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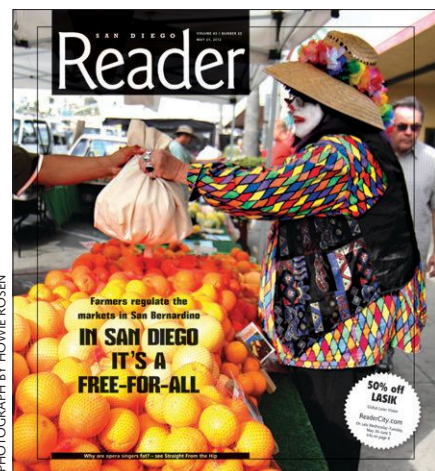
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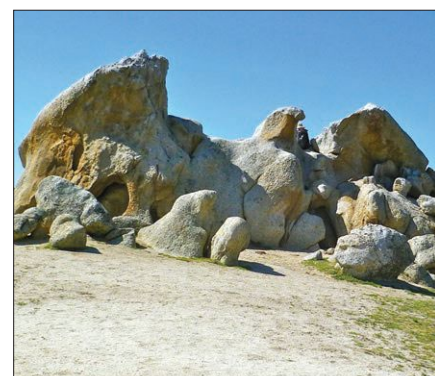
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Port's Big Kiss Off

Statue's (Final) Final Weekend — It's Headed to New Jersey

Downtown — After months of wrangling over its future, *Unconditional Surrender*, the 25-foot re-creation of a World War II-era sailor kissing a nurse, appears to be approaching its final days on the San Diego bayfront.

Following several years' worth of exten-



Next stop for *Unconditional Surrender*, New Jersey

sions on a loan of the artwork that expired in 2008, the Port of San Diego announced plans in February to remove the statue by the end of the month. Several protests seeking to keep the work sprang up, including a "kiss-in" staged by an Ocean Beach photographer and a fund-raiser to replace the traveling piece (next slated to visit a sculpture garden in New Jersey) with a permanent installation.

The port says that work to deconstruct the art and prepare it for transport will begin Wednesday, May 30, with work to be completed by the following day.

By Dave Rice, Friday, May 25

Military Dollars to Donuts

Dunkin' Donuts' First California Shop Opens on Camp Pendleton

Oceanside — Dunkin' Donuts, the donut-and-coffee chain with 6700 store locations in the U.S. and 30 other countries, didn't have a California location until earlier this month.

Located inside Camp Pendleton's new MCX store (a one-stop shop for active-duty military and their families), Dunkin' Donuts opened with little fanfare on May 3.

On May 22, PR manager McCall Gosslin said Camp Pendleton officials reached out to Dunkin' Donuts because of their popularity at other military installations. Speculation as to why a multinational company won't have an additional presence in California can be drawn from an announcement last year that Carl's Jr. will no longer seek to open additional California locations due to a regulatory process that takes two to three years.

By Ken Harrison, Thursday, May 24

Papa Doug's Personal Propaganda

Don't Diss *U-T* Owner's Friends in the Book Section

San Diego — National media commentators are writing about how "Papa Doug" Manchester, owner of the *U-T*, is using the publication for his personal propaganda purposes. Another example showed up in the May 25–27 weekend edition of *Counterpunch*.

Thomas Larson, a *Reader* contributor, relates how the *U-T* book editor, Lisa Sullivan, asked him to review *Capitalist at Large: Reflections of an International Entrepreneur*, by James Jameson. Larson's review was negative.

Jameson's book was "poorly conceived and unengaging, too often a list of his triumphs," Larson writes in *Counterpunch*. "It is almost entirely self-congratulatory and unreflective."

Editor Jeff Light would not publish Larson's review because it reflected negatively on a local author, according to Sullivan.

Say what? You can't write negatively about a book written by a local author? Larson looked in the index and saw there were four references to Manchester, "all glowing." Hmm...

The rejected review is printed in the *Counterpunch* article.

By Don Bauder, Friday, May 25

Underwater San Diego

Homeowners Who Owe More Than Their Home Is Worth

San Diego — New figures from Zillow this morning (May 24) indicate that in the U.S. in the first quarter, 31.4 percent of American homeowners are underwater (owing more



Over a third of San Diego metro homeowners are underwater.

on their mortgage than the home is worth), up from 31.1 percent in the fourth quarter of last year.

A full 35.6 percent of San Diego metro area homeowners are underwater, up from 35.2 percent in the fourth quarter of last year, says Zillow.

By Don Bauder, Thursday, May 24

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Prices Are Low, Anyway

By Don Bauder

The little oasis of Borrego Springs now features more than 100 metal, life-sized sculptures of creatures who roamed there

in prehistoric days — rap-tors, giant sloths, mam-moths. They attract tourists. They also engender grim jokes among some locals: will the town revert to its prehistoric days?

Long term, there is a nagging problem: will there be enough water two gen-

says Linda Haddock, executive director of the Borrego Springs Chamber of Commerce, but she admits there are doubting Thomases wandering amid those prehistoric creatures.

The town needs the resuscitation of two major properties. The Borrego



Residents wonder whether the dozens of life-sized sculptures near Borrego Springs signify a return to prehistoric times.

erations from now? Short term, there is another problem: will there be enough patient capital for the town to develop? After enduring a run of asset flippers and big talkers through the years, Borrego finds itself once again needing facilities to attract tourists and amenities to bring in out-of-towners to purchase second and third homes.

"We have not given up on Borrego by any stretch,"

Ranch Resort & Spa (née Casa del Zorro), which had been losing bushels of money for years under the ownership of San Diego's Copley family, closed down more than two years ago, throwing a number of people out of work. Investors led by Sherman Oaks-based GH Capital had bought it from Copley for \$4.5 million and pumped \$10 million into refurbishing it. But they gave up.

The adjoining Rams Hill housing development has depended on a championship golf course to attract buyers. But that course has closed and is going brown. Bonds that were refinanced in 2007 are in default. Water rights were sold to the Borrego Water District. Getting the golf course running would require solving the water and bond problems — costing at least \$1 million. And when the course closed, few were playing; it could be a big money loser.

Last year, Borrego residents hoped that real estate entrepreneur Russell Geyser of Encinitas would breathe life into the town — selling lots for development, paying delinquent homeowner association fees and taxes, and getting the golf course up and running.

Alas, on September 22 of last year, David Schaack, president of the Rams Hill Community Association, and Blythe Cavanaugh, treasurer, sent a mourning missive to fellow residents. Geyser "is purely an asset buyer," lamented the letter. "There is not, and never was, intent...to be a developer and grow the community." The owner has "no interest in the golf course" and might let it go into foreclosure or back to the bondholders.

Worse, complained the letter, both GH Capital and Geyser "have continued to ignore their obligations to the community regarding the payment of their monthly dues assessments." Together, they are \$422,345 in arrears to the Rams Hill Community Association and \$124,660 behind in payments to neighborhood sub-associations.

Schaack tells me that those arrearages are even higher now. Because of the lack of payments, Rams Hill residents "have to skinny things down" on services

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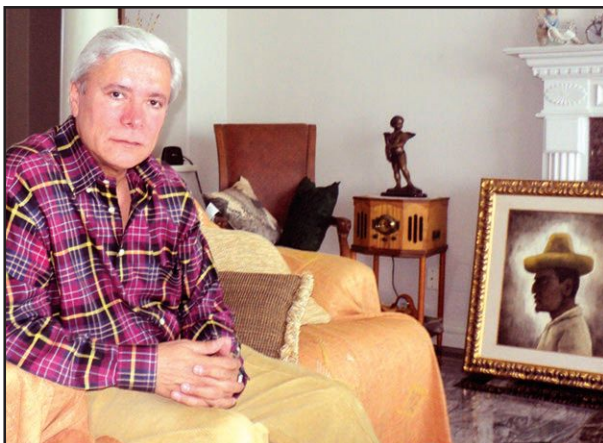
By Susan Luzzaro

It's been only a few months since controversial South Bay water board president Jaime Bonilla stepped down from the Otay

Water District, but it's easy to see that his former position is just a speck in his rear-view mirror. Bonilla's eyes are on the future — Mexico's future. He is campaigning for Andrés Manuel López Obrador. Polls show that on July 1 López Obrador has a strong chance of becoming

Mexico's next president.

At Bonilla's Chula Vista home, where he was interviewed in April, large wooden front doors opened into a well-appointed hacienda, such as might be seen in a nightly novella, or Mexican soap opera. Marble floors gleamed. More



Jaime Bonilla, former South Bay water board president, now works on the Mexican presidential campaign of Andrés Manuel López Obrador.

than a hundred trees filled the backyard. A painting by Diego Rivera hung on the wall. Bonilla took it down to demonstrate its authenticity, then leaned it against the fireplace.

Bonilla's speech was peppered with *dichos*, or popular Mexican sayings — one of the many indicators that he has a foot firmly planted on either side of the border. Binational since his early days, Bonilla first attended school in Tijuana before moving to San Diego. He later earned an industrial engineering degree in Mexico City, then returned to San Diego to get a bach-

elor's degree in business and a master's in public administration.

Bonilla's bonhomie flew in the face of his reputation for being contentious. "I am an opinion maker," Bonilla said, "and I'm not afraid of being criticized." Then, as an afterthought, "I criticize myself."

One incident at the Otay Water District that raised collective eyebrows occurred in July 2011, when the board voted to hand some top managers and employees lifetime health benefits. A month later the board extended the benefits to all employees. Recently, the San Diego County Taxpayers Association gave the board a Golden Fleece award for those actions.

"I really got creamed on that issue," Bonilla said. "People thought I was just trying to get benefits for myself. They went for my jugular. But the benefits were not for me or the other board members; they were for the rank and file and managers."

Bonilla said that López Obrador, whom he called AMLO, an acronymic nickname, shares the belief that all people are entitled to lifetime health benefits, and this is one of the many reasons Bonilla had gone to work for López Obrador's campaign.

"Just look at his biography and you will see he has been fighting for the poor for

UNDER THE RADAR

Cops seek to protect their iPads

In days of yore, the best way for San Diego cops to keep track of intelligence picked up on the street was to take it down in their little white notebooks. Clearly those days are gone, as shown by the City's plans for "up-fitting" a new Ford Redi-Van, thus turning it into a state-of-the-art "Investigations Surveillance" vehicle, stuffed to the ceiling with computers, hard drives, LED monitors, and all manner of costly high-tech gadgets and spy gear.

Not just any old-fashioned computers will do. "Bidder shall provide a 17" MacBook Pro lap top computer," says a request for proposal sent to would-be vendors.

Lest the citizenry think local cops have gone entirely soft, the proposal also calls for a "Panasonic Toughbook," "equipped with Windows 7 operating system." Then there are five "Patriot Xporter XT Boost 32GB Flash Drive or equivalent[s]." The document says, "This flash drive is waterproof and shockproof." Fortunately, the device "is also compatible with Windows and Mac."

And what's a domestic intelligence unit without an iPad or two, or in this case "three iPad 2 or equivalent Tablets securely mounted on the driver's side interior shelf." For their own protection, "the iPads will be secure in hard case such as a Otter Box (black in color) or equivalent." In addition, "There will be a separate pelican or equivalent hard plastic case to store each iPad in along with the adjustable vehicle arm mount." For mobile web surfing, "iPads or tablets will have one year of cellular data

service (Sprint preferred)."

In addition to the Apple gear, cops are seeking a few devices not usually encountered in civilian life, including a "body wire repeater" with "a quick detach (ie Velcro straps) and the back-pack...accessible for easy portable deployment." Also, "The middle long compartment on the passenger (street) side

will be modified to accept a long gun rack.... The electric latch on the long gun rack will be hooked into the ignition switch of the vehicle so the latch will open when the ignition is on."

And finally, to fake out the bad guys, "There shall be two magnetic signs that will fit on the lower panel of the driver and passenger's side doors. The magnetic signs will read The City of San Diego with the city logo (blue strip on top and city logo) along with [the word] Equipment under the City of San Diego logo."

The hat in KPBS's hand

Tom Karlo, the general manager of public broadcasting operation KPBS,



Tom Karlo raked in a little less salary than his predecessor.

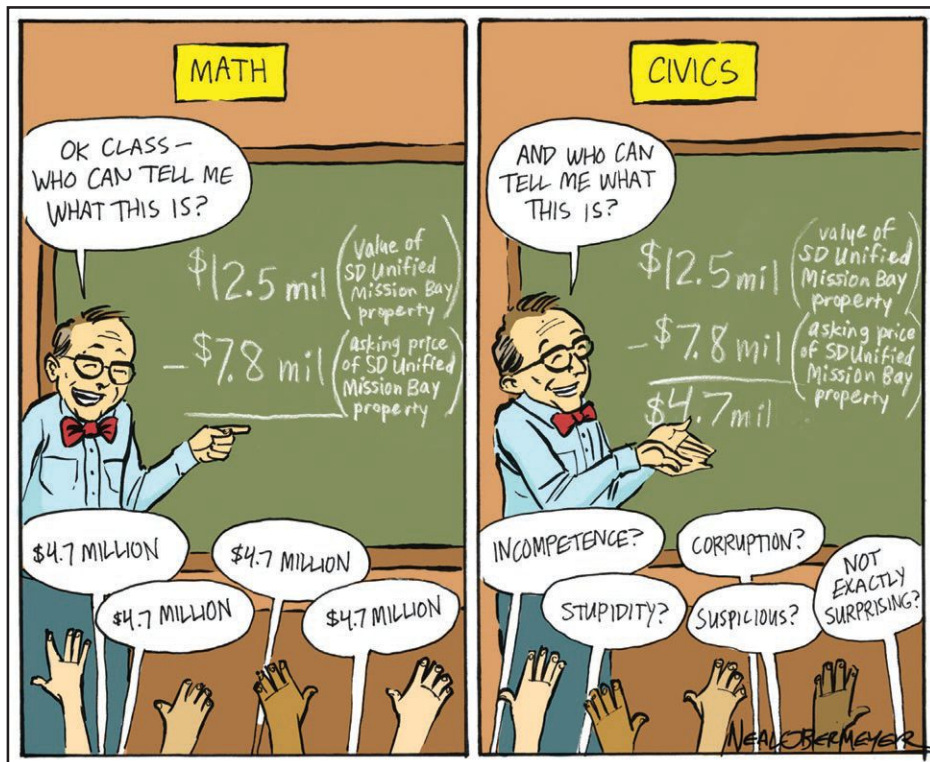
owned and operated by San Diego State University, makes \$215,262 a year, according to

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A near winner six years ago, López Obrador is a favorite to win Mexico's presidency.

Neal Obermeyer



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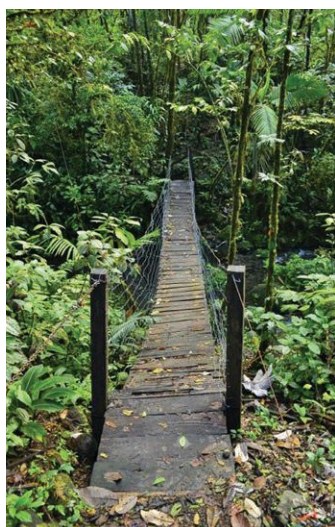
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Disgust Discussed

I just finished reading the article on Nathan Fletcher (“Untold Stories,” Cover Story, May 24), and I’m absolutely shocked that anyone would be so petty as to go back in his background and talk about his mother and her problems and her divorces and the father. What was your point? Are you insinuating that Fletcher is a liar like his father, or, I don’t know, something like his grandfather? What in the world would make you write such a disgusting piece? And I’m not even voting for Fletcher. I just think you’re way off base. This is just disgusting.

Flora Hoffman
Pacific Beach

Field A Little Flatter

I’d like to thank the Reader for the piece on Nathan Fletcher (“Untold Stories,” Cover Story, May 24), especially after the U-T endorsed Carl DeMaio. Even though it wasn’t an endorsement, you did level the field a little bit. I believe it took courage and being creative to do such a piece. Isn’t that what journalism is all about?

Sonia Lopez
Chula Vista

Crossword Puzzled

I’m calling to see if someone can explain to me the crossword puzzle appearing in the May 3 issue. The theme of that puzzle is given in 63 across, where it says “Road sign — or a warning to those as they begin to solve 17-, 21-, 39- and

59-Across,” and the answer is “bumpahead” for the road sign or the warning. But the answers [for 17-, 21-, 39-, and 59-across] are “BettyBoop,” “Hale-Bop,” “twothumbsup,” and “beepbeep.” I can’t understand how that fits the theme “bump ahead.”

I can see maybe where *boop* at the end of “Betty-Boop” and *bop* at the end of “HaleBop” might be a sound you use in a comic strip to indicate the sound of bumping your head, but “beepbeep”? Though it’s a similar sound to *boop* and *bop*, I don’t understand how that would be the sound of bumping a head.

The other answer, “twothumbsup,” completely baffles me. I don’t see how that has anything to do whatsoever with bumping your head. What possible connection could there be with the other three answers that have *boop* and *bop* and *beep* in them?

I’d appreciate it if someone who worked that puzzle could explain that to me and what that theme meant.

Ray McMurty
Chula Vista

News Of The Illegible

Why the devil do you have to make “News of the Weird” so hard to read? It’s on page 114 in the May 24 issue. It’s got fairly decent-size print and fairly decent vertical line spacing. Actually, your “Gather No Moss,” on page 48, has even better print size and line spacing, and it’s a nice column width — four to the page across. But why do you make life miserable with “News of the Weird”? The first and the third columns you print on a gray background. Why do you do that? It makes it hard to read. Look at what you have on page 48. That’s a nice-size print, and it’s a nice white background and nice line spacing.

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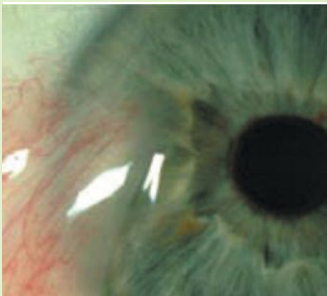
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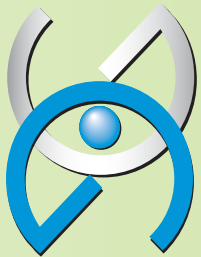
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by Barbarella

Miss Fortune on Deck

'All that clunking and banging, that's not normal," Dad said.

"Yeah, it sounds like my car when I try to gun it in neutral," I said. "We're a little too close to that pier for comfort."

"If we're drifting, better we bump into those giant buoys than drift over something that could damage the bottom of the vessel, or worse, drift out to sea, because then a wave could flip us over — being secured somewhere is the best," Dad said in his comforting, *Let's consider all the worst-case scenarios* way. Dad surveyed the dock, which looked abandoned from where we stood. "If we can get close, we could climb up one of those ladders hanging off the side."

"Look around," I said in a chiding tone, mostly because I did not like the idea of James Bonding my way from sea to land. "There are some really old, really young, and really out of shape people on this boat. They're not going to be scrambling up some ladder dangling off the side of a pier."

"This wasn't part of the original adventure, but I'm down if you are. I'll make a deal with you — you can have downtown, but I get the East Village."

"Yeah, you're probably right," Dad said, but his eyes were still searching the cruise-ship terminal that was undergoing a makeover.

"I didn't realize we'd be storming San Diego," I joked. "This wasn't part of the original adventure, but I'm down if you are. I'll make a deal with you — you can have downtown, but I get the East Village. How long do you think it'll be before the city realizes it's being taken over by pirates?" We both laughed.

When I'd first learned

Pirate Days would be happening down at the Embarcadero, I enlisted the OP (original pirate) to accompany me. I may curse like a sailor, but my dad actually is one, having spent 20-plus years in the Navy.

Witnessing the adorableness that is a gaggle of miniature Captain Jack Sparrows aside, the major draw for me was an excursion on the *Treasure Seeker*, an 83-foot "pirate ship" that is usually docked at Cabrillo Isle Marina on Harbor Island.

An hour and a half earlier, Dad and I were waiting in line to board the galleon replica when a pretty pirate with yellow hair made her way down the queue, checking boarding passes. She answered the occasional question thrown at her in what I can only describe as a piratey way. I appreciated her natural domminess — forceful without being rude, reserving her pleasant smile for only the littlest of pirates.

The way she carried herself commanded attention and respect, as evidenced by the obsequious glances she elicited from even the toughest-looking dudes in line.

After "Miss Fortune" completed her count, the captain, in a voice that sounded like several stones rubbing together, shouted for us to follow him. The crew included



Dad was punished for dwelling on worst-case scenarios!

three male actors, the lady, and a helmsman (who was likely the "real" captain, as he remained reticent throughout the voyage and wasn't as awesomely costumed as the rest).

As the ship glided past the Coronado pier, us swashbucklers were instructed to fire the water cannons at the fishing scoundrels. Dad delighted at this bit, while I turned my head to protect my sunglasses from the mist.

There were sword fights (the crew dubbed one kid Miss Ritalin for her over-enthusiastic jabs), there was deck-swabbing (I told my father to burn his phone after he

snapped a picture of me with the mop that was forced into my hands), and there was jig-dancing.

It was toward the end of the excursion that things went awry. All us landlubbers had been ordered to scan the surface of the water for signs of a "stolen treasure." After a few minutes, my father and I stopped watching the water and turned to meet each other's eye.

"All this wanting us to look out at the water makes me want to turn around and find out what's going on in the middle of the boat," I said. "You heard that, right?" Dad nodded. I was referring to what he was about to describe as "clunking and banging." It seemed the crew was attempting to bring us closer to the "treasure" — a small white buoy bobbing in the distance — but the ship wasn't responding. Because this wasn't their usual splashing ground, I wondered if some unknown obstacle had snagged the bottom of the boat. Maybe it was the Kraken.

When the guests grew restless, the crew was quick to improvise: "That treasure might be cursed!" the captain bellowed. A woman with a young boy turned to us and asked what was going on.

"Something's probably wrong with the motor, as we're not moving," I said. As we drew closer to the docks that were towering over the starboard side of the ship, my attention was drawn to the sound of a motorboat approaching portside.

"Cops are here," I said.

"Harbor Police," Dad corrected me.

They stopped about 20 feet away; we

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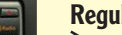
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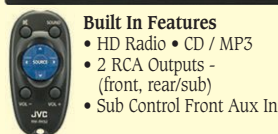


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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Your Mattness:

Why are opera singers fat? Maybe they're not all fat, but some of the old school ones were whales, though they do sound better than whales. Is there some advantage to all that girth for a singer? Justin Bieber isn't very fat.

— High C, out there

Well, he's not very good, either, so the Beeb's no comparison. Let's just say, opera singers' fat rap goes back in history. Once, the art form was a smaller, more intimate production, without blaring orchestras and shield-waving Valkyries. No need to blast one's voice to the third tier back in the rafters. A diminutive warbler could hold his own before the modest audiences. Show business being what it is, 'twasn't long before productions became grander, orchestras were added, stages were asprawl with chirping extras and clanking swords. With no modern microphones or speakers or clever acoustics, opera stars needed bigger voices and a much bigger stage presence. Taller, chestier singers could project their voices and rise above the surrounding din and stage flash. It also was a time when the portly were assumed to be better than you and me, somehow healthier, wealthier, reflecting a life of gluttony and leisure. Audiences wanted their opera idols to match the Pillsbury Dough Boy.

In the ensuing years, there's been no need to command the theater by physical presence alone, though the fat-opera-singer stereotype persisted. Beyond that, is there any need to be a Pavarotti to have a sublime voice? Biologists have weighed in with various opinions: Fat around your larynx creates resonance and a pleasing voice; to get a fat neck, you'll end up with a fat body. And, a large frame and body aids mighty voice projection. Or, singing releases some kind of hormone that causes weight gain. Finally, the act of singing enlarges the chest and fools your eye into thinking singers are fat. Others are lukewarm about these explanations. That fat-around-the-larynx stuff has been pretty much disproved, though there might be a little merit to the strong-chest ideas. But science so far hasn't seen much advantage to a fat singer.

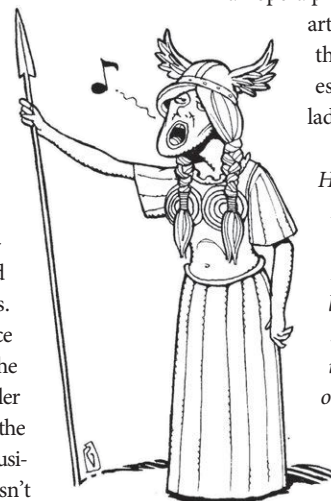
Singers themselves say that a life on tour, with odd hours, restaurant and banquet meals, and frequently late dinners makes a sane daily menu almost impossible. It's difficult to stick to the rigors of a diet-and-exercise routine. In fact, some bright operatic lights have tried diet-

ing. Pavarotti himself fought a losing battle. And old-school superstar Maria Callas actually managed to lose 80 pounds at one point in her career. Naturally, some crochety critics said that in the process she lost her magnificent voice, but of course there's no proof of that. On the flip side, not long ago a tubby soprano was yanked from an opera production because, according to the artistic director, her girth clashed with the whole ambience he was trying to establish onstage. As for me, the fat lady has sung.

Hi Matt:

I love chocolate-covered cherries, but I can't figure out how they make them. Do they cover the cherry with chocolate and then squirt the juice in there somehow? Do they make the top, pop in the cherry and the juice, then put on the bottom?

— Merrilee, Solana Beach



The entire Alice family is on a big shape-up campaign lately.

Pop moved the refrigerator into the garage, at least 20 yards farther away from the TV, and he breaks a nice little sweat jogging back and forth. (He also decided to watch less TV every day, so he bought a set with a smaller screen.) Ma Alice is into week three of an all-turnip diet. We toss them to her twice a day, down the cellar stairs. She's been stuck there ever since she went to do laundry with a Sara Lee sampler pack for company. Guess that last cheesecake put her over the top, girth-wise. Another five pounds, and Pop and I should be able to grease up the door frame and spring her loose. Ma says turnips aren't too bad if you run them twice through the rinse cycle.

Anyway, I've pledged not to answer any high-fat, high-sugar questions until I'm back down to my fighting weight. For the past week I've grappled with nothing but knotty posers about rice cakes and celery, so I think I've earned a chocolate-cherries day for good behavior. The mystery of liquid-center candies is truly a story of better living through chemistry. According to the Russell Stover company, famous makers of the treats, they begin with a maraschino cherry wrapped in a thick fondant paste made of sugar, water, and a natural plant enzyme called invertase. The cherry-and-fondant blob is then dipped in chocolate. Gradually, the invertase converts the sugar's sucrose into liquid glucose and fructose. In a matter of hours or days, depending on the fondant recipe, the cherries are bobbing around in that messy syrup. Stover warns that the internal air pocket left when the fondant liquefies can cause the candy to explode if you take them on your next high-altitude hike. Heck, sounds like fun to me.

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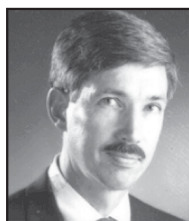


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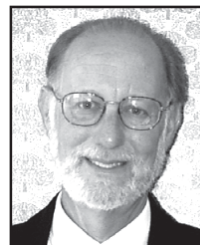
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Brain Trauma Study Forces Marines to Question Morality of War

Research Draws Connection Between Explosions and Brain Degeneration, Leading Senior Officers to Ask, "What Kind of Culture Accepts — Nay, Demands This Kind of Violence Against Its Young People?"

Boston University Researcher: "Combat operations can involve nearly as many blows to the head as football."

CAMP PENDLETON — "Sure, these boys go into action knowing the risks," says Marine physician Brad Steele. "And they're compensated for taking those risks. But the latest research out of Boston University suggests that blast exposures can, over time, rival the trauma brought on by boxing or even football. Knowing that, we have to ask ourselves: is it worth protecting our interests overseas if it means this kind of life-wrecking damage for the people in the field? Everybody loves

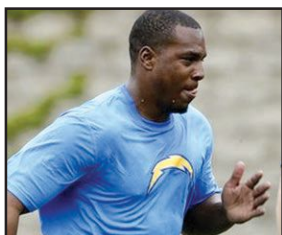


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Gates of Heaven?

U-T San Diego Reports on Success of Coach-Provocateur Turner's Spiritualist Summer Session



CHARGERS PARK — "Antonio Gates's body is fast undergoing the corruption that comes to all flesh," sighed Norv Turner as he watched his star tight end strain his way downfield. "But the spirit is eternal and incorruptible, a fountain of limitless power and energy-force. All we need to do is tap into that power,

and no amount of plantar fascia trauma will be enough to stop him from rising to the level of transcendent fire."

Turner lit a candle and placed it below a crystal chandelier hanging from the goalpost crossbar. "The crystals fracture the candle's light, but they do not destroy it," he intoned. "Rather, the light is gathered into every facet and reflected back in infinite glory. So shall it be with Gates's fractured foot-bones, once we channel the spirit-force that surges within him.

"Plus, he's been working out," concluded Turner.

Chargers Announce Decision to Retire Junior Seau's Brain

Following Retirement of Linebacker's Number, NFL Team Honors the Mind Behind the Man

Chargers spokesman: "He was more than a number. He was one of the great linebacking thinkers in NFL history. We want to honor that legacy by preserving his brain, whole and intact, in a special display at our proposed Seau's Stadium. Boston University will just have to find someone else's to poke around in for their trauma hunt."



An Inconsiderate Truth?

Former Vice President Al Gore Forced to Distance Himself from Generous Rancho Santa Fe Donor-Girlfriend After SD on the QT Exposes her \$10,000 Monthly Residential Water Bill

GROWING KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CALIFORNIA DESERT, RANCHO SANTA FE — Oscar-winning Nobel Laureate, internet-inventing environmentalist, and actual winner of the 2000 presidential election Al Gore is scrambling to explain his allegedly romantic relationship with a woman whose carbon footprint is, according to a longtime friend of Gore's, "bigger than all of the Kardashians' asses put together."

SD on the QT has obtained documents that put longtime Democratic donor Elizabeth Keadle's monthly water bill at just over \$10,000 a month, a fair portion of which goes toward maintaining the fine mist that is constantly pumped into the air surrounding her ten-acre Rancho Santa Fe estate.

The misting system, which is manufactured in North Korea, was designed to emit tiny droplets of liquid poison into the atmosphere

over entire cities in the event of pro-democracy demonstrations. But Gore, a longtime friend of North Korean director of populace management Kil-Um All, managed to secure a residential-scale

prototype for his California sugar-mama.

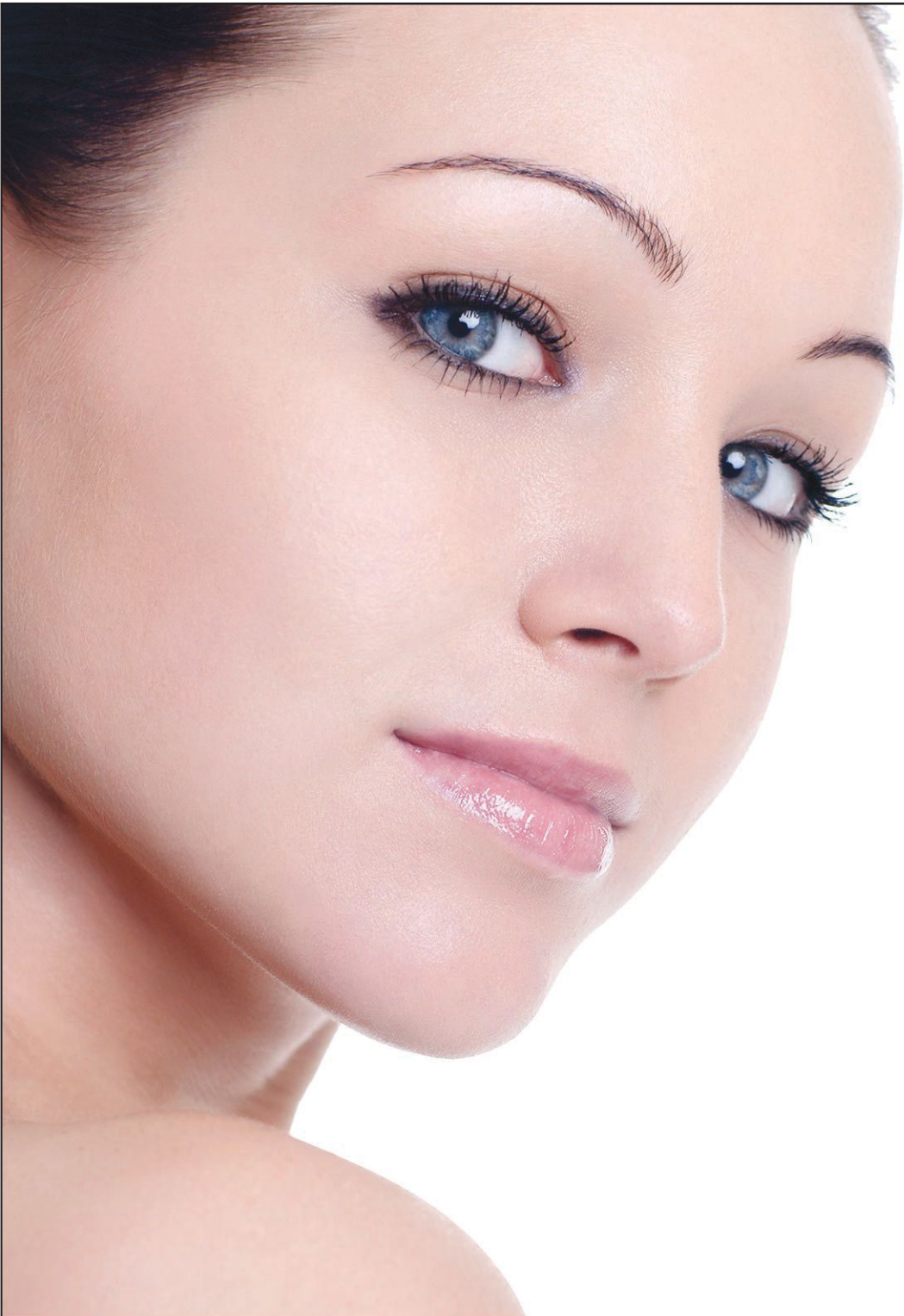
"It's amazing," reports Gore's friend. "You can go walking the equestrian grounds in mid-August, middle of the day, in a wool suit, and come in feeling frisky as a stallion — if you take my meaning."

Gore, for his part, was rather more humble. "Ms. Keadle and I are longtime friends," he said in a prepared statement. "Her support of both the Democratic party and my efforts to develop a freeze ray that will reverse the effects of glacier-melt brought on

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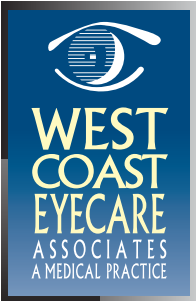
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POST TITLE: **"Trigger" Foods — I can't prove they're laced with crack....**
POST DATE: **May 13, 2011**

So...tomorrow is my Weight Watchers meeting. Which means I'll be weighing in. It's not going to be pretty. This week? I went WAAAAAY over my points. Just trust me on this one.

Why? Well, there was that excursion to Porkyland. But I had put aside some of my weekly points allowance for that. What I didn't "bank" on, however, was the dinner the San Diego Momfia would throw for us contributors last night. It was at Arterra Restaurant, perched atop the Del Mar hills at sunset. There were so many fantastic foods to try! And just when I thought I couldn't eat another bite...they brought out a dish that, well, let's just say there's no way for me to prove that it was laced with crack. Congratulations, Nacho Mama! You now have a new "trigger food"!

Do you have those? I sure do! For me "trigger foods" are the ones that once I start, I cannot stop eating until they're gone...

My new one? "Loaded" Fries from Arterra. LOADED. FRIES. An innocent, austere white bowl....but here's what's lurking inside: French fries mixed with fried, CUBED bacon. Topped with 2 fried eggs. That's all. And before serving it to you, the waitress tosses it all together as though it were a delicate spring mix of arugula and frisee.

I ate those fries over 24 hours ago and I can't. Stop. Thinking about them. Yes, they're loaded with fat. They're loaded with cholesterol. But they're also loaded with the most exquisite flavor. And possibly crack. But there's no way for me to prove that. At least, that's what the Weight Watchers receptionist will tell me at the scale tomorrow.

POST TITLE: **Nacho Mama's Day Out — with TATER TOTS!**
POST DATE: **Thursday, December 2, 2010**

It's not often this mama gets a day out. So when I saw on Twitter that my online friends Theresa and Beth were going to be lunching in

Hillcrest? I just had to solicit an invitation for myself. After all, the ladies were going to be in Nacho Mama's 'hood. And? They were going to be vlogging about the launch of their AWE-SOME new site SDMomfia. AND? It was going to be at R GANG EATERY!!! Which I have been dying to try since it opened but



My new trigger food: loaded fries at Arterra

haven't because, as I said above, it's not often I get a day out.

Okay, so I totally horned in on their awesome mommy lunch. But it was worth it.

First of all, even though we all live in the same town, and all write for Theresa's site Rock On Mommies, I've never

met the ladies in person. We tweet each other all day long, but there is a singular thrill that comes from meeting the face behind the twitter-handle that is difficult to convey unless you've actually experienced it. Let's just say that the web is waaay too small to contain the ferocious divinity that is Theresa and Beth.

Our menu was personally selected for us by R Gang's a-dorable chef, Rich Sweeney. Who was recently on a show called *Top Chef* — perhaps you've heard of it? He is also *mas chulo* in person. How lucky am I?

So there we were, enjoying the gorgeous Hillcrest afternoon and gabbing away with Theresa's webcam capturing it all. They brought us cocktails. In honor of Nacho Daddy (whose real name is Todd) I'd ordered the Hot Toddy. It was absolutely delightful — like I was drinking in the warm Hillcrest sun.

The cocktails made us even more talkative. Until the food came. Then the silence was deafening. Where to begin? First there were Tater Tots. Then a spinach salad with duck and duck confit Tater Tots (even now I have to pause for a moment of silence). Then? A scallop Po' Boy with some of the tastiest fries I have ever had.

(For my fellow Weight Watchers, I figured I took in about 35 points with this one meal alone! But, that's what our new Points Allowance is for! And I had the other half of the sandwich for dinner. It was so worth it — for the company and the food!)

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Bike Racing Issue



The Tour Divide is the longest off-pavement bike race in the world and climbs almost 200,000 vertical feet.

The length of the Tour de France varies year to year. Last year it was 2131 miles, the year before it was 2262 miles. Pavement all the way. The longest off-pavement bike race in the world is 2745 miles long and 90 percent of it goes through the U.S.A.

The start line for the Tour Divide can be found in the parking lot behind the Banff Springs Hotel in Banff, Alberta, Republic of Canada. The race runs through Alberta, British Columbia, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, and finishes on the U.S./Mexican border a little south of Antelope Wells, New Mexico. Tour Divide follows a route mapped by the Adventure Cycling Association and crosses the Continental Divide 29 times. Riders will climb almost 200,000 feet of vertical.

I ran across the race while looking for a movie to watch on Netflix streaming. I saw a poster for *Ride the Divide* and decided to give it five minutes. The film tells the story of the 2008 race, features three riders as they deal with it.

There is Mike Dion, 42, Denver lad, Tour Divide racer, and the film's executive producer. There is Mary Metcalf-Collier, 34, almost-a-local living in Idyllwild, Riverside County, who wants to be the first woman to finish the race. And there is Matthew Lee, 41, of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, who has won five times as of 2010 (he didn't race in 2011).

I'd forgotten how much empty country there is left in the United States. Punch-you-in-the-stomach, rip-your-breath-away gorgeous country. That alone makes this movie worth watching. The film has epic countryside, an epic race, engrossing characters, great music, now add film editing that is so tight the entire production seems spontaneous. Hunter Weeks, the director, shot 210 hours of film in order to make an 80-minute movie. There are no dead spots.

The race is militantly off-highway. The

route took four years to map. Matthew Lee talks about a day in the early part of the race: "It's full-on mountaineering with cornices and huge side slopes. You can't find the trail. It's route finding. It's everything. It took us four hours to go, like, four and a half miles."

Sixteen racers started the 2008 race, eight made it to New Mexico. Winners and top competitors require 15 to 20 days to finish. Think 150 miles and 16 hours a day on a bicycle. Riding on dirt. Over passes. On an unmarked route. There are days when food, water, and lodging are 100 miles or more apart.

One caveat about the movie. The participants are pros in that the director, Hunter Weeks, is a credited producer on five movies, credited director on four movies, and more. Mike Dion, at the time of the shooting, was a race participant and the producer of this film plus one other. And Matthew Lee, the race winner, at the time of the shooting, was billed as the co-organizer of the Tour Divide race. The casual moviegoer thinks Dion and Lee are regular guys, with wives and families and jobs, who enter this incredible race. They're not. Dion and Weeks are movie guys. Lee is the race director. The race, however, is still incredible.

Regard Rule 7. "Tour Divide is a web-administered, do-it-yourself challenge based on the purest of wagers: the gentlemen's bet or agreement. Nothing to win or lose but honor."

You can run the race anytime, but there is a Grand Depart on the 2nd Friday in June. A one-of-a-kind race needs one-of-a-kind rules: "There is no Banff pre-start meeting. There are no checkpoints or officials on course. Riders alone are responsible for their safety. Riders alone must police their conduct. There is no mechanism to communicate to riders on course.

"Tackle it truly solo or as part of a common start, but do it all yourself; all the pedaling, navigation, resupply, and camping; all the suffering. Indeed, with zero on-the-ground administration by organizers, the idea of Divide racing as an 'event' is mainly a construct of the online community that follows it. To these voyeurs, it's virtual racing at its finest."

Online community of voyeurs is where we come in. Riders carry SPOT Satellite Messenger locators to transmit their location via satellite so we can follow the race on an online Google map. You can see a racer's route history, checkpoint times, average speed, and distance covered.

The race starts on June 8 at 11 a.m. You can follow the Tour Divide live at tourdivide.org/leaderboard.

By the way, the same people who made the Tour Divide movie are premiering their new bike film *Reveal the Path*. There will be a showing at Hillcrest Cinemas at 4 p.m. on June 20. Filmmakers will be attending the event.

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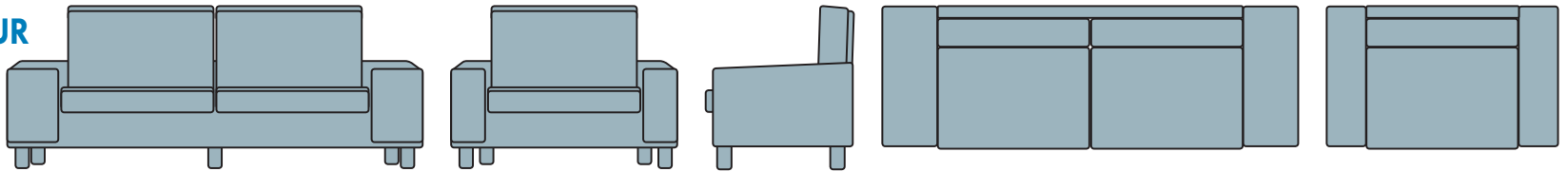
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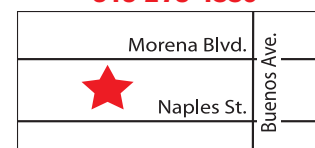
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

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Reinvent. Does that mean embracing Papa Doug's development schemes? Demanding a new stadium for the Chargers? Is that how reporters reinvent themselves? What a farce. A certain U-T reporter accused me of being unethical the other day. It was all I could do to not laugh in his face.


 




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

Could not have said it better.


 




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You are not unethical, Refried. Best, Don Bauder


 




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

That is probably what "reinvent" meant, as uttered by Lynch. Remember, when he and Manchester came in, they announced that the paper would be a cheerleader for local business and for a Chargers football stadium. Any reporter covering the stadium had to be in favor of it, and denounce opponents as obstructionists. They were announcing that the paper would be a propaganda organ. They followed through: it is one. Best, Don Bauder


 




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
I really don't think it means that much anymore because no one reads the papers but to think the only daily print media in SOCAL will now be controled by Pond Scum drifted to the right by the breath of developers is disconcerting.


 




MordecaiWatts May 17, 4:55 p.m.  0



Trees were spray-painted in with KONY 2012 logos in other parts of town. Think globally, crap where you live.


 




JuliusZsako May 17, 6:48 p.m.  0



These posters decay quickly when placed outdoors and exposed to rain and sun. They look pretty bad. The people who place them don't seem to have much respect for the rest of the community. The posters can cause traffic signal boxes to overheat and fail, so it is a safety issue as well. It is a form of graffiti - the unauthorized marking on property regardless of the tool (paint, marker, stickers) At www.DefacingAmerica.com, the issues of graffiti prevention and control are explored. I'd love your feedback on it.


 




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
The people who put up those posters aren't very smart or really concerned. What they do makes them feel good for a few minutes, after which they've likely forgotten what it was all about. Urban idiocy.


 




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

I saw another KONY 2012 poster today on a utility box outside "Beemer Club" on University Ave. in North Park.





More "KONY 2012" graffiti!

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—EVE KELLY

There's a uke craze in the Kelly home. The ukulele comes everywhere: in the car, to school, to the beach. Our oldest son begged for one for months. "It's so convenient and portable," he pleaded. "I can serenade you while you drive!"

"If you promise to learn some pieces, I'll buy you a starter one," I offered. "Serenading in the car sounds lovely — much better than bickering with your siblings."

He kept his promise and learned a few tunes, but the ukulele we purchased is already falling apart. I'm going to buy a new one, but this time I'm going in armed with knowledge.

"The uke is accessible because you can play all the chords that a guitar can play but with only four strings," explained Janet Beazley, manager of New Expression Music in University Heights (619-280-9035; newexpressionmusic.com). "It's easier to grab those chords on the ukulele, and it sounds good playing almost any kind of music. And it toughens up your fingers a little bit so it's not so hard to go to the guitar or another string instrument. It's portable, so you can take it on a car trip or sit on your couch comfortably and play."

"The ukulele was brought to Hawaii by Portuguese sailors," Beazley continued, "and it really caught on. A lot of people think of traditional Hawaiian songs played by the ukulele, but we have people that come in and play pop, rock, and country."

"There are four sizes of ukulele," she explained. "Soprano, concert, tenor, and baritone. The smallest is a soprano, the concert is a little bit bigger, and the tenor even bigger. The first three are tuned the same. The baritone uke is tuned like the top-four strings of a guitar. You can finger it the same, but it will sound a different chord."

Which size uke do we need? "A lot of people just pick one up to see how the size fits in their hands. Usually a big guy will go for a concert or a tenor size because there's a little bit more room between the frets. Kids tend to like the soprano."

"Student ukes are often made of mahogany, a good, affordable hardwood. The traditional Hawaiian ukes are often made of solid koa wood. It's a Hawaiian hardwood: a warm honey color with beautiful figuration,

"The uke is accessible because you can play all the chords that a guitar can play but with only four strings."

and it's kind of satiny looking, just gorgeous. But it is expensive."

New Expression Music sells Makala, Flea, Aliani, Kala, and Lanikai ukuleles, and prices are \$50 to \$70 for a soprano, in the \$90s for a concert, and tenors start at about \$125. "We have some nicer ukes that go to \$200. And

of course an expensive uke, a hand-made one, can be thousands of dollars. We don't carry the high end here, but our other store in Carlsbad, Buffalo Brothers Guitars, does [760-434-4567; buffalobrosguitars.com]."

The music store also offers lessons and hosts "jams and meet-ups" for ukulele players. "They are in the evenings, and it's a good addition to the lessons. You get a chance to play with other people and do workshops and concerts," Beazley added.

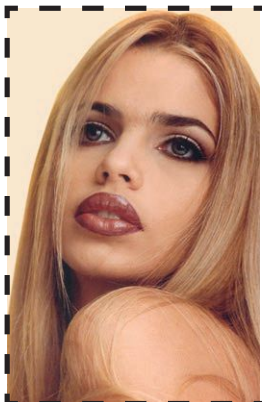
"Uke playing tends to be more about chords and strumming, whereas guitar has more emphasis on note playing," offered classical-guitarist and teacher William Wilson (866-800-7272; william-wilson.com) in Encinitas. "Watch out for the cheap ones you get at a toy store. I've seen some where you couldn't even tune the thing. I like the Flea ukulele and the Mahalo brand."

"We have about 30 ukes hanging on our wall," offered the salesman at Mark's Guitar Exchange in Chula Vista (619-421-2343; marksguitarexchange.com). "I have one by Sunlight — an all-laminated mahogany body, no binding or anything — so it doesn't have the fancy bells and whistles to look at, but it sounds good and plays good and is only \$59."

"We have probably the largest selection of ukuleles on the West Coast," touted DeForest Thornburgh, owner of the Blue Guitar on Mission Gorge Road in Grantville (619-283-2700; shop.theblueguitar.com). "I have 50 ukes in the store. We are really into them. We have Kalas, a soprano starts at \$69.95 — those top out at \$400. We also have the Islander, another entry-level uke, and they start at \$99."

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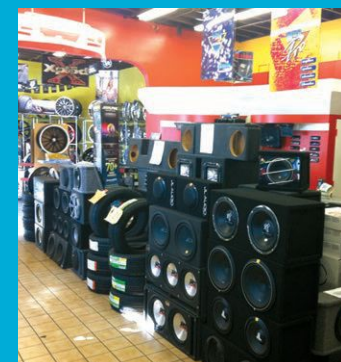
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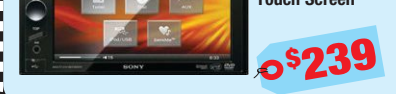
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It's 5:00 p.m. on a Wednesday at the Ocean Beach Farmers' Market, and a homeless man is sprawled on the corner of Newport Avenue and Bacon Street.

A dad with three small kids approaches. "Get your kids away from me," the homeless man growls. "I am *drunk!*" The dad shrugs and moves on.

A bounce house is set up on the east side of Newport, and there are two llamas available for kiddie rides. A man in his 70s plays a guitar made from a vintage suitcase; at his feet he has two similar instruments for sale.

A 20-something young man — wearing pants duct-taped together — holds a puppy.

A woman asks, "How much you selling the dog for?"

"Selling?" The young man shakes his dreads. "I would never sell a living thing. I'm looking for a nice person to give this little guy to."

The salvaged-goods booth run by Shelby Hartman is relatively quiet. A woman stops and picks up a fused-plastic-bags wallet. The concept amazes her. "How did you make this?" she asks. Shelby launches into an explanation.

Meanwhile, a band plays loudly. A woman balancing a handmade hula-hoop on her hips dances along. Two booths over, a man buys lettuce for his iguana; the toddler-sized reptile wraps itself around his shoulders. Someone snaps a picture of them.

A few curious shoppers stop to check out Shelby's owl pillows, crafted out of recycled fabric. Her creations net her about \$1000 per month. She also sells at the Hillcrest farmers' market on Sundays.

At the O.B. market, Shelby pays \$20 to share a space with Margo, the

Mushrooms that look more like artwork than fungi. Kenny "the Mushroom Man" sells them at six local farmers' markets.

owner of Nkuto Organics. Craft vendors, on average, pay \$40 per booth. Since certified-organic sellers are in high demand, they're charged 7 percent of their total sales, while all other farmers and food vendors are charged 10 percent of their profits. David, the Ocean Beach Farmers' Market manager, estimates that over 100 vendors show up every Wednesday.

"Margo and I have the perfect location," Shelby says. "It's on the corner, next to the band. It's loud, but we get a lot of foot traffic coming through."

Most of Shelby's popular items are created using fused plastic. Shelby irons plastic bags between sheets of wax paper until they are flat and smooth. To protect against harmful chemi-

cals, she wears a protective mask that looks like something you'd see in a

"Look at my face. I look younger. I get all my veggies here."

sci-fi film.

Shelby shops at thrift stores every Monday, searching for vintage bed sheets, zippers, and fabric. Tuesday through Friday, she sews from 9:00 to 2:00. On market days, she places her products in two small Tupperware bins and then she's good to go. It takes her about a minute to set up and tear down.

"I've been doing this for three years now, and every year, I get better.

I only made \$15 at my first market but decided to stick with it."

"I love creating," she tells me. "I love what I do. The Farmers' Market is a family."

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On a sloping green hill at Paul Ecke Central Elementary school in Encinitas, farmers' market shoppers set up picnic lunches. Blonde children run around on the grass, chasing bubbles the size of their fists. It's like a casting call for a Gap commercial. A toddler in

fire-truck galoshes and a Snow White princess dress, spins in circles: the little ballerina is a boy. He munches on a carrot, Bugs Bunny style. A waify-looking dude in a striped sweater, skinny jeans, and Ray-Bans strums a guitar and sings a moody song. A crowd gathers. A middle-aged man dressed as a clown paints a butterfly on a little girl's face. There is a line of eager children waiting.

Families sit on afghans spread on the damp ground. Most have cotton grocery bags at their feet; the bags are filled with lettuce and kale. A group of lean gray-haired men in Spandex biking gear eat sushi. A young couple dips snap peas into hummus. I overhear a woman announce to a friend that she's been on a raw-food



Albert, owner of the Meatmen, with one of his nitrate-free sausages.

diet for over a month.

"You wouldn't believe the way my complexion has changed," she says. "Look at my face. I

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Albert Juarez, owner of Meatmen, sells salamis and sausages. He is one

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of the 85–90 vendors at the Sunday-afternoon Encinitas/Leucadia Farmers' Market (which includes 29 certified growers and 8 certified organic growers). Albert announces to his customers that the nitrate-free pork he uses comes from humanely raised pigs. His seasoning is organic and fair-trade. Shoppers nod their heads in approval.

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It's 8:00 a.m. on a Sunday when I meet Albert at his storefront off Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. The

shop is spotless. To the right of the front door a metal shelf houses neatly arranged disinfectants, a box of hairnets, and a small personal collection of cookbooks. A metal rod holds freshly dry-cleaned linens — checkered pants and white chefs' jackets. On top of a small desk sits an oversized chocolate heart, a Valentine's Day gift for his wife that he picked up from a neighboring vendor at the Ocean Beach market. There is a walk-in fridge and a freezer, a meat-grinder

on a stainless-steel countertop. Dozens of spices line another metal shelf.

Albert is preparing for the Encinitas/Leucadia Farmers' Market, but the day is cold and raining.

"I checked the weather report," he says. "The rain is supposed to clear up by this afternoon. It should be sunny by the time we get to the market." He switches out a pair of tall rain boots for broken-in New Balance tennis shoes. Albert wears his long hair in a ponytail. His eyes are

vivid green. He smells like fennel seed.

I fail to remove my ballet flats and track a puddle of mud onto the gleaming white floors.

"Don't worry," Albert says, "I mop every day. The USDA will be by tomorrow. It's one of my production days."

The government reps come to the Meatmen shop Mondays and Wednesdays. They can show up anytime between 6:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sometimes they swab Albert's walls, check the temperature of his meat,

review his safety procedures, or go through required paperwork.

"They're just doing their job," Albert says.

I am surprised to discover that the Meatmen Company is just this one man — Albert.

We pack up the van. Two oversized coolers are filled with sausages taken from a crowded freezer. Selections include: Bratwurst, Bratwurst with Cheddar, Sweet Italian, Sweet Italian with Provolone, and Spicy Kaiserkrainer. They'll be sold in four-packs or used in

the sandwiches he makes and sells at the market for \$6 a pop.

Albert loads two wooden crates with wrapped salami. The walk-in fridge holds dozens more, hung on hooks near the ceiling. Albert's salamis are cold-cured for two months, resulting in a stronger flavor.

When the van is ready to go, there's barely room in the passenger seat.

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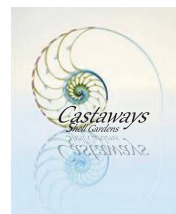


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that will be used as pizza toppings.

Most of Albert's revenue comes from sales at farmers' markets. Ideally, he would like 60 percent of his profit to be online orders, but he has yet to set up a website. He doesn't have time. Albert

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he acknowledges. "There are moments when it's overwhelming. But then I get into my van, and I get excited to go to the market."

Albert sells at six farmers' markets. On Wednesday, he is in Ocean Beach. Thursday, he attends two different Oceanside markets. Friday — La Mesa. Saturday is Poway, and Sunday, Encinitas/Leucadia. He sells the most in Oceanside, the least in La Mesa.

"The La Mesa market only covers my dry-cleaning bill, but it's revenue, and I can't turn down revenue," Albert admits.

When we arrive at Paul Ecke Central Elementary school, many

with fabric. Albert lights a propane stove. He boils water for washing his

"The La Mesa market only covers my dry-cleaning bill, but it's revenue, and I can't turn down revenue."

of the other vendors have already set up their booths. Ron, the market manager, is standing on a narrow dirt path directing vans as they come in. He wears BluBlockers and a T-shirt tucked into pale denim shorts. He looks grumpy. Albert waves. Ron does not wave back.

It takes us about 15 minutes to set up the Meatmen booth. First the canopy, then the netting. We cover two tables

hands and puts it in an oversized Thermos. He will scrub up every time he touches money. Albert asks me to be the cashier, hoping to avoid having to clean up so often. This is a really bad idea. I'm terrible at math. I'm convinced he will be losing money today.

Albert cuts a few salami slices as samples.

His neighbors to the right are Japanese sushi-makers. To his left, a Belgian man and his Italian

wife; their specialties are fries and waffles. Across the dirt path, an Englishman has a coffee cart and bakery goods. Next to that is a gyros cart. Everybody is friendly with one another. They have inside jokes.

They laugh about a Super Bowl pool that Ron, the market manager, set up. The owner of the coffee cart won \$500. Ron walks past, and one of the vendors yells out, "How'd you let a British guy beat you in a Super Bowl pool?" Ron chuckles. He turns to the owner of the coffee cart. "Are you giving everyone five bucks to rub that in?"

A boy, maybe 10 or 11, drops off a large paper bag from a neighboring vendor, Le Rendez-Vous. It is filled with baguettes that will be used for Albert's sausage sandwiches.

A frizzy-haired blonde woman, dressed in yoga pants and a tie-dye shirt, stops by the



Salvaged Goods owner Shelby Hartman works on a fused-plastic wallet.

Meatmen booth to ask Albert if he would like to swap food again.

"Sure. Guavas and blood oranges?"

She nods. A few minutes later, she appears with an overflowing bag.

She leans in and whispers, "We're selling the farm and moving into a condo near the beach. It'll be easier. I just can't keep up anymore. I'm in my 50s." She is excited, but Albert looks disappointed.

When she leaves, I ask how often he trades food with other sellers and am surprised to learn that this happens at almost every market.

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Albert's first customer is a woman with cropped spiky hair. She has a three-year-old son. The woman and her boy show up every week for Meatmen sandwiches.

"I want a hot dog," the boy announces.

Albert takes a

baguette and scoops a hole in its center, using a metal tong. He serves the extra bread to customers, saying, "A little appetizer!"

Next, he stuffs in a sausage, some sauerkraut, and a squirt of wholeseed mustard.

Albert places the sandwich in the little boy's hands, then gives him an affectionate wave. The boy's mom thanks Albert for her "weekly fix."

More people show

up. Most buy sandwiches or the four-packs of sausages that go for \$8. Throughout the day, Albert makes a few salami sales, though not nearly as many as the sausages.

Albert has given his salamis names like: the Naughty Constable, the Juicy Scandal, and the Tasty Treason. His sign reads: "\$8 a chub."

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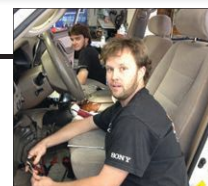
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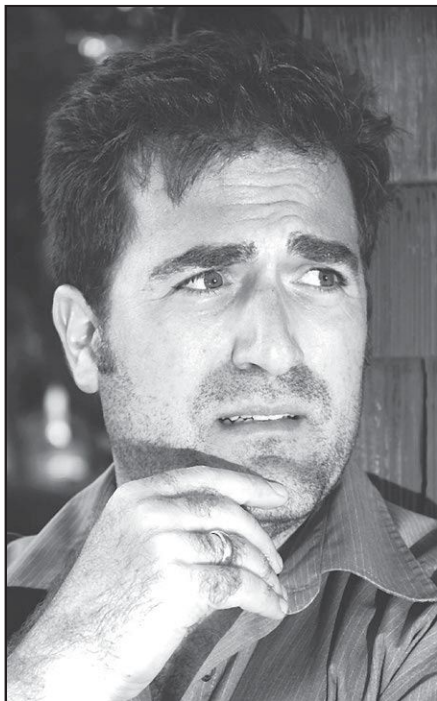
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Albert is a charming man. People like him. He calls everyone Sister or Brother, unless they are children. Then, they become Little Monkeys. When a preteen boy orders a sausage sandwich, Albert hands it over, saying, "Here you go, Little Monkey." The kid shoots him a dirty look.

Past customers visit the Meatmen booth, simply to chat. A couple of 20-somethings apologize for buying gyros this week. "We're going to buy from you next week," one promises.

Two teenage girls giggle and flirt with Albert. He doesn't notice or is too polite to respond.

For lunch, the Belgian seller brings over a large helping of fries



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with mayo sauce. Albert orders a rainbow roll from the sushi sellers. In the middle of a salami sale, Albert notices that the Englishman with the coffee cart has water boiling over and spilling onto the counter top. Albert jumps over his booth to

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"I don't have the right kind of casings for that," Albert says. "You need plastic casings. I don't use those."

Another customer suggests pineapple juice in the sauerkraut.

"Never heard of that," Albert says politely, "I'll have to try that out."

It's 6:00 p.m. Ron shouts to the vendors, "No need to hurry out. We could stay here for another hour for all I care. Football season is over. The only thing on TV tonight is trout-fishing and ping-pong."

Albert tallies up his sales before tearing down the booth. Nine percent goes to the market. I'm surprised when he says it was a slow day. It felt to me as if there were too many customers to keep up with. Albert shrugs.



"Some days are better than others," he says.

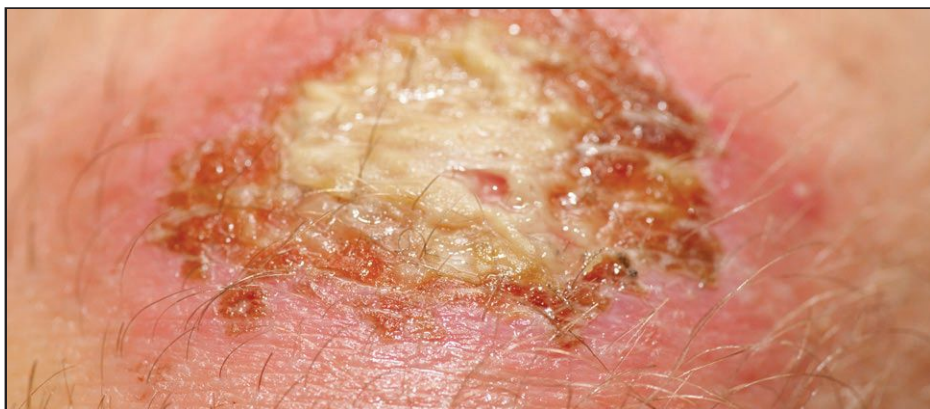
Before leaving, the Belgian man asks if they will still celebrate Easter together. "We can bar-

beque," he tells Albert.

"Sounds good," Albert says.

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It takes over an hour to get to Morning Star Ranch, located off Interstate 15 in Valley Center. Miss the sign announcing the entrance and you end up on the Pala Indian Reservation. But I turn where I should, just past the Yellow Deli, and drive

down a long dirt road, past a lilac farm and an adobe-style mansion: we are at the farm. Morning Star's entrance gate is stunning, an intricate sunset made out of steel. Inside, another dirt road lined with palm trees leads you to an old helicopter hangar that has been converted into a barn.

I park in a pebbled lot. A young boy running toward the barn stops, extends his hand, and introduces himself as Fin. His hair is tied back neatly into a ponytail. For a preteen, he seems curiously adult.

He leads me to the main house. Through an open door I see a washer and dryer and mounds of clothing spilling out of baskets.

Fin introduces me to



Twelve Tribes, a religious commune, sells organic produce grown on their 66-acre Valley Center property.

Rekah, a petite woman in her 30s. She wears a beige three-button shirt and baggy cotton pants cinched at the ankles.

Before we head down to the field to begin a day

of picking vegetables and preparing for the market, Rekah gives a tour of the property.

She and the others are members of the Twelve Tribes, a reli-

gious commune. They live, work, and worship at Morning Star Ranch. They try to model their lives around the way early Christians lived — the *Book of Acts* is their inspi-

ration. When new members join their group, they give up their material possessions: homes, cars, and electronics.

The 66-acre property houses two yurts, one for single men, the other for single women. There's also a large communal home for families. There is a modest schoolhouse where the children attend class.

We walk past a sand volleyball court and two ponds. One is used for swimming, the other is populated by ducks and turtles. On the far side of the property sits a quaint home. On weekends, married couples take turns staying there while the community takes care of their children. Newlyweds are offered the home for one full week as a honeymoon.

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Rekah takes us past a chicken coop, a pasture with three cows, and a pen occupied by goats.

"The kids take care of most of the animals. The boys milk the cows, and the girls look after the goats. My sons like to chase and catch the chickens," Rekah says and laughs.

Rekah is a Hebrew name, meaning "tender." She was given her name a year after moving to the farm. Nearly all the tribe members have Hebrew names suggested by the community. Rekah was standoffish when she first came to the ranch. Her husband was enthusiastic about living a commu-

nal life with the Twelve Tribes, while Rekah was hesitant. With time she softened. That is why she is called Rekah.

Lev — Hebrew for "heart" — is in the garden. He is the farm manager, a job chosen for him by the community; the community assigns jobs to every member. Lev has a wide, friendly smile. He met Twelve Tribes members at a reggae concert in Oceanside. He came down to the farm to check it out. Soon after, he moved in with his wife and daughter.

Lev is hosing off beets. He sends us out to the garden to pick kale. "Take two of the biggest

leaves off of each plant."

Halfway through picking, Lev yells for us to dump the kale into an outdoor sink filled with ice to prevent wilting.

Rekah says that a few years ago black aphids destroyed their entire kale crop. They were told that the only way to get rid of the problem was to burn the acreage. "It was a shame." Rekah shakes her head. "Such a waste, but that's the way it is with organic farming. Recently, we figured out that the aphids don't like grapefruit. We went around and sprayed our kale down with grapefruit juice. The problem went away."

When all the kale is picked, we place the leaves in the sink. We

at the ranch's two Yelow Deli cafés and at the six farmers' markets they

ing as a way of utilizing everything we have. They have become our most popular products."

Lev hands us hoses to spray off caked-on dirt from freshly picked carrots and beets. A quiet guy, named Nadiv, which means "willing," helps out. When I speak to him, he avoids eye contact. I am unsure if it is because he is busy or because he is shy. When asked how he came to the ranch, he tells me he was traveling across the U.S. and ended up in Valley Center. He was looking for a place to sleep and was directed to Morning Star Ranch. That was three years ago.

"Oh, like Jack Kerouac?" I ask.

"Who's that?" Nadiv says.

There are dozens of carrots that need to be sprayed down and bundled. We bunch the carrots in tens, throw the small, unsightly ones into a bin to be juiced.

Next, we pick radishes. Some are the size of my fist. A squirrel scurries past us with something in its mouth.

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"The boys milk the cows, and the girls look after the goats."

pull the kale out of the icy water by the handfuls to bundle into bunches of six. Rubber bands are secured around the stems. The leaves that are the least appealing are placed in a separate bin for the Green Drink and Green Energy Bar, sold

attend.

"We created the drink and our bars to eliminate waste. See these grapefruits?" Rekah motions to the trees all around the ranch. "We can't sell or eat all of them. We have so many. We came up with juic-

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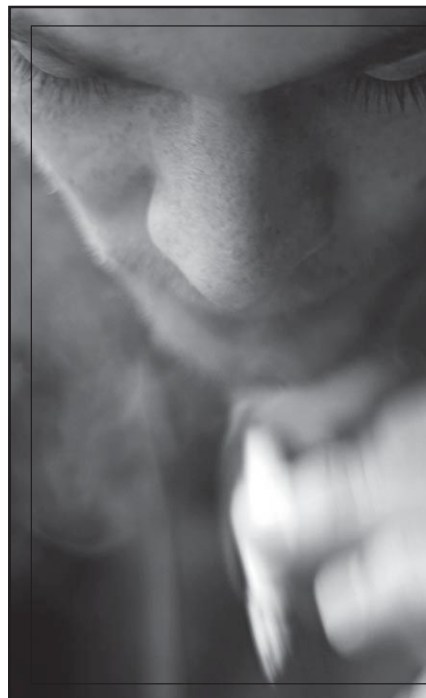
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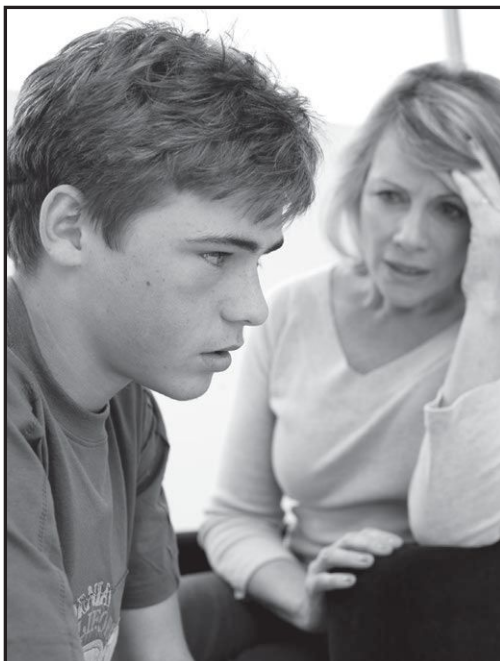
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eat our organic lettuce," Rekah says without a hint of irony.

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"We don't really need to sell our produce at any of the farmers' markets," Rekah says. "We do it as an outreach to meet people in our community."

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At the Ocean Beach market, Ravach, which means "refreshing" in Hebrew, is joined by Jeremiah at the Morning Star booth. They're in charge. Ravach was introduced to Morning Star Ranch while hanging out at the Ocean Beach market.

We set up three large canopies. Later, we have

to take one down when a man that runs a booth called the Cravory insists

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"You'd be amazed over just how many rodents we have to kill so that vegetarians can eat our organic lettuce."

that we are in his spot.

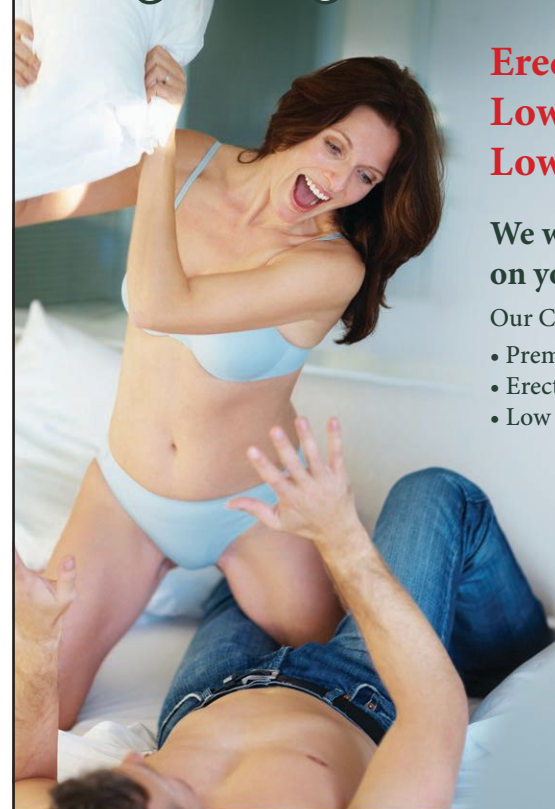
Ravach and Jeremiah hang a large banner with pictures of Twelve Tribes members. Rekah points out photos of her two sons and husband. I see Lev. There is a photo of Fin, the boy who greeted me in the morning. The sign reads: "Sustainable

We place the veggies that were picked that morning on the table and put dozens of containers of Green Juice in buckets filled with ice. There is also a basket of Green Bars.

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a young man in a tattooed vest, bare-chested beneath it, is chain-smoking while attempting to sell duct-tape wallets. A cardboard sign reads: "Wallets, 2 bucks." Next to him, an artist sells ocean-themed drawings. The artist has a handlebar mustache and is holding a parasol to shade himself from the early-evening sun.

On a table at the back of our booth lies a stack of brochures inviting people to come to the ranch. Not a single one is handed out while I am there.

The booth is busy. We set out small shots of the Green Drink as samples. People stop to take a swig.

The first customer is a young man in a fedora and a pin-striped shirt. He inquires about the Green Drink.

"It will keep you regular," Rekah says.

He cracks up. "You're a very classy lady!" he says. He buys two.

A man in his late 60s wants a cardboard box for all the veggies he purchases. Ravach asks if they can place his stuff in bags.

"I guess," he sighs. "You gotta have something besides plastic, though."

"Nope," Rekah says patiently. "Why didn't you bring cloth shopping bags?"

He laughs. "Excellent point."

A middle-aged man picks through bunches of kale. He removes rubber bands from bundles and swaps out small leaves for bigger ones. He studies each thoroughly. He even goes as far as to ask that we let him pick through an extra bin underneath one of the tables. When he has finally picked out the perfect kale leaves,

the best avocados, and the nicest beets, he hands me his overstuffed bag.

"I have more shopping to do. Can you place this behind your booth? Make sure it's out of the sun!"

I place it out of the

way at the back of the booth.

"More to the left," he instructs.

I smile stiffly and do as I'm told.

The other vendors are curious about the Twelve Tribes, but not

outwardly friendly. From time to time, I catch the guy from the Cravory giving sideways looks. No one comes over to chat or to trade food.

There are no invitations to holiday parties.

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Kenny, known as the Mushroom Man, always wears a skirt. My first sighting of him is at the Leucadia market. When Albert and I pull up in the big white Meatmen van, Kenny is standing in the

grass wearing a 'shroom Shack T-shirt and a cotton skirt in a camouflage pattern.

"That guy's a trip," Albert says.

Rekah, from Morning Star Ranch tells me that they have a booth



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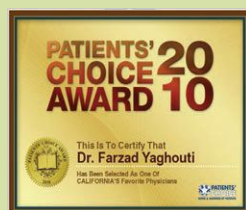
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next to Kenny at the market. "He's serious about mushrooms. He's all about the healing power of 'shrooms." She laughs. "He's a character."

Shelby, of Salvaged Goods, knows Kenny, too. They met at the Ocean Beach market. "We're friends," she says.

On a Thursday afternoon, I spot Mushroom Man at the University Towne Centre market. His booth is wedged between a honey-seller and a lobster guy. Around the corner, a vendor sells organic-bamboo clothing.

The La Jolla market is populated by older folks in khakis and loafers. It's a subdued crowd, no hula-hoopers or children chasing bubbles. It's quiet and clean. With around 50 vendors, it's smaller than both the Leucadia/Encinitas and the Ocean

Beach markets. Each vendor pays a \$30 minimum or 10 percent of their sales to have a booth.

Kenny the Mushroom Man has patches of gray in his beard. When he speaks, the words are drawn out. He looks like the kind of guy you might see in the parking lot of a Grateful Dead show, selling ganja goo balls.

Kenny's booth is tidy and simple. He sells unique and elaborate mushrooms. He places them in jars and baskets on his table. The bigger clusters of 'shrooms are free standing. They look more like artwork than fungi.

Today, he is wearing a glittery green skirt paired with a thick belt embroidered in rich colors — purple, green, and gold — paired with a faded gray T-shirt. I wonder if he has taken

his wardrobe up a notch because he is in La Jolla.

"The 'shroom Shack's mission is to reintroduce the mushroom into common foods," he says. "I would love to turn everyone on to mushrooms."

His mushrooms come from local farms — Mountain Meadow Mushrooms in North Escondido, Hokto Kinoko Company in San Marcos, Fallbrook Mushrooms, and China City Development, also in Fallbrook. He drives up a few times a week to beef up his inventory; he sells at the six different markets on the circuit.

When I ask how he met his wife, whose family first began selling the 'shrooms in the late '90s at the Vista market, and what it's like being a vendor at local farmers' markets, he ignores me and talks strictly 'shrooms.

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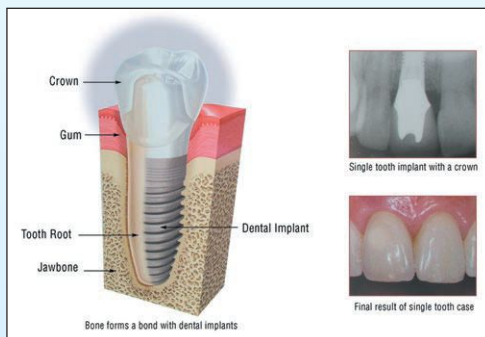
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"I really don't have anything else to say about the market. I just want to talk about mushrooms."

He does, however, mention that he and his wife come from two different mushroom cultures. I tell him I'm unsure what that means.

"I'm from Pittsburgh," he elaborates, "the largest mushroom producer in the United States." He says this as if it is a fact that everyone should know. "And San Diego, where my wife is from, is the largest mushroom producer in California."

For 15 minutes he talks about mushrooms, how they are cultivated, where they are found, how the European market has an edge on truffles — a trendy food that people go wild over. He wishes

he could make a better mushroom trendy. He says that chemotherapy patients use them to ease pain.

"My wife is pregnant," he adds. "We've joked about, if the baby is a girl, naming her Chanterelle. If it's a boy, we might go with Porcini. Those are both good mushrooms."

A couple stops to study Kenny's 'shrooms in amazement. The woman whispers, "I could almost use this one as a centerpiece for the dining-room table." The man wrinkles his nose. They walk on.

Kenny admits that sometimes people walk past his booth, alarmed. His mushrooms are unique, and not everyone knows how to prepare them.

"I use the line from Forrest Gump: 'You can barbecue 'em, boil 'em, broil 'em, and bake 'em.' But when people buy my mushrooms, it's out of my hands. I try to tell them to use butter, olive oil, or grapeseed oil, and that friends of mushrooms are shallots and onions. But you never know how they're going to cook them."

While we chat, several elderly customers come to the booth. A tall gray-haired man wants to know if Kenny has any lobster mushrooms.

Kenny points to a jar with orange-ish fungi in it. "Ten dollars an ounce," he says, "and you can keep the jar."

The man inspects the inside, then shrugs and continues on.

"Is your clientele mostly older people?" I ask.

Kenny appears offended. "I've found that most people who buy my mushrooms are educated and high-income. We do best at the coastal community markets. Some markets just aren't into us. We used to do a market in Rancho Santa Fe. We did really well there. Those people understand mushrooms."

Kenny objects to the multitude of markets in San Diego.

"We can't get to them all. It's hard for local farmers to keep up. In San Bernardino, the farmers regulate the markets. In San Diego it's a free-for-all. We have dozens of markets daily. I don't think that's cool."

Kenny says big things are happening in the 'shroom community. "You'll see some big changes next year." He lowers his voice. "But I can't talk about that." ■

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Walsh's tire. Reacting to shouts of "Shoot the police," detective Joseph Myers hurled George Washington Woodbey to the sidewalk and clubbed Louis Grant in the face. Police arrested two protestors.

San Diego's notorious Free Speech fight of 1912 had begun.

The next night, at 7:30 p.m., a large group — the curious and the committed — assembled in front of the Fox-Heller Building at 867 Fifth. Free-speech advocates

kept the sidewalks clear of pedestrians.

San Diegan Laura Payne Emerson spoke for the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) from a wooden crate: When the workers take action, "they will no longer beg for some master to give them enough to live on, they will take what belongs to them."

Attorney Ernest Kirk spoke for the socialists. The upcoming Free Speech fight, he vowed, would be "waged with vigor, but in a dignified manner."

Though often accused of violence, the IWW stressed passive resistance. As they had in Spokane, Fresno, and elsewhere, their song-filled protests preferred the "mental dynamite" of direct action: flood the jails, and, in effect, sabotage the judicial system with sheer numbers.



Police chief Keno Wilson said he'd arrest anyone who spoke or sang in the forbidden zone.

QUOTATIONS

1. Jack Miller (in *Solidarity Forever*): "Direct action means you gain all your objectives on the job rather than through the ballot box."
2. Patrick Renshaw: "In the hands of this floating army, the 'free speech fight' was a formidable weapon — indeed, it was the most significant contribution to the Syndicalist armory."

3. F.C. Spalding (president, Chamber of Commerce): "If you give them anything at all, it would only encourage them."

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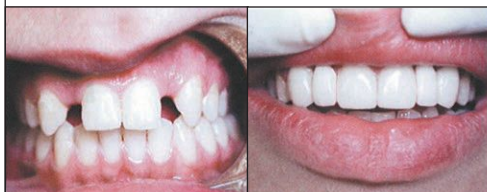
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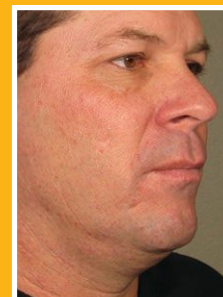
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January 8, 1912

The Common Council began its session at 10:45 a.m. At issue: an anti-street-speaking ordinance. Commissioner John L. Sehon declared that Soapbox Row, along E Street a block south of Broadway, was a "central congested district." The council should ban speaking and singing — even the Salvation Army — from C Street south to F, and from Fourth to Sixth streets. Penalties would range from a \$35 to \$100 fine, or 30 days imprisonment, or both.

"A snap judgment," shouted attorney Kirk. "The council's railroad the ordinance without a vote of the people!"

"There's a limit to everything!" Sehon shot back. "The council *must* take immediate action!"

Sehon's firm stance surprised many. A retired military captain, the 49-year-old had become mayor of San Diego in 1905. His platform, writes Warren Diehl, included "Socialists, Democrats, Independents, and liberal Republicans." And he won a "major victory over the [Joseph] Spreckels-dominated political machine."

Though he favored free speech, Sehon said he didn't want another incident like Saturday's, "when something serious might have happened."

Speakers could always use a public hall outside the forbidden zone, someone offered.

"Too small," countered a man named McKinley: "The city should give the plaza to the public for open-air meetings."

Sehon objected.

McKinley: "Once again, the council has showed its inability to deal with the unemployed."

Sehon rose. He protested "such criticism" and ordered McKinley silenced.

Cheers and hisses shot through the council chamber.

Although Kirk insisted on a public hearing for the ordinance, at 1:00 p.m., the council voted unanimously in favor. They also passed an

emergency clause: forget the 30-day waiting period. Start the ordinance today.

City attorney Charles Andrews raised an objection. Though Los Angeles had a similar ban, Andrews worried that the rush job might not hold up in court.

Chief Wilson said he'd wait two days, then arrest everyone who spoke or sang in the forbidden zone.

The San Diego Sun: "This ordinance, affecting a large area containing many streets where there is almost no traffic at night, was not intended primarily as a traffic ordinance. It was meant to curb, if not stop, street speaking here. The *Sun* is against it, and will work in every honorable way it can to have it repealed."

Near midnight on January 9, 18 free-speech advocates met at Kirk's office in the Union building. They included socialists, Wobblies, single-taxers and religious leaders. Kirk was "comrade chairman."

Chief Wilson vowed to arrest every speaker on the January 10, so the group planned a detailed scenario.

They chose 12 "martyrs" to "mount the corner rostrum, bait the cohorts of Captain Sehon," and go to jail gladly. Among those chosen for the "sacrificial altar": socialists, George W. Woodbey and Kasper Bauer; Wobblies, Laura Payne Emerson, Wood Hubbard, and Jack White.

The group not only decided the order of the arrests, but at what intervals they would occur.

Then they named "disinterested witnesses" from the community. Sheriff Jennings, Councilman Woods, Judge Sloane, Rabbi Erlinger, and three ministers would report how the police behaved.

Kirk proposed a ban of the businesses that petitioned for the ordinance. And the group even chose to invite their ongoing foe the Salvation Army — Joe Hill called them the "Starvation Army" — to join the struggle.

Above all else, Kirk

concluded, "Violence, unless necessary in self-defense, will not be offered by the speakers. [We are] emphatically against that."

January 10, 1912

All of San Diego knew that the clash — what the *Union* labeled the "big noise" — would begin at 7:00 p.m.

Seen from above, through webs of thick black telephone and street-car wires, Heller's Corner at Fifth and E looked like a canyon of concrete and brick. A block south of Broadway, the First National Bank loomed three stories above the paved street on the northwest corner; the Bank of Commerce and Trust building stood across the intersection. Catty-corner, the 11-story Watts-Robinson building would begin construction in the fall — and become the San Diego Savings Bank. Two other banks did business nearby. In effect, Fifth and E was the hub of the city's financial district.

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At 6:00 p.m., Kirk and the 12 "martyrs" met at his office. They had witnesses in position and \$30,000 ready for bail. At 6:45 p.m., they would parade arm-in-arm down E to Heller's Corner and test the ordinance at 7:00.

Also at 6:00 p.m., attorney Andrews met with Sehon and Wilson. Andrews had "grave doubts" about whether the emergency clause was legal. He advised Wilson not to enforce the ordinance.



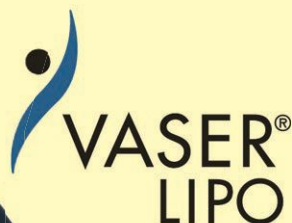
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Wilson and his staff had planned a major campaign. But instead of 30 club-waving policemen at Soapbox Row, he sent 6, with orders only to keep traffic open.

By the time the officers arrived, 3000 people had assembled around a single wooden crate. Movement was almost impossible. Every time police cleared a passageway down the middle of Fifth, it sealed up behind them.

"The handful of police," wrote the *Sun*, "were plainly disgusted. They had been led to believe that about half the men in the department would be sent to curb the speaking, make the crowds 'move on,' and arrest the principals." Instead, "They were forced to stand around, hands off, and listen to the nice little compliments paid policemen in general."

No one told the gathering, or the speakers, that Sehon had postponed the ordinance.

The parade of "martyrs" had to squeeze through the mass of onlookers. Kirk stood next to the rostrum and introduced George Washington Woodbey.

A black man who drew large audiences for his sermonlike orations, Woodbey expected to be arrested the instant he stepped on the soapbox. But when he did, no blue coat moved. So Woodbey shot from the hip: Sehon and the police were "dogs."

No response.

Puzzled that he hadn't been cuffed and carted off to jail, Woodbey upped the ante. In the future, the "citizens of San Diego will be naming their children after the street-speakers — and their cats and dogs after Sehon!"

Nothing.

When Woodbey stepped down, word spread through Heller's Corner that police wouldn't enforce the ordinance. Harry H. McKee, a socialist, stood on the crate. He denounced Sehon and taunted the police. Many bystanders followed suit. Shouts and fists pierced the cold night air.

Chief Wilson, six-foot-three with a drooping mustache, looked on in silence. A week before, he'd told the press that instead of arresting a man for vagrancy, he'd find him a job. But San Diego's most respected lawyer — maybe ever — didn't like what he was seeing. This was new. Something inside him shifted.

"Members of the police force were in gloom today," wrote the *Sun* on January 11. "Almost every wearer of a badge seemed to think he had been humiliated by the action of his superior officers." They resented the accusation that they had "cold feet."

Attorney Andrews postponed the ordinance until February 8. In the interim, the coalition of demonstrators formed the California Free Speech League. The 2500 members included trade

unions, church groups, socialists (some from the Little Landers colony at San Ysidro), the AFL, liberals, and the IWW. They vowed to "take a stand against the free-speech restrictions by holding up the Constitution and defending the rights of non-property-owning people."

The *Union* announced that the coalition had already declared victory. A line had been drawn on street. ■

— Jeff Smith

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watched as one officer stretched to retrieve the small buoy. I cackled when it emerged from the water with a treasure chest attached to it. Once they'd hauled in their not-so-ill-gotten gains, the Harbor Police approached the *Treasure Seeker*. After a quick exchange with one of the pirates (who informed the officers as to where the galleon is usually docked and accepted the water-cops' offer to dump the treasure there), the police boat made a quick turn and motored away. "They're making off with our booty!" I shouted for my father's amusement.

Meanwhile, on the pier, construction workers had begun to gather, bewildered grins on all of their faces. In his gravelly voice, and maintaining a pirate-perfect accent, the captain

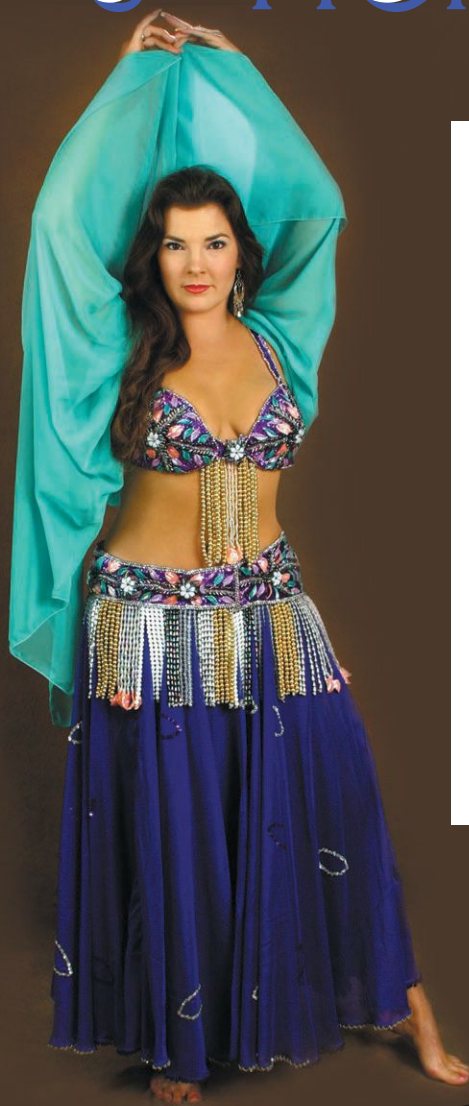
called out, "Gentlemen! Can we impose upon you to throw us a line to tie us off?" It took a moment for the men to realize he wasn't kidding, at which point the guys in orange reflective vests and hardhats hustled to help while shaking their heads and smirking.

Without breaking character, the captain thanked us for our patience and explained the situation — trouble with the engine, which most of us (save a few poor, dimwitted souls) had figured out by then. He then asked us to collect our things and make our way to the stern.

After climbing over the stern and being helped onto the pier by no less than four men (two pirates, two construction workers), I asked one of the workers how often they're set upon by pirate ships. "Not too often" was the unsurprising answer. ■

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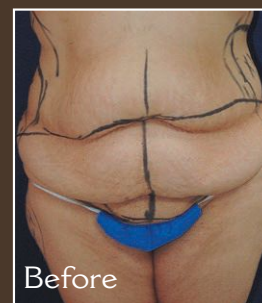
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they would normally get from the association, he says. He fears some of the lots, as well as the golf course, could go into foreclosure. Geyser “isn’t making money now, although I have no idea what he paid” for the property, says Schaack.

Last year, Geyser gushed about his plans: he would slash prices on the lots, and the buyers would pay the back taxes and fees, although he would be effectively absorbing them through the discounts. He planned to pay off the bonds. However, “In this market people are not buying homes or parcels,” says Rick Vesci, who through his Rams Hill Realty is trying to sell Geyser-owned properties, as well as some still owned by GH.

Geyser is not so talkative this year. “We are working on a deal right now that cures everything, solves the bond problems, restarts the golf course, and begins to develop the lots. That is all I can say,” he maintains. He asserts that he has nothing to do with the golf course, now owned by a San Diego concern.

Unfortunately, such happy talk is what Borregans have been hearing since the early 1980s, when Di Giorgio Corporation first began to develop Rams Hill. The deal ran into trouble; several shaky buyers owned the property. It went through bankruptcy twice. GH changed the name to Montesoro, but recently, the name was changed back to Rams Hill. “The name Montesoro leaves a bad taste” with residents, says Schaack. However, he admits that the name Rams Hill is soiled among people in the financial community.

“I would be interested in buying [the resort] at the right price,” says Jack Gia-

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comini, chairman of San Diego’s Hotel Managers Group, which operates 20 hotels and owns 4 of them. He notes that the landscape and buildings need work. “It is a great possibility for a mid-scale resort to appeal to San Diegans and other Californians.” Trouble is, GH’s price is too high for Giacomini. So the resort sits there.

One of Borrego’s disadvantages is that it is not accessible by freeway. Giacomini would turn that into an advantage. “It has a good future as a getaway destination resort, away from the hustle-bustle. It harkens back to the getaway locations of old California, although it has to overcome some challenges such as getting there.”

If the resort could be reopened “and there is a good operator, there could be an attractive package in that town,” says La Mesa resident Aaron Biggers, who once ran the Rams Hill property but left in 2003. But there is more bad tourism news: the golf course at Borrego Springs Resort & Spa, another popular tourist draw, will break precedent and close from July 1 to November 9.

Chamber’s Haddock says increased tourism, partly a result of the prehistoric animal sculptures, is lowering the unemployment rate. Also, a solar farm going up nearby will provide significant temporary employment.

Residential housing prices have plunged 50 percent from the peak, worse than San Diego’s 40 percent, says Vesci. Because of foreclosures and short sales, some people are getting incredible deals, he says, and Haddock agrees. In a recent distress sale, a home valued at \$400,000 in the bubble years sold for \$119,000. In a recent non-distress sale, a home once worth \$525,000 went for \$325,000. Some people can live without golf. ■

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Cross-border

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a long time. Mexico is a very unbalanced country — there are the extremely wealthy and then so many poor people. Thirty-one families control Mexico. It’s very offensive when *Forbes* announces that Carlos Slim Helu [Mexico’s telecom giant] is the richest man in the world when we have all this poverty.”

Bonilla has been involved in Mexican politics for years. The Diego Rivera painting was a gift from a former governor of Baja. López Obrador has been a friend for almost two decades. “He asked me to assist in his 2006 campaign, but at the time I had to say no. I had too many commitments.”

López Obrador has been chosen to run by three leftist/progressive parties, the largest being his own party, the Partido de la Revolución Democrática, or Party of the Democratic Revolution. He is competing against three candidates. Currently favored to win is Enrique Peña Nieto of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), which ruled the country for 70 years, ending in 2000. Josefina Vázquez Mota is the candidate for the National Action Party (PAN); this party has been in power since 2006, during which time 50,000 people have been killed in drug-related violence. The last contender, Gabriel Quadri of the New Alliance Party, shows less than 2 percent support in recent polls.

López Obrador was a whisker away from being president in 2006. His party claimed there were many election irregularities. A partial recount was conducted following the July 2, 2006 election, but Felipe Calderón was declared president on September 5. During this period, many believed that Mexico teetered on the edge of revolution. Estimates of the numbers demonstrating in Mexico City range from

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half a million to 3 million people.

While the recount was under way, the *New York Times* published an op-ed piece written by López Obrador. Titled "Recounting Our Way to Democracy," the August 11, 2006 article said, "Not since 1910, when another controversial election sparked a revolution, has Mexico been so fraught with political tension. The largest demonstrations in our history are daily proof that millions of Mexicans want a full accounting of last month's presidential election. My opponent, Felipe Calderon, currently holds a razor-thin lead of 243,000 votes out of 41 million cast...."

In the tumultuous days following the election and recount, Bonilla said, López Obrador had three choices: "to betray the people who voted for him and just walk away; just claim the election was stolen; or do a mass demonstration in Reforma [a broad avenue in Mexico City] to let the whole world know what happened." López Obrador chose the last option, but the demonstrations did not turn violent. Bonilla attributed this to the fact that his friend is a follower of the nonviolent philosophy of Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi.

Could the same turbulent scenario play out in 2012? As the election nears, the dominant media in Mexico have tried to block coverage of López Obrador. Earlier this month, the country's two largest television networks, TV Azteca and Televisa, did not broadcast the first presidential debate on their main channels; Azteca showed a soccer game instead.

But, "You can't cover the sun with your thumb," said Bonilla, gesturing toward the light.

Bonilla can help offset the lack of coverage. He owns seven radio stations in Baja and a television station

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in Ensenada. He believes that winning Baja is critical for López Obrador: "If he wins Baja, he will be the president."

In the last few years, news about Mexico is more often than not related to cartel violence.

Education and employment are a part of the campaign's solution to the continuing bloodbath, according to Bonilla. In addition to building new public schools and financing tuition for university students, López Obrador's plan is to build five oil refineries.

Will desalinization figure into the employment plan?

When Bonilla was on the Otoy water board, he advocated construction of a desalinization plant in Rosarito, to be financed by private interests. The plant would sell water to the Otoy district, which would build a pipeline north from the border. The project has many detractors, who cite both environmental concerns and costs.

"The water district has awarded a \$4 million contract for an engineering firm to study the plan, and spent \$674,000 on \$585-an-hour lobbyists and \$175-an-hour consultants," reported the *Union-Tribune* on October 10, 2011. In December, the paper reported that no-bid contracts connected to the plant were awarded to associates of Bonilla.

Whether López Obrador is elected or not, Bonilla will likely achieve a seat in the Mexican legislature. In Mexico, legislative seats can be either appointed or elected.

"Will you continue to promote this project?" I ask him.

"This plant would produce 100 million gallons a day," he says. "It will produce enough to export to the United States. Baja has no water. You can worry about the flora and fauna or you can worry about the people: do they have jobs, water to drink, water for agriculture and industry?" ■

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state salary records obtained by the *Sacramento Bee* under the California Public Records Act. That's a little less than the \$218,004 made by his predecessor, **Doug Myrland**, who retired in 2008 on a generous state pension following a 2007 tempest that arose after KPBS cancelled *Full Focus*, a news show popular with local political cognoscenti.

According to its most recent financial statement, KPBS received \$6,894,767 in "San Diego State University transfers," but Myrland was always adamant that the cash didn't give the citizenry any say in how he ran the TV and FM stations. "KPBS has been in existence for 46 years, and

NEVER has it been a collective, or even a participatory democracy," he famously announced. "I make decisions in the same way every General Manager before me did. We aren't elected officials — every budget line item and every personnel decision and every bit of information we collect is not everybody else's business. Just because you give a contribution or pay taxes doesn't give you the right to decide — or even influence — what goes on the air and what doesn't."

Unlike Myrland, who styled himself as the Dirty Harry of public broadcasting, Karlo is known for his tact, charm, and money-raising abilities. Those are crucial attributes in the post-recession world of charity news; many KPBS donors are elderly pensioners and coupon clippers who are

getting tight with their money. Last week Karlo dispatched his latest email targeting them.

"I realize it's been only a couple of weeks since I wrote to you," the station manager began. "So let me assure you we wouldn't be sending this second email if we didn't really need your help at this time.

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"It's an unfortunate fact that the regular annual support of our members is not sufficient to pay for all the outstanding programs you expect from KPBS. To make matters worse, the funding we receive from the State of Califor-

nia has been cut by over \$200,000 in the past year alone." Karlo's bottom line: KPBS "must raise an additional \$255,000 by June 30 to meet our fundraising goal."

— Matt Potter

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"Pot Plantings" Growing

Surreptitious Smugglers Foiled by Savvy Citizen
Tijuana — A pickup-truck driver who was set to travel into the U.S. from Mexico at the San Ysidro border station on May 23 was found to have 15 Velveeta-cheese-block-sized packages of marijuana attached to his vehicle.

The owner of the Toyota Tacoma had left his truck parked on the street May 22 in the Otay area of Tijuana. He reportedly called police when he went out to his truck on the morning of May 23 and noticed one of the pot packages lying in the street, apparently forgotten by the people who planted the would-be contraband.

The truck's owner phoned police, who, upon arrival, discovered the pot with the help of a drug-sniffing dog.

The bricks of marijuana, affixed to the truck's chassis by magnets and wrapped in plastic, were slathered with mustard in an attempt to disguise the aroma.

Several daily border-crossers have been victimized by such "pot plantings" in the past several months, including a primary-school teacher who found a backpack containing 30 kilos of pot inside her car as she was heading toward the border.

Sources: Frontera, El Mexicano, La Segunda

By T.B. Beaudeau,
Friday, May 25

Blue Book on Fletcher

Sacramento-Based Committee Kicks in Big for Mayoral Candidate
San Diego — The most recent campaign disclosure report for San Diegans for Nathan Fletcher — Mayor 2012 reveals a virtual Blue Book of La Jolla contributors to the cause of the ex-GOP assemblyman.

Biggest local dollars came from Bridgepoint Education CEO Andrew Clark,

with \$20,000, and Robert Price, son of the late retail magnate Sol Price, with \$25,000.

In all, the committee, "domiciled" in Sacramento, according to its statement of organization, raised \$122,500, spent about \$230,000, mostly on mail pieces, and still had \$233,986 in the bank at the end of the period.

By Matt Potter,
Thursday, May 24

Another Day, Another Ponzi

Trader Sentenced to Two Years and Full Restitution
Encinitas — John Clement of Encinitas was sentenced today (May 22) to two years in custody for defrauding investors in his \$4.9 million Ponzi scheme named Edgeland Capital. He was also ordered to pay \$4.9 million in restitution, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

According to court records, Clement told investors that he ran a hedge fund specializing in trading stocks on a daily basis — essentially, day-trading. He promised victims 1.5 percent to 2 percent per month with little or no risk.

By Don Bauder,
Tuesday, May 22

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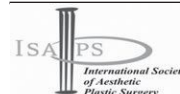
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Thursday | 31

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UCSD adjunct professor Suzanne Cahill (specializing in medieval Chinese culture and the author of four books) will discuss the significance and meaning of vehicles and clothing worn during the Tang dynasty, a period known for its prosperity and art. \$12.

WHEN: 1 p.m.

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



Saturday | 2

FIESTA DEL SOL

This 33rd-annual event will feature arts and crafts, vendor booths, children's activities, gourmet food trucks, and libations. The musical headliner on Saturday is the English Beat (Donavon Frankenreiter is headlining Sunday). Additional entertainment by Vokab Kompany, Hi Roots, Terraplane Sun, Nena Anderson, and more.

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

WHERE: Fletcher Cove, Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Solana Beach. 858-755-4775; solanabeachchamber.com

Sunday | 3

MORE OF "THERE GOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD"

The four-day annual North Park event wraps up on Sunday with a brunch at Santos Market, a 'zine workshop, Alternative Town Square workshops (checking out the North Park Theatre parking lot as a potential park), a garden tour with Lesley Stern, dinner and discussion atop the Landis Street overpass, and, finally, a block party!

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (check for times of each event)

WHERE: North Park, theregoes.org

Friday | 1

TWO BY PINTER: THE LOVER AND THE DUMB WAITER

Catch two of Harold Pinter's early, "taut," one-act dramedies, the first "thrillingly sexy with an air of mystery," the second featuring "great humor, absurdity, and wit." \$39 (price may vary, depending on seats and availability).

WHEN: 8 p.m. (ongoing until June 17; check for dates and times)

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



MONDAY, JUNE 4: FRENCH-BISTRO DINNER PARTY WITH BO-BEAU EXECUTIVE CHEF KATHERINE HUMPHUS

Monday | 4

FRENCH-BISTRO DINNER PARTY

BO-beau executive chef Katherine Humphus (who attended Le Cordon Bleu in Paris) leads this class with a menu featuring *pissaladière* (French version of pizza), harissa mussels, tarragon chicken fricassée, and a dessert crêpe with apple-cinnamon chantilly. \$55.

WHEN: 6 to 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Great News!, 1788 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-1582; great-news.com

being implemented today." Sieden and several contributors will share their insights. \$50.

WHEN: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (check for specific screenings and discussions))

WHERE: World Resources Simulation Center, 1088 Third Avenue, Downtown. 619-234-1088; bucky.eventbrite.com

Wednesday | 6

SMART ADULT COMEDY

Wander through an evening of "live sketch, stand-up, and taped video," presented by New Best Thing. This month it's "NBT for Profit!" See what happens when hosts Sam and Dan have to make changes to the show when "an unexpected guest drops in and offers them a chance

to make millions off corporate sponsorship." Will they sell out or hold fast? \$5 suggested donation.

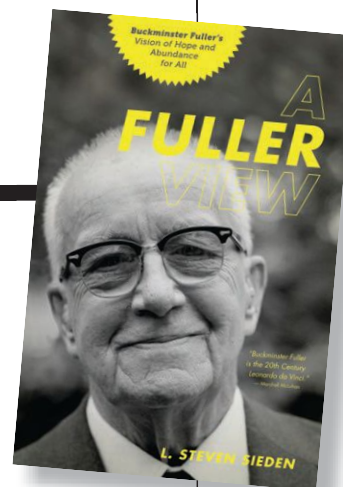
WHEN: 8 to 10 p.m.

WHERE: Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, South Park. 619-284-6784; newbestthing.tumblr.com

Tuesday | 5

BUCKMINSTER FULLER: LESSONS LEARNED AND IMPACT TODAY

Fuller "was 50 years ahead of everyone else — in vision, design, and artifacts that change our lives." In *A Fuller View: Buckminster Fuller's Vision of Hope and Abundance for All*, edited by Steven Sieden, 40 contributors share stories of "meeting Bucky, what they learned, and how his insights are



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TRAVEL STORIES AND TIPS FROM OUR READERS

Speedboat to Battambang

By Ken Jackson

Last rainy season, after a few days touring the temples of Angkor, I decided to visit the former French capital of northwestern Cambodia — Battambang.

My guidebook explained that traveling to Battambang by speedboat was the best option because of the treacherous road conditions. So I paid about half of Cambodia's average monthly wage for a "special-for-foreigner three-hour luxury speedboat ride."

The next morning, I boarded a rough-hewn vessel that bore no resemblance to the speedboat pictured on my ticket. In fact, this boat's primary function was moving bananas, tires, tin sheeting, and chickens over short distances. One seasoned traveler explained: "This is the transport boat to take us to the speedboat moored in deeper water."

About this time our crew boarded and untied us, cranked up the engine, and eased us off the muddy bank.

The seasoned traveler's prophecy appeared to be true when a speedboat appeared in front of us and began chug-



When our Cambodian Queen passed the last pier and the crew revved her up from idle to really slow, we knew it would be a long day.

ging toward open water. We thought it strange, though, when the speedboat accelerated past the last pier in the harbor. But when our own *Cambodian Queen* also passed the last pier and the crew revved her up from idle to really slow, we knew it would be a long day.

Our vessel was about 30 feet long and 5 feet wide at the beam. The engine's ability to generate noise was inversely

related to its ability to generate speed. We sat on antique wicker armchairs adorned with cushions a rescue dog would have scorned. Since the chairs weren't fastened to the deck, they capsized whenever we turned.

Two men and a teenaged boy crewed her. One man sat at the bow with a steering wheel. The other man sat at the stern on top of the engine. Both men shared the duty of hitting the engine with wrenches and pipes whenever it conked out. The boy's most important duty was lighting cigarettes for other crewmembers. We later discovered that he had some vital ad hoc emergency duties.

Soon we entered the vast Tonlé Sap lake, the largest lake in Southeast Asia. From the middle you can see no land. During the rainy season, its current flows northwest because it absorbs the overflow of the Mekong below. This was

good news for us because it improved our speed by a few knots.

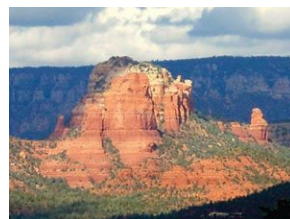
The good news about leaving the great lake and entering the river was that the water calmed and we could dry out and warm up. The bad news was that the current was now flowing against us. But the scenery soon distracted us from our deliberate pace.

First we saw fishing households constructed of bamboo and rattan, equipped with a tall triangular hoisting contraption that the families use to raise a huge net from the river. We saw one lucky family pull up a net with at least 50 silvery fish flapping in it. Further upstream, we saw one emerge completely empty.

Housing styles changed as we crept up river. Near the great lake, waterborne houses floating on log pontoons predominated. As the river narrowed,

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Other Adventures



Rambling: The beautiful mountains of Sedona, Arizona



Mike1980: Tiger kingdom in Chang Mai Thailand



Sean_J: Salton Sea — "The End," or the start of something new?



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Distance from downtown San Diego: About 70 miles. Expect to drive 1 hour and 35 minutes. From San Diego, drive to Ramona and take Hwy 78 east to Santa Ysabel. Turn left (northeast) on Hwy 79 and drive 14 miles. Park next to the fire station. The trailhead is about 10 yards south of the Warner Springs fire station on the east side of Hwy 79. Look for a gate and the Pacific Crest Trail sign. There are no facilities.

Hiking length: 6.5 miles round trip. • **Difficulty:** Easy to moderate, with elevation gain/loss of about 1530 feet.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE FOSKET

Eagle Rock formation really looks like an eagle spreading its wings.

The trail to the Eagle Rock formation passes by huge old live oaks and what may be San Diego's oldest and largest sugar bush. From March to May there can be fields of wildflowers. It is also an opportunity to hike a

little over a 3-mile segment of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), which stretches 2627 miles from Mexico to the Canadian border.

From the trailhead, follow the well-marked PCT signs south and east up Canada Verde Creek as

it passes through open oak woodland with huge old coast live oaks. Notice that some of the oaks are marked as bee trees.

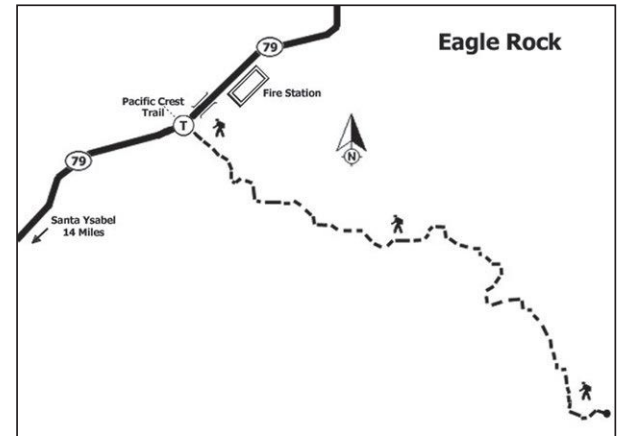
The creek runs strong after rains and is lined with dense riparian vegetation, including willows,

alders, sycamores, snowberry, and abundant poison oak.

The trail follows the creek, but it is largely out of the creek bottom, making the hike through the woodland very easy. At intervals the oak woodland is interspersed with chaparral shrubs, including eastwood manzanita, redshank, holly leafed cherry, mountain mahogany, and golden gooseberry. The dense chaparral found here is dominated by chamise (*Adenostoma fasciculatum*), a plant of the rose family that was used by indigenous people for kindling and torches. Look for one of the oldest and largest sugar bush plants (*Rhus ovata*) that appears to be more like a tree than a shrub.

After about 1.25 miles, the trail leaves the oak woodland and begins a gradual climb up a hillside sparsely covered with chaparral. In an exceptional year this area can put on a stunning display of annual wildflowers, including goldfields, desert dandelion, baby blue eyes, cream cups, owl's clover, ground pink, wine cup, and California poppy. As this is the west side of the San Ysidro Mountains, the display will come a little later than on the hotter, dryer east side.

After 2.0 miles, the trail goes over a gentle rise and crosses open grassland with much evidence of cattle, possibly including the cattle themselves. Here in this open rangeland are



sporadic occurrences of annual wildflowers, including ground pink and blue larkspur and non-native grasses. At the peak of the season, whole hillsides may be painted blue, yellow, red, or golden with wildflowers.

At about 3.4 miles from the start, an outcropping of boulders on the hill up ahead will become visible. Here there is a fork in the trail with the PCT going to the right. Take the spur trail to the left (east) that heads for the rocky outcrop and circles around it. Eagle Rock is among these rocks. For a startling view, walk around the backside of the outcrop about 30 to 40 feet beyond the formation before turning around to view the eagle. From this vantage point there is

no doubt why it is named Eagle Rock. After viewing the eagle and having lunch or a snack, return to your car via the same route.

This trail is not suitable for the handicapped. Be sure to take plenty of water, as it can be rather warm in the meadow area where there is no shade. Remember to stay on the PCT except for the jaunt to the rock formation.

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OUTDOORS

Agua Dulce Loop Take nature walk with San Diego Canyoneers starting on the Old County Rd., continuing along Aqua Dulce Creek to Laguna Meadow. A variety of unusual plants are found on the route. 877-946-7797. Saturday, June 2, 8am; **free.** (CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST)

California Native Plant Society Walk Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. Sunday, June 3, 9am; **free.** Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Clean Canyons for a Clean Coast I Love a Clean San Diego plans “a facelift for Chollas Creek (at corner of Euclid Avenue and Altadena Avenue). RSVP: jdeleon@cleansd.org or 619-704-2778. Sat-

urday, June 2, 9am; **free.** (CHOLLAS CREEK)

Discover Otay Valley Regional Park Day Local conservation organizations, recreational outfitters will guide nature walks, native bird, and plant tours. Explore Kumey-aay Native American history and dances; work with a watershed model, learn how to protect river ecosystems; mountain biking; live reptile displays, handling; more. 619-333-9087. Saturday, June 2, 9:30am; **free.** Otay Valley Regional Park ranger station, 2155 Beyer Boulevard. (CHULA VISTA)

Explore Tecolote Canyon Natural Park San Diego Canyoneers lead easy, three-mile nature walk along trail through Tecolote Canyon from Chateau Drive to Balboa Avenue. Many old coast live oaks here. 877-946-7797. Saturday, June 2, 8am; **free.** North Clairemont Recreation Center, 4421 Bannock Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

National Trails Day Hike Ramona Trails Association hosts three-mile hike including a topographical map-reading opportunity. Easy to moderate. Hikers gather prior to 4pm for instructions. Proper footwear, hat, sun protection, water recommended. www.ramonatrails.org/home. Saturday, June 2, 4pm; **free.** Ramona Grasslands Preserve, Highland Valley Rd., east of Archie Moore Road. (RAMONA)

Nature Walk in Silverwood San Diego Canyoneers lead nature walk through oak-dotted preserve with wildflowers (in season) and higher-elevation chaparral growth. Observe plant regeneration due to 2003 Cedar fire. 877-946-7797. Sunday, June 3, 10am; **free.** Silver-

wood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

Sycamores and a Waterfall Naturalist Linda King leads moderately paced loop hike to Sycamore Crossing, Carson’s Crossing, waterfall. 858-484-3219. Saturday, June 2, 8am; **free.** Del Mar Mesa trailhead, 7107 Park Village Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Trek with Trackers Join tracking team guide to discover and identify tracks, scat, bedlays, and other evidence of critters living in underbrush and trees. Wear long pants for “dirt-time fun.” Saturday, June 2, 8:30am; **free.** Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

SPECIAL EVENTS

“Coronado Community, Character, Quality of Life” How does Coronado stack up against other communities in terms of quality of life? Equinox Center hosts event focusing on “What Role Can I Play?” Learn of latest research on local quality-of-life issues, including 2012 Quality of Life Dashboard findings, what they mean for Coronado. Thursday, May 31, 6:30pm; **free.** Coronado Community Center, 1845 Strand Way. (CORONADO)

“Friday Night Liberty” Open Art Studios and Galleries Enjoy open artist studios, galleries, performances. View “Inside Out,” a global art project transforming “messages of personal identity through 40 black and white photographic portraits, plastered over the exterior of Building 178 by Outside the Lens.” View exhibits in eight galleries and

work by visiting artists from Point Loma Artists Association. 619-573-9300. Friday, June 1, 5pm; **free.** Liberty Station, Womble Road at Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

“Making Sense of the American Civil War” Read one of three books, then join Civil War scholar Edward Blum of SDSU’s history department for discussion. Books to consider: *March* by Geraldine Brooks; *Crossroads of Freedom: Antietam* by James McPherson; *America’s War: Talking About the Civil War and Emancipation on Their 150th Anniversaries*, edited by Edward Ayers. 619-533-3968. Saturday, June 2, 11am; **free.** Logan Heights Library, 811 South 28th Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

“The Baptiste Method of Yoga” Sherri Baptiste shares “Yoga for Serenity, Strength, and Balance,” geared to students and/or teachers, on June 2. Instruction on June 3 is for yoga teachers in training, yoga teachers, instructors. Fee: \$60 Saturday only, \$108 for weekend. Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3, 11:30am; \$60-\$108. La Jolla Yoga Center, 7741 Fay Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Antique Bottle and Collectibles Show Rare and colorful bottles, antiques, collectibles of all types offered for sale by vendors from several Western states. Educational and historic displays. Food for sale. 858-490-9019. Saturday, June 2, 8am; **free**-\$10. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Art Around Adams 2012 Enjoy “eclectic mix” of performance, music, art from Oregon Street in Normal Heights to Vista Street in Kensington. Music by the Burning of Rome, Black Sands, 321 Stereo, Wendy Bailey, Josh Damigo, Future You, Colin Clyne, Rob Dee, Veronica May, many others. “Comedy Trolley” available to shuttle guests. Saturday, June 2, 2pm; **free.** Art Around Adams booth, 3441 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Cactus and Succulent Show San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society hosts summer show and sale in patio and room 101, with specimens of cactus and other succulents from around the world. Demonstrations: succulent bonsai and wreaths. Exhibitors answering questions concerning culture of these plants. Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3, 10am; **free.** Casa del Prado, 1800 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Climbing Birthday Bash! Celebrate two-year anniversary with climbing challenges (climb higher, most routes), crate stacking race, yoga classes, bungee trampoline, food trucks, vendor demos, more. Members invited to screening of Alex Savage’s movie *Western Gold*, potluck (7pm). inquiries@mesarim.com or 858-201-4411. Saturday, June 2, 10am; **free.** Mesa Rim Climbing and Fitness Center, 10110 Mesa Rim Road. (MIRA MESA)

Feed Your Greedy Organ Create artwork inspired by “the Greedy Organ — an eyeball who can’t get enough artwork to feed his visually demanding appetite” during art

contest for those 25 and younger. Contest entries are due June 10; prizes awarded to top three finalists, and overall winner has work featured in an advertising campaign. Gain inspiration during workshop promising “art supplies and ideas.” Judges will select 25 finalists, whose work will be displayed at MCASD Downtown on June 21. Thursday, May 31, 7pm; UCSD Price Center, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Fiesta del Sol The 33rd annual event promises arts and crafts, vendor booths, children’s activities, gourmet food trucks, libations. Entertainment by Vokab Kompany, Hi Roots, Terraplane Sun, Stranger, Nena Anderson, many other bands. Musical headliners: the English Beat (Saturday, 7:45pm); Donavon Frankenreiter (Sunday, 7:30pm). Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3, 9am; **free.** Fletcher Cove, Lomas Santa Fe Drive. (SOLANA BEACH)

Friends of the Library Book Sale Support the library, shop for bargain books and movies outside on Cass Street plaza. 858-581-9934. Saturday, June 2, 9:30am; Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Got Chocolate Milk? The REFUEL “got chocolate milk?” campaign will be at the Rock ‘n’ Roll San Diego Marathon & 1/2 Marathon to refuel and educate athletes about the importance of post-exercise recovery. Stop by the Expo to apply for Team REFUEL. Or at the finish line to refuel with chocolate milk on Sunday. For more information, visit www.GotChocolateMilk.com. Friday, June 1, 10am to 7pm; Saturday, June 2, 9am to 5pm; Sunday, June 3, 6:15am; San Diego Convention Center, Halls C-D. (DOWNTOWN)

There Goes the Neighborhood! Begin the day with “Brunch with Strangers” (10am). Later, take a photography or silkscreening workshop or bicycle tour of thrift stores. Streetcar tours. Poetry reading at Agitprop (7pm). View “You Are Here,” a screening of projected films by Glen Wilson near Ray Street (8pm). Saturday, June 2, 10am. (NORTH PARK)

There Goes the Neighborhood! Organizers wrap up this year’s installment with brunch at Santos Market (10am-1pm), ‘zine workshop (2-4pm), “Alternative Town Square” workshops (2pm-6pm), “*Hay conexiones entre de los tres*: a dinner and discussion atop the Landis street overpass” (5:30-7pm), and a block party (7-9pm). Sunday, June 3, 10am. (NORTH PARK)

Mosaic Basics Lauren Becker Downey leads mosaic workshop concluding July 8. Work with broken tiles, dishes, stained glass. Bring a hammer, an object to mosaic (e.g. a box, tray, table top, vase, wide picture frame, flower pot), and tiles or dishes to break. Registration: 619-223-0058. Sunday, June 3, 9am; \$254-\$288. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Pet Health Expo City of Encinitas hosts event with activities for pets and owners. Slated: best-trick

contest, professional photos with pets, grooming, “neuter scooter” clinic, informational booths, vendors, animal-rescue organizations, discounted dog licensing, rabies shots, more. 760-633-2760. Sunday, June 3, 9:30am; **free.** Encinitas City Hall, 505 South Vulcan Avenue. (ENCINITAS)

RB Alive Expo 2012 Enjoy performing arts, music, visual arts; cultural center with historical reenactments; classic car show; kids zone; arts and crafts; vendor booths; games; more. 858-487-1767. Sunday, June 3, 10am; RB Alive, Bernardo Center Drive between Lomica Drive and Bernardo Plaza Court. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Reptile Rally Get the “willies” thinking about lizards, chameleons, or geckos crawling on you? Third annual rally includes “cold-blooded beauty contest,” reptile meet and greet, scaly scavenger hunt, more. Saturday, June 2, 1pm; **free.** Petco Escondido, 1000 West Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

The Baja Bash Join WILDCOAST for a special evening that brings the best of Baja to San Diego! The evening will be a celebration of all the natural beauty and conservation of Baja, with world-renowned chefs, Baja wines and live music from Nortec Collective, a collection of Mexican and electronic sounds. Saturday, June 2, 6pm to 10pm; \$75. Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier, 1000 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Tune Into Fashion Show Art Institute of California — San Diego students from fashion show production class present showcase of “the hottest vintage fashions with a flare of rock ‘n’ roll.” Appetizers, “rockstar” photographs. Proceeds benefit Beagle Freedom Project. Saturday, June 2, 6pm; \$3-\$10. 18 and up. Handlery Hotel and Resort, 950 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Who Should Be San Diego’s Mayor? The mayoral primary is June 5. Consider the candidates during Civilized Conversation forum. 858-231-6209. Thursday, May 31, 7pm; **free.** 18 and up. Eclipse Chocolat, 2121 El Cajon Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Yoga and Tie-Dye for a Cause Bring a yoga mat or a towel and an article of white cotton clothing to tie-dye for ENVISION Visual Arts fundraiser on grass in front of amphitheater. Fee includes one hour hatha vinyasa yoga class with instructor Jackie Bergeron and tie-dye workshop with artist Julie Ellis. Namaste. Jacqueline.Bergeron@sduhsd.net. Saturday, June 2, 10am; \$15. Canyon Crest Academy, 5951 Village Center Loop Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

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people lived on the flat shoreline in insubstantial, easy-to-construct bamboo sheds. Further upstream, the riverbank was much higher, allowing farmers to build wood-frame houses atop concrete pylons.

Agricultural occupations also evolved as we ascended the river. At the river’s mouth, only fishing seemed possible because the shore was soft and inaccessible. At mid-river, farmers planted paddy fields right into the lapping edge of the water. Upriver, the narrower course carved high banks where farmers planted dry-land crops like maize, sugar cane, and hundreds of acres of an eight-foot-tall, dark-green, bushy five-leafed vegetable that appeared, to my untrained eye, to be cannabis.

Diverse river traffic continuously passed us. Motorized barges pulled rows of canoes piled with bamboo and wood. Cargo launches carried plastic

petrol containers and hardware supplies. Rough-cut pirogues paddled by; women squatting at the bow moved passengers and groceries.

After four hours’ travel, Wheel Man assured me that we were only two hours from Battambang. Apparently, in that calculation, he did not account for two engine breakdowns and a monsoon storm that would have raised the level of the Mississippi River.

The first engine failure coincided with a monsoon burst. We were dead stopped with Pole Boy holding us off the bank while Wheel Man and Engine Man took turns clobbering the engine with a steel pipe like they might a dog that had stolen their lunch. If Pole Boy had failed, we would have had to chainsaw our boat out of that mud bank.

Eventually, though, the rain stopped. Then, for no reason that can be discerned from mechanics or nature, the engine responded to the beatings and cranked up.

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

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

"Color Splash" Spring group exhibition of painting, assemblage, mixed media, photography, film begins with opening reception for the artists. Through June. 858-222-9367. Friday, June 1, 7pm; **free**. Brokers Building Gallery, 402 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Fresh Bred" Visit opening reception for group exhibition of collage, conceptual work, drawings, photographs, sculpture, paintings by Mike Calway-Fagen, Joseph

Huppert, Francesco Longenecker, Lee Materazzi, Timothy Neill, Ali Silverstein. On display through Saturday, July 14. 858-454-3409. Saturday, June 2, 6pm; **free**. Quint Contemporary Art, 7547 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

"House of Hands and Different Items" Colby Jackson — "who produces wildly imaginative and thought-provoking sculptures" — on hand for opening reception for exhibition of his work. Saturday, June 2, 6pm; **free**. Linksoul Lab, 530 S. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

"Inspire/Respond" Opening reception for exhibit described as "a challenge to expand artistic horizons and methods, to make works that honor the traditions of outsider art," in which Sophie's Gallery artists are paired with Feminist Image Group members. Closes Saturday, June 30. Friday, June 1, 5pm; **free**. Sophie's Gallery NTC, 2825 Dewey Rd., Gallery 101. (POINT LOMA)

"Jewels of the Desert" Artist reception and trunk show for Tuareg silversmith Moussa Albaka from Niger, West Africa. RSVP by May 29: 858-454-9983. Saturday, June 2, 12pm; Sunday, June 3, 10am; **free**. Africa and Beyond, 1250 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Light Matters" Reception for collection of 14 new, original, oil-on-linen paintings by Clifford Smith. View these paintings, per-

Rhyme & Verse

Piano

A poem by D. H. Lawrence

Softly, in the dusk, a woman is singing to me;
Taking me back down the vista of years, till I see
A child sitting under the piano, in the boom of the tingling strings
And pressing the small, poised feet of a mother who smiles as she sings.

In spite of myself, the insidious mastery of song
Betrays me back, till the heart of me weeps to belong
To the old Sunday evenings at home, with the winter outside
And hymns in the cosy parlour, the tinkling piano our guide.

So now it is vain for the singer to burst into clamour
With the great black piano appassionato. The glamour
Of childish days is upon me, my manhood is cast
Down in the flood of remembrance, I weep like a child for the past.



D.H. Lawrence (1885–1930) was the son of a poor, hard-working British coal miner and a mother who cherished literature and education. His novels, often more explicitly sexual than the times permitted, were highly controversial, though he is now considered one of the major British novelists of the 20th Century. His final novel, *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, was banned in England until 1960. A poet and painter as well as a fiction writer, Lawrence lived with his wife Frieda in Italy, Germany, and New Mexico, battling illness much of his life. "Piano" is one of his most admired and anthologized poems.

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sonifying "vivid tension between two-dimensional surfaces and three-dimensional reality," through Saturday, July 14. info@scottwhite.com. Saturday, June 2, 6pm; **free**. Scott White Contemporary Art, 7655 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

"Local Motion" Opening reception for exhibition with a focus on those who live and work in SD's southeastern neighborhoods, at the Center for Community and

Cultural Arts (on second floor of Jacobs Center). Closes Saturday, July 7. Rabdi@JacobsCenter.org or 619-527-6161 x181. Thursday, May 31, 6pm; **free**. Joe and Vi Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue. (EMERALD HILLS)

"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.

The second in the series of major loans to Timken comes from Minneapolis Institute of Art. Francisco de Goya's *Self-Portrait with Dr. Arrieta* (1820) may be seen through Sunday, September 9. The painting, "one of his masterpieces and the last of his many self-portraits, was created late in his life."

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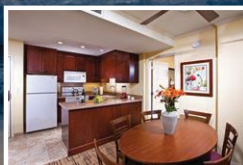
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paintings, and Russian icons. **Free.** Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Photography, Degree, Zero" Opening reception for first California exhibition by East Coast lens-based practitioner Ellen Carey. "Her iconic and breakthrough work in Polaroid known as Pulls, under her umbrella concept Photography Degree Zero (1996-2012) will be highlighted with her equally compelling innovations in color with Polaroid," through Saturday, July 14.

Concurrently, view "Polaroids" by George Schumacher, his first exhibit in over 40 years. "These original 4x5 Polaroid Land photographs, created from the late 1950s to 1970, and drawn from the artist's estate, represent a rare trove of pristine, exemplary prints." 858-456-5620. Saturday, June 2, 5pm; **free.** Joseph Bellows Gallery, 7661 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Rome (Pantheon, noon, June 14, 2011) Spencer Finch's "light-based installations bridge an actual locale with a recalled memory."

This work, on view through Wednesday, May 30, "evokes the moment and mood of a place by controlling the quality of light, color, or other sensory information." **Free**-\$10. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Best of Book Arts! Opening reception for "Fourth National Juried Exhibition" hosted by San Diego Book Arts. Juror Carolee Campbell states "the 60 books displayed here run the gamut from the finely printed book employing long-established typographic and binding skills, to the book as a canvas for art, to sculptural objects whose only reference to bookness might be the inclusion of words, to books whose structures found their genesis in early non-Western traditions." Show closes Sunday, July 8. Saturday, June 2, 3pm; **free.** UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Fiber Artist Carol Murphy on hand for reception and to unveil her new "Seaside Summer" collection of felted wool and fiber art. Thursday, May 31, 6pm; **free.** ArtistTree Studio, 1001 West San Marcos Bl., Suite 190. (SAN MARCOS)

Retrospective Tapestry Exhibition View wall-hung wool, cotton,

and linen tapestries created over several decades by Lauren Becker Downey. Art demonstrations by Bravo's instructors in conjunction with Friday Night Liberty (free). Participate in Barracks 19's "Make Your Mark Art Project." Friday, June 1, 6pm; **free.** Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Gentleman Norman: How to Be a Man Pint-sized Pomeranian and new "author" Gentleman Norman dispenses tips "from grooming and wardrobe, to relationship maintenance and manners," sharing "fundamental qualities of a true gentleman" in this coffee table book. Meet the stylish canine, who lives in Rancho Santa Fe with Laura Martella. Portion of book sales donated to Alzheimer's Association. Friday, June 1, 5pm; Saturday, June 2, 2pm; **free.** Del Mar Art Center Gallery, 1555 Camino Del Mar Suite 112. (DEL MAR)

Experimental Poet Rodrigo Toscano reads from his work. Donations welcome. 619-384-7989. Saturday, June 2, 7pm; Agitprop

Gallery, 2837 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Good Earth — Great Chefs Jeanne Kelley visits to sign her new cookbook, *Salad for Dinner: Complete Meals for All Seasons*. During informal reception, enjoy "select tastings of Jeanne's salads using seasonal lettuces and vegetables" from Chino's, along with a sample of a virgin olive oil from 36 Degrees Olive. greatchefseries@gmail.com. Sunday, June 3, 11am; **free.** Chino Farm, 6123 Calzada del Bosque. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Ladies' Literary Tea Author Amanda Hodgkinson shares her debut novel, *22 Britannia Rd.*, during event promising traditional afternoon tea. Book available for purchase, signing. All are welcome. Saturday, June 2, 2:30pm; \$40. Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Flood Warning!" San Diego Children's Choir performs Benjamin Britten's "epic tale of 'Noye's Fludde,'" based on the tale of Noah's Ark and the Great Flood.

The children will transform themselves into rabbits, birds, other wild things in costumes, based on "classic designs from the original" 1958 production. 858-587-1087. Sunday, June 3, 3pm; \$11-\$22. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Heresy! Greetings from Rome and Canterbury" Bach Collegium San Diego closes season with program of music by 16th-century composers Palestrina and Byrd, "reflecting the turbulent years of the Protestant Reformation in Europe." 619-341-1726. Friday, June 1, 7:30pm; \$20-\$40. St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect Street. Saturday, June 2, 7:30pm; \$20-\$40. St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 1050 Thomas Avenue. (LA JOLLA AND PACIFIC BEACH)

"Il Modo Religioso (The Way of Faith)" Greater San Diego Music Coterie presents concert by Coterie Celli, a new 12-cello ensemble, performing with Greater San Diego Community Chorus and the Greater San Diego Community Orchestra in Founders Chapel. Program includes Mozart's "Internatus mulierum," the "Magnificat" by Vivaldi, Liszt's "Nun danket alle Gott" (for the choir), and Julius Klengel's "Hymnus for 12 Cellos."

ayeung@sandiego.edu or 619-260-4106. Saturday, June 2, 2pm; \$10-\$12. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Music Builds a Bridge" Eunice Williams directs soloists, small ensembles, and full chorus of over 100 members, accompanied by Vicki Heins-Shaw and Lorea Herald on piano and an instrumental ensemble. Program includes songs performed during group's recent tour of England, such as "I Was Glad" (coronation piece), and "O Fortuna" (from *Carmina Burana*). Donations welcome. EuniceMusic@aol.com or 619-388-1800. Sunday, June 3, 2pm; **free.** Educational Cultural Complex, 4343 Ocean View Boulevard. (MOUNTAIN VIEW)

"You Must Walk Dreaming" Innovative Italian composer Luigi Nono's final works, for two violins and for violin with backing tracks, performed by János Négyesy and Päivikki Nykter. Enjoy "Hay que caminar" soñando and "La Lontananza Nostalgica Utopica Futura" in a full staging directed by Tom Dugdale "incorporating elements of lighting, costume, and scenic design." 858-534-3448. Saturday, June 2, 8pm; \$10-\$15. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)



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San Diego Reader: How long do you spend
writing your sermon?

Pastor Jane Westerkamp: I teach practical spirituality. During the week, I make it a point to pay attention to what’s going on in our world and then at the same time I’m making a conscious choice to live each day as if it

were a sacred experience. That translates into living in the moment and finding the good in each situation. So then on Saturday I spend most of the day sculpting a message that helps people understand that they’re greater than any experience they could be having because we teach that we live in a world of cause and effect. How we think, believe, and act today has a direct impact on our future and the future of the planet. We all have something to contribute. So I’m working on the sermon all day long on Saturday; it’s a full day. There’s a lot of reading I do, including teachings from our founder and every spiritual leader. We look at Ernest Holmes, who is our

founder. We believe that at the core of every religion is the same basic truth — that God is all there is and God is love. We can draw from all their teachings — Buddhism, fundamentalist religion, Eastern religions, Islam. There’s a basic truth to all of them and they’re all in my library.

SDR: What is your favorite subject on which to preach?

PW: There’s only one God and that God is present within all of creation, so it’s up to us to recognize our own unique expression of that one creative intelligence and our responsibility to be of service to this world that we live in.

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

PW: I think that people don’t

always understand that they are that unique expression of the One. Somehow in their busy, overworked, overstimulated lives, they don’t recognize the responsibility to be of service. We think that service lifts us out of our everyday life and into a place of generosity and love, so whether we’re serving in love for our family, community, or church, or ideally all three of those, it moves us to a place where we feel a deeper connection to all of life.

SDR: Why the Center for Spiritual Living?

PW: CSL incorporates the ancient wisdom and spiritual traditions that have gone on through the ages. What it really says is that people of all



Jane Westerkamp: “Whether you’re Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Hindu...you are welcomed into this community.”

spiritual paths, whether you’re Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Hindu — whatever you are, you are welcomed into this community. We’re not about converting you into our way of being, but we’re here as a means of showing you how

to express what you already believe about God in a bigger way in a world that works for everyone because we love and respect each other.

SDR: Where do you go when you die?

PW: Isn’t that the question everyone wants answered? Personally, I believe we return to the creative intelligence we were birthed from, but I also know that what’s really important is that heaven and hell are simply states of mind; they’re not actual places. The only time we ever have is now, and how we choose to think about life determines our experience.

— Joseph O’Brien

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Der Kaiser von Atlantis Viktor Ullmann’s chamber opera was written in 1943, while the composer was interred in Theresienstadt concentration camp. When Ullmann’s “obvious references to the Nazi regime were discovered during rehearsal, the work was banned... with tragic consequences for the composer and his family.” See fully staged production, directed by Susan Narucki, conducted by Ste-

ven Schick. 858-534-3448. Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2, 7pm; **free**-\$15. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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String Sextet” by Strauss, Verdi’s “String Quartet No. 1 in E Minor” for Mainly Mozart. Tickets include wine reception on lawn. Reservations: 619-466-8742. Thursday, May 31, 5:30pm; \$75-\$145. Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Mainly Mozart Returns Boccherini’s “String Quintet in E No. 5,” the “Prelude to Capriccio String Sextet” by Strauss, Verdi’s “String

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FOR KIDS

“Ing Kids Rock” Non-timed, non-competitive one-mile fun run for children in kindergarten through seventh grade, in conjunction with Rock ‘n’ Roll Marathon. Saturday, June 2, 8am; \$25-\$30. Rose Marie Starns South Shores Park, 500 Sea World Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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Grow a Competitive Pumpkin! The 24th competition for “future farmers” kicks off when Farmer Bill

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LECTURES

“Discover Coronado’s Gems” Historic preservation symposium is designed to foster preservation. Panelists: cultural landscape specialist Vonn Marie May, architects and historic preservation specialists Doug St. Denis and Chris Ackerman, City of Coronado associate planner Tricia Olsen. Required reservations: info@coronadohistory.org or 619-435-7242. Thursday, May 31, 6pm; **free**. Coronado Museum of History and Art, 1100 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

“In and With — Part I” “Over the last decade, university campuses have become sites of intense debate around the role of education in a ‘knowledge based’ economy as well as being places of a resurgent critical questioning of what forms of knowledge are deemed to have value.” There Goes the Neighborhood 2012 gets under way with panel discussion moderated by David White. Thursday, May 31, 3pm; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

“Secrets of Steinway” “Piano specialist” David Farkas shares “history behind the Steinway family legacy as well as the craftsmanship

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“There Goes the Neighborhood” Hits Balboa Park “Way-finding Seminar” and workshop planned by Micki Davis and Mario Borja (5pm). Presentation and sculpture by David White entitled “Relocating a University” (6:45pm).

How are information and knowledge distributed in the public realm? “In and With — Part II: How Does Knowledge and Information Flow?” is considered during panel with Todd Gloria, Anchi Mei, Brian Goldfarb, Xavier Leonard, moderator David White (7:30pm). Friday, June 1, 5pm; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Citizenship Naturalization Assistance San Diego Naturalization Collaborative hosts workshop with experts providing overview of process for becoming a citizen, assistance in preparing and filing applications for citizenship in the same day. Registration: 760-239-7959. Saturday, June 2, 9am; **free**. Cuyamaca College, 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

Daoist Funerary Objects UCSD adjunct professor Suzanne Cahill — specialist in medieval Chinese cultures and author of several books on China — discusses significance and meaning of vehicles and clothing worn during the Tang dynasty. Thursday, May 31, 1pm; **free**-\$12.

San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Signs of the Tide: Dig the Food, Ditch the Foam Eloisa Orozco from Waste Management leads panel discussion focusing on “the human and environmental health risks associated with plastic foam food containers, available alternatives to them, and how to make that transition or encourage your favorite restaurant to make the change.” Panelists: Alicia Glassco of San Diego Coastkeeper, City of San Diego Environmental Services Department recycling specialist Donna Chralowicz, and Raglan Public House general manager Michael Zouroudis. Thursday, May 31, 6pm; San Diego Coastkeeper, 2825 Dewey Road #200. (POINT LOMA)

SPORTS

June Jamboree Festival Horse Show Equestrian competition. 858-481-9085. Thursday through Sunday, May 31–June 3, 8am; **free**. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Padres vs. Diamondbacks San Diego Padres host the Arizona Diamondbacks. Games broadcast on radio station XX Sports Radio (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000. Friday, June 1, 7:05pm; Saturday, June 2, 4:15pm; Sunday, June 3, 3:35pm; Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Pick-Up Curling Practice or pick-up games with Curl San Diego for new and experienced curlers. Saturday, June 2, 6pm; \$25. Iceoplex Escondido, 555 North Tulip Street. (ESCONDIDO)

Region One Arabian Horse Show Arabian breed equestrian show. 858-755-1161. Thursday through Sunday, May 31–June 3, 8am; **free**. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Rock ‘n’ Roll San Diego Marathon and Half Marathon The 26.2-miler begins in Balboa Park (at Sixth Avenue and Quince Street) and finishes at Rose Marie Starns South Shores Park, with live entertainment along the route. Finish-line concert by Donavon Frankenreiter. Leukemia and Lymphoma Society benefits. Sunday, June 3, 6am; \$175-\$200. (BALBOA PARK)

Run with a Marathon Medalist Marathon bronze medal winner, American record holder Deena Kastor, leads runners in an open training run in preparation for Rock ‘n’ Roll Marathon. All are welcome. Thursday, May 31, 6:30pm; **free**. Movin Shoes, 1892 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

World Naked Bike Ride San Diego “Be there, as bare as you dare.” Organizer’s goals: to protest oil dependence, promote car-free lifestyle, “to encourage people to love their bodies!” Nudity is not required. Saturday, June 2, 12pm; Evolution Fast Food, 2949 Fifth Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

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West Coast Superfood

“You might say it’s the French thing versus the German thing.”

Yukon trading post? That’s what you first think. The warm, timbery, lantern-lit look of the place draws you

in. I’m up on El Cajon Boulevard around 30th Street. It’s 9:00 at night, a chill in the air. This isn’t the coziest corner in town — the street’s too wide for that. There are a few franchise eateries, but this place is different. Plank tables outside, and that name above: “Tiger! Tiger!”

Can mean only one thing: Gentrification has hit ECB.

Like, first thing every UCSD English-lit grad will think of is that poem — William Blake, right? *Tiger Tiger burning bright / In the forest of the night / What immortal hand or eye / Could frame thy fearful symmetry... / Did he smile his work to see? / Did he who made the lamb, make thee?*

(And, thanks, Miss Stuart, for forcing that down our fourth-grade gullets.)

The streets are echo-empty, but here’s a little huddle of humanity. Who can resist?

They have a bouncer at the door checking IDs, so this has to be a serious bar. But when the guy, Derek, comes over to me, he seems more like a welcomer. “Yes, they’re still cooking,” he says when I ask. “Till 10:00. In the wood-fired oven.”

Inside, there are long plank tables and exposed rafters above. I like the tip of the hat to the history of the place — this is an old building — even if exposing beams and brick walls has become a fad. And I like that the people in here are not just cool characters with pork pie hats, but families with kids.

“This used to be Vesuvio,” says Morgan, the guy at the bar. “We’ve been here six months. We’re an offshoot of Blind Lady Ale House.”

Ah. Of course. The tables, the mega-choice in draft beers, the Yukon-meets-Bavarian-alehouse vibe (Okay, the Bavarian part? Mainly, it’s that Morgan, who’s the

manager, says they have 33-ounce steins going for \$8 before 6:00 p.m. Shades of Oktoberfest!)

“Our beers tend to be more session beers here than at Blind Lady,” Morgan says.

I think he means less extreme, when it comes to how hoppy — bitter — the beers are. Also, how high in alcohol content. Favoring ales that are

easier to drink slowly through an evening.

Morgan helps me with the chalkboard and gives me samples. What a list. Names I’ve never heard of, like Beachwood Hop Ninja (“Sneaky hops — deadly kick”) and Petrus Monk’s Café Sour Flanders Red (it tastes sorta like lemonade). I end up with a pretty good Bear Republic Hot Rod Rye.

So, now, food. Not expecting too much, because the sign outside says they only do “Draught Beer & Sandwiches.”

“You need to go see Aaron,” Morgan says. “He’s the guy stoking the fire.”

Aaron LaMonica. The chef.

There’s a chalkboard menu set above the glowing, wood-fired oven. Today’s special is *banh mi*. Sounds exotic — even though *banh mi* just means “wheat bread” in Vietnamese. It’s what the French brought with them to Vietnam. So, it’s basically baguette bread with “Chinese-style BBQ pork belly, pickled veg, cilantro, cucumber, chili aioli,” served with a side of slaw. Costs \$9. For 50 cents more, you can add chicken liver. For another buckaroo, you get a basted egg. Not cheap, but sounds interesting.

They’ve got a mushroom-lentil sandwich (“panko-crusted vegan patty with house-made pickles, chipotle tahini, cilantro, butter lettuce, on homemade focaccia”) for \$7. And a house-made pork bratwurst with braised cabbage and pickled serrano peppers for \$9.

But then, hey, oyster po’ boy. “Chicken-fried oysters, cabbage, remoulade, pickled chili, shaved red onion on a baguette with a

side of pickles.”

It’s \$10, but oysters? Game over.

“They’re from Carlsbad,” Aaron says. “Oysters are a sustainable superfood. We use West Coast oysters, because they’re local. They’re happier in colder water. This is a scratch kitchen. We make our bread, our sausages, and we’re just starting our own beer, ‘Automatic.’ Oysters go so well with beer. ‘Specially, say, an Irish stout.”

San Diego food is more beer-oriented, Aaron says, compared to San Francisco.

“They’re about fine wines and food,” he says. “I guess they’re more exclusive; we’re more inclusive. We’re about popular food, and beer to go with that. You might say it’s the French thing versus the German thing.”

I get me my po’ boy sandwich, and it goes down great. Tasty, creamy, tangy with pickled chili and pickles. Those oysters squish through in every bite. And, yes, they marry well with my beer.

“We go for organic as much as we can,” Aaron says. “Lots from Suzie’s Farm in I.B. and Crow’s Pass in Temecula and at Adams Avenue Farmers’ Market. But organic puts the price up. I’m classically trained. This is not like France. In France you have to pay extra *not* to be organic.”

Wonder if he means that — or is just saying the French are ahead of us on the organic front?

I come across two guys drinking at the bar. They happen to be the owners of this place and Blind Lady. Lee Chase, who could



Co-owner Lee Chase and manager Morgan Wood drink to the success of Tiger! Tiger!

stand in for Johnny Depp, and Jeff Motch, who’s got a kind of Bluebeard the pirate light in his eye. He’s a graphic designer who designed both bars. Lee has a degree in beer. He brewed for Stone during the start-up years, judges beer competitions, and consults with breweries internationally.

Have to ask how it all happened.

Lee Chase says, “We were playing soccer on the same team. We got to talking about how to create communal spaces.”

“That led to Blind Lady,” says Jeff Motch. “I want this town to have a meeting place like this every two or three blocks. So you can walk over from where you live, not drive, have a bite and a drink and a conversation.”

Lee says, “We want to help people appreciate simple things.”

“Be seeing you again?” asks Derek, as I head out.

“Is there a bull moose in the north woods?” I say.

Because, for sure, this Tiger’s burning bright. ■

The Place: Tiger! Tiger! Tavern, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-487-0401

Prices: *Banh mi* (baguette bread with BBQ pork belly, pickled veg, side of slaw, \$9; mushroom-lentil sandwich (panko-crusted vegan patty) in focaccia, \$7; pork bratwurst, \$9; oyster po’ boy (chicken-fried oysters, cabbage, remoulade, in baguette, \$10;

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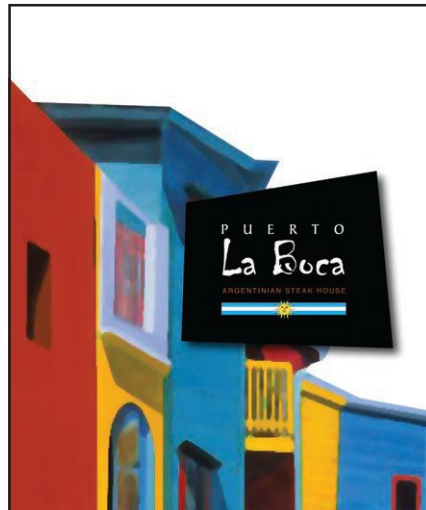
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SD's Best Coffee? In a Barrio Tattoo Shop.

Andrew "The Kid" Farnsley's buzzing a portrait of Nicholai's wife into his left flank. And I'm sipping the best coffee I've tasted in San Diego.

The guys in here talk about how tattooing's popularity has opened up the floodgates to a lot of amateurs who don't have the skills for the ancient art. But Andrew, says Nicholai, is one of the masters.

"There are maybe 175 tattoo shops in San Diego," says Nicholai. "I'd go to four of them, max. This is one."

We're at Two Roses Tattoo, 2181 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan. I drifted in here after checking out the renewed Chicano Park murals. Spectacular!

Two Roses is a way-traditional barber shop/tattoo parlor, but also has a coffee place. The inside's filled with interesting stuff, from Harleys to the mounted heads of actual wildebeest and antelope that Gino Galofaro (the guy who created everything here) shot in South Africa.

It turns out Andrew is a big name in the tattoo world who inks big stars in Hollywood. "Andrew has done work on Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt, Lindsay, Megan Fox," says Gino.

"Angelina? She's a beautiful person," says Andrew. But he won't say more. The stars trust him not to blab.

Gino says my coffee (\$2.37) comes from Por-

tioli, an Italian company. It's rich. Problem is I'm hungry, and they don't do food here.

"Best place in the barrio," says Nicholai from his bed of suffering, "is Rolando's, couple of blocks away, down on National Boulevard."

So, Rolando's Taco Shop (2303 National Avenue, the first of four they have) is where I end up, a bright-orange place shining in the dark.

Laura Martinez at the counter points to the sign: "Surf & Turf burrito, with carne asada, shrimp, chipotle sauce, cheese and rice, plus a can of soda, all for \$6.55."

"Our most popular right now," she says.

I order it, and I swear, in the barrio you get twice as much of everything. This is huge. Heck, that's probably what's kept this place going 34 years.

I gouge into it. Dee-lish. The chipotle and the cheese sex up the shrimp-carne asada combo. I'm nearly through it when I realize: I haven't taken a picture of it. Dang.

Whatever. It's nearly ten. I still have to get some work done tonight. And this burrito will keep me going all night long.

Posted May 17
by Ed Bedford



Andrew has done work on Angelina, Brad, Lindsay, Megan Fox...and he doesn't blab about it.

Zensei Sushi

I had spent the morning outside with friends in some windy conditions. I was tired and chilled and I wanted hot soup: ramen, to be exact. Zensei Sushi, the North Park sushi bar that's been in operation since 2005, seemed liked the best bet for a warm bowl of soup on a blustery day.

I liked the way Zensei was laid out on the inside. It's virtually identical to most other sushi bars, with counter seating on one side and a series of tables along the other. I kept getting a sense of



The crispiest crust I've had in recent memory (no small feat)

industrial modernism, however, as the chairs at the tables looked like a cross between Bauhaus design and something you might see in a hair salon. It didn't have the faux-Japanese aesthetic that is so common in entry-level sushi spots, and that was somehow refreshing to me.

I lucked out. There was ramen on the menu, although only one option and at the bottom of a menu insert. I ordered a bowl of vegetable ramen as well as a few choice pieces of sushi.

When the soup arrived, the first thing I noticed was that the bowl had been filled to the brim with noodles and boiled vegetables, most of which were cabbage and broccoli. But it proved to be a big disappointment. It tasted strongly of boiled vegetables, not the heady, salty, pork broth that I was hoping for to warm my bones. The flavor was more like a half-hearted veggie stock. At least there was plenty of it.

The nigiri I ordered was also a letdown. The quality of fish was serviceable, but the preparation was lackluster. Salmon belly had been trimmed into an unattractive shape, as opposed to the geometric marvel that properly prepared sushi can be. Blue-crab sushi promised a lot, but the little flakes of crab fell off of the sushi. It would have been better to have used the shreds of crab inside a roll and reserved larger pieces for nigiri. The rice in both cases hadn't been formed into the perfect little cake that I so desire in a piece of sushi.

Unfortunately, I lost my notes with the exact

prices for all the items. Suffice to say that Zensei is well within the neighborhood of "average" and that I could have gotten a better meal for the same money somewhere else.

Zensei Sushi, 3396 30th Street.

Posted May 17
by Ian Pike

Bronx Pizza

People from New York love Bronx Pizza. The Hillcrest shop has the Empire State crowd com-

pletely on lockdown. It might have something to do with the decor, which is a constant homage to the Big Apple — its sports teams, famous faces, architecture, and history.

The shop looks minuscule from without, but the interior is actually somewhat labyrinthine. There's a big porch section between two smaller dining rooms, the first of which has the pizza case and the register.

The menu is simplicity itself: they sell pizza. Slices start at \$2 and whole pies start at \$13.50. Soft drinks — available in one size — are \$1.50.

I had a few slices, one of them topped with vegetables and the other a "white mushroom" with ricotta cheese and no red sauce. My first impression was that the crust was crunchy, the crispiest crust I've had in recent memory, which is no small feat. They were very thin, but even after being heated up the slices didn't bend when I picked them up. I didn't even have to fold them. Crisp crust being a strong selling point for a lot of people, I can report that Bronx delivers in that respect.

The veggie slice was great for what it was, but it was the white mushroom slice that took me by surprise. The creamy ricotta cheese, savory mushrooms, and extra-crunchy crust were an excellent combo. I went back for a second slice.

Bronx Pizza represents East Coast pizza style well, with thin slices, crispy crust, and a "less is more" approach to toppings. The place also has a



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vibe from the staff that reflects an East Coast mentality. There's a tough-guy aesthetic coming from behind the counter that seems, frankly, a little out of place in Uptown San Diego, but it's kind of a haven to transplants (of which there are many in town) who are looking for a slice that's served up without anyone telling you, "No worries."

Bronx Pizza, 111 Washington Street.

Posted May 16 by Ian Pike

Losing My Inhibitions at Muzita Abyssinian Bistro

One of the great pleasures in life is communal dining with friends. Especially when you throw away your knife, fork, and inhibitions and dig in with some warm injera.

Muzita Abyssinian Bistro, on Park Boulevard in University Heights, provides just such an experience. Owned and operated by the Woldemichael family, Muzita is set in a snug bungalow that's relaxed and welcoming.

The dining room is beautiful, drenched in warm colors and soft candlelight. Wafts of intoxicating spice drift from the kitchen and perfume the air all the way out to the sparkly, cozy patios.

Our choices for starters were sambusas (\$12), those devilishly addicting stuffed fried pastries, and kantisha kilwa (\$13), button mushrooms with zucchini, tesmi, tomato, and serranos.

The sambusas arrived screaming hot and golden brown. The crisp crust was filled with hamli, an earthy mix of spinach and collards with a surprising kick, alitcha atakilti (soft-stewed vegetables), and tsebhi dorho (spicy berbere-braised chicken). I'd have a dif-

ficult time saying which was my favorite.

The mushrooms were redolent of tesmi, ghee-flavored with onion, garlic, ginger, and berbere. A savory pop of flavor complemented by the texture of the shredded zucchini.

Our entrées, hamli (sautéed spinach and collards, \$11), acha atakilti (braised seasonal vegetables, \$12), zigini beggie (lamb with tomato and onion, \$17), and ono tsebhi (seared ono with squash and tomato, \$21) were served family-style on a huge platter covered with injera, the traditional Ethiopian flatbread. More rolls of injera decorated the sides.

Made with teff flour, the injera had a pleasantly spongy texture and a slightly tangy flavor. It's dotted with tiny holes that are perfect for soaking up all the juices. Entrées come with a side and a green salad, served on the platter with the rest of the dishes.

You can't be tidy about eating this kind of food, you

have to just rip off some injera, scoop it up, and go for it.

The hamli and alicha atakilti were the same preparation as the filling in the sambusas, but they were so delicious that we didn't tire of them. The ono was nicely prepared in flavorful tesmi, soft but not mushy, with a slightly fishy flavor that was not unpleasant. The zigini beggie was the least successful. The lamb was a bit overcooked, but the tomato and onion sauce provided some necessary moisture.

The friendly, attentive staff happily provided as much injera as we needed.

After all that food, we couldn't manage dessert, but the chocolate cake that our neighboring table ordered looked wonderful.

Muzita Abyssinian Bistro, 4651 Park Boulevard.

*Posted May 23
by Mary Beth Abate*

The Raw and the Vegan: Peace Pies

Like many people today, I try to combine driving errands. Today's stops took me to Encinitas, which included lunch. There are many excellent places to eat in Leucadia and Encinitas.

I decided to try Peace Pies, which replaced a similar restaurant, the Greenery. Like the Greenery, Peace Pies serves raw, organic, vegan cuisine. Their menu is also soy- and gluten-free.

Off the Hwy. 101, just south of Leucadia Boulevard, Peace Pies is tucked away at 133 Daphne Street. A little skimpy, the parking amounts to two dedicated spaces and some street parking. But I always managed to find a spot when I went to the Greenery, and I had success today.

The entrance opens into a courtyard, with a large mural and outdoor seating. As I stepped into the restaurant,

I felt transported back to my college days in Santa Cruz: Red Hot Chili Peppers playing in the background and a guy with dreads tucked up under a cap bustling around.

I gravitated toward a glass display case with many to-go options, including fresh juices. I chose a veggie sandwich and a kale salad, which I brought to the register. A hipster wearing a driving cap and a T-shirt with "Truth" printed on it asked if I had been there before.

Since I hadn't, he informed me that I could place an order and they would bring it out on a plate. As I put the to-go containers back, he mentioned a burger option and pointed out a pint of blood-orange juice in the case. I went with his suggestion and found a place to sit inside.

Looking around, I noticed that they sold eco-friendly goods, as well as a raw-food cookbook and a Peace Pies T-shirt. I was surprised and interested in the glass straws



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that they were selling for \$10, obviously an alternative to plastic. My growling stomach brought my attention back just in time for my food to be served.

The burger, with kale chips on the side (\$9), was a blend of sun-dried tomatoes and walnuts topped with cashew cheese and the other usual burger fixings on a flat “bun.”

The bun will be the biggest difference to those not accustomed to raw food. Like raw crackers, they are created through dehydration, rather than cooking. The result is something akin to a slightly stale, thick cracker. That sounds bad, but if you readjust your thinking with that expectation, it's actually quite good.

The kale salad (\$8) included Red Russian kale, which is one of the tastiest kales. Slivered yellow beets, red bell peppers, and carrots made up the rest. The garlic-lemon dressing came on the side, as well as two sesame crackers.

As I ate, a couple came in. They were looking at the menu, and “Mr. Truth” asked them if they had been in before. They replied that they had not.

He explained about the

to-go case and the option for eating in-house, as well as the specials for the day: a mango curry wrap and an almond-crusted portobello mushroom sandwich. It was fun to see the variety of people coming into Peace Pies to eat, including the obvious regulars who stopped by while I was there.

It is also easy to see how someone could become a regular. The food is fresh, locally sourced, organic, and delicious. My burger satisfied much like a “meat” burger, just not hot and not on an oversized bun.

It's probably blasphemous to say this, but I would prefer a raw bun even for a beef burger. So many buns are too doughy and get soggy really fast. My kale chips had enough spice to give them a little zing. The dressing on the salad made it for me because I'm partial to lemony dressings. Like the raw vs. standard bun issue, kale is an excellent alternative to regular lettuces because it doesn't get soggy from the dressing.

I ended up having to take my fresh juice (\$5) with me to drink later...because I was stuffed! You don't have to be a raw foodist or even vegan to appreciate Peace Pies.

Peace Pies, 133 Daphne Street, Encinitas. They also have a location in Ocean Beach.

Posted May 21 by Amy Davis

Checking Out the Super Vons

I visited the high-octane Vons that opened in Mission Hills recently. It was, bar none, the fanciest Vons in which I've ever set foot.

With the massive potted plants and elegant foyer (which houses a kind of glass fountain) that provides a passage between the indoor parking lot and the grocery store proper, I'd venture to say that this new breed of Vons has an almost Jetsonian character. “Welcome to the world of tomorrow!”

It's obvious that Vons is trying to move the chain upmarket, at least in some areas, in order to take a bite out of Whole Foods' consumer base. Whether they will succeed remains to be seen, but the gesture that the chain is making to move into specialty markets is dramatic.

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Lunch or dinner is a viable option, since the new grocery store has a well-stocked sandwich shop and sushi counter, as well as a bunch of other prepared foods.

I tried some sushi, and it was above average for grocery-store sushi. Of course this pales in comparison to what is available at a halfway-decent sushi bar, but for ten dollars and five minutes of shopping, it was what it was.

The Super Vons shows a move toward a more exclusive market in some of the items stocked on the shelves. The wine section is downright impressive, with a series of reserve bottles under lock and key that could compete with good, specialty wine stores. Seeing a bottle of Dom Perignon in a grocery store was a first.

Alongside the wine, a selection of 22-ounce bombers of craft beer was, while not world-class, as good as lots of liquor stores and better than most groceries.

The move towards offering more specialty products wasn't

limited to alcohol sales. A section of the store is devoted to gluten-free products, for example. Just around the corner from that, fresh-and-dried mushrooms weren't limited to the conventional white-button variety. Instead, two kinds of oyster mushroom — shiitakes and enokis — were available.

At the end of the day, the Super Vons is still a Vons. It may have been the more cultured and articulate cousin of conventional Vons, just back from a trip to Europe where it learned a thing or two, but it was still the same store at its root.

Super Vons, 515 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills.

Posted May 20 by Ian Pike

Azuki Sushi: Chirashi and... Belgian Beer?

I'm a big fan of chirashizushi. It's elegant in the way that only sushi seems able to be, yet satisfying like slurping up a big bowl of ramen. Perhaps it's the best of both worlds.

I popped in to Azuki Sushi in Bankers Hill for lunch, and I was delighted to see chirashi on the menu.

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The fish was delicate, cut into pleasing shapes, and allowed to warm up a little bit before serving, a little touch that really matters in terms of flavor.

I had a cup of green tea that tasted as though it had been brewed at a nicely sub-boiling temperature — another example of judicious temperature controlling!

My server managed to distinguish himself by acting with great courtesy. He was nearly omnipresent, though not bothersome, and he made no move to usher me out the door when I (quite accidentally) stayed past the mid-day closing time.

I would like to return to Azuki to sample some of the "signature bites" that are featured, such as the halibut carpaccio (\$9) or the honeymoon oyster (\$10).

Azuki Sushi, 2321 Fifth

Avenue.

Posted May 19 by Ian Pike

Isola Pizza Bar Discovered in Little Italy

I was walking down India Street with my friend Matt when we passed what had been a tanning salon with a website business behind it. It's now a restaurant crammed with a BP (Beautiful People) crowd.

Inside, it's all black-and-white décor, kinda Italian Moderne. And, woo-hoo! Turns out it's still happy hour, just. Closes at six. I abandon Matt and head inside. Whitney the welcomer says I still have five minutes.

The bar's full, so I sit down at a white-cushioned bench. A waiter named Alex brings me the happy-hour menu real quick so I can get the order in at HH prices. He says the *salame misto* (\$4) is great, and the pizza margherita, with tomato, mozzarella, and basil (\$5), is the most-filling item on the happy-hour list.

No time to fool around. I take them both, plus a glass of red wine. Merlot and Barbera grapes, mixed. Italian and Californian wines. The glass is \$5.

Doesn't take long for the wine and the salami to arrive. Yes, just half a glass and razor-

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thin slices of salami, but the wine's delicious and the small sausage has a sweet tang to it.

The place is abuzz, with women lining the bar and couples at the tables. And out of the crowd comes this guy in white chef's gear, checking on the customers.

He's Massimo Tenino, the owner-chef. From San Remo, Liguria, northern Italy. "I named this after my grandma, Isolina. She taught me everything she knew about cooking. How is the wine? Would you like some bread with the salami?"

I say "yes," and he goes and brings me what is basically a small pizza with no toppings.

The wine? It's warm and good. "The merlot's Rosso Piemonte, from the vineyard of my brother, Paolo, in Piedmont," says Massimo. "He was a dentist. Gave it all up for wine."

Massimo says he also has an eatery in Tucson. "But I wanted to keep this simple. Pizzas. No

slices, no chicken, no lasagna. The brick oven is from Naples. We use oak. It burns dense and slow and hot. We haven't done any marketing, but so far we're doing pretty well."

This is when Ulises the waiter brings me the margherita pizza. It's about a ten-inch and tasty — a deal for five bucks. But the best thing about all the food is the pickled veggies that come with the salami. They are sweet and delicious and tang everything up.

I come out 15 buckeroos poorer. Not bad for what I had and where I am. No way can I do this every night, but it's good to spend a moment mixing with the BP crowd on a Friday HH.

And, next week, Little Italy being Little Italy, I'm betting there'll be a couple more new places open. They'd better be good, because I reckon Massimo's setting the bar pretty high.

Isola Pizza Bar, 1526 India Street.

Posted May 25 by Ed Bedford

Oggi's: Stout-Hearted Men...

I just came out of Ikea in Mission Valley. Carla's desperate for a king-size bed. Yeah, right. King-size price, too? Our neighbor Linda paid \$3K for hers!

Yes, Ikea's way down on that price, but I come out in total confusion about sizes, thick-nesses, and where I'd find the money for it anyway. I like Ikea, but I need Carla here. And right across the road is this place I've been meaning to hit for ages: Oggi's Pizza and Brewing Co.

"Oggi's?" They're another of these pizza parlors that grew, mainly when they started brewing their own beer. In 20 years they have opened over a dozen locations in three states. And, in a way, it shows. You go onto their website, and it's all corporate talk about "concept," "customer base," creating a "brand...with activities that would appeal to our demographic."

On the other hand, they have won a few international beer prizes, including being

named Champion Small Brewing Company in the 2004 World Beer Cup and getting a gold medal at the 2010 World Beer Cup for their Black Magic Stout.

Inside this Oggi's you can see the stainless beer tanks at the back, so you know they're actually brewing, but it certainly has more sports-bar vibe than rebel-brewers' hideout. Like, this don't feel like no O'Brien's (the pub at 4646 Convoy, where Tom Nickel has been a true revolutionary from the get-go in the Great San Diego Beer Revolt against Big Brewery sud makers).

But you don't get gold at the World Beer Cup if you don't take beer seriously, so I can't wait to try something. I head straight for the bar because it's past nine at night, and that's probably where the happy hour is in business. It's a pretty rollicking place, right now. The bartender gal is singing along with the music on the system. Pretty good, strong voice. Guy next to me, Bob, says she's Nathalie and a "character."

"Yes," Nathalie says, "everything is brewed here, except the

Black Magic Stout. They make that at our Del Mar Oggi's."

No problem. All their beers — and they have eight of them, plus a couple of seasonal beers — are \$3.50 a pint at this time of night. Nathalie pours my glass. Ooh. That's sweet, black, heavy but still fresh.

In the food department, they take \$2 off a bunch of items, including small pizzas (and pizza is what got them on the road in the first place) with sporty names. The Javelin (\$7.99) features feta cheese and mushrooms, the Speedway (\$7.99) has mozzarella and Italian sausage, the Marathon (\$8.99) has a bunch of veggies including zucchini and artichoke hearts, and the Blazin' Backfield (\$7.99) has mozzarella, blackened chicken, and gorgonzola. That's what I go for, because of the blackened chicken.

Nathalie suggests I take the pizza sauce instead of the hot wing sauce and have that on the side, so I can make it as hot or not as I want. Good idea. Plus, hey, happy hour, so it only costs \$5.99.

Bob is getting a plate of

Oggi Stix. They're a deal, too, now, at \$4.99. Basically sticks of pizza loaded with Brazilian tri-pepper sausage slices.

When our plates come, we do a couple of prisoner swaps. Bob's Stix are good, with that buzzy sausage, but mine's got the yummy gorgonzola taste, plus the burnt tang of the chicken chunklets. And they go great with the slightly sweet stout.

Bob and I get into a conversation about San Diego vs. East Coast beers (he's from New Hampshire). By the time they kick us out, I've swallowed all my pizza, some of Bob's, and two of those stouts.

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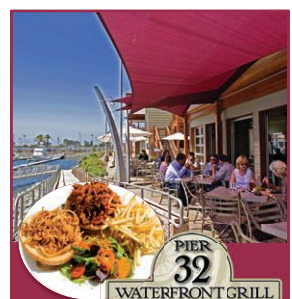
substitute for chocolate, these days I don't get excited about a restaurant when I see items such as sprouts and soyizoro on the menu. And when the menu includes "Tree Hugger" among the titles given to the dishes, I am tempted to run.

My friend, Sarah, on the other hand, has a thing for boys in overalls and does not run from sprouts or soyizoro. On the day we planned to meet at Blue Boheme for a fancy brunch only to discover it would not open for another hour, I followed Sarah into Kensington Café.

Inside, the place has a mellow vibe, casual and comfortable. It was 10:30 a.m. and busy enough that most of the servers looked unhappy. Among the clientele were old men (clearly regulars) having their mid-morning cup of coffee and thin people in yoga pants.

After a cursory glance at the menu, I sighed and whined that I'd had my heart set on the fancy smoked-salmon platter I knew I'd find on the menu at the other restaurant. Reluctantly, I settled on the Sandy Eggan, a bagel sandwich with eggs, cheese, avocado, and tomato for \$6.25, but only because I could add bacon for \$1.50.

Sarah smiled and chirpily ordered the Adams Avenue, a sandwich piled high with sprouts, lettuce, cucumbers, avocado, red onions, and green-goddess spread (\$7.95).



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I confess, when I saw the food come out, even the sprouts looked good. While a lot of eateries pay homage to health food, it usually doesn't appeal to me at all. But these sandwiches were plump and attractive. They had this "I'm going to be good for you and tasty" vibe that didn't disappoint.

Posted May 24
by Elizabeth Salaam

This Crunchy PB&J Almost Works

I've always found peanut butter sandwiches to be kind of a cute menu item, especially when they're not listed as a kids' item. I'd never ordered

one for myself until now. On the menu board at Earthblend Tea & Coffee (aka The Eatery with No Bathroom), the Crunchy PB&J (creamy peanut butter, boysenberry jam, banana, and sliced apples on wheat, \$4.95) caught my eye. Although I'd seen banana listed as an ingredient on plenty of peanut butter sandwiches, the addition of apples wasn't something I'd seen before. I wasn't sure if I'd like it, but I was curious.

I enjoyed the first few bites. Among all that gooey (peanut butter), slippery (boysenberry jelly), and squishy (banana), the crispy crunch of the apples was a welcome texture. And its green-apple tartness was a welcome flavor among all that sweetness.

Beyond those first few bites, however, it became sweetness overload. I think the sandwich would have been better served with a natural peanut butter (less sugar, better texture) and zero jam. The banana and peanut combo is sweet enough.

That said, the next time I make myself a peanut butter sandwich, I might add some green apple slices.

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What the Chef Eats by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

PORK-BELLY HASH WITH POACHED EGGS AND CHILI HOLLANDAISE

ANTHONY WILHELM
Executive Chef, Inn at the Park

I've always been a fan of really fresh food. I grew up in Ohio and went hunting and fishing with my dad. Nothing tastes fresher than catching a fish and cooking it over an open fire. My dad was a great cook and I fell in love with his simple style: fresh steaks and seafood, a quick sauté with fresh bluegill or bigmouth bass. We went ice-fishing and grew our own vegetables, and my grandparents raised cows and pigs that provided us with dairy and plenty of meat all year long.

In high school I worked in restaurants as a dishwasher and cooked on the line in small, family restaurants. I loved the energy of the business

and culinary school was a natural progression. After cooking school, I moved on to Chicago with Marriott Hotels and worked with some very talented chefs.

Now in my cooking, I combine the best of my Midwest, farm-to-table background with what I learned from working in high-end restaurants. Food is about making people happy, whether you are in your home cooking for your family or cooking molecular-inspired 24-course tasting dinners in restaurants. Basically, I meld the best of spaghetti and meatballs with foie gras. I believe that every plate that comes out of my kitchen should taste de-

licious and be beautiful to look at.

When I am home, usually late at night, I am a huge breakfast fan. I love pancakes with fresh fruit compote or soft poached eggs over anything.

INGREDIENTS

Hash

8 ounces of pork belly, bacon,
or pancetta cut into
½-inch cubes

white wine (optional)

2 T olive oil or butter

½ yellow onion, diced

½ each of a red, yellow, and
green pepper, chopped into
½-inch cubes

6 fingerling or red potatoes
blanched for 5–8 minutes
in boiling salted water then
cooled in ice water then
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Anthony Wilhelm

1 T fresh thyme, chopped
1 T flat leaf parsley, chopped
1 garlic clove, minced
pinch of chili pepper flakes
fresh sea salt & freshly ground
black pepper

Hollandaise

5 egg yolks
6 ounces melted butter at room
temperature
1 ounce of Tabasco sauce
½ ounce chopped flat leaf
parsley
1 ounce freshly squeezed lime
juice
1 chipotle pepper pureed &
strained
sea salt & pepper to taste

of rosemary focaccia bread and a tomato-basil dipping sauce.

Entrée options include angel-hair primavera, baked ziti, or a Caesar-salad-and-soup combo, among others. I chose the linguini puttanesca (crushed tomatoes, olives, capers, garlic, and "a touch of anchovies"). I have a soft spot for anchovies, but I've never been able to use them in my own cooking without them taking over the whole dish.

And in other restaurants, more than once, I've seen anchovies in the description but didn't quite taste them. In this particular puttanesca sauce, however, the balance was just right.

Believe it or not, this \$10 lunch also includes a glass of table wine: the house chablis or paisano. On a beautiful day, a table on this lovely patio makes the deal even sweeter.

Posted May 24
by Elizabeth Salaam

Carnitas' Snack Shack: Still Affordable

Barbarella had the first word on the Snack Shack at the end of last year, and I agree with her assessment. Namely, that Carnitas' is pork-lover's heaven, and there is some serious talent (in the form of Hanis Cavin, formerly of the Kensington Grill) in the kitchen.

Now that we're down the

road a little, it's worth taking a second look at Carnitas', because the miniature BBQ restaurant has managed to price itself into a unique position.

I tried the "poutine" the other day. It's not poutine in the French-Canadian purist sense. With pulled pork, bacon, and white-cheddar gravy ladled on top of seasoned french fries, Carnitas' poutine is a lively interpreta-

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What the Chef Eats

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1 ounce white vinegar

HOW TO DO IT

To make the hash, heat a large frying pan over medium heat and add the pork belly, bacon, or pancetta. Cook the meat until it is brown and caramelized and then remove and drain on paper towels. Deglaze the pan with white wine or wipe the pan out. Add the olive oil and onions, blanched

potatoes, herbs, and garlic. When vegetables are sautéed, add the caramelized meat back to the hash and season with salt and pepper. Cover and keep warm.

Fill a saucepan halfway with water and bring to a boil. When water begins to boil, place egg yolks into a large bowl and place the bowl in the saucepan, making sure the water comes only halfway up the bowl. With the bowl in the hot water, begin whipping the yolks

vigorously and continue whipping until egg yolks are pale and fluffy. Whisk egg yolks for another 3–4 minutes and remove the pan from the heat. Slowly drizzle the butter into the egg yolks to create an emulsion until all of the butter is incorporated. Add the Tabasco, parsley, lime juice, chipotle, and salt and pepper and season to taste. Keep the sauce warm but not hot.

Fill a large saucepan or pot with water. Gener-

ously salt and bring to a boil. When water begins to boil, add white vinegar. When water is rapidly boiling, drop eggs into the water very gently and poach for 4–5 minutes. Gently remove eggs with a slotted spoon.

Spoon the hash onto the plates, place one poached egg on each portion of hash, spoon the chili hollandaise over the top, and serve immediately.

Find What the Chef Eats online at SDReader.com/chef/

tion of the classic Québécois dish of fries, brown gravy, and cheese curds.

But here's the twist: it was only \$8. Were I to walk into any of the "craft-farm-to-table-sustainable-local" eateries that dot the Uptown landscape, I would expect to pay at least \$12 for this dish.

Everything on the Carni-

tas' menu remains under \$10, even after the place has been open for a while and made its initial impression on a fickle public. This is delightful. Perhaps the market for craft foods has gotten stable enough — now that everyone and his brother is in on it — that smaller players can enter the market and occupy

a stable position. Or perhaps it's that the minds behind the Snack Shack have enough faith in their product that they are willing to indulge a more long-term business model.

Carnitas' Snack Shack, 2632 University Avenue, North Park.

Posted May 23 by Ian Pike

how it went down.

We met at Parkhouse Eatery, where we were seated at a perfect half-in-the-sun-half-out table on the patio. Before we'd been seated five seconds, Sarah ordered a glass of sangria (\$5). I stuck with water for the five minutes it took for her drink to come out, which was so pretty. So...indulgent. I'm not a sangria fan, but looking at hers made me feel a tad envious and uptight, what with my plan to spend the rest of the day working.

Five minutes later, we toasted the gorgeous day and clinked our drinks together — her sangria and my sunrise mimosa (orange juice, raspberry purée, and champagne, \$6.75).

We decided to order two plates and share them. The grilled breakfast pizza (baked with scrambled eggs, bacon, and asiago cheese on homemade pizza dough, \$12.50) sounded better than it looked, but I was disappointed when the server first set it down. It looked like scrambled eggs on fancy toast. But it had much more flavor than it looked like it would. Basil, all that hidden

bacon, and cheese cheese cheese. Of the two dishes, this was by far my favorite.

The other dish we ordered was the PH Benedict (two poached eggs, bacon, and tomato on grilled focaccia, topped with avocado hollandaise, \$14.50). It came with mashed potatoes that didn't appeal to me, so I didn't eat any. Sarah described them as, "Weird. Not the best." The benedict was decent, though not as memorable as the breakfast pizza.

As tempting as it would have been to order a second mimosa, I did not. Instead I drank coffee, which did nothing to salvage the work I'd planned to get done that day. We spent the rest of the day loitering at a bookstore and daydreaming about a book club we would like to start, wherein interested members would have to take a Rorschach inkblot test prior to admittance.

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Dark Cloud. Kelly Formaldehyde and her friend Chance Huerta have been scenesters for years. “We’ve been going to shows together for more than 20 years. We’d go to all the shows at the original Soma, at the Ché Café...”

he has colon cancer. “He had surgery and was in the hospital for three weeks. Like most tattoo artists, he has no medical insurance. The bills were stacking up.” So Formaldehyde helped organize a fundraiser for Huerta at the Ruby Room.

the inside track blurt

Her longtime side gig is making hair accessories. “I make everything from the ’20s through the ’50s — old Hollywood style.” Her La Jolla

She donated “hair fascinators” that were sold in a silent auction. “We had artwork from all over San Diego we were auctioning.”



Kelly Formaldehyde sporting one of her old-timey “hair fascinators.”

day job is more serious. She works full-time as a cancer-research associate.

Cancer touched her personal life. Her son has brain cancer and her friend Huerta, 44, found out two months ago

Formaldehyde posted on her Facebook page that the fundraiser was happening and urged her friends to show up to support the cause. But she added a caveat: “I had been there four months

before and the door guy was extremely rude. He was being a dick.”

That Facebook posting did not sit well with Ruby Room owner Sean Cute. Like many bar and restaurant owners, he closely follows what people say about his place on Yelp and Facebook.

“He starts going off on me that I hadn’t told him about it in person, that I had disrespected him, and that I shouldn’t write things like that on my Facebook page. I told him this was my private Facebook page and I can write what I want. I was blown away, but I told him I would leave if he wanted me to, even though I was supposed to be doing the silent auction. A half hour goes by and he comes back and says I’m no longer welcome there but that I was allowed to keep my stuff there. I told him that as a business owner he should have tried to rectify the [bouncer] situation. Instead, he blew it up.”

She left but says Cute then added insult to injury. “I had scientists who I work with who came to support my friend who was sick tell me the next day that [Cute] said I was involved in an altercation and was asked to leave. I told him my son had three brain tumors and was going through radiation and chemotherapy. He said it was not his fault that I was going through a rough time.

He couldn’t suck it up for a cancer benefit. He could have said something like, ‘After tonight, it’s probably a good idea if you didn’t come back.’”



Ruby Room’s Cute “makes sure artists and musicians get paid.”

She said she will be posting a review of the Ruby Room on Yelp.

“I don’t think you can stay in business by treating people like that. By the way, the door man still works there.”

Cute stands up for his actions. “We didn’t feel comfortable having her in our club. You try and do a lot for people, but some people just can’t be happy. We don’t charge artists rental fees [to display and sell their art for sale in the Ruby Room]. We get no cut. We have [artwork] here for good vibes. There was a bad vibe going on. Sometimes when people can’t have a good time, and it happens over and over, they become what I call a dark cloud. When that happens we want that dark cloud out of our sky.”

Regarding the doorman, Cute says, “Employees can always do better. Customers can always do better. She could have been nicer as

well. We’re all human beings. It just seems like she singled something out that happened a long time ago. Like she was hell bent on turning against a local business...a business that makes sure artists and musicians get paid. My mom has cancer, but I don’t use it as an excuse to mistreat people.”

Cute admits social media matters. “She has a right to attack us [on Facebook], but why can’t we hear from all the other people who had a fantastic night that night?”

— Ken Leighton

Halfway Around the World. Filip Mandaric found out the new single from his band Capital Grey had gotten airplay on the BBC from a fan posting on Facebook. “I saw a new post that said something

like, ‘Glad to hear “Tattoo on Her Shoulder” played on U.K. radio.’ So, I asked the guy where he heard us. He said it was played on Sean Rowley’s *All Back to Mine* show on BBC Radio Kent.”

In an online link to Rowley’s show on May 13, the British DJ is enthusiastic about the San Marcos-based band: “They’ve got it going on in a psychedelic-pop sort of way,” he says, “and they do it very well.”

“It’s weird,” says Mandaric, “hearing someone that important talking about you.”

Rowley and I email back and forth. He agrees to talk to me, but, then, for whatever reason, he stops replying. How Rowley heard about Capital Grey in the first place was via a Los Angeles music blog called *Aquarium Drunkard*. One of the contributors is Clifton Weaver, aka DJ Soft Touch. He called the band “mindblowingly good” and posted, “I often wonder how these artists haven’t gotten more attention. One such band is the aforementioned Capital Grey.”

Weaver got the CD as the result of Mandaric’s media blitz late last year. “I emailed, like, a hundred different music blogs looking for reviews,” says Mandaric, but he got no response. Four months later, he saw the Facebook posting from someone named Ian Allcock in the U.K. “Nobody told me that I was gonna be on the BBC. I was thinking we’d get played on

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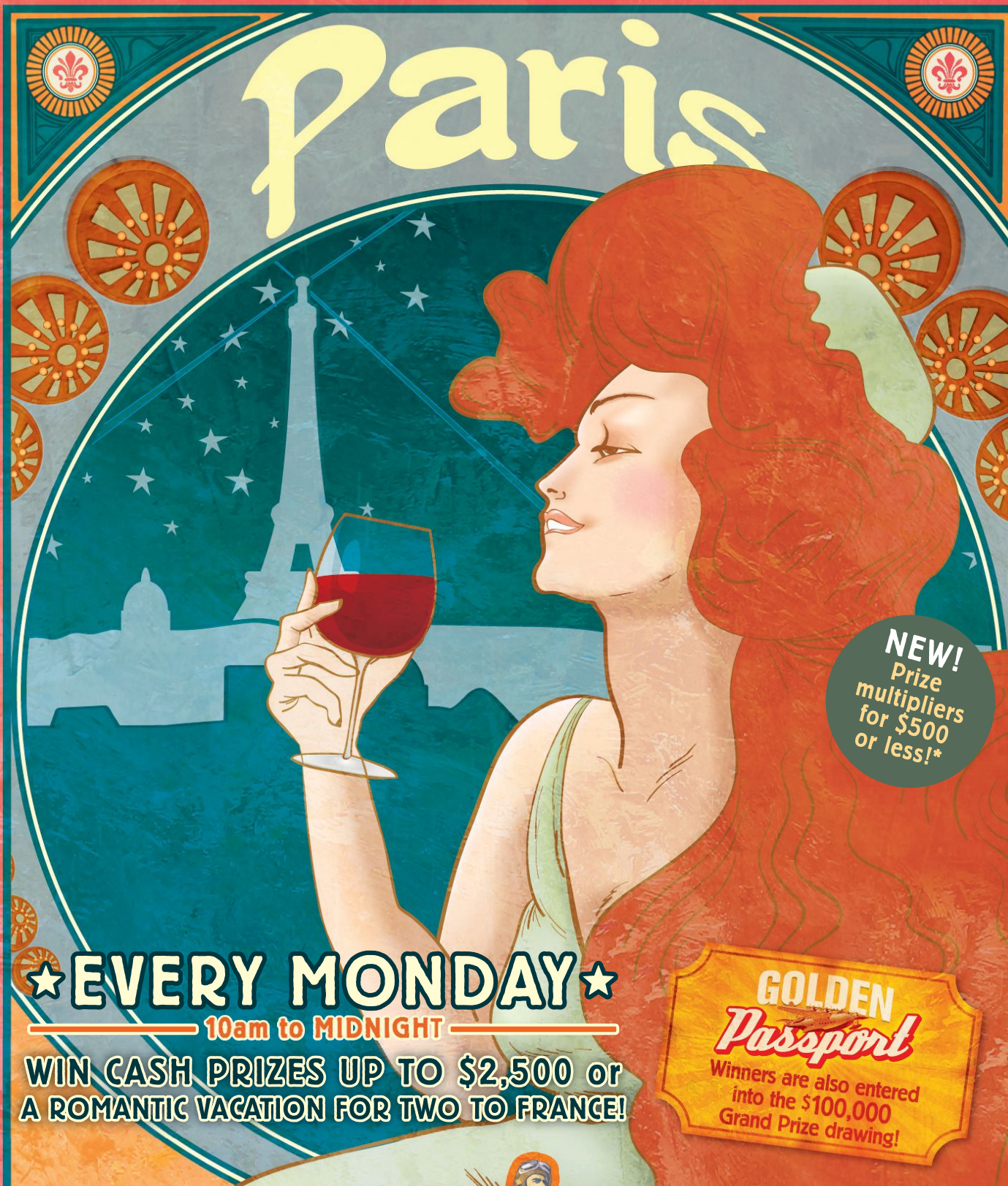
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a local radio station, not one halfway around the world."

Mandarin, 22, was born in Canada but now lives in North County. He started Capital Grey in May 2011 with guitarist Danny Chau. "We did our whole EP Paint the Town by ourselves, and we're performing it by ourselves," he says. Chau and Mandarin use machines to fill in the gaps on-stage. "We take our laptops and plug our instruments into an analog-digital converter. From



Mandarin: "We have a strong '60s influence — the Beatles"

there, the signal goes straight into the PA system."

Capital Grey have their collective foot in the past. "We have a strong '60s influence." Mandarin then boils that down to two

words: "The Beatles." So, has any BBC/ Aquarium Drunkard love yet shined on CD sales? "They're not as good as I'd like them to be," he says. "We're looking for

a record deal. But, since it's been played on the BBC, I'm talking to 94/9, 91X, and KPRI. It should be easier to get it played here."

— Dave Good

daily blogs

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riting songs with Laura Jane Wilcock for the seven-piece rock-and-soul group.

The frontman of the Sham-bles will debut Bart Mendoza and True Stories on June 13 at Eleven, with David Fleminger



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The Fingers will reunite for Coronado High's all-class reunion in July.

(keys, guitar, vocals), Danny Cress (drums, vocals), and Billy Fritz (bass, vocals). "We'll be playing music from my entire career, and some new ones," according to Mendoza, who says a self-titled full-length is planned for later this year. Mendoza is also recording new

original tracks with reunited '80s mod rockers Manual Scan.

Prevailer, featuring former members of Zombie Cartel and Carol Ann, debuts June 23 at the Flying Elephant in Carlsbad. Late '70s new-wavers the

songwriter Paul Kamanski, and current Mentals mainman Joey Harris, with whom Kamanski also played in the Electric Sons.

According to Harris, "The Fingers stood out from other bands of the time, with three lead singer-songwriter-guitarists." The July 3 lineup is slated to include Thompson, Kamanski, and Harris, along with Vic Vecina and Danny Campbell.

Atmospheric space-rockers Machines Learning includes Black Box Studio operator Mario Quintero as well as Paul Balmer (guitar, vocals) and Bradley Botbyl (bass). With a debut EP just out, Pendragon's Lullaby, they'll play their first full headline set at Eleven on July 14.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Casbah event schedule for June 2012. Includes dates, times, and names of performers for various nights.

Gallagher's OB event schedule for June 2012. Includes dates, times, and names of performers for various nights.



Saturday June 2nd

The English Beat

Vokab Kompany

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The Grass Heat

The Professors

The Kingsmen

Boys & Girls Club YAA Bands

Sunday June 3rd

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This Week In Music

Thursday 31

Col Abrahil and British gutter-punk pioneers **GBH** (grievous bodily harm) will spike the 'dos and vitriolic spews at Casbah tonight. The sociopolitical street punks have been at it since 1978, making their mark with '82's *City Baby Attacked by Rats*, a must-have platter for any self-respecting punk rawker. And the GBH patch or T is still a badge of honor in certain circles. I'm looking at you, Newport Avenue urchins. In 2010, the stalwarts went back in-studio and brewed up *Perfume and Piss*, keeping 'em short and sharp but with a blues-rock bent that suits the vets just fine. Hit up "Kids Get Down" on the interweb and we'll see you in the pit. **Far From Finished**, **Social Spit**, and **Rat City Riot** get it going.... Electro-instrumentalist Scott Hansen, aka **Tycho**, delivers last year's breakthrough, *Dive*, to Belly Up. The Bay Area artist's graphic-design past informs his compositions in their well-packaged, detail-oriented presentation of looped acoustic guitar and drums giving shape to his throwback synth washes. Recommended for fans of the down-tempo Boards of Canada brand.... Benjamin Laub says he got into music when he was a kid going to jazz clubs with his father. Now known as the Seattle-based rapper **Grieves**, Laub and his multi-instrumentalist partner **Budo** are touring in support of their second set *Together/Apart*, a collection of "Northwest hip-hop." That even a thing? Catch 'em at Porters Pub at UCSD with **Sol**.... Else: **Revenge Death Ball**, **California Bleeding**, **Deep Sea Thunder Beast**, and **Kodiak** fill a



GBH AT CASBAH

serves up **Super Buffet's** CD-release with **Gone Baby Gone** and **New Kinetics** as appetizers.

Friday 1

"Natives of the cat planet Leonid, Zoltron Monsieur and Kittytron have made fierce music together for the past three years. In between performances and preservation efforts, they enjoy taking naps." The cat-curious couple **Lion Cut** will take the stage at Tin Can Ale House to release a video for their new single "Tiger Bomb," which



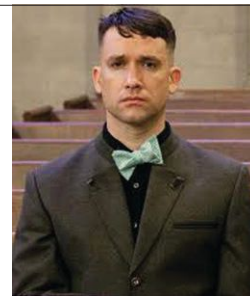
LION CUT AT TIN CAN ALE HOUSE

features "Russian dance moves, fiddle skills, and uncompromising lyrics such as: 'Making potions so some guy can try to get a hardon/ Killing tigers is wrong/ Drop a tiger bomb.'" For more info on this Save Tigers Now benefit, check out the rest of Chad's blog post at sandiegoreader.com/weblogs/jam-session/. **Rafter** and **Mrs. Rafter** will be at the decks while the **Culture Shock Dance Troupe** dances 'round the room to kick things off in the Bankers Hill bar.... The noise-pop informed **Duke Spirit** appears at Casbah behind last year's *Bruiser*, a more "straightforward rock record" for the London-based band. Opening the show is San Antone's Americana quartet **Hacienda**, which under the 16 watchful eyes of Black Keys and Dr. Dog, coaxed some groove out of their Tex-Mex roots to produce *Big Red & Barbacoa*. That's a solid twofer.... Eleven offers three days of **Lady Fest**, which has way too much for my puny page, so go to elevensd.com for the low-down on all the lady-fronted stuff.... From New Orleans, the super horny **Big Sam's Funky Nation** invades Anthology Friday night. Trombonist "Big Sam" Williams is one of the founding members of the Dirty Dozen Brass Band, so you know this one's gonna cook Cajun-style, y'all.... Best of the rest finds **Little Barrie** of Primal Scream at the Shakedown with **Diamond Lies**, **Bloodflowers**, and **Bixby Knolls**....the Griffin in Bay Park stages power-poppers **Misspent Warhead** **Premise** with **Skyline Union** and **HA Perkins**....while ska-revivalists the **English Beat**, which re-re-released "Mirror in the Bathroom" for this year's Record Store Day, will skank up Belly Up.

Saturday 2

Art rock's avant-guardian Jamie Stewart and his band **Xiu Xiu** come to Soda Bar Saturday night behind this year's critical hit, *Always*, which the

always-on-it *Tiny Mix Tapes* says is "a call-out to anyone with a slit wrist, a rag in their mouth, anyone who wants to die, anyone already dead, anyone who's simply alone tonight — and then proceeds to revel, madly, in this derelict community." Jamie Stewart writes in the back rooms of back rooms and turns the keys up thunder-loud to drown out everything. Check your inhibitions at the door. **Yamantaka**, **Sonic Titan**, and **Father Murphy** set it up.... Not your cup of mushroom tea? Eddie Spaghetti and the self-proclaimed "greatest rock 'n' roll band in the world," the **Supersuckers**, will be down at Casbah with the **Creepy Creeps** and **Viking Death**. That should be a fun one.... Greazy beats rock-roller **Roy Rapid** rides into Tower Bar with **Rip Carson** and the **Jive Bombers**.... SanFran electropop band **Ming & Ping** ("The spiciest twins making the spiciest New Wave music!") will play Til-Two with **Mike Diva** and **NVR-NDR**.... Saturday's **Donavon Frankenreiter** dealio at Belly Up is sold out, but don't cry, he'll be back.



XIU XIU AT SODA BAR

Sunday 3

Hardcore Will Never Die, But You Will. Did you see what the U.S. men's soccer team did to Scotland last Saturday? The Tartan Army got slaughtered 5-1. That really shouldn't affect Scottish post-rockers **Mogwai** much. The Glaswegians, playing Belly Up Sunday night, are consummate professionals and one of the premier bands in the universe. Yes, universe. For a more informed but no less gushy take on these greats, flip or click to



MOGWAI AT BELLY UP

Will's Of Note.... If I weren't going to that show, I'd probably be at the Tin Can to check out Owen Ashworth's (Casiotone for the Painfully Alone) new joint, **Advance Base**. *Pitchfork* posted about the new CD, "A Shut-In's Prayer is arguably the strongest album of Owen Ashworth's career." They're talking 15 years of pretty awesome bed-sit

pop. **Nickolas Krgovich** and **Mystery Cave** up first.... And also: Ex-Sess players **Shiva Trash** blow into Til-Two after **Electric Healing Sound**... downtempo Boise band **Uzala's** out at the Tower... and Soda Bar stages Vancouver electronic artist **Teen Daze** with **One AM Radio** and **Giraffage**.

Monday 4

Surf-rock singer/songwriter **Donavon Frankenreiter** will play a Monday-nighter at Belly Up for those of you who missed the wave on Saturday. See, told you he'd be back, cry-baby.... Brooklyn indie-pop trio **Hospitality** hits Soda Bar behind this year's s/t debut, out now on Merge. **Clockart** and **Ghost Come Back** (playing a CD-release) open the show.

Tuesday 5

C'mon, feel the noise. Casbah has cavity-rattlers **A Place to Bury Strangers** and **This Will Destroy You**, two of the noisiest rock bands in the biz. The Strangers' new one, *Worship*, is due to drop June 26 via Dead Oceans. TWDY, from San Marcos in Texas, is more into drone tones. Last year's *Tunnel Blanket*, their sophomore set, got high marks all around....



A PLACE TO BURY STRANGERS AT CASBAH

Else: The "Chilean Bob Marley," **Gondwana**, appears downtown at House of Blues Tuesday night...while post-rock experimentalists **Interrobang** clang at Soda Bar with **Satellite Run**.

Wednesday 6

Belly Up will host this year's Banding Together, a fundraiser "to give music therapy scholarships, mentorships, and instruments to youth with special needs like autism." Rock-roll entertainment includes **Burning of Rome**, **Dr. Seahorse**, **Noise in the Attic**, and **Nena Anderson**.... Free jazz forager and pianist **Josh Weinstein's** at the Loft with a quartet that includes the Mattson boys on guitar, drums, and "found objects".... Also on campus Wednesday night, UK-based folktronica trio **Crystal Fighters** hits Porters Pub behind their first full-length, *Star of Love*.... While 'round town, the German song-smith, Queensryche's **Geoff Tate**'ll play Anthology...and Chicago math-pop four-piece **Maps & Atlases** lead the way to Casbah behind this year's Barsuk offering, *Beware and Be Grapefruit*. — Barnaby Monk

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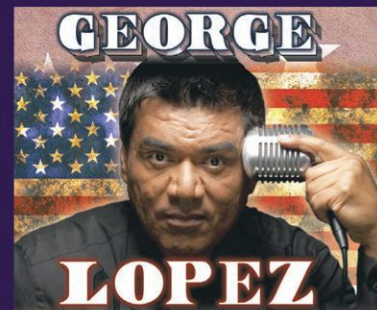
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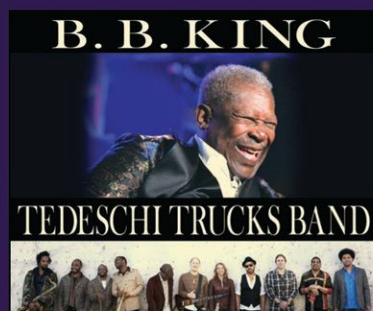
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Strange and New

“We’d discuss Halliburton, the federal deficit, his Harken Energy stock, the Carlyle Group...”

J.D. Boucharde is known for complex, deep-thinking prog-rock concept albums such as his autobiographical *Contra Mundum* series. His storytelling style served him well when it came time to produce his one-man musical *Happy Songs about the War*, co-created with local theatrical icon Leigh Scarritt and staged in 2008 at 6th@Penn in Hillcrest.

“It was a musical multimedia call for non-violence,” says Boucharde, who partnered with website-designer Josh Callow for the show’s elaborate Pink Floydian visuals.

Boucharde snagged national press last year when he was joined onstage at the Turf Supper Club by local-boy-gone-glam-star Adam Lambert, who had taken his father to the Golden Hill eatery for Father’s Day. “I hadn’t heard him sing, though I had heard of him,” says Boucharde.

“I don’t watch television, and I sure as hell don’t watch *American Idol*. Don’t get me on my soapbox about America’s obsession with turning every worthy thing — and even a good many non-worthy things — into a competition. But I sat there and talked to him for a half hour or so. Cool kid. I’ve known his dad and his dad’s wife for a few years. They live in South Park: really, really good people, and I sat and talked with the three of them in the corner of the restaurant.”

Boucharde has a regular gig at the Turf Supper Club every Sunday night at 8 p.m., and he makes his main living teaching piano and playing occasional sessions. He currently has around 30 students, ages four through adult. A new full-

length release is planned for later this year.

WHAT’S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

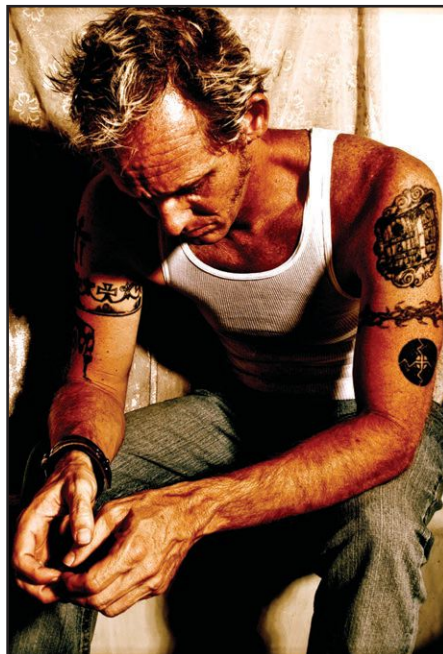
1. Bob Schneider, *Lovely Creatures*. “I’m all about the songwriting, and Bob’s my new favorite. Innovative, diverse, and deep and wide.”
2. Ben Folds, *Supersunnyspeed-graphic*, the LP. “This compilation album from three of his EPs has a Dr. Dre cover that should go down in history.”
3. Tim Flack, *The Bridge Is on Fire*. “Local guitarist breaks up with his girlfriend, writes a bunch of songs about it, and the world listens to his heartache through the walls. The title says it all.”

WHAT DO YOU LISTEN TO IN YOUR CAR?

“NPR, especially *This American Life* podcasts. I spend my life in my car driving to lessons, and I’m addicted to podcasts. Ira Glass’s show is simply the best. The retraction episode on Mike Daisey’s half-baked truths about Apple’s factories in China was extraordinary.”

TOP CONCERTS?

1. The Alarm, Starlight Amphitheatre, 1991. “They were my favorite band through college. I had just moved here and somehow scored a backstage pass and watched the show alongside the stage. It was my quintessential ‘I’m the king of the world’ moment.”
2. Pink Floyd, Jack Murphy Stadium, 1994. “Sure, Roger Waters was gone by then, and sure, most folks there were in their 40s with babysitters watching their kids. But this was the one time I saw Floyd,



J.D. Boucharde’s unfulfilled ambition: “Get into a fistfight.”

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GUILTY-PLEASURE SONG?

“People Will Say We’re In Love,” from the original *Oklahoma!* soundtrack. My parents used to sing that one to each other on vacations in the car, way back when. Best old-school love song ever.”

WHAT WOULD YOU TELL THE YOUNGER YOU?

“Brother, you have no clue how good it can be.”

WHAT’S YOUR ADDICTION?

“Netflix. I’m a stage-three cinephile, so, pre-internet, I was always making late-night movie runs, banging on Kensington Video’s door three minutes after closing. No more. Thank you, Netflix.”

UNFULFILLED AMBITION?

“Get into a fistfight.”

SOUNDTRACK OF YOUR LIFE?

“Bruce Hornsby’s ‘Mirror on the Wall,’ about all the possibilities of what to do with the second half of your life. Everything’s so strange and new these days.”

WHO DO PEOPLE SAY YOU LOOK LIKE?

“My first girlfriend used to call me Robert Redford, but lately I get film director Jim Jarmusch. That’s quite a drop.”

EVER BEEN A CRIME VICTIM?

“I was living at Fourth and Laurel, lying awake in bed early one morning, and I heard the blinds rattling three feet from my head. I look up and see this dude’s leg coming through the window. It was the most surreal moment. For a second, I simply didn’t know what to do. I yelled at the guy, and he ran. I got dressed quickly and pursued but didn’t catch him or see him again. Maybe I should’ve bit him.” ■

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| 6/23 :: 9IX Presents Matt Skiba and the Sekrets | 8/4 :: The Allstars 2012 Tour ft. Suicide Silence |
| 6/24 :: Five Iron Frenzy | 8/8 :: Enanitos Verdes |
| 6/24 :: KPRI Presents Graffiti6 (Delta Room) | 8/11 :: Me First and the Gimme Gimmes |
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4th&B: 345 B St., Downtown, 619-231-4343.
Thursday, 10pm — Rusko.

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.
Friday, 9pm — Fayuca and Keng Doja & the Royal Roots.
Saturday, 9pm — Bad Neighborz and Stir Crazy. CD release.

98 Bottles: 2400 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-255-7885.
Friday, 8pm — Fred Benedetti. Paul McCartney celebration. \$10.
Saturday, 8pm — Los Gatos Blancos. Latin fusion. CD release.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 877-828-0891.
Thursday, 7pm — Steve Smith & Vital Information. Jazz fusion.
Friday, 9:30pm — Big Sam's Funky Nation. New Orleans funk.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Steve Poltz. Alt pop.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Queensryche's Geoff Tate Unplugged.
Athenaeum School of the Arts Studio: 4441 Park Bl., Normal Heights.
Saturday, 8pm — TrioKinesis. Jazz. \$21-\$26.

The Bailey Wood Pit Barbecue: 2307 Main St., Julian, 760-765-3757.
Saturday, 8pm — The Phil Diiorio Band. \$5.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
Thursday — Super Buffet. Record-release show.

Beaumont's: 5662 La Jolla Bl., La Jolla, 858-459-0474.
Thursday, 8pm — Simeon Flick.
Saturday, 9pm — Bart Davenport & Yelli.

Belly Up: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
Thursday, 9pm — Tycho. Electro.
Friday, 9pm — The English Beat. New wave/ska/reggae.
Saturday, 9pm — Donavon Frankenreiter. Sold out.
Sunday, 9pm — Mogwai. Post-rock/psychedelic. \$27.
Monday, 9pm — Donavon Frankenreiter. Surf rock. \$27.
Wednesday, 8pm — Banding Together Fundraiser. With Burning of Rome, Dr. Seahorse, Noise in the Attic, Nena Anderson. \$10-\$12.

Brass Rail: 3796 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-298-2233.
Saturday, 6pm — Wildfire. \$10.

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Grad school meant hours and hours of reading by myself. Music kept me company, but it had to be a certain kind of music. Lyrics would distract me from my studies, so almost anything with vocals was out. The same went for anything too up-tempo. Classical and jazz were usually okay, and I found some electronic stuff I liked, but I'm a rock guy at heart. So I ended up listening to a lot of mostly instrumental bands that alternated slow, atmospheric sounds with loud, raging guitars and drums. At some point I realized that at least half the music I was listening to sounded like Mogwai.

For the past 15 years, Mogwai has been the undisputed leader of its corner of the rock universe. The Scottish band's music often gets lumped in with the so-called post-rock scene of the mid-'90s, but when Mogwai turns up the volume (and Mogwai is famous for getting punishingly loud in concert), there is nothing "post" about its rock: Mogwai can pummel you like the heaviest metal you've ever heard. (It sounds all the heavier when the loud part comes along after a song has been drifting along quietly for six minutes.) And Mogwai has been around long enough to inspire legions of other bands, all employing a similar mix of mostly instrumental sounds, mostly traditional rock instrumentation, and a sense of high drama when it comes to volume levels. A lot of these bands even borrow another page from Mogwai's playbook by giving their most



powerful instrumental songs goofy titles. It was mostly these bands, more than Mogwai itself, that I played when I was studying. Mogwai is just too good to be background music.

MOGWAI: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, June 3, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$27.

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Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
Saturday, 8pm — Home Grown and Mr. Doobie. \$20.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
Thursday, 8pm — G.B.H., Far From Finished, Social Spit. \$20.
Friday, 8pm — The Duke Spirit and Hacienda. \$20.
Saturday, 8pm — Supersuckers, the Creepy Creeps, Viking Death. \$15.
Tuesday, 8:30pm — A Place to Bury Strangers and This Will Destroy You. \$12.

Wednesday, 8:30pm — Maps & Atlases and The Big Sleep. \$12-\$14.

The Centre at Lexus Escondido: 1205 Auto Parkway, Escondido.
Saturday, 8pm — Carl Verheyen Band. Featuring former members of SuperTramp. \$35-\$250.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.
Friday, 6pm — The Brokers Band. Free.
Saturday, 6pm — Big Shot Reub & the Reloaders. Free.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.
Thursday — Sugarland.
Sunday — 91X Fest. With Jane's Addiction, Garbage, Angels and Airwaves, P.O.D., Neon Trees, Rebelution, Grouplove, Of Monsters and Men, Eve 6, Walk the Moon.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.
Friday, 8pm — Lipstick Traces.

Saturday, 9pm — Zone 4. Covers/rock.

Eleven: 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-450-4292.
Thursday, 9pm — Revenge Death Ball, California Bleeding, Deep Sea Thunder Beast. \$5.
Friday, 9pm — Gloomspan, the Lumps, Gone Baby Gone. With Bassline Bums and SXO. \$6.
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Saturday, 9am — Fiesta del Sol. With the English Beat, Vokab Kompany, more. **Free.**
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Flying Elephant: 850 Tamarack Ave., Carlsbad, 760-434-2660.
Friday, 8pm — Trouble in the Wind.
Saturday, 8pm — Help! Help! Beatles tribute.

Gallagher's Pub & Grill: 5046 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300.
Thursday, 8pm — The Ambassador.

The Griffin: 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-684-1816.
Thursday, 8pm — The Left Coasters.
Friday, 8pm — Misspent Warhead Premise, Skyline Union, H.A. Perkins.
Saturday — Hit Dog Hollar and Jeremiah Red.
Wednesday, 8pm — Jerry Olea & the 805 Drifters.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583.
Monday, 8pm — James McCartney and Silent Lune. \$15-\$20.
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Humphreys Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577.
Friday, 9:30pm — Will Donato. Saxophone-based R&B. \$12.
Saturday, 9pm — Rising Star. Disco/dance. \$12.

Humphreys by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577.
Friday, 8pm — Chris Botti.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497.
Saturday, 8pm — Ben Howard. Folk rock. Sold out.
Wednesday, 8pm — Josh Weinstein. Jazz. **Free.**

Lyceum Theatre: 79 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-544-1000.
Monday, 7:30pm — Klezmer Summit with Yale Strom and Hot P'stromi. \$18.

Manhattan Cocktail Lounge: 400 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-6641.
Friday, Saturday, 9pm — Stone Wolf. Rock covers. **Free.**

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.
Friday, 9pm — Outta Line. **Free.**

North Park Recreation Center: 4044 Idaho St., North Park.
Saturday, noon — Sonic Indie-Music Expo. Record show and music festival. With The New Limb, the Colourist, Kelsea Little, the New Kinetics, more. \$11-\$15.

Ocean Beach Surf & Skate: 4976 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-225-0674.
Saturday, 9pm — Bushwalla and Rob Dee. \$15.

Ocean House: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4131.
Friday, 9pm — The Last Call. **Free.**

Patrick's Gaslamp Pub: 428 F St., Downtown, 619-233-3077.
Thursday, 9pm — Bill Magee Blues Band.

Friday, 9pm — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.
Saturday, 9pm — Len Rainey & the Midnight Players.

Porter's Pub at UCSD: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-587-4828.
Thursday — Grieves. Hip-hop.
Wednesday — Crystal Fighters. Folktronica.

Prescott Promenade: 211 1/2 E. Main St., El Cajon.
Friday, 6pm — The Mighty Untouchables. Motown/dance.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.
Friday, 7pm — Destruction. German thrash.

Rancho San Diego Library: 11555 Via Rancho San Diego, Rancho San Diego, 619-660-5370.
Tuesday, 6:30pm — Gone Tomorrow. Bluegrass. **Free.**

Ruby Room: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.
Friday, 8pm — Black Hondo,

Heavy Glow, Jackson Price. \$7.
Saturday, 8pm — Dread Crew of Oddwood and Calefaction. CD release. \$5.

Second Wind (Santee): 8528 Magnolia Ave., Santee, 619-596-8350.
Saturday, 9pm — The Farmers. \$7-\$10.

Shakedown Bar: 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-487-0373.
Friday, 10pm — Little Barrie, Diamond Lies, the Bloodflowers.

Saturday, 10pm — Cruz, Dead Alphabet, Badwater.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.
Thursday, 8pm — TV Girl, Kynan, Pageants. \$7.
Friday, 8pm — Broncho and Shrine. \$7.
Saturday, 8pm — Xiu Xiu. \$12.
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South Coast Winery Resort & Spa: 34843 Rancho California Rd., Temecula, 951-587-9463. Friday, 7:30pm — Greg Bates and Gwen Sebastian. \$20-\$35.

The Stage Rock Bar & Grill: 762 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-696-9436. Saturday, 7pm — Fake Figures, Dark Heavens, Misc. Ailments. Wednesday, 8:30pm — Fingerbang.

Sunset Temple Theater: 3911 Kansas St., North Park. Friday, 7pm — School of Rock Presents Jack White. \$8-\$10. Saturday, 1 pm and 6pm — School of Rock Presents Jimi Hendrix. \$8-\$10.

Swedenborg Hall: 1531 Tyler Ave., University Heights, 858-550-8088. Saturday, 8pm — Seaholm Mackintosh. CD release. \$10.

Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre: 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. Tuesday, 8pm — Morris Day & the Time. \$35-\$45.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734. Friday, 9:30pm — Kitten with a Whip. \$3.

Til-Two: 4746 El Cajon Bl., Kensington, 619-516-4746. Saturday, 8pm — Ming & Ping,

Mike Diva, NVR-NDR. \$10. Sunday — Shiva Trash and Electric Healing Sound.

Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-955-8525.

Friday, 8pm — Lion Cut and Relax Baby Be Cool. \$7. Saturday, 8pm — Emily Jane White, Grampadrew, Erika Davies. \$6. Sunday — Advance Base, Nickolas Krgovich, Mystery Cave. \$7.

Tio Leo's: 5302 Napa St., Linda Vista, 619-542-1462. Friday, 8pm — Leon's Old-School Karaoke Show. Saturday, 8pm — The Clone Ponies.

Today's Pizza & Salad: 481 Santa Fe Dr., Encinitas, 760-753-6425. Friday, 6:30pm — Poppi Grande.

The Tower Bar: 4757 University Ave., City Heights, 619-284-0158. Friday, 9pm — Punk vs. Hip-Hop. Saturday, 9pm — Roy Rapid, Rip Carson, Sleazy Listening. Sunday — Uzala. Downtempo.

Victory Theater: 2558 Imperial Ave., Grant Hill, 619-236-1971. Monday, 7pm — Bad Music Night. A safe space for anyone who wants to perform. \$5.

UPCOMING SHOWS

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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

"It's actually 'Bron-cho.'" Right off the bat, I've mispronounced the band's name. The ch, it turns out, is soft. "A lot of people make that mistake," says Jonathon Ford, the band's bassist. He's on the phone from Tulsa, where he lives. He calls the word "Broncho" an invention that showed up in one of their lyrics. "Broncho" is the name of a character in a song. I'm not sure what [songwriter] Ryan Lindsey was going for, but we decided to go with it as the band's name," which speaks to Broncho's democratic songwriting process. "We come up with lyrics and song titles before we come up with music, most of the time. We'll be in the van, rolling off

lyrics and writing them down. That's the most-fun part. We're not the most serious band as far as lyrical content." He describes their stuff as having a "frustrated, sarcastic, weird sexual vibe." Sexual? "Yeah, I think so. Look at the song 'Try Me Out Sometime.' It's poppy, but it's sexually dark."

Broncho is a four-piece post-punk Oklahoma band. "We've messed around with the term 'garage pop.' You can sing along, and it's catchy. It's also dirty and it's got a punk vibe, but not as hard as Black Flag," he says.

They are a young band, with one CD out and another in the works. "We're still trying to figure it out, these songs." Are the members writing fiction, or are they individually working out their own issues via music? "At this time, I'd say that Broncho is a character." And as for writer's voice, Ford says Lindsey once said, "I picture myself as a 13-year-old girl." I listen to



BRONCHO

"Try Me Out Sometime," and I don't get it, but I sense the subterfuge of a prankster. "All we know at this point," Ford says, "is that we're having a blast writing these lyrics."

The Shrine also performs.

BRONCHO: The Soda Bar, Friday, June 1, 8:30 p.m. 619-255-7224. \$7.

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June 9 — Tha Alkaholiks.
June 15 — J Boog and Fiji.
June 17 — Jack Russel's Great White and Faster Pussycat.
June 23 — Greyhoundz and Typecast.
June 30 — French Montana.
July 2 — Marcy Playground.
August 10 — Sheila E & the E Family.
August 11 — Pesado.

98 Bottles: 2400 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-255-7885. June 7 — Wynton Marsalis Tribute.

June 8 — Leonard Patton Quartet.
June 9 — Gilbert Castellanos.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 877-828-0891.
June 7 — Sacha Boutros.
June 8 — Floyd FX.
June 10 — Charmaine Clamor.
June 13 — NovaMenco.
June 14 — Nicki Bluhm & the Gramblers.
June 15, 16 — Ramsey Lewis.
June 22 — Monette Marino-Keita.
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Homegrown Showcase.
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Balboa Theatre: 868 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100. October 17 — Jethro Tull.

Belly Up: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
June 8 — CocoRosie.
June 9 — Wayward Sons and Way Cool Jr.

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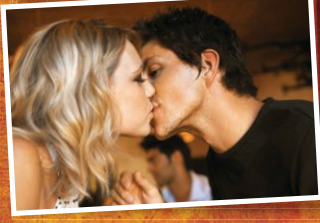
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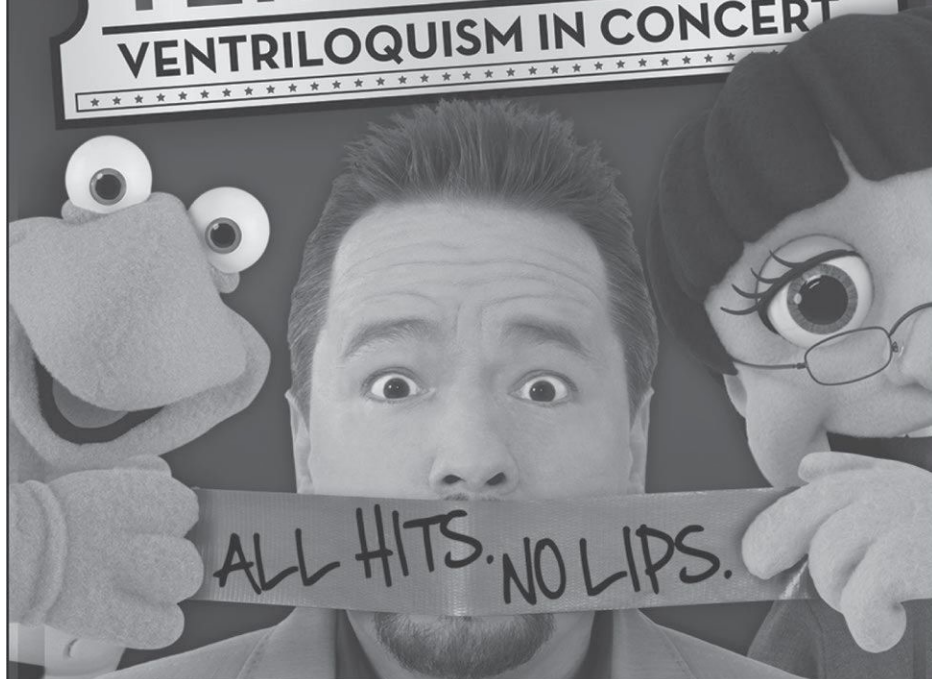
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EVERYONE’S A CRITIC

Bonnie Raitt’s Slipstream
By Alan Segal
Blues-rock icon Bonnie Raitt’s first studio album in seven years was worth the wait. In the album-cover photo of Raitt ascending stairs, she looks much younger than her senior-citizen status, and her voice and guitar playing haven’t lost a lick.
Raitt sings and plays all kinds of blues: funky blues on opening cut “I Used to Rule the World,” an oldies lament; smooth-rock blues on

“Right Down the Line,” which is reminiscent of her classic “Something to Talk About”; traditional blues on the Dylan-penned “Million Miles” — “You took the silver and gold and left me standing in the cold.” There’s some silky, jazzy blues on my favorite, “You Can’t Fail Me Now”; sexy blues on “Take My Love with You”; Raitt makes her slide guitar cry as she picks heartbreak blues on “Not ‘Cause I Wanted to”; she even dives into marriage blues on “Marriage Made in Hollywood,” a song about her movie-star ex-husband.
The production values and the sound quality throughout the collection are rich and clean, impeccable, and there is no filler here. If you don’t own one of her 19 previous albums, this is an accessible inroad to Raitt. And if you’re a fan like me, welcome home, this is pure comfort music.



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Music **Reviews from Our Readers**

Portugal. The Man at 4th&B
By Chris Handloser

I can’t imagine John Gurley — the often stage-frightened front-man of Portugal. The Man — knew what he was getting into head-lining the Jägermeister Music Tour.
Strings of garden lights draped the stage in carnival fashion. Thirty-foot-tall LED screens showed Jäger bottles pulsating obnoxiously. Huge black banners with white writing screamed the liquor’s name everywhere. As

I enter, some guy named “Mr. Dee Jay” hypes the crowd like he’s calling out girls at a strip club.
Regardless, PTM produced frenzied jams accompanied by spastic strobe-light patterns in songs like “All Your Light.” They pulled out the bombastic tune “Chicago,” featuring a driving downbeat and the hook line, “We say burn the fucker down!”
Rock met doo-wop briefly during “Lay Me Back Down,” though it was the only time Gurley’s voice came through clearly all night. The slinky drama of “Sleep Forever” gave way to the sing-along ending of the Beatles’ “Hey Jude” to send us off.

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June 29 — KC & the Sunshine Band.
June 30 — Train.
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July 2 — Everclear, Sugar Ray, Gin Blossoms, Lit.
July 3 — Matisyahu.
July 4 — Weird Al Yankovic.

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June 8 — Hard Fall Hearts, Red Devil Squadron, Gore Horsemen.
June 9 — Ruines oy Abaddon, Under the Stone, Squirrelly Arts.

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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.
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August 2 — Chris Isaak.
August 6 — Seal and Macy Gray.
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A bastion of free music and cheap booze since New Year's Eve 2010, the Go Lounge inherited their neighborhood clientele from previous incarnations of the joint, which dates back to the '60s.

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The Prado: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$4.50 wells, wine, draft ale, margaritas, mixed drinks.

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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.

BONITA

Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hoo-kah: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$1 off wine and bottled beer, \$2 off wells and drafts.

CARDIFF

Beach House: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.95 draft/domestic beer, \$3.45 wells, \$3.95 bloody mary & house wine, \$4.95 well

martini, \$5.95 cosmopolitan, mojito, margarita, bloody mai tai.

CARLSBAD

Board & Brew: Daily, 4pm-close: All beers two-for-one. \$1 tacos.

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.

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

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co.: Monday-Friday, 11am-2pm: \$3 house microbrews.

CARMEL VALLEY

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints; \$4 house margaritas, wells; \$5 quesadillas, hot dogs, tacos.

CHULA VISTA

BJ's Brewhouse: Monday-Thursday, 3pm-7pm: \$1 off draft and cocktails. 10pm-close: 1/2-price mini pizzas, \$2 off appetizers (snacks and small

bites not included). Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off beer and cocktails.

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

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

Satin Lounge: Thursday, 9pm-close: \$1 Bud drafts.

CORONADO

Bistro d'Asia: Daily, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, \$3.50 Gekkeikan sake, \$4 wells, wine, \$5 sake-tini. Sushi specials. \$5 chicken sliders, vegetable spring rolls, wings.

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.



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House of Blues: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wines, \$3 wells, \$4 martinis. Killer happy hour menu.

Patrick's Gaslamp Pub: Daily, 10am-8pm: domestics from \$2.50, wells from \$3.25.

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

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

EASTLAKE

The Brew House at Eastlake: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 off craft cocktails, \$3 house beer/wine, wells. \$3 off sliders, nachos, flatbread.

Lisa's Filipino Cuisine: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wine; \$3 sangria. Doggy happy hour: \$2 beef & rib bones.

EL CAJON

Double D's on Broadway: Daily, 10am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$.50 off mixed drinks, \$1 off shots.

Main Tap Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off 16-oz. pints, \$2 off pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

ENCINITAS

Blue Fin Sushi Bar: Tuesday-Thursday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, select sake, gyoza, stuffed mushrooms, sushi rolls.

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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.

FALLBROOK

Aqua Terra: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3 domestic, \$9 pitcher; \$4 imported, \$12 pitcher; 1/2-off sushi rolls (no sushi on Monday).

GOLDEN HILL

Turf Supper Club: Friday-Sunday, noon-4pm: \$1 off beer/wine/spirits. \$5 burger, chicken sandwich, hot links + chips.

GRANTVILLE

JT's Clubhouse Pub & Grill: Monday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-4pm: 25¢ wings. **Tuesday**, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-4pm: \$1 tacos. **Wednesday**, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-close: \$1 slid-

ers. **Thursday-Friday**, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. \$5.25 1/2-lb. burger with fries. **Saturday**, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 4-8pm: 1/2-off all food. **Sunday**, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints.

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints; \$4 house margaritas, wells; \$5 quesadillas, hot dogs, tacos.

HARBOR ISLAND

The Boathouse: Daily, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 margaritas, \$3 Cuervo margaritas and Karl Strauss, \$4 mojitos.

HILLCREST

The Alibi: Daily, all day: \$2 pint Bud, Bud Light; \$3 wells, 23-oz. Bud, Bud Light.

Baja Betty's: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$4 margaritas, wells, sangria, house wine/shots, bottled beer, drafts.

CJ's Club: Daily, 5-7pm, 9pm-midnight: \$2.75 wells.

Lotus Thai: Daily, 5-7pm: \$5 glass wine, large beer, all Han Soju cocktails. \$5 veggie rolls, shrimp tempura, steamed dumplings.

Wine Steals: Tuesday, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. **Saturday**, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

KEARNY MESA

94th Aero Squadron: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2.75 glass wine, draft beer; \$3.25 most domestic bottled beer; \$3.50 margaritas. Free buffet: pizza, quesadillas, veggies.

Rayo Grill: Daily, 4:30-7pm: \$4 drafts, wines; \$3 domestic bottles.

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Su Casa: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

LA MESA

Konnichiwa Sushi: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$6 pint + small sake. \$2 off sushi rolls. \$6.50 California combo (California roll, side of edamame, side salad).

Manny's Cocktails: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$3 well drinks. *Saturday*, all day: Jäger blasters, \$5.50. *Sunday*, 11am-7pm: Two large domestic drafts, \$4.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

Set 'Em Up, Joe!

BY JOSEPH O'BRIEN



GREY LOCKWOOD
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The bar manager at Brazen BBQ, Grey Lockwood also moonlights as a commercial advertising photographer. So, naturally, when he develops a drink, he's looking for that Kodachrome moment — say, turning a regular old sunrise into a Blazin' Sunrise.

"Once you pour the drink, the way it falls and settles by itself, the grenadine falls to the bottom while the pineapple and ginger beer stay on top," he says. "So, there's a nice gradation from a light yellow through the oranges and pinks into a dark red."

The layers of flavors the drink offers, Lockwood says, are as gradient as the cocktail's colors are radiant.

"When you take a sip, you're going to get the sweet from the pineapple juice and grenadine right off the bat,

and then taste the carbonation from the ginger beer as it mixes together, which gives it a little bit of a kick," he says. "Then on the back end there's a little bit of habanero flavor."

Given the mighty little habanero's famous heat, Lockwood cautions, the recipe for the Blazin' Sunrise does not easily forgive mistakes.

"You have to be careful with the habanero — you don't want too much," Lockwood says. "It should be a really thin slice that you muddle, about 1/16th of an inch — the thickness of a tine on a dinner fork. You don't want to overdo it because you can kill the other flavors in the drink. If you do it right, you'll get heat in the drink, but it's a subtle heat."

KITCHEN PROOF: I substituted (by Mr. Lockwood's leave) Sailor Jerry's Spiced Rum for Crusoe Spiced Rum — and found in the results several fathoms of flavor: the rum's habanero-activated heat punches back without scorching the layers of sweetness afforded by the ginger beer, grenadine, and pineapple juice.

BRAZEN BBQ'S BLAZIN' SUNRISE



- 2 oz. Crusoe organic spiced rum
- 1 slice of habanero
- 1 oz. pineapple juice
- Cock'n Bull ginger beer
- Grenadine syrup

Muddle habanero slice with rum at bottom of cocktail shaker, fill shaker with ice, shake and strain contents into Collins glass filled with ice. Top with ginger beer and a dash of grenadine. Garnish with a lime wedge and maraschino cherry.

Callahan's Pub & Brewery: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 house beer, domestic drafts, well drinks, house wine, \$1 off appetizers.

MIRAMAR

Brewski's Bar: *Monday*, 2pm-2am: \$2 PBR and Bud tall cans. *Tuesday*, 2pm-2am: \$2 Dos XX and Coronas. *Wednesday*, 2pm-2am: 1/2-off all food. *Thursday*, 2pm-2am: \$3 Jäger bombs. *Friday*, 2pm-2am: \$3 Fireball shots. *Saturday*, 2pm-2am:

\$4 Long Islands. *Sunday*, 2pm-2am: \$2 well drinks.

The Filling Station: *Monday*, 7pm-close: \$4 margaritas. *Tuesday*, 7pm-close: \$2 kamikazes. *Wednesday*, 7pm-close: \$3.50 premium drafts. *Thursday*, 7pm-close: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers; \$7.50 domestic pitchers. *Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$3 mimosas. *Sunday*, noon-7pm: \$3 bloody marys.

MISSION BEACH

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Two-for-one cocktails, beer, shots.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Daily*, 2pm-2am: \$.50 off beer and wells.

Bar Dynamite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-9pm: \$2 domestics bottles and drafts, \$3 wells. Free food from Lucha Libre Taco Shop.

Cafe Bleu: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$5 select wine by the glass; special prices on starters, hors d'oeuvres, sandwiches.

City Wok: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-5pm: 1/2-off beer, wine, sake, appetizers.

Saffron Thai Grilled Chicken: *Daily*, 3-5pm: 1/2-off all beer and wine. \$1 off box of salad rolls, egg rolls two for \$5, \$2 Thai ice tea.

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Starlite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. *Sunday*, all night: \$5 mules. \$15 off wine bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

Randy Jones All American Sports Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3.75 selected craft beers, \$5 specialty drinks, \$2 off wine by the glass and grazing menu.

NATIONAL CITY

Buster's Beach House & Long-board Bar: *Daily*, 2-7pm: \$2.25 Bud drafts; \$3.50 mai tais, Long Beach tea, margaritas.

Café La Maze: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar.

Lai Thai Restaurant: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$2 Thai beer.

McDini's: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

Pier 32 Waterfront Grill: *Tuesday*, 11am-2pm: P32 margaritas, \$5. *Wednesday*, 11am-2pm: P32 sweet tea, \$5. *Thursday*, 11am-2pm: Jim Beam and Coke, \$5. *Friday*, 3pm-sunset: \$2 domestic beer, \$3 import and local beer, \$5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys. *Saturday-Sunday*, all day: \$2 domestic beer, \$3 import and local beer, \$5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys.

NESTOR

Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

The Air Conditioned Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$3 draft, bloody marys; \$5 you-call-it; \$6 Jayne's Gastropub fare.

Triple Crown Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers. *Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers.

NORTH PARK

Bar Pink: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$1 off drafts and calls.

Bluefoot Bar and Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-7:30pm: \$1 off everything, \$2.50 domestic bottle, \$3.50 draft.

El Comal: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wells. Two-for-one mixed shots.

Craze Burger: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$2.99 drafts, \$15 pitchers, \$3.99 select glasses of wine. \$2.99 bratwurst, \$3.99 turkey burger.

Lips Restaurant: *Sunday*, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

The Office: *Daily*, 5-8pm: Two-for-one price on all drinks.

Redwing Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles.

The Smoking Goat: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: 1/2-off select bottles of wine.

Toronado: *Daily*, 11:30am-5pm: \$1 off drafts.

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

3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 3-6pm: \$4 sangria, \$4 glass of wine, \$5 specialty craft beers.

Blue Parrot: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: All drinks and appetizers 1/2-price (all day Monday).

Mother's Saloon: *Monday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: \$3 Jägermeister shots. *Tuesday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: \$3 Fireball shots; \$1.50 tacos. *Wednesday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: \$5 Rolling Rock and shot; \$1.50 TJ dogs. *Thursday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 9pm-close: \$3 you-call-its; \$1.50 sliders. *Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11pm-close: \$2.75 wells; \$1 off drafts.

Winstons: *Monday-Saturday*, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.

OCEANSIDE

Aryana at Holiday Inn: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$2 domestics, wells; \$3 premiums, glass of wine. Appetizer specials.

Pier View Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$1 off drafts, \$2 off pitchers.

Show Palace: *Thursday*, 6-9pm: \$2.50 wells, \$20 beer bucket all night.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Alamo Mexican Cafe: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: 1/2-price drinks, food specials.

Casa Guadalajara: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Free appetizers. \$3.50 well drinks, margaritas.

Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 3-6pm: \$3 wells, house wine, and drafts.

Harney Sushi: *Wednesday*, \$5 specialty cocktails.

Old Town Mexican Café: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials. \$2 Taco Tuesday (chicken, beef, fish, carnitas); \$2.50 margaritas, Tecate, tequila.

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: *Daily*, 4-7:10pm: 1/2-off food & booze.

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.

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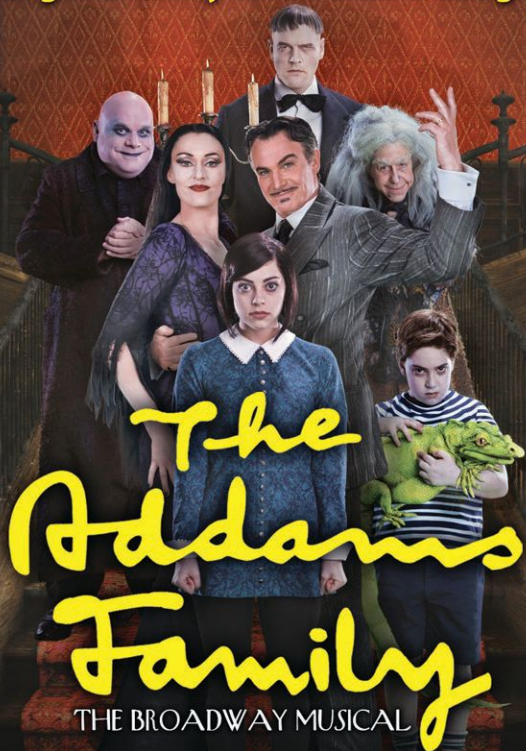
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Brilliant Mistake

New Village Arts Theatre presents the world premiere of Suzanne Bachner's "graphic novel" about found lost loves. Bachner directed. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 24.

California Suite

Scripps Ranch Theatre stages Neil Simon's *Plaza Suite* west: one hotel room, four couples, four playlets. Fran Gercke directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO RD., SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 24.

Coming Attractions

Moxie Theatre presents Zsa Zsa Gershick's new comedy about the Desert Knight Hotel, where Hollywood's "Twilight Set" could love whom they wanted. Jo Anne Glover and Jennifer Eve Thorn co-directed.

MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 858-598-7620. 8PM THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JULY 1.

Dirty Blonde

Mae West danced to a different drummer all her life and with all her heart ("it's good girls who keep diaries," she said; "bad girls never have the time"). Claudia Shear's intermissionless piece only dabbles with West's psyche as it tells the rise of West and an unlikely courtship between her admirers, Jo and Charlie. Run separately, the stories wouldn't make for much theater (both lack dimension and, until the end, drama). What ignites Cygnet's trim production: director Sean Murray has cast an all-star team of three: Melinda Gilb, Steve Gunderson, and David McBean. Each excels, on Sean Fanning's bright red, minimalist

stage (though the opening night musical numbers were surprisingly muted). And Jennifer Brawn Gittings's costumes are outstanding. *Worth a try.*

CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 17.

El Primero

The Lipinsky Family San Diego Festival of the Jewish Arts presents Teatro Punto y Coma performing "The Line," by Israel Horowitz, in Spanish. Emmy-winner Pepe Stephens directs. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 8PM THURSDAY, 9PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

Hands on a Hardbody

The new musical's about an actual contest, in Texas, where you can win a Nissan truck by keeping one hand on it the longest. Since the truck just sits center-stage, the theatrical demands are as stern as the competition. Many still need working out at the La Jolla Playhouse, since the play runs long, has a static premise and, like *A Chorus Line*, must account for a dozen characters (most of whom represent one of the country's current ills). A cast, including David Caradine, Hunter Forster, John Rua, and Keala Settle (who levitates the Mandell Weiss with "Joy of the Lord"), guarantee entertainment value. And director Neil Pepe and choreographer keep things moving, even when the story lags. *Worth a try.*

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 17.

miXtape

Jon Lorenz and Colleen Kollar Smith, creators of this revue of 1980s music, say that favorite songs "mark your memories." *miXtape* is performed with rampant energy and polish by an eight-person cast. Memory-triggers zip past: Pet Rocks, Pac-Man, Nelson Mandela, AIDS. Most of the songs are actually song-bites. But backed by Andy Ingersoll's versatile band and under Kerry Meads's feisty direction, *miXtape* is always entertaining — and memory-provoking. (Note: Lamb's Players has extended the run several times.) *Worth a try.*

HORTON GRAND HOTEL, 311 ISLAND AVE., DOWNTOWN. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 4PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JULY 8.

National Comedy Theatre

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MIKKI'S CAFE, 1639 EAST VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 7:30PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Nobody Loves You

Itamar Moses and Gaby Alter's featherweight musical comedy features an expression more damning than Donald Trump's "you're FIRED." When contestants get voted off a reality TV show like *The Bachelor*, the MC says, "Nobody loves you." Jeff, a philosophy student, goes on the show to reveal the reality behind reality TV. The intermission-less musical unfolds with obligatory scenes (the authors deliver enough hilarious asides to entertain even when things flag). Heath Calvert's Byron, the MC, is such a vacant lot you wonder if he exists off camera (turns out, he might), and Alex Brightman stops the show when he sings "The Twitter Song." *Worth a try.*

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 17.

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

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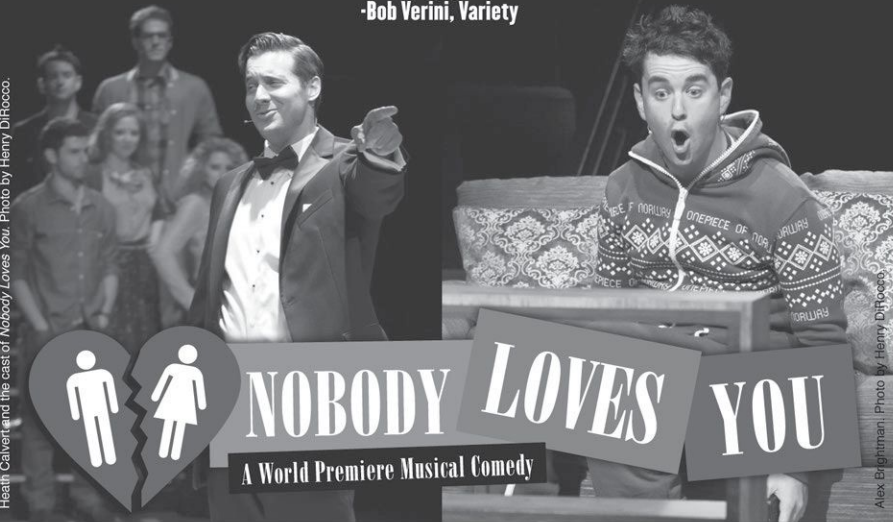
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songs are brief excerpts, which frustrates since the four-person cast could belt them with brass: Leigh Scarritt, Kelsey Venter, Nancy Snow Carr, and Lisa H. Payton perform with tight harmonies, and when given the spotlight, they shine. Although the 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 AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 24.

The Blessing of a Broken Heart

The Lipinsky Family San Diego Festival of the Jewish Arts presents Todd Salovey's true story of a young American mother "who moves her family from Maryland to the wilderness of Israel...and discovers a courage she never knew she possessed." NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 7:30PM TUESDAY.

The Collector

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The Dinner Detective Interactive Murder Mystery

The Dinner Detective warns its patrons: in the new mystery show "be careful! Everyone's a suspect, and the killer might be at your table!" COURTYARD SAN DIEGO DOWNTOWN, 530 BROADWAY, DOWNTOWN. 619-446-3000. 6:15PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH JULY 28.

The Scottsboro Boys

John Kander and Fred Ebb's final collaboration tells the story of nine young black men, falsely accused of rape, as a minstrel show. The effect (tragedy in the guise of shuck and jive) is disturbing — and at times the antics cartoon the truth. The framing haunts the production the way the accusation drives David Thompson's book. Directed and choreographed by Susan Stroman, the ensemble cast is spectacular. In blatant, often over-explanatory ways, the show will inspire deep, controversial responses very few musicals would dare evoke. *Critic's Pick.* OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 10.

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I Wish

I wish there were more films like *I Wish*: films that capture the wise foolishness and foolish wisdom of children without making them into miniature adults. Films that take seriously the efforts of children to deal with pain they can barely comprehend without getting maudlin or goopy. Films that deal in moral tragedy without making a monster of anyone involved and do it with such deftness that the ordinary joy of life, the joy that persists despite tragedy, is not obscured.

MOVIES

MATTHEW LICKONA

Phew! It's hard to write about such films. Already I've made *I Wish* sound like heavier going than it is. For what it's worth, most of these observations showed up only in hindsight. While I was watching I was just enjoying director Hirokazu Koreeda's meandering story of a 12-year-old boy and his adventures. And marveling a little at how he caught the way children are connected to their family while simultaneously inhabiting their own little worlds. Twelve-year-old Koichi lives with his mother in Kagoshima, Japan, next



In I Wish, the train becomes the source of Koichi's hope.

to a smoldering volcano that covers everything with a fine layer of ash. The ash-grime is a fine image, because Koi-

chi's world is stained with his parents' divorce. His younger brother chose to live with his father in far-off Hakata,

and so the separation is doubly painful. When Koichi wishes that the volcano would erupt just so that his mother would have to move back in with his father, it feels right — his pain blinds him to the horror such an event would inflict on others. But Koichi isn't a mopey, broken wretch. He has friends, he loves his mother, and he works with his grand-

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father to make old-timey cakes for hungry travelers on the new bullet train. That train becomes the source of Koichi's hope. He believes that if he can witness two such trains passing each other, the energy created by their passing will grant his wish. Or rather, he doesn't quite believe it, but he wants to believe it, and that's reason enough to try. The wise foolishness of children.

Opens June 8 at the Reading Gaslamp.

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Where Do We Go Now?

In his book *Democracy in America*, French sociologist Alexis de Tocqueville claimed that in our fair country, religion had a greater influence on women than it did on men. This was well and good, he said, because religion provided a common morality and women did much to shape the nation's mores.

I wonder what de Tocqueville would have made of *Where Do We Go Now?*, a film in which women still shape the mores, but it's the men who care most about religion — care about it so deeply that they're willing to kill each other over it. And the women? They get to bury the men, tend the graves, and figure out how to change their lot.

At the story's outset, a fragile but genuine peace holds sway in the unnamed and isolated Lebanese town. The town's priest and imam get along, and so does most everyone else — just as long as people don't talk too much about what's happening elsewhere. For the women, religion seems more of a social order than anything else. When pretty Christian widow Amale takes a fancy to Muslim Rabi, the gossiping gaggle snipes back and forth about whether he should get baptized or she should take the veil.

But when bad news from outside starts coming in via the town's lone TV, the women's effort at sabotage leads, improbably, to the breaking of the cross inside the Christian church. That leads to animals being let into the mosque, and suddenly the men are talking about the violation of sacred spaces and where they've stashed the guns.

What follows is not in any way a meditation on religious tolerance. It's a battle of the sexes, one that manages to be both whimsical and deadly serious. (Like sex.) So you get a scene in which matronly women debate the wisdom of bringing in strippers as a distraction giving way to a scene of a grieving mother screaming at a statue of the Virgin, "Give me back my son!"

And the ladies' final solution at the finish? It feels designed to get folks

talking. It certainly would have given de Tocqueville some new material.

Opens June 8 at Landmark's La Jolla Village.

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A Cat in Paris

I don't know if it's a good thing or a bad thing that I always ask, "Why animate?" when I run into an animated feature. But good or bad, I do it. Jean-Loup Felicioli and Alain Gagnol's *A Cat in Paris* offers several answers, some better than others.

The titular cat divides his time between a little girl named Zoé and Nico, a thief who prowls the rooftops and high walls of Paris like a parkour champion. (Or, um, like a cat.) The girl, meanwhile, has not spoken since her father was murdered by a gangster — a gangster who is planning to steal an African statue when it arrives in town. And who is the police superintendent in charge of stopping him (and also catching the cat burglar)? That's right, Zoé's mother. (Just like a cat to cozy up to both sides of the law; cats are notorious for this kind of slippery amorality.) It's all very self-contained and tidy, which helps to explain the 70-minute run time.

So why animate this caper? Some promising early possibilities are Nico's undulating fluidity as he slips along unnoticed on his nocturnal missions or the skewed perspective and hand-colored look of the pastel Paris cityscape. Even better later developments: Mom's vision of her gangster nemesis as a scarlet octopus and a rescue carried out in utter darkness, the figures rendered as white lines on a black screen. Finally, in a Franco-philic nod to Pepé Le Pew's notorious tendrils of skunky stench, a whiff of pungent perfume plays a key role in the proceedings.

But in the end, the temptations inherent in drawing your own reality interfere with the story. What's the point in being a super-agile parkour dude when an overweight, middle-aged gangster can match you jump for jump (and blow for blow) in the Big Final Chase? Toward the end I felt like I was watching a standard-issue action flick, except slower and more colorful. (And while I don't know how much the medium influenced the message, the tone did slide here and there from taut drama to Looney Tunes banter.)

It was only after leaving that I thought of the most likely reason for going with a cartoon cat: a real one would have been impossible to train.

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Chernobyl Diaries

What a wasted opportunity. Some-

body — presumably writers Oren Peli and Carey and Shane Van Dyke — had the fine idea of capitalizing on the current anxieties surrounding nuclear power in a post-Fukushima world (hello, San Onofre!) by sending the usual group of attractive young people on an extreme tourism outing to Pripyat, the town built to house employees of the Chernobyl nuclear plant in Ukraine. (Pripyat was evacuated after reactor four of the plant exploded in 1986.)

The disaster sent huge plumes of radiation into the atmosphere. Horrific birth defects started showing up in the children of those exposed. Exaggerating that terrible reality into a race of mutant zombies must have seemed like a no-brainer, and the combination of abandoned town and derelict reactor provided a ready-made, thoroughly plausible setting.

The only problem is that the writers, together with director Bradley Parker, forgot to fashion a movie out of their premise. Instead they turned on a camera and filmed people running and dying. No, not at first. At first, the film has a nicely restrained buildup — nothing overplayed, just gradually escalating signs of looming menace. Too late, the audience realizes the formless feel of things is not part of the setup — it's all there is. There's no story: no discovery, no development, no plan, no significant character interaction, no surprise, no nothing except they go, they get stuck, and bad things start to happen. Even the one suggestion of larger meaning — nature reclaiming its own — gets undermined. It's as if Parker knew he had a cool concept and a killer location and let it go at that.

It's bad form to complain about the movie a director didn't make, so I won't yammer on about what I thought should have happened. But I will say that when there's as little going on as there was in *Chernobyl Diaries*, it's all but impossible not to entertain such thoughts. The good news is that Bradley knew enough to keep things short: the running and dying is over in 90 minutes.

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Reviewed in the movie capsules: *Hick* and *High School*.

— Matthew Lickona

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Snow White and the Huntsman — *A new take on the fabled tale, with Chris Hemsworth and Kristen Stewart*

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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; 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)

Battleship — Might as well call it *Bull-ship*. Aliens arrive during 14-nation fleet exercises off Hawaii. Despite the alien’s superior technology, the Navy booze-brat Taylor Kitsch mans up to lead our forces, while his wow girlfriend Brooklyn Decker leads our land attack with a leg-less Army veteran and a science nerd. WWII swabbies pitch in, firing up the battleship *Missouri* (a museum for 20 years). It’s enough to make Steven (*Under Siege*) Seagal explode in envy. Lavish effects, clunky lines, and dismal acting make this tasty junk. 2012. — D.E.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10;

RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Bernie — Jack Black is the life-based but rather cartoonish Bernie, a sweet, dapper, fussy (read: gay) undertaker in Carthage, Texas. He is an angel disguised as an oddball, loved by all, even (for a time) the mean widow Marjorie (Shirley MacLaine). Director Richard Linklater provides a cozy jacket of style, is patronizingly fond of local yokels, and handles dark aspects (murder, prejudice) with tons of whimsy. It is Black’s movie, a quaint package of Southern Gothic with a Coen Bros. flavor. 2012. — D.E.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HILLCREST; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HILLCREST; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; TOWN SQUARE 14)

A Cat in Paris — Reviewed this issue. ★ (KEN; FROM 6/01)

Chernobyl Diaries — 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 PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Dark Shadows — Tim Burton’s tire-some 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.

★ (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; 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; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Dictator — Sacha Baron Cohen plays “Admiral-General” Aladeen, the brutal dictator of a fictional Middle Eastern country who finds himself stranded in Manhattan after a case of mistaken identity. From the outset, much of the humor relies on sequences of shtick that outlast their wit. Behind the guise of political satire, the movie attempts to gain immunity from its offensiveness. Most scenes reach beyond stupidity to the point of verbal assault, such as those involving rape and pedophilia. The audience members become subjects to a kind of comedic dictatorship: laugh or shut up. 2012. — J.R.

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for career stardom. The dancers offer some humanity to the generic storytelling. There is a curious paradox of maturity in them — the immature development of their bodies vs. the mature grace of their abilities; their youthful age vs. their sophisticated speech. Unfortunately, the film quality is a far cry from the poise and creativity of the performances. 2012. — J.R.

★★ (HILLCREST)

For Greater Glory — Dean Wright’s action-drama about the Cristeros War between the Calles regime and the Catholic Church in 1920s Mexico. With Andy Garcia, Rubén Blades, Eva Longoria, Peter O’Toole, Bruce McGill. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; PALM PROM-ENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 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



A Cat in Paris — A standard-issue action flick, except slower and more colorful

logic. 2012. — D.E.

★ (HILLCREST)

Hick — Chloë Grace Moretz, 13 or 14 during filming, is a wee bod with big eyes and lips. As Luli, she is a pipsqueak Baby Doll. Head full of movie dreams, she flees Nebraska and her trashy mom (Juliette Lewis) for a road trip that must be on

Route Rape-Bait 66. Director Derick Martini (*Lymelife*) and writer Andrea Portes add Luli’s cute drawings, music by Bob Dylan and Patsy Cline, and Alec Baldwin as a brief rescuer. The camera ogles Luli, a thoughtful girl prone to dumb moves in dangerous places. As a stud with a rodeo limp, Eddie Redmayne (*My Week with Marilyn*) has the whippet

sexiness of Brad Pitt in *Thelma & Louise* and is a better actor than Pitt was then. 2012. — D.E. (GASLAMP 15; FROM 6/01)

High School — A pair of enterprising young sativa scholars, destined to ace the principal’s newly announced mandatory school-wide drug test, decide to even

the playing field by plying the entire graduating class with cannabis brownies. Without enough laughs and gags to support it, the solid foundation for a stoner comedy dissipates faster than pot smoke in a hurricane. Worth seeing for Adrien Brody’s loopy turn as a paranoid pusher. Director John Stalberg’s debut film sat on the shelf for two years. With Matt Bush and Sean Marquette. 2012. — S.M.

★ (ESCONDIDO 16; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; FROM 6/01)

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.

★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Hysteria — A factually derived British comedy about Victorian invention fever and sexual repression, as prim doctors devise the first vibrator to treat the

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CLAIREMONT

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Battleship (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:25) 4:20, 7:10, 10:05; **Bernie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:30) 4:15, 7:25, 9:50; **The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 1:45) 4:35, 7:40, 10:25; **Chernobyl Diaries** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 5:35, 10:15; **Dark Shadows** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:25, 1:10) 4:10, 7:00, 9:40; **The Dictator** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 12:55, 2:55) 4:55, 7:05, 9:20; **For Greater Glory** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 1:15) 4:40, 7:45, 10:50; **Marvel’s The Avengers 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 4:25; **Men in Black 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 11:50, 1:35, 2:20) 4:05, 4:50, 6:30, 7:15, 9:15, 10:00; **Men in Black 3 in 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (10:35, 1:25) 4:20, 7:10, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (10:20, 12:50, 3:20) 5:45, 8:20, 10:45; **Snow White and the Huntsman** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 11:45, 1:40, 2:40) 4:30, 5:30, 7:20, 8:20, 10:10, 11:10; **What to Expect When You’re Expecting** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 3:00) 7:35

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10:00, * No 7:40 PM Show Monday, 06/04/12; **Bernie** (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:00), (4:30), 7:20, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (11:40), 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45, Discount Shows at Landmark’s La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “()”; **Peace, Love And Misunderstanding** (R) Opens Friday, June 8; **Where Do We Go Now?** (PG-13) Opens Friday, June 8

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1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
The Avengers; Battleship; Chernobyl Diaries; Dark Shadows; The Dictator; The Hunger Games; Men in Black III; Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:30, 12:45, 4:10, 7:30, 10:50; **Think Like a Man; What to Expect When You’re Expecting**

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AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15, Thu: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **What to Expect When You’re Expecting** (PG-13) Fri: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, Sat & Sun: 12:45, 3:15, Mon - Wed: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, Thu: 12:45, 3:15; **The Dictator** (R) Fri - Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Dark Shadows** (PG-13) Fri - Tue: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30, Wed: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 10:30, Thu: 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; **Marvel’s The Avengers** (PG-13) Fri - Wed: 10:00 AM, 7:00, 10:00, Thu: 10:00 AM, 7:00; **Marvel’s The Avengers 3D** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 1:00, 4:00; PARENT MOVIE MORNING: “**SNOW WHITE AND THE HUNTSMAN**” Thursday, 6/7 @10AM. BRING THE BABY!

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Calendar MOVIES

perceived plague of female “hysteria.” Maggie Gyllenhaal delivers a bravura performance as a feminist social worker who sees through the patronizing foolishness. Wilde and Shaw did such humor more wittily, without the jarring (even in 2012) jump from dainty chat about parsnips to a fellatio joke. Also, duck humping. Tanya Wexler directed a gifted cast: Hugh Dancy, Jonathan Pryce, Rupert Everett, Felicity Jones, Gemma Jones. 2012. — D.E.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

I Wish — Reviewed this issue.
★★★★ (GASLAMP 15; OPENS 6/08)

The Intouchables — A wealthy quadriplegic in Paris hires a young criminal as his caregiver, and friendship forms. The stars are François Cluzet and Omar Sy. Reviewed next issue.

(HILLCREST; LA JOLLA 12; FROM 6/01)

The Kid with a Bike — Another wonderful movie done with the brisk, alert, almost reportorial care of the Belgian brothers Luc and Jean-Pierre Dardenne. Their approach is grave but not thudding. Thomas Doret is terrific as the skinny, willful lad who feels abandoned and hopes his bike will rejoin him with his father (Jérémie Renier, who was the boy on a bike in the Dardenne film *La Promesse*). Cécile De France is the kind hairdresser

who comes to his aid. The trajectory of the story feels both inevitable and surprising because the suspense is so vitally specific. 2012. — D.E.

★★★★ (LA PALOMA; FROM 6/01)

Marley — Pious but not sanctimonious, Kevin Macdonald’s documentary on Jamaican-reggae-god Bob Marley hits all the high points and some low ones. It is rich in concert and interview material and maintains a sexy pulse of Caribbean affirmation, thanks to the nectar of goodwill in most of Marley’s songs. And in him. The charisma lingers lavishly. 2012. — D.E.

★★★ (LA PALOMA)

Men in Black III — A final scoop of franchise gravy ten years after the last one with good critters and effects, the gee-golly style again directed by Barry Sonnenfeld. Will Smith as agent J is getting too mature for his bouncy boyishness, and Tommy Lee Jones as sullen, snarky K is looking pickled by age. So in the time trip back to 1969, the main plot twist, Jones is replaced as a younger K by Josh Brolin, who has the drawl down but looks more like a beefier Matt Damon. It strives for breezy fun and sometimes delivers. 2012. — D.E.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN



A Cat in Paris — *A standard-issue action flick, except slower and more colorful*

MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Monsieur Lazhar — From French Canada, a stirringly direct, human film about an émigré Algerian who talks his way into teaching at a Montreal school. He helps repair the traumatized morale of students and staff after a loved teacher commits suicide. In the fine cast (the kids are beyond just acting), Mohamed Fellag as Lazhar has the power of an unpretentious life force, vulnerable but imposing. At heart, Philippe Falardeau’s film is about civilization at work, one day and one child at a time. 2012. — D.E.

★★★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Otter 501 — Katie Pofahl, aspiring marine biologist, spends her half year at Monterey Bay helping to save an adorable, orphaned otter pup, with crucial help from the famous aquarium. The attempt at narrative framing, its Facebook touches applied like girlish mascara, is feeble. But the tireless otter world is opened up for us by splendid photography in Bob Talbot’s plea for our obligatory bond to endangered sea life.

2012. — D.E.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Piranha 3DD — They’re back, hungry, and nasty in several dimensions. The water-park carnage includes David Hasselhoff, Gary Busey, Clu Gulager, Christopher Lloyd.

(GASLAMP 15; FROM 6/01)

Snow White and the Huntsman — Rupert Sanders’s take on the fabled fairy tale. With Kristen Stewart, Charlize Theron, Chris Hemsworth, Bob Hoskins, Toby Jones, Ian McShane, and many effects. Reviewed next issue.

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What to Expect When You’re Expecting — A multi-character (pregnant) chick flick with five converging storylines about expectant couples. Don’t expect much in the way of wit or originality from this Lifetime Channel stray, but the appealing cast and cinematographer Xavier Pérez Grobet’s balanced ‘Scope frames help defray much of the pain induced by a labored script. Kirk Jones directed; with Jennifer Lopez, Chace Crawford, Elizabeth Banks, Cameron Diaz, Anna Kendrick, and not enough Chris Rock. 2012. — S.M.

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Where Do We Go Now? — Reviewed this issue.

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Hugo 2011. Martin Scorsese tells the “magical tale of a resourceful orphaned boy living in a Paris train station” in this Academy Award-winning film. **Wednesday, June 13, 6 p.m.**

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The Big Lebowski 1998. Joel and Ethan Coen’s comedy stars Jeff Bridges as an unemployed Los Angeles slacker in the middle of a kidnapping plot. Abide. Bring lawn chairs. **Wednesday, June 6, 8:30 p.m.**



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The Lady From Shanghai 1948. Passion! Adultery! Betrayal! Orson Welles directs and stars as an adventurer who wanders into the lair of an irresistible temptress (Rita Hayworth) and her sleazy husband. **Thursday and Friday, May 31 and June 1, 8:30 p.m.**

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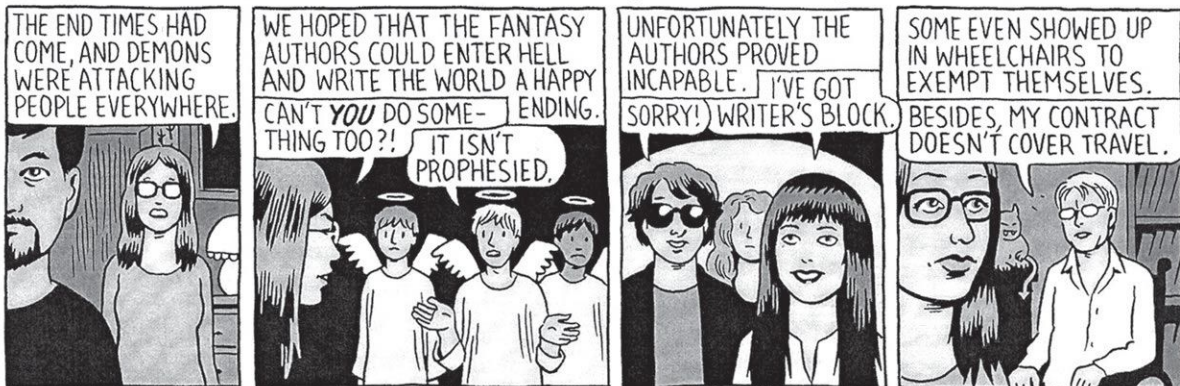


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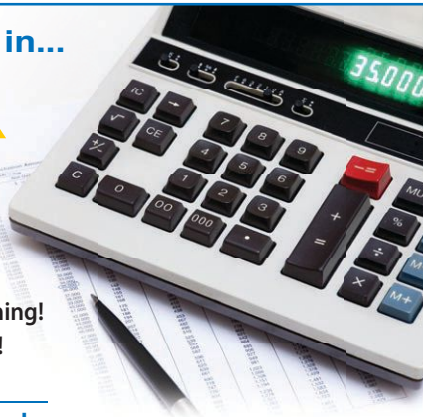
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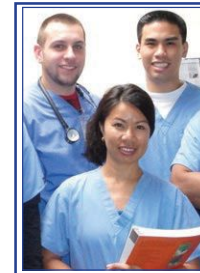
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2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name and a clean limerick. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new limerick weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.
3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
4) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489** or **619-233-7907**; or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy; or scanned and e-mailed to puzzles@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.
And now for the really small print:
1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
2) Late entries will not be considered.
3) We will award writers of the best limericks, among those who correctly solve the puzzle, one of the famous Reader baseball caps or T-shirts. And we will print the winning limericks—screened for plagiarism—in the paper and online.
4) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
5) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

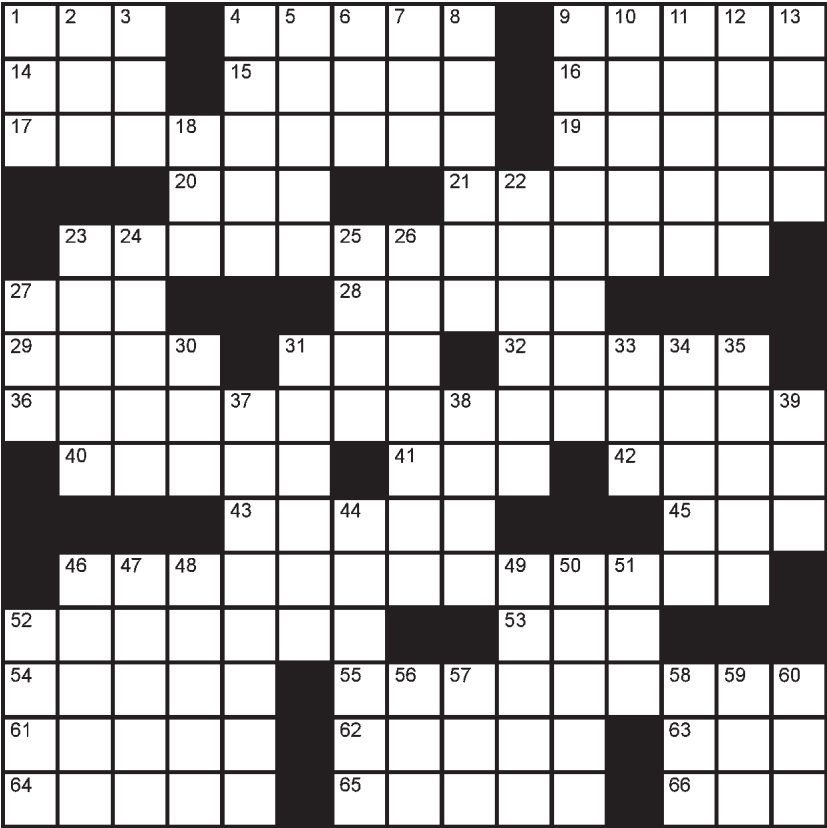
- 1. Blouse, e.g.
- 4. Crazed
- 9. Bollywood wraps
- 14. Leave dumbstruck
- 15. Tums target
- 16. 2003 NBA Rookie of the Year Stoudemire
- 17. Because it has key political allies here, you can't spell this foreign city without spelling 66-Across
- 19. Boarded
- 20. Sorority letter
- 21. Motion approval
- 23. Because she's one of its greatest historic figures, you can't spell this woman's name without spelling 66-Across

- 27. ____ World Tour (sports circuit)
- 28. Love
- 29. Points
- 31. Largest airport in OH
- 32. Available
- 36. Because he wrote many of its patriotic songs, you can't spell this composer's name without spelling 66-Across
- 40. Golden, in Guadalajara
- 41. Where many Apr. checks are sent
- 42. "Immediately!" in the ER
- 43. "The Faerie Queene" character
- 45. A trucker may have one: Abbr.
- 46. Because it's a Pulitzer Prize-winner about one of its presidents in the 1960s, you can't spell this book title without spelling 66-Across
- 52. If all goes wrong
- 53. Switz. neighbor
- 54. Answer to "Who's there?"
- 55. Because it's one of its most beloved folk tunes, you can't spell this song title without spelling 66-Across
- 61. Bowling alley button
- 62. A stripper takes it off
- 63. Tibetan milk source
- 64. Blog piece
- 65. Like a river bottom
- 66. This puzzle's theme

Down

- 1. ____ Mahal
- 2. Have bills
- 3. ____ diem
- 4. One of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"
- 5. From square one
- 6. Zip
- 7. Suffix with Brooklyn or Manhattan
- 8. Spanish road
- 9. Pomona College athletes
- 10. It merged with BP in 1998
- 11. Inform against
- 12. It may be dramatic
- 13. Ship
- 18. Escalates
- 22. Sharpens, as a razor

- 23. Got off the bottom?
- 24. ____ wazoo
- 25. With 56-Down, song from "South Pacific"
- 26. Legendary soprano ____ Patti
- 27. Small, medium or large: Abbr.
- 30. ____-Caps (movie snacks)
- 31. Musical ensemble
- 33. Talking-____ (scoldings)
- 34. "Back in the Saddle Again" autobiographer
- 35. Jrs. take them
- 37. Greatest importance
- 38. OPEC founding member
- 39. Lunched, say
- 44. Legally impedes
- 46. When some TV news comes on
- 47. Unexpected climax
- 48. Gardener, at times
- 49. Intimidate
- 50. Like attics, often
- 51. Drunk ____ skunk
- 52. Suffix for the wealthy
- 56. See 25-Down
- 57. Part of RSVP
- 58. Greenwich Village sch.
- 59. "If I Ruled the World" rapper
- 60. Rap sheet initials



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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



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Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Limerick: _____

Please check one:

Cap: ____ T-shirt: ____

We are temporarily out of T-shirts. Winners will receive caps.

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS: (All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

A.D. Albright, San Diego, 1.

There was a puzzle whose theme was a bird.
It really perplexed me...
I felt like a nerd,
But I kept hard at it, mostly just out of habit,
And I finally solved every word.

Mary Arana, Encinitas, 1.

I got a ticket—not fair,
I'd slowed down—no cops were there.
But off went a flash,
I had to pay cash,
No more California stops—beware!

Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 1.

There once was a man named Francisco,
Who wanted to learn how to disco.
He tried for a day,
But slipped right away,
So now has the nickname of Crisco.

Larry Johnsgard, Escondido, 1.

A baby newborn in Alforque,
Arrived in the beak of a stork.
An observant cook,
Gave it one look,
And gasped, "No, I asked you for pork!"

Marc Richard, Banker's Hill, 1.

You must pay attention to meter,
The limerick is not just repeated,
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Then two so addressed
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EASY:

		4	3		8			
1			5					
5		6	9	7		2	8	
6			7			3	9	
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MEDIUM:

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HARD:

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We cannot accept your entry without the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Limerick: _____

Please check one:

Cap: ____ T-shirt: ____ S ____

We are temporarily
out of T-shirts.
Winners will receive caps.

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:

6	2	5	8	9	4	1	7	3
9	4	1	7	5	3	8	2	6
3	7	8	2	1	6	4	5	9
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8	5	3	6	2	1	9	4	7
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 (All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

Stacie Klages, La Mesa, 1.

Once there was a clever wife,
Who gave her spouse a lot of strife.
She nagged and hissed,
Then flirted and kissed,
Oh what a miserable life.

Marc Richard, Banker's Hill, 1.

It is said there is no rhyme for orange,
Except when a Cockney says door hinge.
To no longer strain,
My brain for no gain,
I'll simply go out on a drunk binge.

Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 1.

I wanted to live by the sea,
To watch waves would give me such glee,
But the cottage's price,
Made me rethink this twice,
And I opted for Julian's pine tree.

Paula Davis, Spring Valley, 1.

There once was a crazy duck,
Who flew upside down and quacked up.
He also did flybys,
And plopped in people's eyes,
So when outside beware and good luck.

Laura Owen, City Heights, 1.

There was a cat in City Heights,
Knew nothing about animal rights,
Fulfilled was every need,
De-clawed, de-maled, de-fleed,
Now has nothing to do with his nights.



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Downtown

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DOWNTOWN, \$1050.
1BD+1BA, large 700 sqft apartment in Cortez Hill. \$900 deposit. 8- unit complex. Secluded, near Gaslamp/ Balboa Park/ freeways. No pets. 945 Date Street. 619-670-7484, 619-917-3121.

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Attractive rooms in Victorian- style building. Utilities included. Some parking available. Common kitchen, bathrooms, laundry. Near City College grocery stores and more. Villa Victoria, 719 14th Street. 619-239-1639 x2. www.HughesManagement.net.



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DOWNTOWN, \$486-625.
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DOWNTOWN, \$500 & UP.
Studio+1BA. Rooms \$500/ up. Studios \$650/ up. Clean and quiet. Includes utilities and free cable, on-site laundry, elevator. Excellent location, convenient to all. No pets. Arlington Apartments, 701 7th Ave. and G St. 619-231-2385. www.HughesManagement.net.



DOWNTOWN, \$500-600.
Large, furnished rooms with high ceilings, tall windows. Includes utilities and cable. On-site laundry and kitchen. No pets. Excellent location across from Horton Plaza. Windsor Hotel, 843 4th Avenue. 619-231-2385. www.HughesManagement.net.



DOWNTOWN, \$505.
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DOWNTOWN.
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DOWNTOWN.
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GOLDEN HILL, \$1330.
3BD+2BA townhome. Section 8 OK. \$700 deposit. 2932 30th St. Contact Charlene at 619-527-7724.

GOLDEN HILL, \$1488.
3BD+2BA townhome. Section 8 OK. \$700 deposit. 3125 Ivy St. Contact Charlene, 619-527-7724.

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GOLDEN HILL, \$928.
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LOGAN HEIGHTS, \$1450.
3BD+1BA home, patio. \$700 deposit. Section 8 OK. 2883 Boston Ave. Contact Charlene, 619-527-7724.

LOGAN HEIGHTS, \$850-1295.
1BD+1BA apartments, 3BD+1BA front house. Laundry on site, Section 8 OK. Sorry, no pets. 3142-3146 National Avenue, www.sdforrent.com, 619-640-7530.

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2BD+1BA large apartment. *Open house Saturday, 6/2, 10am-noon.* Quiet, garden setting. Close to golf course, restaurants and shops. Laundry. No pets. 3060-1/4 Ivy Street. TPPM, 619-708-7840, www.torreypinespmm.com.

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1BD+1BA large apartment. Available now. 3013-1/2 30th St. www.stevenleeproperties.com. 619-295-5525.

East County

EL CAJON, \$1095.
2BD+1BA duplex. New carpet and paint! Fenced yard. Pet OK! 1100-54 N. Mollison Ave. Manager, 619-590-0811.

EL CAJON, \$1200.
2BD+2BA upstairs condo. Central A/C, heat. Refrigerator, dishwasher, stove/ oven, 1- car garage. 538 Chambers Street. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400.

EL CAJON, \$1230.
2BD+1BA condo. 900sqft. Remodeled condo in beautiful, gated community with pool! Granite and stainless kitchen. 1280 W. Main St., #33. 858-768-4322. www.cal-prop.com.

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EL CAJON, \$795.
1BD+1BA apartment. Attractive, well-maintained property with beautiful courtyard. Gated access and quiet location. 340 Orlando. TPPM, 619-818-9939. www.northwindsapts.com.

EL CAJON, \$795.
1BD+1BA apartment in fabulous pool/ courtyard complex. Super clean apartments. No pets. 314 Wisconsin Street. TPPM, 619-742-7600, www.palmestates.info.

EL CAJON, \$795.
1BD+1BA apartment. Beautifully maintained apartments with sparkling pool. No pets. 234 West Park Avenue. TPPM, 619-850-9722, www.palmtowers.com.

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2BD+1BA spacious apartment. Private patios. Great location with on-site parking and laundry. 432 Dominguez Way. TPPM, 619-405-4500, www.torreypinespmm.com.

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3BD+2BA house. Fireplace, air conditioning, fenced yard, 1900sqft, walk to schools/ trolley. Gardener provided. Credit check required. Call David, 619-726-2498.

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1BD+1BA upstairs corner apartment. New resort- style community! Granite, tile, washer/ dryer in unit, parking, pool, tennis, gym. Pets OK. 619-279-0031, akarnazes@yahoo.com.

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2BD+2BA large condo in Sunrise Community! Outside storage, balcony, all kitchen appliances included! 5980 Dandridge Lane #238. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400.

COLLEGE AREA, \$700.
1BD+1BA. Newly renovated. Senior building, 55+. Balcony. Off-street parking. Laundry room. Near stores. No smoking/ pets. 6650 Amherst. Rolando area. 619-232-7207; 619-232-8284.

COLLEGE AREA, \$725.
1BD+1BA apartment in 55+ Senior Community. Move-in \$199 plus \$200 deposit (OAC). Elevator, laundry, TV room, lounge with free coffee daily. Small pets welcome! 5330 Orange Avenue, SD 92115. 619-229-9171.

COLLEGE AREA, \$750.
1BD+1BA apartment. Talmadge. Small, quiet complex. Newly decorated. Laundry, assigned parking, beautiful patio. No pets. 4444 49th Street. 619-549-9542. 619-761-1972. 858-278-6135.

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COLLEGE AREA, \$995.
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LEAD STORY

— Like most states with active trade associations of barbers and beauticians, Iowa strictly regulates those professions, requiring 2100 hours of training plus continuing education — but also like many other states, Iowa does not regulate body piercers at all (though it forbids minors from getting tattoos). Thus, the puncturing of body parts and insertion of jewelry or other objects under the skin can be done by anyone, with or without formal training, under no one’s watchful eye except the customer’s. (A few cities’ ordinances require a minimum age to get pierced.) Said one professional piercer to the *Des Moines Register* for a March report, “The lack of education in this industry is scary.”

Great Art!

— It wasn’t on a scale with an infinite number of orangutans using an infinite number of iPads, but the conservation group Orangutan Outreach has begun to supply certain zoos with iPads, hoping to encourage apes’ creativity and social networking. At the Milwaukee Zoo, a handler holds the device while an orangutan operates a painting app with its fingers. (“Orangutans like to paint, and they’re capable of using this [tablet],” he said, adding the ben-

efit that “there’s no paint to eat.”) At the Memphis Zoo recently, said an Outreach official, the apes seem happy when they recognize images of other apes on the iPad. The Toronto Zoo’s iPad is expected soon.

— In March came word from Taiwan that the prominent Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts had awarded a prize worth the equivalent of \$13,500 to student Wong Tin Cheung for creating the face of a man by using the artist’s own urine. His piece, Blood Urine Man, presented to judges in a toilet bowl, used urine of different colors, supposedly to match the pigments of the Marvel Comics superhero Iron Man.

Police Report

— According to the Utah Highway Patrol, a one-car crash in February left the following injured in serious condition: Ms. Me Htwe and Mr. Hsar Kpaw Doh and Mr. W.T. Htoo, along with the driver, Mr. Tar Eh. (Ms. Mula Er, 14, died of her injuries.) All were from Heber City, Utah.

— “[E]very single cop in the state has done this. Chiefs on down.” That practice, referred to by the unidentified Minnesota law enforcement officer, is the personal use of the police database that is supposedly off-limits for all except official business. According to an imminent lawsuit (re-

ported by the weekly *City Pages* in Minneapolis), former officer (and apparently still a “hottie”) Anne Marie Rasmusson, 37, learned that 104 officers in 18 different agencies in Minnesota had accessed her driver’s license record 425 times. Rasmusson’s lawyer said the reality is that officers tend to treat the confidential database more like a “Facebook for cops.”

Government in Action

— A February bill in the Wyoming legislature to prepare the state for possible secession authorized a task force to consider establishing a state army, navy, marine corps and air force, and one amendment added the consideration of purchasing an aircraft carrier. Wyoming is, of course, landlocked, but it does have the 136-square-mile Yellowstone Lake, though that body of water is high up in the Teton mountains. (The aircraft-carrier amendment was defeated even though 27 representatives voted for it.)

— Texas announced in February that it would deploy six gunboats to patrol the Mexican border’s Rio Grande river. Said a state Department of Safety official, “It sends a message: Don’t mess with Texas.”

— With a National Institute of Justice grant, the Houston Police Department was able to learn

how embarrassingly bad it had been in investigating rape cases. In February it conceded that, as of December, it had on hand 6663 untested rape kits (some from the 1980s) taken from rape victims at the time of the crime but then apparently ignored. (Not all are significant: In some rapes, a perpetrator has already confessed or been convicted, and still other victims recanted, and in still others, the statute of limitations has run out.)

— After every snowfall in recent years, Doug Rochow of Ottawa, Ontario, has routinely taken his shovel and cleared two paths in a park near his home (since the park is apparently a low priority for municipal snow-clearing), but in March, the city ordered him to stop. Rochow said his aim was to keep people from hurting themselves on uncleared paths (thus perhaps saving the city money on lawsuits). The city’s reverse-logic position, according to a *Toronto Star* report, was that if Rochow cleared the paths, more people would be encouraged to use them, increasing the city’s exposure to lawsuits.

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LEAD STORY

— As the U.S. government’s role in health care is debated, the French government’s role was highlighted in February with a report on *Slate.com* about France’s guarantee to new mothers of “10 to 20” free sessions of *la reeducation perineale* (vaginal re-toning to restore the pre-pregnancy condition, a “cornerstone of French post-natal care,” according to *Slate*). The sessions involve yoga-like calisthenics to rebuild muscles and improve genital flexibility. Similar procedures in the U.S. not only are not government entitlements but are almost never covered by private insurance, and besides, say surgeons, the patients who request them do so almost entirely for aesthetic reasons. The French program, by contrast, is said to be designed not only for general health but to strengthen women for bearing more children, to raise the birth rate.

Compelling Explanations

— U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert of Texas may have been joking, but according to a February *Washington Post* story, he seemed serious at a Natural Resources Committee hearing when searching for yet more reasons why the U.S. should support oil drilling in Alaska. Caribou, he said, are fond of the warmth of the Alaskan pipeline. “So

when they want to go on a date, they invite each other to head over to the pipeline.” That mating ritual, Rep. Gohmert concluded, is surely responsible for a recent tenfold increase in the local caribou population.

— In assigning a bail of only \$20,000, the judge in Ellisville, Miss., seemed torn about whether to believe that Harold Hadley is a terrorist — that is, did Hadley plant a bomb at Jones County Junior College? In February, investigators told WDAM-TV that the evidence against Hadley included a note on toilet paper on which he had written in effect, “I passed a bomb in the library.” However, no bomb was found, and a relative of Hadley’s told the judge that Hadley often speaks of breaking wind as “passing a bomb.” The case is continuing.

Hot Commodity in Pennsylvania

— In January, police in Bridgeville, Pa., investigated a series of vehicle break-ins, including one of a car belonging to Kathy Saunoras, who reported that only her dentures were taken.
— Also in February, Evelyn Fuller, 49, was charged with robbing the First National Bank in Waynesburg, Pa. — a crime necessitated, she told a police officer, because she needed money for new dentures.

People with Issues

— Adrian Baltierra, 51, was charged with solicitation in February in Bradenton, Fla., after, according to police, he approached an undercover female officer, who was posing as a prostitute, and agreed to a transaction. In exchange for \$15, Baltierra would be accorded the opportunity to take a whiff of the “prostitute’s” genital aroma (although street slang was used in the negotiation).

Least Competent Criminals

— Canadian Jasmin Klair pleaded guilty in federal court in Seattle in March to smuggling nearly 11 kilos of cocaine into the U.S. She had been arrested upon arrival at a bed-and-breakfast called the Smuggler’s Inn, located about 100 feet from the border in Blaine, Wash.
— According to police in Lake Ariel, Pa., alleged burglar Christopher Wallace had loaded his van with goodies from a home’s first floor, but instead of calling it a night, he re-entered to check out the second floor. Wallace was later rushed to the hospital after accidentally falling out a second-floor window, resulting in a broken back, hip, and arm.

Recurring Themes

— Fremont, Calif., computer-security worker Trent Arsenault, 36, is America’s most notorious

“rogue” sperm donor, offering his output free to same-sex and low-income clients who have difficulty procuring through sperm banks. He is so far the father of at least 15 children. Since 2010, the federal Food and Drug Administration has been trying to shut him down as an unregistered “manufacturer” of body tissue who must therefore adhere to federal safety regulations. Arsenault, according to a profile in *New York* magazine in February, is the son of disapproving parents (his father is a Pentecostal minister) and claims to be a virgin.

Undignified Deaths

— On March 3, police in Kantale, Sri Lanka, found the body of Janaka Basnayake, 24, who with the help of friends had buried himself in a ten-foot-deep trench for an attempt to set a “world record” for the longest time buried alive. Clearly, his 6 1/2 hours underground was too ambitious. An Associated Press report noted that it was “unclear” whether an “official” record exists in this category. [Associated Press via *Huffington Post*, 3-5-2012]

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Gossip And Squalor

The Matt Potter article on Nathan Fletcher, candidate for mayor of America's flunkiest city, was of no value whatsoever ("Untold Stories," Cover Story, May 24). What does all this neighborhood gossip about his mother, his stepfather, and all that mean to us? We learn that Mr. Fletcher is another political hack. We learn that he was a U.S. Marine in Afghanistan, and that is good. But we learn nothing else about what makes him the political chameleon he has become. One hopes for more information on the other three candidates. This entire group of four candidates is an example of the moral squalor and utter idiocy of the political establishment of this city of flunkies and political snake-oil salesmen.

Name Withheld
via voice mail

Can I Get An AAmen!

I read with interest Fred Moramarco's article "DUI" (Feature Story, May 3) about his experience being arrested for driving under the influence.

Unfortunately, Mr. Moramarco, through no fault of his own, perpetuated the myth that Alcoholics Anonymous is a religious organization. Sadly, this myth keeps thousands, maybe millions, of alcoholics from seeking help through AA.

It is true that the majority of AA meetings are religious, and it is true there are many well-meaning zealots who, being ignorant of AA literature, perpetuate this myth and promote their own religion. The *official* AA pamphlet "44 Questions" explicitly states, "A.A. is *not* a religious society, since it requires no definite religious belief as a condition of membership."

In San Diego there are two explicitly agnostic, sanctioned, regular AA meetings: "We Agnostics," Sundays, 4:30 p.m., University Heights.

"We Agnostics North County," Sundays, 10:00 a.m., Oceanside.

Agnostics profess no beliefs either way, although many atheists attend these meetings.

There are also two sanctioned, regular, non-theist meetings:

"Free Thinkers Step Study," Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., North Park.

"Free Thinkers," Thursdays, 7:15 p.m., Loma Portal.

Religious comments are tolerated at all of these meetings; however, religious proselytizing is strongly discouraged.

There are many books written by the founders of AA, who make it *very* clear that AA is *not* a religious organization, including Bill

Wilson's numerous books.

Jim Burwell, an agnostic, was one of the founding members of AA and a longtime member who died sober. He influenced Bill Wilson and was responsible for the third tradition of AA, as well as the references to a "higher power" rather than "God" in much of the literature. Jim lived in San Diego and started the Torrey Pines Thursday Night Discussion Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, which still exists.

Hank Parkwood also was agnostic and was New York's number two AA. His story was published in the original Big Book. Bill and Lois Wilson lived in his home in the early years.

There are *no leaders or rules* in AA, only suggestions. No one can tell you what to do. Everyone is free to interpret the suggestions their own way. No one is allowed to put anyone on the spot. Anyone who pretends

to be a leader is violating the principles of AA, in my humble opinion.

It is my hope that you print this letter and that at least a few people will decide to visit We Agnostics or any other group. We are not a glum group, and many of us have longtime sobriety and happy lives. We have all been where you have been. In fact, AA is a party, the same people you used to drink with, just no booze served at our get-togethers. I've been to many meetings where I laughed hysterically for long periods, nearly falling out of my seat. Some are better than comedy clubs.

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By Request
via email
University Heights

Sex Joke

Re the significance of the Sex Tourism Initiative in San Diego ("U.S. Secretary of the Interior Visits San Diego Brothel in Push to Promote

American Sex Tourism," "SD on the QT," April 26).

While reading a 1986 copy of Dan Walter's *The New California*, I came upon a chapter devoted to San Francisco in the early '80s. It was a very interesting coincidence for its relevance to our current situation.

San Francisco, too, focused its energies on attracting wealthy tourists. As U.S. secretary of the interior Ken Salazar pointed out on his visit to San Diego, we must catch up to the other cities in the world, which are "locations for the world's rapacious rich." San Francisco succeeded in its objective to attract wealthy tourists. But while succeeding financially, it also failed to retain the vibe that had made San Francisco so attractive in the first place, instead turning itself into a superficial high-rent tourist attraction that seemed to benefit developers the most. San Francisco turned

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The first consequence was crime. Public drunkenness and vandalism increased, repelling the locals. Middle-class locals would have left anyway, since in their effort to attract more tourists with more attractive businesses, local landlords increased the rents on local business owners. With the middle-class people out, there remained only the rich developers and the poor service employees, creating a two-tier district.

What remained were the rich and the poor. San Francisco lost the vitality that had attracted so many cultures to it, wanting to make a better life for themselves. But without the incentive of a better life, many people leave, tak-

ing history with them; thus, leaving the city in cultural decadence.

This initiative should attract enough attention from San Diego locals, especially local business owners. The fact that the administration has taken the time and effort to come to our city specifically should be cause for serious thought. While the “Obama administration’s push to create jobs by growing American sex tourism” might actually create more jobs, we have to think about what kind of jobs it will create and the political and economic effects it will have. Service employment isn’t usually taken up by the middle class.

Just like the fishermen of San Francisco, who lamented the decay of the true harbor culture of the city, San Diego locals might one day look back and lament the fact that the good old San Diego has

also gone. We run the risk of inviting developers who will be too focused on developing the city to satisfy the needs and illusions of the tourists to satisfy the cultural needs of the locals. City planning in San Diego will shift from restoration to redevelopment. We will become superficial, and the cultural dynamics that make San Diego so special will be no more, making San Diego just another city with a great climate.

Yitsel Hernandez
via email

**Comments from
Reader website
Blurt
“Boys Are Petty”
Published May 23**

*AnotherWorld May 26, 7
a.m.*

No kidding!!!! (how the male side of LIFE is nothing, but a PETTY MONSTER). I worked at several job posi-

tions which consisted more of the male body and they are nothing but mischeivous to trouble spreading creatures who also like to LOOK for ways in how to sabotage someone else’s life and LIE about it in order for their own gains in whatever they think is valuable to them. The list of ERRS from the PERFECT Male MINDSET is a very LONG ONE!!!! and how I personally know a lot of them also INCORRECTLY raise daughters and are nothing, but a BAD influence toward the female race.

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cklimen May 23, 9:52 p.m.
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City Lights

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*Javajoe25 May 25, 4:21
p.m.*

It will be interesting to see if Mr. Landman succeeds. I’d like to see Jacumba become something more than it is now, but I suspect there are

quite a few folks who live there who like it the way it is and would say they live there because of the quiet atmosphere. I don’t think they will want the place to become like Palm Springs. *tyacuzzo May 26, 1:27 p.m.* I wish Mr. Landman the success he’s looking for, the town could certainly use it. Unfortunately I’ve seen several proposals and investors fail in this same area. Some wanted to build a resort centered around golf courses, others planned to build homes. They all failed because for the same reason and it wasn’t lack of money, it was Dianne Jacob. These investors even contributed to her campaign; she took the money, but granted no access. Ms. Jacob is more interested in seeing the town remain as is or turn to dust so she can save the trails for her horse riding.

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