02.

Posted May 4 by Elizabeth Salaam

## Bunz: Burgers and Shakes in Hotel Circle

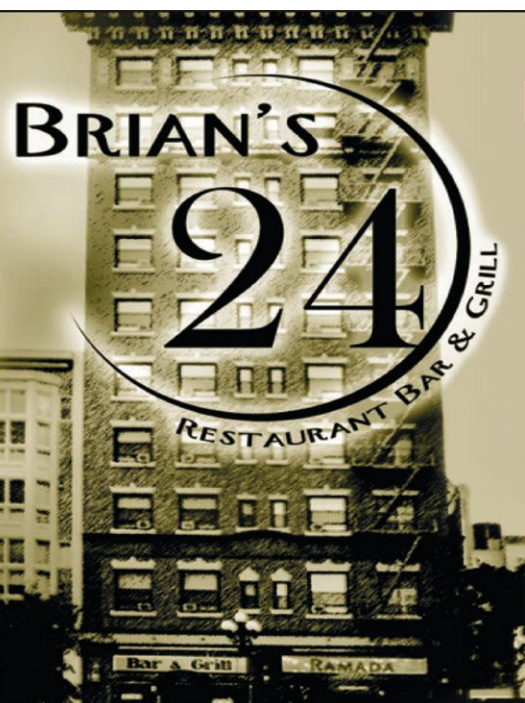
The Days Hotel (not Days Inn!) may not be the most exclusive location in town, but Bunz is a credible effort at putting a legit burger shop in an unexpected place: Hotel Circle.

Brandon Hernández gave the background on the burger restaurant when it was just a rumor. In short, chef/owner Jeff Grossman of Terra American Bistro is the driving force behind the Hotel Circle hamburger joint.

The interior of Bunz belies its history. Something about the layout of the dining area screams "Dennys!" Regardless, the current application of space has made good use of the sunny patio and brought it into the 21st Century.

The menu is limited to burgers, fries, dogs, salads, ice cream, and shakes. Simplicity like that can be lovely. Burgers are the focus, with special builds such as the Three Li'l Pigs with bacon, ham, and pulled pork on top for \$9.95. The All American Classic overflowed its whole-wheat bun and came with an excellent blend of sauces, seasonings, and toppings. Garlic fries, which could be added for \$1 and were super garlicky, were also excellent.

Service was a sticking point — the servers were chipper enough, but since the restaurant was not busy, the staff could have been more attentive.



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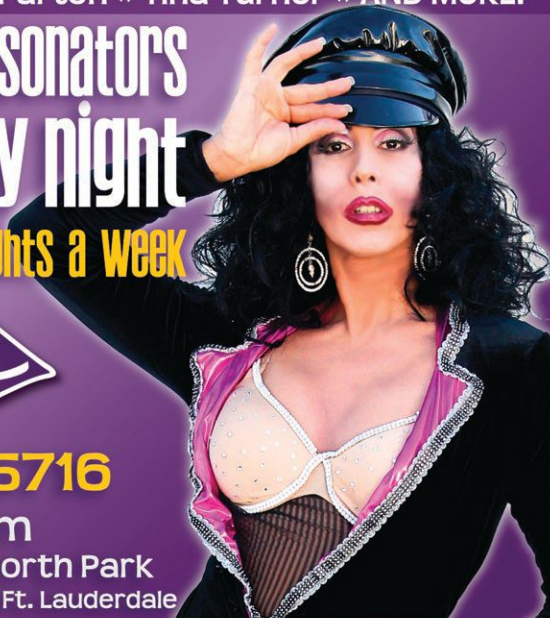
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# Calendar RESTAURANT

Bunz, 475 Hotel Circle South.  
*Posted May 3 by Ian Pike*

## \$10 Lunch: Indigo Café

I stood in a strip mall in Kearny Mesa, faced with two options. This was a moment not unlike another I had in Julian a couple of months ago. On the one hand, here was Abbey's, a barbeque joint I knew would satisfy the calories-are-a-myth carnivore in me. And on the other hand, directly next door, was Indigo Café, whose website calls this location (one of two in San Diego) "Kearny Mesa's Healthy Alternative."

I'll be honest and say that I made my decision on the number of empty seats. It was lunchtime, and Abbey's was far more crowded. I didn't want to eat standing up, so I chose Indigo Café. That said, once I'd made my decision I began to crave (believe it or not) fresh lettuce and that light-and-happy sen-

sation instead of bloated and sleepy.

Indigo Café is an order-at-the-register place where they call your name and bring your food to you when it's ready. I chose the almond-chicken wrap (\$6.99). The menu said it came with mandarin oranges, toasted almonds, red onions, mixed greens, and an Asian vinaigrette. When it arrived, I wasn't disappointed by the look of it. On the contrary, I was rather excited to see all that lettuce inside.

The first bite made me sad. I'm not sure when it happened, but I've recently come to abhor processed chicken. Not in all forms, but certainly breaded and sliced as it was in my wrap. And the mandarin-orange flavor and the vinaigrette made the whole thing a bit too sweet for my liking.

The pasta salad, too, was a bummer. Although sesame oil is one of my favorite flavors, the amount used in this pasta slickened my lips excessively. All told, the best part about my meal was the iced tea: unsweetened.

Although I didn't have the

best experience, I feel like it might have been better had I not expected health food in its purer form. But, on the road — when faced with a choice between Indigo Café and fast-food chains — this wrap feels like eating organic sprouts straight from the ground and washed in a mountain stream.

*Posted May 3  
by Elizabeth Salaam*

## Herringbone in La Jolla Set to Open May 23

Herringbone, the fifth installment in the Brian Malarkey/James Brennan San Diego restaurant empire, is slated to open in the long-empty space at 7837 Herschel Street in La Jolla on May 23.

Heading up the kitchen is Amanda Baumgarten, another *Top Chef* alumni. Trained at Le Cordon Bleu in London, Baumgarten's most recent stint was as executive chef at Los Angeles' Water Grill.

Herringbone will serve "ocean bazaar" cuisine featuring seafood specialties from around the world as well as

unconventional surf-and-turf combinations. The menu will be divided into Cold, Hot, Green, and Crust, combining unusual proteins with more traditional ingredients such as olives, lemon, and garlic.

The Snake Oil Cocktail Company has created the drinks. Traditional spirits, local craft brews, and small production wines will be available.

The interior of the restaurant has been designed by Thomas Schoos, who did the work on Searsucker, Gabardine, and Burlap. The vintage warehouse structure has been transformed by adding six massive olive trees, each nearly 100 years old, which arch over the space, converting it into an indoor garden.

*Posted May 2  
by Mary Beth Abate*

## \$10 Lunch: Beaumont's Eatery

A recent post by Mary Beth Abate inspired me to set up a lunch date at Beaumont's Eatery in Bird Rock. Initially, I planned to indulge and spend a little more than usual for lunch. But

when I sat down and opened the menu, I was happy to find that it would be easy to keep my bill close to \$10. They have several options, including burgers, fish tacos, and sandwiches right around the \$9 and \$10 mark.

My lunch date ordered the Double-Grilled Cheese Sandwich (\$9), which comes with white cheddar, tomatoes, bacon, and avocado. I went with the Brie-Nini Panini (\$9.50), a fancy grilled cheese that features prosciutto and green apples.

It wasn't the to-die-for sandwich I thought it would be. The brie overpowered everything else. While I love the flavor of brie, I thought the apple and prosciutto needed a bit more presence.

Although I didn't love love love my sandwich the way I wanted to, the rest of the lunch options in the \$10 range could inspire a second visit. Korean Duck Tacos (\$11), the Fresh Grilled Hawaiian Albacore Huli Sandwich (\$10.50), and the Sloppy Dave (a pulled pork sammy for \$10) all sound good to me. They also have lunch combos that allow you to pick

two items: half sandwich, cup of soup, and/or a small salad for \$9.

*Posted May 9  
by Elizabeth Salaam*

## Oscar's Mexican Seafood

The opening of another fish taco shop in the Bird Rock/Pacific Beach area isn't newsworthy — there's one on almost every corner. So when I saw a line out the door at a tiny little storefront on Turquoise Street, I figured it was worth a stop.

Oscar's Mexican Seafood has only been open for nine months, but it's already built a solid following among the locals for serving ultra-fresh, inexpensive fare. The kitchen is twice as big as the minuscule dining area, but there are a few tables and a long counter outside.

I ordered a battered fish taco (\$1.99; you can also get it grilled), a spicy shrimp taco (\$3.49), and agua fresca (\$1.50). Each came dressed with thinly sliced cabbage, chopped tomato, red onion, and a shower of cilantro leaves. A large slice of

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creamy ripe avocado graced the spicy shrimp. You can choose from three homemade salsas — cilantro, chipotle, and habanero — or a large assortment of bottled sauces.

The spicy shrimp was plump, sweet, and perfectly grilled. I didn't do a shrimp count, but the tortilla was stuffed — every bite had a good amount. It was spicy enough, but not overly so. I added more heat with the red chili salsa.

I should have eaten the fish taco first. By the time I got to it the batter had softened somewhat, but the fish was moist and tender and the smoky chipotle salsa complemented it perfectly. All of the garnishes were top notch, fresh and flavorful.

The agua fresca flavors change frequently. Mine was a lovely strawberry-lime. So refreshing and light.

I've heard that the smoked marlin taco is superb, and the ceviche is so popular that they sometimes run out early.

Oscar's Mexican Seafood is cash only, but there's an ATM onsite. Also, there's no sign other than the one on the door, so don't blink or you'll drive right by.

Oscar's Mexican Seafood, 703 Turquoise Street.

Posted May 8  
by Mary Beth Abate

## Tiger! Tiger!

"Tiger! Tiger!" Usually when I hear those words I think *golf*.

But I get off the Number Two tonight, and there it is, burning bright across El Cajon Boulevard. Tiger! Tiger!, the tavern: 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park.

I blame Mary Beth Abate and Ian Pike. They've both been here and written about it. I couldn't resist, either.

For starters, this place is pulsing — we're talking around nine at night. Plus, I like the little island of warm lights and timbers. And then there's Derek. He's a bouncer who actually makes you feel welcome.

And then the long plank tables inside, with lots of old exposed beams everywhere. Kind of an urban take on a loggers' social hall. What's not to like?

The guy behind the bar, Morgan, the manager, helps me scan the board of two-dozen craft brews. He gives me samples, names I've never heard of, such as the Beachwood Hop Ninja ("Sneaky hops, deadly kick")

and the Petrus Monk's Café Sour Flanders Red ("It tastes sorta like lemonade").

I end up with a pretty good Bear Republic Hot Rod Rye. But what I like best is that Morgan is interested. He's not a beer-pro snooty. Same with the chef. Aaron La Monica. Right now he's stoking the wood-fired brick oven.

"This is a scratch kitchen," he says. "Beer-oriented, of course. Oysters go so well with beer. Especially, say, an Irish stout. That's why we have lots of oysters on the menu. They're from Carlsbad. We go for local and organic. That puts the price up. Not like France. There you have to pay extra not to be organic."

They've got a mushroom lentil sandwich for \$7, a pork bratwurst for \$9, and, hey, an oyster po' boy for \$10: "Chicken-fried oysters, cabbage, remoulade, pickled chili, shaved red onion on a baguette with a side of pickles."

That's the one, and it goes down great. Squishy, tasty, creamy, and tangy with the pickled chili and pickles.

So, no, not cheap. But healthy, pretty delish, and eaten with people who want to talk beer all night long. Met the

owners, too. Way-cool dudes. More in Tin Fork, soon.

Posted May 8 by Ed Bedford

## \$10 Lunch: Noodles & Company

I was a bit confused when I first went into the Noodles & Company at Sports Arena and Rosecrans (other local locations include San Marcos, Encinitas, and University Towne Centre).

I knew the place had noodles, obviously, but that was all I knew. Turns out their menu is separated into three categories: American, Asian, and Mediterranean. Each category offers salads and sandwiches as well as noodle dishes such as macaroni and cheese, stroganoff, spaghetti, and Japanese pan noodles. That's easy enough.

What I didn't understand was why there was no pricing next to the dishes. It took me a minute, but I figured it out. It goes like this:

You start with a bowl, either small (\$4.25) or regular (\$5.35). If you pick small, the guy behind the counter will tell you "a regular gives you twice as much food for only \$1.10 more." For this price, you can get any item on the menu (pad Thai, penne rosa, etc.), except

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those marked otherwise. And on the menu, written in red, you'll see suggestions such as, "Try this with marinated steak" or "Try this with sautéed shrimp," which will add to the price. You can also add soup or salad for \$1 more.

In my case, I went with the small bowl of Japanese pan noodles with marinated skirt steak (add \$2.65). The meat had a fine consistency. It was soft, but cooked through. The sauce on the noodles had a good kick, tempered by the cool sprouts, but it made for a terrible combination (my fault) with the fizzy blackberry Izze (\$2.25) I bought to accompany my meal.

I'd probably venture to try other dishes on the menu before I'd go back and order this dish again. I found it a bit heavy on the sauce side. It overpowered the noodles. I have a soft spot for buttered egg noodles, so next time I'm in that area I might pop in and give them a try. They might be great with that skirt steak.

It was a plus to see that although it's an order-at-the-counter venue, they don't use disposable plates or utensils. Everything but the chopsticks is wash-and-use-again.

Total bill: \$9.96.

Posted May 8  
by Elizabeth Salaam

### Chicken, Waffles, and a Ton of Butter at Bootlegger

Some dishes are confounding to me in their ability to draw me to them again and again. Count chicken and waffles as one.

Over the past several years, as the dish has become more popular and widespread locally, I've sampled multiple versions, looking for one I really enjoy. Funny thing is, in all those years, only West Coast Tavern's has won me over. That's a success rate that makes a 2012 Padres batting average sound good.

Yet, during a recent pre-Padres meal at Bootlegger in the East Village, as I perused a menu with plenty of appealing entries I once again succumbed to the draw of batter, crisped up in a press and slathered around poultry parts. And, again, I was disappointed...but not terribly.

The chicken itself came in the form of boneless tenders that were nice and juicy. Big plus there, but the breading was bland and uneven. I could see the meat peeking out like skin on a scantily clad Gaslamp goer.

I don't know when this trend of bucking thick batter — you know, the kind that makes for full, crispy coverage associated with traditional fried-chicken cookery — became en vogue, but I'm longing for a buttermilk renaissance.

The waffle was fine. It could have been crispier, but that's not such a huge deal, considering it was bound to be doused with butter and syrup (a maple gastrigue, actually, but since it lacked a gastrigue's vinegary characteristics, it might as well be referred to as syrup). And speaking of butter, somebody there either loves it or overestimates the customers' affection for it.

The dish is one of a trio of Bootlegger TV dinners, which come served on platters that have been fabricated to look like the compartmentalized TV-dinner trays of yore. The largest compartment holds the chicken and waffles, the compartment that was reserved for dessert in my day holds the gastrigue, and the compartment beside that holds a choppy mound of butter so immense that everyone at my table mistook it for mashed potatoes.

I'd have preferred that they put spuds there...or any side

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dish. Even some clever take on carrots and green beans would have been welcomed. Man cannot live on carbohydrates alone, and something should have been there to break up that heavy dish. As it was, the only other thing they offered were some cut-up, macerated strawberries. Were they a part of the dish? Were they a dessert? Either way, they were badly matched and severely lacking.

It would seem this quest, the origins or continuation of which even I don't understand, will continue. Or maybe I should just go back to West Coast Tavern.

Bootlegger, 804 Market Street, East Village.

*Posted May 8  
by Brandon Hernández*

### Chamorro Grill: Island Cuisine in Mission Valley

The Guamanian restaurant situated in a small Mission Valley strip mall seems to have a pretty steady client base of local Pacific Islanders, at least if the crowd inside the place over the weekend was any indication.

"Chamorro" is the demonym for the people of Guam and the Mariana Islands, and the cuisine of that culture bears some resemblance to Hawaiian cookery, which is probably more familiar to many people because of places such as L&L Barbecue, albeit with a few noteworthy differences.

I ordered a Spam musubi with red rice, which gets its color from annatto oil. I have a soft spot for the little spiced ham-sushi snacks. Widely available at gas stations and restaurants in the Pacific nations, Spam musubi is a killer snack food and an excuse to eat the oft-forbidden SPiced hAM

from the Hormel Corporation. Chamorro's musubi had a bit too much nori (which was itself a little tough) on the outside, so it was difficult to bite through.

Entrées were served with rice and mac salad in the island style. Kalua pig, a dish of pork and cabbage that's familiar to me from Hawaiian restaurants, was too watery, but the flavor was good. Simply draining the meat before serving would have made it just fine.

A plate of chicken that had been braised in spiced coconut milk was a serious undertaking. With all dark meat, and plenty of it, the chicken was spicy and rich from the coconut broth.

Everything was served take-out style, even if not ordered to go, and prices on all the entrées were held under ten bucks. The Chamorro Grill isn't fancy, but it serves up huge plates of food on the cheap. Anyone who likes Pacific Islander cooking will be able to achieve satisfaction for not a lot of loot.

Maybe the best part of the

meal was the hot finadene sauce. I looked it up later, and it turns out it's a mix of vinegar, soy sauce, and chili peppers. I had never had this before, but it was incredible on plain white rice.

Chamorro Grill, 6628 Mission Gorge Road.

*Posted May 7 by Ian Pike*

### Don't Order Your Grilled Cheese From a Kiosk (Especially If It's Not on the Menu)

I went to Bird Rock on an errand a couple of weeks ago and found myself hungry. My daughter was hungry, too, so we peeked in at Bird Rock Yogurt, a tiny little kiosk of a place right outside the Starbucks at Forward Street and La Jolla Boulevard.

They had a handwritten sign advertising the day's special sandwiches and wraps, but I wanted simple, plain, and quick. I asked the woman inside

if she could do a grilled cheese, and she said "no problem," even though it wasn't on the menu. She offered our choice of bread, cheese, and whatever else. We went with cheddar on wheat, mine with tomato, my daughter's without.

The wait was a long one but not unpleasant. It was a beautiful day, and we sat at one of the little tables in front of the kiosk while we waited for our food. A nearby fountain trickled, and little birds hopped about.

The food was blah. Our sandwiches were lacking that grilled-cheese-made-in-a-restaurant quality that usually makes them so tasty. I don't know how she made them. They were warm, and the cheese was melted, but the melting was likely done in a toaster oven instead of a pan with butter. The little booth is really tiny, not even room enough for more than one person — so that would make sense.

The strawberry smoothie we

ordered, however, was just what a strawberry smoothie should be: sweet, cold, and fresh. Clearly, ordering from items on the menu is the best option.

Next time, if we stop for a sandwich, we'll choose from the menu — something cold that doesn't require melting. A wrap is probably more suited to kiosk dining.

*Posted May 7  
by Elizabeth Salaam*

### Szechuan Mandarin

Across the street from a Toyota dealership, on a well-developed stretch of Mission Gorge Road, Szechuan Mandarin is a great example of a time-forgotten restaurant that hasn't changed much in the past 30 years.

Inside, it's 1982 forever, with vinyl booths and fish tanks, the coolness of which is a contrast to the somewhat dowdy facade and exhaust fumes of the Mission Valley streets outside.

I opted to pass on the tiki-style cocktails, because wash-



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ing down lunch with a Scorpion Bowl is a risky endeavor. Still, I can imagine that mai tais and Beachcombers would go great with the food. A pot of hot tea, on the other hand, was more in keeping with my lunchtime procedure.

The food was an exemplary example of American Chinese cuisine. Hot-and-sour soup had a familiar tang and velvety texture. A dish of Szechuan beef was mostly sweet and spicy flavors — coated in the thick, red stir-fry sauce, the heat of the dish was only moderate, despite the warning of the chili pepper on the menu. The “chef’s shrimp” plate was broccoli and shrimp bound in a thick velouté — a kind of sauce made by thickening stock with starch.

Neither dish was exceptional, although the quality of produce seemed a bit beyond the norm. Lunch plates all cost between eight and ten dollars, so the Szechuan Mandarin experience was affordable and a nice change from other types of quick lunches.

I would say the charm of the place is mostly in its atmosphere and decor. The food isn’t different from what might be available in a food court somewhere, but the old-school appearance and fish tanks give Szechuan Mandarin a leg up on the competition.

Szechuan Mandarin, 5855 Mission Gorge Road.

*Posted May 6 by Ian Pike*

## A Sneak Peek at Vintana in Escondido

The media is often treated to construction-stage, pre-open glimpses of a work-in-progress called “hard-hat tours.” They require a leap of faith and, often, a lot of imagination. This is particularly true when a venue is a little outside the box or the first of its kind.

This week I donned an imaginary construction cap and entered an almost-finished yet mostly naked new spot unlike any other in San Diego. The restaurant is called Vintana. The latest in the Cohn Restaurant Group family of eateries, it’s installed on the top floor of the new 300,000 square-foot Lexus dealership in Escondido.

The venue is planned to house numerous commercial tenants in the future, most of which will occupy the building’s second floor. Vintana is the first arrival, a cornerstone on which to help build this retail city of

sorts.

Coming in, you’d think you were at any other car dealership, albeit a huge one stocked with rides so sweet they’d give my wallet type-two diabetes. Life on the second and third floors offers a different atmosphere (though, with views of the showroom, several offices, and a room adjacent to the Vintana lobby where new owners can learn all about their fancy new Lexi, one remains distinctly aware of the building’s primary purpose).

As far as the restaurant goes, the photos I took give a rough idea of what things will look like, but without furnishings, staff running to and fro, and diners taking up space and dinnerware sets, the only thing that’s clear is there will be a lot of view to take in. Westward views from the floor-to-ceiling windows provide an opportunity to catch a pretty sunset against a silhouette of rolling hills.

It’s easier to take in that view

from an outdoor terrace that is equipped with some nice patio furniture and fire pits. That spot gives way to an event area that can be rented out and is already home to a concert series.

Vintana’s menu will be made up of California modern cuisine from longtime San Diego chef and culinary lifeblood of the CRG, Deborah Scott. Menu items include langoustine sweet-corn fritters with honey-bacon crème fraîche and blackberry-glazed bison spare ribs served over bacon-pecan waffles. The latter, which I was able to sample, had great sweetness and texture and makes a case for ditching fried chicken for this tender, gamey option.

Boutique wines as well as a vodka lounge said to be stocked with over 100 varieties of the crystal-clear spirit will form the backbone of the beverage program.

Vintana, 1205 Auto Parkway.

*Posted May 11*

*by Brandon Hernández*

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**We're in L.A. Now.** Travis Baucum, the lead singer of Oceanside hard-rock five-piece Red Wizard, was beaming onstage about an upcoming gig. "We're playing the House of Blues May 31. And it's not the Voodoo Lounge, it's the fucking main stage."

main-stage booking seems remarkable, it's because it is. All the kids have to do to play the House of Blues main stage that Thursday is pay \$750. "This guy named Garrett from Breakthrough Entertainment hit me up on Facebook,"

ful. Calls to the House of Blues have not been returned. An insider at another venue says that \$750 seems excessive for the San Diego market. "It just shows that the model that has been used in L.A. is now coming down here in a big way," says the insider. He explains that eager promoters willing to take a risk and pay a venue a guarantee is a win-win for any venue.

Ricketson says there were six bands that signed up to play May 31, including 3030, the Incentive, Aqua-Rhythm, the Orange Pickers, and Therefore Affair. If all six bands pay \$750, the promoter will gross \$4500. His guarantee to the venue, says the insider, would likely be in the \$2000 to \$3000 range.

"I was in a band when I was 13," says Baucum. "We had to pay, like, \$200 to play the Whisky [a Go Go] in Hollywood. Our parents paid it, of course. It seems like we're in L.A. now."

Ricketson says that so far the band has sold 22 tickets. "I think we're being extorted," says Baucum. "It's hard for a band to get any exposure now unless they're paying for it. I feel like that's what it has come to today. It's an industry that's in it not for the music but for the money."

"There are so many different genres and tastes today that venues don't know what is good anymore," says Ricketson. "All they respond

to is money and numbers. We could be brutalizing young animals onstage and as long as we bring in money and publicity...it's okay."

— Ken Leighton

**Silhouette of a Band.** "A friend of mine, Ray Suen, he's a local musician. He called me and said that Trey Anastasio [the leader of the band Phish] was looking for musicians and did I want him to submit my name?" Adrian Demain's answer was yes. "But, I really didn't think about it much after that." The Oceanside-based guitarist says he was surprised to hear from Anastasio. "He said to me, 'You're the one I want.'" No audition? "He'd looked at some of my YouTube clips."

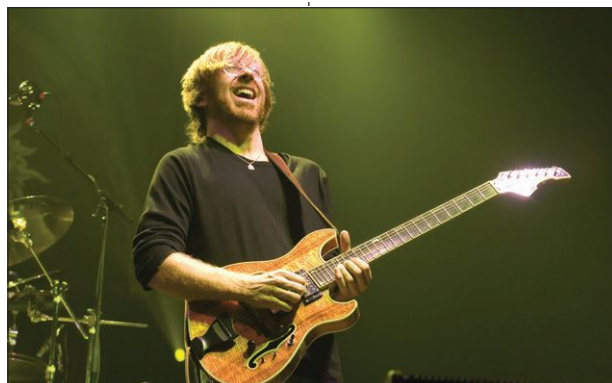
Anastasio scored the musical adaptation of *Hands on a Hardbody* and was responsible for hiring a band to perform his music during the play's run at the La Jolla Playhouse.

Demain says Anastasio wanted a different feel for the production. "He wanted real band players...not a generic pit band. It sounds kind of country, especially with Rick Schmidt on pedal steel." Schmidt, also from San Diego, has performed with Heather Myles, Dennis Kaplinger, and Eve Selis. The rest of Anastasio's band are from New York.

"We're part of the set design, which is a parking lot," says Demain. "We're on a little stage on the stage. We're a

silhouette."

La Jolla Playhouse directors commissioned *Hands on a Hardbody*, which is based on a 1997 documentary film of the



Phish frontman Trey Anastasio wrote the score for Broadway hopeful *Hands on a Hardbody*, now at La Jolla Playhouse.

same name. "Their goal," says Demain, "is to get it to Broadway." The plot: ten strangers compete to win a brand-new truck over a span of several hours by keeping at least one hand on the truck at all times.

How can you make a story about a guy standing around keeping his hands on a truck? Demain says, "You'd be surprised. It's got everything, including humor and the American dream."

He won't say how the play ends, but of working directly with Anastasio, Demain says, "He's been at rehearsals and at every premiere. He's been pretty hands-on with the music."

Being part of a house theatrical band is a change for Demain, a hired gun who often performs with Billy Wat-

son or Brawley, has a residency as Exotica Tronica at Bar Pink in North Park, and sometimes plays a uke gig with Susanna Kurner. "It's not what I do. I

read music, but I'm not one of those guys you can throw a piece of music in front of and have me read it on the spot. Sight reading is a challenge."

*Hands on a Hardbody* runs through June 17.

— Dave Good

**Diamond Dust.** After nearly seven years of curating the monthly Fashion Whore (largely at the Ruby Room), Club Pop, and other club parties, promoter May Star is dropping her usual dance nights to initiate a new monthly event at the under-construction Kitty Diamond.

The venue's Park Boulevard location in Hillcrest was previously home to the Flame.

The Diamond is being cut by designers Bells & Whistles

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# the inside track blurt

Steeped in the rock sound of their parents' generation — Deep Purple, Sabbath, Zeppelin, the Who — the band knows they aren't like other musicians their age. "Popular

says Ricketson. "He's from Anaheim or L.A. He said people down here have been asking him to come down to San Diego..."

Red Wizard took the offer



PHOTOGRAPH BY WILL GIBSON

The kids in Red Wizard say they feel they're "being extorted."

music has definitely changed," says guitarist Miles Ricketson. "And we're definitely not what pop music is now." Ricketson, at 22, is the oldest Wizard. The others are aged 19 and 20.

So, if the House of Blues

and signed an agreement that said they were obligated to sell 75 tickets at \$10 each.

Ricketson says he signed the contract with a guy named Mo. Attempts to reach Mo and Garrett have been unsuccessful.

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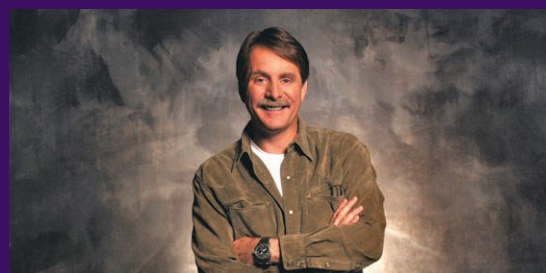


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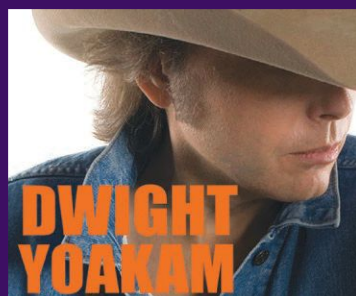


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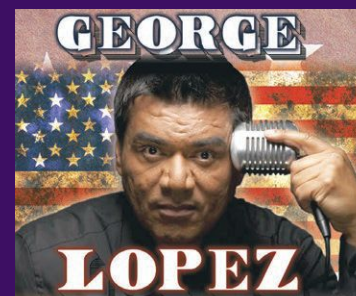
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You can take a look at Kitty



Though the Flame burned out, the iconic signage will remain.

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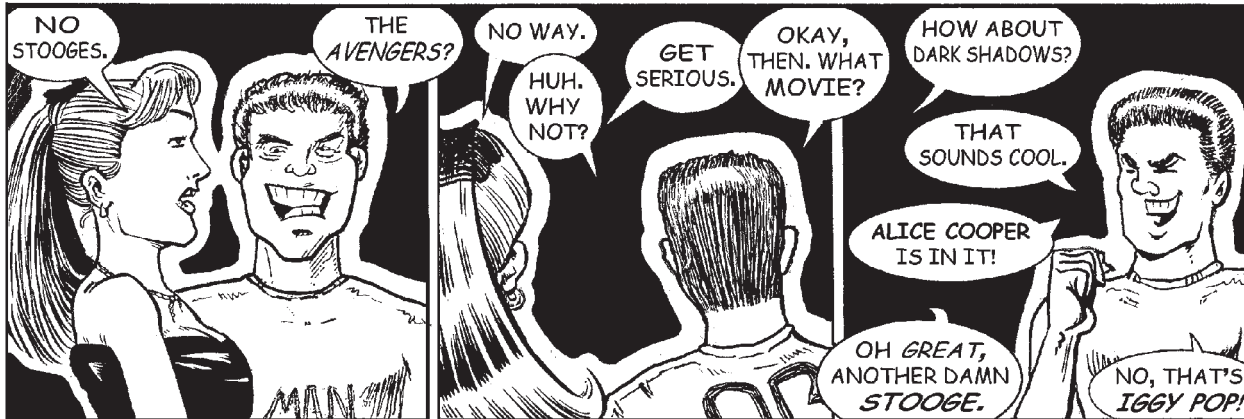
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Diamond's soft opening on May 18 followed by Manntar Minor Thursday nights (happy hardcore/dubstep), events with Gabe Vega and Saul Q., and, at the end of May, Mondays with blues-rock gems Lady Dottie and the Diamonds.

Club Sabbath, the venue's staple goth/industrial/dark-wave dungeon, will continue to convene at the location every second, fourth, and fifth Saturday.

— Chad Deal

### Metaphorical Maren.

San Diego via Tübingen, Germany, pop songwriter Maren Parusel layers reverb-drenched guitar hooks with an assortment of vintage synths on her sophomore album, *Tightrope Walker*, which is set to be released June 19 on Requiemme Records/BMG Chrystalis.

The themes presented on the LP were inspired by Nietzsche's landmark book *Thus*

*Spoke Zarathustra* and the documentary *Man on Wire* about a French highwire walker who traversed a line between the World Trade Centers in 1974.

"Metaphorically, life is you walking on a tightrope," says

than looking up to figures. It's about living your own dream."

Parusel's revamped synth-driven sound comes after her gear was stolen on tour in New York City last year; although, Parusel says, "I was already



Parusel strives for synth-driven balance on *Tightrope Walker*.

Parusel, whose debut *Artificial Gardens* (produced by Black Heart Procession's Pall Jenkins) won Best Pop Album at the 2011 San Diego Music Awards. "You're balanced on your own rope. You can slip and fall. This album is about believing in yourself rather

beginning to change the way I made music."

For *Tightrope Walker*, Parusel teamed up with Christopher Hoffee at Chaos Recorders in Escondido, whose array of analog synthesizers and vintage plug-ins lend dreamy, dance-friendly textures to

Parusel's falsetto vocals.

Backed by a live band of Eric Brozgold (drums), Josh Cass (guitarist from Get Back Loretta), and Kory McAfee (bass), Parusel and company recently garnered attention from R.E.M.'s Mike Mills ("I loved her set") and photographer BP Fallon at South by Southwest, where she played several shows, including Alejandro Escovedo's (brother of Requiemme manager Mario Escovedo) day party at the Continental Club.

Celebrate the release of *Tightrope Walker* on June 30 at the Casbah with Maren Parusel and the Nervous Wreckords.

— Chad Deal

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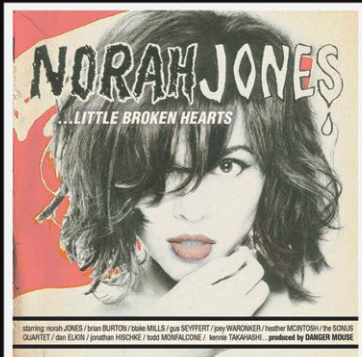
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## This Week In Music

### Thursday 17

Soda Bar delivers **Baby Buffalo** Thursday night. Rami and Odie have been a duo since the first grade, finding common ground in hip-hop music and playing with bees. The Buffalo babies have relocated to San Diego and bring with them an electropop sound that's "like if Prince and Passion Pit got together and played Mouse Trap in Bon Iver's attic while listening to M83." Ah, youthful exuberance. Check 'em out ([facebook.com/wearebabybuffalo](http://facebook.com/wearebabybuffalo)), and then *check 'em out* with like-minded locals **Mothlight**, **New Assembly**, and **DJ Keith Sweaty** spinning 'round sets.... Mario Quintero and the Black Box studio crew in **Sleep Lady** ("The soundtrack you never heard to a movie that was never made about people you never met") hook up with instrumental trio **Housewives** ("With our favorite elements of indie, prog, post-rock, and post-hardcore in mind, we started writing some plucky tunes") at Bar Pink for what on paper reads like some pretty heady sets.... You want less nut and more butt — *whaaaat* — rock-and-soul royalty **Lady Dottie** dons her **Diamonds** and graces the stage this Thursday and next out at Tower Bar.... Chula Vista hardcore beast **Take Offense** takes the stage up at Ché Café. **Twitching Tongues** and **Harness** will open the show.

### Friday 18

For those of you who did not get tickets to the **Clap Your Hands Say Yeah/Darcys** show at Casbah, boo frickity hoo, there're still some wicked kewl shows around town. For inst., from Brooklyn, rooftop party band the **Beach Fossils** wash up at the Irenic in North Park, with **Catwalk**, **Mini**



BEACH FOSSILS AT THE IRENIC

**Death**, and **DJ Mario Orduno** at the decks between sets...Seattle ghetto tech punx the **Narrows** (Unbroken, Some Girls, These Arms Are Snakes, Makeout Boys) will be at Eleven with SD's **Secret Fun Club** and **Bumbklaat**...**Last Years**, **Sculpins**, **Mr. Nobody**, and **Methlabs** fill a punk'd throwback bill out at Tower Bar...Tin Can Ale House dials in afro-punk five-piece **Irradio** with **Lands**

on **Fire** and **Subsurfer**...while English deej **John Digweed** does his thing downtown at Voyeur. Wait, no he doesn't. That one's been cancelled with two els.

### Saturday 19

Courtney Taylor-Taylor and the **Dandy Warhols** will revisit their 15 minutes of fame at Belly Up on Saturday. With this year's warmly received and goth-leaning *This Machine*, the Portland-via-L.A.



THE DANDY WARHOLS AT BELLY UP

psych-pop band has been at it for almost 20 years, and though they have "grown," agrees bloggerdom, the quartet's sexiest stuff is behind them. That said, that back catalog holds up well and makes for entertaining rock-roll shows. And, also, I got a 'uge thing for Zia. 'Uge.... The rest of youse: *As Nasty as They Wanna Be*, Miami hip-hop duo **2 Live Crew** takes the mic at 4th&B...Black Flag bassist and SST co-founder **Chuck Dukowski** and his **Sextet** (aka CD6) play the Shakedown with **Secret Fun Club**, **Dirtbag Surfers**, and **Cigarette Bums**...Eleven stages **Hot Bottle Bombers** (Boom Boom Kids) with **Band-droidz** (the Slackers from NYC), **Re-moans**, and **Thornless Roses**...and for your recommended daily allowance of greazy beats and barroom rock, the **Bedbreakers** will be out at the Riviera Room in La Mesa...while **Joey Harris and the Mentals** torch the Tiki in P.B.

### Sunday 20

For all you creative types, there's going to be an art show and swap at the Ché Café on Sunday.

Hit this for the specifics: [thechecafe.blogspot.com](http://thechecafe.blogspot.com).... And since you're already up thataway, go get **Spiritualized** at Belly Up. Space-rock experimentalist Jason Pierce touched down with a doozie this year with his new Fat Possum Records set *Sweet Heart Sweet Light*. The Englishman's "ode to early rock" (Velvets, Stooges) garnered an 8.8 and Best New Music from *Pitchfork*, and this time I donut disagree. We love this record in the Monk house. The Mom got it for Mother's Day with her flowers and sweets. ("Reminds me a little



SPIRITUALIZED AT BELLY UP

bit of Donovan's more conceptual stuff." Don't be impressed, she compares *everyone* to Donovan.).... Brooklyn joy-pop band the **Suckers** is playing Casbah. These cats hit their touchstones (Heads, Bowie, Animal Collective) at an interesting new angle. The very recommendable debut, *Candy Salad*, is out now via Frenchkiss. **Young Man** and **Vanaprasta** up first... Else: Tower Bar turns on garage-rock border band **Electric Healing Sound**... while Detroit rock trio the **Sights** plug in at Til-Two with loud-ass locals the **Bloodflowes**.

### Monday 21

Belly Up gets **Trampled by Turtles** on Monday. The indie folkies from Duluth, Min-

nesota, specialize in a rootsy nu-grass vibe that has as much to do with Bob Dylan as Ralph Stanley. I've caught the quintet a few times on the folk-fest circuit, and they always hit hardest. Fans of the brand might want to find the merch guy for this year's *Stars & Satellites* on the way in, as there won't be any left by the end of the show. Happens.... SanFran sludge-metal band **Black Cobra** slithers into Soda Bar behind last year's Southern Lord set *Invernal*. SD art-punks **Ghetto Blaster** turn up first.... Casbah's Anti-Monday thing brings **Plants**



TRAMPLED BY TURTLES AT BELLY UP

& **Animals**. One of the Of Noters Of Noted this show for you, so flip or click to that for more on them. **River City** and **Seventh Day Buskers** set it up.... Out at the Riviera, it's Morrissey Monday, pianist **Kevin Cavanaugh's** healthy tribute to the former Smiths front guy. And wouldn't that be a nice little warmup for this week's big ticket Tuesday. Check it...

### Tuesday 22

**Morrissey** will be at the Valley

View Casinorena Tuesday night. Yes, the 52-year-old pompadoured pope of mope continues to croon his way 'round the globe this year, from HI to CA to IT, licking his lips and shaking his hips, like Cher,

except with a wicked-rich back catalog and a cult of personality that would choke, well, Cher. If you've never seen Moz onstage, go get hypnotized by one of the most colorful pop icons of our time.... Been there, done that? Swedish indie duo **I Break Horses** rides into Casbah behind their promising Bella Union debut, *Hearts*...and from Nottingham, the one-man dance band known as **Star Slinger** lands at Soda Bar.



MORRISSEY AT VALLEY VIEW CASINO CENTER

### Wednesday 23

I'm out of room, so real quik with the humpnright highlights: Midway punk club Shakedown has **Hookers** (ex-Nashville Pussy)... from Denton in Texas, punk perennials the **Riverboat Gamblers** drift into Casbah... and Tower Bar's got a grand one with Nawlins garage-punk group **King Louie's Missing Monuments**. King Louie Bankston is underground rock-roll royalty, y'all, founding such finery as Royal Pendletons, Persuaders, and

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# Good Stuff, Bad Stuff

*"If we could, we'd figure out a way to take away their frigging casinos."*

A saloon-type upright piano is the first thing a visitor sees. "That's Country Dick's old piano," says Paul Kamanski. He coaxes a few notes out of it.

In his living room-turned-recording studio, Kamanski plugs a Mac PowerBook into a 1960s-era McIntosh amplifier ("A Mac and a Mac," he says) and fiddles with the laptop. The new music he's been recording begins to play, and it is pure Comanche Moon goodness: the Heartbreakers meets the Black Crowes.

Comanche Moon is an underrated local band and ongoing side project for Kamanski, best known perhaps for writing hits for the Beat Farmers, a San Diego cow-punk band of national stature. The shoulder-length hair has turned gray, but Kamanski, 56, still makes music.

He also restores vintage motorcycles at the Mission Hills duplex he shares with his wife Caren, their teenage daughter Tennessee, a pair of housecats, and a mountain of music equipment.

The Rock Trio (Joey Harris, Paul Kamanski, and Caren Campbell) perform at McP's Irish Pub & Grill in Coronado May 27 at 4 p.m.

## THE TERM COMANCHE MOON ACTUALLY DESCRIBES A MOON PHASE?

"I believe it's the Texas moon, the big harvest moon. And the Indians would use that in their nightly raids. They had to see what they were gonna go after," he laughs.

## YOU SURROUND YOURSELF WITH ARTIFACTS OF NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE.

### WHAT'S THE SIGNIFICANCE?

"Anytime we've ever done anything for those people, we've ended up hurting them. They had a true government, a true spirituality, and the more I read about them, the more I think about the knowledge they had from thousands of years of walking all over this [country] that has been lost. Now we have them living on reservations with huge casinos, and they're making money — if we could, we'd figure out a way to take away their frigging casinos."

### HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE REMEMBERED?

"As a songwriter. When I was young, I always thought that if I could just write a song that would get on the radio, all the good stuff would just happen."

### AND DID IT?

"A lot of good stuff happened, and a lot of bad stuff, too, which is really interesting about the whole trip. But it really started out with the dream of if I could write some lyrics, and if I pay attention to detail and I'm not afraid, if I write and I get over the fear of saying exactly what I feel and take the criticism. I started writing songs, and the next thing I knew I had one called 'Bigger Stones' that the Beat Farmers picked up."

### WAS THAT HOW THAT RELATIONSHIP STARTED?

"Yes. Country Dick [Montana] used to come over, and he'd go, 'Well, what else you got?' I started writing for him, and I had my own band and I had a band with Joey [Harris] called the Electric Sons, and I was in a

band before that called the Fingers with Joey and Billy Thompson. We started writing all our own songs."

### ORIGINAL-MUSIC BANDS HAD A TOUGH GO OF IT. WHAT MADE YOU TAKE THAT ROUTE INSTEAD OF THE COVER-BAND CIRCUIT?

"I noticed that the vocals in pop music kept getting higher and higher. But my voice wasn't getting any higher. When I got up to around the mid-area of the guitar, the keys of G and A, that was my top end. To be singing up there in the Eagle and Journey world was just...music was just getting worse every decade. I said to myself, *I gotta start writing more*. It became interesting. Joey and I had a falling out. I moved to San Francisco, and that's where I really said, *Can I write music for a living?*"

### AND DID YOU?

"I wrote 35 songs in a year. I got up every day and told myself that whether I come out with something good or bad, at least I'm gonna get up and do it. This was the late '80s, early '90s."

### WHAT WAS WRITING SONGS AND WORKING WITH COUNTRY DICK LIKE?

"He would come over in his Falcon with a case of beer in his front seat and say, 'Get in the car.' And I'd ask, 'What are we doing?' And we'd drive to the Belly Up and we'd drink that beer and we'd party at the Belly Up and we'd come back here after the bar closed. And then we'd drink more. And we'd go through my tape archives. I recorded every single idea I could put my hands on. I wrote them down, and I made stacks and stacks of tapes organized into what I called the A drawer, the B drawer, and the C drawer."



Paul Kamanski collects Native American artifacts, restores vintage motorcycles, and writes songs.

PHOTOGRAPH BY CAREN CAMPBELL

### LET'S COUNT THE BEAT FARMER HITS THAT CAME OUT OF THE 'A' DRAWER...

"Bigger Stones," 'Hollywood Hills,' 'Blue Chevrolet,' 'Road to Ruin'...about 11 songs. And then the Country Dick stuff: 'California Kid,' and the 'Indigo Rider' song that was on his *The Devil Lied to Me*. In the end, Dick was trying to give himself some credibility. He didn't want to be the coyote-crazy guy who was always diving off the stage. He wanted to sing a country ballad that made you cry."

### DID YOU EVER STRIKE IT RICH?

"I made a little bit. There were royalties for a while. When you get your first check for 700 dollars you go, 'What? For writing music? Are you serious?' Then one day you get a bigger check and you go, 'Oh, my, I could actually make some money.' But you watch it go up and down. The weirdest thing about the business is that when you go into it, you're hyper and scared to death and excited about getting signed but what you don't know is how you're gonna get screwed. You know you're gonna get screwed, you just don't know how." ■

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**4th&B:** 345 B St., Downtown, 619-231-4343.  
*Thursday*, 7:30pm — Local Hip-Hop Showcase.  
*Saturday*, 9pm — 2 Live Crew. With Rodney-O, LA Dream Team, and Egyptian Lover.

**710 Beach Club:** 710 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.  
*Friday*, 9pm — SoCal Vibes and Sunny Rude.  
*Saturday*, 7pm — Studio 8 and Fakebook.

**98 Bottles:** 2400 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-255-7885.  
*Thursday*, 7:30pm — Jaime Valle. Latino jazz. \$20-\$30.  
*Friday*, 8pm — The Mattson Two. Jazz/surf. **Free.**  
*Saturday*, 8pm — Alan Parry. Acoustic. \$10.  
*Sunday*, 2pm — Peter Sprague. Jazz. \$15.

**Anthology:** 1337 India St., Little Italy, 877-828-0891.

*Thursday*, 7pm — Royal Southern Brotherhood: the Soul of the South. With Devon Allman, Cyril Neville, Mike Zito, Charles Wootten.  
*Friday*, 7:30pm — Joan Osborne.  
*Saturday*, 9:30pm — The Michael Tiernan Band.  
*Monday*, 7:30pm — Cathouse  
*Thursday*. CD release.  
*Wednesday*, 7pm — Jon McLaughlin.

**Art Lab:** 3536 Adams Ave., Normal Heights.  
*Wednesday*, 8pm — Robin Henkel Band. Blues, jazz, swing, steel and slide-guitar. **Free.**

**The Bailey Wood Pit Barbecue:** 2307 Main St., Julian, 760-765-3757.  
*Friday*, 8pm — Left Hand Thread. \$5.  
*Saturday*, 8pm — The Fremonts. CD release and live recording. \$5.

**Balboa Theatre:** 868 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100.  
*Tuesday*, 7:30pm — Daughtry.

**Bar Pink:** 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.  
*Thursday*, 9pm — Sleep Lady and Housewives.  
*Friday*, 9pm — The Styletones.  
*Saturday*, 9pm — Neon Beat.  
*Wednesday*, 9pm — H.A.M.

**Beaumont's:** 5662 La Jolla Bl., La Jolla, 858-459-0474.  
*Thursday*, 8pm — Simeon Flick.  
*Saturday*, 9pm — Slower.  
*Sunday*, 11am — Allegra.

**Belly Up:** 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.  
*Thursday*, 9pm — See-I and Project: Out of Bounds.  
*Friday*, 9pm — The Cured.  
*Saturday*, 8pm — The Dandy

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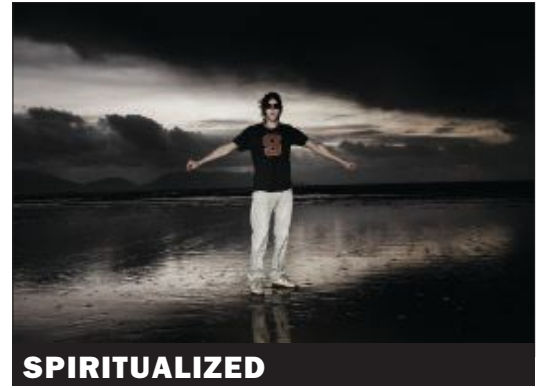
BY WILLIAM CRAIN

**When the Spiritualized song "Hey Jane" began streaming online a few months ago**, a friend of mine said it was really good...and then it went off the rails. I told him I thought it didn't really get going until the moment where it seems to fall apart. "Hey Jane" starts off as basically the same song Jason Pierce has been writing for the past 20 years with Spiritualized and for ten years before that with Spacemen 3 — a minimal two- or three-chord update on the Velvet Underground. (He even calls the Jane of the title "Sweet Jane" at one point.) Don't get me wrong, it's a great song. But I've always thought that the most interesting parts of any

Spiritualized record are the moments when the formula starts to break down.

There is a real breakdown at about the four-minute mark in "Hey Jane" when the guitars and drums spill off into noise. The song then reconstitutes itself as a Stereolab-style one-chord krautrock number. But for me the song doesn't really take off until almost another three minutes of this has gone on, when backup singers start harmonizing and Pierce begins repeating, "Sweetheart, sweetheart of mine." It's hard to tell exactly what changes in the song, but it slowly turns into something extraordinary. I watched a video of the band playing it live in an old Irish church, and when they got to that part I could swear they were going to start levitating.

Again, this is the same kind of thing Pierce has been doing forever: achieving transcendence through repetition. It's rock as a kind



## SPIRITUALIZED

of meditation, and Pierce is the high lama of the practice.

Nikki Lane also performs.

**SPIRITUALIZED: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, May 20, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$20 presale; \$22 door.**

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Warhols.  
*Sunday*, 9pm — Spiritualized and Nikki Lane.  
*Monday*, 8pm — Trampled by Turtles.  
*Tuesday*, 8pm — Hugh Laurie & the Copper Bottom Band. Sold out.  
*Wednesday*, 8pm — Mishka & Anueha and Micah Brown.

**Birch North Park Theatre:** 2891 University Ave., North Park, 619-239-8836.  
*Saturday*, 8pm — Poncho Sanchez Latin-Jazz Band. \$35-\$65.

**Brick by Brick:** 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.  
*Thursday*, 8pm — Psychostick. \$10.  
*Friday*, 8pm — Metalachi. \$10.  
*Saturday*, 7pm — Apeyga, Shotgun Chaperone, Open Wound. Battle of the bands. \$10.  
*Sunday*, 7pm — Uniquely Divided, Calefaction, Departures. Battle of the bands. \$10.

**Carlsbad Community Church:** 3175 Harding St., Carlsbad, 760-436-6137.  
*Sunday*, 2pm — Coastal Communities Concert Band.

Hoagy Carmichael and Scott Joplin medleys. \$12-\$15.

**The Casbah:** 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.  
*Thursday*, 8pm — The London Souls and Schitzophonics. \$8-\$10.  
*Friday*, 8:30pm — Clap Your Hands Say Yeah and the Darcys. \$18-\$20.  
*Saturday*, 8:30pm — Milo Greene and Papa. \$10.  
*Sunday*, 8pm — Suckers and Young Man. \$10-\$12.  
*Monday*, 8pm — Plants & Animals and River City. \$10.  
*Tuesday*, 8pm — I Break Horses,

Geographer, Kitten. \$8-\$10.  
*Wednesday*, 8:30pm — The Riverboat Gamblers. \$10.

**The Centre at Lexus Escondido:** 1205 Auto Parkway, Escondido.  
*Sunday*, 7:30pm — Al Jarreau & the George Duke Trio.

**Ché Café:** 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311.  
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*Thursday*, 6pm — The Brokers Band. **Free.**  
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*Saturday*, 6pm — Shelle Blue. **Free.**  
*Sunday*, 5pm — Jerome Dawson. **Free.**

**Cuyamaca College:** 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway, Cuyamaca College, 619-660-4000.  
*Friday*, 7:30pm — Cuyamaca College Rock Pop and Soul Ensemble. The Beatles' *Rubber Soul* in its entirety. \$5-\$8.

**David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre:** 4126 Executive Dr., La Jolla, 858-362-1348.  
*Saturday*, 8pm — Howard Alden. Inspired by Armstrong, Basie. \$25-\$33.

**Dirk's Niteclub:** 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.  
*Friday, Saturday*, 9pm — Nemesis.

**Downtown Café:** 182 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-440-5687.  
*Saturday*, 6:30pm — The Farmers. **Free.**

**Eleven:** 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-450-4292.  
*Thursday*, 9pm — Columbian Necktie and KDC. \$5.  
*Friday*, 9pm — The Narrows, Secret Fun Club, Bumbklaat. \$10.  
*Saturday*, 9pm — Hot Bottle Bombers, Band-Droidz, Re-Mones. \$5.  
*Sunday*, 4pm — Stephen Rey, Misery, Jackals. \$4.  
*Wednesday*, 9pm — Six String Samurai. \$5.

**Epicentre:** 8450 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.  
*Friday*, 7pm — Satramote and Deep Sea Thunder Beast.  
*Saturday*, 7pm — Rogue Radio.

**Escondido Elks Lodge:** 2430 South Escondido Bl., Escondido.  
*Saturday*, 7:30pm — The Stoney B. Blues Band and Annette Da Bomb. \$10.

**Flying Elephant:** 850 Tamarack Ave., Carlsbad, 760-434-2660.  
*Friday*, 8pm — Willie Nelson Tribute.  
*Saturday*, 8pm — The Heavy Guit and the FMera.  
*Monday*, 8pm — Crystal Riot.  
*Wednesday*, 8pm — Patrick Norton.

**Gallagher's Pub & Grill:** 5046 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300.  
*Thursday*, 8pm — Ottly Mercer.  
*Friday*, 8pm — Brian Jordan Band.  
*Saturday*, 8pm — Tori Roze.  
*Sunday*, 3pm — The Hips.  
*Wednesday*, 9pm — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds. **Free.**

**The Griffin:** 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-684-1816.  
*Thursday*, 9pm — Colour Vision, Talk in the Static, Noise Floor. **Free.**  
*Friday*, 8pm — Vanity Theft, Enemies, Small City Calling. \$5-\$8.  
*Saturday*, 9pm — Stephen Rey, Nancarrow, Christy Littlemore. \$8-\$10.  
*Tuesday*, 8:30pm — Beat Club and Tonto. \$5.

*Wednesday*, 8pm — Golden Ghosts.

**Harrah's Rincon:** 777 Harrah's Rincon Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100.  
*Thursday* — Kix Brooks. Country.

**Hotel Indigo:** 509 Ninth Ave., East Village, 619-727-4000.  
*Thursday*, 5pm — Alyssa Jacey. Alzheimer's Assoc. benefit. **Free.**

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583.  
*Friday*, 9pm — Gramatik.

*Sunday*, 8pm — Charlene Kaye.  
*Wednesday* — Andre Nickatina.

**Humphreys Backstage Music Club:** 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577.  
*Friday*, 9pm — Betamaxx. Disco/dance. \$12.  
*Saturday*, 4pm — Rock Against MS Benefit. Featuring the G String Daddies. **Free.**  
*Saturday*, 9:30pm — Rockola. Classic-rock covers. \$12.  
*Sunday*, 8pm — Reggie Smith. Smooth jazz. \$12.

*Tuesday*, 7pm — Stoney B. Blues Band. \$5.  
*Wednesday*, 8pm — Jesse Davis. Jazz vocalist. \$5.

**The Irenic:** 3090 Polk Ave., North Park, 619-624-9335.  
*Friday* — The Beach Fossils. Tropical/pop/jungle.

**Ki's Restaurant:** 2591 S. Coast Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-5544.  
*Friday*, 8:30pm — Nina Francis, Peter Sprague, Tripp Sprague. **Free** with dinner or \$10 cover.

**Lestat's Coffee House:** 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.

*Thursday* — Ernie Halter, Chad Taggart, Chris Avetta.  
*Friday* — Lisa Sanders.

**Molly Malone's:** 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.  
*Friday*, 9pm — Outta Line. **Free.**

**Monte Vista High School:** 3230 Sweetwater Springs Bl., Spring Valley, 619-660-3000.  
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**Padre Gold:** 7245 Linda Vista Rd., Linda Vista, 858-277-8681.  
*Saturday*, 8:30pm — Rock-Tribute Madness. American Midnight, Alice & the Cooper Gang, Dust N' Bones. **Free.**

**Pala Casino:** 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252.  
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**Friday,** 9pm — Johnny Vernazza. \$5.  
**Saturday,** 9pm — 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band. \$5.  
**Sunday,** 9pm — Amanda Waggener Band. \$5.  
**Monday,** 9pm — Missy Andersen. \$5.  
**Tuesday,** 7pm — Open Mike with Walter Gentry. \$5.  
**Wednesday,** 9pm — Stoney B. Blues Band. \$5.

**Pete's Place:** 8330 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-464-9535.  
**Saturday,** 9:30pm — Manganista and A Fistful of Blue. **Free.**

**Prescott Promenade:** 211 1/2 E. Main St., El Cajon.  
**Friday,** 6pm — Thunder Road. Bruce Springsteen tribute.

**Quality Social:** 789 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-501-7675.  
**Tuesday,** 9pm — DJ Rezo, Abjo, Winter Inter. **Free.**

**RT's Longboard Grill:** 1466 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030.  
**Saturday,** 10pm — Zig Zag Jones. World/soul/reggae. \$5.  
**Sunday,** 10pm — Sunny Rude. Reggae/funk/rock-steady. **Free.**

**Ramona Mainstage Nightclub:** 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.  
**Thursday,** 8pm — Tab Benoit. Chicago blues.

**Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room:** 7777 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-713-6777.  
**Thursday,** 8pm — Tweed Deluxe.

**Friday,** 8pm — Zozo Fiasco.  
**Saturday,** 8pm — Bedbreakers.  
**Tuesday,** 7pm — Westside Inflection.  
**Wednesday,** 8pm — Brothers in a Bind.

**The Royal Dive:** 2949 San Luis Rey Rd., Oceanside, 760-722-1911.  
**Saturday,** 8pm — Nautikal. Reggae/rock.

**Ruby Room:** 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.  
**Thursday,** 8pm — Musicvideo? and Lo-Fi Sugar. \$6.  
**Friday,** 8pm — Still Ill. Morrissey/Smiths tribute. \$10.  
**Saturday,** 8pm — SD Union. \$5.  
**Sunday,** 9pm — Hey! Ho! Let's Go! Ramones tribute. \$5.  
**Tuesday,** 9pm — Tori Roze Presents: Ruby Tuesday. \$3.  
**Wednesday,** 8pm — Her Bed of Thorns and the Parlour Shootout. \$5.

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

**Friday,** 8pm — Godhammered, Medius, Betty Beware. Chance Hurtea benefit.  
**Saturday,** 10pm — The Chuck Dukowski Sextet, Secret Fun Club, the Dirtbag Surfers.  
**Sunday,** 9pm — Jameson, Aghori, One Theory.  
**Wednesday,** 9pm — The Hookers, White Barons, El Camaro.

**Soda Bar:** 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.  
**Thursday,** 8pm — Baby Buffalo, Mothlight, the New Assembly.  
**Friday,** 8pm — Alcoholic Faith Mission and Long Live Logos.  
**Saturday,** 8pm — Hundred Waters, Barbarian, Tourism.

# NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

**"Make a tricky record," Warren Spicer once said, "and then spend the next year learning how to play it live."** He co-founded Plants and Animals, a Montreal indie trio, and, yes, their music is tricky. They spent two years making 2008's *Parc Avenue* and it's got a 12-piece choir, just to name some of the added attractions. It sounds like *Abbey Road*, but streamlined for possible use behind slick television commercials for iPads or soft drinks or in the soundtrack of *Grey's Anatomy*. They describe their music as "folk-jazz-digital-improv."

But in music-industry shorthand, the rich complexity of Plants and Animals is reduced to post-classic indie rock. This is about as

enlightening as calling Van Halen post-screamo power metal. You come to the place where words fail or the music defies description. In truth, I think that at one time Plants and Animals wanted to be a full-blown jam band. But they ditched that plan and moved on to their current multi-layered soundscapes when the whole jam-band movement fizzled out and left a generation of neo-hippies staring at their feet.

Plants and Animals began with guitarist Warren Spicer and drummer Matthew Woodley. They'd been playing music together since they were 12, for over a decade. They met their third band member, bassist/guitarist Nicolas Basque, at Montreal's Concordia University. P&A gained a following by putting on large, high-energy live shows. But Plants and Animals as a name is hard to take seriously, like The The or Nickelback or Matchbox 20. They titled their 2010 CD *La La Land*, fitting for a band that once dressed up



## PLANTS AND ANIMALS

like fairies for a promo shoot. Cheesy fad-band or super-creative dedicated career musicians? Too hard to call. But as Dick Clark once said (I paraphrase), "If it's got a beat, and you can dance to it, that's all that matters."

River City also performs.

**PLANTS AND ANIMALS: The Casbah, Monday, May 21, 8 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$10.**

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**Sunday,** 8pm — Melted Toys and the Memories.  
**Monday,** 8pm — Black Cobra and Fed to the Wolves.  
**Tuesday,** 8pm — Star Slinger and the Hood Internet.  
**Wednesday,** 8pm — Hey Rosetta!, Rich Aucoin, Michael McGraw.

**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.  
**Friday,** 7pm — Mister Wister. \$8.  
**Saturday,** 6:30pm — Where Titans Roam. \$8.

**The Stage Rock Bar & Grill:** 762 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-696-9436.

**Friday,** 10:30pm — The Disco Pimps.  
**Saturday,** 10pm — DJ Miss Dust. **Free.**  
**Wednesday,** 10pm — Fingerbang.

**Swedenborg Hall:** 1531 Tyler Ave., University Heights.  
**Sunday,** 7:30pm — Songwriters Acoustic Nights. With Gregory

Page, Robin Henkel, Jeffrey Joe Morin, Roy Ruiz Clayton. \$7.

**Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre:** 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002.  
**Thursday,** 8pm — Kix Brooks. \$45-\$55.  
**Saturday, Sunday,** 6pm — The Turtles. \$35-\$45.

**Tiki House:** 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734.  
**Saturday** — Joey Harris & the Mentals.

**Til-Two:** 4746 El Cajon Bl., Kensington, 619-516-4746.  
**Sunday,** 9pm — The Sights and the Bloodflowers.

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*Friday*, 9pm — The Lomatones.  
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**The Tower Bar:** 4757 University Ave., City Heights, 619-284-0158.  
*Thursday*, 8pm — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.  
*Friday*, 8pm — The Last Years, Mr. Nobody, Sculptins.  
*Saturday*, 8pm — Tony the Tyger and Matteo Londres.  
*Sunday*, 8pm — Electric Healing Sound.  
*Wednesday*, 8pm — King Louie & the Missing Monuments and Chemicals.

**Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House:** 835 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-4855.  
*Saturday*, 7pm — "Sounds of Brasil." Bossa nova/samba. **Free.**

**Valley View Casino Center:** 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171.  
*Sunday*, 7pm — The Scorpions and Tesla.  
*Tuesday* — Morrissey. Alt rock.  
*Wednesday*, 7pm — Art Laboe Freestyle Explosion.

**Whistle Stop Bar:** 2236 Fern St., South Park, 619-284-6784.  
*Thursday*, 8pm — Makeout Weird.

**Winstons:** 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.  
*Saturday*, 9pm — Cubensis. \$10.

## EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

### Mixtape POP ETC

by Jeremy Dean

The Morning Benders have changed their name to POP ETC; yes, caps lock on. As detailed in a lengthy post on the band's old website, the cause of the change centered on their use of "benders," which carries a homophobic association in parts of Europe and the U.K.

POP ETC is a generic moniker, and it sadly nutshells their current (and possible future) sound.

The "pop" part is predictable, unoriginal,

and plastered with prepackaged, Katy Perry-esque beats and rhythms. The album seems fragmented, with several short, wordless tracks that serve little purpose except for testing the "Next" button. Track 3, "Where's the Love," ends with a sound bite of a Tupac Shakur four-letter-word-laden rant about motivation. Random much? The high-fill, little-thrill result leaves me wanting.

The brothers Chu's saving grace is their exploitation of a proven formula and familial harmonizing, particularly on the track "Settling Scores." And, yet, the overuse of auto-tuning, drum machines, and shoddy "bathroom-studio" production bore me. I want more "Etc."

Final count for *Mixtape*: 11 tracks, minus 4 interludes and a mediocre Björk cover ("Unravel") leaves but six new songs. It's a bloated EP. Will the name change and a weak re-debut be the deathblow for this Berkeley trio?

POP ETC

Mixtape tests the "Next" button.

## Music Reviews from Our Readers

### FIREHOSE Rages Full On

by Dryw Keltz

FIREHOSE walked onstage to little fanfare and launched into skate-rock anthem "Brave Captain." Pockets of fans began shaking as if they were fish out of water, surviving solely on the pulsating grooves provided by the rhythm section of Mike Watt and George Hurley. I managed to clear out a safe zone for my manic movements, while my colleague's uncontrollable "dance" techniques

drew the ire of younger M. Ward fans who cleared out a lunatic space for him to get his crazy on.

The 'Hose moved chronologically through their catalog, starting with the SST years.... Early highlights included the hyper "In My Mind" and vintage *Ragin' Full On* stand-out "Chemical Wire." "Down with the Bass" garnered the most enthusiastic crowd reaction of the set. My favorite had to be "Powerful Hankerin'," an oddball track from the group's final album that features spoken-word sections by Watt. The song rocked on the album but really springs to life onstage.

**Concert:** FIREHOSE

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**Date:** April 16

**Seats:** Lunatic space



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**4th&B:** 345 B St., Downtown, 619-231-4343.  
*May 25* — Don Omar.  
*May 26* — Oscar D'Leon.

*May 31* — Rusko.  
*June 15* — J Boog and Fiji.  
*June 17* — Jack Russel's Great White and Faster Pussycat.  
*June 23* — Greyhoundz and Typecast.  
*July 2* — Marcy Playground.  
*August 10* — Sheila E & the E Family.  
*August 11* — Pesado.

**98 Bottles:** 2400 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-255-7885.  
*May 24* — Korrie Paliotto.  
*May 26* — Nathan Welden.

**AMSDconcerts:** 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.  
*May 27* — Danny O'Keefe and Bob Lind.

**Anthology:** 1337 India St., Little Italy, 877-828-0891.

*May 24* — Toad the Wet Sprocket.  
*May 25* — John Patitucci Trio.  
*May 27* — George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic.  
*May 29* — Indigenous and Plateros.  
*May 30* — Marshall Tucker Band.  
*May 31* — Steve Smith & Vital Information.

**Balboa Theatre:** 868 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100.  
*October 17* — Jethro Tull.

**Bar Pink:** 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.  
*May 24* — The Blind Shake and Ghetto Blaster.  
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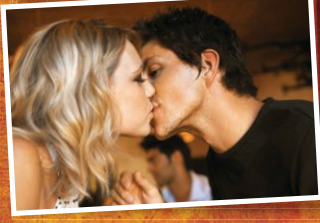
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Tuesday, May 22  
7pm • Blues  
**Stoney B**  
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Wednesday, May 23  
8pm • Jazz Vocalist  
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Saturday, May 26  
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 May 24, May 25 — The Expendables and Unwritten Law.  
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 May 27 — Cash'd Out.  
 May 29 — Greg Laswell.  
 May 30 — Everlast.

**Brick by Brick:** 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.  
 May 24 — Static Bloom, the Orangepickers, Liquid Whip.  
 May 25 — James Kruk.  
 May 26 — Dr. Know and Toxic Holocaust.

**The Casbah:** 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.  
 May 24 — The Growlers.  
 May 25 — Margot & the Nuclear So and So's.  
 May 26 — Republic of Letters, the Beautiful View, the Black Sands.  
 May 27 — Jivewire, One Nation Under a Groove, Hills Like Elephants.  
 May 28 — Tim Barry.  
 May 29 — K. Flay and Colin Munroe.  
 May 30 — Horse Feathers and Death Songs.  
 May 31 — G.B.H, Far From Finished, Social Spit.

**The Centre at Lexus Escondido:** 1205 Auto Parkway, Escondido.  
 May 25 — Chaka Khan.  
 June 2 — Carl Verheyen Band.

**Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre:** 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.  
 May 25 — The Beach Boys and Foster the People.  
 May 27 — "I Love This City" Festival.  
 May 31 — Sugarland.  
 June 3 — 91X-Fest.  
 June 27 — Vans Warped Tour.  
 July 20 — Big Time Rush and Rachel Crow.  
 August 7 — Pitbull.  
 August 9 — Toby Keith.  
 August 12 — KISS and Mötley Crüe.  
 August 14 — Neil Diamond.  
 August 25 — 311 and Slightly Stoopid.  
 September 7 — The Dave Matthews Band.  
 September 10 — Linkin Park and Incubus.  
 September 15 — Rascal Flatts.  
 September 22 — Jason Aldean.  
 September 29 — Jason Mraz.  
 October 4 — Florence + the Machine.  
 October 18 — Brad Paisley.

**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.  
 June 24 — La Arrolladora Banda el Limón.  
 June 26 — Scotty McCreery.  
 June 28 — Creedence Clearwater Revisited.  
 June 29 — KC & the Sunshine Band.  
 June 30 — Train.  
 July 1 — Julion Alvarez.  
 July 2 — Everclear, Sugar Ray, Gin Blossoms, Lit.  
 July 3 — Matisyahu.  
 July 4 — "Weird Al" Yankovic.

**Eleven:** 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-450-4292.

May 24 — Focke-Wolves.  
 May 25 — 7 Horns 7 Eyes, Stealing Axion, Eukaryst.  
 May 26 — Smooth Sailing.

**Embarcadero Marina Park South:** 206 Marina Park Way, Downtown.  
 July 6, 7 — Roberta Flack.  
 July 8 — Doc Severinsen and the San Miguel 5.  
 July 13, 14 — The Temptations.  
 July 27, 28 — The Music of Abba.  
 August 5 — Burt Bacharach.  
 August 10, 11 — Neil Sedaka.  
 August 17, 18 — Wilson Phillips.  
 August 23 — The Music of Michael Jackson.  
 August 24, 25 — The Music of the Eagles.

**The Griffin:** 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-684-1816.  
 May 24 — Split Finger.  
 May 25 — The Untouchables, Shocks of Mighty, 2000 Tons of TNT.  
 May 26 — The Gift/Curse, the Gaffer, the Elephant Project.  
 May 29 — Barcelona.  
 May 30, May 31 — Soul Ablaze, Keng Doja & the Royal Roots, the Broken Stems, F.U.Z.Z.

**Harrah's Rincon:** 777 Harrah's Rincon Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100.  
 May 26 — Dwight Yoakam.  
 June 22 — Melissa Etheridge.  
 June 29 — Squeeze and the B-52s.  
 July 7 — Meat Loaf.  
 July 13 — Joe Cocker and Huey Lewis & the News.  
 July 21 — The Jacksons.  
 July 27 — Gladys Knight and Natalie Cole.  
 July 29 — Barenaked Ladies, Blues Traveler, Big Head Todd & the Monsters.  
 September 9 — B.B. King and the Tedeschi Trucks Band.  
 September 23 — Daryl Hall and John Oates.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583.  
 May 25 — Tainted Love.  
 May 26 — Tyrone Wells.  
 May 27 — Steve Aoki.  
 June 4 — James McCartney and Silent Lune.  
 June 5 — Gondwana.  
 June 8 — The Maine.  
 June 9 — Collective Soul.  
 June 13 — Temper Trap.  
 June 14 — Rhapsody of Fire.  
 June 17 — The Jesus and Mary Chain.  
 June 21 — Chad Scott, Avasa & Matty Love, Steve Gold.  
 June 23 — Matt Skiba & the Sekrets.  
 June 29 — 6one9.  
 July 8 — Reverend Horton Heat.  
 July 11 — The Bouncing Souls.  
 July 20 — Led Zepagain.  
 July 22 — Ray Davies.  
 July 28 — Demon Hunter, Bleeding Through, Cancer Bats.  
 July 29 — Dirty Projectors.  
 August 8 — Enanitos Verdes.  
 August 11 — Me First & the Gimme Gimmes.  
 August 17 — Buckhead.  
 September 27 — Amon Tobin.  
 October 16 — Bombay Bicycle Club.  
 November 15 — Epica.

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July 2 — Lyle Lovett & His Large  
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July 20 — Ringo Starr & His All  
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July 22 — Yanni.  
July 26, July 27 — Sheryl Crow.  
July 29 — Earth, Wind & Fire.  
August 1 — Los Lonely Boys.  
August 2 — Chris Isaak.  
August 6 — Seal and Macy Gray.  
August 9 — Buddy Guy and  
Jonny Lang.  
August 10 — The Gipsy Kings.  
August 12 — America.  
August 14 — Colbie Caillat.  
August 17 — The Fab Four.  
August 18 — Yes.  
August 23 — Steve Martin & the  
Steep Canyon Rangers.  
August 24 — Air Supply.  
September 6 — Pink Martini.  
September 10 — Olivia Newton-  
John.  
September 11 — Chicago.  
September 13 — The Doobie  
Brothers.  
September 15 — Tower of Power.  
September 18 — Roger Hodgson.  
September 23 — Tony Bennett.  
September 25 — Bonnie Raitt.  
September 29 — Crosby, Stills  
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**The Loft:** 9500 Gilman Dr.,  
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June 2 — Ben Howard.  
June 7 — Patrick Watson.

**Open Air Theatre:** 5500  
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July 29 — Tenacious D and the  
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August 15 — Fun.  
October 2 — Phil Lesh and Bob  
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**Pala Casino:** 35008 Pala  
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August 10 — Diana Krall.

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September 30 — Crosby, Stills  
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October 12 — Jake Shimabukuro.  
October 27 — Natalie  
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May 24 — Wendy Bailey.  
May 26 — Baja Bugs.

**Ruby Room:** 1271 University  
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May 24 — For Strangers &

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May 25 — Bearracuda Dance  
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May 26 — Danny the Wildchild.

**San Diego Civic Theatre:**  
1100 Third Ave., Downtown,  
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June 14 — New Edition.  
June 15 — Kris Kristofferson.  
November 24 — Straight No  
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**Shakedown Bar:** 3048 Midway  
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May 24 — Static Thought and  
Among the Enemy.  
May 25 — The Bourbon Saints.  
May 26 — Nick Bone & the Big  
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**Soda Bar:** 3615 El Cajon Bl.,  
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May 25 — Monsters From Mars,  
Rachel Fannan, Just Another  
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**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Bl.,  
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**Spreckels Theatre:** 121  
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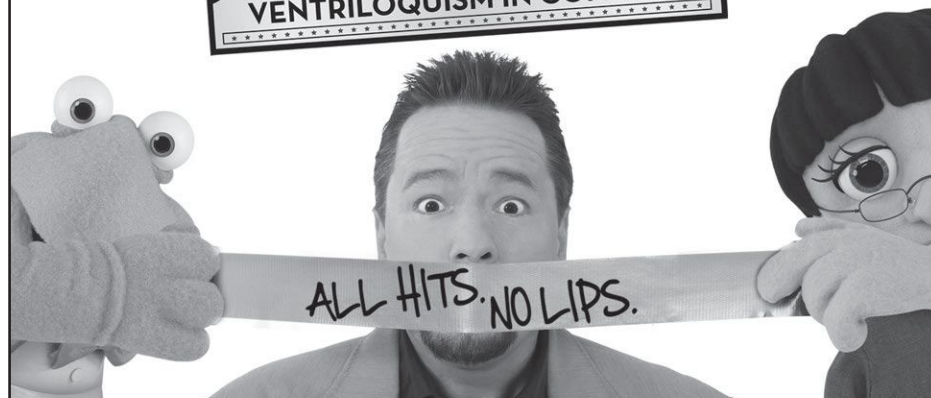
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## The Dragon Room at Wong's Golden Palace

You've probably seen Wong's neon towers glowing along the University Avenue corridor through La Mesa. You probably mistook the place for a drug front or maybe the entrance to a theme park. The truth is even better. Like a waft of samurai nostalgia on an autumn Shanghai breeze, the **Dragon Room** has a dreamy, faraway quality. Established in 1966, the electric hallucination sees paper Tsingtao serpents flying among Chinese lanterns and Budweiser Select signs. Cocktails come out strong and occasionally on fire. The happy hour is a miracle. Wong's crown virtue, however, is its cozy patio, where an ornate fountain runs into a koi pond and you can smoke in the open air without ditching your drink.

The Palace's mediocre cuisine lends credence to the dope-ring vibe. But the Dragon Room, which plays host to diversions such as darts, foosball, billiards, pinball, free Wi-Fi, corn nuts, and a Lotto

machine, is an effortless neighborhood dive whose weekday happy hour (5 to 7 p.m.) offers \$2.50 drafts from 11 taps and \$2.75 wells (add a quarter for juice). There's no finer prelude to Friday-night karaoke, which starts at 7 p.m.

You can start your Saturday with an omelet or pork chops and eggs (\$6) and then stick around for a night of live music from the likes of rock-and-soul stalwarts the Tighten Ups, the Johnson Project Band, Cameltones, and Joey Harris. A \$7 steak-and-eggs breakfast is served from 9 a.m. till noon on Sundays, and a half-pound burger or sandwich lunch special (\$7.25) with fries/rings and a well/domestic is available from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on weekdays. Remember, you aren't here for the food.



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*The bar pours heavily. Never, ever drive to the Dragon Room.*

Stick to the cheap cocktails and signature tiki drinks in ridiculous ceramic bowls touting exotic names such as China Dream, Confucius, and the Wong Cup.

"It's like a Mai Tai but worse," explains bartender Danelle as she hands me

Wong's namesake pint of hooch.

The classic Scorpion (\$8) — a flaming bowl of high-octane rum and fruit juice — is mixed on the restaurant side and may require added shots to taste. The bar, on the other hand, pours heavily. Never,

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### ALPINE

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

### BALBOA PARK

**The Prado:** Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$4.50 wells, wine, draft ale, margaritas, mixed drinks.

### BANKERS HILL

**Avenue 5:** Daily, 4-7pm: \$2 off wine; \$3 wells and select beer, \$7 specialty drinks.

**Pizzicato:** Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 draft and house wine. Saturday, 4-6pm: \$3 pints and house wine.

### BAY PARK

**Bay Park Fish Company:** Daily, 3-6pm: \$4 draft, \$5 house wine by the

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**The High Dive:** Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 9-11pm: \$3 wells, \$2 off local drafts, \$1 off wine, \$4 off bottles of wine, \$1 off specialty-drink menu.

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**Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hookah:** Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$1 off wine and bottled beer, \$2 off wells and drafts.

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**Chart House:** Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$4 wells, drafts. \$5 cocktails, wine. \$6 martinis. \$4 spinach & artichoke dip, \$5 firecracker shrimp, \$6 wood-fired pizzas.

### CARLSBAD

**The Alley:** Daily, 11am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestics.

**La Costa Grill:** Daily, 4-7pm, 9-11pm: \$4 wells, house wines, \$1 off calls & premiums. Appetizers reduced.

**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.

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### CARMEL VALLEY

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

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

### CITY HEIGHTS

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

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

### CLAIREMONT

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

### COLLEGE AREA

**California Kebab:** Monday-Friday, 3-8pm: \$1 off pints, \$2 off pitchers. Saturday-Sunday, all day: \$1 off pints, \$2 off pitchers.

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

**Satin Lounge:** Thursday, 9pm-close: \$1 Bud drafts.

### CORONADO

**Costa Azul:** Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, domestic bottles. \$3.50 imported bottles, wells, house wine, sangria. \$3.75 drafts. \$6 margaritas, mojitos. \$2.95 tacos, \$3.50 shrimp, \$5.95 nachos.

**Danny's Palm Bar:** Daily, 3-6pm: \$3 shots.

### DEL MAR

**Del Mar Rendezvous:** Monday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$1 off bottles, \$2 off drafts; \$3 Sapporo draft pints, small sake.

**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 & beer.

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

**Yard House:** *Monday-Wednesday*, 3-6pm & 10pm-close: \$3.50 domestic pints; \$6.25 martinis. 1/2-off select pizza, appetizers, and more. *Thursday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3.50 domestic pints; \$6.25 martinis. 1/2-off select pizza, appetizers, and more. *Sunday*, 10pm-close: \$3.50 domestic pints; \$6.25 martinis. 1/2-off select pizza, appetizers, and more.

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**Lisa's Filipino Cuisine:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wine; \$3 sangria. Doggy happy hour: \$2 beef & rib bones.

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

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

**Main Tap Tavern:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off 16-oz. pints, \$2 off pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

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**Union Kitchen & Tap:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 off craft cocktails; \$4 drafts, \$6 select wine glasses. \$9 flatbreads.

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**Vinz Wine Bar & Tasting Room:** *Monday-Thursday*, 3-6pm: \$6 wine, tapas, premium and eclectic beer; \$4.50 wells. *Saturday*, noon-5pm: \$6 wine, tapas, premium and eclectic beer; \$4.50 wells.

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**Aqua Terra:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$3 domestic, \$9 pitcher; \$4 imported, \$12 pitcher; 1/2-off sushi rolls (no sushi on Monday).

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**Turf Supper Club:** *Friday-Sunday*, noon-4pm: \$1 off beer/wine/spirits. \$5 burger, chicken sandwich, hot links + chips.

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**Tio Leo's:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints; \$4 house

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**The Boathouse:** *Daily*, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 margaritas, \$3 Cuervo margaritas and Karl Strauss, \$4 mojitos.

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**Tom Ham's Lighthouse:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$3 house wine, domestic/import.

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**Tre Porcellini:** *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 beer, \$3.50 house wine, \$4 & up Italian tapas.

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**Bud's Louisiana Café:** *Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: 1/2-off glass beer, wine; \$5 cocktails. 15% off cup jambalaya, oyster shooter, cajun chicken taquitos.

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**Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern:** *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$2.50 sake, \$3 Bud Light draft, \$5 pinot noir, chardonnay. \$4 gyoza, egg rolls; \$6 sliders, dumpling sampler.

**Pampas Argentine Grill:** *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4:30-7pm: \$3 wells, \$4 wine special, \$15 sangria/mojito pitcher.

**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

**Til-Two:** *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and imported drafts.

LA JOLLA

**Edo Sushi:** *Monday-Friday*, all day: Buy one sake, get one half off. 3-6:30pm: 25% off select nigiri and maki rolls.

**Extreme Pizza:** *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$3 premium beer.

**Jose's La Jolla:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 margaritas. \$2 off appetizers.

**La Jolla Brew House:** *Tuesday-Thursday*, noon-7pm: \$2 off craft beer; \$3 wells and house wines; \$3 off appetizers. *Friday-Saturday*, 10pm-close: \$2 off craft beer; \$3 wells and house wines.

**Lupi Italian Restaurant:** *Tuesday-Sunday*, 5-7pm: \$3-\$5 martinis, beer, wine. Free doggie treats.

**The Melting Pot:** *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off cheese fondue, salads, chocolate fondue.

**Roppongi:** *Daily*, 3-6pm: 1/2-off Asian tapas & sushi rolls.

**La Sala:** *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails.

**The Shack Bar & Grill:** *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, domestic taps.

**The Shores Restaurant:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: 5 for \$5 Happy Hour menu: 5 appetizers & 5 drinks for \$5 each.

**The Steakhouse at Azul:** *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off beer, \$2 off wine by the glass, \$6 appetinis, lemon drops, cosmos, margaritas. 1/2-off lounge, patio appetizers.

**Su Casa:** *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

LA MESA

**Anthony's Fish Grotto:** *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 draft, Anthony's white; \$4 wells, \$5 calls. \$2.75 fish tacos, \$3 lettuce wraps, \$4.50 tostado.

**Hearth House:** *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic beers, \$3 premium beers, wine, & wells. \$2 bratwurst & fries, \$3 burger & fries.

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# HAPPY HOUR

**Pete's Place:** *Daily*, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, calls, wine, domestic drafts and bottles.

**Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room:** *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off drinks and cocktails.

**San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$1 off wine by the glass.

**Tarroz Sports Bar:** *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday*, 2-7pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, tequila shots, \$3 imported beer, \$4 premium drafts.

## LAKESIDE

**Coach Stop:** *Monday-Friday*, 9am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 large drafts, domestic bottles. 7-11pm: \$1.50 12-oz. 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.

**Bull's Smokin' BBQ:** *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 3-6pm: \$2.50 bottled beer, \$3 draft pint, \$10.50 domestic pitcher, \$12.50 import pitchers, \$2 sliders.

**The New Morena Club 1 M1319:** *Daily*, 2-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.50 wells and domestic bottles.

**Padre Gold:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 domestic bottles, \$2.75 wells, \$3.50 small domestic pitchers, \$6.50 large. *Thursday*, 4-9pm: \$10 bucket of five domestic beers.

**Tio Leo's:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints; \$4 house margaritas, wells; \$5 quesadillas, hot dogs, tacos.

## LITTLE ITALY

**The Glass Door Restaurant & Lounge:** *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$5 specialty cocktails (Mojitron, Ginger Pear Smash, mint-tea juleps, margaritas, & Cuba Libres). \$3 French dipper sliders, \$10 charcuterie platter & artisan cheese plate.

**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.

**Shakedown Bar:** *Monday-Friday*, 2-8pm: \$2.50 domestic drafts, \$3 tall boys, wells, \$3.50 Jack & cokes. 5-7pm: \$1.50 tacos, \$2 burgers. *Sunday*, 5-7pm: \$1.50 tacos, \$2 burgers.

**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.

**Mira Mesa Lanes:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$7 pitchers. \$3 import pints, \$10 pitchers. \$2.50 wells. \$3.50 chicken strips, chicken wings.

## MIRAMAR

**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 draft beer.

## MISSION BEACH

**Coaster Saloon:** *Monday*, 3-5pm: \$3.99 cheeseburger with fries. 5-7pm: 1/2-off appetizers (some exclusions). *Tuesday*, 2-10pm: \$2 Pacifico and Dos XX drafts; \$1.99 tacos. 5-7pm: 1/2-off appetizers (some exclusions). *Thursday*, 7pm-close: \$2 well drinks and drafts. 5-7pm: 1/2-off appetizers (some exclusions). *Friday*, all day: \$2 well drinks and drafts.

**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. 1/2-off appetizers. *Friday*, 4-9pm: 1/2-off all drinks.

## MISSION HILLS

**The Aero Club:** *Daily*, 2pm-2am: \$.50 off beer and wells.

**Starlite:** *Monday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. *Sunday*, all night: \$5 mules. \$15 off wine bottles.

## MISSION VALLEY

**In Cahoots:** *Tuesday*, all night: \$.50 wings, \$.75 tacos, \$.99 fish tacos. *Wednesday*, all night: \$2.25 drinks. *Thursday*, all night: \$5.95 steak dinner, baked potato, draft beer. *Friday-Saturday*, all night: BBQ on the patio. *Sunday*, all night: Any drink, \$2.75.

## NATIONAL CITY

**Pier 32 Waterfront Grill:** *Tuesday*, 11am-2pm: P32 margaritas, \$5. *Wednesday*, 11am-2pm: P32 sweet tea, \$5. *Thursday*, 11am-2pm: Jim Beam and Coke, \$5. *Friday*, 3pm-sunset: \$2 domestic beer, \$3 import and local beer, \$5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys. *Saturday-Sunday*, all day: \$2 domestic beer, \$3 import and local beer, \$5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys.

## NESTOR

**Baja Oyster Bar:** *Monday-Thursday*, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

## NORMAL HEIGHTS

**The Air Conditioned Lounge:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$3 draft, bloody marys; \$5 you-call-it; \$6 Jayne's Gastropub fare.

**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.

**Rosie O'Grady's:** *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50

wells, domestic beers (including Sam Adams). *Tuesday*, all day: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers (including Sam Adams).

**Triple Crown Pub:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers. *Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers.

## NORTH PARK

**Bar Pink:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$1 off drafts and calls.

**Lips Restaurant:** *Sunday*, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

**U-31:** *Tuesday*, 5-8pm: \$2 drafts, tacos. *Saturday*, noon-6pm: \$3 you-call-its, burgers. *Sunday*, noon-6pm: \$2 Buds, mimosas.

**West Coast Tavern:** *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 wells, drafts, house wine.

## OCEAN BEACH

**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 1/2-price (all day Monday).

**Bravo Mexican Bistro:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$1-\$3 off margaritas, \$1 off tequila, \$1 off tacos, \$2 off nachos, \$4 off shrimp cocktail and sampler plate, \$4.50 off nachos supreme.

**Cheswick's West:** *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$3.25 wells, \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$4.50 microbrew pints, \$6.25 domestic pitchers.

**Mother's Saloon:** *Monday*, 11am-close: \$1 off drafts, \$2.75 wells. 2-5pm: \$10 burger, fries, and a beer (excludes Sculpin). 12-5pm Mon-Fri. Excludes Sculpin. 3-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers; 2.75 wells; \$1 off drafts. 7pm-close: \$3 Jägermeister shots. *Tuesday*, 11am-close: \$1 off drafts, \$2.75 wells. 12-5pm: \$10 burger, fries, and a beer (excludes Sculpin). 12-5pm Mon-Fri. Excludes Sculpin. 3-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers; 2.75 wells; \$1 off drafts. 7pm-close: \$1.50 tacos, \$3 Fireball shots. *Wednesday*, 11am-close: \$1 off drafts, \$2.75 wells. 12-5pm: \$10 burger,

fries, and a beer (excludes Sculpin). 12-5pm Mon-Fri. Excludes Sculpin. 3-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers; 2.75 wells; \$1 off drafts. 7pm-close: \$1.50 TJ dogs, \$5 Rolling Rock and shot. *Thursday*, 12-5pm: \$10 burger, fries, and a beer (excludes Sculpin). 3-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers; 2.75 wells; \$1 off drafts. 9pm-close: \$1.50 sliders, \$3 u-call-its. *Friday*, 11am-close: \$1 off drafts, \$2.75 wells. 12-5pm: \$10 burger, fries, and a beer (excludes Sculpin). 12-5pm Mon-Fri. Excludes Sculpin. 3-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers; 2.75 wells; \$1 off drafts. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11am-close: \$1 off drafts, \$2.75 wells. .

## OCEANSIDE

**Aryana at Holiday Inn:** *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$2 domestics, wells; \$3 premiums, glass of wine. Appetizer specials.

**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:** *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$1 off all drafts.

**Show Palace:** *Thursday*, 6-9pm: \$2.50 wells, \$20 beer bucket all night.

**Tremont Street Bar & Grill:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

## OLD TOWN

**Acapulco Mexican Restaurant:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers, \$1 soft taco, \$3 draft beer, \$3.50 well, house wine, \$3.95 house margarita.

**Alamo Mexican Cafe:** *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: 1/2-price drinks, food specials.

**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.



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**Sinbad Café:** *Daily, 4-8pm: \$1.50 drafts, \$2 wells, shots, \$2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.*

**Tony Roma's:** *Daily, 1-4pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$3 off appetizers.*

**The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa:** *Tuesday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$2 drafts; \$3 cask wine, sangria; \$4 wells.*

**POINT LOMA**

**Captain's Quarters:** *Daily, 3-7pm: \$2 you-call-it wells, \$2.25 domestic drafts and bottles, discounted shots.*

**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**

**The Beach Grass Poway:** *Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 microbrews, \$4 select wines. \$5 appetizers: panco-crusted calamari, tempura avocado, veggies and hummus, more.*

**Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar:** *Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$1 off all wells, drafts, bottles, wine.*

**Phileas Fogg's Bar & Restaurant:** *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints/\$7.95 pitcher, \$3.50 import pints/\$11.95 pitcher. \$2.95 cheese quesadilla, \$3.95 chicken wings.*

**RAMONA**

**Boll Weevil Restaurant:** *Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2 off all pitchers.*

**Cheers:** *Monday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$10 steak. Tuesday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$1 tacos. Wednesday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$50 wings. Thursday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks.*

**RANCHO BERNARDO**

**Capri Blu:** *Daily, 3-7pm: 1/2-price drafts, wells, discounted bar-menu food.*

**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.*

**SANTEE**

**Landre's Sports Bar & Grill:** *Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. \$5 appetizers: potato skins, garlic/bacon fries, shrimp cocktail, more.*

**SCRIPPS RANCH**

**Stone Flats:** *Daily, 3-5pm, 7-9pm: \$1 Bud/Bud Light; 1/2-off all other beer/wine.*

**SERRA MESA**

**Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill:** *Sunday, \$2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. \$3.50 mimosas, bloody marys.*

**SHELTER ISLAND**

**Blue Wave Bar & Grill:** *Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off drinks; \$3-\$5 appetizers, including jumbo shrimp cocktail and crispy fried calamari.*

**Fiddler's Green Restaurant:** *Daily, 5-7pm: \$4 house wine and house beer, \$5 well drinks and margaritas.*

**Humphreys Backstage Music Club:** *Daily, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).*

**SOLANA BEACH**

**Chief's Burgers and Brew:** *Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2.50 domestic, \$3.50 microbrew. 1/2-off appetizers.*

**SORRENTO VALLEY**

**Ali Baba's Cave:** *Daily, 3-7pm: 22-oz. beer \$4 (including tax). \$12 hookahs, \$5 refills.*

**SOUTH PARK**

**Alchemy:** *Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 off wells, including Skyy, Seagram's, Jim Beam, Sauza Gold, \$2 off wines/glass, draft.*

**Hamilton's Tavern and Café:** *Daily, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.*

**SPRING VALLEY**

**California Comfort:** *Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wells, house wine.*

**Fannie's Nightclub:** *Daily, 4-6pm: \$.50 off all drinks.*

**TIERRASANTA**

**Bellagio Ristorante & Bakery:** *Monday, 4-7pm: 10% off for military. \$2 drafts. Wednesday, 4-7pm: 1/2-off select wine bottles. Friday, 4-7pm: \$10 wine flights.*

**JP's Pub:** *Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25 house wine.*

**UNIVERSITY CITY**

**Apollonia Greek Bistro:** *Daily, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 ouzo apéritif, \$2 bottled beers, \$3 wine by the glass.*

**Cozymel's Mexican Grill:** *Monday-Saturday, 4pm-close: \$2.25 Coors Light draft, \$3.25 Dos Equis draft; discounted appetizers. (All day Sunday.)*

**Donovan's Steak and Chop House:** *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$8 martinis (complimentary steak sandwiches and burritos 4-6pm).*

**Michael's Lounge in the Hyatt Regency:** *Daily, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts and well cocktails.*

**UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS**

**Apertivo Italian Tapas & Wine Bar:** *Daily, noon to 6 pm: \$3 beer, wine, and sangria.*

**Cheers:** *Monday-Friday, 11am-7pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles. \$3 single wells. \$3.50 domestic drafts.*

**Gulf Coast Grill:** *Daily, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3.95 wells, drafts, wine.*

**Small Bar:** *Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$1 off drafts and cocktails.*

**VALLEY CENTER**

**Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant:** *Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$2 domestic. \$3 imports, wells. Discounted appetizers.*

**VISTA**

**Jumping Bean Cafe & Mexican Grill:** *Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic, imports, \$2.75 margaritas, \$3 wells, microbrews, \$4 Leaping Horse wine. 3-5pm: \$1.50 chicken or carnitas street tacos.*



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# Lynch Fever

*The nine served time on death row — and heard the electric chair screech when in use.*

**E**arly in John Kander and Fred Ebb's *Scottsboro Boys*, Clifton Duncan takes center stage. He plays Haywood Patterson, one of nine black men wrongly accused of rape in 1931. He sings "Nothin': 'I ain't done nothin'/ But I'm going to die/ So I won't say nothin'/ It wouldn't help nothin'/ When you can't help nothin'." As he sings, Duncan alternates between radically different styles: ferocious "real" anger and the warped, blackface caricature of old minstrel shows. He fires away, then falls way back, then fires away. Same song, different universes.

The performance imprisons Haywood twice: he's in jail and, when he shucks and jives, he's trapped in a demeaning tradition that ruled the American stage for over 70 years.

Starting in the mid-19th Century, white American actors portrayed blacks as socially and racially inferior. In order to perform, blacks had to smear their faces with burnt cork and imitate the white portrayal. The stereotype became so ingrained that, deep into the 20th Century, whites became surprised — even shocked — when blacks didn't act that way in real life.

The *Scottsboro* "boys" — even the tag's insulting — hopped a freight from Chattanooga

to Memphis in 1931. They shared a boxcar and didn't know each other. When white teenagers told a sheriff that young blacks had attacked them, a posse formed and stopped the train. Ruby Bates and Victoria Price, white girls, said they'd been raped at knifepoint. The case became a cause célèbre: were the nine guilty? Or victims of Jim Crow lynch fever?

Several trials followed. For six years, the nine served time on death row — and heard the electric chair screech when in use. Some were released. Others spent decades in prison. In 2004, *Scottsboro*, Alabama, erected a historical marker, commemorating the case and acknowledging the injustice.

In some ways, *The Scottsboro Boys* is an extension of Kander and Ebb's *Cabaret*. Both are "concept" musicals that often present two messages at the same time: like nodding "yes" but saying "no." The most melodic song in *Cabaret*, "Tomorrow Belongs to Me," envisions the rise of the Third Reich. *Scottsboro* doesn't just tell the story. Kander and Ebb present it as a minstrel show.

White-haired Ron Holgate — decked out like Colonel Sanders — is the MC. When he tells his all-male, all-black minstrel troupe they'll do the *Scottsboro* story tonight, Haywood asks, "This

## THEATER REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Clifton Oliver as Victoria Price and James T. Lane as Ruby Bates in *The Scottsboro Boys*

**The Scottsboro Boys**, music and lyrics by John Kander and Fred Ebb, book by David Thompson  
**Directed and choreographed by Susan Stroman**; cast: Ron Holgate, Jared Joseph, J.C. Montgomery, C. Kelly Wright, David Bazemore, Nile Bullock, Christopher James Culberson, Clifton Duncan, Eric Jackson, Shavey Brown, James T. Lane, Clifton Oliver, Clinton Roane; scenic design, Beowulf Boritt; costumes, Toni-Leslie James; lighting, Ken Billington; sound, Jon Weston; music director, Eric Ebbenga

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time, can we tell the truth?" But as in the two-sided version of "Nothin'," they must nod a yowza yes while feeling an adamant no.

The cast tells the tragic story with cakewalk

kicks and shuffles. They live down to the stereotype. It's tempting to shout "Enough already!" since they make the point from the start. But, like the false accusation that drives David Thompson's

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book, the framing persists. The effect is disturbing — and when was the last time that happened to you in a theater?

At times, however, the Stepin Fetchit minstrel antics overpower a scene. They cartoon the “truth” Haywood wants to tell and undercut the anguish.

With one exception, the musical doesn’t step outside the frame to develop characters in detail or to show how the Civil Rights Movement gathered impetus from the trials. The exception: a speechless, solitary woman follows the scene from afar. She turns out to be an icon of the movement (who was 19 when the trials began). When her identity’s revealed, it ties a bow around the story that feels gratuitous: as if to say, if we offended you, we’re sorry — here’s our apology.

Beowulf Boritt’s minimalist set underscores the concept with large, three-sided picture frames tilting askew in the background. A dozen or so metallic chairs reconfigure to create various locales (even the tiny window of the jail). Ken Billington’s excellent lighting takes sides where the musical doesn’t, as when he paints the scrim hot peach or bombards the entire stage with a florid red.

Susan Stroman directed and choreographed the Broadway version, which ran for 49 performances, not counting previews, and earned 12 Tony nominations. For the Old Globe, Stroman directs and choreographs with the remarkable precision and flair that earned her Tony nominations in each category. Most apt are the differences between the minstrel dances and those occasions when the troupe breaks into freer, more contemporary styles.

The ensemble cast, in a word, is spectacular. From Clifton Duncan’s contorted “Nothin” to Christopher James Culberson and Clinton Roane’s nightmarish “Electric Chair” to Jared Joseph and J.C. Montgomery’s “end men” — Mr. Bones and Mr. Tambo, who clown white stereotypes — no one is anywhere near a weak link. There’s so much talent, were this any other show, you could sit back and be wall-to-wall entertained.

Much of Kander and Ebb’s

score comes from ragtime. The music got the name from its “raggy motion.” *Scottsboro* works like that as well. In blatant, over-explanatory ways, the show will inspire deep, controversial responses very few plays, and even fewer musicals, would dare evoke. ■

## THEATER LISTINGS

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**An Evening on Broadway III**  
The San Diego chapter of T3 — Triple Threat Youth Mentors — presents a fundraiser for its performing arts, summer day camp for teens in North Park.

LION’S CLUB, 3927 UTAH ST., NORTH PARK. 8PM SUNDAY.

**Brownie Points**  
Five mothers follow their daughters to a Girl Scout camp in upstate Georgia for a weekend of earning merit badges. Janece Shaffer’s play combines goofy slapstick with surprisingly serious drama as the women learn to see beyond their expectations. When Allison makes a possibly racist mistake in the itinerary, she and Deidre go toe-to-toe with such ferocity that resolution seems impossible. Deborah Gilmour Smyth directed a fine ensemble cast — including Noel Award-winners Karson St. John and Monique Gaffney as Allison and Deidre — who recombine like building blocks, in various scenes, and repair at least some of the damage. In Michael McKeon’s inventive set, pillars of fluted cloth represent tall, North Georgia pines. *Worth a try.*  
LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM & 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 THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, AND SATURDAYS; 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 26.

**Hands on a Hardbody**  
The hardbody’s a truck and, in this



**No Child, at Mesa College through May 20, is based one woman’s experiences as a visiting artist in New York public schools.**

world-premiere musical, whoever can keep his hand on a brand-new truck the longest wins it. Neil Pepe directed.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, AND SATURDAYS; 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 17.

**Late Nite Catechism**  
Welk Resort Theatre reprises its popular production of Maripat Donovan’s very funny (and serious) comedy. Sister, of the Old, spare-not-the-rod School, is substitute teaching tonight.  
WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH MAY 19.

**Master Harold...and the Boys**  
For its inaugural production, Living Light Theatre performs Athol Fugard’s three-character, autobiographical drama about a horrible betrayal. The intermissionless play recounts the pressures that prompt young Hally — i.e. Fugard — to do the unthinkable. The production benefits from George Gonzalez’s appealing, detailed set — a tearoom in South Africa — and Shaun T. Evans’s standout performance as Sam, who sees the betrayal coming but can’t stop it. Young Austyn Myers, who formed the company, is an obvious talent. Too often, his opening night deliveries were identical: too fast to comprehend and trailing off at the end. It was hard to tell if these were inaugural jitters or ingrained mannerisms. In either event, they detracted heavily from the story.  
LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 7:30PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, THROUGH MAY 20.

**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 & 9:45PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

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Peggy Sue Productions presents a dinner-theater show set in 1853. “When a new mine and a dead lawyer are discovered, everyone

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MIKKI’S CAFE, 1639 EAST VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 7:30PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

**No Child**  
InnerMission Productions and Mesa College team up to produce Nilaja Sun’s award-winning, one-woman show based on her experiences as a visiting artist in the New York public schools.  
MESA COLLEGE, 7250 MESA COLLEGE DR., KEARNY MESA. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, AND SATURDAYS; 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 20.

**Nobody Loves You**  
The Old Globe Theatre stages the world premiere of a musical comedy — music and lyrics, Gaby Alter; book, Itamar Moses — set in the world of reality TV.  
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**Respect: A Musical Celebration of Women**  
A women’s history of the 20th Century told through popular songs. The musical came from Dorothy Marcic’s book *Respect: Women and Popular Music*. Though the songs are fairly predictable, the revue calls attention to the lyrics

and how the words underline values women were expected to embrace (going from “Stand by Your Man” to “You Don’t Own Me”). Most of the 50 songs are brief excerpts, which frustrates since the four-person cast could belt them with brass: Leigh Scarritt, Kelsey Venter, Nancy Snow Carr, and Lisa H. Payton perform with tight harmonics, and when given the spotlight, they shine. Although the videos, projected onto three circles, often lack sharpness, the sound design and Cris O’Bryon’s four-piece band are tops. *Worth a try.*  
LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 2PM & 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 24.

**That’s Baseball**  
The Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival presents Andy Strasberg’s stories about his experiences in baseball.  
LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 7:30PM WEDNESDAY.

**The Dinner Detective Interactive Murder Mystery**  
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COURTYARD SAN DIEGO DOWNTOWN, 530 BROADWAY, DOWNTOWN. 619-446-3000. 6:15PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH JULY 28.

**The Scottsboro Boys**  
Reviewed this issue. **Critic’s Pick.**  
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 10.

**Topdog/Underdog**  
Ion Theatre’s fierce, quirky, funny, first-rate production benefits from having Delicia Turner Sonnenberg guest-direct and casting Mark Christopher Lawrence and Laurence Brown (in a breakout role) as Lincoln and Booth, African-American brothers whose attempts to one-up, “topdog” each other escalate. Lawrence and Brown excel with the play’s rhythms and elemental, “king of the mountain” drives. The brothers spiral and lie so much, the truth hops about like the winning card in 3-card Monte. Lincoln and Booth con us as well. From Ion’s intimate house seats, you’d swear they were spiraling upward [note: due to popular demand, Ion Theatre has extended the run of this show]. **Critic’s Pick.**  
ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 20.

**miXtape**  
Jon Lorenz and Colleen Kollar Smith, creators of this revue of 1980s music, say that favorite songs “mark your memories.” *miXtape* is performed with rampant energy and polish by an eight-person cast. Memory-triggers zip past: Pet Rocks, Pac-Man, Nelson Mandela, AIDS. Most of the songs are actually song-bites. But backed by Andy Ingersoll’s versatile band and under Kerry Meads’s feisty direction, *miXtape* is always entertaining — and memory-provoking. (Note: Lamb’s Players has extended the run several times.) 619-437-0600. *Worth a try.*  
HORTON GRAND HOTEL, 311 ISLAND AVE., DOWNTOWN. 800-542-1886. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 4PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 27.

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### The Dictator

Sacha Baron Cohen, finding his face too familiar now (even in disguise) for the hijinks of movies such as *Borat* and *Bruno*, assembles a ragtag narrative, pilfered from the headlines of international news. He plays “Admiral-General” Aladeen, the brutal dictator of a fictional Middle Eastern country, the Republic of Wadiya. He finds himself stranded in Manhattan after an imposed case of mistaken identity. Taken in by a feminist/organic gardener/co-op owner/insert activist stereotype here, the destitute refugee must attempt to acclimate himself to common life in a democratic country.

From the outset, much of the

humor relies on sequences of shtick that outlast their wit. Most of the jokes could be found in the monologue of any late-night talk-show host. Beyond the guise of political satire, the movie is simply an attempt to gain immunity from its own offensiveness: “Anyone outside of America is technically an A-rab.” The few scenes that generate sustained laughter involve setups independent of the political gimmick. But unlike Chaplin’s *The Great Dictator* (to which the filmmakers are obviously trying to pay homage), Cohen lacks the ingenuity to be funny and make a statement at the same time.

At best, he manages to sanitize some of the tastelessness: racial intolerance, funeral desecration, 9/11.



In *The Dictator*, Sacha Baron Cohen has no real interest in the atrocities he is mocking.

However, other scenes reach beyond stupidity to the point of verbal assault, such as those involving rape and pedophilia. Cohen is eager to make these

jokes because he has no real interest in the atrocities he is mocking. They are merely fodder. He thereby alleviates himself of responsibility

for how people might be affected by them — that is, any affect other than laughter. The audience members, in essence, become subjects to a kind of comedic dictatorship: laugh or shut up. As Cohen’s “supreme leader” frequently comments when opinions are expressed, “Who cares?”

### Oh, wow

By Matthew Lickona — May 11, 2:15 p.m.

### Downton Abbey vs. The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel: A Tale of Two Actresses

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Director and co-writer Nanni Moretti presents us with a “what if” meditation on the passing of the papal torch. Following the death of the old Pope, the conclave of Cardinals elects Father Melville (played with timid sincerity by Michel Piccoli) to the post. We are given a well-realized view of the proceedings: the electoral process, the eager public, the media attention, the debate over the color of the smoke rising from the conclave chimney.

These opening ceremonies are rather heavy handed. As a psychologist states upon analyzing the new pope when the latter finds himself unable to emotionally face the responsibility of his new station: “It’s a little too much.” This is one of the finest scenes in the film — an absurd therapy session, the man of science questioning the man of faith, surrounded by Cardinals. The psychologist (an atheist to boot) is given strict instructions: no questions about childhood, desire, or dreams.

Another standout includes a sequence where we bid goodnight to the Cardinals in their individual quarters, each occupied in a separate banality to pass the evening hours. Some moments achieve an absurd fascination, such as a round-robin volleyball tournament for the conclave. The sight of dozens of seniors jumping to spike the net would be odd enough, even without the holy garb.

These sights are punctuated by everyday banalities that become gems of wit in the ritualistic context: a Cardinal tumbling to the ground in the dark, a reporter interrupting a chant to request an interview as if he were covering the red carpet at the Oscars. These details are the film’s greatest asset. The texture of the costumes, the richness of the sets, the devotion to good acting — all contribute to a sense of realism.

At the heart of the story is the reluctant new Pope: “God sees abilities in me I don’t have.” Even more telling is his statement to a second psychoanalyst when she questions him about his profession: “I’m an actor.” The film delves into the pressures of belief in the immortal on the sensibilities of mortal man.

The acting is uniformly strong, especially in the credibility of those playing the Cardinals. Even while participating in secular activities, they preserve a decorum as devout men. There are no spotlight hoarders in the cast, but rather an impressive commitment to the ensemble nature of the film. The power of the acting comes from its communal dynamic.

The camera, while wide in scope, capturing the grandiosity of the



**We Have a Pope — A “what if” meditation on the passing of the papal torch**

Vatican chambers, never escapes a sense of voyeurism. The tenacity of the subjects, clergy and parishioners alike, always makes us feel as if we’re spying. Outside the Vatican walls, the camera is more pedestrian, and also more sluggish. Unfortunately, this is the majority of the time we spend with our main subject: the new Pope. We are left feeling sympathetic to his trials and a bit bored by their length.

★★

### First Position

Filmmakers follow the lives of several aspiring ballet dancers from around the globe (ages 9 to 19) as they train for the Youth America Grand Prix, a prestigious dance competition in New York City that holds the potential for career stardom. The documentary design that was original and invigorating in *Hoop Dreams* has become a formulaic superficiality. There is nothing new revealed in the storytelling arc here, as the players converge on the same climactic competition.

The dancers themselves offer some humanity to the standard proceedings. Michaela, the adopted refugee from Sierra Leone, has a grim backstory: murdered parents, a war-torn country, and racism in the dance world. By contrast, the wealthy, white, blonde cheerleader (nicknamed “Princess” at home, “Barbie” at school) comes across as vain and undisciplined, especially after watching the financial sacrifices of most of the other families. We never learn if one character is any more driven or passionate than another, but the film enjoys setting up these dynamics.

There is, however, a curious paradox of maturity in the young per-

formers: the immature development of their bodies vs. the mature grace of their abilities; their youthful age vs. their sophisticated speech. They show a thick skin and determined will against the demands of their respective coaches: “Remember, you’re not jumping. You’re flying.”

The most compelling sequence is Joan Zamora’s (one of the older dancers) visit home to Colombia after a year’s absence. We are witness to his heartfelt family reunion and are captivated as he practices his routine in a back alley, the beauty of his movements juxtaposed against the squalor of the environment.

Unfortunately, the film quality is a far cry from the poise and creativity of the performances: grainy film stock, generic angles — more like a parent’s home movie than an aesthetic eye.

★★

Reviewed in the movie capsules: *Murder Capital of the World*.

— John Rubio

## MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by David Elliott, Matthew Lickona, John Rubio, Scott Marks, and Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release, and by rating are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

**The Avengers** — A labor of love on the part of über-geek director Joss Whedon, if not necessarily a labor of art. The genius here shows not in the story (magic geegaw!), nor in the performances (Mark

Ruffalo’s embittered Bruce Banner/Hulk excepted), but in Whedon’s ability to juggle six disparate comic-book heroes while gods rage and aliens invade. Not surprisingly, the best bits come in between the raging and the invading when outsized human personalities are allowed to come out and play, nicely or otherwise. With Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson. 2012. — M.L.

★★ (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

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**Battleship** — Warships of various nations face an alien invasion fleet, but who has the most colossally destructive special effects? Peter Berg directed, based on a Hasbro game. With Taylor Kitsch, Liam Neeson, Rihanna, Brooklyn Decker. Reviewed next issue.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 5/18)

**Bernie** — Jack Black is a prim, churchy, gay mortician. Shirley MacLaine is a mean widow. And Matthew McConaughey is the Texas D.A. in director Richard Linklater’s somewhat comical treatment of the reality-based story involving murder. Reviewed next issue.

(HILLCREST; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 5/18)

**The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel** — Or, *Grand Hotel* meets *Downton Abbey* in the old Merchant & Ivory curry kitchen. An aging bunch of swell Brits (though Penelope Wilton is a sour pickle) gather at a pretty, decaying hotel in Udaipur, India, for sunset lessons in living. It is very tidy and quaintly picturesque but humanly engaging. Ace work (directed by John Madden) from Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, Ronald Pickup, Bill Nighy, Tena Desae, terrific Tom Wilkinson, and the cute hotel manager, Dev Patel. 2012. — D.E.

★★★ (HILLCREST; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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## MOVIES

**Bully** — It struggled to get a PG-13 rating because of some f-words, and Lee Hirsch’s documentary about vulnerable kids bullied in schools (and their sometimes woefully inadequate official guardians) has no shaping style. But if it bullies home its points a little, those points need to be made, and the victims (including the very moving Alex) need to be seen. And saved. 2012. — D.E.  
★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**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.  
★★ (GASLAMP 15; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Dark Shadows** — Tim Burton’s tiresome tribute to the TV goth soaper, with Johnny Depp fully committed as the heavily made-up vampire Barnabas. Their devotion is real, but the film is a rummage of poor gags and plot fragments that add up to little. It has campy design touches, corny creep-outs, vivid women (Michelle Pfeiffer, Bella Heathcote, witty Helena Bonham Carter, vampy witch Eva Green), and an aura of wasted expenditure. With Jackie Earle Haley, Christopher Lee, and a tiny cameo by the late Jonathan Frid, the definitive Barnabas. 2012. — D.E.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROM-ENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**The Dictator** — Reviewed this issue.  
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION

MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROM-ENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 5/18)

**First Position** — Reviewed this issue.  
★★ (HILLCREST; FROM 5/18)

**The Five-Year Engagement** — Emily Blunt is so honestly appealing that she saves moments, but nothing can save the film. Director Nicholas Stoller wrote this glib junk with actor Jason Segel, who has many moments of stupid, fumbling vulnerability as a young chef resentful when teacher Blunt outpaces him. Engaged, they push off marriage, and the main reason (unspo-ken) is that they never seem like a couple. Pathetic, often crude jokes extend their silly predicament in dumb ways, though Blunt keeps the mess intermittently watchable. 2012. — D.E.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VAL-LEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13)

**Girl in Progress** — A coming-of-age tale featuring a teen (Cierra Ramirez) and an absentee mom (Eva Mendes). Patricia Rig-gens directed; with Matthew Modine and Patricia Arquette.  
(HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

**Headhunters** — A Norwegian thriller “inspired” by American thrillers, now set for a Hollywood remake. Aksel Hennie plays a top corporate recruiter in Oslo who, to maintain the lifestyle of his tall Viking wife, steals an illicit Rubens painting. He spirals into a terrible mess, including a fully loaded outhouse. Credible actors and Morten Tyldum’s fast, slick direction cannot relieve the incredible plot from its self-strangling suffocation of logic. 2012.

— D.E.  
★ (HILLCREST)

**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; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**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)

**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 af-firmation, thanks to the nectar of goodwill in most of Marley’s songs. And in him. The charisma lingers lavishly. 2012. — D.E.  
★★★ (LA PALOMA)

**Monsieur Lazhar** — From French Canada, a stirringly direct, human film

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# MOVIE SHOWTIMES

*Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.*

## CENTRAL

**San Diego Natural History Museum**

**Ocean Oasis** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 12:00p.m.; **Sea Rex: Journey To A Pre-historic World 3D** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 3:00; **Sharks 3D** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 4:00

## CARMEL MOUNTAIN

**Reading Carmel Mountain**  
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)  
**Battleship** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 11:00, 1:05, 2:00) 4:00, 4:50, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 11:00, 1:05, 2:00) 4:00, 4:50, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50; **Dark Shadows** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 11:45, 1:30, 2:20) 4:15, 5:15, 7:15, 8:05, 9:55; **The Dictator** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 1:35, 3:35) 5:35, 7:35, 9:45; **The Five-Year Engagement** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:20, 9:40; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:35) 4:30, 7:30, 10:20 Sun. (10:30, 1:35) 4:30, 7:30; **Marvel's The Avengers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 10:50, 11:40, 1:00, 1:50, 2:40) 4:05, 4:55, 5:40, 7:10, 7:55, 9:00, 10:05; **The Pirates! Band of Misfits** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:05, 12:15, 2:25) 5:05, 7:20, 9:30; **Think Like a Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:40) 7:05; **What to Expect When**

**You're Expecting** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 5:00, 7:25, 10:00

## CLAIREMONT

**Reading Town Square**  
4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)  
**Battleship** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 11:30, 1:25, 2:25) 4:20, 5:20, 7:10, 8:10, 10:00, 11:00; **Bernie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:35) 4:30, 7:20, 9:50; **Chimpanzee** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:05, 3:05) 5:00; **Dark Shadows** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:20, 1:10) 4:10, 7:05, 9:40 Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 11:50, 1:55, 2:40) 4:55, 5:40, 7:50, 8:35, 10:25, 11:10; **The Dictator** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 11:45, 12:55, 1:55, 2:55, 3:55) 5:00, 5:55, 7:05, 8:05, 9:20, 10:20; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:25, 10:25; **Marvel's The Avengers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 11:45, 2:05, 2:50) 5:10, 5:55, 7:00, 8:30, 9:15, 10:05; **Marvel's The Avengers 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 1:20) 4:25, 7:45, 10:50; **The Pirates! Band of Misfits** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 1:00, 3:15) 5:20; **What to Expect When You're Expecting** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:30) 4:15, 7:15, 9:45

## 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)  
**Battleship** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 11:20, 12:10, 1:20, 2:10, 3:00) 4:10, 5:00, 5:50, 7:00, 7:50, 8:40, 9:50, 10:40; **Casa de mi Padre** (R) Fri.-Sun. 8:10, 10:30; **Chimpanzee** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:00) 4:05, 6:05; **The Dicta-**

**tor** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 11:10, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:20) 4:20, 5:25, 6:25, 7:30, 8:30, 9:35, 10:35; **The Five-Year Engagement** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:50) 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; **Jiro Dreams of Sushi** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 4:30, 6:30, 8:25, 10:25; **The Lucky One** (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 1:05, 3:25) 5:40, 8:05, 10:20 Sat. (10:45, 1:05, 3:25) 10:20 Sun. (10:45, 1:05, 3:25) 5:40, 8:05, 10:20; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05); **The Perfect Family** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35) 5:05; **Pina 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 2:35) 7:05, 9:30; **The Searchers** (1956) (Not Rated) Sat. 7:00p.m.; **Think Like a Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 11:55, 1:40, 2:40) 4:25, 5:20, 7:10, 8:10, 9:55, 10:50 Sun. (10:55, 11:55, 2:40) 5:20, 7:10, 8:10, 9:55; **21 Jump Street** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:25, 12:40, 3:05) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **What to Expect When You're Expecting** (PG-13) Fri. (10:20, 11:45, 1:00, 2:20, 3:20) 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (10:20, 11:45, 12:45, 2:20, 3:15) 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45

**Regal Horton Plaza**  
*Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)*  
**Bully** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 3:05, 5:25) 7:50, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 3:05) 5:25, 7:50, 10:15; **The Cabin in the Woods** (R) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:15) 7:45, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:15, 7:45, 10:10; **Dark Shadows** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 1:00, 2:45, 3:45, 5:30) 7:00, 8:15, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 2:45, 3:45) 5:30, 7:00, 8:15, 9:45; **Girl in Progress** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:00, 4:15) 7:30, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:00) 4:15, 7:30, 9:50

## KENSINGTON

**Landmark Ken**  
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)  
**We Have A Pope** (NR) Fri. (4:45), 7:00,

9:15, Sat & Sun: (2:30), 4:45, 7:00, 9:15, Mon - Thu: (4:45), 7:00, 9:15; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) With “Crazed Imaginations” Shadow Cast, Sat: 12:00 Midnight, Discount Shows at Landmark’s Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets “( )”; **Polisse** (NR) Opens Friday, May 25

## LA JOLLA

**AMC La Jolla**  
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)  
**The Avengers; Battleship** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Dark Shadows; The Dictator** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00; **The Five-Year Engagement; The Hunger Games; The Lucky One; The Pirates! Band of Misfits; What to Expect When You're Expecting** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15

**Landmark La Jolla Village**  
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)  
**The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel** (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:10), (5:00), 8:00, Sat & Sun: 11:20, 2:10, 5:00, 8:00; **The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel** (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (1:20), (4:10), 7:00, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (10:30), 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; **Bernie** (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (1:45), (4:30), 7:15, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (10:45), 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; **Monsieur Lazhar** (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:00), (4:45), 7:30, 9:55, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55; Discount Shows at Landmark’s La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “( )”; **Hysteria** (R) Opens Friday, May 25; **Where Do We Go Now?** (PG-13) Opens Friday, May 25

## MIRA MESA

**Regal Mira Mesa**  
10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)  
Call theater for program information.

## MISSION VALLEY

**AMC Fashion Valley**  
7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)  
**The Avengers** (PG-13); **Battleship** (PG-13); **Dark Shadows** (PG-13); **The Dictator** (R); **The Five-Year Engagement** (R); **The Hunger Games** (PG-13); **The Lucky One** (PG-13); **Mirror Mirror** (PG); **The Pirates! Band of Misfits** (PG); **Think Like a Man** (PG-13); **21 Jump Street** (R); **What to Expect When You're Expecting** (PG-13)

**AMC Mission Valley**  
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)  
**The Avengers; Battleship** (PG-13) Fri. 10:00, 1:20, 4:40, 8:00, 11:30 Sat. 10:40, 1:40, 4:50, 8:10, 11:30 Sun. 10:00, 1:20, 4:40, 8:00; **The Cabin in the Woods; Dark Shadows; The Dictator** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **The Five-Year Engagement; Girl in Progress; Gotterdammerung; Met Opera Ring Cycle Encore** (Not Rated) Sat. 12:00p.m.; **The Hunger Games; The Lucky One; The Pirates! Band of Misfits; Think Like a Man; What to Expect When You're Expecting** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:50, 12:45, 4:00, 7:30, 10:55

**Ultrastar Mission Valley Hazard Center**  
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)  
**Men in Black 3** (PG-13) Thu: 12:01 AM;



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**Men in Black 3 in 3D** (PG-13) Thu: 12:01 AM; **Battleship** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15, Sun - Wed: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, Thu: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **What to Expect When You're Expecting** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun - Wed: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, Thu: 10:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **The Dictator** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sun - Wed: 10:30 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, Thu: 10:30 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Dark Shadows** (PG-13) Fri: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15, Sat: 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15, Sun - Wed: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; **Yellow Submarine** (G) Sat: 11:00 AM; **Kidtoons: Sid the Science Kid Backyard Campout** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Marvel's The Avengers** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:30, Sun - Wed: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, Thu: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:30; **Marvel's The Avengers 3D** (PG-13) Fri: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 11:00, Sat: 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 11:00, Sun - Wed: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 11:00; **The Five-Year Engagement** (R) Fri & Sat: 5:00, 8:00, 10:45, Sun - Wed: 5:00, 8:00, Thu: 5:00 PM; **The Pirates! Band of Misfits 3D** (PG) Fri - Thu: 12:30 PM; **The Pirates! Band of Misfits** (PG) Fri: 10:15 AM, 2:45, Sat & Sun: 2:45 PM, Mon - Wed: 10:15 AM, 2:45, Thu: 2:45 PM; PARENT MOVIE MORN-ING: **"What To Expect When You're Expecting"** Thursday, 5/24 @ 10AM. Bring The Baby!

## UPTOWN

**Landmark Hillcrest**  
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)  
**The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel** (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:10), (5:00), 8:00, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 2:10, 5:00, 8:00; **The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel** (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (3:30), 6:30, 9:20, Sat & Sun: 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:20; **Bernie** (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:00), (4:30), 7:00, 9:25, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:25; **First Position** (NR) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:30), (4:50), 7:20\*, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:50), 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:35; **\*SPECIAL APPEARANCE! Director Bess Kargman In Person Friday, 05/18/12 & Saturday, 05/19/12, Headhunters** (R) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:20), (4:40), 7:10, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (11:40), 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30, Discount Shows at Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "( )", **I Wish** (PG) Opens Friday, May 25

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**  
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)  
**Black Holes** (Not Rated) Fri,-Sun. 1:00, 5:00; **Born To Be Wild IMAX** (G) Fri,-Sat. 3:00p.m. Sun. 3:00, 6:00; **Hubble 3D** (G) Fri. 6:00p.m.; **Ring of Fire** (Not Rated) Fri. 8:00p.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, 7:00 Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 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 #2710)  
**The Avengers** (PG-13); **Dark Shadows** (PG-13); **The Dictator** (R); **The Hunger Games** (PG-13); **Think Like a Man** (PG-13); **What to Expect When You're Expecting** (PG-13)

### RANCHO SAN DIEGO

**Regal Rancho San Diego**  
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)  
**Battleship** (PG-13) Fri. 11:05, 11:45, (1:30), 2:15, 4:05, 4:45) 6:45, 7:20, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:05 Sat,-Sun. 11:05, 11:45, (1:30, 2:15) 4:05,

4:45, 6:45, 7:20, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:05; **Dark Shadows** (PG-13) Fri. 11:25, (1:40, 2:45, 4:25) 6:35, 7:15, 9:35, 10:15 Sat,-Sun. 11:25, (1:40, 2:45) 4:25, 6:35, 7:15, 9:35, 10:15; **The Dictator** (R) Fri. 11:30, (12:10, 2:05, 2:40, 4:30, 5:15) 7:10, 8:10, 9:30, 10:45 Sat,-Sun. 11:30, (12:10, 2:05, 2:40) 4:30, 5:15, 7:10, 8:10, 9:30, 10:45; **The Five-Year Engagement** (R) Fri,-Sun. (2:10) 10:25; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. 11:15, (2:30) 6:40, 10:05; **The Lucky One** (PG-13) Fri. 11:35, (5:05) 7:45 Sat,-Sun. 11:35, 5:05, 7:45; **Marvel's The Avengers** (PG-13) Fri. 11:20, (12:00, 2:50, 4:00, 4:20) 7:00, 7:30, 7:50, 10:20, 10:50 Sat,-Sun. 11:20, (12:00, 2:50) 4:00, 4:20, 7:00, 7:30, 7:50, 10:20, 10:50; **Marvel's The Avengers 3D** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:00, 2:20) 6:30, 9:50, 11:10; **The Pirates! Band of Misfits** (PG) Fri,-Sun. 11:40a.m.; **Think Like a Man** (PG-13) Fri. 11:55, (4:10) 7:05, 10:10 Sat,-Sun. 11:55, 4:10, 7:05, 10:10; **What to Expect When You're Expecting** (PG-13) Fri. 11:10, (1:55, 4:40) 7:40, 10:40 Sat,-Sun. 11:10, (1:55) 4:40, 7:40, 10:40

### SANTEE

**Santee Drive In**  
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)  
Call theater for program information.

## SOUTH BAY

### CHULA VISTA

**AMC Palm Promenade**  
770 Dennerly Road (888-262-4386)  
**The Avengers** (PG-13); **Battleship** (PG-13); **Dark Shadows** (PG-13); **The Dictator** (R); **Girl in Progress** (PG-13); **Think Like a Man** (PG-13); **The Three Stooges** (PG); **What to Expect When You're Expecting** (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: Sid the Science Kid Backyard Campout** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **The Raven** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45, Sun: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:15, 8:00, Mon - Thu: 5:15, 8:00; **Lockout** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 5:00, 10:30, Sun: 11:45 AM, 5:00, Mon - Thu: 5:00 PM; **American Reunion** (R) Fri - Sun: 2:15, 7:30, Mon - Thu: 7:30 PM; **Mirror Mirror** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:15, Sun: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, Mon - Thu: 4:00, 6:30; **Wrath of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:45, Sun: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, Mon - Thu: 5:15, 7:45; **Casa de mi Padre** (R) Fri & Sat: 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:15, Sun: 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, Mon - Thu: 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **John Carter** (PG-13) Fri - Sun: 11:15 AM, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30, Mon - Thu: 5:30, 8:30; **A Thousand Words** (PG-13) Fri - Sun: 12:45, 3:15, 5:30, Mon - Thu: 3:15, 5:30; **Dr. Seuss' The Lorax** (PG) Fri - Sun: 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, Mon - Wed: 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, Thu: 3:30 PM; **Project X** (R) Fri & Sat: 7:45, 10:00, Sun - Thu: 7:45 PM; **Act of Valor** (R) Fri-Sat: 10:15 PM; **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15, Sun: 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, Mon - Thu: 4:15, 6:45; **Safe House** (R) Fri & Sat: 12:30, 5:30, 10:30, Sun: 12:30, 5:30, Mon - Thu: 5:30 PM; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 3:15, 8:15

### EASTLAKE

**AMC Otay Ranch**  
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)  
**Battleship** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. 10:40, 12:45, 1:45, 3:50, 4:50, 6:55, 7:55, 10:10, 11:00; **Dark Shadows** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. 10:00, 11:20, 12:40, 2:00, 3:20, 4:40, 6:00, 7:20, 8:50, 9:55; **The Dictator** (R) Fri,-Sun. 10:55, 1:15, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30; **Girl in Progress** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. 12:10, 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. 4:30, 7:40, 10:45; **Marvel's The Avengers** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. 11:20, 12:30, 2:50, 4:05, 6:20, 7:30, 9:50, 10:55; **Marvel's The Avengers 3D** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. 10:10, 1:40, 5:10, 8:40; **The**

**Pirates! Band of Misfits** (PG) Fri,-Sun. 12:05, 2:15; **Think Like a Man** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. 12:35, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40; **What to Expect When You're Expecting** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. 10:00, 1:00, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00

### 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)  
**Battleship** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. 9:30, 12:55, 4:25, 7:45, 11:15 Sun. 9:30, 12:55, 4:25, 7:45, 11:00; **Dark Shadows** (PG-13) Fri. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; **Dark Shadows: An IMAX Experience** (PG-13) Fri. 11:30p.m.; **Girl in Progress** (PG-13) Fri. 11:00a.m.; **Marvel's The Avengers** (PG-13) Fri. 10:15, 2:00, 5:45, 9:30; **Marvel's The Avengers: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG-13) Fri. 9:30, 1:05, 4:40, 8:15; **Think Like a Man** (PG-13) Fri. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

## 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)  
**Men in Black 3** (PG-13) Thu: 12:01 AM; **Battleship** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00, Sun: 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, Mon - Thu: 5:00, 8:00; **What to Expect When You're Expecting** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00, Sun: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, Mon - Thu: 4:30, 7:15; **The Dictator** (R) Fri & Sat: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:45, Sun: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, Mon - Thu: 5:15, 7:45; **Dark Shadows** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:30, Sun: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, Mon - Thu: 4:45, 7:30; **Kidtoons: Sid the Science Kid Backyard Campout** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Marvel's The Avengers** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 12:30, 2:30, 3:45, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:15, Sun: 11:15 AM, 12:30, 2:30, 3:45, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30, Mon - Thu: 3:45, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30

### POWAY

**UltraStar Poway**  
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)  
**Men in Black 3** (PG-13) Thu: 12:01 AM; **Men in Black 3 in 3D** (PG-13) Thu: 12:01 AM; **Battleship** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:30; **Battleship** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30, Sun - Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **What to Expect When You're Expecting** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:45, Sun - Tue: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, Wed: 10:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **The Dicta-tor** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 7:45, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 7:45; **Dark Shadows** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:20 AM, 10:55 AM, 1:25, 2:10, 4:20, 4:50, 7:10, 7:40, 9:45, 10:20, Sun - Thu: 10:20 AM, 10:55 AM, 1:25, 2:10, 4:20, 4:50, 7:10, 7:40; **Kidtoons: Sid the Science Kid Backyard Campout** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Marvel's The Avengers** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 5:00, 7:30, 8:15, 10:45, Sun - Thu: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 5:00, 7:30, 8:15; **Marvel's The Avengers 3D** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:10 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:10, 2:00, 4:10, 7:15, 10:35, Sun - Thu: 10:10 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:10, 2:00, 4:10, 7:15; **The Lucky One** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 4:40, 10:40, Sun: 4:40 PM, Mon & Tue: 10:05 AM, 4:40, Wed: 4:40 PM, Thu: 10:05 AM, 4:40; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri: 10:05 AM, 1:25, 7:25, Sat - Thu: 1:20, 7:25; PARENT MOVIE MORN-

ING: **"What To Expect When You're Expecting"** Wednesday, 5/23 @ 10AM. Bring The Baby!

### SAN MARCOS

**Regal San Marcos**  
1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)  
Call theater for program information.

### TEMECULA

**Ultrastar Temecula Tower Cinemas**  
27531 Ynez Road (951-699-2205)  
**Chernobyl Diaries** (R) Thu: 12:01 AM; **Men in Black 3** (PG-13) Thu: 12:01 AM; **Men in Black 3 in 3D** (PG-13) Thu: 12:01 AM; **Battleship** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30, Sun - Wed: 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, Thu: 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30; **What to Expect When You're Expecting** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:45, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15, Sun - Tue: 10:30 AM, 1:45, 5:00, 7:45, Wed: 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:45, 5:00, 7:45, Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:45, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15; **The Dictator** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:15, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:40, Sun - Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:15, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30; **Dark Shadows** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:15, 1:45, 4:15, 4:45, 7:15, 8:15, 10:15, 10:50, Sun - Wed: 10:15 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:15, 1:45, 4:15, 4:45, 7:15, 8:15, Thu: 10:15 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:15, 1:45, 4:15, 4:45, 7:15, 8:15, 10:15, 10:50; **Yellow Submarine** (G) Sat: 11:00 AM; **Kidtoons: Sid the Science Kid Backyard Campout** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Marvel's The Avengers** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:30, 2:00, 4:30, 5:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:30, 11:00, Sun - Wed: 10:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:30, 2:00, 4:30, 5:00, 7:30, 8:00, Thu: 10:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:30, 2:00, 4:30, 5:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:30, 11:00 AM, 1:30, 2:00, 4:30, 5:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:30, 11:00 AM, 1:30, 2:00, 4:30, 5:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Marvel's The Avengers 3D** (PG-13) Fri: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00, Sat: 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri: 10:15 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20, Sat: 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20, Sun: 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, Mon & Tue: 10:15 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, Wed: 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, Thu: 10:15 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; PARENT MOVIE MORN-ING: **"What To Expect When You're Expecting"** Wednesday, 5/23 @ 10AM. Bring The Baby!

### VISTA

**Krikorian Vista Village**  
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)  
**Battleship** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:40, 12:20, 1:00, 1:40, 4:00, 4:40) 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 10:00, 10:40; **Dark Shadows** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 11:40, 1:40, 2:20, 3:30, 4:25, 5:05) 7:10, 7:50, 9:15, 9:55, 10:35 Sat (11:00, 1:40, 2:20, 3:30, 4:25, 5:05) 7:10, 7:50, 9:15, 9:55, 10:35 Sun. (11:00, 11:40, 1:40, 2:20, 3:30, 4:25, 5:05) 7:10, 7:50, 9:15, 9:55, 10:35; **The Dictator** (R) Fri,-Sun. (10:45, 11:20, 12:50, 1:30, 3:00, 3:40, 5:10, 5:50) 7:30, 8:10, 9:40, 10:20; **Girl in Progress** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:25, 9:35; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:25, 4:00) 7:15, 10:15; **The Lucky One** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:35, 2:00) 7:20; **Marvel's The Avengers** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (10:40, 11:35, 1:10, 1:45, 3:10, 4:20, 4:55) 6:25, 7:35, 8:05, 9:40, 10:40, 11:05 Sun. (10:40, 11:35, 1:10, 1:45, 3:10, 4:20, 4:55) 6:25, 7:35, 8:05, 9:40, 10:40; **Marvel's The Avengers 3D** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:25, 3:45) 7:05, 10:10; **Think Like a Man** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (4:30) 9:45; **What to Expect When You're Expecting** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:35, 10:10; **Yellow Submarine** (G) Sat. (12:00p.m.)

## NORTH COASTAL

### CARLSBAD

**Moviemax Plaza Camino Real**  
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)  
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### ENCINITAS

**La Paloma**  
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)  
**Marley** (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)  
**Men in Black 3** (PG-13) Thu: 12:01 AM; **Men in Black 3 in 3D** (PG-13) Thu: 12:01 AM; **Battleship** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 11:45 AM, 2:00, 2:45, 5:00, 5:45, 8:00, 8:45, 10:50, Sun & Mon: 11:00 AM, 11:45 AM, 2:00, 2:45, 5:00, 5:45, 8:00, 8:45, Tue: 11:00 AM, 11:45 AM, 2:00, 2:45, 5:00, 5:45, 8:00, 8:45, 10:50, Wed: 11:00 AM, 11:45 AM, 2:00, 2:45, 5:00, 5:45, 8:00, 8:45, 10:50, 11:45 AM, 12:15, 1:30, 2:50, 3:45, 5:15, 6:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:45, 10:40, Sun & Mon: 11:15 AM, 12:15, 1:30, 2:50, 3:45, 5:15, 6:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:45, 10:40, Wed: 11:15 AM, 12:15, 1:30, 2:50, 3:45, 5:15, 6:00, 7:30, 8:15, Thu: 11:15 AM, 12:15, 1:30, 2:50, 3:45, 5:15, 6:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:45, 10:40; **Dark Shadows** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:40 AM, 12:30, 2:20, 3:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:45, Sun & Mon: 11:40 AM, 12:30, 2:20, 3:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, Tue: 11:40 AM, 12:30, 2:20, 3:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:45, Wed: 11:40 AM, 12:30, 2:20, 3:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, Thu: 11:40 AM, 12:30, 2:20, 3:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:45; **Yellow**



## Calendar MOVIES

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)

**Murder Capital of the World** — Director Charlie Minn points his camera at the recent surge in violence and death in Juarez, Mexico, a border city and battleground between warring drug cartels. Unfortunately, Minn captures little more than talking-head interviews, most of which rehash the same information for 90 minutes. Of the “experts” Minn consults (including himself), some prove more engaging than others, but their opinions are given no cinematic structure to make them cohesive — they're simply buoys in a sea of stock news footage. 2012. — J.R.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; FROM 5/18)

**The Perfect Family** — Eileen (Kathleen Turner) hopes to be Catholic Woman of the Year, even though she drops holy wafers on the church floor near her priest (Richard Chamberlain). Onward to douchebag humor! Eileen, torn up about



**What to Expect When You're Expecting** — *Five expectant couples realize the demands of parenthood*

her lesbian daughter (Emily Deschanel), starts to feel like a nun in hell. In Anne Renton's movie the mechanical sitcom gags are not so bad as Turner, Chamberlain, and Elizabeth Peña looking so far past their prime. 2012. — D.E.

● (GASLAMP 15)

**Pina** — An elegant, heartfelt, never-sappy salute to the late German choreographer Philippina “Pina” Bausch and her dancers. Veteran fan and auteur Wim Wenders uses 3-D superbly to put us inside intensely kinetic, body-stressing dances (most in short form). They can be a little retro-vanguard but are always vivid, witty, and/or

beautiful. This is a great tribute by one art form to another, as both stretch admirably. 2012. — D.E.

★★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

**The Pirates! Band of Misfits** — Aardman Animations makes a solid case for its brand of gussied-up claymation (contra

the grandeur of Pixar and the flash of Dreamworks) with this story of a foppish swashbuckler who just wants to be Pirate of the Year. You could spend a good chunk of your time just studying the magnificently detailed backgrounds. Unfortunately, the story is scattered enough that you may be tempted to do just that. The humor runs both high and low: a fad-happy Jane Austen and a steampunk Queen Victoria. Plus Charles Darwin and his manpanzee butler. 2012. — M.L.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OTAY RANCH 12; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Safe** — A grimy homage to New York City before Giuliani applied the Disney-fied glaze. Wanted by Russian mobsters, the Chinese Triad, and his former NYPD allies, Jason Statham finds himself having to protect a four-year-old Chinese girl (Catherine Chan) whose photographic memory houses a precious numerical code. The story is so unnecessarily intricate it leaves once-promising director Boaz Yakin (*Fresh, A Price Above Rubies*) little more to do than cross-cutting to show parallel action. 2012. — S.M.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Salmon Fishing in the Yemen** — The charm stretches but doesn't break in Lasse Hallström's odd, gentle comedy about a visionary sheikh (Amr Waked) who devises a dam, river, and imported salmon in dry, hot Yemen. Caught up in his crazy but moving scheme are two Brit dreamers (Emily Blunt, Ewan McGregor). It has some of the old Ealing Studio-grace of loveable silliness, though Kristin Scott Thomas is pushy as a political opportunist. One imagines Lawrence of Arabia looking at this from the desert, rubbing his eyes, and dreaming of a salmon steak. 2012. — D.E.

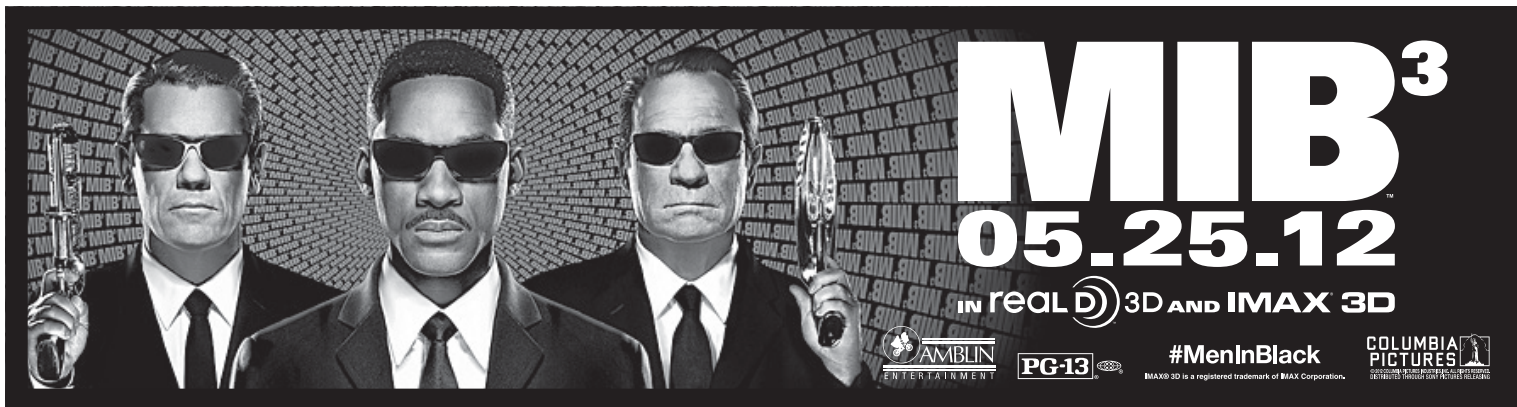
★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Think Like a Man** — Exactly what you might expect in a movie based on a relationship manual written by comedian and game-show host Steve Harvey. Harvey — who actually shows up onscreen to dispense his grandmotherly wisdom — tells the ladies that while “times have changed, your playbook hasn't.” Nor, it seems, has the object of the game: getting dudes to grow up, get a job, pop the question, and settle down. Remarkably, the extremely game (and mostly charismatic) cast almost obscures the fact that the story is literally by-the-book. 2012. — M.L.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROM-ENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; VISTA VILLAGE)

**We Have a Pope** — Reviewed this issue. ★★ (KEN; FROM 5/18)

**What to Expect When You're Expecting** — Five couples face the joys and mental diaper rash of having a first baby in this comedy directed by Kirk Jones. With Cameron Diaz, Jennifer Lopez, Chris Rock, Elizabeth Banks, Matthew Morrison, Dennis Quaid. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROM-ENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)



## FILM FESTIVALS

### SCHLOCKFEST

#### San Diego Central Library

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**Blue Hawaii** 1961. The musical set in Hawaii stars Elvis Presley, Joan Blackman, and Angela Lansbury. **Wednesday, May 23, 6:30 p.m.**

### CINECUCINA:

#### ITALIANS ON THE MOVE

##### Museum of Photographic Arts

Balboa Park • 619-238-7559

**Feeling My Step on the Path/Sentire il mio passo sul sentiero** 2010. Carlo Prevosti and Jacopo Santambrogio's film is featured, along with **Italians in the Golden State**, Gianfranco Norelli and Suma Kurien's work-in-progress on the Italian immigration to California. **Thursday, May 24, 7 p.m.**

### CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

4040 Goldfinch Street, Mission Hills 619-295-4221

**North by Northwest** 1959. Alfred Hitchcock leads “a merry chase in a hypnotic caper of Cold War shadiness,” when an ad-executive (Cary Grant) is “mistaken for an agent by sinister forces.” **Thursday-Saturday, May 17-19, 8 p.m.**

### The Princess Bride

1987. Rob Reiner's “fantastical film combines adventure, comedy, and romance.” Will modest Westley manage to rescue his beloved Buttercup? Inconceivable! **Thursday-Saturday, May 24-26, 8:30 p.m.**

### LUNAFEST

#### Carlsbad Library

1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad • 760-726-4101

**I Am a Girl!** 2010. Festival promises “short films by, for, and about women.” Roster includes **Life Model**, **Worst Enemy**, **Lady Razorbacks**, and others. **Sunday, May 20, 1:30 p.m.**

### FILM FORUM

#### San Diego Central Library

820 E Street, East Village • 619-236-5800

**Strong!** 2012. “Cheryl Haworth is a young woman with a big dream: to be the strongest woman in the world.” Julie Wyman's documentary traces the challenges facing the 300-pound U.S. Olympic weightlifter. **Monday, May 21, 6:30 p.m.**

**Another Earth** 2011. Mike Cahill's feature film debut “examines the emotional landscape of the heart, the power of forgiveness, and ultimately, the very nature of existence.” **Wednesday, May 30, 6:30 p.m.**

### DIVE-IN THEATRE

#### Pearl Hotel

1410 Rosecrans Street, Point Loma 619-226-6100

**True Romance** 1993. Quentin Tarantino wrote it. Tony Scott directed. Christian Slater and Patricia Arquette star, along with Christopher Walken, Dennis Hopper, Gary Oldman, Chris Penn, Samuel L. Jackson, James Gandolfini, and Brad Pitt. **Wednesday, May 23, 8 p.m.**



**Sex and the City** 2008. Carrie Bradshaw (Sarah Jessica Parker) and her pals continue their lives as single 40-something-year-olds in New York City in this flick screening poolside. **Wednesday, May 30, 8 p.m.**

### SUNDAY MATINEE

#### San Diego Central Library

820 E Street, East Village • 619-236-5800

**The Boss of it All** 2007. Lars von Trier's office comedy is described as “a dogma manifesto.” Screens in Danish and Icelandic with English subtitles. **Sunday, May 20, 2 p.m.**

### CITIES

#### Carlsbad Library

1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad • 760-602-2026

**Hope and Glory** 1987. John Boorman's film is based “on his own early life experiences of growing up in the Blitz in London during World War II.” **Wednesday, May 23, 6 p.m.**

**The Town** 2010. “A longtime thief (Ben Affleck) plans a way out of the gang life and his hometown while dodging” an FBI agent (Jon Hamm). Affleck directed and co-wrote this crime thriller. **Wednesday, May 30, 6 p.m.**

### CLASSIC CINEMA

#### San Diego Central Library

820 E Street, East Village • 619-236-5817

**Mr. Smith Goes to Washington** 1939. Frank Capra's film starring Jean Arthur and James Stewart tells of “one man's effect on American politics.” **Wednesday, May 23, 2:30 p.m.**

### CINECUCINA: ITALIAN FLAVORS OF THE WORLD

#### Birch North Park Theatre

2891 University Avenue, North Park 619-239-8836

**Senza Trucco** 2012. San Diego Italian Film Festival continues with Giulia Graglia's examination of four women winemakers in Italy. Donna Gabaccia illuminates “how some New World plants got turned into Italian cuisine.” **Saturday, May 26, 7 p.m.**



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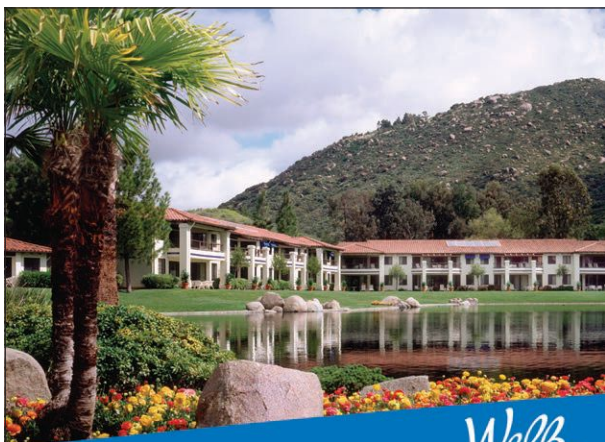
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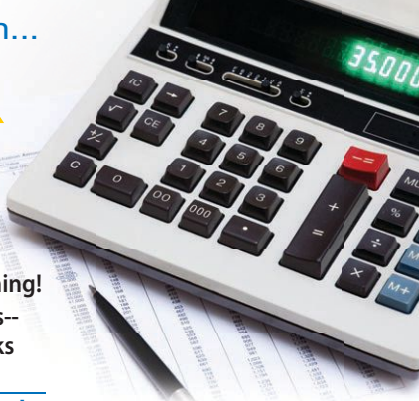
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1) Submit your completed puzzle to the Reader each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results and ranking are posted online each week to SDReader.com/puzzle. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.  
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Across

1. Cookie used in milkshakes  
5. Tijuana's region  
9. Wards (off)  
14. One of the Castros  
15. Brand name that might ring a bell?  
16. "Too rich for my blood"  
17. With 55-Across, scandal involving a piece of fruit and pop star Aguilera?  
19. Chutzpah

20. Competed  
21. "Getting close"  
22. They crack the whip at work  
25. Scandal involving a shattered vase and an enthusiastic dog?  
27. Its state bird is the cardinal  
28. Sound of a hard landing  
29. Former U.S. gas brand  
30. 2009 Panasonic acquisition  
32. Left on a Spanish map  
34. Scandal involving a goat and a rubber ducky?  
39. Gush on stage  
40. Young and feminine  
42. Fail to mention  
46. It's covered in silk  
47. Capital on the Tiber  
48. Scandal involving a race of people in "Avatar"?  
50. State games  
52. Starts to make a scene?  
53. BMW rival  
54. Occupied, as a lavatory  
55. See 17-Across  
60. Checkout choice  
61. Spa option  
62. Actor Corey  
63. A blimp may hover over one  
64. Avoid flunking  
65. Careful phrasing, perhaps

Down

1. Hobbit enemy  
2. "Go team!"  
3. It borders the Atl.  
4. 1980 Shelley Duvall role  
5. Maine college  
6. Enthusiastic  
7. Cryer in a sitcom  
8. Ortiz of "Ugly Betty"  
9. Last  
10. Become clear  
11. Film characters Desmond and Rae  
12. Down-filled quilts  
13. Sound purchase?  
18. Polite title  
21. Area component

22. How-\_\_\_\_ (handy books)  
23. Melville's mariner  
24. Prefix with bus  
25. "Masterpiece \_\_\_\_"  
26. "Northanger Abbey" novelist  
28. In addition  
31. Bullfight shout  
33. Humpty Dumpty, e.g.  
35. Some fitness ctrs.  
36. Perfect, as an alibi  
37. Home run jog  
38. Friend of Zoe and Abby  
41. "You rang?"  
42. New York tribe, city or lake  
43. Way  
44. ER hookup  
45. Is consistent (with)  
49. Actress Garbo  
50. Calms  
51. Lyrical tribute  
53. Goons  
55. Words With Friends, e.g.  
56. Split \_\_\_\_  
57. Org. offering motel discounts  
58. Personality quirk  
59. CPR expert

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

L. Barling, El Cajon, 11.

If you want faithful puzzlers to stick  
At composing a true limerick  
You must learn to spell it  
Correctly not swell it:  
Two "Ms" are too much. Fix it – Quick!

Dale Duffala, Bird Rock, 11.

The man from Bird Rock played the blues  
He traveled 'round payin' his dues  
He didn't have money  
But he had a honey  
She kept him in travelin' shoes

Mary Arana, Encinitas, 9.

There once was a girl named Jane,  
For whom thinking of puns was a pain,  
She suggested a limerick  
As the new gimmick  
And now she feels clever again.

Lana Andrews, La Mesa, 1.

There once was a clever old bird,  
Who most times felt quite absurd,  
But try as she might,  
She couldn't get it quite right,  
Till she finally finished the cross-word.

Moses McCabe, El Cajon, 1.

I once knew a Gaucho named Bruno,  
Who said there is one thing I do know  
The sheep, she is fine,  
The goat is divine,  
But the llama es numero uno!

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### EASY:

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### MEDIUM:

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### HARD:

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### EVIL:

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## THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

### Paul Colonna, Poway, 1.

*There was a young lady, Miss Bright  
Who traveled much faster than light;  
She left one day;  
In a relative way  
And returned the previous night*

### Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 11.

*The dictionary spells the word "limerick"  
But people at the Reader say it's "Limmerick"  
I will spell it like that  
If it wins me a hat  
But I would have done better with Pindarics.*

### Cindy Fisher, San Clemente, 10.

*My brain's the crème de la crème  
I'm no intellectual gem  
I may be a bit slow,  
But there's one thing I know —  
"Limerick" has only one "m."*

### Martin Mueearone, Carlsbad, 2.

*The man with a brain like a vat  
Did this page in 5 minutes flat  
There's no shirt to be won  
So for him ('cuse the pun)  
Sudoku's becoming "old hat."*



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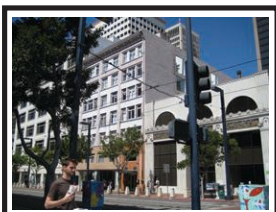
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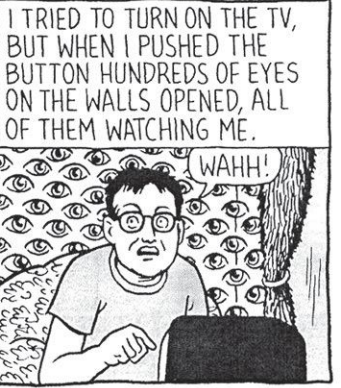
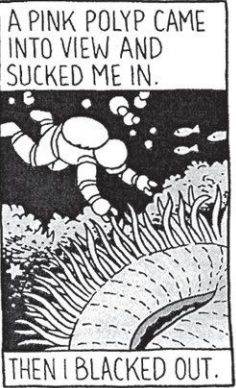
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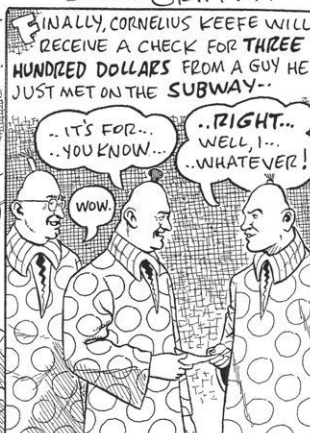
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— The multicultural Macquarie University, in suburban Sydney, Australia, said its restroom posters, installed last year, have been successful in instilling toilet etiquette. The lined-through figure of a user squatting on top of a toilet seat was especially helpful, apparently. Complaints of unsanitariness were such that some students were timing their classes to use restrooms in a nearby mall instead. (Lest anyone believe the problem is confined to multicultural institutions, a recent memo by the 785-member Lewis Brisbois law firm in San Francisco instructed employees to clean urine from toilet seats, to always take the farthest stalls or urinals available, to mask sounds by toilet-flushing (if desired), and to not make eye contact in the restroom. [Daily Telegraph (Sydney), 1-12-2012] [Above The Law blog, 2-1-2012]

**Can't Possibly Be True**

— Louis Helmburg III filed a lawsuit in Huntington, W.Va., in February against the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and its member Travis Hughes for injuries Helmburg suffered in May 2011 when he fell off a deck at the fraternity house. He had been startled and fallen backward off the rail-less deck after Hughes attempted to

fire a bottle rocket “out of his anus” — and the rocket, instead, exploded in place. (The lawsuit does not refer to Hughes’s injuries.)

**Zombie Goes to Court**

— In December, Pennsylvania judge Mark Martin dismissed harassment charges against Muslim Talaag Elbayomy, who had snatched a “Zombie Mohammad” sign from the neck of atheist Ernie Perce at last year’s Halloween parade in Mechanicsburg, Pa. (Perce was mockingly dressed as an undead person, in robes and beard.) In tossing out the charge (even though Elbayomy seemed to admit to an assault and battery), Martin ruled that Sharia law actually required Elbayomy to take the sign away from Perce. Judge Martin later explained that the technical basis for the ruling was (he-said/he-said) lack of evidence. (The December ruling did not attract press attention until February.) [WHTM-TV (Harrisburg, Pa.), 2-21-2012; Carlisle Sentinel (Pa.), 3-3-2012]

**Creme de la Weird**

— Madeleine Martin, the chief animal protection official for the state government of Hesse, Germany, told a newspaper in Frankfurt in February that among the reasons why the country

needed an anti-bestiality law was that she knew of “animal brothels” in Germany (presumably, not animal-animal mating services but human-animal facilities). (Without an anti-bestiality law, authorities usually must prove that the animal has been physically harmed in order to obtain a conviction.)

**Questionable Judgments**

— According to a municipal street sign in front of Lakewood Elementary School in White Lake, Mich. (filmed in February by Detroit’s WJBK-TV), the speed limit drops to 25 mph on “school days only,” but just from “6:49–7:15 a.m., 7:52–8:22 a.m., 8:37–9:07 a.m., 2:03–2:33 p.m., 3:04–3:34 p.m. [and] 3:59–4:29 p.m.” [WJBK-TV, 2-15-2012]  
— Jack Taylor, 18, of Worcester, England, was given a lenient sentence in January for an August burglary he admitted. He and another youth had tried to steal a resident’s motorcycle but damaged it in the process. Since he was remorseful, made restitution, observed a curfew and did community service, he was released by the judge when he secured full-time employment. (However, the employment, the court later learned, was as a slaughterman in Norway, where he was to take part in the cull-

ing of Alaskan baby seals.) [Worcester News, 1-17-2012]

**A Special Place in Hell**

— Police officer Skeeter Manos, 34, was charged in February in Seattle with embezzling over \$120,000 from a fund for the families of four colleagues who had been shot to death in the line of duty. Manos’s alleged expenditures included several trips to Las Vegas. [WPTV (West Palm Beach, Fla.), 2-6-2012] [Associated Press via WHBF-TV (Rock Island, Ill.), 2-8-2012]

**People with Issues**

— Ms. Fausat Ogunbayo, 46, filed a federal lawsuit against New York City’s Administration for Children’s Services because it had taken away her kids (aged 13 and 10 at the time) in 2008 for questions about Ogunbayo’s mental stability. The lawsuit, for “recklessly disregard[ing]” her “right to family integrity,” asks the city to pay her \$900,000,000,000,000 [trillion]. [Staten Island Advance, 2-7-2012]

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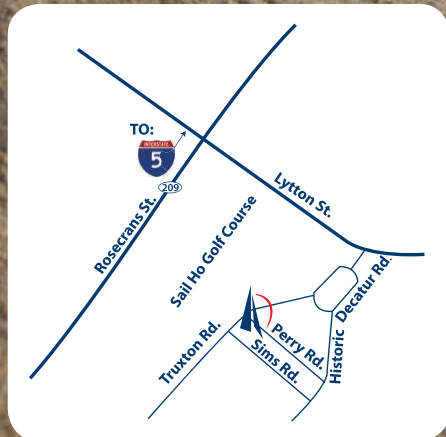
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