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Husbands to the Rescue

Three alleged kidnappers killed in Tijuana violence

Tijuana — Three murders were reported across Tijuana on Saturday, July 28. Two of the murders allegedly occurred when two young men rescued their wives from kidnappers.

Nineteen-year-old Cristina Alejandra Olivas Sánchez and a 16-year-old only identified



Two husbands allegedly killed their spouses' kidnappers with automatic weapons.

as Sofia N. were allegedly abducted by kidnappers and taken to a home in the colonia Flores Magón. Twenty-two-year-old Julio César González Alvarado, 21-year-old Juan Alfredo Díaz García, and 31-year-old Miguel Armado Corrales Urrea claim they came to the rescue of the women while carrying high-powered weapons. The first two men were apparently the husbands of the abducted, according to the state attorney general's office.

The group of men found the kidnappers and their wives around 8:30pm Saturday on el Cañón de la Carreta street. They then opened fire using M-16 rifles and a .380 caliber handgun, killing the alleged kidnappers.

A neighbor reported gunfire to the police, who quickly found everyone involved and brought them into the police station. Authorities have yet to release the identity of the victims.

By K. Mennem, Sunday, July 29

One-Minute Limit

Public input stifled at Sweetwater's board meeting

Chula Vista — According to many people who attended the July 23 Sweetwater Union High School District meeting, the majority of the trustees continue to abrogate the rights of public speakers.

Kevin O'Neill, a member of Sweetwater's Proposition O Bond Oversight Committee, said in a July 25 interview, "I had to wait five hours for the public communication portion of the meeting and then I was only given 60

seconds to speak."

When O'Neill tried to finish his comment, which ran over the one-minute limit, he was flanked by two security guards. According to O'Neill and other onlookers, the guards were ready to drag him from the podium.

O'Neill was trying to explain to the board what he had to go through to get information about the controversial dirt pile at Southwest High School.

In the July 25 interview, O'Neill observed that "the level of dysfunction between the board and the public was shocking...it's an unfortunate situation. There are a lot of dedicated people in the district trying to do good work but their leadership is getting in the way."

By Susan Luzzaro, Thursday, July 26

"Safe Access Now!"

Pro-pot protesters rally at Federal Courthouse

Downtown — An estimated 50 people showed up in front of the downtown Federal Courthouse on Wednesday, July 25, to protest the closing of medical marijuana dispensaries countywide.

The rally, held at noon, was directed against federal actions that don't support Proposition 215 and SB420. Speakers noted that the will of California voters who voted for safe access was not being honored.

Mother Earth is reportedly the only sheriff-permitted medical marijuana dispensary in the four most southern counties in California. The co-op received an eviction notice to cease



Protesters showed up to voice dissatisfaction over pot-dispensary closings.

operation by July 25 and lost their appeal to stay open.

By Justin Powell, Wednesday, July 25

Padres Get Our Money

Filner rips City Hall at protest rally against baseball blackout

Downtown — It was billed as a U-T columnist's rally to return the Padres to cable TV, and Matthew Hall, bullhorn in hand, worked the crowd like a pro, but congressman and mayoral candidate Bob Filner was clearly the hit of the show with many of the 150 or so people who gathered in front of Petco Park

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Screw U

By Don Bauder

In economics, a bubble is something that trades at prices far beyond its intrinsic value. Fasten your seat belt: the next bubble may be higher education.

The \$1 trillion of student debt is clearly a bubble — one that could wreak as much havoc as the housing bubble. For-profit colleges are a bubble; in fact, even greed-satiated Wall Street has figured that out, sending the stocks of these so-called schools plummeting. Big-time college athletics is a bubble, and the Penn State disgrace is awakening the public to it.

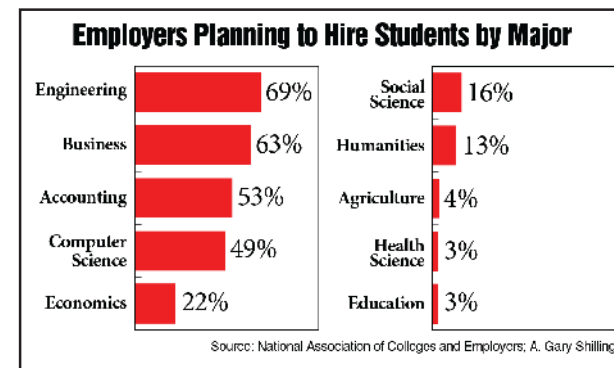
But there is an even bigger question: is higher education itself a bubble? "Research is now challenging the economic value of a college degree," says New Jersey-based economist A. Gary Shilling. While college grads still do much better economically than those who only make it through high school, today's high tuition and excessive debt, combined with lost wages while attending school, make a degree less desirable, he says. In short, the notions we have long held dear are looking like a bubble that is being pierced.

"Going to college does not make one smart and ready for a good, well-paying job," says Shilling. There is a statistical relationship between going to college and financial success, but there is not a causal relationship. "Bright people would be successful without college," as in the old days.

Four years ago, 81 percent of adults thought a college degree was a good investment. That has dropped to 57 percent, according to Rasmussen Reports.

Let's take these bubbles one by one. Credit card,

mortgage, and home equity debt dropped sharply in the past four years, but student debt continued to balloon. Now the average student who graduates with a student loan has a debt load of \$23,000 to \$27,000. The



Employers want engineering grads the most.

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and United States Department of Education recently released a report criticizing lax loan standards by private lenders. "As the industry rapidly grew, the quality of the loans declined," says an official of the bureau. He sees "big parallels to the housing market."

The biggest offender is the for-profit college sector, which accounts for 12 percent of students but 46 percent of loan defaults. These companies get 85 percent or more of their revenue from federal loans and grants to students. But the education quality is often dismal, the drop-out rate stunningly high, and the costs excessive. Stock of San Diego's Bridgepoint Education — perhaps the worst of the for-profit schools — was a bubble that lost most of its value after one accreditation group thumbtacked it down and another issued a warning. Without accreditation, the

company is doomed. The stock has been as high as \$27.26 over the past year and on Monday was trading at \$8.41.

College athletics is a colossal bubble. Penn State's cover-up of a coach's pedophilia makes the point. Preserving the university's football reputation was more important than stopping the sexual violation of young boys. In 2010, the university had \$72.7 million in football revenues and netted \$53.2 million. But the National Collegiate Athletic Asso-

ciation says that 43 percent of 120 major schools lose money on football. Now that the school has been sanctioned heavily by the sports authorities, Penn State will likely become one of the money losers.

There are other examples. The University of San Diego has been going through a basketball point-shaving scandal. Through the years, game-throwing and point-shaving incidents have corrupted major college sports.

Football coaches often earn more than presidents of universities. In 2010, Brady Hoke was paid \$675,000 as San Diego State's football coach. The next year he signed a six-year contract that could bring him \$3 million a year at the University of Michigan. The new president of San Diego State will make \$400,000 annually, and there is stinging criticism of his pay because of the California State University sys-

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Plywood covers the area where raccoons entered the attic.

Raccoon in the Attic!

By Joe Deegan

The raccoon noise at the Maggards' Naragansett Avenue apartment in Ocean Beach began in early May. They were often awakened around three in the morning to a racket above their bedroom. At first, they thought it might be coming from the roof. But it was too close. Meg Maggard, who is 33, tries to imitate for me the "animal vocalization" they heard, saying it sounded like "chirping, cooing, and a

purr, although louder." She and husband Ron "Woogie" Maggard, 27, say they left messages about the problem with CIS Investments, the company that manages their building, but got no response.

The Maggards and their girls, a one- and a two-year-

old, occupy an apartment in between two others in a long building that stretches to the back alley. They and their next-door neighbors had often seen raccoons in the narrow courtyard that separates their building from an apartment complex to the west. Ron Maggard tells me that recently, after hearing a loud crash, he ran outside to see a raccoon lying on the deck of his neighbor to the rear. "It must have

fallen out of the pine tree and knocked itself cold," he says. "I grabbed a broom and began poking it. Then it got up and walked nonchalantly past me. Our cat was hissing as it went by."

On the Friday of Memorial Day weekend, a foul odor overtook the Maggards' apartment. "We thought we had misplaced a dirty diaper," says Meg Maggard. "Then we noticed feces dripping from the ceiling over the kitchen sink. It was splashing on the window blinds and onto the girls' sippy cups." The couple began to panic after reading that raccoon feces sometimes carry a roundworm that is dangerous to humans.

They left a message at CIS Investments, saying the problem had to be fixed immediately since the three-day weekend was about to begin. Later that day, the company's maintenance man showed up. He cut a hole in the kitchen ceiling big enough to squeeze his torso through. "He pulled himself out," says Ron Maggard, "and said, 'There are feces everywhere up there.' I offered him gloves, but he went back up and proceeded to pull it out with his hands. He filled up a large black garbage bag.

"His boss called him for

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Ron "Woogie" Maggard, holding daughter, points to ceiling that leaked and got repaired in his Naragansett Avenue apartment in Ocean Beach.

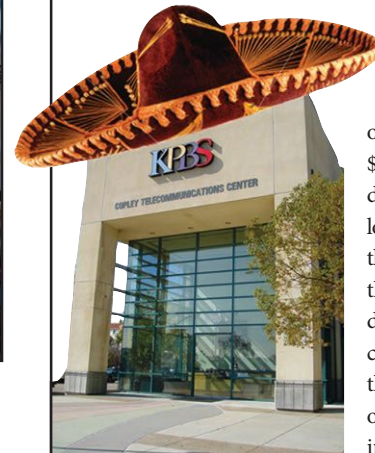
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UNDER THE RADAR

Modest pay, high peril

Public television station KPBS, owned and operated by San Diego State Uni-

be able to work nonstandard irregular hours and carry field broadcast equipment." In addition, candidates for the job must be fluent in both Spanish and English. But judging from the relatively modest pay offered, between \$19.51 and \$22.35 per hour, the golden days of unionized high-dollar local journalism are a thing of the past. On top of that, warns the notice, the working conditions will come with a few chilling caveats. "Because of the potentially volatile nature of reporting news in some international locations, such as Mexico, there may be perils associated with this work that go beyond those typically encountered in domestic...reporting."



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versity, is looking for a new reporter for its Mexican-border beat, according to a recent posting on the website of SDSU's Research Foundation. According to the job description, there will be a lot to do: "The reporter researches topics, develops contacts and interviews sources, maintains notes and video/audio recordings, writes and edits reports, produces and voices reports for air and will work with a production unit to produce TV and multimedia productions." In addition, "The Fronteras reporter will have a sense of how to meet challenges created by digital media. Be able to work in a breaking news situation and in a live broadcast environment. Have experience in online production, including writing, editing, graphic design, HTML, photography and audio and video production desired." A bachelor's degree "or equivalent work in journalism" is required, and the successful jobseeker "Must

Natural foodies

Michelle Ciccarelli Lerach, wife of wealthy La Jolla super-lawyer **Bill Lerach** — who

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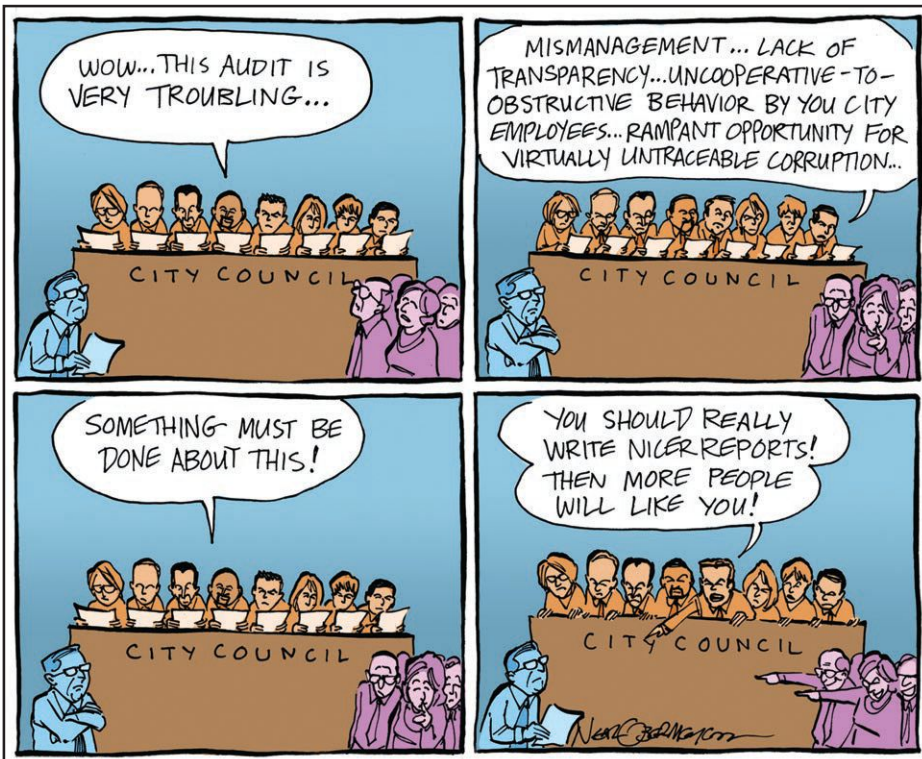
of genetically

modified food. According to state disclosure filings, Ciccarelli, also a lawyer, kicked

in \$25,000 on July 23. Back on February 28, Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps All-One-God-Faith Inc., the Escondido-based organic soap maker

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Responsible Community

There needs to be a part two to the story “This Could Never Happen to Me,” (July 19) because there is more than one crime with these incidents.

It’s horribly unfortunate (but not so incredible) that another incident happened in Colorado the night this story was published. The crime (in addition to the incident itself) is how we, as a society, have not done enough to prevent these kinds of incidents from happening. I am not referring to gun control, nor metal detectors, but rather to community responsibility for mental health, and how violence in our entertainment might go too far.

Another crime, and perhaps the most important one, is that society is unaware of all that can be done to help victims of violence and other traumatic events recover and live a more “normal” life. It really concerned me that, at the end of the article, no mention was made of resources that are available to help. Yearly commemorations are only a beginning

toward helping victims recover. There is so much more available.

I would welcome the opportunity to write more on this topic.

Kathleen Rapp, LCSW
via email

Joni Mitchell Flashback

Regarding Balboa Park’s Plaza de Panama area and the decision to make changes (“Bypass Interception: SOHO to challenge Balboa Park Makeover in Court,” July 19). It reminds me of Joni Mitchell’s song from the ’60s. They took paradise and put up a paid parking lot.

Cesar Lopez
Chula Vista

Smith Picks

Re: “Secrets Corrode,” June 28 theater review.

I buy a ticket for a San Diego play if — and *only* if — Jeff Smith give the play a “Critic’s pick” — so, it’s important!

Name Withheld
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Things about the Reader that I like:

- All of your advertising.
- Calendar of events, such as music concerts and special events. Some of these are not covered by other newspapers.

- The pages on clinical research centers and things on health. Due to my own health, it is of help to me. Thank you.

You just have all-around good information about my city of San Diego. But my thing is the restaurants. Since I’ve been reading the Reader, I’ve found restaurants I’ve never heard of before and that I enjoy now — and I’ve been living in San Diego some 55+ years now. So, I can say keep up the good work.

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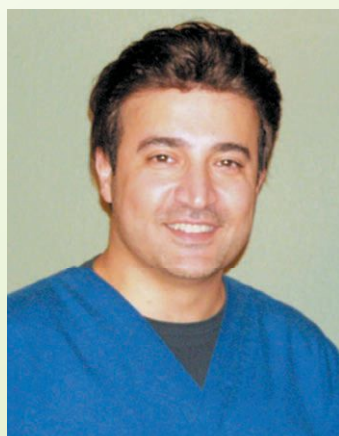
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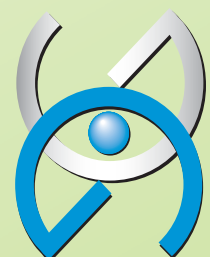
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by Barbarella

Bulldog

Mothers are known to think their daughters-in-law are evil, but I'm pretty sure they don't go saying it to their faces. Especially mothers-in-law like mine: pre-Civil Rights era women who are always striving to keep the peace. So I was caught off guard when, seated side-by-side with my mother-in-law in a little café in preppy, posh Edgartown on Martha's Vineyard, she turned to meet my eyes and whispered, "You are evil."

I started to laugh, but then stopped mid-HA! to defend myself. "It's your fault," I said in a tone I often use with my sister Jane. "You're the one who brought it up. I never would have come up with the idea of giving you a mohawk on my own. You should know better by now than to put an idea like that in my head. And I can tell by the way you're narrowing your eyes at me that you're beginning to realize I'm not going to just let this go."

One of David's terms of un-endorsement for me is "bulldog." He wields the word like a bitch-slap whenever he gets frustrated with my focus on any one enterprise, be it making him watch a movie I'm dying to see or insisting we add my special yogurt dressing (my one and only recipe) to every meal we have at home. David says that when I decide there's something I want to do, I badger and bully until I get what I want. I hate to admit it, but I know that he's right. His poor mother had no idea how tenacious I could be, and I knew better than to bother with trying to

subdue myself — Ency was about to suffer the full brunt of the bulldog.

I smiled inwardly as it registered that this was the first time I was messing with her in the way I mess with my own blood. It felt good to have reached a point in my relationship with my mother-in-law where I felt comfortable, safe, and secure enough to make her suffer. You only mess with the ones you love.

Ency and I had left David and Robert back at the house to go have a "girls' day." First we'd walked and shopped for skin products and souvenirs, and now, before running errands (to a jeweler's shop to have Robert's watch battery replaced, to the pharmacy to pick up Robert's medication, and to the grocery store to replenish the potato supply), we were taking a moment to sit. We got coffee and a piece of fudge to share from the 125-year-old Murdick's Fudge and pulled up a couple of stools facing the window so we could chat and watch the tourists pass by.

That was when Ency gestured to a salon across the street and told me how she'd been on that hair-color specialist's waiting list for four

months and how inflexible the salon had been when it came to scheduling an appointment. "That's ridiculous," I said. "You don't want to feel like you're putting someone out by giving them your business."

"She's supposed to be really good," Ency said.

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Ency explained how she loves the guy who cuts her hair, but she has difficulty communicating to him just how she wants her streaks of blond to play out, hence why she had been interested in a "color specialist" in the first place. She was pointing out the bits she loved about her latest short pixie 'do when she unwittingly handed me my next obsession: "He says that because my hair grows upward here and down here, that I have the perfect hair for a mohawk."

When she shared the tidbit, she did so in a conspiratorial, *can you believe that?* sort of way. Her eyes sparkled with mischief and I caught a glimpse of the carefree, pre-Hungarian Revolution girl hidden within her handsome septuagenarian features.

"You should do it," I said. She laughed. "No, really, come on, how cool would that be?" I remembered who I was talking to and recalibrated my objective back to possibilities in the known universe. "We won't cut it, we'll just shape it. Just once — with gel, just to see how it looks. We could take a picture and you could send it to your granddaughters — oh, man, you'd be the coolest

grandma ever."

Ency sat up straighter. "It's not going to happen," she said in her best, *this is ending now* voice, which, with her accent, sounded more like, "Zis is ending now."

But I only smelled a challenge. "Come on, it would be fun! Just ten minutes with me and some hair products, a quick snap, and it would be over. But the legend would live on." This was around the time she called me "evil."

I recognized that I was talking to the same woman who had come from a von Trapp-esque aristocratic background, a woman who, as a child, learned proper dining etiquette by having her elbows tied together at the table. But it was all that propriety that made the idea of her rocking a mohawk that much more hilarious, and, therefore, that much more necessary for the greater good of all humankind (or at least for my own amusement).

I gave the appearance of letting it go as we gathered our things and walked back to the car to embark on the errands. But as soon as we got back to the house, while Ency was unpacking the grocery bags and catching up with the guys, I turned to Facebook to begin mustering my forces. My first message was to my sister-in-law Michelle. On her timeline, I wrote, "I'm trying to talk your mom into letting me at her head with some gel to give her a faux-hawk so I can take a picture for the entertainment of the entire family. Can I count on your support at Thanksgiving?"

I scrolled through my friends list to find other potential allies. Even a bulldog knows how to play the long game. ■

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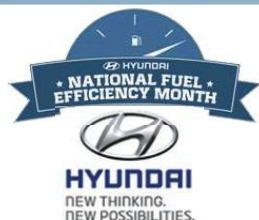
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— Mike, College Area

Fly feet are more like fly claws. No fly Nikes to fit them, I'm afraid. Flies are just junk junkies, trash tweakers, poo poppers. They love it, they eat it, they can't live without it. Any smelly stuff will do for a good meal, and of course what they step in they transfer to the next surface. And that might be you. As for flies' penchant for urinals, you can pee around the world and find bugs in the bowls. It's been a global phenomenon since attention was drawn to them in Amsterdam's airport years ago.

As any housewife with three boys and a husband will tell you, the most evil part of the house to clean is on or around the toilet. Sticky, smelly, never stays sanitary. So though I have no proof, my guess is the urinal flies are just exaggerations of solutions that mothers came up with a long time ago. New moms of young boys learn this ancient wisdom in secret tribal circles at the feet of the matriarchs. Float a Cheerio on the water in the bowl and boys will earnestly try to sink it or pee in the hole. In either event, clean-up is so much easier.

The universal problem, of course, is a man's (or boy's) genetic inability to pee and aim at the same time. Even when sober, bad aim means more splashing. More splashing means a sticky urine shower everywhere. Apparently there is a sweet spot in urinals that, when hit perfectly, directs the stream down the drain, not all over you or the floor. A sweet spot like a Louisville Slugger has a sweet spot. Luckily, all you need to do to get men to hit it is to put a target — any target — on a urinal's sweet spot. It seems to be inbred in men to chase, attack, drown any target you provide. Amsterdam ran its own experiment after the fly urinals were installed and found that clean-up was 80 percent easier once men had a target. I have no idea how the Dutch reduced the situation to numbers, but apparently the janitorial crew was 80 percent happier post-flies.

Amsterdam and many other airports have urinals with flies manufactured into the glazed surface. Do-it-yourselfers can buy stick-on toilet targets in various forms: boats, classic targets, soccer balls, baseballs, tires, butterflies. (Yes, butterflies. You can break up into discussion groups later and bat around your ideas about urinal butterflies.) If men and boys keep their eyes and other body parts aimed at the target, things are peachy. We also came across references to some of the extremes mothers have gone to in order to avoid the frustration of urine-soaked floors. Cat litter is one desperation move some have adopted.

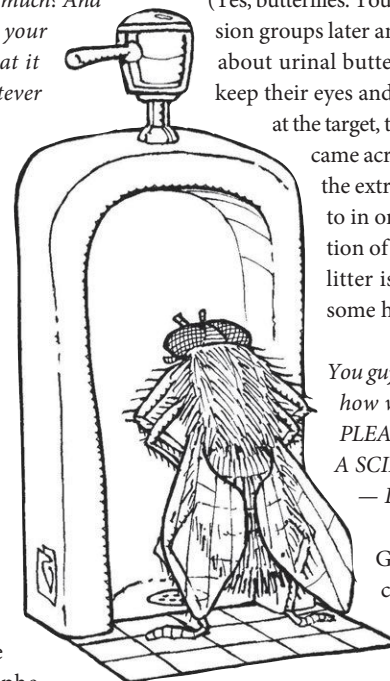
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teacher's question is transmitted to the web, where an answer magically appears. Heck, I didn't do my own homework; I hate starting now doing somebody else's. But you were nice enough to say "please" to a disembodied etherbeing who doesn't even have the power to send you to bed without dessert for not saying "please."

So, okay, you want something eye-catching but is still scientifically relevant. Gather up a garden hose, a clarinet, a bagpipe, five-inch PVC sewer pipe, a megaphone, a flute, and a large glass globe with a hole in the top and bottom. Plug up each end of the hose; make holes in the hose for each of the items you collected, so they attach perpendicularly to the hose. Pour water into one of them...say, the megaphone, then stand back and observe the level of the water in each object. Well, I guess the glass one is the only one you can see, but trust me, the level in each object is at exactly the same level as the others. Straight as an arrow. Trust us. Add more water, levels change but they are still in a straight line down the hose.

There, you've proved that water seeks its own level. Gravity never sleeps and the pressure on all water in all objects is equal. Water pressure on the walls of each object is equal. You might only get a B or C on this, depending on how your teacher responds to your "trust me" plea. Transparent things would be much better, but not as much fun.



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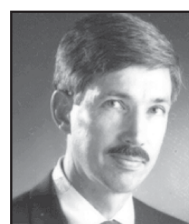


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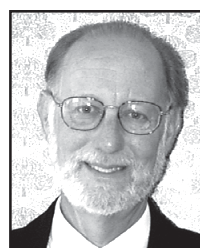
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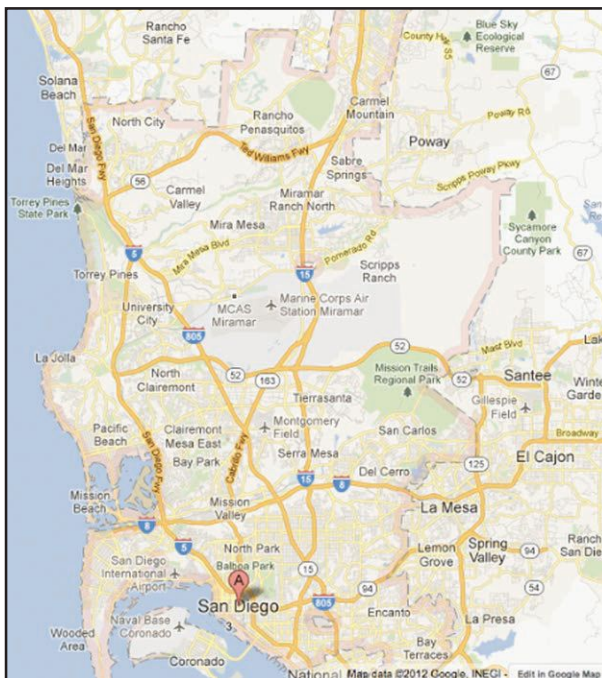
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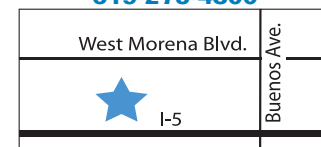
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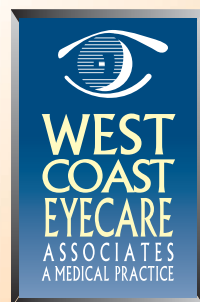
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My life is coming together, because I'm coming together. Even though I'm job hunting and living with three roommates — one never showers, another is a Jehovah's Witness, and the third a conspiracy theorist — in a small, three-bedroom condo, I'm doing pretty well.

Let's start off with what I don't have, or what I'm not having to deal with. I'm not in jail or prison. I'm not sleeping on a sidewalk or under a bridge, nor am I in a shelter. (The estimate for homeless in this country is approximately 750,000, and I've come to know and love many of them.) I have no incurable disease that I am aware of. No gout, gonorrhea, AIDS, scurvy, leprosy, or elephantiasis. I have no serious mental illness. I'm not broke yet, nor am I in debt. I don't have a teenage son or daughter, mutants from another planet.

I do have a bed to sleep in and a roof over my head. I'm in decent health. I have caring, supportive family and friends. For once in my life, I'm feeling comfortable in my skin; for once I don't feel so broken. I can look at myself in the mirror. The wall I had built many years ago to protect myself is coming down, one brick at a time.

I never felt really good about myself. Subconsciously, I was continuously comparing myself with others. I assumed everyone else was smarter, better looking, luckier, more trustworthy, just better. I was walking around with a guilt complex and a deep sense of shame, as if I'd murdered a litter of puppies or run over grandma walking her stroller across the street. What I find amazing now is how little I understood any of this, and how much I was a stranger to myself. My demons were always there, lurking in the shadows, and I did everything I could to shove them down just so I could look you in the eye and answer, "I'm good. Doing well, thank you."

But demons have a way of surfacing and making themselves known. Some

people develop addictions or end up homeless. Me, I found myself behind bars. I really fucked up. I'd gotten involved in an internet pharmacy and had the DEA and FBI knocking on my door at 6:30 on a chilly April morning. They were the winds of change ahead of a devastating

hurricane, harbingers of destruction and rebirth.

Two and a half years later, I walked out of prison. The shame that was there before I went in? It had doubled in size and was now impossible to suppress, because now I was a felon who'd been in prison, because I was on

probation, because I had to periodically pee in a cup, because the expectations I had subconsciously carried with me over the years had been dashed.

But it was all wrong! I was mistaken and had been for years!

Shortly after my release, I found myself working as an instructor at a homeless shelter. I found it ironic that I was there, because I was employed to teach them, to help them, to empower them, and what I needed myself was to be empowered. In prison, I had prayed to be released to a place like this. Now, here I was at a shelter, finding people who were no different than me. So many of them also felt like castaways, worthless, less than, broken, fucked up, and when I looked at them I saw the parts of me that I had disowned and shoved down. They were me, and I was them! It was startling, nourishing, and eye-opening. They began to teach me that I did have something to offer and that maybe I wasn't as shattered as I thought.

If I'd been to prison, so what? It was only a big deal because I made it that way. These "homeless" people, stigmatized and looked down upon by society, were the first step in my recovery. Unbeknownst to them, they had much to offer me; unbeknownst to me, they were my kin. They were teaching me real humility and that the more you give the more you get. I will continue to be in debt to them for years to come.



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Baseball



Trailer Man's "spanking-clean" trailer

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It's a popular family campground, not only because of its giant sequoias, or its cooling 4800 feet of elevation, or that the Stanislaus River runs through it, or the easy morning trips to three historic parks and Mercer Caverns; it's popular because the park is a known kid magnet. Which brings us to Audrey Collette, her son, and later, to baseball.

Audrey grew up on a farm in Western Oregon. "Our land abutted BLM land, so I was always running around on deer trails by myself. I took my first backpacking trip when I was 11. Every summer and fall, and sometimes spring, I'd go backpacking. I've done lots of seven- to ten-day wilderness trips. I've backpacked along the Teton Trail, Pacific Crest Trail, and hiked Pike's Peak by myself. It was always horrifying to come out of the wilderness and see people. I've got a backpacking mentality."

Time passes. Audrey has a son, Justin. They love primitive camping. Justin was 2½ when he kayaked his first rapid. But, as Justin grew older — he's 8 years old now — what he wants to do is go to a campground where there'll be other kids to play with. Which brings us back to Calaveras Big Trees State Park.

It's a compromise for Audrey, one she's happy to make. She gets some nature time, Justin gets a campground stuffed with cohorts. So, they arrive at Calaveras as the sun set on Sunday. "Maybe it was 8 o'clock, still light, but coming on to dark. I was hur-

rying to get the tent sent up. The noise from across the way was unabating, sounded like a bunch of teenagers. They yelled to each other from different camp sites. 'ARE YOU COMING DOWN?' 'YEAH, WE'RE COMING DOWN!' 'WE'RE COMING DOWN, TOO!'

"It was a whole family. It's mom and dad, grandma and grandpa, sisters, aunts, uncles, a huge conglomeration. They had three sites. The quiet curfew is 10 o'clock. I thought, *At least this is going to stop at 10*, and it totally didn't. I had to take a sleeping pill.

"Day 2. Our site is on the tip of a big bend in the road across from the obnoxious family. To get to their spots they're walking through mine. Obnoxious teenagers are playing this lacrosse kind of game, running through my camp and raising dust. The guy who almost lit the forest on fire is camped next to them.

"Trailer Man is also parked across the street. He looked like he was in his 50s and pretty healthy. He seemed a little socially awkward, just a little bit, not bad. I was curious about Trailer Man because of his huge mother lode of a trailer and the big white truck that pulled it. Both were spanking-clean new. They give you 30 feet of driveway to park these things. He couldn't fit the truck and the trailer in. This is the kind of trailer a family uses.

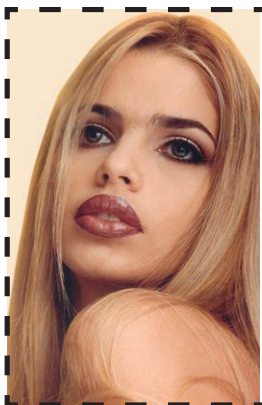
"Justin and I are sitting down to dinner. We're trying to eat by 7:30. All of a sudden — blast-o-freaking-rama — I hear, '...PADRES!' It's the Padres and the Giants. The game is on Trailer Man's radio. Remember that *Spinal Tap* movie, the mockumentary, where the guy, Nigel, has this super amplifier for his guitar? Most amplifiers go to 10. Nigel says, 'Mine goes to 11.'

"Trailer Man is, like, 'My freaking radio goes to 11.' There was no reason for it to be that insanely loud. Anyone with any common sense would realize he's in a state park. And I'm having talks with my son the whole time about treading lightly, picking up litter, and keeping your voice down in the morning so we don't wake people.

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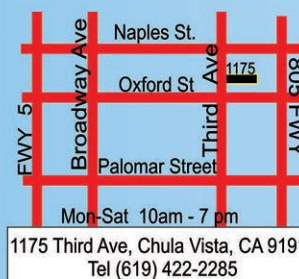
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“Powered by Cheerios,” Bernice said, gazing at her three-year-old as he toddled by toting a baggie of toasted oats.

“Don’t knock the O,” chided my man Patrick. “They were my main fuel during college. I ate the cheap generic brand, but Eve says they’re gross.”

“I can prove it,” I said.

The next week we gathered to test some O’s.

“Very airy, turns to mush,” grimaced Frank, testing an Essential Everyday Toasted Oats (\$3.49 for 14 ounces at Albertsons).

“More whole-grain oat flavor in these Cheerios,” noticed Bernice, trying Cheerios (\$3.69 for 8.9 ounces at Albertsons).

“And more crunch,” added Patrick.

The Multi Grain Cheerios did not fare as well (\$4.59 for 9 ounces at Albertsons).

“Super sweet,” noticed Bernice.

“The previous two cereals only had one gram of sugar; this one has six grams,” noted Pat. “And, oddly enough, this Multi Grain Cheerios has only 20 grams of whole grains compared to the plain Cheerios, which has 23 grams.”

Next up: Trader Joe’s O’s (\$1.99 for 15 ounces). “Our kids prefer Joe’s O’s to Cheerios,” admitted Bernice.

“Perhaps it’s because they are twice as salty,” said Pat, comparing the two labels. “It’s more like eating chips.”

No one at the table enjoyed the Trader Joe’s Organic High Fiber O’s (\$2.79 for 16 ounces).

“A sour, healthy taste, like alfalfa tablets,” remarked Frank, “with nine grams of fiber.”

“And nine grams of sugar!” added Bernice.

We moved on. “This one has an identity crisis,” said Bernice, tasting Trader Joe’s Multigrain O’s Cereal (\$2.99 for 12.8 ounces). “I’m a Rice Crispy. No, I’m a Corn Chex.”

“Well, it has corn, barley, oats, wheat, and rice in it — the great American melting pot.”

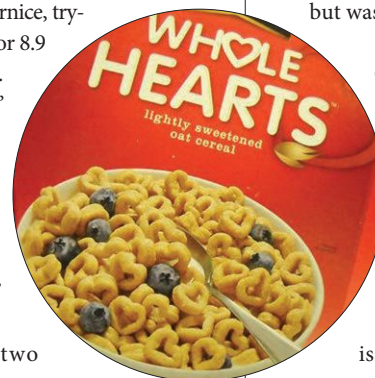
“I don’t like the lingering sweet taste, and there’s only 14 grams of whole grains, but it’s better than its high-fiber cousin,” said Patrick.

A crowd favorite was the Cascadian Farm Organic Purely O’s (\$4.99 for 9 ounces at Sprouts).

“More substantial in flavor than Cheerios,” noticed Bernice, “and a strong barley flavor.”

“I’m getting rice,” countered Frank.

“I look for products that state ‘No high fructose corn syrup,’ like this one,” explained



“Except, I like brown sugar and I don’t like this,” said Pat. “Eve, you missed that it says ‘lightly sweetened.’ It has six grams of sugar.”

Bernice, looking at the marking on the box of Ralphs Toasted Oats (\$2.49 for 14 ounces).

“Decent crunch but low on flavor,” she added, “and it dissolves down to one little ball of paste.”

Safeway Kitchens Toasted Oats (\$2.99 for 14 ounces at Vons) avoided the paste problem but was meager on flavor.

Target’s Market Pantry Toasted Oats (\$2.59 for 14 ounces) rated above the Vons, Albertsons, and Ralphs as the best of the store brands.

“Have a little heart,” I joked, handing Bernice the box of Quaker Whole Hearts oat cereal (\$3.79 for 12.3 ounces at Albertsons). “The first taste is sweet — brown-sugar-caramel sweet,” she said.

“Except, I like brown sugar and I don’t like this,” countered Patrick. “Eve, you missed that it says ‘lightly sweetened.’ It has six grams of sugar.”

The crunchiest cereal of the night was the gluten-free Nature’s Path Organic Whole O’s (\$4.99 for 11.5 ounces at Whole Foods).

“An explosive crunch with a bit of sweet at the end,” said Frank.

“They refer to the cereal as ‘hug-shaped morsels,’” noticed Patrick.

“Fire your packaging designer,” I exclaimed, looking at the box of Benefit Nutrition Simply Fiber Crunchy O’s Cereal, with a whopping 14 grams of fiber and no sugar (\$4.49 for 8.5 ounces at Whole Foods).

“Looks like livestock feed,” agreed Frank, examining one of the pellet-shaped bits.

“The smell reminds me of rice cakes, but the taste makes me actually wish they were rice cakes,” laughed Patrick.

The next box — bag, actually — was the winner of the night. Nature’s Path Organic Heritage O’s Ancient Grains made with kamut khorasan wheat, spelt, and quinoa (\$5.99 for a 32-ounce bag at Whole Foods).

“Responsible Eco Pac,” noted Bernice. “It says it saves 437 tons of paperboard a year.”

“Complex grain taste, an invigorating breakfast,” noted Frank.

“Reminds me of Grape-Nuts,” continued Bernice, “except better. I’m not sure you could talk a kid into eating this, but I love it.”

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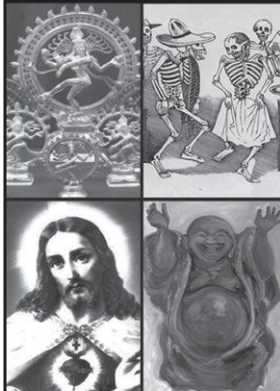
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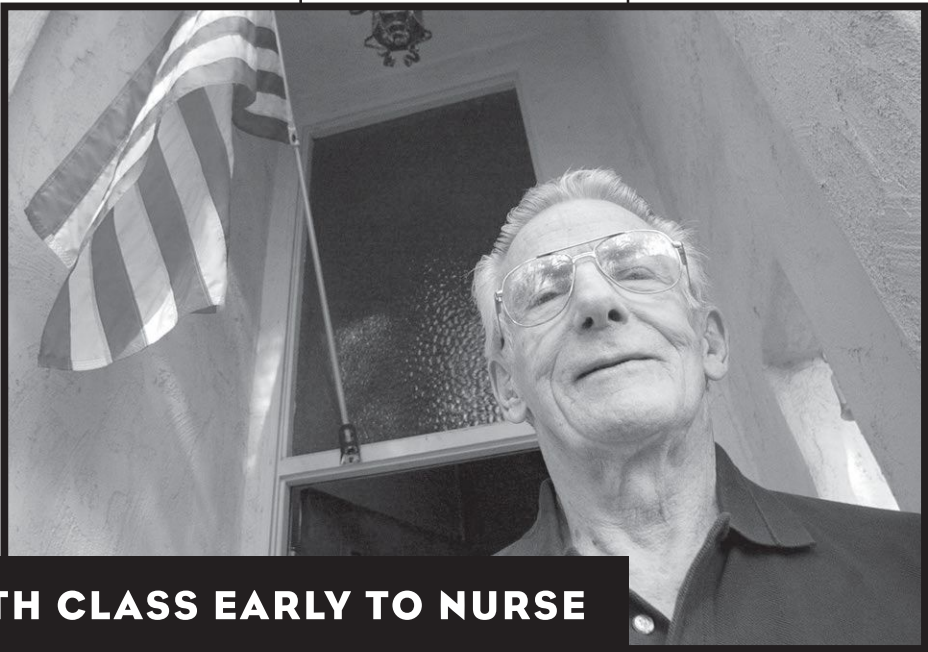
What Made Them Kill

When Judge William Mudd sentenced David Westerfield to death on January 3 of this year, Westerfield joined a special subset of San Diegans. Of the 616 inmates on California's death row, 31, including Westerfield, were convicted and sentenced in America's Finest City. A Linda Vista man murdered the pretty young mother of two tiny boys, cut off her head and hands, and dumped her body near Pine Valley in 1979. A Chula Vista couple, the only husband and wife currently on death row, tortured their four-year-old niece in 1995, then burned her to

death in a bathtub full of scalding water. A North County woman, angry about the men in her life, shot her four sons point-blank in the head in 1997, stopping once to reload. Who are these people in Mr. Westerfield's new neighborhood?

to even be eligible for the death penalty. California Penal Code Section 190 defines first-degree murder as:

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Frank Sexton

"SHE CAME OUT OF HER MATH CLASS EARLY TO NURSE THE BABY, AND THAT'S WHEN HE DID IT."

The Law

It's not easy to get to death row. According to California law, you have to commit first-degree murder

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must be found guilty of at least one special circumstance. Penal Code Section 190.2 enumerates these circumstances. They include murder for financial gain, murder of a peace officer, murder by torture, murder during a kidnapping, and murder during a drive-by shooting.

Once a jury finds a defendant guilty of first-degree murder and finds the special circumstance allegation to be true, it has to decide which penalty to recommend to the judge: death or life in prison without the possibility of parole. During a separate penalty phase of the trial, the prosecution and defense present mitigating and aggravating circumstances with regard to the sentence. These circumstances include the nature of the present offense, the presence or absence of any prior felony conviction, whether the offense was committed while the defendant was under the influence of extreme mental or emotional disturbance, and the age of the defendant at the time of the crime. The judge considers the jury's recommendation, then pronounces the formal sentence. After a defendant has been convicted and sentenced to death, a raft of appeals processes kicks in. First, every death-penalty sentence is automatically appealed to the California Supreme Court. This appeal, known as the direct appeal, can take five or more years to reach the court. After the California Supreme Court hears and decides the direct appeal, the defendant can make a direct appeal of that decision to the U.S. Supreme Court. In the meantime, defendants can file habeas appeals in both the state and federal courts. Habeas appeals challenge the constitutionality of the defendant's conviction. Before an execution occurs, defen-



FROM THE SAN DIEGO UNION

Eleanore Buchanan

dants have last-chance pleas to the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. If all these appeals fail, the defendant is executed by lethal injection at San Quentin.

BERNARD LEE HAMILTON

A lot of people think Bernard Lee Hamilton should die. Two San Diego juries, one in 1981 and another in 1996, sentenced Hamilton to death. Frank Sexton, the now-retired deputy dis-

inmates currently on death row have been there longer than Bernard Lee Hamilton. For death-penalty proponents, Hamilton represents a worst-case scenario: a cold-blooded murderer who has played the labyrinthine appeals process for almost 22 years.

The Facts

On May 30, 1979, Eleanore Frances Buchanan left her Spring Valley apartment at around 6:30 to go to a math class at Mesa Col-

took the family's only car, a new light blue Dodge van that Terry Buchanan used for his work. The gas tank was almost empty. Terry Buchanan had discovered a leak in it and planned to take the van in for repairs the next day.

A little before 7:00, Mrs. Buchanan parked the van in a Mesa College lot. Her class ran from 7:00 to 10:00. During class, she collected class notes from some of her classmates who had taken them while she was absent for the birth of her son. At 9:30, the math instructor gave an optional quiz. Mrs. Buchanan left class early so she could get home to nurse her baby.

Later that evening, Terry Buchanan reported his wife missing. The next afternoon at around 1:00, a hunter who had been target shooting found a young woman's decapitated and headless body beside Interstate 8 near the Pine Valley off-ramp. The body had stab wounds and blue fibers on the abdomen and was clad only in a bra, panties, and socks. The wrists had tie marks, and white cords tied the ankles. On June 2, the *San Diego Union* included a small mention of sheriff's homicide detectives' continuing efforts to identify the body.

The next day, June 3, the *Union* reported that the headless body was Eleanore Buchanan. Subsequent published sources revealed the body had been identified by "a number of distinctive features which included moles, toenail polish, scars, recent episiotomy, and the nursing bra." In a picture accompanying the *Union* article, Eleanore smiled out at the camera. She had a round, pretty face, a squarish jaw. Her dark hair was parted in the middle, and her bangs curled out to the sides à la Farrah Fawcett. She wore a square-necked peasant blouse or dress with

**"Rose Bird said that
I hadn't proven intent to kill.
He only cut her head off."**

trict attorney who prosecuted Hamilton in 1979, thinks Hamilton should be dead. Pat Zahrapoulos, the assistant attorney general who opposed some of Hamilton's many appeals, would like to see the case end before she retires. Only 20 of the over 600

lege. Mrs. Buchanan was 24 on that spring evening. Three weeks before, she had given birth to her second son. She and her 27-year-old husband Terry, a dental-supply salesman, had another son who was 14 months old at the time. Mrs. Buchanan

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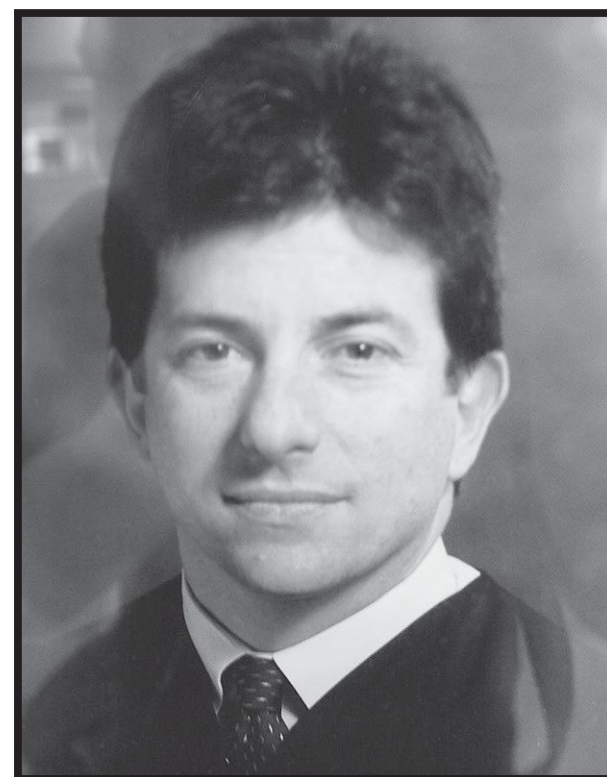


heavy embroidery around the neckline. The article said investigators had no leads on who might have killed Mrs. Buchanan but asked the public's assistance in finding the missing vehicle.

Five days later, on June 8, Bernard Lee Hamilton was arrested in Marietta, Oklahoma. Sheriffs stopped him driving the Buchanans' blue van. The van's passenger wind wing was broken, and other parts of the car had been damaged. Heavy blood stains soaked the blue carpet in the van's rear compartment. Subsequent testing showed the blood matched Eleanore Buchanan's blood type and characteristics. The same blood was found on one of Hamilton's shoes.

Investigators theorized it could have been left by one of Eleanore Buchanan's bloody stumps. Oklahoma sheriffs found Mrs. Buchanan's class notes, math test, and other belongings alongside the road not far from where Hamilton had been stopped. Investigators learned that Hamilton had used credit cards in Terry and Eleanore Buchanan's names to purchase gas, food, and other items in stores and gas stations in El Cajon, El Centro, and Tucson, Arizona, beginning early the morning after Eleanore Buchanan disappeared. Hamilton continued using the cards through Texas and into Oklahoma until he was arrested.

At the time of Eleanore Buchanan's disappearance, Hamilton lived with his parents in a house at 2542 Comstock Street, less than a mile from Mesa College. Twenty-eight years old, Hamilton already had a long criminal history. He had received felony convictions for a 1971 forgery, two 1972 burglaries, a 1976 auto theft, and a 1976 Louisiana burglary. Pleadings filed prior to Hamilton's trial also revealed that one of the 1972 burglaries occurred



Dan Goldstein

in the same Mesa College parking lot where Eleanore Buchanan parked her van.

The day after Hamilton's arrest, San Diego sheriff's deputies interviewed Hamilton in Oklahoma. Hamilton told the deputies that he had gone on a road trip with a white woman named Fran and her friend Spider. According to Hamilton, Fran had left her husband for Spider. Hamilton claimed to have driven the couple to Shreveport, Louisiana, where he dropped them off and then proceeded to Oklahoma. In fact, "Fran" was Eleanore Buchanan's nickname, something Hamilton could have learned from a birth announcement Buchanan had in her purse at the time she disappeared. Deputies also discovered that soon after Hamilton's arrest in Oklahoma, he had seen a wanted poster offering a reward for a David L. Wall, alias "Spider."

According to a June 12, 1979, *San Diego Union* article, Hamilton waived his right to contest extradition to California and arrived in San Diego on June 11. In the photograph published alongside the article,

Hamilton walked with his hands presumably shackled behind his back. He frowned at the ground. His hair rose around his head in an Afro, and he had a dark mustache.

Frank Sexton worked for the district attorney's office, first as an investigator and then as a trial deputy, from 1962 until he retired in 1983. During the course of his career, Sexton tried around 18 murder cases. "I did rape-murders, mostly robbery-murders," Sexton said during an interview in the fall of 2002. "I only had two death-penalty cases. This and then a retrial of another case." Sitting at his dining room table in a comfortable retirement condominium complex in Clairemont, Sexton remembered the Hamilton case.

"I'd already had a previous case with him," Sexton said. "There was this elderly lady in Linda Vista, Mrs. Story, walking down the street. She'd been injured earlier in an automobile accident. He came by and smashed her in the mouth so hard she still can't eat a hamburger. He took off to Louisiana, and he got caught ripping a TV out of a motel.

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Genny Rojas

So they put him on a work farm where the guy sits on a horse with a bullhorn and says, 'Pick the cotton.' He wrote a letter to a cop back here and said, 'I'll confess to Mrs. Story. Get me out of here.' The cop brought the letter over to me, and we had a great laugh. The Louisiana Supreme Court threw the case out, and he got out. He was out on bail

he's down there ripping gas out of cars. There's not a full tank in the lot. It's a bunch of kids trying to make it. She came out of her math class early to nurse the baby, and that's when he did it. He did a real number on her. He even stabbed her in the stomach. The pathologist told me it wasn't fatal, just to have a laugh. So this is a bad dude."

"The critical thing I saw in all those injuries was her torn frenulum."

on Mrs. Story's case after he got back to San Diego. I objected to the bail. But his parents put up the bail, and that's when he committed the murder.

"The dad was a Baptist minister," Sexton continued. "Mother was a stay-at-home mom. They had a bunch of kids. Some of them were bad. But one is a fine guy. So Hamilton doesn't have that excuse. He was raised in Linda Vista. He kidnapped Mrs. Buchanan out of a Mesa College parking lot. And

Soon after Hamilton's preliminary hearing, he wrote and mailed a letter from jail to Terry Buchanan. At a time when Terry was reeling from his wife's unspeakable murder, Hamilton told him, "You are probably full of grief when you should be highly pissed-off." He told Terry that Fran was not dead but had left with Spider and was smoking "Sherman sticks," a reference to cigarettes laced with angel dust. Terry Buchanan passed the letter along to the police.

Hamilton's letter to Terry Buchanan was not the first time he had tried to exonerate himself by correspondence. In the Story case, Mrs. Story identified Hamilton in a photographic lineup, saying she was "about 80 percent certain" he was the man who assaulted her. After the preliminary hearing, Hamilton wrote a letter to the district attorney saying, "Your victim definitely knows me personally and intimately. Back in 1967-68 and '69, when I was just a young buck, she used to pay me for my sexual services.... She is an alcoholic and sex freak, which is no crime, but the fact is, she knows me." The district attorney found Hamilton's claims about Mrs. Story unbelievable.

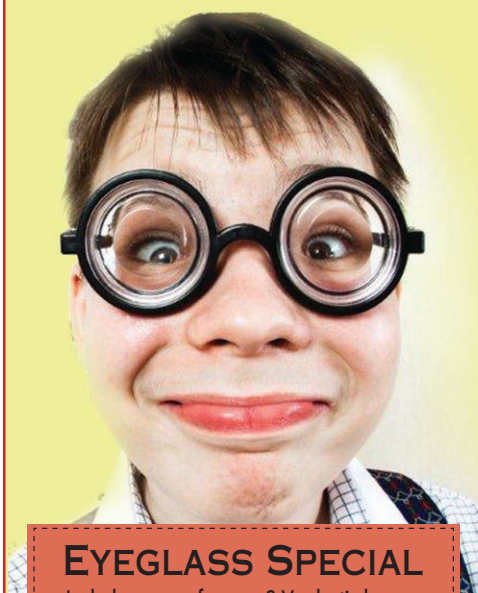
The Trial

Bernard Lee Hamilton had a hard time getting along with his attorneys. The published opinion in one of Hamilton's subsequent appeals summarized his attorney troubles as follows:

At arraignment on July 12, 1979, Patrick O'Connor was appointed to represent defendant. On September 25, 1979, on defendant's motion O'Connor was relieved on the ground of incompatibility, and Jerome Wallingford was appointed in his place. On November 7, 1979, dissatisfied with the representation that Wallingford was providing, defendant again made a motion to relieve counsel; Wallingford joined in the motion; the court, however, denied the request. On November 26, 1979, apparently on defendant's motion Wallingford was relieved and Thomas Ryan and Vivian Camberg were appointed in his place. On May 1, 1980, defendant filed a motion requesting that the court relieve Ryan and Camberg and permit him to represent himself.

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At a hearing on May 9, 1980, defendant withdrew his motion and made a new motion requesting that the court appoint him as co-counsel; the court granted this request. On May 20, 1980, defendant, complaining of their performance, again moved to have Ryan and Camberg relieved and to be permitted to represent himself. Finding inter alia that defendant did not have “a legitimate objection, but [was] only grasping at anything he can think of to delay the proceedings,” the court denied the motion.

Even after the trial began

sexual assault on counsel’s assistant and a physical assault on counsel himself. At Hamilton’s request, the shackles were removed, and the trial began with Hamilton in a restrictive leg brace under his trousers. At that point, Hamilton was on notice that future shackling depended upon Hamilton’s conduct both in and out of court.

The leg iron was subsequently removed after Hamilton complained of pain. The trial court... concluded that Hamilton should have a chance to start trial without restraints.

“So the more she was abused, the less human she was.”

on October 2, 1980, Hamilton’s unhappiness with his attorneys continued. He filed motions on October 14, November 3, November 17, and December 8 seeking to fire his attorneys so he could represent himself. On December 9, 10, 12, and 15, he made various additional complaints about his attorneys’ performance. After the jury returned its guilty verdict on January 6, 1981, Hamilton again requested the court relieve counsel and allow him to represent himself. The court rejected all his motions and complaints.

Some of Hamilton’s unhappiness may have stemmed from the fact that, at his attorneys’ request, he was shackled during the trial. In another appeal, Hamilton claimed the shackling denied him due process because it deprived him of the presumption of innocence. Once again, an appellate court summarized the situation:

Hamilton was originally placed in restraints prior to trial at the request of his counsel. The request was based upon Hamilton’s

The episode that gave rise to further restraint was a verbal assault and violent behavior exhibited toward deputies who were to bring Hamilton from his cell to the courtroom on the third day after jury selection commenced. After a hearing that morning, the trial court found a pattern of increased agitation on the part of Hamilton and was concerned that he was “on the edge of losing control of himself at any time.”...

Hamilton was then placed in handcuffs attached to a chain around his waist. He had a chain placed around his legs. Although Hamilton was seated during trial, the jury was aware of the shackles because he took the stand to testify.

Frank Sexton remembered Hamilton’s conduct during trial. “The deputy who was bringing him in to the trial was a friend of my son’s,” Sexton said. “Hamilton was spitting on the deputy. A while later, the deputy and my son were out having a beer, and my son said, ‘Why didn’t you blend him into the carpet?’ And you know what the deputy said? He said, ‘I

didn’t want to screw up your dad’s case.’”

He didn’t. After a two-and-a-half-month trial, the jury found Bernard Lee Hamilton guilty of murdering Eleanore Buchanan. During the trial, Hamilton testified that he had found the Buchanans’ van parked on a street in Linda Vista with the keys in the ignition. He said he had never seen Eleanore Buchanan alive or dead. He said he had told officers the story about driving cross-country with Spider and Fran because he didn’t want to be prosecuted for stealing the van.

Frank Sexton cross-examined Hamilton for about a day. “It was good,” Sexton remembered. Rifling through large black binders in his Clairemont apartment, Sexton reviewed page after page of trial notes. Reading words from long ago, Sexton recalled a line of questioning about the letter Hamilton wrote to Terry Buchanan. “ ‘So, in other words, there was another lie in that letter?’ ‘Yes, there was another lie.’ ” Sexton skipped ahead. “Here’s another one. ‘So you didn’t have any time to go to Shreveport, Louisiana, and drop off Spider and Fran?’ ‘No, I didn’t.’ ‘That was another lie, wasn’t it?’ ‘Yes, it was.’ ”

After the penalty phase, the jury returned a verdict of death on February 2, 1981. On March 2, 1981, Judge Franklin B. Orfield affirmed the jury’s recommendation and sentenced Bernard Lee Hamilton to death by lethal injection.

The Appeals

To say Bernard Lee Hamilton has pursued the appellate process vigorously would be a tremendous understatement. On his first round of appeals, the California Supreme Court in 1985 affirmed his conviction as to guilt but reversed his death

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sentence. Frank Sexton laughed ruefully when he remembered that reversal. “Rose Bird said that I hadn’t proven intent to kill,” Sexton said. “He only cut her head off. I suppose she could have throbbed around for a while.” Indeed, the California Supreme Court under then Chief Justice Rose Bird set aside the special circumstance finding necessary for a death sentence because the lower court failed to instruct the jury that it must find intent to kill in the felony-murder special circumstance.

In 1986, the U.S. Supreme Court vacated the California Supreme Court’s decision reversing the death sentence and sent the case back to the California Supreme Court to reconsider in light of new U.S. Supreme Court case law. Two years later, the California Supreme Court upheld the special circum-



Bonnie Howard-Regan

stance finding and the death sentence.

After the California Supreme Court’s 1988 decision reinstating Hamilton’s death sentence, Hamilton filed four petitions for writs of habeas corpus in San Diego federal district court. In those petitions, Hamilton alleged various violations of

his civil rights. After much convoluted litigation involving determining whether Hamilton had waived or exhausted all his habeas claims, the district court denied the petitions. Hamilton thereafter appealed the district court’s decision to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. In 1994, the Ninth

Circuit upheld the lower court’s decision denying Hamilton’s habeas petitions. The Ninth Circuit did, however, reverse the death penalty on the grounds of an improper jury instruction. They ordered the case remanded (sent back to the lower court) to retry the penalty phase.

Frank Sexton, who had since retired, testified at the retrial. “Tom McArdle [who assisted Sexton in the original trial] was the lead attorney on the retrial,” Sexton said. Before the retrial, Sexton reviewed the list of witnesses McArdle planned to call. “So McArdle has these two kids [the now-grown children of Terry and Eleanore Buchanan] down on the witness list. I said, ‘Tom, you’re not going to put these kids through this.’ He said, ‘You don’t understand. They called me, and they volunteered to do it.’”

Bernard Lee Hamilton was sentenced to death again on February 2, 1996. When Hamilton was led from the courtroom following the judge’s formal sentencing, he very obviously extended the middle finger of his left hand in the judge’s direction. When asked about his conduct in a telephone interview the next

day, he said he had to flip off the judge to show his displeasure with the sentence. Hamilton’s case has been assigned to Jana Clark of the State Public Defenders Office. According to Clark, who will represent Hamilton in his direct appeal to the California Supreme Court, the court record was certified in August 2002. The opening brief (the first step in the direct appeal) is scheduled to be filed this fall. In the meantime, Hamilton has filed several additional habeas petitions in both state and federal courts.

What happened to Terry Buchanan? Frank Sexton said, “He used to work for this dental company. He was a salesman. They thought very highly of him. But he couldn’t work San Diego anymore, because anytime he’d make a stop, they’d tell him how sorry they were for him. He couldn’t




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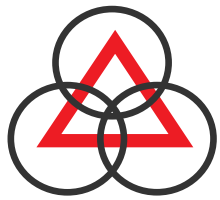
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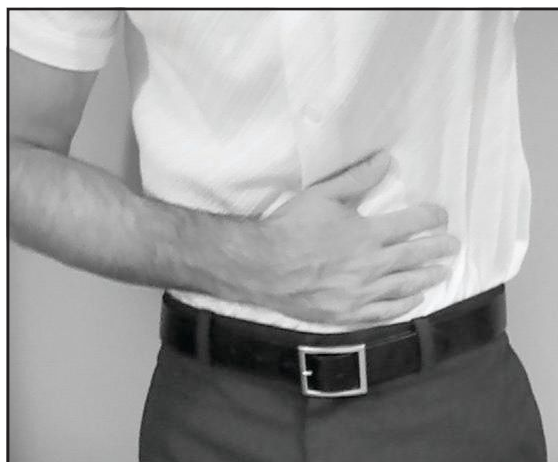
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handle it. He moved to Las Cruces to be near his mom and dad because he had to take care of the kids. He used to call me every now and then. When he came back to town, I took him to a Charger game. And then one thing led to another; he started drinking. He died of a heart attack at a young age. If he walked in the door right now, you'd like him."

IVAN AND VERONICA GONZALES

The Photographs

Nothing prepares you for the photos. Sitting outside a Starbucks on a clear December morning, Deputy District Attorney Dan Goldstein pulled an ordinary white envelope from the pocket of his blue jeans. Dressed for a day off, Goldstein squinted into the sun. "Are you ready?" he asked a reporter. "Our photographer shot over 2000 photos at the crime scene and the autopsy. These will give you an idea of what we saw."

Goldstein pulled the first photo from the top of a stack of 20 or 30. "This is what Genny looked like when the paramedics arrived." "Genny" is Genny Rojas, the deceased four-year-old niece of Ivan and Veronica Gonzales, both currently on California's death row. When you think of a four-year-old named Genny, you might think of a chubby, angel-faced little girl with dark hair and dark eyes and a mischievous smile. That's how Genny looked in one of the few photos taken of her before her death.

The photo in Dan Goldstein's hands showed something else. Laid out on a neighbor's dirty brown carpet, Genny looked asleep. She was naked from the waist down. One of Ivan's black T-shirts covered her torso and most of her arms. Everything not covered by the T-shirt, Genny's crotch and legs, almost glowed

bright red and was mottled like a lobster that's been cooked too long. Goldstein turned to the next photo. "This shows the back of the legs." Behind Genny's knees, two matching diamonds of unburned pink flesh contrasted with the scalded red skin. "That's called 'sparing.' It's where she bent her legs to keep them out of the hot water."

The next photo showed Genny's upper body with the T-shirt removed. A clear line, pink to red, demarcated the level on her torso where the water reached. "There are no burns on her upper body," Goldstein pointed out. "That's unusual in a case like this. In a scalding, you would expect her to put her arms down and try to stand up. But she didn't splash. That's how we know she must have been restrained. Someone was holding her in the water."

The next few photos show close-ups of Genny's head and face. She looks like something you might see on the evening news, a bombing victim or someone injured in wartime. Her face is covered with wounds — bruises, welts, open sores. Parallel burn lines on both sides of her face were caused by someone holding the end of a hot blow dryer against her chubby cheeks. Bleeding sores cover both ears and the bridge of Genny's nose. "She was restrained with a hood of some sort," Dan Goldstein explained. "We think it was a pair of pants that they put over her head. It rubbed and rubbed against her skin until it almost went through to the cartilage. You can see how this sore on her ear is at the same level as this sore on her nose."

Where Genny's hair should be, the photos show more open wounds. A tiny fringe of black hair clings to Genny's neckline and her forehead where she once had bangs. The rest of

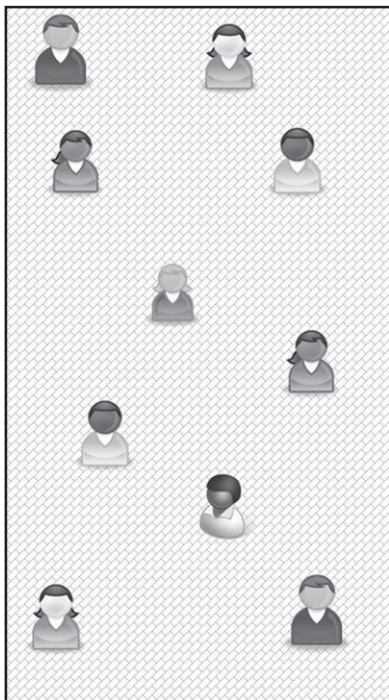
her scalp oozes in bloody patches like some kind of hellish swamp.

Goldstein switched from pictures of Genny to pictures of Ivan and Veronica Gonzales's Chula Vista apartment. A filthy gray blanket lies crumpled in the corner of a room. "That's where she slept," Goldstein explained. "If you look, you can see it's covered with feces." An empty rubbing alcohol bottle lies beside the blanket. "They poured rubbing alcohol on the burns on her head." Goldstein moved through pictures of a closet. On the dowel where you would expect to see clothes hung, two metal hooks hang over a wooden box about the size of a laundry basket. "When we found Genny, she had ligature marks on her neck and handcuff marks on her arms. They hung her from these hooks with her hands cuffed behind her back. There is blood and feces on the box and little bloody footprints on the box and one here on the wall," Goldstein pointed to a dull, reddish mark on the white closet wall. "She tried to balance herself on the wall and the side of the box. There was a peephole in the closet door. When you look through it, you can see the hooks where they hung her."

"This is the last photo," Goldstein turned to a picture of what appeared to be a crumpled pair of flesh-colored knee-high stockings lying in the bottom of a filthy bathtub. "Our investigator found these in the drain. We didn't know what they were at first. It turned out they were the skin from Genny's feet and lower legs. The toenails are still attached."

The Facts

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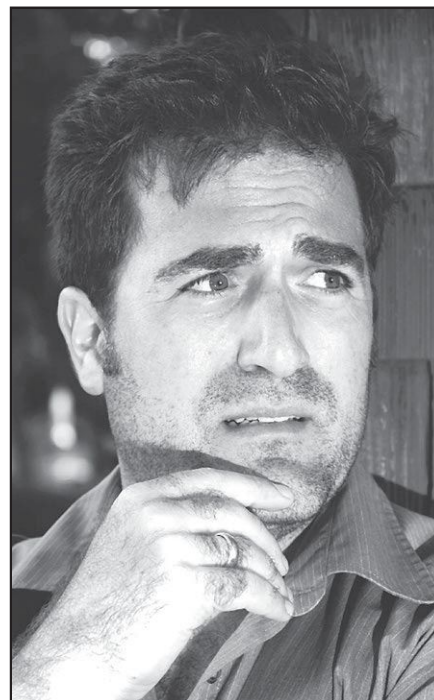


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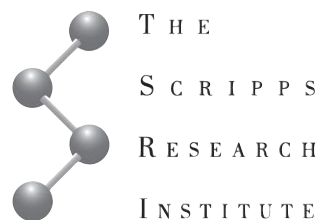
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number one. There they found Genny Rojas, dead, lying on her back in the middle of the living room carpet. Since late January of that same year, Genny had been living with her aunt and uncle, Veronica and Ivan Gonzales, in apartment number seven of the complex. Ivan and Veronica had six children of their own — Ivan Jr., eight; Michael, seven; Vanessa, six; Anthony, three; Valerie, two; and Alex, one-month — who also lived with them.

When police detectives interviewed Ivan the next day, he told them he had no job. He said the reason Genny had come to live with them was because she had abusive parents. Her dad had gotten arrested and was in jail. The mom, Mary Rojas, Veronica Gonzales's sister, was in rehab. Ivan's mother-in-law had custody of Genny and her siblings but hadn't been able to handle them all. When asked about their living arrangements, Ivan told detectives that they had no beds. Everyone in the two-bedroom apartment slept on the floor on blankets. The kids had the front bedroom, and he and his wife slept in the living room because the master bedroom was full of junk. Ivan said Genny had gotten some of her injuries when the kids ganged up on her. He also said he and Veronica had to discipline Genny because she wasn't potty-trained.

At Veronica's interview, she said she was on welfare and that Ivan hadn't worked for three or four years. When asked why Genny's mother was in rehab, she answered, " 'Cause she's a little bitch."

The same day police interviewed Ivan and Veronica, forensic pathologist Dr. Eisele of the San Diego County medical examiner's office performed an autopsy on Genny. Dr.

Eisele concluded that the cause of death was thermal burns to approximately 50 percent of Genny's body-surface area. He stated that he believed the burns were "non-accidental" and inflicted by another person. Court documents detail the extent of Genny's injuries as set out in Dr. Eisele's autopsy report:

In addition to the fatal thermal burns over 50% of her body, Dr. Eisele described, in detail, five injuries on Genny's back and shoulders, twenty one injuries on her arms, hands, and feet, and thirteen injuries on her head and face. These injuries range from old, healed scars or injuries, to healing injuries, to ulcerations of the skin, to bruises, lacerations, and contusions, to areas of eroded skin, to superficial burns in parallel lines in various places on her body.... The evidence presented indicated the second and third degree burns on Genny's head were anywhere from days to weeks old. The blunt force injury inside her mouth was several days old, possibly as much as a week or two. The subdural hematoma was caused within a few days of death. The ligature marks on her neck were healing injuries, days to weeks old as were the ligature marks on her wrists and arms.

On July 25, 1995, the district attorney filed a criminal complaint charging Ivan and Veronica with murder. They were both arraigned on that same day and both entered pleas of not guilty. Three months later, on November 7, the prosecution filed an amended complaint adding a special circumstance allegation of torture/murder. A preliminary examination was held in Municipal Court on November 7 and 8 to determine if sufficient evidence existed to try Veronica and Ivan on the murder and special circumstances

charges. The court found the evidence sufficient. Ivan and Veronica's oldest son, Ivan Jr., testified at this pretrial hearing. Later, during pretrial maneuvering, Veronica's attorneys filed a pretrial motion to dismiss the special circumstances charge on the basis that the thermal burns didn't qualify as torture.

In a tentative decision to reject Veronica's requested dismissal, the court summarized Ivan Jr.'s testimony.

Defendant's son Ivan Jr. testified that both his mom (defendant) and dad (co-defendant) subjected Genny to systematic physical abuse for an extended period of time.... Specifically as to the night Genny died Ivan testified he and his siblings had been locked in their bedroom, but could see through a hole in the door into defendant's bedroom and bathroom. He said he could see Genny in the tub. Although he could not actually see his mom and dad, they were in the bathroom with Genny. He could hear his mother scream. His mom and dad were the ones who drew hot water for the tub. Genny screamed and cried and then Ivan heard nothing. Ivan's brother Anthony cried to be let out of their locked room and their father came to the door and told them to stay in their room. Later, the door was unlocked and Ivan was let out and told Genny had died. His mom was crying and his dad was sad.

How do people with six children of their own turn into torturers? Dan Goldstein, who tried the Gonzales case, contemplated that question. "Ivan and Veronica didn't start out as torturers," Goldstein said. "There's no way. They weren't torturers. They became it through a calamity of events. There's a kind of an inverse relationship between the initial event and the last event that occurred

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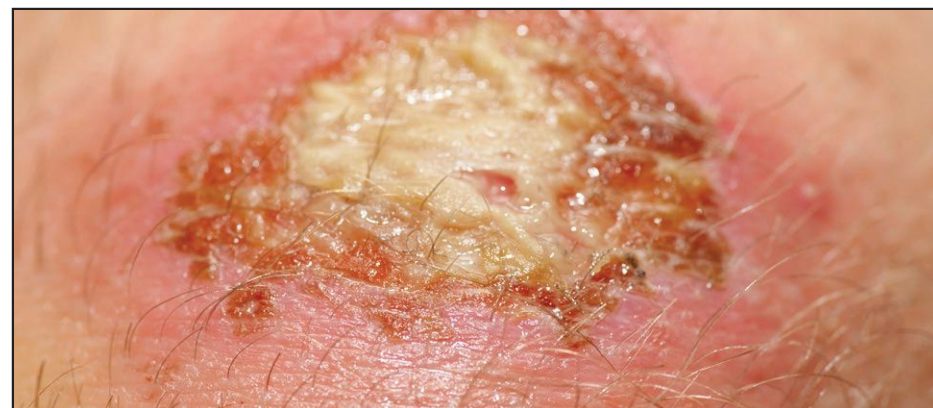
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during a two- or three-month period. That initial event was Genny had lice, as all the Gonzales kids did. So Ivan and Veronica did something inappropriate. They're methed out. They're hunkered down. They have exactly the same behavior as in every methamphetamine case I've ever seen. And that is chaotic thought processes. In order to get the lice off Genny's head, they put her head under a faucet. They used hot water and ended up burning her scalp. Was that intentional? I don't know. Then she's got this bloody mass on her head. It's disgusting. She's picking at it. She's rubbing her head against the wall. The irony, of course, is that their house is a pigpen to begin with, so why would they care that she was rubbing her head against the wall. But they did because they were taking meth.

"So the more she was

abused, the less human she was. The more they abused, the more powerful they felt. The less human she was, the more tragic and violent their behavior could be. You can just see it shooting up. The escalation of restraint starts out with captivating her behind the door, tying her hands together with clothing. It escalates to putting her in a box and tying her arms and legs together. It goes farther. It goes to her being hung and handcuffed. And again, Genny's becoming less human and they're becoming more aggressive and powerful and more and more intoxicated by methamphetamine. It's the one time they became powerful in their meager, ugly little lives. They didn't care about their children who had to witness this crap."

Goldstein continued with his theories on how Genny's injuries occurred. "Ivan and Veronica began to get into burning. Whether it's a hot tub, a blow dryer. Mike [Popkins, Veronica's defense attorney] disagrees with me on this. Veronica's defense was she put the blow dryer on cool and didn't know it was hot. It made marks on Genny's cheeks. Genny had prior marks on her arms. There were unique triangular burns to her body. While I could never get an expert to commit to it, I think it was the hair clip on the curling iron. There was some type of DNA on the curling iron. Theoretically, it could have been from Veronica's hair. It could have been skin, too, that had degraded. If you look at the totality of the burns on her body, those burns had to be the curling iron."

When Goldstein prepared for trial, he learned Genny's injuries inside and out. "I remember before I did the trial, I put the photos of Genny in her mutilated form all around my office. I just sat there quietly

for a little bit of time and embraced it. When you start to come to grips with it, you think, 'Holy shit. They worked her.' I felt a tremendous amount of emotion for Genny. That's what I needed to get me through it.

"The critical thing I saw in all those injuries was her torn frenulum," Goldstein said. "That's the frenulum, that little piece of skin there." Goldstein pulled his lower lip down and pointed to the membrane where the lip and gum attach. "Her lip had been torn away from her gum, and she had a very large gash in her lip, obviously from getting hit. When I looked at that I said there is no possible way that what happened to her was an accident. The corruption and the violence and the lack of empathy that that person had who could make their hand into a weapon and hit Genny in the face. That's the only way it could happen. It wasn't from falling on a broomstick as Veronica tried to depict. That just told me that these people were so malevolent. That's why capital punishment was appropriate."

The Trial

Ivan and Veronica Gonzales were tried separately. Ivan was tried first. Robert P. Isaacson represented him. Jury selection commenced March 31, 1997, and concluded April 10. The trial itself began Monday, April 14. "Ivan was a real difficult individual," Goldstein remembered. "He appeared so meek. Both juries had that impression of him." The first jury convicted Ivan of first-degree murder with the special circumstance but hung in the penalty phase. "With the first jury going 9-3, my belief was if the next jury hung up on Ivan, even 11-1, we'd give them both life without possibility of parole and not even try for death," Gold-

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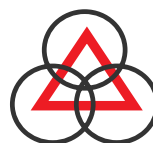
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stein said. The second jury heard the penalty phase only and recommended Ivan be sentenced to death. The judge agreed, and Ivan received his death sentence January 13, 1998.

Veronica's trial started March 11, 1998. Dan Goldstein compared the two trials. "Both Ivan and Veronica claimed they were battered spouses," Goldstein said. "The people's case in chief is usually what happened, the murder. Then the defense puts on their case. In this case, the defense in both cases put up a series of defenses, one of which was the battered spouse syndrome. Not that 'the other spouse made me do it,' but 'the other spouse was such a villain that I couldn't come to Genny's aid.' Truth be told, it doesn't surprise me that both Ivan and Veronica hit each other. They're violent people. The juries didn't buy that either one was battered. There's a difference between being hit and suffering psychological dilemmas from being hit. That was a fairly important issue."

Mike Popkins, who, along with Susan Clemens, defended Veronica, agreed that the battered women's syndrome played a key role in the trial. "We strongly felt that our client was a victim herself," Popkins said in his office overlooking C Street downtown. "She had been abused over the years by her husband. And he basically controlled the whole situation. Based on what we found out from the battered women's syndrome, Veronica was somewhat helpless to do anything."

"What was ironic is the other side raised that defense for the husband," Popkins said. "I thought it was ludicrous. To think this buff guy is going to be controlled by this woman was just ridiculous. Physically, heightwise, they were probably about the same

size. Bottom line, he was a man and she was a woman. I know he was stronger than her. Plus, factor in that there was heavy methamphetamine use in that house. We had experts who talked about how that affects your judgment. Even to the point where you don't perceive things that are dangerous. Conceivably, you could see the child being abused by the husband and not really appreciate what's going on because the meth has so messed up your brain. We also argued that Veronica was not in the bathroom at the time Ivan put Genny in the hot water. She was in the kitchen at the time. All that went for naught because the juries didn't believe that."

Dan Goldstein commented on Veronica's defense. "Mike Popkins is by far the best defense attorney in town. No question. To this day, I think if Veronica had been a little more honest, she could have helped herself out. Instead, she got up and hid behind the battered-woman-syndrome defense. I talked to a couple of the jurors after the case. Several of them said that when Veronica was testifying, their impression was she was lying. And in their minds they kept thinking, 'Don't lie to me. If you lie to me, I'm going to have to vote death.'"

Where was Genny's mother, Mary Rojas, in all this? "Testifying for the defendant," Dan Goldstein nearly spat when he said Mary Rojas's name. "Mary Rojas and Pete Rojas were Genny's parents. Pete Rojas went to prison for molesting Genny's sister. Mary Rojas was a meth freak too. Genny went to her grandmother, Tilly, who was a very abusive person in her own right. She had abused Veronica. She had abused Mary. So Genny ends up down here with Ivan and Veronica, another set of meth abusers. We knew from discov-

ery that Mary had hooked up again with Pete when he was out of prison. They had another baby after Genny died. They named it Genny. You don't name your new dog after your dead dog. It just showed the utter lack of feeling and empathy these people had toward the rest of the world, toward their own children." During the penalty phase of Veronica's trial, Mary Rojas testified that Veronica's death would cause more heartache for her family.

On July 20, 1998, the judge followed the jury's recommendation and sentenced Veronica Gonzales to death. "Veronica's jury did something that no other jury has ever done. Although they announced that they had a verdict on Friday, we didn't take it until Monday because they wanted the detective and the paramedic to be there for the verdict. It was just a wonderful statement that the jury made. They said not only do we care about Genny, we care about the people who investigated it and the paramedic who responded. Out of evil and tragedy, good things can come."

The Appeals

At the time of this writing, Ivan and Veronica Gonzales have not yet been appointed appellate lawyers for their direct appeals to the California Supreme Court.

SUSAN EUBANKS The Facts

Sunday, October 26, 1997, was a bad day for Susan Eubanks. The 33-year-old unemployed nursing assistant had spent the day drinking at a bar in Escondido with her boyfriend Rene Dobson, a construction worker. The couple watched football on the bar's television and had an argument. Dobson told Susan Eubanks he wanted



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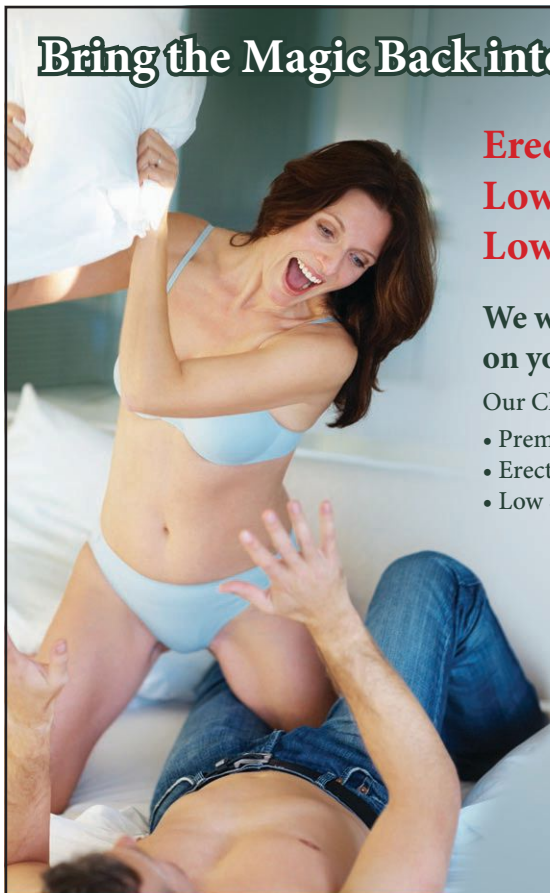
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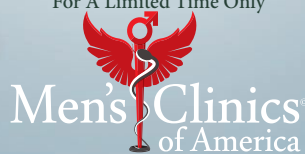
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to end the relationship. In midafternoon, Dobson drove Eubanks home to the ramshackle house at 226 South Twin Oaks Valley Road in San Marcos that Eubanks shared with her four sons — Brandon, 14; Austin, 7; Brigham, 6; and Matthew, 4. When the couple arrived at the house, Eubanks took Dobson's car keys and refused to let him leave. Dobson tried to remove some clothes and construction tools from the house. Eubanks smashed Dobson's car, and the two nearly got into a fistfight. After walking to a nearby gas station, Dobson called San Diego sheriff's deputies. When the deputies arrived at Eubanks's house, they found she had slashed the tires on Dobson's car. Dobson removed items from the home and from his car and left. Deputies left soon after.

During the time Dobson was at the house that October afternoon, Eubanks's estranged husband, Eric Eubanks, stopped by as well. Eric Eubanks, a cabinetmaker, was the father of Susan Eubanks's three youngest boys. He and Susan had been married for nine years. In June 1997, Eric Eubanks had been convicted of beating Susan. He was sentenced to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Susan Eubanks had obtained a restraining order against Eric and filed for divorce. While Eric was at the house, Dobson told him, "She's a little whacked, and I want you to know that she's talked about killing herself and the boys."

After the deputies left, Susan Eubanks asked her oldest son Brandon to lie for her if he were questioned about the afternoon's activities. Brandon called his dad

John Armstrong, Eubanks's first husband, who lived in Texas. "I'm not going to lie for her anymore," Brandon told his dad. "She gets herself into these things, and I am not lying for her anymore to get her out of it." John Armstrong offered to send Brandon an airplane ticket so he could come to Texas. Brandon refused. He said he had to stay in California to take care of his younger brothers.

Susan Eubanks wrote five suicide notes. One, which she addressed to Eric Eubanks, said, "I've lost everything I've ever loved. Now it's time for you to do the same." She left a message on Eric's answering machine. "Say good-bye." When Eric heard the message around 7:00, he called the sheriff's department. Court documents and newspaper accounts detail what deputies found when they

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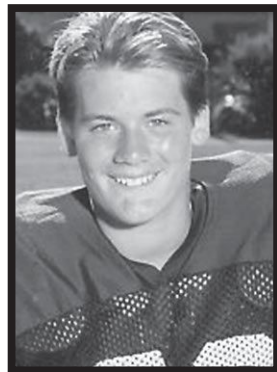
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returned to Susan Eubanks's house. Brandon was found lying facedown on the living room floor with his half-eaten cereal spilled around him. He had one gunshot wound in the left temple and another in the back of the neck. Susan Eubanks shot the other three boys in their beds, where they were playing Nintendo with a five-year-old cousin. Austin was found sitting upright on his top bunk. He suffered a penetrating gunshot wound to the head between the bridge of the nose and his left eye. Brigham and Matthew were on the bottom bunk. Brigham suffered two gunshot wounds to the head — one to the right side of the head, by the ear, and the



Brandon Armstrong

other on the left side of the back of his head. Matthew suffered a penetrating gunshot wound to the top of the head. He didn't die immediately but was pronounced brain-dead soon after he was admitted to the hospital. He died 23 hours after he and his brothers were discovered. The five-year-



Austin Eubanks, 1996

old nephew was unharmed. Deputies found Susan Eubanks in the master bedroom, lying on her back on her bed. A small, black .38-caliber pistol was on the bed to her right, and many expended and unexpended rounds of ammunition surrounded her. Deputies also found the five hand-



Brigham Eubanks, 1996

written notes saying what she'd done and why. Susan Eubanks clutched a bloody towel to her abdomen. When one of the deputies removed the towel, he found a self-inflicted gunshot wound to Eubanks's stomach.

At the hospital, Eubanks denied the murders and



Matthew Eubanks, 1995

the self-inflicted gunshot wound. She said all of it had been done by a man. She said she would never have shot herself in the abdomen since she had gone through extensive plastic surgery and liposuction in that area.

The Trial

Bonnie Howard-Regan is

the kind of woman you could tell your secrets to. During Howard-Regan's almost 18 years as a deputy district attorney, lots of children have done just that. "I've spent most of my career specializing in child-molest and child-abuse cases," Howard-Regan said on a clear day this past November. Sitting in her office on the fifth floor of the new North County Courthouse, Howard-Regan looked chic but approachable in a tailored burgundy pantsuit. "I like those types of cases because I like working with the children. I like to empower them, get them ready to testify. They've been in a very powerless

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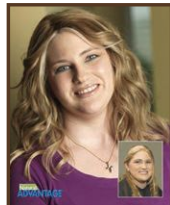


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situation. And, ultimately, we get to put away the bad guys."

In 1997, Howard-Regan got assigned to prosecute the Susan Eubanks murder trial. "I was in trial on a molest case, a three-striker, when this happened," Howard-Regan remembered. "It happened on a Sunday. I heard the news in the morning. I remember thinking, 'Please don't let me get that case. Please don't let me get that case.' Even though I believe in the death penalty, I always hoped I would never have one because I know it takes a good chunk of your life. I'm a mother. I was not looking forward to taking all that time away from my family. So I came to work Monday morning. I had a trial. My supervisor told me he'd gotten the word from downtown that I was getting this case. I'd never done a death-penalty case before."

Because of the self-inflicted gunshot wound, Susan Eubanks had a hospital arraignment. "I was still in trial," Howard-Regan said. "So my supervisor, Jack Bucci, handled the arraignment for me. Then Thursday of that week, I was still in trial. The police were going to go back into the Eubanks residence with another search warrant. That was going to be the only opportunity for me to go to the residence. It was the day before Halloween. I was able to have the judge in my trial break early that day. I went out to the house. And the experience I had at that house forever changed me. I was there for four hours. It was a very small house. The first thing I saw when I walked into the living room was Brandon's brain matter on the carpeting. I had never at that point done any adult homicide cases. I had never done anything involving gunshot wounds. All the baby deaths that I had prosecuted were shaken-baby

cases, where you look at the picture of the child and it looks like he's sleeping. Suffocation cases are the same thing. Then I went into the bedroom and saw the mattresses. They had taken all the linen off, but I saw the blood on the mattresses. I couldn't believe it. I said, "This is clearly going to be an insanity defense because who could do this? Who could do this?"

Howard-Regan lived with the Eubanks case for two years before taking it to trial. She discussed the district attorney's decision-making process regarding the death penalty. "Whether or not to seek the death penalty is something ultimately that the district attorney decides," Howard-Regan said. "The person assigned the case has to prepare a memo setting forth the facts of the case and any mitigating circumstances. For example, let's say somebody has an extensive history of mental illness or something like that." The deputy district attorney preparing the memo also has to set forth any aggravating circumstances. "At the end of this memo, you write down your recommendation, death or life without possibility of parole. I was going on and on and on typing, and it came to that portion of the memo, and it was a very frightening moment. I thought, 'Oh my gosh, we have so much power to be able to type out the words, "I recommend death." ' The whole case was unlike any other case I'd ever tried. But nonetheless, I had no doubts that that's what I felt should happen.

"Then that memo goes to a committee called the Major Case Review Committee," Howard-Regan continued. "They read the memo, and you go and meet with them. They ask you questions. Ultimately, they make their recommendation to the D.A. And

they can all be unanimous in recommending that it should be death. But if the district attorney feels that it shouldn't, he can overrule them because it's ultimately up to him or her. In the Eubanks case, the decision was made that it should be death. Although, the defense attorneys do have an opportunity to go and talk to the district attorney and present reasons why it shouldn't be death. That happened in this case. But it didn't change anything."

Jury selection commenced July 21, 1999. Opening statements were made August 5. William Rafael and Vincent Garcia of the Alternative Public Defenders Office represented Susan Eubanks. During the trial, Rafael argued that Eubanks could not form a conscious intent to murder as required for first-degree murder because her mind was so foggy with alcohol and drugs. At the time of the murders, Eubanks had a blood-alcohol level of 0.19 percent and had taken more than her daily dose of Valium. In his opening statement, Rafael said Eubanks was a good mother until she became addicted to painkillers after a work-related injury. He said emotional pain caused by her bad relationships with men led her to drink heavily. According to Rafael, Eubanks "blacked out" emotionally and mentally the day she killed her sons. "It was while she was in this state that Susan stopped being a good mother and became a robot, giving in to her suicidal and homicidal fantasy of ending her pain."

Bonnie Howard-Regan disagreed. At trial, she argued that Susan Eubanks killed the boys to get back at the men in her life. "She was probably the most narcissistic, selfish person to walk this earth," Howard-Regan said, remembering

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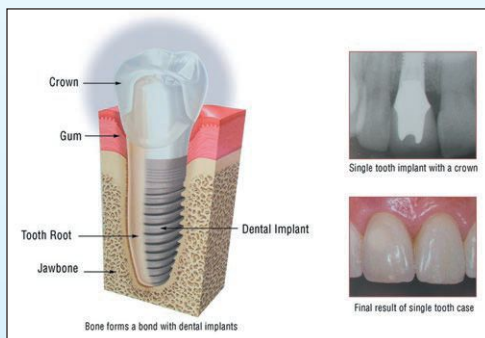
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the trial. "She never seemed remorseful at all. During the sentencing, she was still blaming the system. She never accepted responsibility. She was about as cold as they come. When I first walked into that residence and I saw the pictures of the children all over the walls, I remember thinking, 'Oh my God, this is the mother of the year. Look at how much she cares about her children.' I remember looking through albums and seeing the way she would have a caption underneath all the pictures. But then I realized, they were beautiful children, and she saw them as a reflection of her. She would brag about these children and have pictures of her children in her locker at the hospital where she worked. But she was a very neglectful mom. What mattered to her most was to have a good time. Susan Eubanks was the center of

her universe. These children were little trophies for her because they were good children. And Brandon was someone to be proud of. Still, you just don't talk to children the way these children were talked to if you truly love them." At the trial, witnesses testified that Susan Eubanks told her sons on more than one occasion, "I brought you into this world. I can take you out of it."

The jury agreed with the prosecution. On August 18, 1999, the jury took only two hours to return a guilty verdict. Two months later, after the penalty phase, Judge Joan P. Weber upheld the jury's recommendation and sentenced Susan Eubanks to death. In her statement of reasons for upholding the jury's recommendation, Judge Weber stated, "It is impossible to imagine the terror these young boys must have felt as their own mother stuck the muzzle of her .38 to each of their heads and repeatedly pulled the trigger. In a civilized society every child has a right to expect that his parents will protect him from the dangers of the outside world. These four tragic boys were, therefore, victims of the ultimate betrayal — their own mother not only failed to protect them, she was in fact their executioner. Mrs. Eubanks apparently committed these murders in a vicious, calculated attempt to lash out at the men in her life as evidenced by her angry, vindictive letters found at the scene. In my opinion, given the number of victims and their complete vulnerability, Mrs. Eubanks committed the single most horrific criminal episode in the history of this county."

In her office on a November day, Bonnie Howard-Regan pulled an oversized frame from her wall. Four pictures — Susan Eubanks's sons — smile out side-

by-side. Brandon kneels on the field in his football uniform. "This child right here, Brandon, he's just starting his freshman year of high school, and he had already written to a college in Texas inquiring about financial aid." Howard-Regan explained, "Because he knew four years were going to go by very quickly. His family didn't have money. He was already looking ahead. I remember reading the letter. It said, 'I'd be very much obliged if you would provide some financial aid information because I want to go to college.' At 14, Brandon was just a child filled with potential. He had such a bright future ahead of him."

"He was a saint. One of his friends, I guess you could call her his first girlfriend — someone he had met in Texas when he would visit his dad — she said she was talking to him on the phone one time, and he said, 'Oh, just a minute. I have to go tuck my brothers in.' She could hear him kissing the boys, saying, 'I love you.' He became a parent. He filled the void left by this mother, who was so self-consumed and selfish and just cared about herself. He was just a good child. His father had just told him that day, 'I'll come and get you. I'll send you the airline ticket.' And Brandon said, 'I can't leave my brothers.' He was there to protect his brothers. I'm sure she killed him first because she knew he could overpower her."

Howard-Regan moved on. "This is Austin. He was seven. Brigham, also known as Reno, was six. And then little Matthew was four. These are just angels. They became my children. It's absolutely unspeakable. She wasn't even a mother. She gave birth to these children. But to use these children just to get back at men who had upset her — to me, that woman does not

deserve to live.

"The day that she was sentenced formally by the judge I thought was going to be a very uncomfortable, odd day, hearing the judgment of death. But most of the jurors, all but two of them who couldn't get off work, came to the sentencing. It had become a very cohesive group, probably friendships that will last forever. They wanted to go out to lunch. They invited me to go with them. After lunch, they went to the location where the murders occurred. The house had been burned down. The owner had let the fire department burn it down. But Brandon's father was able to guess where the living room would have been and where the bedroom would have been. The jurors just had this need to do something. So they brought rosebushes, and they planted one in the living room where Brandon was found and one in the bedroom where the other children were found. We all held hands. Some of the jurors said things. I remember one of them, I think it was the foreperson — and I can't remember if she said this at the site or if she said it to a reporter — she said, 'I came into this trial single without children, and I left with four children.' They all had such moving things to say. One of them broke out in song, singing 'Amazing Grace,' and she had a beautiful voice. A day that I thought was going to be horrible turned out to be very uplifting, to see how these people came together to do something for these boys. I think about the boys daily. They all touched our lives."

The Appeals

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Screw U

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tem's structural deficit.

Conservative columnist George Will, although an athletics nut, says that when sports is grafted onto education, there is a "bubble of entitlements" and eventually "moral derangement." Some say universities should spin off football and basketball into separate entities; the teams might be affiliated with the university, but players would be relieved of the burden of attending class (which many don't do now).

For-profit colleges have dismal drop-out rates, but public institutions aren't doing so hot, either. In 2008–2009, a stunning 84 percent of Bridgepoint students in a two-year program dropped out before completing the first year. And 63 percent of those seeking four-year degrees left within a year. But the nonprofits?

Shilling quotes data indicating that 65 percent of those who start community college haven't earned a degree or other credential six years later. The same is true of 56 percent of those enrolling in four-year schools.

Says Shilling, "Only 49 percent of graduates from the classes of 2009 to 2011 found jobs within their first year out of school, compared with 73 percent who graduated three years earlier." Inflation-adjusted wages for male college grads 23 to 29 dropped 11 percent in the last decade to \$21.68 an hour. Women were down 7.6 percent to \$18.80.

High tuition and board, and staggering interest costs, make a college education less valuable, says Shilling. He cites College Board data showing that a student entering college in 2010 at age 18, and piling up debt, takes until age 33 to break

even.

The National Association of Colleges and Employers reports that there is demand for engineering, business, accounting, and computer science gradates but little for social sciences, humanities, and education grads.

Shilling laments the "dumbing down" of college curricula — a result of pressures to open universities to more students. He believes that high school students with high IQs, grades, and test scores should be encouraged to go to four-year colleges, while those in the middle should be directed to community colleges. Those doing well there may go on to four-year schools, and others should be directed to vocational training.

Thus, the bubble might slowly deflate, instead of bursting with a *sis...boom...bah!* ■

Raccoon in the attic!

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an update and then asked to speak to my wife. He told her, 'Well, we took care of your cat-shit problem.' Our cat is so obese he can barely jump on the porch," says Maggard, laughing.

Before leaving, the worker boarded up a hole above the washing machine in the laundry room, which is adjacent to the apartment. It was the only place the raccoons could have been entering the attic. In the morning, says Meg Maggard, "The raccoons were racing around furiously and scratching and clawing. Then somebody came and took the board off the attic entrance. We haven't heard anything more." According to Ron Maggard, a neighbor from the building across the courtyard said that she saw a raccoon taking two babies over a fence.

During the following week, CIS Investments sent someone out to permanently close the hole in the laundry room. Maggard says he then began pressing them to remove whatever feces still remained in the attic and to replace the kitchen ceiling, as it still gave off an odor on warm days. Nothing happened, so he hired tenant-rights attorney Marc Whitham, who wrote to CIS explaining his clients' rights.

By phone, Whitham tells me that the property management business is very competitive and that, to keep property investors happy, firms try as hard as they can to keep costs down. "The rental market is so tight that there is very little affordable housing in San Diego," says Whitham. "And there is no shortage of run-down units in Ocean Beach. Tenants often are reluctant to complain for fear of being forced to move."

If a tenant sues in court over something like vermin problems, Whitham continues, they must bring a "warranty of inhabitability"

from a public agency. "With the City's Code Compliance Department, you can't just report your case and expect something to happen. You have to be a squeaky wheel," he says. But Meg Maggard tells me she complained to code compliance and the County's Public Health Services Department. "They all just passed me around. After several calls, code compliance said they only deal with new construction issues."

Several days after Whitham's letter to CIS, a company official and the landlord, attorney Tom Rutledge, came to the apartment and said they would paint the kitchen ceiling. When the Maggards insisted on the new ceiling, they say, it was suggested they might want to move. They have never been late paying their \$1000-a-month rent.

I left a message for CIS president Rod Taylor to ask for his perspective. He returned my call an hour later. Taylor appeared to still be blaming the Maggards' cat. "We hired Bite-Away pest control to put a trap in the attic," he tells me. "Only the cat was caught." But he went on to say that the ceiling in the apartment's kitchen would be replaced.

Meg Maggard admits that her cat was caught in the trap. She said Bite-Away came out and placed two traps, "one in front of a neighbor's door and the other on the ground outside the laundry room." And they were placed, she claims, after the attic had been closed permanently. I call Bite-Away to see if they can resolve the dispute. The company's "pest control manager" has not returned my call.

But I talk to property owner Rutledge and ask him whether he believes there were ever raccoons in the attic. He is noncommittal. "The root cause of the problem is irrelevant to the solution," he says. "On advice, I'm replacing the kitchen ceiling. That's going to cost some dough. But I love my tenants and don't want to lose them." ■

Under the radar

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run by hemp-legalization proponent **David Bronner**, who was arrested during a protest outside the White House earlier this year, gave \$250,000 to help qualify the measure for the ballot. Besides her roles as attorney, wife, and political activist, Ciccarelli also runs Cups, a high-end La Jolla cupcake eatery.

According to Ballotpedia, Prop 37 would "Require labeling on raw or processed food offered for sale to consumers if the food is made from plants or animals with genetic material changed in specified ways" and "Prohibit labeling or advertising such food as 'natural'."

Exemptions from regulation would include foods that are "certified organic; unintentionally produced with genetically engineered material; made from animals fed or injected with genetically engineered material but not genetically engineered themselves; processed with or containing only small amounts of genetically engineered ingredients; administered for treatment of medical conditions; [or] sold for immediate consumption such as in a restaurant; or alcoholic beverages."

Bad debts to self

Democratic state senator **Juan Vargas**, whom many regard as a virtual shoo-in for Congress after his victory last month over ex-state senator **Denise Ducheny**, a fellow Democrat, still has a few major bills outstanding from his last try for a congressional seat, which he lost to incumbent Democrat **Bob Filner** back in June 2006. According to the most recent filing of his 2006 campaign committee, dated July 13 of this year, the fund owes Vargas himself \$119,230 that the candidate personally loaned the campaign. Other 2006 creditors include the Encinitas firm of Grice Lund & Tarkington (\$8698.49) and San Diego's **Beth Herms** (\$500).

— Matt Potter

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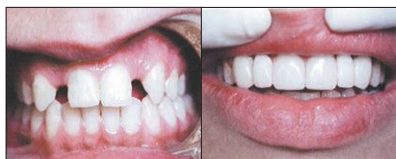
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NEWS TICKER

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yesterday morning.

"The Padres get our money, our taxpayers' money," said Filner. "The cable has a public franchise. We can put leverage on them. The mayor should sit down with them and get it done."

Though Filner's presence at the hourlong event significantly enlivened Hall's rally, an online gallery of 13 photos of the rally subsequently posted by the *U-T* omitted any images of the liberal Democrat, except for a virtually unidentifiable shot of his distant, unidentified face in the crowd.

The *U-T*, of course, has endorsed Filner's opponent, GOP city councilman Carl DeMaio, and Jeff Light, the newspaper's editor, has been heard on tape discussing ways to undermine the congressman's political chances.

"The environment around the general election is going to be far more favorable to Filner...so, you know, we certainly want to keep that from happening," Light said during an editorial board interview with then-mayoral candidate Nathan Fletcher.

By Matt Potter
Monday, July 23

Don't Wait for the 'Dozers

Thousands of single-family homes will vanish

North Park — In the coming decades, more single-family homes will be demolished to make room for multi-family buildings, says a report from the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). By 2050, SANDAG projects there will be 6,256 fewer single-family homes in the city.

According to SANDAG, the mid-city community of North Park will lose 3,291 single-family homes. The projections have some community activists worried that small older homes will be replaced by new condominiums and mixed-use developments to accommodate the projected population growth.

Tom Mullaney of Friends of San Diego has been busy alerting residents of Uptown and North Park about the increase to density.

"The average citizen doesn't pay attention to community-plan updates until a bulldozer appears on their street," says Mullaney. "In many cases the new community plan just sits there for years and years and no one knows until a developer announces a proposal to build a 40-unit development."

By Dorian Hargrove,
Wednesday, July 25

Ethnic Cleanser

Trial begins, though stabber is missing
Carlsbad — A prosecutor told the jury that the man on trial for murder "almost certainly" did not stab the victim to death, but rather it was probably his companion Pedro Avalos who knifed the victim.

Pedro Avalos, 23, is named on the same criminal complaint and is also charged with murder, but he was not in the courtroom with the lone defendant. A jury trial began this week for Juan Alberto Rocha, 21, who was taken into custody four days after the stabbing; Avalos remains a fugitive.

Prosecutor Geoff Allard said both men are part of a Hispanic street gang in Carlsbad and that gang has an "ugly motive" of "ethnic cleansing." The prosecutor alleges that when Rocha and Avalos approached some black men leaving a neighborhood bar, it was part of the gang's efforts to "drive out African Americans from the neighborhood."

By Eva Knott
Tuesday, July 24

Renewed Buzz

Cities reconsider medical marijuana ordinances
San Diego County — It's been a big week for advocates of medical marijuana.

First, Imperial Beach city councilmembers voted in favor of placing an initiative on the November ballot that, if approved, could open the

door for medical marijuana dispensaries to operate in Imperial Beach. Then, yesterday, representatives from Mother Earth Cooperative, the only legal dispensary in Southern California, clashed with U.S. attorney Laura Duffy in her attempts to put an end to medical cannabis.

The buzz surrounding the issue is far from over. In November, voters in at least six cities in San Diego County may be asked whether to allow marijuana dispensaries to open in their city.

Tomorrow, city councilmembers in Solana Beach will consider placing the issue on the ballot. In coming weeks, elected officials in La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Encinitas and Del Mar consider similar initiatives.

By Dorian Hargrove
Tuesday, July 24

Round Two

Firm predicts second wave of county foreclosures
San Diego County — At a time when some local economists are forecasting a bottoming of the housing market, Blue Sky Capital is predicting a second wave of county foreclosures that could be worse than the one a few years back.

Blue Sky says mortgages secured with Option ARM and Alt-A funding are about to reset at much higher rates, particularly in Carmel Valley. (Alt-A mortgages are between prime and sub-prime. Borrowers often have less than full documentation and unimpressive credit scores. Option ARMs are adjustable rate mortgages offering several different payment options.)

A similar controversy rages nationally. Today (July 24) *Zillow.com* said that national home prices have hit bottom, and 40% of 156 major U.S. markets should enjoy price increases in the next 12 months. But Radar Logic Research said that those calling a bottom "are being dangerously short-sighted."

By Don Bauder
Tuesday, July 24

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I didn't talk to my mother for at least the last 20 years of her life. There are plenty of us. We almost always love all animals except human animals. We also tend to be overburdened with empathy, including for people. Aren't you a closet bleeding heart? I'll bet you are. That's one reason we avoid people, to avoid vicarious pain.

There is one more commonality, the overriding one: Our parent(s) didn't like us. We were not necessarily abused or neglected. We were just never accepted into the society of regular people. We were the "others."

You're probably saying, "No way! I was favored by my parents." It couldn't be true. If it were true you would enjoy the company of other people.

It took me 60 years to realize that my parent didn't like me. She had me fooled. I thought I was her favorite. If my father had liked me I would have been saved, but he was absent.

Here's a bit of encouragement: At age 81, I suddenly, inexplicably began seeing people in a very different light. They are likeable, really — almost as likeable as cats. Simultaneously, people started to act as if they liked me. I was mystified as to why. Small children, instead of looking at me with alarm and hiding behind their mothers, started smiling at me and waving. I finally decided that my new attitude was vibing out to others.

Maybe it will happen to

you, maybe before age 81. Best wishes.

A semi-recovered
sociophobe
Pacific Beach

A Good Move To The 'Hood

Dear Ms. Salaam:

I recently read your article titled "Afro Puffs" in the *Reader* dated July 12, 2012. As a new resident to San Diego, I understand your concerns about your children maintaining and appreciating their culture.

I am fortunate to have raised my daughter (she is 29 years old) in a predominantly black environment. She attended an Afrocentric charter school in Detroit, Michigan, and a high school where the vast majority of the student body was African-American. I am much older than yourself and grew up in the 1960s and 1970s. I tried to take my daughter to positive events where she could learn about our culture and that we were more than slaves in America.

She has matured into an intelligent and lovely young lady. She is not a black militant. She has had white friends, and has dated white men. But she prefers being around black people, and dating black men.

African-American youth are learning to hate their own race or themselves, and it is being taught by the media, black male celebrities (because they are always seen and seem to prefer white women or other races), and older black people.

I encourage you to con-

tinue to take your children to as many black events as possible in San Diego, or other locations nearby. Take your children to visit relatives where there is a large African-American population. You will not regret helping your children to understand and appreciate their history, as well as that of others.

It is scary when I read that black youth are making fun of black contestants on reality shows and making statements like "But no one likes the black girls." What does that say about black males' appreciation for black females? All other races respect and appreciate their own women, even if they chose to date or marry outside of their culture or race. You must love yourself before you can — or should — love others.

I can relate to your husband's sister's statement, "I need to get back to where the men appreciate how fine I am." I moved from the whiter area of San Diego to the "hood," where I can see my people all the time. Believe me, it is not easy to accept many of the bad habits we have adopted, but there is no racial group that does not have its troublemakers. Do not fall prey to the illusion that you are safe in a predominately white area. Most of all, I hope your children will emerge with a good concept of self, and appreciate black culture — and thereby themselves.

God bless you, and keep you safe and grounded.

Janice Butler
via snail mail

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The Family's Lawyer

The "Afro Puffs" issue (July 12)? Really? That is so messed up. Are you kidding me? I've seen some of your pointless cover stories, but you guys are total dicks! I am a beautiful African-American girl who happens to have a sweet Caucasian boyfriend.

You'll be hearing from the family lawyer. You ought to be ashamed of yourselves. This war has started.

Name Withheld
via email

Truth Behind It

RE: "Afro Puffs," July 12
Ain't that just like us white folks. Pick out the most inflammatory sentence. Place it out of context, in big letters, on the cover. And no worries about being called racist 'cause, hey — all we have to do is point out that it was written by a black woman. Never mind that those words were spoken by a young black teen worried about his younger sister, that it is a true perspective, something he feels.

Ms. Salaam's article was an important view into what our young people are experiencing. I'm sure she wasn't consulted on the cover. I agree it was a horrible sentiment to display in that way, but the article was enlightening. Thank you Ms. Salaam.

Diana Panara
via email

Mocha Moms

We are trying to start a Mocha Moms chapter in San Diego. Please forward my e-mail to the author of the "Afro Puffs" article (July 12). Please contact us through Scripps Parent Connect — subgroup is Families of African-American Children play group. We hope we can form a large and long-lasting play group network.

Ray Dickens
via email

We Are Wanted

I have a complaint about your front-page article concerning African-American people, the "Afro Puffs" article (July 12). I really find that very derogatory to black females. It's very derogatory. I couldn't get past the front

page to even look into the article. It's very racist, to say the least. You guys would never make a statement like that about gay people!

You're going to find out that that's not ok. This is not a threat or anything like that, but I am going to have to get some people involved in the situation, because it's not okay for you to put a statement out there like that, that no one wants black women. You don't know how people will receive that.

I'm very well within my skin, but I think that's a very negative image to put out there for young girls who are just trying to figure out who they are in life, and their culture. That's very negative. I don't see you putting anything up there about white people like that. Don't do that. Don't single people out like that. That is very racist.

I'm going to have to con-

tact Al Sharpton and some other people. I'm sure that Michelle Obama feels that someone wants her children. She's black too, if you hadn't noticed.

Wandrea
via voicemail

The Fat Truth

Your cover story, "Afro Puffs" (July 12), says white girls like black guys. It should say, "Fat white girls like black guys, but if the black guy has a lot of money then he can get a thin white girl, cause she just wants his money."

Don M.
via email

Kids Can't See This

I have a concern about your issue with the little girl on the cover, "Afro Puffs" (July 12). I read the article, and I still don't understand what the cover has to do with the article. I have two daughters. We're all mixed, African-

American, and that's what people see when they look at us. It offended me.

I'm throwing it away everywhere I see it, because I don't want my daughters to see it. I don't want their friends to see it and feel bad about themselves. I don't know why you guys would put that out there like that. I wanna know who I can talk to. It's very disrespectful, and it's very untrue.

Jessica Neal
Clairemont

Apology?

I'm outraged over the front cover of your July 12 issue ("Afro Puffs"). It's very offensive, biased, and racist. I don't appreciate it, as an African-American woman. I think it needs to be recalled, and I think we deserve an apology.

Rashida Collier
Webster

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LETTERS

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Vanishing Black Couples

I'd like to make a comment on the "Afro Puffs" article (July 12). To a degree, I totally agree with the *Reader*. I'm reading all of the complaints from the other readers, and I somewhat agree with what the article contains.

I'm from Los Angeles, but I have lived in San Diego for about seven years now. I am a black woman. I have a black husband. And we can literally count on our fingers how many black men that we see with other races. It seems there aren't any black couples living in San Diego. All the men love white women and Asian women. You just don't see any black couples anymore.

We were in a grocery store in Clairemont, and we had a black woman come up to us and say to us that we were cute. I asked her, "Why are we cute?" And she said it's because you don't see black couples together anymore.

I've just noticed that is a factor in San Diego. Seems most of the black men are with Hispanics or Asians.

I've had this discussion with black men and they say that black women are crazy. But their Asian counterparts and white counterparts are just as crazy as we seem to be.

I disagree with the other people who aren't agreeing with the article. They obviously don't have their eyes open. But, I also think that maybe the title of the article could have been changed to not offend anyone.

Name Withheld
via voicemail

Don't Understand

I saw the cover today, July 12, about the article called "Afro Puffs" with the statement that no one likes black girls. I just don't understand the irresponsibility of the *Reader*. Basically, what happened is that my younger sister read it — a young, half-black girl — and said, "What do you mean no one likes me?" Maybe even if you had

just acknowledged who said it; that it was a quote. I know that's not really how you guys work. I know you guys do these things to shock people, but I just feel like it's irresponsible, because you don't know who's reading it and who could be affected by it.

Think of all the young girls out there that are like, "Great. No one likes me." I just feel like it's irresponsible. I hope there will be some kind of statement in your next magazine expressing something to the people who have taken offense to it. It's really offensive, actually. I haven't seen any other *Reader* cover that talks about race like this.

Amber Dilan
via voicemail

Very Offensive

To Elizabeth Salaam or whomever wrote this weeks article ("Afro Puffs," July 12):

Very offensive quote on the cover of this week's cover story. Elizabeth, you make me ashamed to be a black woman from San Diego. If only you really loved *yourself*.

Clearly, you want to earn your title, and want your recognition and acceptance in the Eurocentric society that we live in. The sad thing is, at your best you will only be used as a pawn to further perpetuate stereotypes of the indigenous people of the world. Sadly, you will succeed at it.

Go learn about your melanin. Do you even know about what makes you black? Do you know that the first human being looked like you?

Let me guess, you pray to a white man named Jesus too? LOL.

Name Withheld
via voicemail

We're the Queens

I'm calling regarding today's *Reader* that came out on July 12. I'm an African-American woman and I'm very proud of who I am. I find that statement very degrading, that "no one likes black girls." Black women are the chosen women. They are queens and everybody else falls under them. So, maybe next time you do a story you may want

to put *that* on there.

Name Withheld
via voicemail

Get What You Pay For

This is only a comment, and I'm sure you guys have received many. The July 12 front cover is inappropriate. I have no desire to read the story. I could care less what the story says. I just know whoever put that on the front cover, that was so inappropriate.

I will never pick up another *Reader*. I don't care if it is free. You guys can keep your *Reader*. I have no desire to pick it up anymore.

I'm very angry with what I read on the front cover. I could care less what the article says. I just think it was so inappropriate. I would just hope that in the future, you guys would do better. Maybe that's why your magazine is free. Bye.

Name Withheld
via voicemail

Period

I feel that the heading on the July 12 *Reader*, which is "The white girls like the black guys, and the Mexican girls like the black guys, and the Filipino girls like the black guys. And the black guys like them, too. But no one likes the black girls." is RACIST! Point blank period.

Keyona Hampton
via email

Love Cuff

I'm calling because I love "Off the Cuff" and it's not in there all the time, so I'm wondering if you can put that on the computer when you don't have the room to put it in the *Reader*. That way we can pull it up on the computer. I would appreciate it because I'm really, really crazy about "Off the Cuff." I look forward to getting the magazine to read it. Of course, there's some other things I like in there too, but that's my favorite, and I do hope you keep it going.

Victoria Gilbert
Hillcrest

You can find *Off the Cuff* online at sdreader.com/cuff.
— Editor

Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

Thursday | 2

INTIMATE MIRACLES

The Red Spade Theater presents the magician Sebastian, who will showcase his own brand of close-up magic. "His amazing talent, uncanny sense of humor, and engaging personality create an unforgettable evening of magic and laughter" in San Diego's only venue dedicated to the magical arts. \$25.

WHEN: 7 p.m. (ongoing, check for dates and times)

WHERE: Red Spade Theater, 2539 Congress Street, suite B, Old Town. 619-865-2973; redspadetheater.com.

Saturday | 4

GLOW-IN-THE-PARK ARTS FESTIVAL

As the sun goes down, Grape Day Park will come alive with "illuminated and inflatable art." You can participate in an art project, watch art films on an inflatable screen, and also check out a variety of art installations featuring "light, sound, film, fluorescence, and water."

WHEN: 7 to 11 p.m.

WHERE: Grape Day Park, 321 North Broadway, Escondido. Escondidoarts.org.

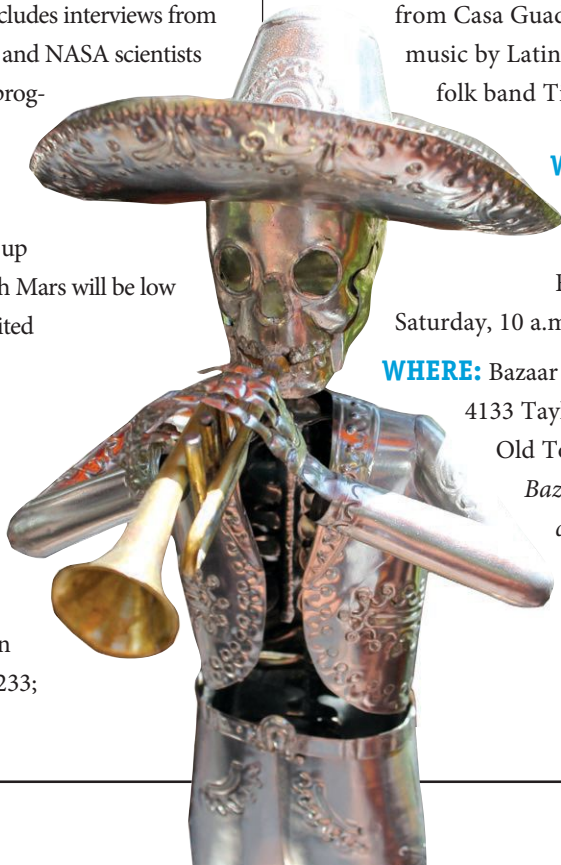
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SPACE EXPO WEEKEND: MARS ROVER CURIOSITY LANDING

View "live NASA feed of *Curiosity's* challenging landing" (10:31 p.m.). Planetarium presentation offers a "look at the landing site Gale Crater and other aspects of the red planet," narrated by resident astronomer Lisa Will (8:30 p.m.). Ongoing NASA coverage includes interviews from Jet Propulsion Lab and NASA scientists about the Rover's progress (9 p.m.). San Diego Astronomy Association will have telescopes set up for viewing (though Mars will be low in the sky with limited visibility).

WHEN: 8 p.m.

WHERE: Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado, San Diego. 619-238-1233; rhfleet.org.



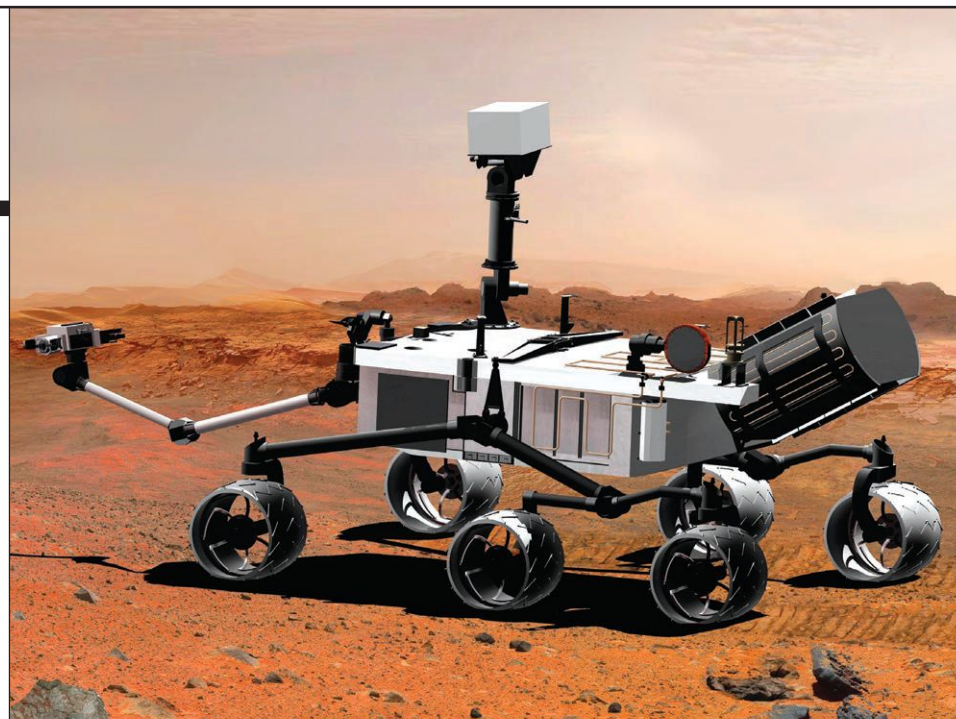
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LATIN AMERICAN FESTIVAL

The annual Latin American Festival and Mata Ortiz Pottery Market transforms Bazaar del Mundo into a vibrant marketplace, featuring folk artists (including tin-artist Arturo Sosa Perez, Oaxacan wood-carver Jacobo Angeles, and clay-crafter Gerardo Ortega Perez), textiles, jewelry, Mexican cuisine from Casa Guadalajara, and music by Latin-American folk band Tinku.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (also Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

WHERE: Bazaar del Mundo, 4133 Taylor Street, Old Town. Bazaardelmundo.com.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 2: SPACE EXPO WEEKEND: MARS ROVER CURIOSITY LANDING

Monday | 6

PHIL'S BIG BALLPARK BBQ

Take part in the fourth annual benefit for Big Brother Big Sisters' "Operation Bigs" military mentoring program in Petco's Tailgate Park. The party includes a kids' zone, music, beer garden, and, of course, barbecue. The \$20-\$25 fee includes a ticket to the Padres vs. Cubs game (7:05 p.m.)

WHEN: 5 to 7 p.m.

WHERE: Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard, East Village. 858-536-4900; sdbigs.org.



Kids can use the play space while adults are "edumacated." RSVP for a single session or all three, all for free.

WHEN: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Kidville, 6955 El Camino Real, suite 101, Carlsbad. 760-514-9144; kidville.com/Carlsbad.

Wednesday | 8

LA CAGE AUX FOLLES (BIRD CAGE)

Broadway San Diego hosts a touring production of the Tony-winning musical about Georges and Albin (upon which the American version of the movie starring Robin Williams and Nathan Lane was based). "Family bonds are put to the test as the feather boas fly." Directed by Terry Johnson. \$25 to \$100.

WHEN: 7 p.m. (ongoing through August 12, check for dates and times)

WHERE: San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue, Downtown. 619-570-1100; sandiegoteatres.org.

Tuesday | 7

HOW-TO SUMMER SERIES

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TRAVEL STORIES AND TIPS FROM OUR READERS



Directions from the locals in Western Ireland: "Go down a bit...on to Paddy's Bar...well it used to be Paddy's...at any rate, turn right by the pub."

Western Ireland: Don't Drive

By Susan Payton

After planning a mother-daughter trip to western Ireland, we agreed that we would drive from one city to the next. Or, rather, I would drive. My mother is nervous enough driving in America. But, I was up for it...or so I thought.

It wasn't that I had to drive on the left side of the road or that I was maneuvering from the right side of the vehicle. It was terrifying how narrow the roads were, and how, in an effort to pull over to make room for an oncoming car, you'd practically scrape the paint of your rental

with the 2000-year-old rock wall to your left.

And the GPS! Called "sat nav" by the Irish, it was of little help to us for the majority of the trip. Rather than let me know I took the wrong road, "she" (the British voice imposing her will on us) would quietly recalculate my journey. So that a journey from Cork to Dingle, which should have taken no more than three hours, took six. Six!

I started asking directions from locals. Big mistake. There are no addresses on streets; you simply have to know the street and find the locale yourself.

"Go down a bit on this road, then turn left by the bank. Once yer at the bank, go on to Paddy's bar — well, it used to be Paddy's. Now it's Smith's, I think. At any rate, turn right by the pub. Then you'll almost be there!"

First of all, telling anyone to "turn by the pub" is dangerous, because there are so many! And second, Irish folk seem reluctant to give you a full set of directions. Instead, they get you halfway there, requiring you to ask another stranger for help.

The drive may have taken a few

hours longer than it should have, but it was worth it. When I could peel my eyes off the road, I saw such scenery, it took my breath away. The many shades of green, the sheep rollicking in the fields, the ancient remains of castles...it is a magical place. Just don't drive!

Afghanistan, '76-'77

By Mark Anderson

Dope and diarrhea were the two main topics of conversation during my brief sojourn in Afghanistan back in 1976-'77. The first everybody wanted, the second everybody had.

Before anyone had heard of this place and before the shitstorm that was just over the horizon in the form of the Russian army's arrival, only two types of



Before Al Qaeda and the Taliban, Afghanistan attracted "hippies looking for druggie heaven."

people were nuts enough to come here: hippies looking for druggie heaven and travelers seeking the edges of the map previously marked "Here Be Dragons."

On a blustery November night, we arrived in Herat, Afghanistan, after driving all night from Iran. As the bus screeched to a stop on the dusty main street, we were swarmed by locals eager

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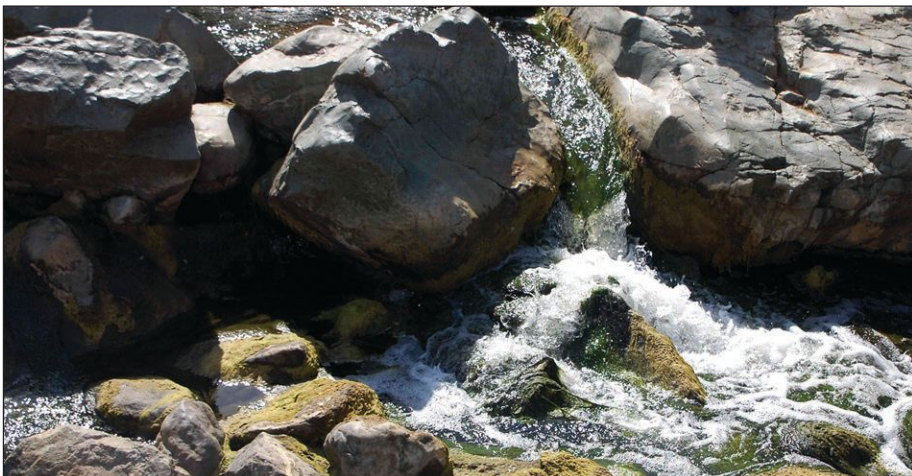
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Hiking length: About 2.5 miles round trip. Allow 2 hours. **Difficulty:** Easy, with elevation gain/loss of 500 feet. Best to do in the early morning before the mountain bikers are out.



Peñasquitos Creek, which flows year round, runs through the heart of the preserve.

Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve is a popular 4000-acre recreational area administered by the city and county of San Diego. It stretches seven miles in length

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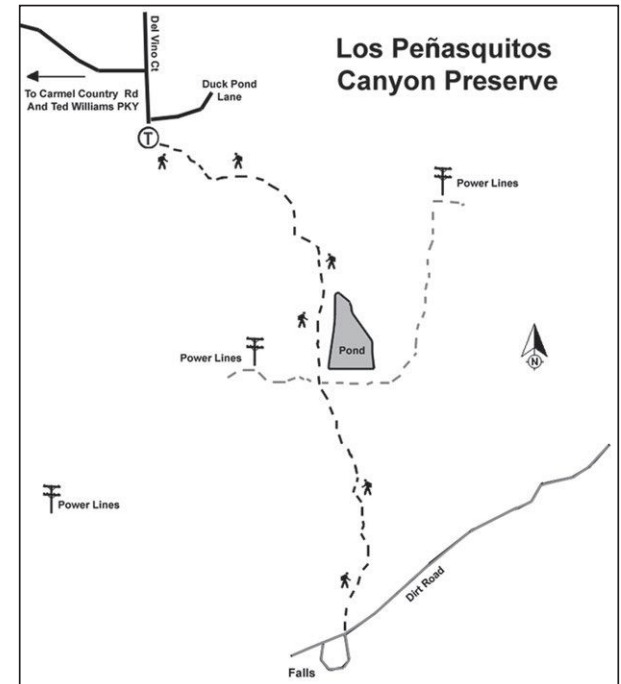
within the preserve, with 14 different habitat types that support a varied collection of flora and fauna.

The natural resources of the

preserve include over 500 plant species, more than 175 species of birds, and a great variety of reptiles and mammals. Peñasquitos Creek, which flows year round, runs through the heart of the preserve. Scenery includes a streamside forest of coast live oaks, groves of majestic sycamores, a fresh-water marsh, and a fresh-water pond that attracts great blue herons, egrets, mallard ducks, and more. There are mule deer, bobcat, coyote, and raccoon.

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This hike includes one of the newer entrances to the preserve — from the north side, leading to a cascading waterfall through volcanic rocks. The easy walk is a typical canyon hike with the downhill at the beginning and the return with a gentle uphill grade. The trail starts in a small eucalyptus grove and enters a chamise and scrub oak



chaparral. There is an opportunity to do some birding at the fresh-water pond before the trail opens onto non-native grassland. There is some shelter from the sun in an oak grove a little east of the waterfall; a nice place for a snack before making the trip back to the trailhead.

This hike is best done early in the morning before the mountain bikers take over the trails. Dogs

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Collage Montage, assemblage, collage “refer to a process where unified artworks are created from a combination of disparate images and elements.” Use foils, rice or tissue papers, cloth, lace, magazine or newspaper images provided by instructor Sharon K. Novak, or bring personal photographs, charms, mementos, photocopied images, or recycled elements. Registration: 619-223-0058. Saturday, August 4, 10am; \$70-\$78. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Crossroads Doll and Teddy Bear Show Show and sale of dolls, teddy bears, antiques, miniatures, clothes supplies. 775-348-7713. Saturday, August 4, 10am; **free**-\$8. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Customer Appreciation Shredding Waste Management of North County offers shredding services in upper parking lot to “residents living in homeowner’s associations serviced by Waste Management in Carmel Valley, Del Mar Heights, Rancho Bernardo, Scripps Ranch, and 4S Ranch.” Limit: three standard office storage boxes per household. Saturday, August 4, 9am; **free**. Rancho Family YMCA, 9410 Fairgrove Lane. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Float Paper Lanterns on Peace and Humanity Day Send wishes for people worldwide during San Diego-WISH event, seeking “to promote peace and harmony among all peoples, cultures, and nations.” Food, drink provided. Friday, August 3, 6pm; **free**. Coronado City Hall Council Chambers, 1825 Strand Way. (CORONADO)

Friday Night Liberty Enjoy open artist studios, galleries, performances. This installment features opening of Casa Valencia Baja Galleria with artists from Tijuana and Rosarito, and Ballast Point Gallery opening with watercolors by Chuck McPherson. Friday, August 3, 5pm; **free**. Liberty Station, Womble Road at Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

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TAN LINES!

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to sell us fist-sized blocks of hash for pennies. Worth a fortune back home, but tricky to get out of the country. One enterprising customs agent did offer to mail me some in a government pouch if I wanted to go into business with him.

Many Westerners did their best to stay stoned. One popular way to start off the day was to crumble hash or opium into your morning porridge. Most of the time they mixed the hash with tobacco to keep it burning, so smoking was tough on the lungs.

The saddest part was that every encounter with a local seemed to be an offer to sell me drugs. I wondered what kind of impression Westerners had made on the populace; this seemed to be the only kind of Western visitor they were exposed to. Drugs weren’t a real moral issue with the Afghans, so not the

worst thing you could do.

Spent the winter months in a flop-house in Kabul that cost a dollar a day when the owners were coherent enough to ask for it. Smoke from opium and hash pipes filled the air while the locals played grab-ass in the back room.

Diarrhea was a fact of life. I remember fat Tony crying out from the bog one night that he was “pissing out his arse.” One well-meaning Frenchman gave me some dirt to eat, explaining that my body had to acclimate to its new surroundings.

Toilets were more often than not a large hole in the ground behind the building or an outhouse with a fenced pen around it where animals were raised on human excrement. Try squatting over a hole with a hungry animal snapping away inches from your nether regions, and you’ll have something to write home about.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Space Expo Weekend: Mars Rover Curiosity Landing View “live NASA feed of *Curiosity*’s challenging landing” (10:31pm). Planetarium presentation offers “look at the landing site Gale Crater and other aspects of the red planet” narrated by resident astronomer Lisa Will (8:30pm). Ongoing NASA coverage includes interviews from Jet Propulsion Lab and NASA scientists about Rover’s progress (9pm). San Diego Astronomy Association will have telescopes set up for viewing (though Mars will be low in the sky with limited visibility). 619-238-1233. Sunday, August 5, 8pm; \$8-\$10. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Summer Salon Series 2012: Beyond the Banner Enjoy “a night of televangelist” Jimmy Swaggart, whose sermons will be recited and retold in various iterations. Artist Andrew Dinwiddie reenacts Swaggart’s 1971 sermon in a revival-style tent outdoors. Joe Yorty and Kelly Eginton will play 18 vinyl recordings of Swaggart’s sermons and gospel tracks simultaneously in various locations throughout museum. Record art workshop. Cocktails. 619-232-7931. Friday, August 3, 5pm; **free**. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Tai Chi Wellness Center Demonstration Fifth generation Tai Chi Master Henry Cheng performs with his students at Clairemont Family Day “Blast to the Past” on lawn near tennis courts. Performances of wu-style tai chi form, pushing hands, self-defense, sword and saber forms, energy demonstrations. Potluck and art exhibition follow at Tai Chi Wellness Center (3650 Clairemont Dr., Suite 1). 858-272-2698. Saturday, August 4, 9:30am; **free**. South Clairemont Recreation Center, 3605 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

Rhyme & Verse

A Sunday Morning After a Saturday Night
A poem by LoVerne Brown

She’s so happy, this girl,
she’s sending out sparks like a brush fire,
so lit with life
her eyes could beam airplanes through fog,
so warm with his loving
we could blacken our toast
on her forehead.

The phone rings
and she whispers to it
“I love you.”
The cord uncoils
and leaps to tell him
she said it,
the receiver melts in her hand
as if done by Dali,
the whole room crackles

and we at the breakfast table
smile
but at safe distance
having learned by living
that love so without insulation
can immolate more than the toast.



LoVerne Brown (1912–2000) lived much of her life in sparsely peopled places — the Aleutian Islands, her grandparents’ homestead in Wisconsin, and in lumber camps and iron-mine company towns along the Brule River in Upper Michigan. In Juneau, she worked as a reporter and later, in Seldovia, she and her husband published a weekly newspaper, *The Westward Alaskan*. She subsequently taught creative writing for the VA, at Fresno Junior College, and for the community school system in San Diego, the city in which she spent the last decades of her life. LoVerne Brown was a central figure in the San Diego poetry world and a writer and mentor who was greatly loved. This year marks the centennial of her birth. “A Sunday Morning After a Saturday Night” is from her collection *The View from the End of the Pier*, published by Gorilla Press, and is reprinted by permission.

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Vermicomposting Workshop

“Worms consume up to 50 percent of their own body weight in food each day — that’s a ton of organic fertilizer.” Learn how worms recycle kitchen scraps. Make, take home a worm composting bin, along with worms and bedding. Saturday, August 4, 1pm; \$40. 18 and up. South Bay Botanic Garden at Southwestern College, 900 Otay Lakes Road. (CHULA VISTA)

Vista Rod Run The 23rd annual event promises more than 300 “classic cars, hot rods, and specialty cars.” Live entertainment, children’s fun zone, street fair and vendors, classic car parade, awards for “best of the best.” Sunday, August 5, 9am; **free**. Downtown Vista, Santa Fe Avenue at Main Street. (VISTA)

Wire-Wrapped Stone Pendant Class Learn to wire-wrap stones

to use for pendants. Accent beads provided “to add more depth to your creation.” Tools available for in-class use and for purchase (or bring a cutter, round nose, needle nose pliers). Fee includes kit. Light refreshments provided. Registration: TheBeadCorner@gmail.com. Saturday, August 4, 1pm; \$40. Grove, 3010 Juniper Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Yoga on the Beach! Yoga Oceanside sponsors class led by Victoria Klein at harbor beach. Bring yoga mat or practice on a beach towel. Fee: \$40 for four classes or \$15 drop-in. Advance registration required: 760-722-9642. Friday, August 3, 6pm; \$15-\$40. Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Flicks on the Bricks Film and wine series occurs on the Athenaeum’s outdoor patio. Barbara Baxter

selects summer wine pairings to go with each movie. *Some Like It Hot* (1959) — starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis, and Jack Lemmon, with scenes filmed at the Hotel del Coronado — kicks off the series. Series (four films and four wine tastings): \$60 member; \$80 non-member. Individual screenings: \$17 member; \$22 nonmember. 858-454-5872. Thursday, August 2, 7:30pm; \$17-\$80. 21 and up. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Hotel for Dogs Movies in the Park series continues with film about two foster kids who secretly transform a derelict hotel into a shelter for stray dogs. Starring Emma Roberts, Jake T. Austin, and Lisa Kudrow. Movie begins at dusk. Friday, August 3, 7pm; **free**. Dusty Rhodes Park, Nimitz

Boulevard and Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. (OCEAN BEACH)

The Lion King Animated film about a lion who flees into exile. With voices by Matthew Broderick, Jeremy Irons, and James Earl Jones. Screens for Summer Movies in the Park series. Movie begins at dusk. Friday, August 3, 7pm; **free**. Lindo Lake, 9841 Vine Street. (LAKESIDE)

Valiant Animated film about a pigeon who wants to be a hero. With voices by Ewan McGregor, Ricky Gervais, and Tim Curry. Screens for Summer Movies in the Park series. Movie begins at dusk. Friday, August 3, 7pm; **free**. USS Midway Museum, 910 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Happy Feet Two Animated sequel with voices by Elijah Wood, Robin Williams, and Pink. Screens

for Summer Movies in the Park series. Movie begins at dusk. Saturday, August 4, 7pm; **free**. Jess Martin Park, 2955 Highway 79. (JULIAN)

Here and Now Enjoy premiere of Taylor Steele’s new film, featuring footage created by more than 20 filmmakers working “in harmony to film a single day of surfing around the world.” Junior world surf champion Leila Hurst opens the event; film producer Andy Slipka hosts question and answer after screening. Proceeds benefit PCI’s Healthy Start program. Saturday, August 4, 7pm and 9pm; \$10-\$15. Bird’s Surf Shed, 1091 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

The Muppets Movie stars James Carville, Judd Hirsch, and Jack Black. Screens for Summer Movies in the Park series. Movie begins at dusk. Saturday, August 4, 7pm; **free**. Scripps Ranch Community Park, 11454 Blue Cypress Drive, Scripps Ranch, and Montgomery Waller Park, 3020 Coronado Avenue, Chula Vista. (SCRIPPS RANCH/CHULA VISTA)

“Winds of Change” Concert with David Philipson (*bansuri*), Miles Shrewsbury (tabla) providing intricate rhythms to raagas rendered by the flute. Proceeds benefit Care for Children schools for underprivileged children in India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh. rahul@artoflivingsd.org. Saturday, August 4, 6:30pm; \$20-\$35. Art of Living San Diego, 9863 Pacific Heights Bl., Suite B. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Jazz Jam Sessions Calling all musicians! Bring an instrument, jam with professional jazz musicians on Lyric Court stage. Or bring lawn chairs to enjoy jazz under stars. Requested RSVP: 800-988-4253. Friday, August 3, 7pm; **free**. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

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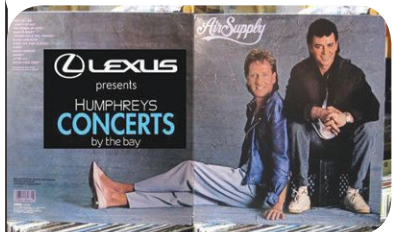
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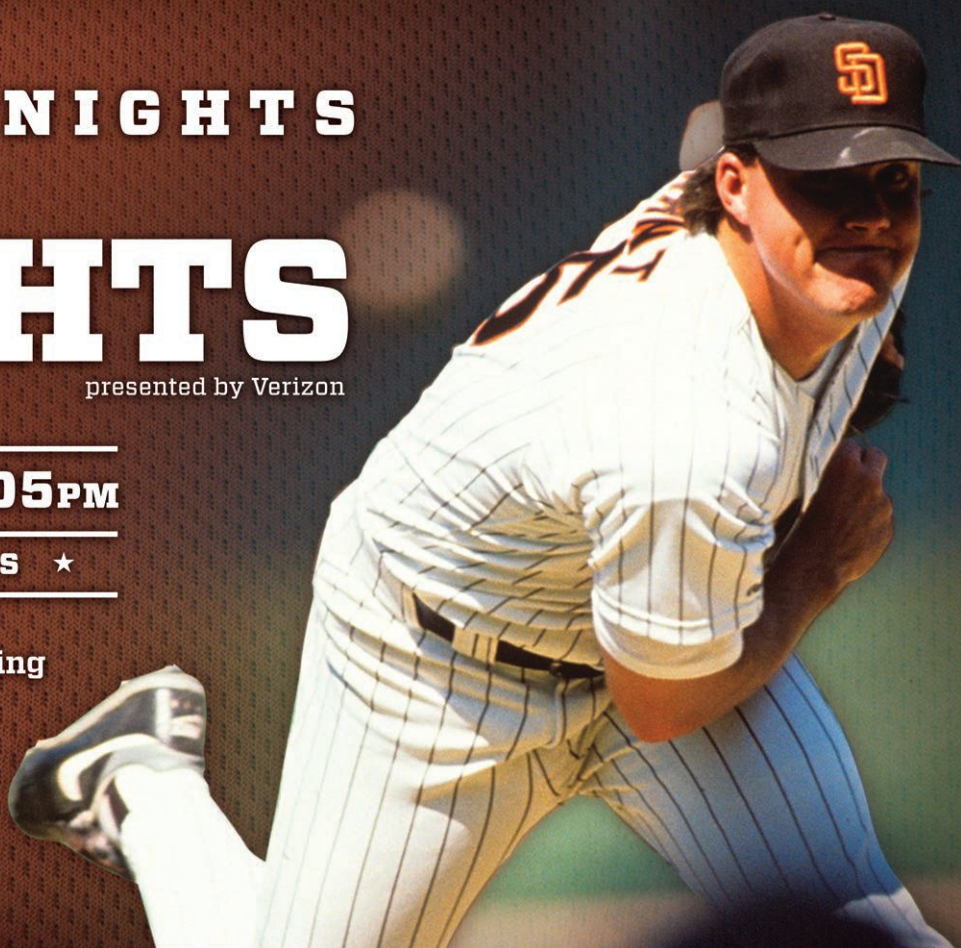
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San Diegans for 9/11 Truth Will host a showing of the BBC Documentary film *USS Liberty: Dead in the Water*. In 1967, during the Six-Day War, Israel attacked and nearly sank the USS *Liberty*, belonging to its closest ally, the USA. Thirty-four American servicemen were killed and 172 injured, a casualty rate of 70%. The survivors were ordered not to ever speak of the attack or face life in prison or worse. Now, *Dead in the Water* uses startling new evidence to reveal the truth behind the seemingly inexplicable attack. The film combines dramatic reconstruction of the events. Interviews include President Johnson's Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, former head of the Israeli navy Admiral Shlomo Errell and members of the USS *Liberty* crew. Discussion to follow this one-hour film. Free,

donations appreciated. More info at www.sd911truth.org. 619-222-2120. Sunday, August 12, 6:30pm. Joyce Beers Community center, Uptown Shopping Center/Hillcrest, 3900 Vermont. (HILLCREST)

ART

"21st Annual Juried Exhibition" Opening reception for exhibition of 48 works by "artists showcasing the diverse talent across San Diego County" selected by jurors Ben Strauss-Malcolm (Quint Gallery) and Jill Dawsey (Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego). Concurrently, view "Selections from the Collection: John Baldessari, Books." Both close Saturday, September 1. 858-454-5872. Friday, August 3, 6:30pm; Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

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

"Contemporary Cows" Opening reception for collection of contemporary cow and cattle paintings by Denise Rich and Devon Jensen, with wine, hors d'oeuvres, music by Michael Valentine. Through

August. sophiesgallery@stmisc.org or 619-578-2207. Friday, August 3, 5am; free. Sophie's Gallery NTC, 2825 Dewey Rd., Gallery 101. (POINT LOMA)

"Doodle" Art Hunt! Bryan Snyder, a Carlsbad street/gallery artist and editor of carlsbadcrawl.com, presents solo art show and Doodle art hunt. View 25 original paintings displayed at Vinaka Cafe and search for ten more original paintings "hidden in the local streets." Visit Vinaka Cafe to pick up clues (starting August 4, 9am). View exhibit through August. theartist@snyderartdesign.com or 760-521-8713. Saturday, August 4, 9am; free. Vinaka Cafe, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive #211. (CARLSBAD)

"En Vivo" The Spot Gallery host its first live art show, featuring six local artists (Travis Crosby, Jimmy Ovadia, Bret Barrett, Kai Martin, Chris Konecki, Jonathan McClintic) with technical styles ranging from abstract to hyper-realistic. Saturday, August 4, 6pm; free. Spot, 1835 Main Street. (BARRIO LOGAN)

"Line of Credit" Art exhibition inspired by the American economic struggle. Show commences with opening reception on August 3 and continues through September 3. Friday, August 3, 7pm; free. Twin Oaks Gallery, 757 North Twin Oaks Valley Road #3. (SAN MARCOS)

"Moment of Inertia" San Diego Sculptors Guild hosts reception, unveiling, and testing of new experimental abstract sculpture works in Studio 36. Performances by Sister Speak, Todo Mundo, Bela Vida Brasileira. Show continues through August. 619-238-0522. Saturday, August 4, 4pm; free. Spanish Vil-

lage Art Center, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

"Nature, Tradition, and Innovation" Explore "evolution of contemporary Japanese ceramics through the work of many artists and a variety of forms, from tea bowls and noodle cups to stunning vases and robust platters." These organic objects "and their clear connection to nature will be enhanced with large-scale photographs of Japanese landscapes and natural elements." Closes Sunday, January 6.

View "Hats and Headdresses" from the museum's permanent collection, with selections "from cultures and countries around the world," through Sunday, September 9. Free-\$7. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Santa Ana Condition" "John Valadez 1976 to 2011" — through Sunday, September 2 — is "the first survey exhibition of this important Mexican-American artist and muralist, who has had profound influence on the Chicano art movement in the United States." Exhibit spans 35 years of Los Angeles-based Valadez's photographs, paintings, pastels, and other works on paper. Valadez "turns the ordinary snapshot into a source for his portrayal of a large, diverse cast of urban inhabitants drawn from his everyday life."

"Selected Works on Paper," also closing Sunday, September 2, includes two prints made by Richard Diebenkorn in 1970, not long after he moved his studio to Santa Monica's Ocean Park neighborhood and returned to abstraction after years of working in a figurative style. The presentation of

works on paper from museum's collection features drawings, photographs, paintings on paper, and prints — many of which have rarely been on view — by an array of artists. Free-\$10. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

"The Invention of Glory: Afonso V and the Pastrana Tapestries" The Pastrana Tapestries are considered among the finest surviving Gothic tapestries. Exhibition showcases "four recently restored, monumental tapestries measuring 12 feet by 36 feet," commemorating "King Afonso V's conquest in 1471 of the Moroccan cities of Asilah and Tangier." Closes Sunday, September 9.

The focus of "Dynamic: Blue Note After Rivera," featuring 12 paintings by Mexico City-based artist Roberto Cortázar, is a series of recent works inspired by Diego Rivera's *The Hands of Dr. Moore*, one of the museum's "modern masterpieces." Cortázar's paintings approach this intimate subject from a highly personal perspective. Through September.

"The Human Beast: German Expressionism at the San Diego Museum of Art," continuing through Sunday, November 11, highlights recent bequest of 48 German Expressionist paintings, drawings, and prints from estate of Vance E. Kondon and Elisabeth Giesberger. Exhibit explores "the many faces of Expressionism, focusing particularly on the artists' attempt to evoke primal emotion in their depictions of unidealized nudes, the horror of war, or the overstimulation of modern life." New acquisitions from the Kondon-Giesberger bequest displayed

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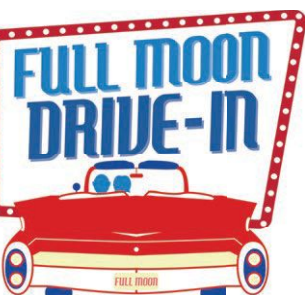
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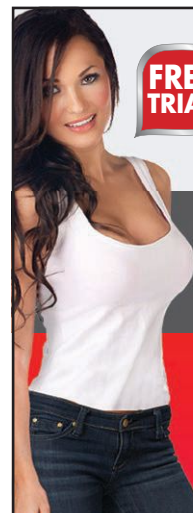
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Primally call the Resounding Bril-liant One!
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Drinking wine from a basin,
in harmony the Hundred
Nobles meet:
Skilled in Awesome Deportment.
Charitable in Luminous Sacrifice.

I feast, please, and entertain
the celebrated guest
and our fathers, brothers, and
clan sons:
Brilliant! Brilliant!
Glittering! Glittering!
Extended longevity limitless!

Sons and grandsons eternally
Protect and strike this bell!
— from “Yun’er’s Bell”
(trans. Constance A. Cook)

Yun’er is, according to translator
Constance A. Cook in an email inter-view with the Reader, “a complete
mystery and probably not a poet.”
Ancient bronzes were crafted, Cook
says, to celebrate earthly achieve-ments, to convey prayers to the ances-

tors — “and to impress the living.
Probably an entire team of craftsmen
and scribes were involved in producing
Yun’er’s (and other similar bells) at
the time. The texts were generated by
multiple voices over time and adapted
by the ritual scribes to a particular
inscription at a particular time for a
particular person.”

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with works by Alexej von Jawlen-sky, Gabriele Münter, Beckmann, George Grosz, others. **Free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Three Story House” Drawn from museum’s photography col-lection of more than 7000 images, this exhibit “traces how photogra-aphers have captured the familiarity of the domestic environment to tell stories of how we live and where we live, as well as transforming it into a creative space to make art.” Continues through September.
In 1957, W. Eugene Smith, a former *Life* magazine photogra-pher, moved out of his home and into a dilapidated, five-story loft building in New York City’s whole-

sale flower district. Between 1957 and 1965, Smith made approxi-mately 40,000 exposures of the noc-turnal jazz scene inside the loft, and of the street below as seen through his fourth-floor window, as well as creating 1,740 reels (4000 hours) of stereo and mono audiotapes, cap-turing more than 300 musicians. Enjoy the results of his work in “The Jazz Loft Project: Photographs and Tapes of W. Eugene Smith,” on view through Sunday, October 7. **Free**-\$6. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)
“Where You From?” Former SD artist Bob Rob (Medina) began teaching at an Egyptian interna-tional school in 2009 and has since “documented his expat experience

through art, photography, and writ-ing.” Opening night for “A Col-lection of Sights and Sounds from Alexandria, Egypt” promises 500 photographs, 50 drawings, paint-ings, prints, video, political posters, Egyptian-style falafel sandwiches, traditional and contemporary Egyptian music, and more. Show closes Sunday, August 12. Saturday, August 4, 6pm; **free**. Voz Alta, 1754 National Avenue. (BARRIO LOGAN)
Francisco de Goya’s Self-Portrait with Dr. Arrieta The second in the series of major loans to the Timken comes from Min-neapolis Institute of Art. Francisco de Goya’s 1820 painting, “one of his masterpieces and the last of his many self-portraits, was created

late in his life.” On view through Sunday, September 9.
Permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18th- and 19th-century American paintings, and Russian icons. **Free**. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)
Glow-in-the-Park Art Fes-tival Event highlights regional contemporary artists and their one-of-a-kind art installations that incorporate light, inflatables, fiber, water, solar, and fluorescence. Sat-urday, August 4, 7pm; **free**. Grape Day Park, 321 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)
Latin American Festival Annual Latin American Festival and Mata Ortiz Pottery Market transform

Bazaar del Mundo into a vibrant marketplace, featuring folk artists (including tin-artist Arturo Sosa Perez and clay-crafter Gerardo Ortega Perez), textiles, jewelry, Mexican cuisine from Casa Gua-dalajara, and music by Latin American folk band Tinku. Fri-day, August 3, through Sunday, August 5, 10am; Bazaar del Mundo, 4133 Taylor Street. (OLD TOWN)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Corps of Discovery: Lewis & Clark Dressed as an explorer,

author James E. Thomas discusses, signs his book, which “is novelized so it includes lots of conversation” and readers get to know expedi-tion participants. 619-670-5194. Saturday, August 4, 1pm; **free**-\$5. Heritage of the Americas Museum, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)
Flashblind Author Dr. Paul Bernstein — described as “medi-cal director for the largest medi-cal group in San Diego” — signs, discusses his new medical thriller. paulbernstein@flashblindnovel.com. Sunday, August 5, 12pm; **free**. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

“Water Passion after St. Matthew” La Jolla Music Society’s “SummerFest” continues with performance of Tan Dun’s piece by Dun, Stephen Bryant, Yuanlin Chen, David Cossin, Dustin Donahue, Felix Fan, Ying Huang, Cho-Liang Lin, Bonnie Whiting Smith, San Diego Master Chorale (7:30pm). Prelude discussion with Cho-Liang Lin and Tan Dun (6:30pm). 858-459-3728. Saturday, August 4, 6:30pm; \$45-\$65. 18 and up. Mandell Weiss Center for the Performing Arts, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Baroque Masterworks Enjoy Telemann’s “Suite in A Minor for Alto Recorder, Strings and Continuo,” the “Concerto in F Major for Soprano Recorder, Strings, and Basso Continuo” by Sammartini, Bach’s “Partita No. 3 for Solo Violin” and Vivaldi’s “Concerto in C Major for Recorder, Strings and Continuo” when La Jolla Music Society’s SummerFest continues. 858-459-3728. Sunday, August 5, 3pm; \$50-\$75. 18 and up. St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Broadway Rocks! Hits from *Hairspray*, *Rock of Ages*, *Wicked*, and *Phantom of the Opera*. Broadway Rocks stars the Phantom himself, Doug LaBrecque, along with Broadway veterans Capathia Jenkins, Rob Evan, and Morgan James. Conducted by Randall Craig Fleischer. Friday, August 3, 7:30pm; Saturday, August 4, 7:30pm; \$18-\$76. Embarcadero Marina Park South, 206 Marina Park Way. (DOWNTOWN)

Quartet Nouveau Classical string quartet presents “Revive” concert series, with program including Beethoven’s “String Quartet (The Harp),” Dvorak’s “American String Quartet,” the Philip Glass “String Quartet No. 3.” Food and drink: \$10 minimum. Sunday, August 5, 7pm; \$15. 21 and up. 98 Bottles,

2400 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

SummerFest Opening Night — A Romantic Promenade Concert promises “Suite for Two Violins and Piano” by Moszkowski; “Vocalise” and “Symphonic Dances” by Rachmaninoff; and the “Bachianas Brasileiras No. 1 for 8 Cellos” and “Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5 for Soprano and 8 Cellos” by Villa-Lobos. 858-459-3728. Friday, August 3, 7:30pm; \$50-\$75. 18 and up. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

COMEDY

Comedy Night at Doc’s Saloon Headliner is Chris Zapatier. Host Aaron Hughes. Reservations: 760-929-1396. Friday, August 3, 8:30pm; \$10. 18 and up. Joey’s Smokin’ B-B-Q, 6955 El Camino Real. (CARLSBAD)

John Caponera Comic from the *Tonight Show*, ESPN, HBO, *Evening at the Improv*, *The Drew Carey Show*, *That ’80s Show*, and much more. Friday, August 3, and Saturday, August 4, 8:30pm and 10:30pm; \$20. 21 and up. Mad House Comedy Club, 502 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

Little Italy Comedy Show Laugh with San Diego’s Funniest Person contest winner Billy Bonnell, P-Man, Greg Santos, hosts Zoltan and David Novin. Thursday, August 2, 8pm; \$5. 21 and up. 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

Stand-Up Comedy by Sarah Colonna Comic has been seen on *Chelsea Lately*, *Last Comic Standing*, and E! 619-795-3858. Thursday, August 2, 8pm; Friday, August 3, 7pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, August 4, 7pm and 9:30pm; \$22. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Weekend Laugh Jam LEC Productions comedy with Gulden, Eric

Culverson, headliner Mal Hal. Saturday, August 4, 8pm; **free**. Kelly’s Public House, 15817 Bernardo Center Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

DANCE

“Nuestras Raíces” Flamenco dancers with musicians Trio Perla Negra de Charlie Chavez; *danzarts.org* or 619-846-9272. Saturday, August 4, 7pm; \$15-\$25. Joan B. Kroc Theatre, 6611 University Avenue. (LA MESA)

Argentine Tango with Colette Will give you a first free class Monday, August 6, or Wednesday, August 8, at 7pm (or any Monday or Wednesday at 7pm), and will introduce you to the passion and magic of Tango at Dance Place San Diego in Point Loma. No need for a partner. More information: *www.TangoWithColette.com* or call 514-726-5567. Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Road, Studio 106. (POINT LOMA)

Big Bay Ballroom Salsa Spice Port of San Diego plans event featuring mix of Latin ballroom styles. Free dance instruction by a choreographer from So You Think You Can Dance studio. Performances by Manny Cepeda Orchestra. Friday, August 3, 7pm; **free**. Pepper Park, 3299 Tidelands Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

Endless Summer Party Evening commences with beginning/intermediate blues dance and beginning swing/Lindy (8:45pm). Open dance with music by the Fremonts (9:30pm-midnight). Limbo contest (10:30pm). Shim Sham lesson during second band break. Bring treats for snack potluck. 619-291-3775. Friday, August 3, 8:30pm; \$15-\$22. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Have Fun, Get Fit, Make Friends Learn to square dance with Ocean Wavers Square Dance Club. First class free. 760-510-6987. Thursday, August 2, 7pm; **free**. McClellan Senior Center at

Brengle Terrace Park, 1400 Vale Terrace. (VISTA)

Party in Pink Multiple instructors lead energetic Zumbathon benefiting Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Wear pink! *info@zfitnesssandiego.com* or 858-449-5371. Friday, August 3, 6pm; \$6. ZFitness Classes and Apparel, 6635 Flanders Dr., Suite G. (MIRA MESA)

FOOD & DRINK

Aloha to Summer Summer celebration includes hula dance performance, “luau feast,” libations, introduction of 2009 vintage. Reservations: *info@mahog-anymountain.com* or 760-788-7048. Saturday, August 4, 5pm; \$25. Mahogany Mountain Vineyard and Winery, 14905 Mussey Grade Road. (RAMONA)

BrewFest Encinitas Fifteen local craft breweries offer samples of their beers and four gourmet food trucks serve a variety of food, desserts during benefit for six local charities. The \$40 tickets include admission, commemorative sampling glass, ten beer tastings, parking; free for designated drivers. Saturday, August 4, 4pm; 21 and up. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Local Flavor: Colin Clyne Singer-songwriter Colin Clyne joins the Museum of Making Music’s Local Flavor Concert Series, which pairs performances

from emerging local artists with food and beverage. Clyne’s debut album, *Doricana*, is built on years of touring and honing his acoustic guitar-based mix of Celtic, folk, and pop music. A native of Stonehaven, Scotland, Clyne now spends time in Southern California and was named “Best Acoustic Act” at the 2011 San Diego Music Awards. Tickets include a slice of pizza and beverage, served at 6pm. Event sponsored by Flippin’ Pizza/ Knockout Pizza and Stone Brewing Co. Tickets: 760-438-5996. Friday, August 3, 7pm; \$10. Museum of Making Music, 5790 Armada Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Nijiya Japanese Market Tour & Lunch Mineko Moreno shares info about Japanese vegetables, fish, specially sliced meats, seasonings, condiments and rice, as she guides you through the Nijiya market, followed by traditional Japanese lunch at Sakura Restaurant. Wear close-toed shoes, bring a sweater (it is cold), pen, and notebook. Meet in front of the store. Event sponsored by Great News Cooking School. Required registration: 858-270-1582. Sunday, August 5, 9am; \$44. Nijiya Market, 3860 Convooy Street. (KEARNY MESA)

Smokin’ Q Classic More than 45 teams compete for prize money, advancement to next competition level during this “official Kansas City Society sanctioned barbecue event.” Teams spend up to 24 hours seasoning, smoking, grilling for competition. Visitors may sample three-ounce tastes of the resulting

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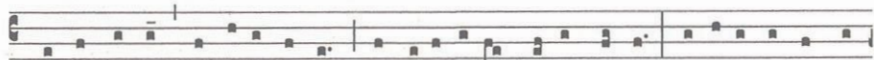
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ARTivities: Abstract Painting Art activities relating to art on view in museum galleries and in conjunction with museum’s summer camp themes. For children 6-12. Included in museum admission (0-\$12). *families@sdmart.org* or 619-232-7931. Thursday, August 2, 1:30pm; Friday, August 3, 1:30pm; 6 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Playing With Dolls Derby Dolls welcome girls of all skill levels to train with the league’s team of trainers. Girls must be between 8 and 17, have basic skating skills, full gear, and USARS insurance (available for an additional \$25). Registration: *http://sd.derbydolls.com/camps*. Saturday, August 4,

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Puppet Shows in Balboa Park The Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater Summer Hours: Wednesday thru Sunday, 11am, 1pm & 2:30pm. Admission \$5 Seniors/Military \$4 Children under two are Free! Discounts available for groups of 10 or more. For information go to balboaparkpuppets.com or call (619) 544-9203. Come see: Cinderella, Pirate Paul, Circus Shows

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LECTURES

"Little Things Mean a Lot" Judy Reeves addresses "use of the smallest of details that can bring the story to life through description, character, dialogue and narrative, and focus on how to select and render the telling detail" during workshop. 619-696-0363. Saturday, August 4, 1:30pm; \$45-\$54.18 and up. Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"New Fairy Tales: A Writing Workshop" Learn to write and analyze classic, original fairy tales and how to modernize existing fairy tale tropes for more progressive venues" during intensive workshop led by Heather Fowler. Ends August 11. 619-696-0363. Saturday, August 4, 10am; \$90-\$108.18

and up. Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"School Gardens 101" Ever wanted to start or transform a school garden? Farmer Bill divulges how to build a school garden team using administration, staff, parents, volunteers, community, students; funding; plans, irrigation, planting; more. contact@CityFarmersNursery.com. Saturday, August 4, 1pm; free. City Farmers Nursery, 4832 Home Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"The Discovery of Insulin Therapy" Stephanie Decker of Scripps Whittier Diabetes Institute traces insulin's history and its role in managing the diabetes epidemic when Life at MiraCosta senior learning group meets in room 1068 (1pm). "Season of Surprises 2012-13" presented by California Center for the Arts, Escondido vice president Gerard Buckley, explaining center's "expansive vision and innovative programs" (2:30pm). 760-721-8124. Friday, August 3, 1pm; free. 18 and up.

MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

How-to Summer Series Experts divulge ways to make "summer more spectacular" during three-part series. Learn ways to use settings on point-and-shoot cameras from photographer Sarah Albert; get scoop on healthy lifestyles with Lauryn Taylor of Stroller Strides; gain healthy menu ideas from Pampered Chef rep Leyna Butcher. Kids may use playspace while adults attend. RSVP for a single session or all three: Chulavista@mykidville.com or 619-407-7756. Fridays, 10am; through Friday, August 17, free. Kidville — Chula Vista, 2015 Birch Road, Suite 1703. (EASTLAKE)

Keys to Health "Dr. Fatimah Esfahanizadeh discusses the five vital keys to health: nutrition, exercise, toxins, rest/mental health, and a healthy nervous system." 858-581-9934. Friday, August 3, 3pm; free. Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Steps to Starting a Business Workshop will cover franchising, financial planning, insurance, licenses and permits and financing options. 760-795-8740. Thursday, August 2, 10am; free. Small Business Development Center, 1823 Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

SPORTS

8th Annual Lifeguard Games American Red Cross Aquatics hosts eighth annual competition. Certified lifeguards from over 100 swimming pools in SD and Imperial counties showcase their lifesaving and water-safety skills in a series of team and individual events. 858-309-1200. Sunday, August 5, 8:45am; free. National City Municipal Pool, 1800 East 22nd Street. (NATIONAL CITY)

Pads versus Mets New York Mets in town for baseball against San Diego Padres. Games broadcast on radio station XX Sports Radio

(1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000. Friday, August 3, 7:05pm; Saturday, August 4, 5:35pm; Sunday, August 5, 1:05pm; 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, August 4; \$25. Iceoplex Escondido, 555 North Tulip Street. (ESCONDIDO)

Showpark August Festival Horse Show Equestrian competition. 858-794-1171. Thursday, August 2, through Sunday, August 5, 8am; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

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Fertile Ground

Campo had a post at that three-freakin'-star Michelin restaurant, and he comes back to sell tacos?

The road to Kokopelli started here. Picture this: My buddy Ernie and I are down on a sun-blazing day at this brilliant-sounding Culinary Art School in Tijuana.

Ernie hauled me along — today, he says, the students are strutting their stuff.

One of the students, José Figueroa, tells me, “Everything on the menu we picked, plucked, or waded out and caught, today. We got up this morning at 4:00, drove to the mangroves, dove to pluck the mussels, other clams. We picked herbs, vegetables, fruit...then we came back and prepared this lunch. It’s been quite a day.”

We’re standing in the courtyard of a modern little campus. It’s stark, industrial, lots of deliberate rust, but with smooth-swishing glass doors and a big courtyard that people crisscross all day.

Tables loaded with food and wine and beer fill the space.

My problem: I’m so caught up yakking, I forget to eat before they mostly run out. But I hear about every delicious thing, from local mussels, to oysters in lemon and pico de gallo, to Baja cheeses, aguachile-marinated raw shrimp, goose barnacles...

The one dish still untouched looks incredibly simple. Four lettuce leaves shaped like a propeller, with croutons, cheese, and some creamy-clear gloop in the scoop of the leaves.

“What’s that?” I ask José.

“A Caesar’s salad. Tribute to Caesar Cardini, the Tijuana inventor. My interpretation.”

Four chomps would demolish it, but points for originality? Off the board.

Fact: Baja California food is starting to take off, even without us gringos. Or, who knows, maybe *because* we’re not there. Identity is big. Digging into Mayan and Aztec foods is big. Partly because of places like this cool school.

It’s starting to pay off. One of the students, Guillermo “Oso” Campos Moreno, graduated

and was hired by a Michelin three-star restaurant in Holland called Oud Sluis. José Figueroa himself is about to take off for the UK to join

the staff at a famous restaurant, L’Enclume.

So, uh, Kokopelli?

Cut to a few days later. Another hot one. My friend Héctor drops me off at the corner of Calle Melchor Ocampo and Boulevard Aguas Calientes (where Revolución curves round into Agua Calientes).

Right here, on this traffic-zapped street, people huddle in the shade of a white canopy. Broken-cement rocks with strings tied around them hold down the canopy in the wind. Smoke swirls out from the sides.

A colored chalk drawing on a blackboard leaned against a plywood fence has “Kokopelli” written under the art. Ah...the southwest’s flute-playing fertility god of spring, right? Pretty good sketch. And by the smell, pretty good taco stand.

The smell’s of taco meat roasting. Three guys in black are at work behind a wood-burning grill, cooking meats, peppers, huge mushrooms, and corn tortillas.

“Mesquite,” says this woman, Norma. “That’s the wood. You can smell it.”

She’s right. She and her friends Gaby and Claudia are here chowing down on octopus-and-pesto tacos that have been flambéed. Dang, but they look delicious.

“It’s called Kraken Pulpo,” Norma says. “It tastes very different from the usual tacos. The tortilla flavor is different because it is cooked on mesquite. It blackens the corn. We’re here for the first time, but they are famous locally. They have taken flavors from the past and mixed it with modern food.”

I ask one of the guys — the one in the cowboy hat, Orlando — what he recommends. He agrees that I need to have the Kraken. (You saw the many-tentacled monster in *Clash of the Titans*, didn’t you?) That’s the taco with octopus in a Mexican pesto sauce. He also says I should maybe have the Black Harder, *ceviche de lenguado* — of



Customers Claudia, Norma, Gaby



Mushrooms on the mesquite grill



The Black Harder taco: ceviche of sole, squash, toasted chilies, and peanuts



Orlando Miguel Delmonte

sole — with *calabasa* (squash) and a peanut chili, done “in a style unique to Kokopelli.”

Have to say, the Kraken explodes with taste in your mouth. It lies there open-faced, waiting for you to roll it up around a great, long wad of green Anaheim chili. The chili is like a zingy boat, filled with chopped-up octopus and a Mexican pesto. It has poblano chili peppers, cilantro, and other stuff you know they’ll never tell you about, and is that cheese...and avo? What it is is a riot of tastes you need to take time to get your buds around.

I get a Mexican Coke to swill it down (75 cents). The Kraken — like every taco here — costs 20 pesos...say, \$1.50.

Then there’s the Black Harder taco. Oh, man. The “style unique to Kokopelli” turns out to be ceviche of sole blackened on the grill, then slapped on a messy red layer of toasted chilies, peanuts, and someone says (I think), squash and roasted habaneros in olive oil.

Bottom line: these tacos are danged interesting. Like La Ermita, with its quesotacos and sweet ‘n’ savory tacos, these guys here push the limits. Like the gastro trucks in San Diego, too, only re-

ally digging into their Baja roots.

Here’s the weird part — Orlando Miguel Delmonte, in the cowboy hat, says that Kokopelli was started by his buddy, chef Guillermo “Oso” Campo. Hey! He’s the guy who graduated from the Culinary Art School.

You’ve gotta wonder: Campo had a post at that three-freakin’-star Michelin restaurant in Holland, and he comes back to sell tacos from a street stand?

Seems what happened was he returned home to TJ to start up his own restaurant in Rosarito. But that partnership didn’t work out. So he said what the heck: he spent what funds he had left to set up this canopy on Melchor Ocampo. He called in his brother Pablo and his good buddy “Cricket” (Orlando), and, six months ago, they opened for business. Serving revolutionary tacos. The word got out, and the crowds are here.

The guy’s flying, helping to fuel the fire under TJ’s rebirth as the street-food capital of the world.

Who knows, this place might become the world’s first three-Michelin-star taco stand. ■

The Place: Tacos Kokopelli, Calle Melchor Ocampo, on corner with Boulevard. Agua Caliente, Tijuana
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Mignon Pho + Grill

Tucked in one of the many mini-malls along Convoy Street, Mignon didn't make much of an outside effort to stand out from the crowd. The blacked-out windows revealed very little, but the decor inside lent the impression that the restaurant is a cut above just another takeout place. Lots of honey-colored wood and high ceilings created a soothing, lofty atmosphere. Along one wall, a display of beer bottles ended with a novelty: a cobra, coiled as if ready to strike, preserved in a bottle of vodka. Nor for sale.

For starters, Mignon had an intriguing selection of grilled skewers. An order of chicken hearts (\$3.50) received a touch of salt and pepper, a slice of lime, and nothing else since such a tid-bit wants for very little alteration. Chicken gizzards, beef tongue, beef tenderloin, and frog legs rounded out the menu.

Mignon's pho was built around a very delicate broth. It was crystal clear, indicative of careful preparation, and deeply flavored with beef and herbs, but there wasn't as much of the salty, oily, umami character that pho often has. There could have been more steak in the filet mignon pho, but the medium-sized portion (\$7.50) was still generous enough to make a filling meal. Because of the subtle flavor of the broth, it was no difficulty to drain every last drop of the liquid soup.

Elsewhere on the menu, rice and vermicelli dishes sported sometimes overly cutesy names such as Cow Ate My Shrimp (sauteed beef and shrimp over rice) and the Piggy Plate, which puts pork skin, shredded pork, meatloaf, and a pork

chop on the same dish.

The ubiquitous Vietnamese coffee, prepared with condensed milk, at Mignon was brewed at the table in a single-serving coffee maker that combined espresso and drip coffee. The device was a sort of small, metal chalice that sat on top of a pint glass. The coffee grounds in the top dripped, at an excruciating pace, over the condensed milk. Ice came in a separate cup on the side. While labor intensive, it was a cool way to get a fresh cup of coffee!

Mignon Pho + Grill, 3860 Convoy Street, 858-278-0669

by Ian Pike

FEAST!



Not for sale at Mignon Pho + Grill: Cobra-infused vodka

Brewhaha Fallout

In business, despite the best of intentions and the closest of relationships, sometimes the answer to the classic Kingly query "Can't we all just get along" is "Nope!" The latest local unexpected biz-partner breakdown involves Julian's recently revamped **Bailey Wood-Pit Barbecue** (2307 Main Street).

In May, I wrote about a week-end spent in Apple Country, hitting up the Bailey for multiple meals and chasing tasty succulent meats with well-crafted beers from Julian Brewing Company, Bailey's small on-site brew house. The ribs, pork shoulder, and brisket I fell hard for came from a kitchen bolstered by the addition of a smoker installed by Vince Marsaglia of Pizza Port

fame.

Vince is the co-owner of the growing local pie-and-pint chain (which will expand later this year when its fourth and largest location opens in Carlsbad's Bressi Ranch). Up until recently, he was also co-owner of the Bailey. His partner was Tom Nickel, who's best known as a former brewer for

Pizza Port and Oggi's Pizza and Brewing, and the current owner of O'Brien's Pub (4646 Convoy Street) in Kearny Mesa.

I use the term "was" because, as alluded to in my open, they are no longer in cahoots. A situation arose in recent months (one that, from a journalistic perspective, is best not disclosed) that drove a giant ideological wedge between Vince and Tom so huge, it proved impassable. After arguments over who should buy the other out, Tom and wife Lindsey allowed Vince and sister Gina (who also co-owns Pizza Port) to purchase their share of the business.

This is an unfortunate turn of events. Tom was the mastermind behind Julian Brewing Company. Certainly Vince has plenty of brewery personnel who could carry the torch, but without Tom there, the beers will be different (a shame because the initial pale ale, IPA, and stout Tom produced were delicious session ales), or, worst-case scenario, non-existent. Meanwhile, Lindsey was in charge of production of all side dishes and desserts, plus certain daily specials. They were also quite tasty, and will be missed.

The silver lining for the Nickels is that another business they have a stake in will be able to benefit from their sudden surplus of spare time. Earlier this year, they teamed up with a longtime associate, Larry Kroger, to purchase and transform La Mesa's West Coast BBQ into West Coast BBQ and Brew (6126 Lake Murray Boulevard). With menu options plucked straight from O'Brien's as well as beers from Alpine Beer Company, Russian River Brewing Company, and many other mainstays from Tom's Kearny Mesa taps, plus barbecue made using the same methods and recipes as the Bailey, it's essentially a hybrid of both businesses.

From here on out, Lindsey will be lending her time and elbow grease to West Coast BBQ and Brew. Tom will also be more involved with the business, which, given his experience, can only make it better. On the plus side, many of us are a lot closer to La Mesa than we are to Julian. But bottom line, it's a big loss for what was the most exciting and passion-driven new business to hit Julian in a long time.

by Brandon Hernández



Cow-A-Bunga Ice Cream

Serious Ice Cream

It's actually harder than one might think to find sincere, small-batch ice cream. Even good shops often buy theirs from elsewhere. The primary reason being that ice cream is difficult and time-consuming to make. I've made plenty and getting the overrun (the amount of air in the final product) right is a pain in the neck — never mind getting the flavor on point!

But **Cow-A-Bunga** in Imperial Beach serves up scoops and sundaes of locally made, gourmet ice cream.

A little while back I heard from a friend that the guy who opened up Cow-A-Bunga had been successful in the San Diego restaurant industry but that he'd basically thrown up his hands in disgust and opened up a really good ice cream shop instead of dealing with the full-time hustle and bustle of restaurant ownership. Considering how many restaurants have put me in similar straits, I can't say that I blame him!

The ice cream is actually priced reasonably, too. Scoops start at \$2 and sundaes and banana splits are in the \$4-\$6 range. That's not too bad at all, considering the quality of the ice cream. It's velvety smooth and richly flavored. It even has the chewy texture of a really good sorbet or gelato that contains a lot of invert sugar (i.e. sugar that's

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And the espressi aren't half bad, either. Shots start at \$1.35 and there's even an option to get the coffee served over ice cream.

Cow-A-Bunga is interesting because it maintains a low-key, almost goofy beach atmosphere and still manages to turn out a high quality product. In a lot of ways, it's much like a hip gelato shop, but it couldn't be more different in appearance. For example, it's wholly un-Euro to have stuffed cows and signed surfboards on the walls, but Cow-A-Bunga pulls it off.

Probably because the ice cream is so damn good!

Cow-A-Bunga, 10 Evergreen Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-628-0508.

by Ian Pike

No Tee Time Required

Canyons restaurant, perched above the Crossings at Carlsbad golf course and the Pacific Ocean, is part traditional golf clubhouse and part fine dining. We discovered this when we recently took company there for a casual lunch (with the possibility for a round of golf afterward).

The restaurant is spacious with many large round tables and a huge fireplace at one end. With large windows facing the ocean, there's also a bar for the golfer with one too many triple bogeys — or for celebrating a hole in one! The lunch menu features starters, salads, sandwiches, and "warm plates." Catering to the traditional club-

house fare, one can find Cobb salad, steak and fries, etc. on the menu. The food-savvy golfer can select a bison or wild boar burger, among other things.

Our order consisted of a French Dip (\$12), a Country Club (\$10), Canyons Burrata Cheese (\$12), and a kid's pasta with marinara (\$6). The French Dip sandwich was what you would expect, with plenty of jus for dipping. Interestingly, the club sandwich contained a fried egg. The portions were certainly generous and other than my daughter, who said some of the pasta was undercooked, everyone agreed that the food was satisfying.

I started with a cup of corn chowder (\$4), but was surprised to receive soup that was orange. Thinking that it had curry in it, I discovered that the chef's secret ingredient was the Vietnamese chili sauce, Sriracha. It added some zing to it and I liked it! Off the Warm Plates section, the burrata cheese was served with tomatoes, arugula, basil,

avocado, and garlic drizzled with a balsamic reduction. Plentiful pita wedges accompanied the dish, which was artfully arranged on a large plate. I would have preferred less cheese and more of the vegetables, which tasted delicious with the slightly caramelized vinegar.

Although only serving breakfast, lunch, and an early dinner, with a Sunday brunch, wedding hosting availability, and dining events, they are filling their card with options for golfers and non-golfers. We ended up forgoing golf, but the hearty lunch and ocean breezes sent us back down to Palomar Airport Road, contented.

Canyons restaurant at the Crossings at Carlsbad, 5800 the Crossings Drive (formerly Hidden Valley Rd.), 760-444-1888.

by Amy Davis

Pouring into Little Italy

Little Italy just wouldn't be Little Italy without a high concen-

tration of vino. Red sauce with no red table wine — as much a sin as overcooked pasta or grated parmesan on seafood. A local wine producer is making plans to bring an influx of grape juice to downtown's *quartiere* Italiano as insurance against such atrocities.

In August, San Diego Cellars will open a combination urban winery with a tasting lounge at 2215 Kettner Boulevard. For the past year or so, owners and winemakers Matthew Richards and Todd Hipper have been producing and serving their wines at a location on Silverton Avenue in the Miramar area. Their new spot will offer them new visibility and the ability to offer a more well-rounded experience to visitors.

Added elements will include an outdoor patio area as well as the ability to offer live entertainment and space to rent out for private affairs. They will also put that space to use when throwing private parties for members of their wine club.

On the production side, **San Diego Cellars** will produce 2,000 cases of wine annually. All of the vintages will be made and aged on-site, and produced from grapes grown throughout California, including some from San Diego County. The trio of wines produced solely from local grapes includes a

cabernet sauvignon, syrah, and viognier.

by Brandon Hernández

Half-Glasses and Dukkah

Proprietor Rita Pirkel, of the newly opened Village Vino on Adams Avenue, spent eight of her last ten years commuting from Kensington to positions at Chateau Montelena Winery and Peju Province Winery in Napa.

And for the past five years, Rita had her eye on the corner of Adams Avenue and Kensington Drive, where NYLA Kensington Boutique occupied a prime spot. In January, on her way home from another trip north, she saw a For Lease sign in the window. A phone call later and she had her dream location.

It's cozy and comfortable inside; warm taupes and weathered wood, splashes of bolder red and blue keep it interesting. The vases of beautiful sunflowers and lots of natural light add to the relaxing mood.

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I started with a 2010 Tertre de Launay Savennieres, a mineral white Bordeaux. It was crisp and dry, a nice cool way to start out. John's choice, the 2008 Paulo Scavino Rosso Vino da Tavola, a Piedmont Nebbiolo, had a soft fragrance and a fruity explosion in the mouth.

We paired these with a cheese plate containing Venissimo's offerings. Purple Haze, a creamy, lavender and fennel pollen laced *chevre* was lovely with the Savennieres. Ewephoria, an aged sheep's milk gouda, had a golden, nutty flavor and a crumbly texture that paired better with the Nebbiolo and very well with the dried mission figs, dried tart cherries, and toasted Marcona almonds. Last was an aged cheddar from Hook's Cheese Company, nice with the bolder reds of our second wines.

Our next half-glasses were a 2008 Siegrist Dornfelder, a German red for me and a '10 Easton Zinfandel for John. I enjoyed the Dornfelder's bright fruit aroma and tart cherry overtones with our next small plate, big pieces of focaccia bread and dips of organic olive oil and dukkah, a wickedly addictive Egyptian dry spice blend of toasted cumin, coriander, black pepper, sesame seeds, and ground hazelnuts. The Zinfandel was big and full of juicy black fruit with a bit of pepper, and again, a good combination with the bold, roasty flavors of the dukkah.

Village Vino is in soft-opening mode right now, with a food menu limited to just a few items, but plans are to expand it, adding new plates over the next several weeks.

Village Vino, 4095 Adams Avenue.

by Mary Beth Abate

Postponed Pastrami

Right around the corner from newly opened Spresso, Tommy Pastrami (555 West C Street, at Columbia, downtown) is newly closed. But only temporarily, they say. Looks like the mess the trolley construction is creating outside is too much for them.

"Closed during construction," the sign says. "Grand re-opening after construction completed."

Hope that'll be soon, because last time I came I had a pretty good "halfer" — a half pastrami on rye (\$5.95) plus a side order (8 oz.) of chicken soup (\$2.75).

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Law enforcement seemed to like patronizing them, big time.

They're a sizable chain, mainly around L.A. and O.C.

Anybody know the timetable?

by Ed Bedford

Tasting Room-centric

These days, with new breweries in the planning stages throughout the county, my beer touring tends to involve hitting works-in-progress. Of all the upcoming brewing companies in San Diego, the one with the most eyes on it is **Rip Current Brewing**. Based in San Marcos (1325 Grand Avenue, suite 100) and scheduled to open this fall, it represents the next step for two talented homebrewers — Paul Sangster and Guy Shobe.

Sangster is well known, not only in San Diego, but throughout the country as the 2011 winner of the Ninkasi Award — the hardware bestowed on the highest scoring entrant in the competition component of the American Homebrewers Association's annual National

Homebrewers Conference. As an amateur, he's probably amassed enough trophies, medals, ribbons, and certificates to decorate an entire wall or two of Rip Current's new tasting room.

Instead, one wall will be covered with obscure, vintage beer cans from his extensive personal collection. A look at the currently barren tasting space takes a great deal of imagination to envision, but ten taps will be operating on opening day, spewing brews served up at a granite bar with a wood façade running the length of the room. Thanks to an edict that they offer a second exit, tasting space is also available down a hallway leading to a second room that, like the main bar, will have TVs and feature an additional bathroom (raising the number to three...big bonus).

Once they are able to up production, they'll expand the taps to a total of 20. That many handles will be necessary once they get going. Variety is a key component of Sangster and Shobe's game plan. Rip Current will be about taking the fun and adventurous spirit of homebrewing — a medium where fruit- and spice-infused beers, imperialized versions of typically low-alcohol beers, hybrid styles, and the like are more common than commercial brewing, which due to the

nature of business, is typically straightforward. The brewers' tastes and tendencies will also drive the diverse nature of their beers. Sangster's all about imperial brews while Shobe is a lower of session (low ABV) beers.

In order to make the most technically accurate versions of each of the many styles they will produce, they have put a great deal of money in up-front. Much of that was spent on installing one of the most comprehensive and unique reverse osmosis water systems of any brewery in the county. Sangster discovered the company that manufactured the system, Microbrewed Water out of Santa Barbara, while at the Great American Beer Festival a couple of years ago. It will allow he and Shobe to manipulate the make-up of their water to match the regions certain styles hail from or simply their personal desires.

When explaining, Shobe notes that San Diego water isn't optimal for making stouts because it is high in calcium and sulfides, which are great when brewing IPAs and hoppy red ales but do not sync up well with malt-forward brews. Hard water doesn't work well with the astringency of malts. So, in order to optimize the water for a stout, the duo will up the chloride so it's present in higher quantities and forms a better

chloride-to-sulfide ratio.

Sangster and Shobe are excited to be exploring this "last frontier" of brewing, but note that all the machinery in the world doesn't mean a thing if the base beer one starts with isn't any good. To further ensure that and quality in general, they are also spending start-up funds on a quality-control lab, something most start-up breweries don't have due to the great expense of installing one. The fact they bit the bullet on what figures to be a cornerstone of their business is impressive, as is the fact that they have roped off space for barrel-aging near the off-limits office portion of their facility.

Visitors will have plenty of opportunity to see brewing in action if they please. The main 15-barrel brewhouse is visible from the main tasting room area, and a much smaller pilot system that will be used to brew up test batches of more out-there creations will be located within sight of the supplementary tasting space.

Rip Current will be tasting room-centric, meaning they want their facility to be a destination where people come to experience the full range of their beers. Some will only ever be served there, but they will also be kegging some of their beers and sending them around to local accounts, starting with

North County neighbors such as Churchill's Pub and Grille, Sublime Ale House, and Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens.

by Brandon Hernández

Sandwich in Officeland

I spot the word from Broadway. "Eats."

I'm heading up Columbia anyway. Catching the trolley at America Plaza. Columbia's this normally boring street between Broadway and C. Halfway up the block, there's this red canopy and sign.

It's a new café, **Spresso**, sitting in a garage building, at 1050 Columbia.

The red canopy shades one row of tables with black and metal chairs and little metal round tables.

I like the idea of sitting here where I never expected to. After all, this is down in officeland, where the town kinda peters out, along with the entire continent. Who else — apart from Karl Strauss — has eateries on Columbia?

Sign on the canopy reads "Espresso, Pastries, Cannoli." Inside you can see a sign on the wall with that good ol' English wartime advice: "Keep Calm and Carry On."

The walls are red and white. White tables, black chairs, gray

"timber" floor. The gal, Arpida (she's originally from West Bengal) says yes, they have all kinds of panini and flatbreads for here or to go.

"The Caprese's popular," she says, trying to help me make up my mind. "It's that tomato, basil, mozzarella combination."

Long story short: I get an Italian flatbread because it's got capicola meat on top, plus buffalo mozzarella cheese and a sexy-sounding balsamic glaze on top.

I've just placed my order when Gio comes up. Giovanni Dinunzio. He started this place up two months ago. "Uh, would you like coffee or beer? We have Italian beers: Peroni or Moretti. They're \$3.75. Or maybe a glass of wine with that?"

Well, guess it's five o'clock already, sunset cocktail hour, right? I go for a chard. Total, food-wine-tax comes to \$12.39.

Gio pours my wine in a nice no-stem goblet and I take it outside while Arpida makes the flatbread.

But actually I end up eating inside, because the conversation's so interesting.

"My family already has two other Spresso places back in Sicily," Gio says. "One in Palermo, the other in Catania, two of the main towns. This is our first in the United States. It was my idea. My dad's very proud of me."



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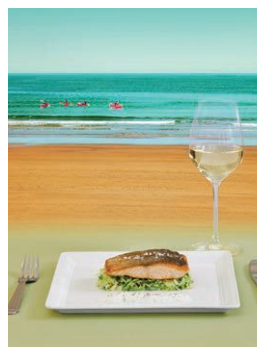
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"The office crowd is our main business right now," he says. "We're open from six in the morning to six at night."

The flatbread's actually two flatbreads on a long plate.

They have that sweetish capicola laid on the bread, then cheese, and the best part, the tangy balsamic glaze squiggled all over the tops. The vinegar makes it taste sharp, sweet.

I resist the cannoli. Tho, jeez, can't help thinking how well that'd go with the second half of my vino.

But, no, gotta go. I came here to catch a trolley, didn't I?

by Ed Bedford

Urban without an A

Just north of the Wave Waterpark and the Krikorian theaters in Vista is a relic from the past: Main Street. You'll find the Avo theater, a now defunct antique store, and many restaurants, including **Urbn Pizza**. Unlike the general character of the area, Urbn stands out as the new kid on the block. With a post-modern, industrial interior, the coal-fired oven seems almost futuristic.

After being disappointed that the antique store had closed, my daughter and I headed over

to Urbn for lunch. We ordered the house salad (\$6.50), which stands out because it's not the standard house salad. Their salad contains mixed greens, candied walnuts, fresh pear, and vinaigrette. The chalkboard menu displays the pizza toppings offered rather than pre-styled pies. Diners can choose from the usual suspects, as well as some unusual options. We decided to order our own mini pizzas. My daughter ordered the cheese pizza, which came with a fountain drink (\$7). I expressed interest in the mashed potatoes as a topping and the young man behind the counter said that people often pair it with bacon and no sauce (\$8.50). I was feeling adventurous and really, how wrong can you go with mashed potatoes, bacon, cheese, and a super thin crust?

We got our salad right away. I hate to complain because it tasted delicious, but really the quantity was too much for one adult and a child. Unfortunately, they only have one size. It could easily feed four adults as a starter. The lettuce was fresh, as was the just-cut pear. They are generous with the toppings. We ate what we could before our pizza was ready, knowing the rest would go to waste due to the vinaigrette.

I couldn't see the mashed potato on my pizza because it blended in with the mozzarella. I had expected it to be heaped on top and was curious about what it was going to taste like. It was actually quite good! The mashed potatoes were very creamy and the cheese really took a back seat to it. The bacon was in pieces rather than bits and wasn't fatty, as bacon can sometimes be. Talking to the cook about the whole mashed-potato pizza topping, he mentioned that vegetarians often pair it with broccoli.

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by Amy Davis

The Place to Caffeinate

Here's a little story about the coffee shop and gelateria in Mission Hills: 20 years back, maybe more, the corner of India and Washington was *the* place in town to meet up and caffeinate before weekend bike rides during a (mostly) epic era of bicycle racing.

Nowadays, the street-side patio and strong espressi are still a strong lure for bikers and pedestrians, especially on warm days when a bowl of good gelato and Italian coffee is part of the agenda.

As far as ice cream is concerned, Gelato Vero makes a *very* strong bid to be the best. The gelato is always stored at the perfect temperature so the texture remains silky smooth and ice crystals don't form. Flavors are mostly conventional and the *gianduja* (chocolate hazelnut) and pistachio gelati are both exceptional. One of the best ways to order them is with a shot of espresso poured over the top; the first few moments of still-hot coffee and cold gelato are priceless.

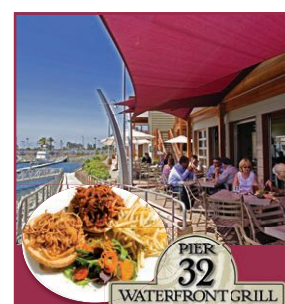
Baristas at Gelato Vero seem to take good care of the La Cimbali espresso machine, which produces consistently flavorful shots. The drinks menu doesn't list much in the way of creative, specialty drinks, but if a double espresso is good enough for most Italians, it's good enough for most of us, too!

The interior seems tiny at first, but there is an expanded café space upstairs with WiFi access for writers, students, or itinerant web surfers.

The long hours — it's open until 1:00 in the morning most nights — make Gelato Vero an ideal spot to keep in mind for post-prandial dessert outings or when a sweet tooth strikes at random hours.

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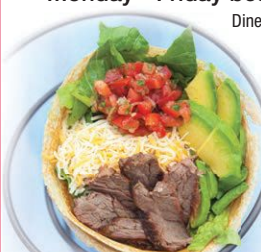
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The exceptional ambiance is no accident — curator Andre Power is a leading visionary behind the local live-art scene, with over 100 events under his belt. He's also co-founder of bass-and-beat label Soulection.

"Live art gives the viewers a chance to experience the art and the artists in their essence," Power says. "Viewers can interact with the artist in ways a lot of them have always wanted, asking questions like, 'What inspired this?' and 'Why are you using *that* color?'"

Monthly installments generally feature 10–15 artists, 4 DJs, and the occasional special guest musician.

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Art, music, and fashion go hand and hand at **Bluefoot Bar & Lounge**.

Power says. "Some of San Diego's most creative, up-and-coming DJs and producers have stopped through and blessed the tables at Bluefoot for Art in the Park."

Power also curates third Tuesdays at Bluefoot with Steez, a trunk show where local designers, craftsmen, artists, and musicians showcase their

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"Art, music, and fashion go hand and hand, and have since the '60s," Power says. "A lot of people in the fashion industry...enjoy coming to live-art events and meeting the next best artist in the community, [hoping] to build a relationship that may lead to

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hand every Sunday at 9:00 p.m. with \$5 you-call-its. Sketch models — zombie, clown, grandma, glamour, burlesque, gay cowboy, '80s, and space invaders. Hosted by the House of Pink Boombox's Lilly Holiday (the Burlesk mistress behind spectacles such as the Seedy Soiree, the Monster Mash, Ninja versus Pirate, and Hungarian Carnival revues), sessions at the recently remodeled Normal Heights lounge include prizes and a chance to sell your artwork. The model fee is \$5 if you're drawing, free if you're just there to drink.

Artlab Studios

3536 Adams Avenue, 619-750-

3355, artlabsd.com

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Despite its modest size, this self-described "creative hub" for the local art community has regular gallery openings on the first Saturday of the month. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for a show that starts at 8:00. ArtLab can fit about 65 people inside. Shows are free; donations gratefully accepted. Past events have included the "Assembly of Awesomeness," a group show that



PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS WOO

Pasaje Rodriguez offers art and music in an inconspicuous alleyway in Tijuana.

featured 25 local artists. In addition to the openings, a blues band plays on Wednesday nights, a classical quartet on Friday nights.

Kava Lounge

2812 Kettner Blvd, 619-543-0933, kavalounge.com

MIDDLETOWN

At electronic-music nights at Kava, some

of San Diego's most forward-thinking visual artists project home-made effects and video loops all over the dance floor. CutMod, a video jockey, musician, and UCSD student, designed an iPad app to control his custom visuals wirelessly. Similarly, Wind Spirit creates unique controllers to manipulate hexa-

gram-based projections. Beat alchemist Mystery Cave projects at monthly events, such as Doo Doo Roo, which also features live art by Andre Power (Art in the Park) and guests. Sam Lopez of the Stay Strange "outsider art and music" night likens their fliers to Raymond Pettibon's work with Black Flag/SST.

Pasaje Rodriguez

Between 3rd and 4th streets

TIJUANA

Psychedelic art, live music, flamenco dance, postmodern photo exhibits, and wine — these are probably not the first articles of culture that come to mind when you think of Tijuana. But this inconspicuous alleyway between Third and

Fourth streets (off lively Avenida Revolución) gives San Diego's finest art walks a run for their money. The first Friday of every month, 18 storefronts-gone-studios come to life with installments by musicians, photographers, graphic designers, craftsmen, artists, and dancers. Among the artisans, you'll also find T-shirt printers, bike and skate shops, and a cozy café.

Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School

1271 University Avenue,

drsketchysandiego.com

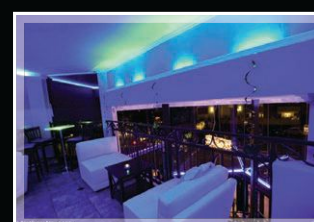
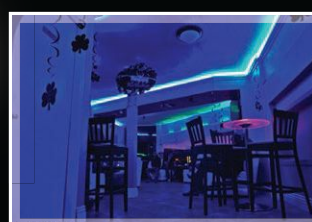
HILLCREST

On the third Saturday of every month (at the Ruby Room), costumed models pose while artists make portraits with one hand and hoist adult beverages with the other. The crowd evokes the cosplay and anime fans of Comic-Con; the artistry is mostly in the cartoon style those fans love. Sessions end with contests that ask artists to get creative: on a sexy-kitty-themed night, you might draw the models as actual cats. A \$10 fee covers the models' time; non-artists are welcome to hang out and enjoy the atmosphere.

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Main courses feature premium sustainably raised meats such as Niman Ranch pork, Jidori chicken, and Paso Prime grass-fed beef accented by specialty ingredients including fennel pollen, aged Balsamic, and wine-soaked goat cheese. A variety of premium flatbreads are perennial favorites with toppings such as grilled artichoke hearts, prosciutto, and wild arugula with truffle oil. Specialty pastas and house-made desserts all contribute to the wide-ranging menu offerings.

Chef Schuyler also has collected a food-friendly, value-oriented wine list which offers many interesting varietals and styles to explore from both Europe and America. Craft beer on draught is also prominently featured as

a companion to food. **Craft beer** and fine food is a special interest of Chef Schuyler, and he's written a book on the subject to be published this August by New York's Skyhorse Press.

Over the past year business has grown at The Vine Cottage due in large part to the patronage of loyal neighborhood guests. The restaurant staff values this relationship and works to provide an exceptional dining experience that evolves through the seasons. Whether the occasion is a romantic dinner, festive celebration, lavish feast, or quick bite, **The Vine Cottage has become the destination in East County for exquisite food, drink, and service.**

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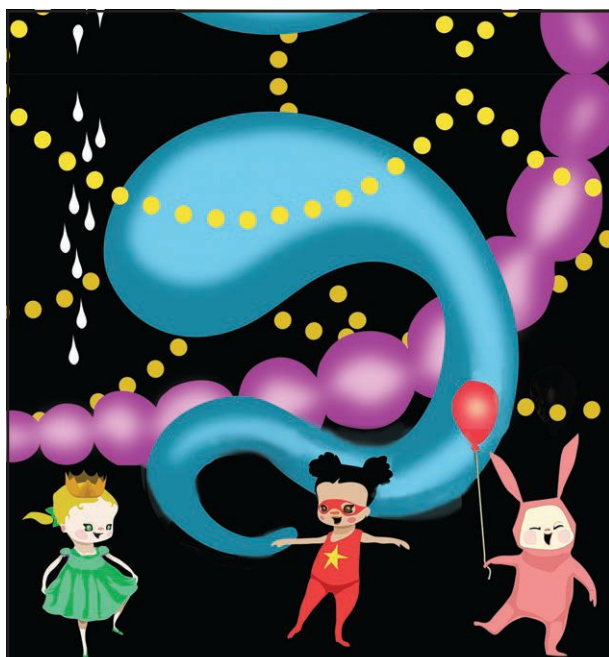
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Culture and Cocktails @SDMA

1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931,
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BALBOA PARK

Culture and Cocktails at the San Diego Museum of Art is a great way to mix it up: here you'll find a melting pot of young, attractive socialites looking to mingle. But this event isn't only for art connoisseurs. Scattered throughout the museum are enough bars, DJs, and interactive exhibits to amuse anyone (airheads included). Admission is \$15 a head for non-members and includes one drink. You can keep the party rolling with more drinks at the Prado next door. Ladies: bring a pair of flats for the walk from zoo parking.

Monaco Beer Club

MEXICALI

About a two-hour drive east of San Diego, plus a \$3 cab ride into Baja from the Calexico border, Bar Monaco is a popular spot for multimedia artists and punk/noise/electronic bands living in and passing through Mexicali. San Diego acts such as Batwings, Innerds, All Leather, Gonjasufi, Hot Nerds, and Retox are but a handful of the bands who've turned it up at this desert dive, alongside Mexicali staples Tron, Noise Beat Propaganda, X=R7, Therapist, Maniqui Lazer, and Hosana. Think Tower Bar meets Mos Eisley Cantina, with \$2 (mostly imported) beer and monthly installations in the upstairs gallery. Look for upcoming installations from San Diego multi-art deviant, Mostrix.

Park Gallery

4325 Park Blvd

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

For the past two years, this auxiliary building at the New Vision Christian Fellowship in University Heights has been hosting strictly free shows and art exhibits (though donations are welcome, and 100 percent of door sales benefit artists and musicians). You can browse local works to the live soundtrack of anything from experimental dragcore tuba/vox duo Aquapuke, to Celtic-rock anthems by Lexington Field, to klezmer-punk jams by Di Nigunim. The venue is explicitly drug- and alcohol-free, so leave the flask and pipe at home. I know what you're thinking, and, no, there won't be a surprise sermon mid-show.

Drawing Jams @Tin Can

1863 5th Avenue, 619-955-8525,
thetincan1.wordpress.com

BANKERS HILL

Inspired by a similar event in San Francisco, Drawing Jams is hosted by the Double Break gallery adjacent to this popular Bankers Hill venue. For each installation, about ten mostly local artists create drawings in-house that are then pinned to the walls and offered for sale at what co-curator Matt Coors calls "reasonable prices." It makes for a casual environment in which to mingle, have a beer, enjoy music curated by the venue, chat with artists, and find local art on the cheap. Tin Can recently obtained a liquor license, so you can sip a cocktail with a burger from the house kitchen, Doods Foods.

San Diego Space 4 Art

325 15th Street, 619-269-7230,
sdspace4art.org

EAST VILLAGE

Occupying a 23,000-square-foot warehouse complex in the East Village, S4A has room for over 1000 guests, along with studio space for 30-plus artists, some of whom live on the premises. With all that content being generated, Space 4 Art offers two to three events *every week*. These range from cutting-edge dance fusion to kids' puppet shows. The place is open to the public during the day, even when major events aren't happening.

Whistle Stop Bar

2236 Fern Street, 619-284-6784,
whistlestopbar.com

SOUTH PARK

The decor at this popular South Park venue is redone every third Thursday during Make-out Weird, when curators and experimental art/music power-duo Monsterpussy and Freak Sauce debut original video loops. Installations have seen everything from cheesy portraits found at Kobey's Swap Meet by Gabe Serbian (the Locust, Le Butcherettes), never-before-seen pieces by Jason Lane (Crash Worship), and work by renowned street artist Acamonchi. The event's two-year anniversary party in April saw the Whistle Stop transformed, with 3-D, real-time projections on four screens and genre-defying music pumped live through quadrophonic sound. Try a Weird Guero, the event's token beverage — a Mexican White Russian, of sorts.

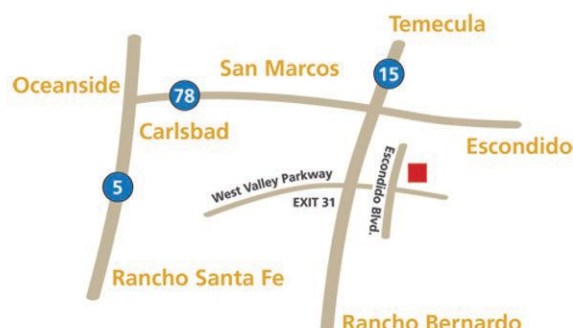
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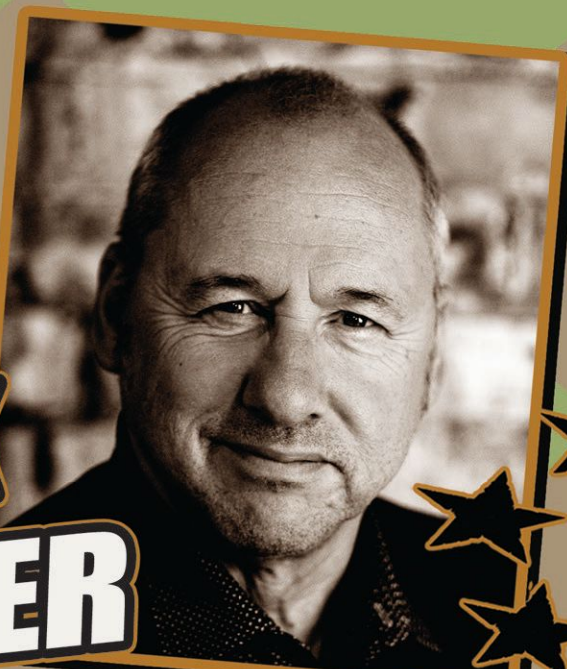
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EAST VILLAGE

For most, laying claim to three of the most widely respected craft-beer bars in a city obsessed with artisanal suds would be enough. But not Scot Blair. The neighborhood-watering-hole mogul behind Hamilton's Tavern, Small Bar, and Eleven decided to go from beer seller to beer *producer* last summer. From day one, Monkey Paw Pub & Brewery (Blair's vehicle for doing so) has attracted a mix of thirsty East Village denizens and beerophiles to the former site of the Jewel Box to check out a line of beers that, for the most part, bucks traditional style strategy.

Enjoy rarities such as an Oatmeal Pale Ale (when's the last time you heard oatmeal without the word stout?) or Monkey Gose Bananas, a sour brewed with water salted to match that of the region of Germany from which the ancient gose style originates. It's a low-frills environ that, with its communal seating and faux-stained-glass windows in brewing-inspired scenes, can feel like the church of craft beer.

With both his beer and his bars, Blair's all about filling voids. Geographically, Monkey Paw brings a social center to the easternmost expanses of East Village, an area in need of such a business. From a beer perspective, the quaffs that Blair and brewer Derek Freese work up bring lesser-found flavors that drinkers can't readily find in San Diego County. That's saying something.

The variety, along with Monkey Paw's come-as-you-are-and-drink-what-you-like tone, lures in beer drinkers yet discourages irritating beer-geek behavior. Crowded or



PHOTOGRAPH BY BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

Monkey Paw Pub & Brewery in East Village can feel like the church of craft beer.

sparsely populated — you never know which to expect — you'll find regulars holding down stools and mowing on Philly cheesesteaks while drinking pints from a tap list over two dozen handles strong.

Monkey Paw succeeds in providing quality without pomp and glitter. Whether you're

there to chill, play beer connoisseur, socialize, get a snack, or party, you'll stumble in happy and stumble out even happier.

— BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

Company Pub

13670 Poway Road, 858-668-

3365, companypubandkitchen

POWAY

Company Pub just cel-

ebrated its one-year anniversary — awesome food (try the Fish n' Chips and Lamb Lollipops), a wide tap selection, and the owner's British accent make this a great place for beer and grub. Every Tuesday night, starting at 7:30, patrons test their knowledge of

useless facts: prizes are awarded. Happy hour (3:00–6:00 p.m.) is a steal, with \$2 discounts on all Pub Bites. Come hang out on the patio, on the lively bar-side, or in a cozy booth. Be patient: the kitchen is small, so food won't hit the table quickly.

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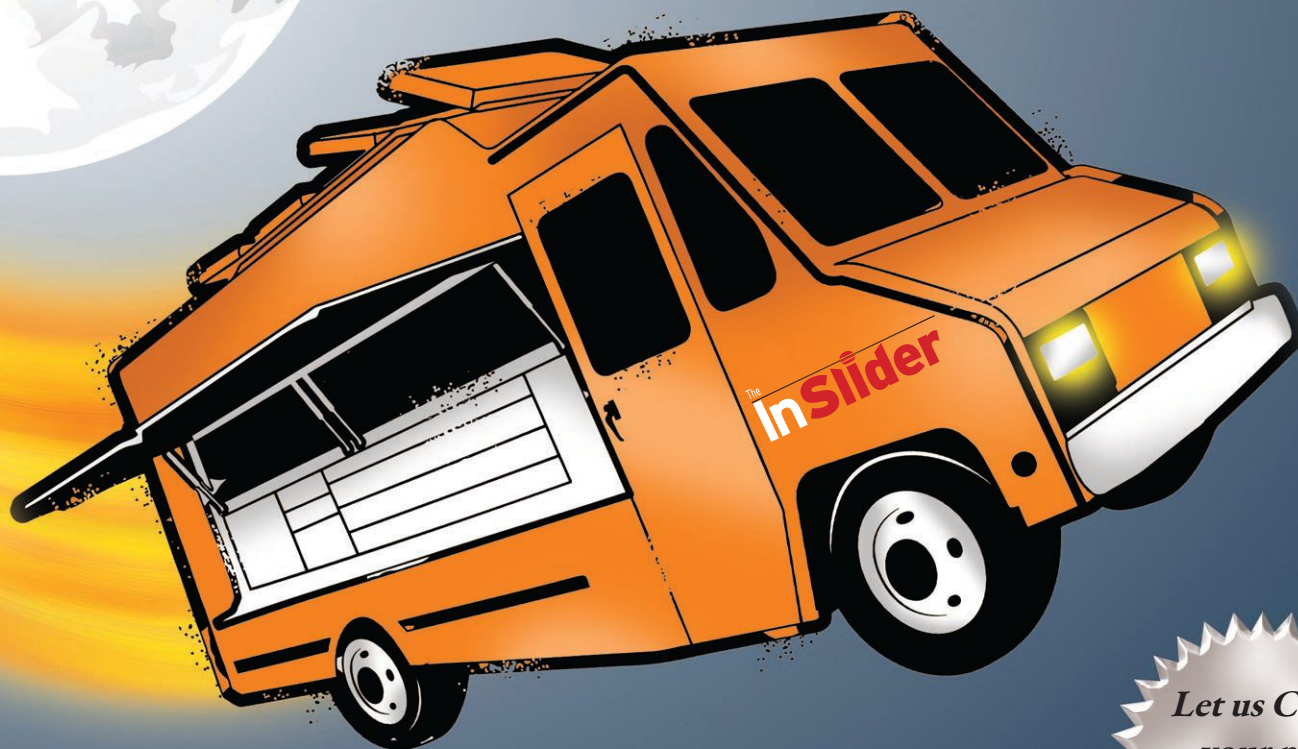
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- 8.11 *HOUSE OF MOTORCYCLES* in Vista (5-9pm)
- 8.15 *GREEN FLASH BREWERY* in Mira Mesa (4pm-food runs out!)
- 8.17 *SOCIETE BREWING* in Clairemont Mesa (3:30-8pm)
- 8.19 *ORFILA WINERY* in Escondido (2-6pm)
- 8.26 *HEARTLAND RANCH* in Lakeside (all day!)
- 8.31 *MANZANITA BREWING* in Santee (5-8pm)

Downtown Johnny Brown's

1220 3rd Avenue, 619-232-8414,
downtownjohnnybrowns.com

DOWNTOWN

Claiming to be the first craft-beer bar in town (and the first to carry Arrogant Bastard), this hidden Civic Center pub has a lot to live up to. The lovechild of a sports bar and an Irish dive, Johnny Brown's walls are spackled with old license plates, football photos, and flatscreens streaming sports to a mixed salad of professionals, Civic Theatre crowds, sports fans, and tap hounds. Living up to the legend, the bar's 17 rotating taps host pilsners, wheats, IPAs, and other microbrews, which go for \$3 as the featured Pint of the Day.

Hamilton's

1521 30th Street, 619-238-5460,
hamiltonstavern.com

SOUTH PARK

This neighborhood bar in South Park is beloved for its craft-beer selection. Each month, they hosts several cask events, often featuring new beers. When Ballast Point or Stone reveal a specialized brew at Hamilton's, it's best to arrive early. South Park locals,

craft-beer devotees, and mariachis (who always know what's up) frequent the bar. The place gets full and everybody is friendly — probably because they're drinking some of the best beer in the world.

High Dive

1801 Morena Blvd, 619-275-0460,
highdiveinc.com

BAY PARK

At this neighborhood watering hole, Bay-Parkers, burger addicts, and beer nerds mingle in the night amid an always-stocked tap list, jalapeño-stuffed patties, and wall-to-wall kitsch. Take a seat around a pinball machine pressed into service as a table. Behold the nostalgic eye candy that is the wall of retro lunchboxes. Grab a pint and some pine and feed off the convivial, inviting crowd and decadent, unpretentious menu.

Eleven

3519 El Cajon Blvd, 619-450-4292,
elevensandiego.com

NORMAL HEIGHTS

The crowd at this musical epicenter fluctuates based on the giggers du noir, but one thing's always the same. Whether head-bobbing groovers or head-bang-



PHOTOGRAPH BY BRANDON HERNANDEZ

The craft beer program at **Live Wire** is a local standout.

ing rockers, not a single spectator crowded around the stage will

ever be seen hoisting a Coors Light. It's every bit as much about the beer

as it is the tunes — an ideology carried over from flagship sister

operation, Hamilton's Tavern.

O'Brien's Pub

4646 Convo Street, 858-715-1745, obrienspub.net

KEARNY MESA

A strip-mall on Convo Street in Kearny Mesa is where this small pub/oasis resides. Twenty local, domestic, and Belgian craft beers are available on tap, and the quality of bottled beers is unsurpassed for miles. A collection of personal mugs hangs behind the bar; many must belong to the loyal, older locals who take refuge here during the day. The evening crowd is eclectic — there are some rehearsal spaces nearby. The sport of choice is soccer. The bar opens and closes earlier than most: 11:00 a.m.–10:30 p.m. on Monday; 11:00 a.m.–11:30 p.m. Tuesday–Thursday; 11:00 a.m.–midnight on Friday; 11:30 a.m.–midnight on Saturday; 11:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Live Wire

2103 El Cajon Blvd, 619-291-7450,
livewirebar.com

NORTH PARK

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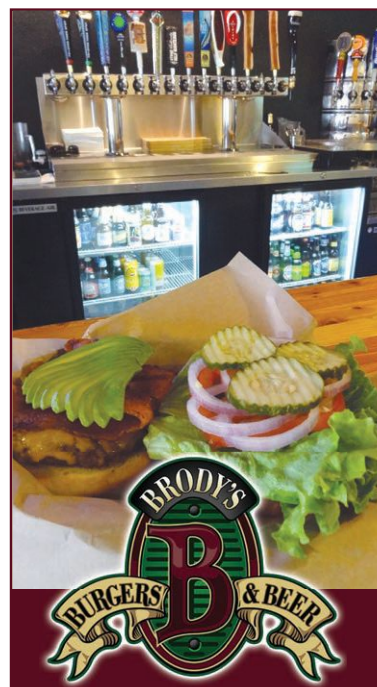
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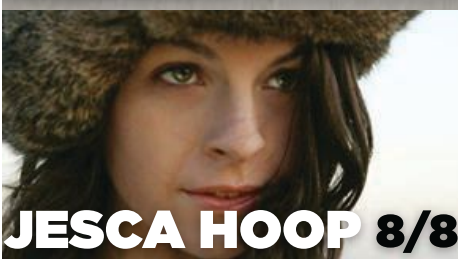
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OB Noodle House

2218 Cable Street, 619-450-6868,
obnoodlehouse.com

OCEAN BEACH

Ballgames and B movies of the martial-arts kind fill a screen which also serves as the chief light source above the bar. Stool-sitters from all walks of life slurp up bowls of pho and knock down pints and chalices of everything from gueuzes and dopplebocks to saisons and double IPAs. There's almost always a line leading into this crowded house.

Public House La Jolla

830 Kline Street, 858-551-9210,
the-publichouse.com

LA JOLLA

Forty-three taps, 350 bottles — the winning is easy when the math's so clear. Public House La Jolla is small, with primarily outdoor seating under heat lamps, but none of

the nearly 400 beers are typical watery domestics. It's not a super-hip, urban joint, but a place filled with ordinary folks, vacationers, and locals. Beer is served in the proper glass, and the staff knows the answer to whatever question you might ask. Hit them up during happy hour for \$2-off drafts and half-price appetizers, or come on Tuesday's 2-for-1 burger night, or take flight with their "80 beers in 80 days" club.

Regal Beagle

3659 India Street, 619-297-2337,
regalbeaglesd.com

MIDDLETOWN

Youthful urbanites and veteran barflies swarm to this low-frills joint and rush the counter. The dim, cavernous space provides anonymity for gorging on strong ales and 20-percent bacon Hungarian Kolbasz from local frankery T&H Prime Meats. An outdoor deck is the perfect spot to enjoy the nightly sausage fest with a side of people-watching.

Small Bar

4628 Park Blvd, 619-795-7998,
smallbarsd.com

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

A color palate — black, red, brown, and gold — sums up this intimate-by-design neighborhood bar. Elbow-to-elbow late-night crowds enjoy

an extensive selection of brown liquor and liquid gold (in the form of exceptional craft-beer offerings) amid a scarlet glow that bounces off bottles, glasses, and the shiny, happy faces of the young and the inebriated. Many of these will return for the hangover-curing brunch fare on weekends.

Stone Brewing

1999 Citracado Pkwy, 760-471-4999,
stoneworldbistro.com

ESCONDIDO

When asking a handful of Stone employees what they'd most like readers to know, without hesitation they said, "We have the most attractive staff." Yes, these folks are humble, indeed. But the brewery boys want us to know that they really are here to help, and that this isn't fast food. They believe the menu's gotten a bad rep because people "don't understand it." Everything here is local, organic, and fresh, designed for pairing with Stone's beer offerings. Foodwise, employees suggest the BLT or Tilapia Ceviche. Also worth checking out: Wednesday-night movies in the garden.

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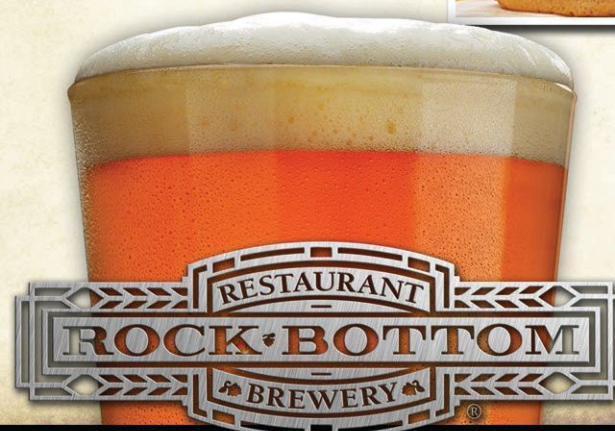
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In accordance with this philosophy, the mixology behind the antlered doors of this cozy Hillcrest booze-barn complements a dark, hunters'-lodge ambiance — which is to say, it's unpretentious, accommodating, and charmed by a touch of cornpone.

Take the Blue Bulleit. One of the Room's more distinguished drinks, the Bulleit combines Michigan blueberries, muddled jam, lemon juice, and a dash of sugar with the sharp rye tones of its namesake bourbon. And, yeah, you'd better like to *taste* your whiskey. Dedicated neat and on-the-rocks drinkers will appreciate both the uninhibited bite and the oaken squish of bourbon-logged blueberries.

Prefer the lighter liquors? Try a Punch in the Eye (muddled fresh basil, grapefruit juice, citrus, and G'Vine gin) or a Cucumber Collins (muddled cucumbers, organic vodka, lime juice, and soda water): both are ideal for summer nights on the spacious enclosed patio.

The dining room's mounted deer head, cowhide seats, and antler chandelier tip you off that this restaurant is something of an urban carnivore's supper club. The Tractor Room specializes in game meats, such as elk, boar, pheasant, rabbit, buffalo, and venison. Pair with over 50 specialty cocktails; these are 35 percent



PHOTOGRAPH BY LYDIA BUTYNSKI

Hillcrest's **Tractor Room** caters to those who relish poison in their potion.

off every Wednesday.

The Room shares founders with nearby brunch mecca Hash House A Go Go, and the generous Sunday-brunch portions are best accompanied by an unorthodox Highland Mary (no vodka, yes whiskey) or a Buffalo Mary, made with chicken bouillon and garnished with buf-

falo jerky.

The Tractor Room is open until midnight on weekdays, later Thursday-Saturday. Reservations are a good idea if you don't want to wait (though it's worth it), especially for brunch, \$3-taco Tuesdays, and, on colder evenings, when the intimate dining room fills with everyone from

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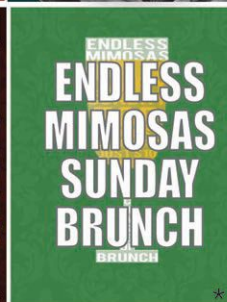
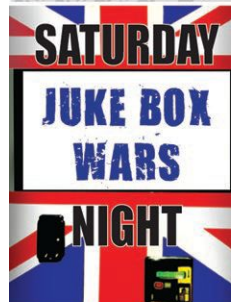
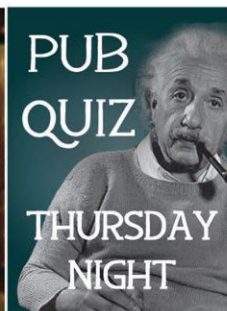
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The **Starlight** Mule

Gaslamp Speakeasy

708 4th Avenue, 619-239-9994, gaslampspeakeasy.com

GASLAMP

Yeah, it's a side venture from a Gaslamp theme bar (Hennessy's), but

this place feels like a no-frills speakeasy circa early-20th-century San Diego: the painted black woodwork, the brick, the red walls, the battered bar, the cheeky art, and the blackboard list of drinks. Oh, and hey: for certain drinks, the bartender will custom-carve your ice with a pick — an old custom worth reviving. The only concessions to modernity are higher-quality booze, a wide-open street entrance, and the inclusion of electronic music as part of the joint's regular rotation.

The Grant Grill Lounge

326 Broadway, 619-744-2077, grantgrill.com

GASLAMP

Euro-chic meets American turn-of-the-century opulence, which means that tinted Lucite sheaths surround the crystal chandeliers and swaths of tiny metallic tiles gleam between slabs of woodwork. You can get a Manhattan anywhere, but here it comes in a crystal pitcher. Before that, it was barrel-aged for meldy goodness and a woody finish. To quote the waitress: "Everything's down to the ounce and the drop, to make sure the flavors create the right experience." The precision care starts with the drinks and extends to both service and serving-ware. Isn't it pretty to drink so?

Martinis Above Fourth

3940 4th Avenue, 619-400-4500, martinisabovefourth.com

HILLCREST

Poised over the bustling Hillcrest nexus of Fourth and University, Martinis offers over 100 twists on this iconic beverage. There's a swanky lounge vibe with live piano enter-



Try the Spicy Mango (Corona Rita) at the **Tequileria of El Zarape**

tainment Thursday-Saturday and a breezy outdoor patio. This cocktail club is best approached during happy hour (Monday 4:00 p.m.-close; Tuesday-Wednesday 4:00-7:00 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday 4:00-6:00 p.m.), when ten-ounce Svedka or well vodkatinis (classic or dirty) and cosmos go for \$5. Or sample Martinis' myriad mixes in \$1 shots. The place is upscale without being

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Prohibition Liquor Bar

548 5th Avenue, prohibitionsd.com

GASLAMP

This is the grown-up version — or maybe the original template — of every wood-paneled basement rec room you ever drank in. It's all there: the low ceiling, the red lights in the brass sconces, the mirrored wall behind the bar, plus some olde-tyme movie-star photos for atmosphere. But there the resemblances stop: This bar has codes for dress and behavior, the wood on the walls is real, and the Bombay Sapphire Gin doesn't even make the top shelf. The bar prides itself on innovation, but isn't above classics like the Deauville (brandy, applejack, and Cointreau). Guest-list entry only (except Wednesdays); reserve online.

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The Lion's Share

629 Kettner Blvd, 619-564-6924,
lionsshare.com

MIDDLETOWN

Since debuting last year, this trendy bar-restaurant has been the pride and primary draw of the Marina District. Like a plump, freshly downed zebra, everybody wants a piece. Dining enthusiasts may be drawn by a game-heavy menu of dishes that fit nicely with framed art featuring animal-headed figures from bygone eras. You



The Lion's Share is the pride and primary draw of the Marina District.

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Starlite

3175 India Street, 619-358-9766,
starlitesandiego.com

MIDDLETOWN

Pass the hexagon-shaped entrance and enter what is probably the hippest cocktail bar in town. It's always possible to run into successful local

artists and musicians at Starlite, but we'll focus on the cocktails. At \$9 a pop, the specialty drinks are worth it: take, for instance, the Starlite Mule, a perfect blend of Rain Organic vodka, ginger beer, lime, and Angostura bitters served in a dewy copper mug. If you want something fruitier, try the Blueberry Swizzle, made with rum, Moscato, lemon, mint, and blueberries. Should

you want to get all Southern, sip down a Kentucky Colonel: Buffalo Trace bourbon, lemon, and a special house-made cherry vanilla bitters.

Tequileria of El Zarape

3201 Adams Avenue, 619-578-2600, elzarape.net

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

One of the few tequilerias in town is connected to El Zarape on Adams Avenue. The restau-

rant is a decent size, but the bar is quaint, often packed with 25 post-meal guests. On Tequila Tuesdays, the impressive list of tequila shots is half off, and the acoustic band Cantura jams. A popular cocktail is the Horchata Borracha, made from banana rum, horchata, agave, and cinnamon — it's like a dessert. Also try the Picosito, jalapeño-infused tequila, lime juice, and agave. The

Spicy Mango (Corona Rita) has an upside-down Corona sticking out of the drink — very flavorful, even toward the end, when the Corona becomes the main ingredient.

Terra American Bistro

7091 El Cajon Blvd, 619-293-7088, terrasd.com

LA MESA

This is exactly what you'd expect from a Hillcrest bistro that moved to East County, converted a family-style restaurant into a clean and simple dining space, then started serving house-infused spirits at the U-shaped bar. So, yeah, there's X-Games bike-jumping on the TV and a friendlier, more all-comers vibe than you find at some drinkeries, but there's also lemon-basil vodka in your Basil Martini and coffee-vanilla bourbon mixing with crème de cacao and a dollop of half and half in your Bourbon Whip (think pleasingly bitter cocoa). The list changes with the seasons. Terra is, however, a restaurant first, so don't come looking for late-night libations.

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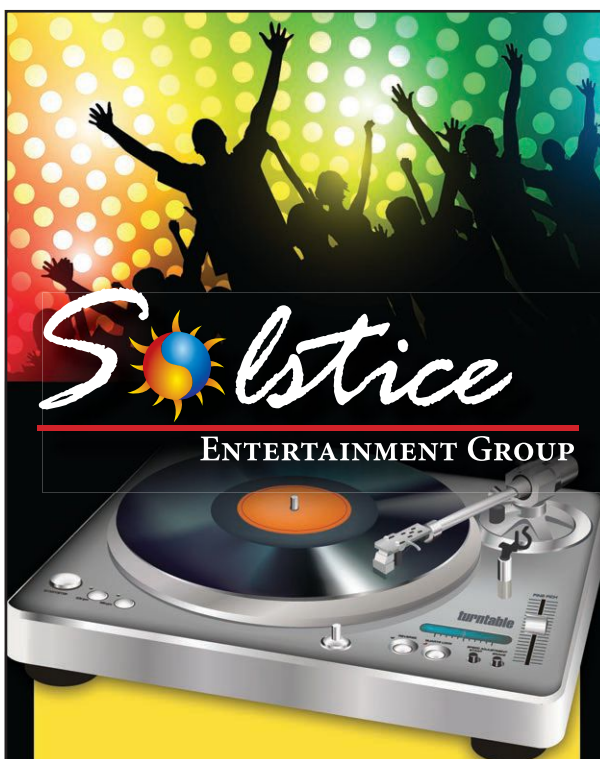


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The interior is a clever arrangement of walls, balconies, and stairs that separate a modest-sized venue into smaller areas, creating a seductive sense of space. Faint candelabras and random flashes from the stage illuminate the grunge/gothic decor. On a Friday or Saturday, the first floor is packed by midnight. It glitters with dancers, from head-banging fraternity bros to candy kids wearing baby pacifiers and colorful bracelets from wrist to elbow. That diversity is what makes this club special, along with its passion for electronic dance music and the interplay between the crowd's mass mentality and the DJs' self-expression.

Beautiful women and men socialize on the second floor where a few cubby holes are provided as places to act civilized and escape the intensity of the stage-speakers. The space separates DJs — such as Gareth Emery, Cosmic Gate, and NERO — from fans.

Voyeur blends enough sex, ambiance, and bone-crushing bass to propel any EDM fan into a frenzy. Tickets purchased early can be discounted as low as \$15, but if you wait until the last minute, be prepared to pay upwards of \$50 for marquee names from progressive trance to dubstep.

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1808 W. Washington Street, 619-295-8743, bardynamite.com

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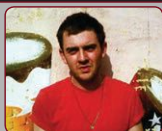
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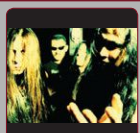
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Club Purple

facebook.com/clubpurplenights

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Liable to appear on either side of the border every few months, Club Purple is a four-year-strong nudis disco dance night with a twist. The party, hosted by Miss Lady D, formerly curated by Monsterpussy (Makeout Weird), combines a dark dance and indie-band aesthetic, with art installations at venues that have included the Flame, the Office, El Dorado, and, across the



Shakin' it at **Bourbon Street**

border, the iconic Sixth and Revolución bar La Mezcalera, the Don Loope Cantina, and La Chupiteria. Guests such as Addiquit, Dr. Indulgent, Nguzunguzu, Dani Shivers, and Halloween Swim Team are but a few of the borderland artists on Club Purple's résumé.

El Dorado

1030 Broadway, 619-237-0550,
eldoradobar.blogspot.com

DOWNTOWN

Every third Wednes-

day, hosts Mawkus and Bencey coat this happening downtown cocktail lounge with a rich layer of "future sexual chocolate" — a mingling of '80s boogie funk, beats, baby-makin' medleys, future funk, and Mawkus's patented "future wife" jams, designed to please the ladies and facilitate the vapors. Sweet Cheeks debuted at El Dorado last month with obligatory Ring Pops on hand to accommodate

dance-floor engagements. Coined after hip-hop slang, Trill (a fusion of "true" and "real") showcases the future sounds of electronic music and live beats every first Wednesday, all to a backdrop of live art and craft cocktails.

Fluxx

500 4th Avenue, 619-232-8100,
fluxxsd.com

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Ritual is the name of the current production at San Diego's award-winning

Fluxx, a nightclub that, as the name suggests, is constantly changing. *Ritual* takes a neon forest, mixes in some dream-catcher magic, and tops it off with ceiling acrobatics just inches above the crowd. This tribal scene takes people out of their heads and into the forbidden forest. The show runs a few more weeks, then Fluxx and its design team will be back at it, transforming again. Even on house-music Thursdays, you don't need drugs to get high.

Henry's Pub

618 5th Avenue, 619-238-2389,
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It's impossible to leave Swing Night on Tuesday at Henry's Pub without a smile plastered all over your face. The Stilettos play live, classic swing music all night, while San Diego's best swing dancers shake, rattle, and roll. In the background, men in newsboy caps scope out their prospects, onlookers sip delicious drinks at the bar, and Bettie Page strips in black-and-white on various TVs. The band comes on at 9:00 p.m. For the first hour you get

the older-timers, but at 11:00, stiletto groupies come out to play. Take a swing class at Firehouse in North Park first if you want to avoid that two-left-feet feeling.

Moonshake at Kadan

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NORMAL HEIGHTS

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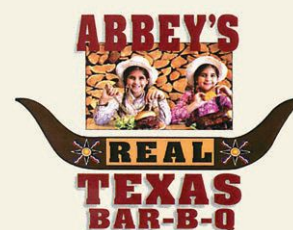
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Kava Lounge

2812 Kettner Blvd., 619-543-0933, kavalounge.com

MIDDLETOWN

Between the fringe bass and beats of Liquid Geometry, Critical Beatdown, Kill Quanti, and Doo Doo Roo, the tribal dubstep and liquid drum and bass of RealEyes Events, the experimental noise of Stay Strange, and the exploratory future jungle riddims of Dragon Lounge, this intimate Little Italy venue cultivates some of the most innovative underground electronic events in town. Of note is the always-packed, half-year-young Glitch Slap, which pairs out-of-town glitch-hop and bouncy-bass pacesetters with local thumpers such as Misk, Puppy Kicker, and urBn:LgNd. The sound is accessible, making for ecstatic dance parties that hit full capacity.

La Jolla Marriott

4240 La Jolla Village Drive, 858-597-6394, marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/travel/sanlj-san-diego-marriott-la-jolla (no dedicated website for Characters Bar and Grill)

LA JOLLA

Rotate partners through an hourlong free salsa lesson at Characters Bar and Grill in the La Jolla Marriot — it's like speed-dating, only cheaper. People of all ages and ethnicities come to shake their bon bon and body roll all over strangers during the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday Salsa Nights (Friday and Saturday tend to be more lively). Six-dollar drink specials will loosen you up. At 8:30 p.m., you hit the floor. A professional salsa dancer teaches a group of about 30 people the steps of an entire dance. Occasional Saturday nights feature performances, and every

third Friday a live band plays. Bring your parking ticket to the bar for validation. Evelio hosts other events in San Diego, along with his promo company, Rumba Entertainment (see rumbaentertainment.com for more info).

The Office

3936 30th Street, 619-450-6632, theofficebarsd.com

NORTH PARK

Cue the laser bleeps, airhorn, and riddim rewinds every Monday at the Office with Dub Dynamite, hosted by DJs Rashi and Eddie Turbo. For nearly a decade now, this weekly event (formerly held at Bar Dynamite) has clashed cutting-edge electronic bass and dub tracks with old-school steppers, dancehall, and roots reggae spun on vintage 45s and dubplates. Add \$4 beer

specials, \$6 Cazadores shots, and \$5 signature cocktails until 9:00 p.m., and you've got a Jahsome dance party straight out of *Rockers*. Get irie to kindred vibrations on Sunday nights with Rashi's crew, Tribe of Kings. Yes I!

Porky's

Calle Sexta # 210 (2nd floor), corner of Avenida Revolución, porkysplace.com.mx

TIJUANA

Many bars in TJ may have given up on catering to tourists, but Porky's seems to have reeled in various scattered American partiers who ignore the propaganda. The old Porky's was one-tenth the size of this newer two-story powerhouse, with pig-shaped windows, chairs, and a pink furry passageway. Tables cover most of the layout, so you can put your cheap drink

down and dance with your glass within arm's reach. Pockets of pure dance space exist by the DJ booth, which mostly spews American '80s and '90s jams.

Rich's

1051 University Avenue, 619-295-2195, richssandiego.com

HILLCREST

Rich's is the Beatles of gay dance clubs in San Diego. The huge floor gets packed, sweaty, and sometimes ridiculous. Due to the sheer number of attendees, there's an inevitable mix of styles and ages, though many folks seem to be in their prime. Ample security politely keeps things legal and maintains a safe environment. There are regular go-go dance competitions on Wednesdays and a consistent ladies' night on Thursdays with hourly bartender performances.



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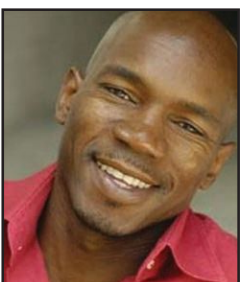
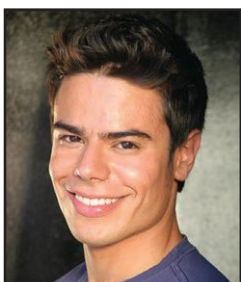


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TIJUANA

This TJ dance club is a mighty multi-leveled identity search for coming-of-age locals. The third story has the dance scene, with a floor that easily holds 300 people. On weekends, it's packed late into the night. Of course, *late* in TJ means 1:00 a.m. Self-proclaimed as an "electronic bar," the place is outfitted with lasers and DJs oozing electro out of the therapeutic subwoofers and massive speakers. From

time to time, Ese' & Zain DJ here (Nathan Joyner of All Leather, and Mike Delgado). You might find couples casually grinding on the sidelines; at this place, everyone checks out everyone else.

Ruby Room

1271 University Avenue, 619-299-7372, rubyroomsd.com

HILLCREST

Two years ago, drum-and-bass emcee Tyler "Ridda" Rosier teamed up with Ruby Room co-owner Sean Cute — a veteran junglist himself — to curate SD Union. The monthly event started as a response to feelings of division among genres and crews in the expanding electronic-music scene. Now, it's an

explosive commemoration of what Ridda calls the "golden years of drum and bass in San Diego" (around 2005) interspersed with hip-hop, breaks, house, and dub-step. Backed by Deep's reinforced sound system, SD Union has featured out-of-town headliners, including Maximum Moves, Circuit and Wizard, Machete, and drum-and-bass legend AK1200.

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NORTH PARK

For a more low-key, all-ages dance scene, check out weekly sessions and classes at this artistic center in North Park. Atten-

dance can be 100-plus, but no alcohol is involved. Salsa and bachata (a Dominican dance style) lessons every Sunday night at 7:30 are followed by a DJ'd session that lasts until midnight; \$10 with or without the lesson, \$8 for students. Wednesday-night swing-dancing starts with a class at 7:30; open dance begins at 9:00; \$15, \$12 for students.

Vallarta

4125 El Cajon Blvd, 619-283-1781

CITY HEIGHTS

You've probably seen Vallarta's vintage cobblestone façade along El Cajon Boulevard in City Heights and wondered what goes on in there. You may have pictured half-drunk *vaqueros* leer-

ing from a hazy bar, out past the pool tables and into a spacious dance-hall. You may have envisioned women in flowing dresses and men in white cowboy hats, their jeans held up by gigantic, glistening buckles, dancing to traditional *norteño* bands as a hole-in-the-wall kitchen dishes out steaming street-style tacos. If so, *felicidades!* You're correct. Vallarta is a ghost town by day, a dance party by night. Cheap beer. Good food. No sandals allowed.

Winstons

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OCEAN BEACH

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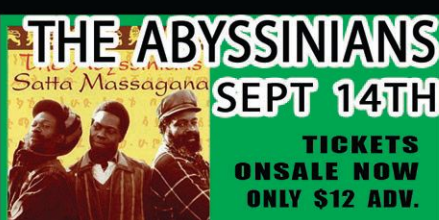
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The Tin Can serves a lot of canned beer, hence the name. Pabst Blue Ribbon is \$5 a can. Tecate, Kirin, Peter's Brand Dutch, and Three Horses are \$4/can. At the moment, there is only beer on tap. Hard alcohol is \$5 a shot.

One of the owners (Kelsey) recently left, but Justin and Patrick have only more awesome in mind. One of these guys is vegetarian, the other vegan, and at the new in-house eatery (Doods Foods), you can get a black-bean



PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS WOO

Get up close with the performers at **Tin Can Alehouse**.

veggie burger and vegan chili; but the Tin Can also serves hearty meat-friendly pub meals, plus they host a monthly eating contest: the Mega Flying Cheese Burger Contest involves one-pound patties with a quarter-pound of cheese and a quarter-pound of bacon.

Check the schedule online. Google the names

you don't know. They just might be the raddest band nobody here knows about. Arrive early, scarf a burger. Aren't you lucky to live in San Diego?

— BOBBY BRAY

Black Cat Bar

4246 University Avenue,
619-280-5834

CITY HEIGHTS

Opened last year by a for-

mer longtime Turf Club bartender, Black Cat is loosely modeled on the Haunted Mansion at Disneyland. Though located in a slightly shady patch of City Heights, the bar is a vast improvement over its predecessor, Nancy's Pub — an *ultra*-dive known for regular drug sales. Now you can spend an evening sipping

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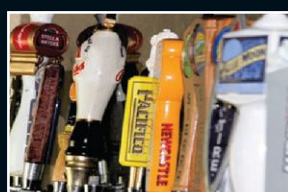
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shared by Vons and CVS, you'll find local Clairemont-ians getting cozy at this humble Irish pub. On open-mic Sundays you might be witness to booze-inspired cheering on of heartfelt acoustic guitar versions of Billy Idol and U2 songs. Mondays and Tuesdays are dominated by a younger crowd. *Rock Band* plays on a big-screen — skill levels range from pro to never-played-before, with a wide variety of songs to choose from. Fridays and Saturdays are reserved for live music. The overall vibe is rooted in pure, unadulterated comfort, fueled by reasonably priced adult beverages.

The Cardiff Office

110A Aberdeen Drive, 760-753-7766
CARDIFF

The Cardiff Office has all of the fine (and not-so-fine) things a dive bar should have. Located in a nondescript strip-mall, there are pool tables in the back room, a bar just inside the door, and a crowd that borders on intimidating. Smiles are scarce, sullen faces and furrowed brows by far the norm — especially for a greenhorn.



Open-mic Sunday at **Blarney Stone**

Callejon de Sexta

facebook.com/callejon.delasexta
TIJUANA

A cluster of three bars in a mini alleyway (on Calle Sexta, between *avenidas* Constitución and Revolución) provides options for dive-hunters in Tijuana.

Día de los Muertos-themed La Catrina offers *pulque* — a once-sacred, rice milk-like, sour concoction; its origins date to pre-conquistadorian times — in a barrel-shaped glass. Head deeper down the pas-

sageway, and a masked doorman will greet you at Santa Leyenda, a bar dedicated to a *lucha libre* star. Cheap drinks also flow at the artier Bar Kalimotxo. Within La Callejon you can hear DJs blasting top-40s

rock, early-2000s dance music, and current hits, while you sip down drinks under \$4.

Camel's Breath Inn

10330 Friars Road, 619-281-1722, facebook.com/cameltoebob
MISSION VALLEY

This bar has a reputation of being a haven for mature women on the prowl, looking for younger mates; it's definitely the kind of place where you can cut loose. Most nights are devoted to karaoke, but on Fridays and Saturdays the DJs play popular dance music; booty shaking ensues. The \$4 cocktails keep the place (endearingly referred to as "The Toe") well oiled.

Cass Street Bar & Grill

4612 Cass Street, 858-270-1320
PACIFIC BEACH

Located a few blocks north of Garnet Avenue in Pacific Beach, Cass Street Bar & Grill isn't a trendy dance club, but it is where neighborhood drunks enjoy draft beers for \$3.50. Throughout the early evening, weathered locals hun-

ness types; both enjoy a menu loaded with fresh fish. As night creeps in, so do the 20-somethings. The 168-capacity room is often filled. Two pool tables and shuffleboard keep the ruckus going. They don't serve hard alcohol, but locals know and cherish this spot.

Cheers

1839 Adams Avenue, 619-298-3269, cheerssandiego.com

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
This University Heights place has a mellow, conversational vibe that can sometimes be hard to find in gay bars; it's also a place to cut loose. At Tuesday-night karaoke sessions, the mic is passed all through the venue, everyone contributing to an impassioned rendition of "Bohemian Rhapsody." On Wednesdays, well drinks are a buck from 9:00 p.m.–midnight, and, thanks to Cheers' 110-plus-year-old grocery license, at last call you can buy beers to go.

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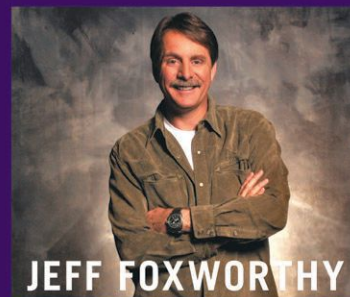
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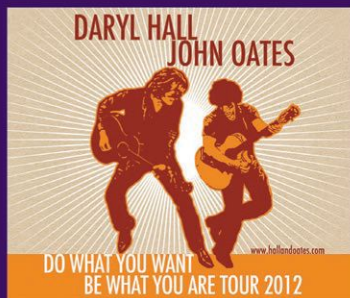
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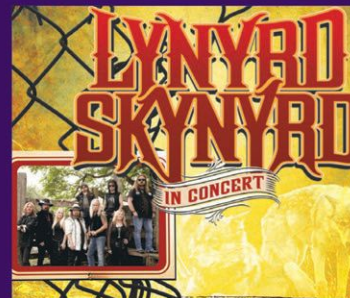
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inconspicuously located in the corner of a quiet Bankers Hill strip-mall, looks like a dungeon — there are skulls and brick everywhere. House specials include 23-ounce schooners of Budweiser priced at a hazardous \$4.25. More troublesome, \$4.75 buys (very) liberally poured double Jack and Cokes. Get your ass kicked by Cherry Bomb's fierce contingent of foosball regulars — to a San Diego all-star jukebox soundtrack of Tanner, Drive Like Jehu, Inch, Jejuné, Heavy Vegetable, and No Knife.

El Uno Bar

3412 University Avenue,
619-282-8959

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Few places look this scary going in, but there's a certain charm once you step past the plastic curtain. The spooky, green light that bathes the inside becomes soothing after a few \$3.75 beers — better to buy a bucket and save some loot. The jukebox is 95 percent devoted to Mexican *banda* and *norteño* music, though it also serves up Coolio and Whitesnake. Follow "Gangsta's Paradise"

with something from Los Tigres del Norte, but resist trying out your *grito mexicano*.

The Go Lounge

7123 El Cajon Blvd, 619-644-
2317, thegoloungesd.com

LA MESA

Nowhere near as seedy as the location's previous incarnations — Mad Dog's and, before that, Tommy's — the Go Lounge is a welcome addition to La Mesa's dive circuit. This vintage rock 'n' roll-themed venue has excellent dive qualifications (budget beverages, a ready-made crowd of locals, zero pretense) and its own quirky flair. The result is an easygoing neighborhood bar that pours \$3 happy-hour pints from 13 choice taps (add a shot of Jack for \$2). Check out movie Mondays, local-music Thursdays. There are bands on Friday, DJs on Saturdays. Oh, and the bartenders aren't dicks.

La Mesa Boulevard

LA MESA

For a DIY pub-crawl, head to La Mesa Boulevard. Don't let the quaint-looking store-

fronts mislead you: these bars are as divey as they come. Start off with dinner at Gingham or Johnny B's for a burger, then head to Hoffer's Cigar Bar for a post-meal beer and live jazz on the patio. Once you've got a buzz going, hit up Pete's Place — where a smart-ass customer carded me at the door and someone put enough money in the jukebox to play Bieber for 20 minutes. Shoot pool, shoot the shit. For those who want more action, cap the night off at the wonderfully simple Regal Bar. Most places close around 11:00 p.m., so you might want to get an early start.

Lamplighter

817 W. Washington Street, 619-
298-3624, thelamplighterbar.com

MISSION HILLS

If neighborhood allegiance is any indicator of dive status, this Mission Hills monument is Mecca. Here, I was once home-turfed by a Navy kid who, after slurring about all the posers who aren't even *from* here, revealed that he'd just relocated from Kentucky. Any joint that evokes

passionate geographic loyalty from fresh-off-the-boat transplants is worth its weight in spilt bar-booze any day. Nativist clowns aside, Lamplighter is home to some of the worst (and therefore the best) karaoke conquests in town, meriting accolades past from *Karaoke Star* magazine, AOL City Guide, and the *Reader*.

Lancers

4671 Park Blvd, 619-298-5382,
lancerscocktail.com

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

I once ordered a PBR tall can at this University Heights relic, only to be told that the bar "doesn't serve white trash." I was then offered a Budweiser. With bartenders named Goldie and Bubba — and the joint's website boasting about gunfights and "an actual bomb exploding in the bar" one New Year's Eve — you couldn't ask for a more classic dive. The place even rated a mention in the *Anchor-man* outtake reel, *Wake Up, Ron Burgundy*. Don't miss trivia on Monday nights. Yelling out the answer (or cheating with a smartphone) merits a complimentary shot from the bar.

Last Call

4977 El Cajon Blvd, 619-287-9505
CITY HEIGHTS

You know that stretch of El Cajon Boulevard between I-15 and the College Area that starts to feel a little sketchy around sunset? That's where you'll find Last Call — a City Heights beacon of belligerence that encourages you to "go ugly early" with a weekend happy hour running from 2:30–5:30 p.m. Despite the location, Last Call attracts an affable neighborhood crowd that, in comparison, makes the clientele of trendy Uptown "dives" look like haughty bourgeois. Catch karaoke on Wednesdays and Thursdays, live bands on Fridays, hip-hop on Saturdays, and football on Sundays and Mondays.

Nite Owl Lounge

2772 Garnet Avenue,
858-274-3676

PACIFIC BEACH

Tucked between an RV dealer and an overgrown vacant lot, the lounge opens at noon every day of the week. A laid-back, older, early-drinking crowd puts away \$4.50 well drinks and cheap beers while ordering Chi-

nese takeout. There's neither clock nor window on the walls, so it might as well be midnight all day long — like in Vegas. Stay for the good jukebox and the twin pool tables. The scene is younger and rowdier at night, though never all that crazy.

Ould Sod

3373 Adams Avenue, 619-284-
6594, theouldsod.com

NORMAL HEIGHTS

This Irish pub offers cocktails for \$3.50 — that's regular price, not happy hour. The drinks may not be as stiff as other dives listed here, but the place makes up for it in price and authenticity. On Tuesday nights, they have traditional Irish music played by non-sober musicians who take up a lot more space than the little stage. When it gets packed, you may have to wait for a fiddler to bow a long note before you can squeak past.

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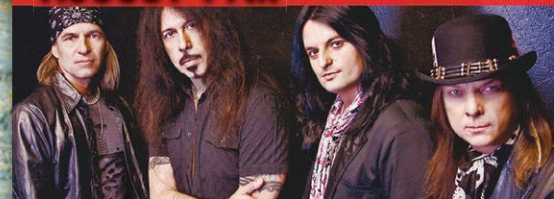
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Poway's Irish Pub

13314 Poway Road,
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POWAY

Formerly known as Patrick's Irish Pub, this long-standing local watering hole was bought out by Rob Jenkins and Rob Goforth in January. Jenkins has been bartending at this location for years and gladly made the transition to part-owner with Goforth, who seems to collect bars for fun. (He owns three others.) Here, they have Taco



Red Fox Room is one of the classiest dives in the world.

Tuesday specials, karaoke on Wednesday, trivia on Thursday and live bands on the weekend. The only changes they're making are basic structural repairs, better food, and lowered drink prices. I sat down with these men so they could fill you in on basic bar etiquette:

What's the worst way to get a bartender's attention?

Goforth: Don't snap

or whistle. I'll tell you I'm not your dog.

What's the best pickup technique?

Jenkins: More alcohol.

Goforth: Just be nice, start up a conversation.

What's a good tip?

Goforth: \$1 a drink.

Jenkins: That's standard, but for people to remember you, it's two or three times that.

What does the drink

a person orders say about them?

Goforth: If a girl is drinking whiskey, stay away...it means she's a hardcore drinker.

Jenkins: Yeah, she's already been through the vodka and the lighter stuff.

Red Fox Room

2223 El Cajon Blvd, 619-297-1313, redfoxsd.com

NORTH PARK

If this piano bar con-

nected to the Lafayette Hotel is a dive, it's one of the classiest dives in the world. With 16th-century English woodwork, the Red Fox Room offers a slice of history you can find nowhere else in this town. Monday and Tuesday evenings, enjoy The Dave Shaw Duo while dining on steak and sipping reasonably priced cocktails. Typical patrons may be

a bit older, but it's a cool place to take a date if you want to actually communicate — without having to shout over loud music.

Ye Olde Plank Inn

24 Palm Avenue, 619-423-5976

IMPERIAL BEACH

Formerly the favorite bar of the Mongols in Imperial Beach (some of whom still hang around), the cash-only Plank looks like a tiki bar. But ordering a mai tai will earn you a few raised eyebrows. Country and metal jam from the jukebox. There's a lot of naval-ship memorabilia tacked to the walls. Something about the vibe screams *fight!*, but the huge patio begs to be occupied. If the drinks do their job, rest assured that there's enough Advil, Tums, 5-Hour Energy, and random candy behind the bar to keep things rocking indefinitely.

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debauchery takes place regularly at Redwing. Fridays and Saturdays, karaoke is hosted by Granny Pearl, with 50 percent of the clientele in drag. Anything goes here: you'll see a variety of genders, sexual orientations, races, ages, sizes, and styles in this friendly, drunken environment. There might be some freaking in full-bent-over doggy-style position while, a few feet away, a singer belts out a '90s hit. There's a menu full of bar-food favorites and a back smoking patio to regroup. If Granny Pearl hosted karaoke at United Nations meetings, we might be closer to world peace.

The Shakedown

3048 Midway Drive, 619-804-9523, theshakedowns.com

LOMA PORTAL

Shakedown is a little rough around edges. Not long after the venue opened, I witnessed a brawl break out during a set by '80s punk legends Battalion of Saints; it left just about everybody in the mosh pit soaked in airborne Olde English. The place's motto is "Booze, Bikes, Bands,

Broads, and Rods," and that's exactly what you'll get. When they aren't blasting some of the grittiest, most dissonant local and touring acts through a sound system dialed in by Chris Fields of the Dwarves, Shakedown is holding impromptu barbecues, skate demos, and car-club rallies. A true punk dive.

Silver Spigot

2221 Morena Blvd, 619-276-1030, silverspigit.com

BAY PARK

True to its name, the singular tap at this Bay Park artifact is Budweiser, pouring at a smooth \$2.50 a pint. Not unlike the neon bikini bottoms strung between the ass cheeks of the big-hair babes gracing its walls, the Spigot is lodged happily somewhere in the early '80s, complete with outdated soundtrack, old arcade games (Golden Tee, anyone?), and even a — what do you call it? — *pay phone* by the front door. Most days, you'll find a dedicated congregation of 50-and-older daylight-drinkers sucking on \$3 wells, starting with first call

at 10:00 a.m.

Wong's Dragon Room

7126 University Avenue, 619-464-9772, wongsgoldenpalace.com

LA MESA

At nearly four decades old, this den of decadence adjacent to Wong's Golden Palace Chinese restaurant is an established pillar of the La Mesa dive scene. Whether you're here for the karaoke, live music from rock-and-soul heavies the Tighten Ups, or acts such as the Johnson Project Band, Cameltones, and Joey Harris (or maybe you were lured in by Wong's majestic neon façade?), the Dragon Room is a jewel of the (dis)orient, with \$2.50 drafts and \$2.75 wells during happy hour (5:00–7:00

p.m.). Forego the subpar cuisine and try the house Wong Cup.

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DOWNTOWN

This hole-in-the-wall ought to be protected by the San Diego Historical Society. As with most dives, you can find the drunken senior citizen at the end of the bar recounting life experiences to strangers, but in this case, the stories are multidimensional. Located down the block from the Tin Can Alehouse, there is often a spillover of underground concertgoers adding to the diversity. The soiled, ritzy hotel carpet, chandelier, and mirrors add to a dirty-regal feel, and \$4 cocktails enhance the charm.

Tobacco Rhoda's

2591 University Avenue

NORTH PARK

This is the place with the girl painted on the outside wall, to freak out passersby, and it opens its doors at 8:00 a.m. Big spenders buy beer in pint glasses for \$3.50, but anyone who's in the know goes for a \$2 mug that holds only a bit less. In the corner lurk a gum-ball machine and a magic claw, with unclaimed prizes locked behind glass. The only way to get into the bathroom is with a token from the bartender. Instead of throwing you out for playing the "quarters" game at the bar, the tender might join in.

The Shanty

126 Chesterfield Drive,

760-753-1548

CARDIFF

Across the street from the Cardiff Office sits the Shanty. Like the Office, the building is small and looks plenty divey. Pool tables and foosball are located behind a wraparound bar. Unlike the Office, this bar is often a mix of privileged patrons, washed-up surf stars, and tanned beach bums. Here, a casual smile or glance from a stranger is a given. Only a block away from Cardiff's other dive, the crowds couldn't seem further apart.

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BANKERS HILL

Rick Lyon is the Imperial House. He tickles the faux-ivories on his weapon of choice: a fancy keyboard set on top of the bar's resident piano. With it, he can be a one-man-band, using pre-recorded compositions. He has books full of backing music by the Rolling Stones, the Band, and Steppenwolf. He primarily plays covers of classic rock, paying special attention to the piano men (Billy Joel, Elton John, Neil Diamond), while also allowing time for Journey, Queen, and CCR.

With-it 20-somethings are drawn to the nostalgia of songs recorded decades before they were born. Lyon feels like a cherished uncle as he takes requests, though he gives preference to his favorite tunes and ignores tunes he hates. He has no qualms about playing songs the local karaoke bars have banned. "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "Don't Stop Believin'" make regular appearances on his set list. You might hear "Sweet Caroline" up to two times a night, when the skinny-jean-clad crowd demands it.

The young and hip can sometimes dominate the scene, but a single professional crowd also claims this bar as its own. A typical night will have a mix of each. People wearing ironic glasses rub shoulders at the bar with those who can afford laser surgery. Both groups enjoy the music of an era not their own.

The ornate wooden bar is something of a relic, with suits of armor, red carpeting, and red booths as accents. The place features the kind of dimly lit atmosphere that encourages you to sit, drink, and chat for hours, without the drama of yelling over a rau-



PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS WOO

Rick Lyon tickles the faux-ivories at the **Imperial House**.

cous bar band. Generic well drinks or draft beer run about \$5. A small bar menu is available from 10:00–12:00 p.m., serving up snacks, such as french fries, potato skins, and wings for \$4–\$6. Waitresses stop by the tables pretty regularly; they manage to keep track of bar tabs in even the most complex of group orders. Parking can be a hassle, but there is valet service if you're feeling spendy.

— KATIE MCCANNA

Bar Pink

3829 30th Street, 619-564-7194,

barpink.com

NORTH PARK

Being dorky has been kind of hip for a while now, so in that way Bar Pink has a hipster vibe. Some people show up dressed to impress, but on the flip side you could be in a ridiculous costume and only get 25 percent of heads to turn. It's laid-back, not pretentious, and really cool bands play here often. Bar Pink is partly

owned by John Reis (Hot Snakes, Rocket from the Crypt, Drive Like Jehu) and can be packed on the weekends. It appears that patrons of True North have been catching on, as the number of cultural ambassadors sent over has increased.

Kitty Diamond

3780 Park Blvd, 619-546-4642,

kittydiamondsd.com

HILLCREST

Fashion diva-de-force MayStar recently dropped her seven-year-strong

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Ridiculous costumes at **Bar Pink**



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Get down on the light-up platform dancefloor at **La Mija**.

résumé includes stints at other hipster havens Voyeur and U-31. Don't worry — the Flame's iconic neon sign survived the remodel.

La Mija

facebook.com/lamezcalera

TIJUANA

In Tijuana, on 6th Street, there's a cool little mezcal bar named La Mezcaletta.

In back is a dance room called La Mija, complete with a light-up platform with panels that flash different colors, reminiscent of Michael Jackson's "Billy Jean" video. Indie-dance locals in the know come to get down, drink, observe, and participate. With 50 people, the place is packed, but on week-

ends there's at least double that, with spillage into the back smoking area. Get primed with mezcal shots at around 10:30 p.m., then get intimate: La Mija hits its steady peak just after midnight.

Min Sok Chon

minsokchonsd.com

KEARNY MESA

Feel like regular karaoke is played out? Step it up a notch and rent a private room with your friends at this Korean bar in Kearny Mesa. Open from 4:00 p.m.–4:00 a.m. Friday–Saturday, the place otherwise closes at 2:00 a.m. Rooms start at \$25 per hour. In addition to cheap soju pitchers and creative drink specials, Min Sok Chon offers a full menu of Korean food, including some wild stuff, such as beef intestines and black-goat stew.

Moustache

facebook.com/moustachetijuana

TIJUANA

The drink menu centers on 35 different "Moustache Shots" (\$3), which include the Dalí, Hulk Hogan, Prince, and Burt Reynolds. These drinks are like tiny cocktails; for example, the George Michael consists of Midori, vodka, and Jägermeister. This quaint bar is the kind of place where popular DJs hang out when not playing a club. There's a DJ setup in the small front room and a cozy back room with four tables. On Calle Madero, near Revolución, but you ought to preplan a visit, since you're unlikely to stumble upon Moustache by mistake.

Waterfront

2044 Kettner Blvd, 619-232-9656,

waterfrontbarandgrill.com

LITTLE ITALY

You get people from all stages of life here — motorcyclists, young hand-diebar-mustached men,

girls in boho dresses, sports fans: this is a different definition of "hipster." At Sunday brunch (best to arrive before 11:00 a.m.), everyone in the place is bound to have one (or five) drinks too many before mingling on the outside patio. Breakfast and endless mimosas cost \$24.95. Weekends, sporting events, and happy hour (Monday–Friday 4:00–7:00 p.m.) are sardine-can packed.

U31

3112 University Avenue, 619-584-

4188, u31bar.com

NORTH PARK

This busy bar is notorious for slow service, especially on \$1 you-call-it Mondays. (Yes, you read that right.) Catch the bartender's attention on the first drink with a hefty tip, and you won't be left waiting. (You can check in on Yelp for a free taco; also, expect a line if you want to play pool.) If you do get stuck at the bar, the staff tends to be easy on the eyes — as are the partiers. The place is packed with people ready to dance. Saturday is the night for a great rotation of dance-worthy DJs, as long as you can shell out an agonizing \$5 cover after 10:00 p.m.

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Noble Experiment

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EAST VILLAGE

Passage to Noble Experiment comes via a fake wall of kegs at the back of Neighborhood, an East Village hang. This portal makes for a mood-setting kickoff to a night of craft mixology — or the most confusing wrong turn ever en route to the restroom. Lead bartender Anthony Schmidt lives, eats, and breathes cocktail culture, so his largely metro-trendster and industry clientele can sit back and sip it all in, at their leisure and in keeping with their personal tastes.

Like artichoke-flavored liqueur? Jonesing for *mole* bitters? Maybe you just want a fine bourbon that's high on vanilla and low on burn? Whatever your spirit of choice, Schmidt and his team of throwback tenders sling out creative concoctions built on contemporary booze yet identifiably steeped in tippie tradition.

Nothing's over the top here. Part of the "experiment" is getting back to a simpler time and place, when a drink consisted of a few smartly paired varieties of liquor.. This return to basics — along with an opportunity to engage with the technicians behind the bar — deliver a true speakeasy feel.

As with any true speakeasy, communicative regulations must be adhered to for those hoping to gain access. Send a text in advance with reservation details; they'll text you back (maybe) with a passcode that lets you into this lair. Dark woods, plush leather, checkerboard tiles, a stainless-steel drainboard bartop, large-scale framed paintings, a Swarovski chandelier, and an entire wall of shimmering gold skulls make for a haunted-mansion-meets-adult-soda-fountain atmosphere unlike anything in San Diego.

Noble's creators, Aرسالun Tafazoli and Nate Stanton, were fresh off the success of their first ventures, Neighborhood and El Dorado, when they decided that San



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Enjoy a fine bourbon next to a wall of shimmering gold skulls at **Noble Experiment**.

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and bartender are common and every night is an adventure.

— BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

El Camino

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LITTLE ITALY

On Wednesday nights, this Mexican bar and restaurant in Little Italy transform into a Latin-

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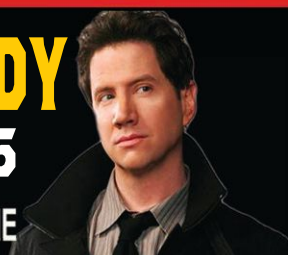
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Brian's 24

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This place is a not-so-sober shit show come 2:00 a.m., which makes for excellent people-watching (if you can manage it in the dim lighting). Portions are large, and they have everything from chicken and waffles to a Philly cheesesteak to a triple-decker PB&J. Not the healthiest options, but the convenient Sixth Avenue location makes for a perfect post-party stop — once you've been kicked out of every bar downtown. The food's good but not great: Brian's has been called "the upscale Denny's." The plus side? It never closes. Ever.



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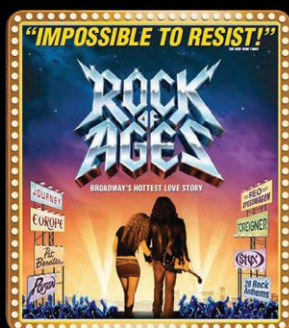
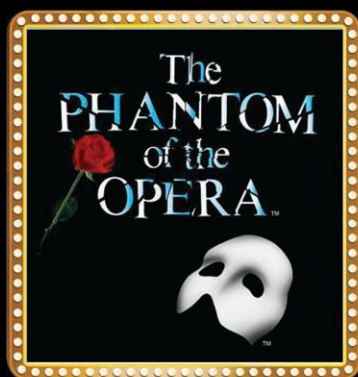
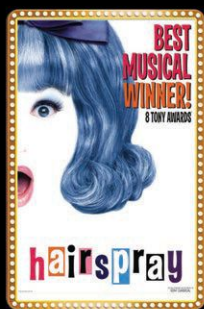
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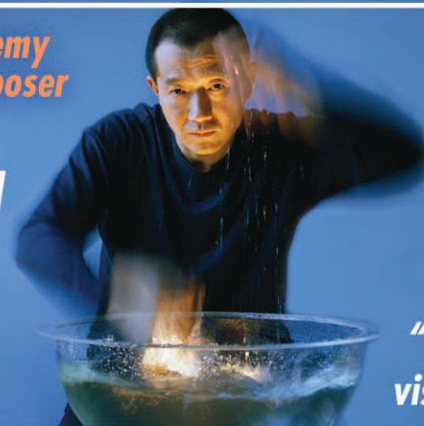


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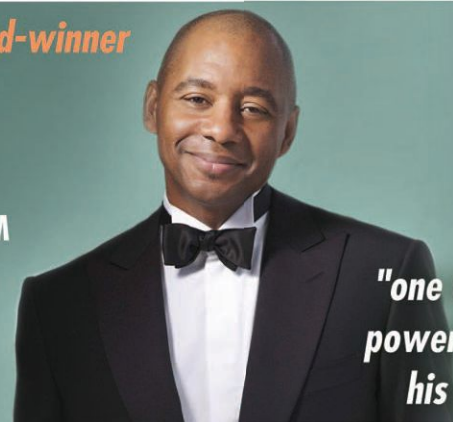
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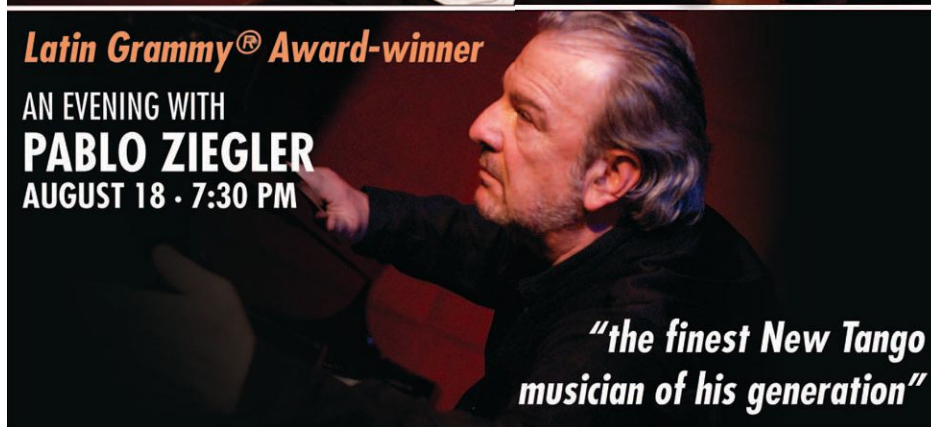
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This Week In Music

Thursday 2

Indie band du jour? *Man, non, indie band du nuit!* You come across the word "autumnal" a lot when reading about Jersey boys **Real Estate**. Moody but never morose, they're more of a summer-nights band. With his shimmering surf-guitar and stifled jangle, principal Martin Courtney sings campfire songs for East Coast crusties. Organic like Kingsbury Manx and narcotic (the good kind) like Radar Brothers, Real Estate's Domino debut *Days* was a critical hit and commercial curiosity. It was "the Zen record of the year." I totally just quoted myself. Real Estate hits the beach at Belly Up Thursday night. Psych-drone soundscapist **Sun Araw** and local slo-fi indie kid **Jeans Wilder** open this go-to show — y'know, for fans of the brand.... Else: Soda Bar sets up blues-rock yawper **Dax Riggs**. Dave Good wrote the Of Note on the show...country-fried acousti-rockers **River City** land at El Dorado with **Deadly Birds**. DJ **Keith Sweaty** spins round sets at the downtown digs... alt-rock folkies **Murder by Death** are out in



REAL ESTATE AT BELLY UP

advance of this year's *Bitter Drink*, *Bitter Moon*, due to drop September 25. They'll be at Casbah with like-minded Bloodshot band **Ha Ha Tonka**... that "Wicked Game" crooner **Chris Isaak** will play Humphrey's by the Bay...L.A.'s industrial-metal heads **Fear Factory** stack 'em at Bay Park bar Brick by Brick after **Fates Demise** and the **Squirrelly Arts**...while right 'round the bend, **Pal&Drome**, **DUDES**, **Church Hustlers**, and **Mothlight** fill an eclectic electric bill at the Griffin.

Friday 3

English roots-reggae band **Steel Pulse** has the 4 o'clock post-race place at Del Mar this week. For almost 40 years David Hinds and his crew have been bringing dem rock-steady riddems. Always a party when Pulse in the house. Two words: Vi sine.... After the track: "Every band's trying to net-work or get Dum Dum Girls in the sheets," sings **Mrs. Magician's** Jacob Turnbloom on "Actual



MRS. MAGICIAN AT CASBAH

Pain," a standout cut from this year's Swami set *Strange Heaven*. The fuzzed-up '60s-influenced sounds go down easy, but Turnbloom's acerbic wit catches in the throat when he informs "You're all going to die" on "There Is No God." The backing "la la la"s and "wah-ooo"s throughout tickle your feet while Mrs. Magician saws you in half. Hell of an experience, hell of a local release. Mrs. Magician will stage its latest trick at Casbah after **Spider Fever**, **Plateaus**, and **Ditches**. That's a lovely load of lo-fi Friday night. See you there.... Best of the rest finds Zoot revivalists **Big Bad Voodoo Daddy** at Anthology for two nights of West Coast swing. Stick around Friday night for a late set by "the world's greatest tribute to the Rolling Stones," **Jumping Jack Flash**...Def Jam recording rapper **YG's** "4 Hunnid Degreaz" tour rolls up on House of Blues...rock 'n' soul dance band the **Amandas** pull into Whistle Stop for a night of sock-hop... Midway punk club Shakedown stages loud-ass locals **Los Loaded Saints** with **Focke-Wolves** and **On High**...while pop-punk three-piece **Darling You're Stunning** hits the Griffin with **Bloodflowers** and **Sundrop Electric**.

Saturday 4

When did the Sea break up with **Cake**? The Del Mar track's Summer Concert Series serves up Cake on Saturday. The Sac-town quintet is out to tout *Showroom of Compassion*, the band's seventh studio set and first on its own label, Upbeat Records. Not every cut's fresh Cake. But it's fucking Cake, man, your favorite odd-pop food group from the '90s. Except for Beck. And King Missile.... If you're not too full after that, Ché Café stages "A night to not forget: Six bucks, cuz **Man Your**



CAKE AT DEL MAR RACETRACK

Horse is all the way from Vancouver! That's right, math rock from Vancouver. **Color** is fulfilling 'n' unleashed. **Ditches** is downtown 'n' dirty. **Big Bad Buffalo** is total-gnar 'n' greasy." I cribbed that from the college co-op's Bookface page cuz I didn't study. It's summertime, yo.... 'Round town: Bar Pink books an SDMA showcase, featuring local faves **Cuckoo Chaos**, **Maren Parusel**, and **Hills Like Elephants**...Santa Cruz psychobilly trio **Chop Tops** roll into Brick by Brick with **Denny Harvey** and the **Strikers**...while **Trash Axis** hits Eleven. They're a seven-piece experi-metal band that "sounds like loud reed metal machine music." **Deep Sea Thunder Beast** and a coupla Zonie bands called **Name** and **North** will open the show.

Sunday 5

There will be an SDMA showcase at Casbah on Sunday, featuring the **Nervous Wreckords**, the **Howls**, **Grand Tarantula**, and **Parker and the Numberman**.... If you've seen enough of those guys, singer/songwriter **David Ramirez** plays Soda Bar. *Paste* magazine calls him "the best damn songwriter you don't know yet." They're the pros.... Check it out, the British invasion via Detroit. Power-pop wavers the **Romantics** will woo Belly Up with dance-floor staple "What I Like About You" Sunday night after San Diego "dirt-pop" band **Short Eyes** sets the stage.

Monday 6

Did you see the Ryan Gosling flick *Drive*? It was no star vehicle ha. It was a kind of quietly engaging movie, and the music was an electro-pop masterpiece by the filmmakers. The Drive Tour rolls into Casbah Monday night and features **College**, **Anorak**, and **Electric Youth**. Correct, no Chromatics, no Kavinsky, but "A Real Hero" will be worth the price of admission. Wait, at 14 bucks, maybe not. Up to you.... **Seal** and **Macy Gray** will be down at Humphrey's by the Bay. That one appears to be sold out. Hose off your dinghy, Cap'n, we'll take 'em by sea.

Tuesday 7

The mayor of San Diego's jazz scene, **Gilbert Castellanos**, and his Hammond B3 Trio (**Pete Kuzma** on the organ, **Duncan Moore** at the traps, and Castellanos and **James Zollar** blowing brass) offer up another Night of the Cookers — a tribute to trumpet masters — at Little Italy hot spot



GILBERT CASTELLANOS AT 98 BOTTLES

98 Bottles.... L.A. alt-pop trio **Avi Buffalo** roams into Soda Bar after **Jeans Wilder** and **Kera and the Lesbos**. Flip or click to Will Crain's Of Note for the of-notables on the show.

Wednesday 8

Gap Dream, playing Soda Bar Wednesday night is garage-pop soloist Gabriel Fulvimar from Cleveland in Ohio. He is out to tout his s/t Burger Records debut. It's on cassette, and it's got the goods. I am loving this collection and cannot wait for this show. O.C. trio **Cosmonauts** will set it up with their



GAP DREAM AT SODA BAR

own brand of primitive psych-pop.... Northa town, Ché Café stages the Acoustic Funtime Friendship Show, featuring weird-ass Portland jazz-punx the **Taxpayers**, touring in support of this year's Asian Man record *God, Forgive These Bastards* — *Songs from the Forgotten Life of Henry Turner*. There's a readin' book, too.

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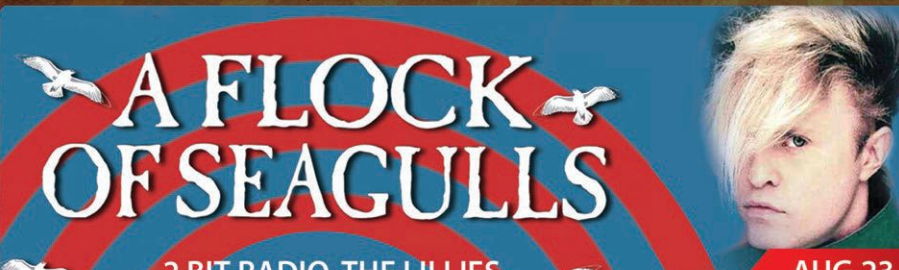


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Guitarist Marc Intravaia's résumé dates back to the Stones' age, when KGB-FM radio seemed to be the heart and soul of all things rock 'n' roll: sky shows, the *Homegrown Hour*, Gabriel Wisdom, Jim McInnes, the KGB Chicken, the dancing janitor commercials...

"Back in the '70s," says Intravaia, "I was in a band called Listen, and we were on some of the *Homegrown* albums. In '75 and '76, or so, we did KGB's musical logos and played music for their commercials.... I was the guitarist you heard when they played 'KGB San Diego' at the top of every show. KGB used to put on free concerts at what is now called Starlight Bowl, but then it was Balboa Bowl. Listen did a few of those [shows]." Intravaia's guitar also anchored local one-hit-wonders the Monroes, albeit after their brief taste of fame with the 1982 new-wave hit "What Do All the People Know?" before he went on to play with Kenny Loggins, Kim Carnes, America, Suzy Bogguss, and B.J. Thomas.

Since 1991, the Kearny High School grad has been writing, recording, and performing with the Eve Selis Band, with whom he's currently on a UK tour. They'll return to Europe in September and October for a tour of England, Ireland, and France, and the newest ESB full-length, *Family Tree*, is nominated Best Americana or Country Album at this year's San Diego Music Awards. "I'd classify us more Americana than country," says Intravaia, "with a mix of country, rock, blues, and folk — with lots of slide guitar."

Along with his wife Paula, Intravaia teaches music at the Sanctuary Art and Music Studio in Carmel Valley. They just celebrated their 13th anniversary.

"Paula and I drove out to Vegas with three kids in the backseat and got married at a drive-through wedding chapel."

MUSIC

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WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. Johnny Cash, *American Recordings*. "Great songs, with stripped-down production by Rick Rubin."
2. Emmylou Harris and Mark Knopfler, *All the Roadrunning*. "A brilliant pairing."
3. Taj Mahal, *Take a Giant Step: The Best of Taj Mahal*. "Jesse Ed Davis's guitar-playing on this is subtle and superb, combining blues with country twang."
4. Stevie Ray Vaughan, *The Essential Stevie Ray Vaughan and Double Trouble*. "His tone and phrasing are what all blues-rock guitarists aspire to."
5. Rodney Crowell, *The Houston Kid*. "A concept album, and every song is great."

ANYTHING YOU WERE EMBARRASSED TO MENTION?

"Sebastian Cabot's rendition of Bob Dylan's 'It Ain't Me, Babe.' I take evil delight in this version, but I have to lock myself away and listen very quietly, so the neighbors don't call the police."

LOCAL MUSIC THAT MOVES YOU?

"My Name Is Sam," by Berkley Hart. It's a song about appreciating our time together, however short. With the loss of my dad last year, it really hits home with lines like "Those few minutes when he's all mine, are the best few minutes of my whole day." I get choked up every time I hear it, and I've seen the toughest of

guys cry like babies at shows when Berkley and Hart sing this."

I UNDERSTAND A GUITAR ONCE SAVED YOUR LIFE?

"In 1970, I was riding with friends in a pickup truck and was in the middle seat when a drunk driver hit us from behind. I was holding my acoustic guitar between my knees, and the guitar was demolished, but the truss rod in the neck of the guitar kept me from going through the windshield. I was lucky and only suffered a minor whiplash, and I kept the guitar on my wall for years."

FAVORITE FREE HANGOUT?

"Free Tuesdays at Balboa Park. Perfect place to take my home-schooled son, Sam."

BEST LOCAL CONCERT?

"I saw Jimi Hendrix in 1969 at the Sports Arena. I had seen him the year before, when he gave a flat performance at Balboa Stadium, and I had to be talked into seeing him again. From the moment he stepped onstage, he was on fire and inspired. A few of the songs ended up on the live album *Hendrix in the West*."

SOMETHING YOU NEVER RUN OUT OF?

"Stone Brewery beer."

WHAT REMAINS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

"Jam with Eric Clapton. Hey, it could happen. We played a show with former Clapton guitarist Albert Lee last year. Six degrees of separation."

WHO DO PEOPLE SAY YOU LOOK LIKE?

"I've heard for years that I resemble Don Henley and was even stopped on the street in L.A. in the early



PHOTOGRAPH BY DENNIS ANDERSEN

Marc Intravaia wishes he hadn't sold his 1961 Gibson for \$250. "That guitar would be worth thousands."

1990s by someone who was overjoyed to meet me. He looked so dejected when I said I wasn't him."

EVER BEEN ROBBED?

"The Eve Selis Band had about 500 pounds [UK cash] stolen from CD sales after a show in England. We thought we knew who did it but couldn't prove it, so our bass player cast an evil spell on the culprit involving pimples and shrinkage."

BIGGEST REGRET?

"I bought a 1961 Gibson ES-335 in 1970 for \$225 and sold it for \$250 a few years later. That guitar would be worth thousands of dollars now."

WHAT SCARES YOU?

"Hurting my fingers. I needed stitches on my middle finger in 1983 and was out of work for two weeks."

SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

"I have lots of Mafia history on the Sicilian side of my family. Fuggetaboutit!" ■

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Across the Generations Jewish Play Festival

Third Annual Across the Generations New Jewish Play Festival presents readings of plays by David Rush and Misha Shulmant. J Marcus Newman directed.

CONGREGATION DOR HADASH, 4858 RONSON COURT, KEARNY MESA. 858-268-3674. 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

As You Like It

Run to it! Dana Green's doing a spectacular Rosalind, one of Shakespeare's smartest women, and the Adrian Noble-directed production's a wall-to-wall charmer. Banished gentry flee to a wintry Forest of Arden (Deidre Clancy's costumes sport a modern dress, Nordic look), where they re-balance themselves and, in the case of swoony Orlando, learn to fall in love. The ensemble work is tops, as are individual efforts by Jacques C. Smith, as the melancholy Jacques, Dan Amboyer as Orlando, Vivian Font, as Ceilia, and, of course Green's conjuring Rosalind [runs in repertory with *Inherit the Wind* and *Richard III*]. **Critic's Pick.**

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM TUESDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30.

Dames At Sea

"Listen to Dick, everyone, even though it's hopeless." The Haimsohn/Miller/Wise musical comedy spoofs the Busby Berkeley-directed glitz blitzes of the 1930s, but instead of a cast of thousands, only six do the show. The North Coast Rep's doing a spirited production, directed by Rick Simas, though persistent sightline problems often block the dancers. Sarah Errington and Jeffrey Scott Parsons exude wide-eyed optimism of Ruby and Dick (based on Ruby Keeler and Dick Powell), who rise from zero to stardom in 24 hours. The game cast sports Renetta Lloyd's period costumes and Peter Herman's wigs, and their split-second changes must threaten the *Guinness Book* record [note: the production's had two extensions]. **Worth a try.**

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 12.

Divine Rivalry

Michael Kramer and D.S. Moynihan discovered an intriguing crossroads: in 1504, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, and Machiavelli were in the same place at the same time. Machiavelli arranged a contest — a battle of the brushes — between

the two masters. There's even a mystery. But the script dumps it in favor of a conclusion as lengthy as its early exposition. The point of the piece gets lost along the way. The famous figures are mostly caricatures (even the often brilliant Miles Anderson can't do much with da Vinci). Best of show: Peter Nigri-ni's excellent projections across the brow of the proscenium ("The Last Supper," "Mona Lisa"). But even when shunted to the side, they upstage the actors. And the huge, boxy set swallows them whole. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 5.

Fiddler on the Roof

Moonlight Stage Productions presents the popular Stein, Bock, and Harnick musical about tradition — and defiance and devotion. The production will be the last directing assignment of Kathy Brombacher (Noel Lifetime Achievement Awardee) before she retires as artistic director at year's end. MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE IN BRENGLE TERRACE PARK, 1200 VALE TERRACE, VISTA. 760-724-2110. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 11.

God of Carnage

The Old Globe Theatre stages Yasmina Reza's Tony Award-winning comedy about two pairs of parents trying to be civil and...well. Richard Seer directed.

SHERYL AND HARVEY WHITE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2.

Inherit the Wind

The play, based on the famous Scopes "Monkey Trial" of 1925, puts the "right to think" on trial as well. Director Adrian Noble's production unfolds, physically, like a musical: 25 actors fill the stage with life. Wily Robert Foxworth (Drummond) and a rhetorical Adrian Sparks (Brady) debate evolution vs. creationism. The closed vs. open-minded attitudes

behind the debate are as current as the clock on the wall. [runs in repertory with *Richard III* and *As You Like It*]. **Critic's Pick** OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM TUESDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25.

La Cage Aux Folles

Broadway/San Diego hosts a touring production of the Tony-winning musical about Georges and Albin: "Family bonds are put to the test as the feather boas fly." Terry Johnson directed. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVE., DOWNTOWN. 619-570-1100. 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 12.

Man of La Mancha

Sean Murray, who also directed, has played Cervantes/Quixote twice before. Now he's the right age, and his excellent voice resonates with the great Spanish writer and his saintly goofball man of La Mancha. The production has a swift, improvisational feel, though the performances are a mite uneven. Brian Barbarin (Sancho), Kurt Norby, David Kirk Grant (who also plays flamenco guitar), eye-patched Linda Libby, and vibrant Katie Whalley support throughout and, when called upon, shine. Sean Fanning's dank dungeon and ominously descending stairs, along with Jeanne Reith's brown, battered costumes, capture what's at stake. **Worth a try.**

CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 26.

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 direc-

tion, *miXtape* is always entertaining — and memory-provoking. (Note: Lamb's Players has extended the run several times.) 619-437-0600. **Worth a try.** HORTON GRAND HOTEL, 311 ISLAND AVE., DOWNTOWN. 800-542-1886. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 4PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 25.

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Pippin

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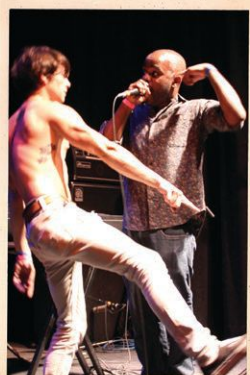
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Shot on May 2, 2012, *Here and Now* crowd-sourced more than 25 filmmakers and surfers, asking them to work together by documenting the world of surfing in a single 24-hour period.

Nathan Myers, managing editor of *Surfer Magazine* calls it "an experiment in a whole new type of filmmaking only possible in this digital age. It was a very unique project. It is still unreleased, so this is the only place to see it."

The sneak preview of the documentary will be held on August 4 as a fundraising event for PCI's California Border Healthy Start Project. It screens at 7 and 9 p.m. at Bird's Surf Shed, 1091 West Morena Boulevard. Special guest appearances include Junior World Champion Leila Hurst and movie producer Andy Slipka. They will be auctioning off items, including a Hydroflex Surfboard and two round-trip tickets from Southwest Airlines.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 if you're 18 or under.

— Scott Marks

Homegrown (and Blown) Chompie on its Way to Maryland to Celebrate Shark Week

Do you know that San Diego is the birthplace of the giant inflatable industry? Admittedly, it's not like laying claim to being the home of the penicillin vaccine or pizzas delivered to your house in less than 30 minutes,

but if you have ever spied a giant Spider-Man atop a movie theater or a giant King Kong clinging to the Empire State Building, you have CMEANN (pronounced: SEE-ME-ANN) Prod., Inc. in El Cajon to thank.

The company began 30 years ago under the name of Robert Keith, Inc. (no, not that Robert Keith). La Mesa's Ann Wawer took control of the ballooning business a decade ago and her company's work has been seen in just about every conceivable entertainment venue, theme park, Super Bowl halftime show, and concert setting there is.

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MOVIES



Boards to the rafters and in the rafters at Bird's



A still from Nathan Myers and Taylor Steele's *Here and Now*, a new surf documentary premiering Friday night at Bird's Surf Shed

Chompie is a massive 446 feet long from the tip of his nose to the back of his tail, 113 feet tall from his belly to his dorsal fin, and 200 feet wide from tip to tip of his side fins. If he were a real shark, he would tip the scales at 84,000 pounds. That's enough to keep Spielberg and his family in steaks for the rest of their lives!

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— Scott Marks

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The Amazing Spider-Man — Generation Y gets its web-slinger, and as cash-grab reboots go, it's not bad. This time, high-school dweeb Peter Parker isn't such a nice guy at the outset: he's a New Yorker, after all, and on top of that, he's an orphan with a dad-shaped chip on his shoulder. And he's not such a hero by the end: though he eventually accepts this film's version of his Uncle Ben's dictum ("With great power comes great responsibility"), he's still gotta keep a little something for himself, you know? The story works hard to integrate various elements from Spidey's history, and the score works even harder to let you know what you should be feeling at any given moment. Star Andrew Garfield is all grins and grimaces, Emma Stone is reliably adorable as love interest Gwen Stacy, and Denis Leary is reliably testy as her police captain dad. 2012. — M.L.

★★

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 gewgaw!), 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.

★★

Beasts of the Southern Wild — Outstanding location work and a knockout performance by young newcomer Quvenzhané Wallis are almost enough to recommend this Sundance favorite. A six-year-old scrapper lives with her father (Dwight Henry) in a post-Katrina New Orleans community called the Bathub. With dad's health failing, the girl is forced to set out in search of her mother and an even more mythical creature known as the auroch. Freshman director Benh Zeitlin tries hard,

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but the film takes on one cause too many and ultimately collapses under the weight of its own aspirations. 2012. — S.M. ★

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 tongs of whimsy. It is Black’s movie, a quaint package of Southern Gothic with a Coen Brothers flavor. 2012. — D.E. ★★★

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. ★★★

Big Trouble in Little China — Terribly confusing action-comedy, set in and under San Francisco’s Chinatown. (“You know what this is?” poses an eye-witness news reporter, not too helpfully. “This is like some radical *Alice in Wonderland*.”) Not just the mumbo-jumbo about Chinese black magic, about the Lords of Death versus the Wing Kong, about Lo Pan and the Girl With Green Eyes, is confusing. The actual action, heavy on kung-fu and special effects, is hard to follow also. (Director John Carpenter has perhaps slipped a bit there, but he has remained at the same level on the numbingly monotonous music he insists on composing himself as accompaniment.) Kurt Russell, though, provides several kinds of reassurance as a rough-and-ready American trucker (“I was *born* ready”), who talks at a consistently tanked-up volume, who leads with his stubbled chin, and who never loses confidence in the face of countless small defeats and humongous marvels. 1986. — D.S. ★

Born to Be Wild — A beautifully filmed and cogent tribute to two women and their adopted animals. Birute Galdikas rescues orphaned orangutans in Borneo, and Daphne Sheldrick raises baby elephants in Kenya. The creatures, once weaned, are returned to the wild. In IMAX 3-D, the orphans are so vividly present they’re almost beyond adorable. Directed by David Lickley, with restrained narration by Morgan Freeman. 2011. — D.E. ★★★

Brave — With another wild-haired royal at the helm (and only one-tenth of *Tangled*’s wit, charm, and stereoscopic invention), Pixar’s latest amounts to little more than Rapunzel redux. What begins as a standard Disney fairy princess outing takes a turn for the better halfway through, when a magic spell converts one of the film’s characters into an creature whose plush representation should be a big seller at Toys “R” Us. Sadly, it’s too little, too late as directors Mark Andrews and Brenda Chapman do nothing to exploit the Freudian possibilities inherent within the metamorphosis. Fans of classic Disney will rejoice in a dancing broom reminiscent of *Fantasia* and a woodcarving witch who functions as Grandma Geppetto, but imitation has never before been Pixar’s stock-in-trade. We are spared the usual

glut of excruciating songs — and Kelly Macdonald is the only actress alive capable of doing Merida’s voice justice — but this marks Pixar’s second clinker in a row. Featuring the vocal talents of Billy Connolly, Emma Thompson, Julie Walters, and Robbie Coltrane. 2012. — S.M. ★

Chernobyl Diaries — It must have made a great pitch: send the standard bunch of young, attractive Americans on an extreme tourism adventure to Pripyat, the town next door to Chernobyl, site of the worst nuclear accident in history. Tweak the real-life mutant horrors brought on by the fallout, and let the Russian zombie horde go to work. Great concept, great setting — but after that, they forgot to make a movie. It’s just a lot of running and dying. 2012. — M.L. ●

Cocktail — A trio of strangers — two polar-opposite girls, one guy — meet and shack up together. The rom-com stars Saif Ali Khan, Deepika Padukone, and Diana Penty. 2012.

The Dark Knight Rises — The final installment of director Christopher Nolan’s Batman trilogy is long and loud and chock-full of his great love for plotting and abstraction. Sometimes, it works, but often, it doesn’t, and the honest interaction of characters is ground under the wheels of storytelling necessity. The film might feel like an elaborate and intricate chess strategem — seemingly scattered movements gradually converging on a final, concentrated masterstroke — except for a few plot points that not even the grandest of masters could predict. The baddie this time is Bane (Tom Hardy), a brutal and brutalized soul — born in prison, exiled from the same League of Shadows that trained Bruce Wayne in *Batman Begins*, but still bent on completing the League’s

mission to destroy a corrupt Gotham, schoolchildren and orphans included. Oh, and Catwoman (Anne Hathaway), a pretty thief who can’t seem to outrun her past. Philosophy abounds: Bane is fond of the soul-body dichotomy, Batman has to learn a few new things about his old friend fear, and there is insightful talk of real despair requiring a modicum of hope. But some of it gets mangled in Bane’s mask-hindered speech, and some of it is just mangled to begin with. All that said, there is plenty of Bat-goodness here. Bane is genuinely scary, Batman’s fall (and rise) are convincing, and the whole thing draws from the first and second installments in satisfying ways. Plus, you know: cool weapons/modes of transport. And Batman. 2012. — M.L. ★

Dark Shadows — Tim Burton’s tiresome tribute to the TV goth soaper, with Johnny Depp fully committed as the heavily made-up vampire Barnabas. Their devotion is real, but the film is a rummage of poor gags and plot fragments that add up to little. It has campy design touches, corny creep-outs, vivid women (Michelle Pfeiffer, Bella Heathcote, witty Helena Bonham Carter, vampy witch Eva Green), and an aura of wasted expenditure. With Jackie Earle Haley, Christopher Lee, and a tiny cameo by the late Jonathan Frid, the definitive Barnabas. 2012. — D.E. ★

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days — The adventures of Greg continue. Starring Zachary Gordon (as Greg), Robert Capron, and Devon Bostick. 2012.

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. ●

Dr. Seuss’s The Lorax — Color Dr. Seuss’s “earth-friendly” children’s book gloomy green and Illumination Entertainment’s animated counterpart a blinding shade of pestled pastel. (Consider sporting two pair of 3-D specs.) The ecological message holds firm, only this time our young hero does it all to impress a chick. Throwaway gags (Nemo can be found congealed in JELL-O) help to ease parents’ pain, but not even shooting-range earplugs can deaden the fearfully upbeat songs. Danny DeVito, Zac Efron, and Taylor Swift lend their voices. 2012. — S.M. ★

Eega — A murdered man is reincarnated as a housefly and seeks revenge for his death. And they say religious movies aren’t compelling. 2012.

Farewell, My Queen (Les adieux a la reine) — Or *Marie Antoinette: The Last Four Days*. The storming of the Bastille and the final days before the French Revolution as seen from inside the walls of the Palace of Versailles form the basis for the latest feature from French director Benoît Jacquot (*A Single Girl, The School of Flesh*). Léa Seydoux stars as Marie’s (Diane Kruger) lady-in-waiting, a seeming innocent who aspires to be more than just her Queen’s personal reader. As taken as the Queen is by her servant, Marie has her heart set on her BFF, the Duchess Gabrielle de Polignac (Virginie Ledoyen). (The latter couple barely appear onscreen together long enough to give the film its poster image.) Not bad as historical claptrap goes. Based on Chantal Thomas’s novel, *Farewell, My Queen* isn’t as juvenile as Sofia Coppola’s Valley Girlization of the ill-fated Queen’s life. (Nor is it as eager

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as *Mozart's Sister* was to tamper with the truth just enough to put a feminist slant on the retelling.) Sumptuous to behold and as fine as the performances are, the *Upstairs, Downstairs* approach has been done to death and nothing here comes close to giving it a new lease on life. — S.M.

★★

Here and Now — Filmed over 24 hours in 25 locations around the world and with the participation of over 12 surfers, *Here and Now* aspires to be the *Life in a Day* of surf movies. Shots taken from shore offer fairly standard glimpses. Only when the camera gets wet does the audience feel an insider's sense of what it's like to shoot the curl. Without the cosmic insight of surf film guru Stacy Peralta (*Riding Giants*) or the inherent comic nastiness of Bam Margera (*CKY*), what's left is a shoot-now-figure-it-out-later home movie in which two-thirds of the time is spent watching surf footage cut together with music written by the crew as they edited it. Directed by *Surfing Magazine* publisher Nathan Myers and surfer/documentarian Taylor Steele, *Here and Now* is plotless (and largely point-less). Babes and broskies enamored with the art of surfing will undoubtedly turn out in force when the 45-minute documentary screens Friday, August 4, at 7 and 9 p.m. at Bird's Surf Shed in Linda Vista. Others may be board to death. — S.M.

★

Hope Springs — A couple (Meryl Streep and Tommy Lee Jones) seeks counseling after 30 years of marriage. Steve Carell plays the counselor. 2012.

How to Steal a Million — Capel film starring Audrey Hepburn as the daughter of a wealthy art forger who must steal a statue from a Paris museum in order to protect her father. Peter O'Toole and Eli Wallach costar. 1966.

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.

★★★

Ice Age: Continental Drift — There are three good things about this film. One, Scrat's relentless pursuit of acorn pleasure. Two, Sid the Sloth's venture into physical comedy when he eats a berry that leaves him a paralyzed bag of jelly. Three, the adorable army of hyraxes, never mind the silly blue facepaint indicating battle-ready ferocity. Everything else is an exercise in crass commercialism and simple-minded storytelling. No plot point goes

unexplicated, no character dynamic goes undeclared, and it's a rare joke that lands with anything but a dull thud. Plus there are pirates, because kids love pirates, right? Maybe next time, they'll send Manny & Co. into space! 2012.

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The Intouchables — Francois Cluzet's resemblance to Dustin Hoffman continues, so does his subtle talent. As a rich, French quadriplegic, he is all sharp, suave nuances as a cocky new caregiver (Omar Sy) injects his limited existence with fun and warmth. Sy overplays dude-ness, but the two are amusing and touching together, and the story is not too sappy. There is a priceless moustache joke near the end. 2012. — D.E.

★★

The Invisible War — "Today, a female soldier in Iraq and Afghanistan is more likely to be raped by a fellow soldier than killed by enemy fire." This is a documentary about that. 2012.

Katy Perry: Part of Me — The perky pop princess enters the concert film derby, with a failing marriage to provide personal pathos. 2012.

Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted — Or, *You Can Go Home Again, But Would You Really Want To?* The lion, hippo, giraffe, and zebra who escaped the Central Park Zoo and got back to Africa decide that they miss life in the Big City. They wind up joining a broke-down circus in hopes of landing a contract to tour the States, all while being pursued by a terrifying and indestructible Animal Control

agent. It's pure animated formula, and the kiddies will likely roar with delight while they learn various genre tropes – action, horror, comedy, drama, you name it. We're raising a generation of sophisticated critics, and thanks to the contributions of co-screenwriter Noah Baumbach, perhaps neurotics as well. 2012. — M.L.

★

Magic Mike — Director Steven Soderbergh checks off another box on his list of genre pics. This time, it's the showbiz story, featuring a minor star with bigger dreams (Channing Tatum), a young up-and-comer (Alex Pettyfer), a sleazy manager (Matthew McConaughey), the perils of the party life, and all the rest of it. A couple of twists may have made it seem worthwhile, or at least interesting: first, a measure of autobiography for former stripper Tatum, who manages the neat trick of summoning an easygoing and almost witty persona from within his gym-sculpted physique; second, the whoop-whoop hilarity of replacing cheesecake with beefcake. But despite (or perhaps because of) his past, Tatum doesn't sell the greased-up product half as well as the mesmerizing McConaughey. Cody Horn, alas, is overwhelmed by the thankless task of playing moral compass for a guy who's funding his dreams by donning a banana hammock and simulating sex onstage. 2012. — M.L.

★

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.

★★

Monte Carlo — Selena Gomez's girlish features are a tough sell in this coming-of-age role. The story centers on Grace, who is off to Paris as a graduation present with her stepsister and best friend in tow. Through a case of mistaken identity (Gomez playing double duty), the trio is swept off to the luxurious life of an heiress in beautiful Monte Carlo. The European locales are filmed with all the splendor of a Las Vegas postcard, while the heart-in-the-microwave schmaltz is layered as thick as the makeup. For all the movie's attempts to appear blue collar, materialism sparkles in everyone's eyes. 2011. — J.R.

★

Moonrise Kingdom — Bookended by Benjamin Britten's stirring "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra," this is the most subtle, supple, deftly stylized fantasy from Wes Anderson. It happens on an island where scouting sets the tone of life. Brainy, dreamy kids (Jared Gilman, Kara Hayward) flee camp and home to share a wee romance and adventures as they trek an old trail. It feels like James Thurber in a canoe looking for Huck Finn, or Groucho Marx chasing Tinkerbell. A terrific score and sly, softly whimsical design help the '30s-to-'60s ambience. Bored, jaded, or fussy adults are no match for bright kids, finding growth and liberation while still in the wonder spell of childhood, and the funny weirdness works. With Bill Murray, Ed Norton, Frances McDormand, Harvey Keitel, Bob Balaban. 2012. — D.E.

★★★★

Nitro Circus: The Movie 3D — Flick follows Travis Pastrana and the Nitro Circus (including Jolene Van Vugt and Tommy Passemante) on stunt-filled tour. 2012.

People Like Us — According to the terms of his estranged father's will, Chris Pine must deliver \$150,000 in a shaving kit to Elizabeth Banks, the 30-year-old sister he didn't know existed. Initially reluctant to hand over the cash to Dad's hippie love child, Pine manages to become a major part of his sister's life without letting the truth slip. For his directorial debut, blockbuster word-slinger Alex Kurtzman's (*Transformers*, *Cowboys and Aliens*) greatest sin is keeping the camera too close. In its earnest pursuit to untangle the web of lies under which the family has been operating, the screenplay (cowritten by Kurtzman, Roberto Orci, and Jody Lambert) seldom crosses over into soap opera territory. For decades, the tagline "Based on Real Events" has been synonymous with "Cable-Ready" — particularly when there's a hint of incest added to the mix. Not here. The performances — including those by veteran actress Michelle Pfeiffer and newcomer Michael Hall D'Addario as Banks's rebellious son — are uniformly superb. Those scorched by the "chick flicks" that pass for women's pictures nowadays (Katherine Heigl and Jennifer Aniston, take note) can finally rejoice: *People Like Us* is the real deal. With Olivia Wilde and Philip Baker Hall. 2012. — S.M.

★★★

Prometheus — A long-planned, crushingly filmed prequel to *Alien*, with director Ridley Scott again insulting his high achievement in *Blade Runner*. Many borrowed themes get rummaged together

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A Touch of Evil "A Mexican drug enforcement official takes interest in a cross-border case that reaches into corruption and betrayal" in the 1958 crime thriller written, directed by, and co-starring Orson Welles. Cast includes Charlton Heston, Janet Leigh, Marlene Dietrich. 619-295-4221. **Thursday, August 2, 8:30pm, Friday, August 3, 8:30pm**

How to Steal a Million William Wyler's frothy 1966 "exercise in suspense comedy fea-

tures Audrey Hepburn as the devoted daughter of an art forger. To keep him from jail, she persuades a dashing detective (Peter O'Toole) to help her steal back one of her father's bogus works." 619-295-4221. **Saturday, August 4, 8:30pm, Sunday, August 5, 8:30pm**

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The Well Digger's Daughter, sometimes charming, sometimes disconcerting

with absurd effects, dismal violence, and self-administered surgery by a scientist (Noomi Rapace) that seems both for and against abortion. (In this ugly, loopy vision, who can tell?) The alien planet seems to be hell. Michael Fassbender preens as a blond robot, and clips from *Lawrence of Arabia* beckon us to that tough, real, better world. It is like watching a script wrestle its budget into exhaustion. Guy Pearce, as a crazy billionaire, is (to his credit) unrecognizable. 2012. — D.E.

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The Queen of Versailles — If F. Scott Fitzgerald's *Gatsby* had married Daisy — if the middle-class Midwestern boy's dreams of achieving happiness through wealth had all come true — you might have wound up with something very close to the story told in this fascinating and intimate documentary about what does and does not change in the gaining (and loss) of outrageous fortunes. Again and again, director Lauren Greenfield will tempt you to join with Fitzgerald in proclaiming that the rich are different, if by "different," you mean "worse" or "grotesque." The titular queen is Jackie Siegel, and her comically oversize breast implants seem of a piece with her claim that her (admittedly large) family is bursting out of its 26,000-square-foot house. But for every titter and gasp that she inspires, Siegel offers a reason to pause in the heaping of scorn. *Oh, wait, she's a person?* The main truth is this: she really does love her husband and children more than she loves money. Siegel's a superconsumer, but somehow, she's not spoiled. It's this mysterious and wonderful fact that keeps the story of her family's economic freefall out of the realm of *schadenfreude* and somewhere in the neighborhood of American tragedy. 2012. — M.L.

★★★

Rock of Ages — "Rock is dead!" declares evil band manager Paul Giamatti, and *Rock of Ages* just *dares* you to disagree. Do you ever find yourself missing the glory days of dinosaur rock (Journey), glam metal (Poison), and power ballads (REO Speedwagon)? Would it help if we blended all that up and used it as the soundtrack to a kitschy musical? Or what if we put those songs in the mouths of plasticine nymphoids (Julianne Hough) or ageless nostalgia-bots (Tom Cruise), depending on the emotional need (or approximation thereof) of the moment? Good times! 2012. — M.L.

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Ruby Sparks — Paul Dano plays Calvin, a writer struggling with his latest novel — and his love life. In creating the character of his ideal woman, he also wills her (Zoe Kazan) into existence. Annette Bening and Chris

Messina also on the bill. 2012.

Sacrifice (Zhao shi gu er) — Set in the 5th Century B.C., *Sacrifice* tells the powerful tale of a Chinese general responsible for the ruthless slaughter of all but one member of a rival clan. The sole survivor, an infant prince named Cheng Bo, is secretly raised by the doctor who delivers him, a man that sacrificed his own son to save the life of a child born into nobility. When the boy becomes a man, he is forced to choose between two fathers while the destiny of a nation rests with his decision. 2010.

Safety Not Guaranteed — A Proustian fairy tale for anyone old enough to have regrets, *Safety Not Guaranteed* is also good humanist sci-fi. The technology (whether or not it's actually real) exists in the service of genuinely human problems. Disappointed young woman (Aubrey Plaza) sets out to write a story on disappointed older dude (Mark Duplass) and his plan to go back in time and set things right. It isn't long before she realizes that whether or not he's crazy, his calibrations are indeed pinpoint. The occasional uneven performance, sitcom-level joke, and horrific digital image aren't enough to sour the fundamental sweetness. 2012. — M.L.

★★★

Savages — Oliver Stone's latest "just say yes" endeavor is reminiscent of his work on *Scarface*. The only shock here is that 30 years later, the brutal killing and graphic dismemberment is being performed in the name of blowing weed, not snorting coke. Aaron Johnson and Taylor Kitsch star as a pair of cutting-edge Laguna Beach pot farmers whose shared gal-pal, Blake Lively, is kidnapped by ruthless drug enforcer Benicio Del Toro, the only actor in Hollywood who appears to be wearing a toupee even when he's not. John Travolta (forsaking his rug for a change) adds amusing support as a crooked DEA agent, and Salma Hayek steals the show in the Connie Corleone role of a cold-hearted Mexican Baja Cartel leader who authorizes hits via Skype. Stone's scare tactics have worsened with age, particularly when he wants to devote equal time to enticing the audience with three attractive leads and their hedonistic lifestyle. This should impact Mexican tourism much in the same way Stone's screenplay for *Midnight Express* put the kibosh on romantic Turkish getaways. With Demian Bichir and Emile Hirsch. 2012. — S.M.

★

Snow White and the Huntsman — Digitalized but not dim-witted fairy tale, with a heavy dose of gothic gloom and hard action. A few lumbering stretches in Rupert Sanders's fantasy are not a burden,

effects (notably dwarves partly inhabited by famous, funny British actors) are good, and the atmosphere is intense. As chief hunk, Chris Hemsworth is like a slightly obtuse Sean Connery. Best of all, Kristen Stewart's lovely, humane Snow White and Charlize Theron's vicious Queen Ravenna are dueling feminist icons. Not for wee kids, more for not-easily-scared ones eight or nine and up. 2012 — D.E.

★★★

Step Up Revolution — It is actually impossible to improve upon this studio summary: "Emily arrives in Miami with aspirations to become a professional dancer. She sparks with Sean, the leader of a dance crew whose neighborhood is threatened by Emily's father's development plans." The leader of a dance crew! 2012.

Ted — Once his 15 minutes of fame pass, an animatronic plush toy named Ted matures into a scruffy Boston bear who parties harder than his Kennedy namesake. His handler is the confident and overly charming Mark Wahlberg (in a role better suited for Paul Dano or even Jonah Hill). After the novelty of watching a computer generated toy work blue wears off, *Ted* contains about 10 minutes' worth of laughs. That's a pretty good ratio for a half-hour sitcom, but not a 105-minute feature. Writer/director Seth MacFarlane may talk a convincing game, but when it comes to showing his hand, the small screen bad boy goes "all in" with a pair of Hollywood conventions: an unnecessary romantic subplot involving Mila Kunis, and a sociopathic stalker (Giovanni Ribisi). A first-reel logjam of references to *E.T.*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, and *Jurassic Park* suggested that MacFarlane was about to score major points by taking a dump in Spielbergia. But instead, he waters Steve's lawn with a urine-scented drizzle of indebtedness. Ted isn't patterned after an invisible bunny named Harvey. He's Dirty E.T., a cursing CG sock-puppet that MacFarlane (like his idol) ultimately employs as a pathetic means of eliciting pathos. 2012. — S.M.

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Think Like a Man — Exactly what you might expect in a movie based on a relationship manual written by comedian and game-show host Steve Harvey. Harvey — who actually shows up onscreen to dispense his grandmotherly wisdom — tells the ladies that while "times have changed, your playbook hasn't." Nor, it seems, has the object of the game: getting dudes to grow up, get a job, pop the question, and settle down. Remarkably the extremely game (and mostly charismatic) cast almost obscures the fact that the story is literally by-the-book. — M.L.

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To Rome With Love — At first blush, Woody Allen's latest entry into his grand European tour bears a close resemblance to Monica, the character played by Ellen Page in the film: very pretty to look at and just smart enough to suggest hidden depths, but ultimately a trifle shallow and self-centered. Unlike Monica, however, it's not necessarily a bad thing, especially if you know what you're getting into and why. When Allen first appears — as a father flying into Rome to meet the family of his daughter's fiancée — he's got death on his mind. It stays there throughout the movie, evanescent life set against the backdrop of the Eternal City. Mortal thoughts tend to make a body look back and take stock of what will get left behind, and Allen's certainly earned the right to do so onscreen. So yes, we've seen and heard a lot of this before. The gorgeous prostitute dispensing wisdom (Penelope Cruz)? *Mighty Aphrodite*. The quasi-character who serves as a kind of Greek chorus (Alec Baldwin)? Ditto. Freud jokes? Oy! And yes, the pop-culture references creak right alongside the overlong ruminations on celebrity and the emptiness of fame. But there is a point here, however modest: an artist considering his reasons for making art, and for continuing to do so as the twilight deepens. The plot, such as it is, gathers rather than weaves a number of threads that all trace back to Allen himself, if not to his character in the film. The most interesting of these centers on a man who sings opera, but only in the shower — who makes art for himself, but

can't help wondering what the world might think. 2012. — M.L.

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Total Recall — Len Wiseman directs a total remake of the 1990 original. This one stars Colin Farrell, Bokeem Woodbine, Kate Beckinsale, Jessica Biel, and Bryan Cranston. 2012.

Touch of Evil — Orson Welles at his most orotund as director, but not quite most rotund as actor. Rotund enough, though. ("You're a mess, honey," he is told by a wise Mexican whore. "You ought to lay off those candy bars." And later, after he has sent an underling to fetch coffee, he mutters with sincere disappointment, "Didn't you bring me any donuts or sweet rolls?") As for orotund: the effect is made by wide-angle photography, sharply receding perspectives, and a tendency to keep the actors on the run, herding them directly toward or away from the camera. Because of all that, the movie appears to be taking place in some sort of wind tunnel, with the dialogue having to fight upwind to reach the audience and only doing so on a several-second delay. The grotesque characters are a lot of fun, most of all Dennis Weaver's skittish, woodpeckerish motel manager, but the dime-novel truths about police corruption, Mexican border-towns, the drug trade, etc., are trivialized (if possible) by the comic-book sensibility. With Charlton Heston, Janet Leigh, Marlene Dietrich, Akim Tamiroff, and Mercedes

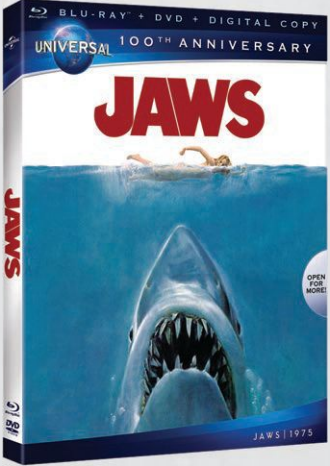


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Calendar

MOVIES

McCambridge. 1958. — D.S.
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Trishna — A rare unimportant work from the otherwise prolific and fertile mind of Michael Winterbottom. Clearly wanting to direct in as many different types of genre pictures as possible, Winterbottom has already proven to be a whiz when it comes

to literary adaptations (*The Killer Inside Me*, *Tristram Shandy: A Cock and Bull Story*). This picturesque update of Thomas Hardy’s *Tess of the D’Urbevilles* (set in India) must be his stab at a chick flick. Rent the Polanski instead. With Freida Pinto and Riz Ahmed. 2012. — S.M.
★

Union Square — A story of estranged sisters at opposite places in their lives. Starring Tammy Blanchard, Mira Sorvino and Michael Rispoli. 2012.

The Watch — Ben Stiller stars as the standard “citizen who’s into community issues because he can’t deal with the trouble he’s got at home,” but he wisely steps aside and gives ownership of the film to Vince Vaughn’s “suburban Dad looking for bro-bonding.” *The Watch* is about an overzealous neighborhood watch that stumbles upon the nefarious doings of literal, non-metaphorical aliens in our midst, but, of course, it’s really about four guys havin’ some laffs and inviting you along, and Vaughn’s version of goodhearted Ohio crude makes it a tolerable ride. The humor

is dirty-sweet; there’s no edge, just cheerful raunch. (Vaughn’s narration of his efforts to urinate into a beer can while riding in Stiller’s car is as good an example as any, and while it’s more motif than theme, it’s probably worth nothing that penises and their various emissions are prominent, and even integral, to the goings-on.) If there’s a moral here, it’s this: sometimes, saving your daughter’s virginity and saving the world are one and the same thing. With Jonah Hill, Richard Ayoade. 2012. — M.L.
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The Well Digger’s Daughter (La Fille du puisatier) — The well-digger is French star Daniel Auteuil (who, besides starring, also adapted the Marcel Pagnol novel and directed), and he has, in fact, five daughters. But the focus here is Patricia (Astrid Berges-Frisbey), an angelic eldest sister who rivals the surrounding South of France for natural beauty. But when the angel falls, Dad’s happy world gets turned all topsy-turvy — honor bumping up against love and all that. The fusty old-fashionedness is sometimes charming, sometimes disconcerting. 2011. — M.L.
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MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

San Diego Natural History Museum

Flying Monsters 3D (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Ocean Oasis** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 12:00p.m.; **The Last Reef 3D: Cities Beneath the Sea** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 3:40

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Reading Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)

Brave (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 12:50, 3:15) 5:35, 7:50, 10:10; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:25, 9:40; **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 11:55, 1:05, 2:15, 3:10) 5:25, 7:35, 9:45; **Moonrise Kingdom** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:20, 3:25) 5:30, 7:45, 9:55; **Step Up Revolution** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 12:55, 3:05) 5:20, 7:40, 10:00; **The Amazing Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 1:30) 4:25, 7:20, 10:25; **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 12:00, 2:25, 3:30) 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:20; **The Watch** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:10, 3:20) 5:40, 7:55, 10:30; **To Rome With Love** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:55) 4:35, 7:10, 9:50; **Total Recall** (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 10:15

CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square
4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)
Brave (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:40, 3:00); **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:40, 10:00; **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:25, 3:50) 6:20, 8:35, 10:50; **The Intouchables** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:30) 4:25, 7:05, 9:45; **Moonrise Kingdom** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 5:40, 8:00, 10:30; **Step Up Revolution** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 3:25) 10:45; **Step Up Revolution 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:05) 5:45, 8:20; **Ted** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:45) 4:20, 7:15, 9:50; **The Amazing Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 1:50) 4:55, 7:50, 10:40; **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 11:00, 12:10, 12:55, 1:40, 2:25, 3:35) 5:05, 5:50, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 10:20; **The Watch** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:25, 12:45, 3:05) 5:30, 7:55, 10:15; **To Rome With Love** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 4:30; **Total Recall** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 11:30, 1:20, 2:20) 4:15, 5:15, 7:10, 8:10, 9:55, 10:55

CORONADO

Vintage Village Theatre
820 Orange Avenue (619-437-6161)
Call theater for program information.

DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp
701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)
Assassin’s Bullet (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:35) 5:50; **Bernie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:55, 3:20) 5:45; **Moonrise Kingdom** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:10, 12:30, 2:50) 5:10, 7:20, 9:35; **Sacrifice (Zhao shi gu er)** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:05, 7:40, 10:20; **Soldiers of Fortune** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 8:00, 10:15; **Stagecoach** (NR) Sat. 7:00p.m.; **Take This Waltz** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 4:55, 7:30,

10:10; **Ted** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:25) 4:50, 7:15, 8:10, 9:40, 10:40 Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 4:50, 7:15, 8:10, 9:40, 10:30; **The Amazing Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:20) 4:10, 10:00; **The Amazing Spider-Man 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15) 7:05 Sat. (1:15p.m.) Sun. (1:15) 7:05; **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30) 5:00, 5:55, 7:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 Fri.-Sat. (12:45) 4:15, 7:45, 11:15 Sun. (12:45) 4:15, 7:45; **The Watch** (R) Fri. (10:15, 12:35, 1:00, 2:55, 3:55) 5:15, 6:15, 7:35, 8:35, 9:55, 10:55 Sat. (10:15, 11:15, 12:35, 1:35, 2:55, 3:55) 5:15, 6:15, 7:35, 8:35, 9:55; **Union Square** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:05, 3:15) 5:20, 7:25, 9:25; **Your Sister’s Sister** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:20) 7:55, 10:05

Regal Horton Plaza
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:15, 4:55) 7:35, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:15; **Brave** (PG) Fri. (11:20, 1:50, 4:15) 7:10, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 1:50) 4:15, 7:10, 9:35; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Fri. (11:15, 1:30, 4:05) 7:00, 9:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 1:30) 4:05, 7:00, 9:15; **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Fri. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 6:55, 9:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 6:55, 9:25; **Magic Mike** (R) Fri. (11:05, 1:55, 4:35) 7:05, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 1:55) 4:35, 7:05, 9:40; **Marvel’s The Avengers** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:35) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; **Prometheus** (R) Fri. (11:25, 4:45) 7:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 4:45, 7:25; **Prometheus 3D** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:05) 10:10; **Red Lights** (NR) Fri. (11:45, 2:30, 5:10) 7:55, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:10, 7:55, 10:30; **Safety Not Guaranteed** (R) Fri. (11:50, 2:20, 5:05) 7:20, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 5:05, 7:20, 9:45; **Savages** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 3:00) 6:45, 9:50; **Snow White and the Huntsman** (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 2:00, 4:50) 7:40, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 2:00) 4:50, 7:40, 10:25; **Step Up Revolution** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 5:15) 7:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:00) 5:15, 7:45; **Step Up Revolution 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:45) 10:05; **Total Recall** (R) Fri. (11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00) 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15) 4:30, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30

KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Well-Digger’s Daughter (NR) Fri. (2:00), (4:30), 7:00, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (2:00), 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, Mon - Thu: (4:30), 7:00, 9:30; **Big Trouble In Little China** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:00 Midnight – KPBS’ Beth Accomando Introduces The Sat, August 04 Show! Discount Shows at Landmark’s Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets “()” ; **Unforgivable** (NR) Opens Friday, August 10; **Drive** (R) Plays Friday, August 10 & Saturday, August 11

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
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Landmark La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Farewell, My Queen (R) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:10), (4:50), 7:20, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **Beasts Of The Southern Wild** (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:20), (5:00), 7:30, 9:55, Sat & Sun: (11:40), 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; **To Rome With Love** (R)

Fri, Mon - Thu: (1:50), (4:30), 7:10, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; **Moonrise Kingdom** (R) Fri, Mon - Thu: (4:40), 9:40, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 4:40, 9:40; **Trishna** (R) Fri - Thu: (2:00), 7:00, Discount Shows at Landmark’s La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “()” ; 360 (R) Opens Friday, August 10; **Ai Wei Wei: Never Sorry** (R) Opens Friday, August 10

MIRA MESA

Regal Mira Mesa
10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
Brave (PG) Fri. (10:55, 1:35, 4:15) 6:50, 9:15; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Fri. (10:35, 11:35, 1:05, 2:10, 3:40, 4:45) 6:20, 7:20, 9:00; **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Fri. (11:10, 1:45, 4:20) 6:55, 9:35; **Katy Perry: Part of Me 3D** (PG) Fri. (10:10a.m.); **Madagascar 3: Europe’s Most Wanted** (PG) Fri. (10:25a.m.); **Magic Mike** (R) Fri. (11:25, 2:15, 5:00) 7:50, 10:35; **Marvel’s The Avengers** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 3:45) 7:05, 10:15; **Step Up Revolution** (PG-13) Fri. (11:25, 4:50) 10:05; **Step Up Revolution 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (2:05) 7:25; **Ted** (R) Fri. (11:50, 2:40, 5:15) 8:05, 10:45; **The Amazing Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri. (10:10, 1:20, 4:35) 7:45, 10:50; **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 10:45, 11:55, 12:50, 1:50, 2:35, 3:50, 4:40, 5:25) 6:15, 7:35, 8:15, 9:10, 10:00, 11:10; **The Dark Knight Rises: The IMAX Experience** (PG-13) Fri. 11:20, 3:10, 7:00, 10:40; **The Watch** (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:50, 5:35) 8:10, 9:55, 10:55; **Total Recall** (R) Fri. (11:30, 2:30, 5:30) 8:30, 11:30 Fri. (10:30, 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30) 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30

MISSION VALLEY

AMC Fashion Valley
7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)
Brave (PG) Fri.-Sun. 9:40, 12:25, 3:00, 5:35, 8:10, 10:45; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 9:50, 10:30, 12:20, 1:00, 2:50, 3:30, 5:20, 6:00, 8:30, 10:55 Sun. 9:50, 10:30, 12:20, 1:00, 2:50, 3:30, 5:20, 6:00, 8:30; **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 9:55, 2:55, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; **Ice Age: Continental Drift 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 12:20p.m.; **Katy Perry: Part of Me 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 9:30, 12:00, 2:20; **Magic Mike** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:50, 1:40, 4:30, 7:25, 10:10; **Savages** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 1:05, 4:10, 7:20, 10:25; **Step Up Revolution** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:35, 2:45, 7:55; **Step Up Revolution 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:10, 5:20, 10:35; **Ted** (R) Fri.-Sat. 9:35, 12:25, 3:05, 5:45, 8:25, 11:05 Sun. 9:35, 12:25, 3:05, 5:45, 8:25, 11:00; **The Amazing Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:45, 12:45, 1:35, 4:00, 7:10, 8:00, 10:20; **The Amazing Spider-Man 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:25, 4:45, 11:10 Sun. 10:25, 4:45; **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:40, 10:35, 11:30, 12:15, 1:40, 2:20, 3:15, 4:00, 4:50, 5:25, 6:05, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:10, 9:50, 10:45; **The Watch** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 7:50, 9:55, 10:30; **Total Recall** (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:30, 10:15, 12:30, 1:15, 3:30, 4:15, 6:30, 7:15, 9:30, 10:15

AMC Mission Valley
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
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Ultrastar Mission Valley Hazard Center
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
Kidtoons: Thomas and Friends: Blue Mountain Mystery (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Total Recall** (PG-13) Fri - Tue: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; **The Watch** (R)

Fri: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sat & Sun: 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Mon & Tue: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Fri - Tue: 10:15 AM, 11:15 AM, 2:00, 3:15, 6:00, 7:00, 9:45, 10:30; **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Fri - Tue: 10:15 AM, 2:00, 6:00, 9:45; **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Fri - Tue: 10:00 AM, 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Bill W.** (NR) Fri - Tue: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Juan of the Dead (Juan de los muertos)** (NR) Fri - Tue: 11:30 AM, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Ruby Sparks (R) Fri, Mon - Thu: (1:55), (4:35), 7:10, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 1:55, 4:35, 7:10, 9:40; **The Intouchables** (NR) Fri, Mon - Thu: (1:35), (4:15), 6:50, 9:25, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 1:35, 4:15, 6:50, 9:25; **The Queen Of Versailles** (PG) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:05), (4:45), 7:20, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:05, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45; **Beasts Of The Southern Wild** (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:15), (4:55), 7:30, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (11:40), 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 9:50; **To Rome With Love** (R) Fri, Mon - Thu: (1:45), (4:25), 7:00, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30, Discount Shows at Landmark’s Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “()” ; **Celeste And Jesse Forever** (R) Opens Friday, August 10; **Searching For Sugar Man** (PG-13) Opens Friday, August 10

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
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EL CAJON

Regal Parkway Plaza
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Brave (PG) Fri. (11:20, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Fri. (11:10, 11:45, 1:35, 2:15, 4:10, 4:40) 7:05, 7:45, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 11:45, 1:35, 2:15) 4:10, 4:40, 7:05, 7:45, 9:30; **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Fri. (11:45, 2:20, 5:05) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 5:05, 7:30, 10:00; **Magic Mike** (R) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 4:35) 7:05, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:35, 7:05, 9:35; **Marvel’s The Avengers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:40) 6:45, 9:50; **Savages** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:45) 6:55, 10:15; **Snow White and the Huntsman** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:50) 6:50, 10:05; **Step Up Revolution** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 4:20) 7:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 4:20, 7:10; **Step Up Revolution 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 9:50; **Ted** (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:05, 4:40) 7:20, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:40, 7:20, 10:20; **The Amazing Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:30) 6:40, 10:10; **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 12:05, 2:45, 3:40) 6:30, 7:20, 9:55, 10:50; **The Dark Knight Rises: The IMAX Experience** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:40, 3:15, 7:00, 10:30; **The Watch** (R) Fri. (11:55, 2:25, 4:55) 7:25, 9:55, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 4:55, 7:25, 9:55, 10:25; **Total Recall** (R) Fri. (11:00, 11:20, 1:45, 2:05, 2:30, 4:30, 4:50) 6:45, 7:15, 7:35, 9:40, 10:10, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 11:20, 1:45, 2:05, 2:30) 4:30, 4:50, 6:45, 7:15, 7:35, 9:40, 10:10, 10:40; **Tyler Perry’s Madea’s Witness Protection** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50a.m.)

LA MESA

Reading Grossmont
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)
Brave (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:00); **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 12:55, 3:10) 5:25, 7:40, 9:55; **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 12:50, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Step Up Revolution** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 3:30) 5:50, 10:25; **Step Up Revolution 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 8:10; **Ted** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:15) 5:30, 7:50, 10:10; **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 12:20, 1:50, 2:45, 3:45) 5:10, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30; **The Watch** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 11:30, 12:40, 2:50) 5:05, 7:20, 9:35; **Total Recall** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 11:55, 1:40, 2:40) 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
Brave (PG) Fri. (10:50, 1:30, 4:05) 6:40, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 1:30) 4:05, 6:40, 9:50; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Fri. (11:15, 1:45, 4:10) 6:45, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 1:45) 4:10, 6:45, 9:30; **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Fri. (10:45, 1:35, 4:15) 6:35, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (10:45, 1:35) 4:15, 6:35, 9:35; **Magic Mike** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:55a.m.); **Moonrise Kingdom** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:25, 4:50) 7:25, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 4:50, 7:25, 10:10; **Savages** (R) Fri. (10:35, 1:40, 4:45) 7:50, 11:05 Sat.-Sun. (10:35, 1:40) 4:45, 7:50, 11:05; **Step Up Revolution** (PG-13) Fri. (2:05, 4:40) 7:20 Sat.-Sun. (2:05) 4:40, 7:20; **Step Up Revolution 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 9:55; **Ted** (R) Fri. (11:20, 2:20, 5:00) 7:55, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 2:20) 5:00, 7:55, 10:45; **The Amazing Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 2:30) 6:30, 9:45; **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 11:00, 12:00, 2:10, 2:40, 4:00) 6:50, 7:15, 7:45, 10:30, 11:00, 11:25; **The Watch** (R) Fri. (11:10, 1:50, 4:35) 7:40, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 1:50) 4:35, 7:40, 10:15; **Total Recall** (R) Fri. (10:45, 12:00, 1:20, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30, 4:55) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 10:55 Sat.-Sun. (10:45, 12:00, 1:20, 2:00) 4:00, 4:30, 4:55, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 10:55

SANTEE

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SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

UltraStar Chula Vista

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)

Kidtoons: Thomas and Friends: Blue Mountain Mystery (G) Sat & Sun: (10:30 AM); **Katy Perry: Part of Me** (PG) Fri & Sat: (11:15 AM), (1:45), 4:15, 6:45, 9:15, Sun: (11:15 AM), (1:45), 4:15, 6:45, Mon - Thu: (1:45), 4:15, 6:45; **Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:30 AM), (2:15), 5:00, 7:45, 10:30, Sun: (11:30 AM), (2:15), 5:00, 7:45, Mon - Thu: (2:15), 5:00, 7:45; **Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted** (PG) Fri - Sun: (11:00 AM), (1:30), (4:00), 6:30, 9:00, Mon - Thu: (1:30), (4:00), 6:30, 9:00; **Prometheus** (R) Fri & Sat: (1:00), (4:00), 7:00, 10:00, Sun - Thu: (1:00), (4:00), 7:00; **Snow White and the Huntsman** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:15 AM), (2:00), 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, Sun: (11:15 AM), (2:00), 4:45, 7:30, Mon - Thu: (2:00), 4:45, 7:30; **Men in Black 3** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun: (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, Mon - Thu: (3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **Battleship** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (12:15), (3:30), 7:00, 10:00, Sun: (12:15), (3:30), 7:00, Mon - Thu: (3:30), 7:00; **The Dictator** (R) Fri & Sat: (12:30), (2:45), 5:30, 7:45, 10:15, Sun: (12:30), (2:45), 5:30, 7:45, Mon - Thu: (2:45), 5:30, 7:45; **Dark Shadows** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 5:45, 8:30; **The Hunger Games** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:45 AM), (3:00), 6:15, 9:30, Sun: (11:45 AM), (3:00), 6:15, Mon - Thu: (3:00), 6:15; **Dr. Seuss' The Lorax** (PG) Fri - Sun: (11:00 AM), (1:15), (3:30), Mon - Thu: (1:15), (3:30)

EASTLAKE

AMC Otay Ranch

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)

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3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386)

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POWAY

UltraStar Poway

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

Kidtoons: Thomas and Friends: Blue Mountain Mystery (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Fri - Tue: 10:15 AM, 12:30, 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:00, 6:45, 7:15, 9:30; **Total Recall** (PG-13)

Fri - Tue: 10:30 AM, 1:25, 4:15, 6:00, 7:00, 8:45, 9:45; **Step Up Revolution** (PG-13) Fri - Tue: 12:35, 5:15; **Step Up Revolution 3D** (PG-13) Fri - Tue: 10:10 AM, 2:55, 7:45, 10:15; **The Watch** (R) Fri - Tue: 10:45 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Fri - Tue: 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 4:00, 7:00, 7:30, 9:15, 10:30, 11:00; **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Fri - Tue: 11:00 AM, 3:00, 7:00, 10:30; **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Fri - Tue: 10:20 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:35, 7:50, 10:10; **The Amazing Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri - Tue: 10:05 AM, 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20; **Brave** (PG) Fri - Sun: 10:30 AM,

1:00, 3:30, Mon: 1:00, 3:30, Tue: 10:30 AM, 1:00, 3:30; **Summer Series** (NR) Fri: 10:00 AM, Mon & Tue: 10:00 AM

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Regal San Marcos

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27531 Ynez Road (951-699-2205)

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG) Fri - Sun: 10:20 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:50, 1:30, 3:30, 4:00, 5:45, 7:10, 10:00, Mon & Tue: 10:20 AM, 12:50, 1:30, 3:30, 4:00, 5:45, 7:10, 10:00; **Total Recall** (PG-13) Fri - Tue: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45; **Step Up Revolution** (PG-13) Fri - Tue: 10:45 AM, 7:00, 10:00; **Step Up Revolution 3D** (PG-13) Fri - Tue: 1:00, 4:05; **The Watch** (R) Fri: 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sat - Tue: 10:15

AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Fri - Tue: 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:30, 2:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00; **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Fri - Tue: 10:35 AM, 7:30, 10:30; **Ice Age: Continental Drift 3D** (PG) Fri - Tue: 1:15, 4:15' **The Amazing Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri - Tue: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 8:00, 11:00; **Brave** (PG) Fri: 11:00 AM, 2:00, Sat & Sun: 2:00 PM, Mon & Tue: 11:00 AM, 2:00; **Thomas & Friends: Day of the Diesels** (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM

VISTA

Krikorian Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)

Brave (PG) Fri,-Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:35) 7:10; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (11:15, 12:10, 1:45, 2:40, 4:30, 5:10) 7:00, 7:40, 10:10; **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (10:40, 12:00, 1:05, 2:20, 3:50, 4:40) 7:05, 9:30; **Magic Mike** (R) Fri,-Sun. (5:05) 10:25; **Moonrise Kingdom** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 7:55; **Step Up Revolution** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:00, 2:50, 5:15) 7:45; **Step Up Revolution 3D** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:20) 10:10; **Ted** (R) Fri,-Sun. (12:10, 2:45, 5:20) 7:50, 9:20, 10:20; **The Amazing Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:20, 10:25; **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:00, 11:20, 11:50, 1:30, 3:00, 3:40, 5:00) 6:20, 7:00, 7:30, 8:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00; **The Watch** (R) Fri,-Sun. (10:05, 12:25, 2:45, 5:10) 7:35, 10:00; **Total Recall** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:00, 11:40, 1:50, 2:30, 4:45, 5:15) 7:25, 8:00, 9:40, 10:15, 10:45

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

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12905 El Camino Real (858-794-4045)

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471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (4:10p.m.); **Moonrise Kingdom** (PG-13) Fri. 6:50, 9:00 Sat,-Sun. (2:00) 6:50, 9:00

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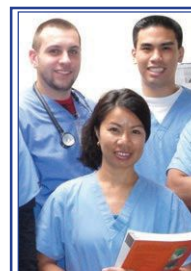
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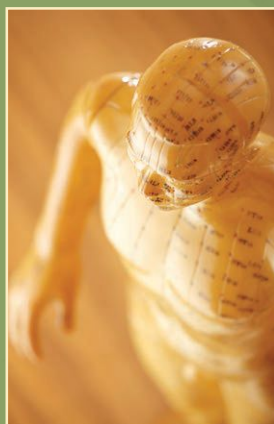
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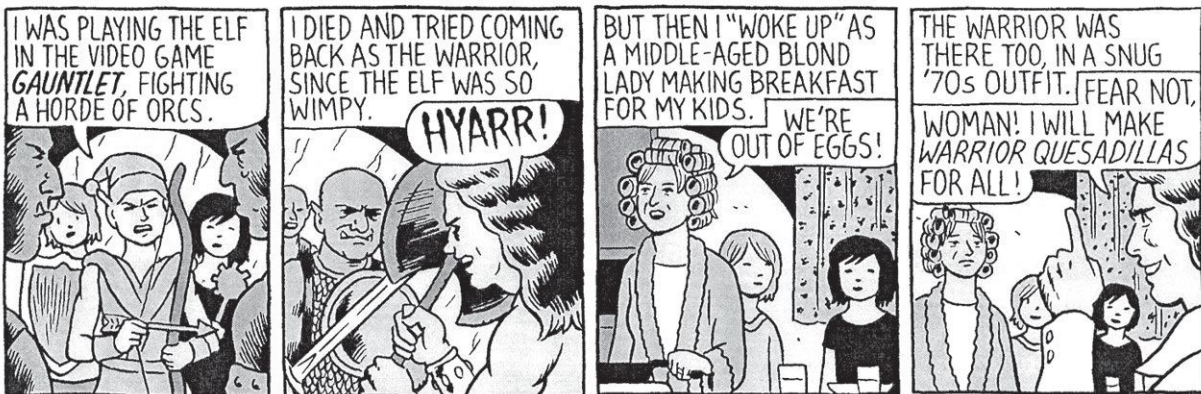
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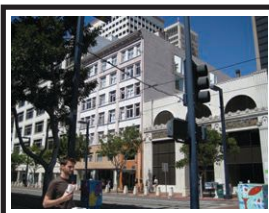
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51. Wiig's gig ended there in '12
52. James of "The Godfather"
53. What corny wordplay, like in 20-, 25- and 47-Across, might provoke (as evidenced by 20-, 25- and 47-Across)
59. Alma ____
60. Otto ____ Bismarck
61. TV host who advises "People first, then money, then things"
63. Myrcologist's study
64. Summer Games org.
65. "Peachy!"
66. "It's been ____ pleasure"
67. Suffix with oct-
68. Slip

Down

1. Dept. of Justice chiefs
2. Bring ____ end
3. Milan's Teatro ____ Scala
4. "Because life is not a spectator sport" sloganeer
5. Unethical
6. "Protein factory" of the human cell
7. Actor Guinness
8. Product first marketed as "the zipperless zipper"
9. Remove, as a twig
10. "I ____ Song Go Out of My Heart"
11. Wilson of "Midnight in Paris"
12. PDQ, in the ICU
13. FDR successor
21. Go round and round

22. Old TV dial letters
25. Downright
26. GPA booster
27. Prepare to fight
28. Sixteen oz.
29. Important time
30. Pola of silent films
31. Handle
32. Krupp Works city
37. Hold up
39. Birth
40. Follow ____ (sleuth)
43. Dilating a dilator naris muscle will flare one
45. One way to be dry
48. ____ mission
49. "Tron: Legacy" actress Wilde
50. Sound sleeper?
53. Suffix with dino-
54. ____ Reader (eclectic bimonthly)
55. "Sonic the Hedgehog" developer
56. Time of day when a U.S. president's term ends
57. Sharif of "Doctor Zhivago"
58. 1974 Peace Nobelist from Japan
59. Curator's deg.
62. Neither's partner

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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Limerick: _____

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Carolyn Clark, Lakeside, 10.

We have a sweet cat we call Gracie
Who sometimes just goes a bit crazy.
Now, most of the time
She's, oh, so sublime.
With catnip she's thoroughly spacey.

Dale Duffala, Bird Rock, 10.

The races began at Del Mar
I watched them in my local bar
The cougars were there
Their shoulders were bare
And sunburn has caused them to char

F.A. Nalu, El Cajon, 10.

I wish I could stop doing puzzles
It's my brain that must need a muzzle
It's a huge waste of time
Doesn't earn me a dime
To the old-age home I'm sent with a hustle!

Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 10.

Limericks have lessons
Someone once said.
So I'll read someone else's
I'm going to bed.

Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 1.

A dapper young fellow from Carlsbad
One day wore an outfit 'twas so bad
The cats were a-yowling
And the children a-cowing
His board shorts were chartreuse and pink plaid!

OCEAN BEACH, \$1145.
1BD+1BA, downstairs large remodeled apartment. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Shared patio. Cat OK with extra deposit. Half block to cliffs. Available 8/26/12. 4784 Bermuda. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.
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PACIFIC BEACH \$1795
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PACIFIC BEACH, \$1075.
1BD+1BA. Large, gated upstairs apartment. Close to beach! Parking, laundry and courtyard. No pets. 1537 Missouri Street #7. 619-224-0306 or 858-270-4674.
PACIFIC BEACH, \$1095.
1BD+1BA upstairs unit with balcony. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, laundry room, parking. No pets. 1735 Reed Avenue #13. Agent, 619-232-6811.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1095.
1BD+1BA. Open house, Saturday, 8/4, 10:00-11:00. Convenient central location across from Henry's Market and Garnet shopping. Short distance to beach. No pets. 1236 Felspar Street. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www.torreyepinespm.com.
PACIFIC BEACH, \$1100.
1BD+1BA. Large apartment with patio. New carpeting and new bath floor. Parking, laundry. Near bay. Near beach. Gated. Lovely courtyard, heated pool. Quiet atmosphere. Cat friendly. One-year lease. 858-272-4398.
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1BD+1BA upstairs apartment. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, coin laundry. New carpet. Garage. 7 blocks to ocean. Small pet OK with extra deposit. Nonsmokers only. 1539 Grand Avenue.

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PACIFIC BEACH, \$1345.
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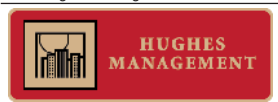
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2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name and a clean limerick.

Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are cut into pieces will be disqualified. You may submit a new limerick weekly. This is a great way to express yourself. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

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.

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5) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907**; or mailed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy; or scanned and e-mailed to Sudoku@sdreader.com.

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6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

7) Late entries will not be considered.

8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

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SEE YOUR RANKING ONLINE!

Now you can go online to check your ranking and communicate with each other! Simply visit: www.SDReader.com/puzzle. The new ranking is posted each Wednesday. To use the "comments" feature, you must be a registered site member.

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Larry Klages, Encanto, 10.

*Writing limericks use to be such fun.
Now I can't think of one.
I rack my brain.
With nothing to gain.
From morn until day is done.*

Willie McGee, San Diego, 2.

*If ever you fail short on aims,
Forget about places and names.
The T-shirt you win in these games,
is dearer than gold by the Thames.*

Glade Newman, Imperial Beach, 9.

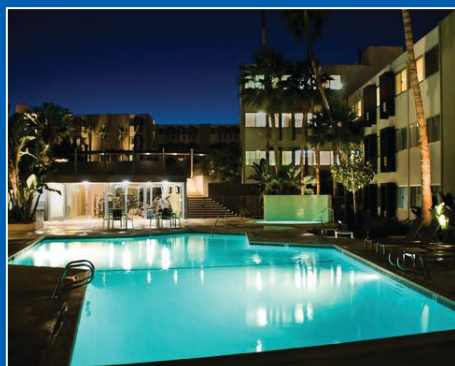
*Son of a gun, my last limerick won
Now I can rest
I'm up there with the rest
It sure has been a lot of fun*

Sgt Maj Oakley, Oceanside, 4.

*At 79 I'm physically fit
Walking and the gym contribute to it
Sudoku sharpens my mind
Balancing me in kind
Impressive, you must admit.*

Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 2.

*Though poetry isn't a crime,
It often feels much like hard time —
Pacing and brooding,
Your muse e'er eluding,
Sweating hard to come up with a rhyme.*



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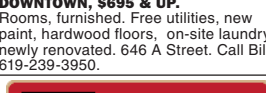
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Darri Major
San Diego

Cosplaying Student

I would really want to be the world's best video-game player. My favorite game is *Kingdom Hearts* 2 but I can't play it anymore because my favorite character died but it's such a good game I want to be able to play it again.

If you could get one skill uploaded to your brain 'Matrix' style, what would it be?



Sara Ramos
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Student

I would be a tai chi master. It's a very useful and blissful pastime. It incorporates a lot of martial arts poses, which would be handy for taking pictures.



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— Dr. Oliver Di Pietro of Bay Harbor Islands, Fla., is a leading prescriber of the “K-E diet,” which offers desperate people drastic short-term weight loss by threading a feeding tube through the nose to the stomach and dripping in a protein-fat solution, as clients’ only “meals,” for ten straight days. “Within a few hours,” Di Pietro told ABC’s *Good Morning America* in April, “your hunger and appetite go away completely.” Fat is burned through “ketosis,” he said, and a loss of 10 to 20 pounds in ten days is possible. Such short-term loss might be important, for example, for a woman prepping for her wedding day. One client said she doesn’t have “all of the time on the planet” just to exercise, “so I came to the doctor.”

Great Architecture!

— Architect Sou Fujimoto recently unveiled his public restroom (for women only, though) whose one transparency-enclosed toilet sits in a 2,160-square-foot private garden of cherry, plum, and peach trees. The six-foot-high-walled park is located beside a railway station in Ichihara City, east of Tokyo. Japan is a world leader in fanciful toilets, and Fujimoto said he thought the scenery would enhance the user’s “feeling of release.”

The Aristocrat!

— Kelly Ervin, 48, was arrested in Salisbury, Md., in April and charged with littering “under 100 pounds.” According to police, Ervin routinely goes for a run every morning at 4 o’clock, and just as routinely, has a bowel movement after about two miles. Most days, that puts him in a certain neighborhood, whose residents have been complaining. When questioned, according to a *Salisbury Daily Times* reporter, Ervin basically shrugged and said he thought many distance runners do the same thing.

Police Report

— In March, José Romero-Valenzuela, 34, in a hurry to get to the courthouse in Oregon City, Ore., for a hearing on drug charges, managed to pick up three speeding tickets on Interstate 84, one right after the other within the space of an hour. A sheriff’s deputy and two other state troopers charged him with speeds in excess of 92 mph. (Another trooper, monitoring Romero-Valenzuela after the third stop, reported that, finally, he obeyed the speed limit.) — William Todd arrived in Nashville, Tenn., on April 9 via Greyhound bus and faced a nine-

hour layover. According to police, Todd committed at least 11 felonies during that time, one after another, with more charges still possible. Among Todd’s alleged diversions: shooting up a restaurant, setting it on fire, robbing four people at a bar, carjacking, breaking into a law office and defecating on a desk, trawling hotel rooms for theft opportunities, and stealing a taxicab and robbing the driver. Said a police sergeant, “I’ve never seen anything like this before.” He was finally captured at Opryland, where he had hidden by submerging himself in water up to his nose.

Least Competent Criminals

— Eric King, 21, was leaving a store in Eagan, Minn., in February when a police officer in the parking lot noticed his pronounced waddle. King was arrested when the officer found a shoplifted 19-inch television set down his pants.

Creme de la Weird

— Thomas Parkin inherited real estate from his elderly mother before she died but quickly lost it in a risky business venture. To get the deed back, according to New York City prosecutors, he concocted a scheme to pretend that Mom was still alive (it would actually be Thomas in a dress)

and still owned the land (and thus that the current deedholder was a fraud). Lawyers arranged a meeting with “Mother,” at which she mostly remained silent. Parkin improbably stayed in character, according to a trial dispatch on the *Daily Beast*, and jurors apparently kept straight faces as Parkin testified that recent “communications” between him and his mother were “mostly one-sided.” In May, Parkin was convicted on 11 counts, and at press time, he was awaiting sentencing.

Recurring Themes

— In April, a woman in Switzerland identified as “Anna Gut,” in her early 50s, starved to death after trying to prove that she could survive by “consuming” only sunlight, just as had happened to several others before her. An earlier practitioner, Australian Ellen Greve, died in 1999 at age 54 following a short career promoting “breatharianism,” subtitled in her books and public lectures, “Liberation from the drudgery of food and drink.” None of the ones who have made similar claims and survived have submitted to 24/7 monitoring.

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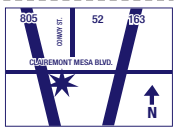
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"What's in it for someone with nothing to do? What's in it for me?" asks Avigdnor Zahner-Isenberg in the debut single of his band Avi Buffalo. Indeed, Avi Buffalo was apparently born out of times when Zahner-Isenberg had nothing to do. He started recording at his Long Beach home, using free software on his PC. In fact, it may have been his parents' PC: Zahner-Isenberg was just 18 when former Elliott Smith associate Aaron Embry invited him and bandmate Sheridan Riley to try out his new studio to record "What's in It For?" Soon after Zahner-Isenberg posted it online, he found himself signing a contract with Sub

Pop Records.

You can see why Sub Pop jumped at the chance: Avi Buffalo's 2010 debut album has the quirky songwriting and pleasantly murky production that made the Shins so endearing on their Sub Pop debut a decade ago. But Avi Buffalo has more going for it than charm. Zahner-Isenberg's guitar parts are so gentle and melodic that you may not realize at first how impressive his playing is. The backing vocals add an air of dreamy melancholy. Meanwhile, his squeaky lead vocals often sound like a 13-year-old Wayne Coyne. Also suggesting puberty are song titles such as "Five Little Sluts," "Summer Cum," and "Where's Your Dirty Mind?" So, yeah, I guess you could say this act is still developing.

Avi Buffalo is working on its follow-up, and if last year's single "How Come?" is any indication, Avi Buffalo is heading in the direction of

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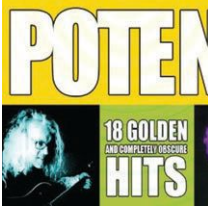
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Empire of Potential
Anton Barbeau
By Andrew Hamlin

So, he's recutting almost everything here even though he didn't lose the rights to his songs to himself — just because he can. Opener "Losing You Makes Crucifixion Easy" has almost every reason you should care: one pip of a Wurliitzer toodle, fervent rhyming in short jabbing rounds, and a delightful sense of being enslaved ("You made me kiss you on the mouth"). Anton often comes on like

the guy in the corner with his guitar making up songs in between grins at the girls, except that he always snaps off one witty couplet after another. But his tricks wouldn't mean much without vibrancy, and for all the giggles, he's quick to that crucifixion with every chorus.

Barbeau's 1000 times catchier than any death-metalhead, but keep careful track of how often he conflates relief with destruction. "Pilot Plane Passenger" pushes peace through pantheism — given enough dope, he can fly inside his head higher than his jetbound body, can weave nouns together at an azumith ameliorating alliteration. Then it's back to "Boat Called Home," on his knees to the almighty (even if that's "just" a girl), "Do you still hear me?" and "If you say no" — still with the jokes — "I'll know it's time for me to die." And that, finally, is no laughing matter. A gently oscillating masterwork.



The delightful sense of being enslaved

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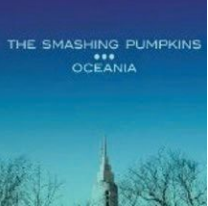
Oceania Smashing Pumpkins

By Alfred Howard,

On "Quasar," the first song off of the new Smashing Pumpkins album, the band comes out of the gate with teeth bared. There is ferocity in the drums and a fire in the guitars that has the hunger of youth and the drive of a band with something to prove. The riffs are immense, the drum fills attempt to outdo them, and Corgan's evil cherub voice has a fierceness to it that

calls to mind the rat in the cage that he sung about so many years ago. Backed into the corner of obscurity, this song displays a band trying to preserve a legacy tarnished by years of over-hyped mediocrity and public excesses of ego.

The album falters when the Pumpkins try to update themselves. Some of the hypnotic synth work on "Violet Rays" sounds like *Wish You Were Here*—era Pink Floyd — a little dated and unnecessary. The dance feel to "One Diamond, One Heart" sees a band slipping as they try to find footing on the edge of modernity. But there are flashes of what made the band such an important part of American rock and roll. When they sound like a four-piece band reminiscing Zeppelin with garage appetites, the Pumpkins prove that they can be as relevant as they were two decades ago, even if it is just a glimpse.



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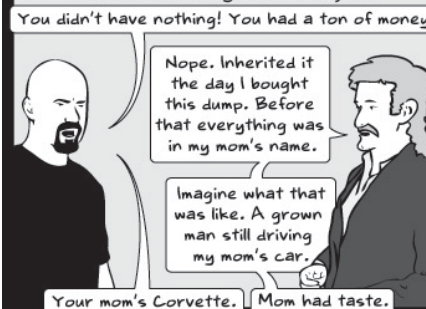
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BY DAVE GOOD

Dax Riggs used to front a Louisiana sludge-metal band in the '90s called Acid Bath. From then to now, I don't think he's changed all that much. Riggs might disagree, but I still hear the sonic equivalent of clogged arteries in his music: fat, caloric guitar distortion, almost no soloing, tribal drumming, and deathly themes. That, by the way, is what made him famous in the first place. Acid Bath, for those who don't follow sludge metal, was one of the original bands to chart this gloomy and sometimes brutally plain territory. But Riggs's voice is far more interesting than his guitar. Somehow, he's able to combine Nickelbackish yowling with the gentlemanly

wail of Roy Orbison. On paper, this may seem impossible, but bi-octave singing is the true Riggs gift. He sounds like a tomcat marking his territory, a quality not lost on his record label, Fat Possum. They call him their Orpheus, him being an ancient Greek musician said to have charmed all, from the dead to the very stones under one's feet.

And Henry Rollins likes him. When Rollins was traveling through India he blogged about a couple of things: the intense heat and how much he likes the music that Riggs is making. He called Riggs a "considerable force." And then Rollins wrote something that to me came completely out of left field. He said Riggs was redefining blues music. Really, Henry? Blues? I think not. If anything, Riggs is redefining Riggs. That or he is flensing meat from the post-traumatic bones of something personal. Whatever, but it ain't blues.

Then Rollins compared him to Jeffrey Lee



DAX RIGGS

Pierce of the Gun Club. I concur. And with Riggs titles such as "Say Goodnight to the World" or "I Hear Satan" or even "Let Me Be Your Cigarette," it is easy to agree with Rollins when he says, "There are no happy songs here."

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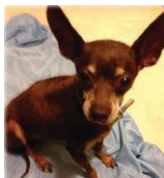
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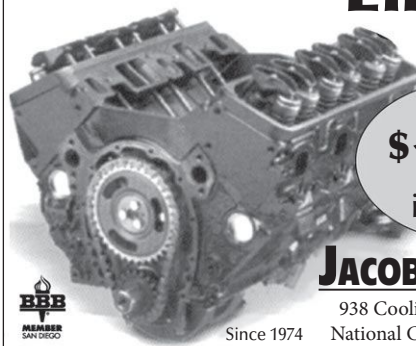
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