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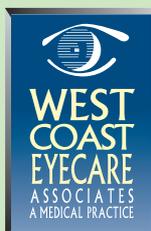
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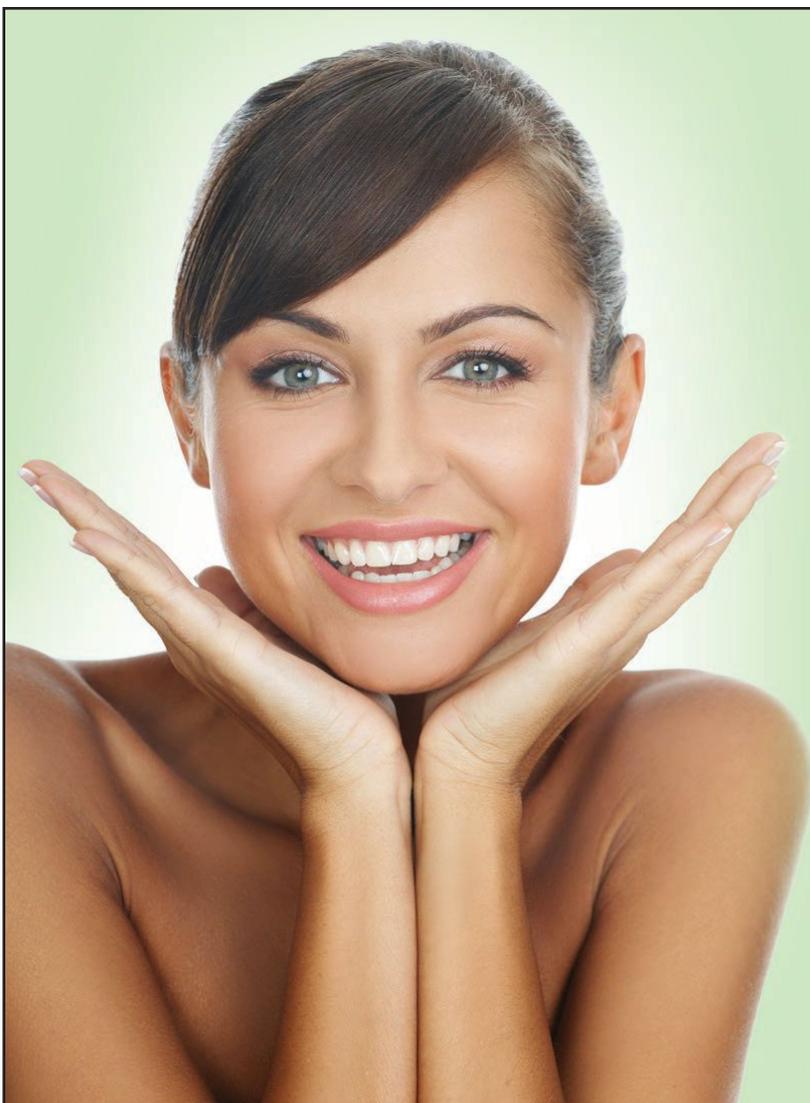
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Run Them Down

Two stabbed, nearly hit by car in bar fight Encinitas — Sheriff's deputies arrested 34-year-old José Villanueva and 23-year-old Jacqueline Albrecht early yesterday morning on charges stemming from an Encinitas bar fight that left two victims with stab wounds dodging a car the suspects were using to attempt to run them down.

According to a sheriff's department report, an argument started in the men's bathroom of D Street Bar and continued on the street outside. At this point, two males involved in the altercation were stabbed by the suspects, who then got into a car that they drove toward the victims, narrowly missing them.

Witnesses were able to provide deputies with a description of the suspects, as well as the license plate of the car.

By Dave Rice, Wednesday, September 5

Nothing Shocking

No confidence petition for Sweetwater's Ed Brand

Chula Vista — After 6:00 p.m. on September 7, the Sweetwater Union High School District posted on the district website that there will be a special closed-session meeting on September 10 for the purpose of "public employee/discipline/dismissal/release/reclassification/reassignment/resignation or transfer."

Rumor has circulated for weeks that interim superintendent Ed Brand will be seeking a contract to make his position permanent and augment his salary. (Brand's title on the district website does not include the "interim" designation of his current position.)

On August 7, the Proposition O Bond Oversight Committee gave Brand a vote of



Dr. Edward Brand
Superintendent

Ed Brand's true title of interim superintendent of the Sweetwater Union High School District is not accurately reflected on the district's website.

no confidence, specifically related to his record of communication and reporting to the committee.

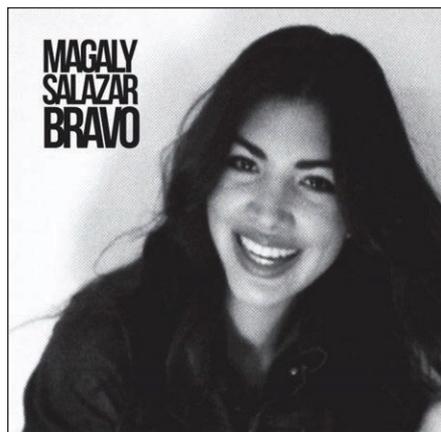
A no-confidence petition is also being circulated on the internet by a concerned Sweetwater parent. The petition alleges "questionable decisions" regarding bus

routes, open boundaries, iPad expenditures, and more.

According to the Sweetwater Education Association's latest newsletter, "Usually, the Board is required to give at least 24 hours notice before conducting a special session, however...the law was amended to read that any changes regarding the employment and salary of a district executive can only be modified during a regular board meeting."

The SEA newsletter continues: "Indeed, there was nothing shocking about the Board scheduling this highly controversial and illegal meeting at 6:30 on Monday night, the exact time when most around the county will be gearing up for...the Raiders vs. the Chargers.... Their strategy seems like something out of a desperate coach's fourth-quarter playbook."

By Susan Luzzaro, Saturday, September 8



Magaly Salazar Bravo has been missing since September 1, when she vanished near a Tijuana university.

Missing Women

March in Tijuana to raise awareness

Baja — An organization in Tijuana called Conciencia Juvenil will be having a march to raise awareness of the disappearances of women in the area today, September 8. The march is the result of multiple young women being killed or disappearing in recent weeks.

On September 4, two young women were found dead in a rural area east of Ensenada. Also this week, a dead woman in her early 20s was found wrapped in a blanket in Tecate. Details on the Tecate case and another dead woman in Mexicali have not been disclosed yet.

Several cases of missing women have been reported in Tijuana in recent weeks. The case of 23-year-old Magaly Salazar Bravo has been covered extensively by local news media. She has been missing since September 1, when she vanished near a Tijuana university.

By K. Mennem, Saturday, September 8

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Chargers Stadium, Affordable or Not

By Don Bauder

San Diego can hardly afford to plop \$750 million or more into a subsidized football stadium for the Chargers. But

increasingly, even opponents fear it may be inevitable. Former councilmember Bruce Henderson, a longtime battler against the pro sports scam, reluctantly concedes, "The only thing that will keep the people of San Diego from being skinned again is that the team really wants [to move to] Los Angeles. If the team wants to stay in San Diego, we are going to get skinned."

The reason is that pro sports/political corruption is more deeply inculcated in the San Diego culture than any other hushed-up turpitude, including the underground circulation of laundered drug money and the hotel industry's symbiotic relationship with hookers. Self-appointed civic boost-

ers, who make sure that money is steered downtown instead of to run-down neighborhoods and rotting infrastructure, are at the root of this corruption, along with lavishly kept politicians and mainstream media.

Unfortunately, both Carl



DeMaio favors a public vote on the stadium issue. But proponents will outspend opponents 100 to 1.

DeMaio and Bob Filner are flirting with the idea of a sports and entertainment district that would be used all year. Watch your wallet. DeMaio is looking at a public-private partnership, an arrangement that historically in San Diego has lined private pockets while picking taxpayer pockets.

Bob Filner can see a synergy between an expanded convention center and a stadium. But, vows Filner, "Taxpayers should not and will not be asked to subsidize this project."

Filner approves of the state's dismantling of Centre City Development Corpora-



Filner: "Taxpayers should not and will not be asked to subsidize this project."

tion, the group that makes sure money pours downtown. Filner wants to set up a neighborhood investment corporation that would thwart the money-hogging by downtown interests.

Is it any wonder that in June DeMaio raised more than three times as much money as Filner did? San Diego's big money intends to buy this election for a candidate that will do its bidding.

Despite the bags of money at his disposal, DeMaio is behind in the polls. He favors a citizen vote on the stadium subsidy, but opponents will be outspent at least 100 to 1. Filner, if he wins, will face pressure from labor unions for a subsidized project. No matter which candidate wins, the stadium deal will

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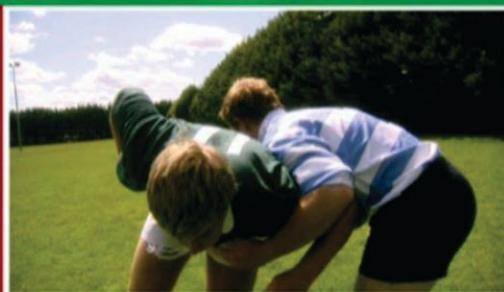
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Despite not wearing helmets, rugby players suffer far fewer concussions than football players.

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Unlike football players, who are taught to use the helmet when tackling, rugby players are taught to keep their heads to one side.

Rugby — Safer, Saner

By Joe Deegan

When Poway Youth Rugby coach Phil Calio explains how he teaches the “cheek to cheek” technique, he’s only talking about tackling. “What we teach the kids,” he tells me, “is to attack right at the waist from the side or back. They should keep their heads to one side and wrap their arms around the ball carrier, then drop them and squeeze his knees together.”

Rugby does allow frontal tackles, but leaving your feet

and leading with the head like a missile is against the sport’s “laws.” The move might result in a player being thrown out of the game for a safety violation. Thus, rugby’s famous refusal to use helmets. Tackles from the front can still succeed, but the tackler must not simply throw his head or should

der into the opponent.

Calio got his first taste of rugby 15 years ago while on deployment in the Navy. “We were in Perth, Australia, for six days,” he says, “and had a few Marines on board who had played in college. They arranged a game with a local club team. As a hodgepodge thrown together, we were terrible, and the Australians demolished us.” Besides the fun

of the game, however, what impressed Calio was what happened afterward, as the club sprang for food and drinks and engaged their erstwhile opponents in lively conversation. He learned not only that the club members were being nice guys but also that postgame camaraderie is a regular rugby tradition. Not exactly the way most Americans approach their football competitors, he thought.

The Perth game was the last time Calio played rugby. But five years ago, his older son, now 16, joined a youth rugby team in Poway. “I didn’t even know rugby was being played around here,” says Calio, who began attending the games. The following year, his younger son, then 10, joined a team as well, and Calio volunteered to assist its coach for the season (his rugby season begins in early February and lasts until late spring). The Spartan Army, as the team is called, lost its head coach to other interests when February came around again, and Calio took over. He has been the head coach ever since.

I encourage Calio to talk of advantages he sees in youngsters playing rugby

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UNDER THE RADAR

Irwin Jacobs goes Republican hunting

Who are San Diego’s heaviest super PAC hitters this election season? Of course, first place must go to Qualcomm founder and La Jolla billionaire **Irwin Jacobs**, with his cool \$2 million contribution on June 11 to Priorities USA

Action, a super PAC backing the reelection of President **Barack Obama**. The principal proponent of the controversial top-down Balboa Park road and traffic makeover, the liberal Jacobs has also kicked in \$100,000 to American Bridge 21st Century, which bills itself as “a progressive research and communications organization committed to holding Republicans accountable for their words and actions and helping you ascertain when Republican candidates are pretending to be something they’re not.”

Regarding GOP presidential nominee **Mitt Romney** and his running mate **Paul Ryan**, American Bridge recently opined: “Despite Boston’s best etch-a-sketching efforts to distance Mitt Romney from the extremely unpopular views of his running mate, the truth remains that on everything from ending Medicare as it’s always been to banning abortion even in cases of rape and incest, Romney and Ryan are one and the same.”

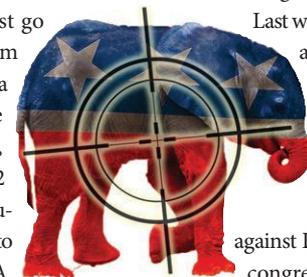
Major local donors at the other end of the political spectrum from Jacobs include his fellow La Jollan **Anne Phillips**, whose occupation is listed as “mom” and her employer “kids.” She gave \$70,000 to the conserva-

tive Club for Growth Action PAC on June 21; retired Point Loma physician **Phillips L. Gausewitz** contributed \$5000 to the group in April.

Last week the club announced it was spending \$800,000 on a TV campaign against Democratic congressman **Joe Donnelly**’s U.S. Senate bid in Indiana. “Joe Donnelly supports the

Obama agenda wholeheartedly — he voted for ObamaCare, the Obama stimulus, and the Wall Street bailout. Since Joe Donnelly went to Congress, the national debt is up seven trillion dollars. It’s not surprising considering that Donnelly is a Washington liberal who supported **Nancy Pelosi** for speaker.”

The Jacobs-backed American Bridge PAC has similarly attacked Donnelly’s GOP opponent: “Indiana Senate candidate **Richard Mourdock**’s new ad laughably states that if elected ‘he’ll work with Republicans and Democrats,’” says American Bridge. “Nice try, but we’re not buying it. There are countless instances of Mourdock decrying bipartisanship in Washington throughout this very campaign. He even said flat out ‘we don’t need bipartisanship.’”



Irwin Jacobs has donated \$2.1 million to super PACs set on defeating Republicans in the November election.

Flying coach Fisher

Qualcomm vice chairman **Steve Altman** has kicked in for the cause of San Diego State University basketball by picking up a travel tab for head coach **Steve Fisher**.

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I Study Life

This is a response to your article “Scan Diego?” (August 30). Please afford me the right to defend my reputation by publishing this response.

I hope your article does not interfere with me keeping the LifeScore Clinic open, where lives are saved every month. First, to clear up some of the misinformation in your article; I did not establish the LifeScore Clinic in 1999; Michael and Tabitha Wright did. It is my understanding that their clinic was very successful and accumulated almost 20,000 patient records until I took it over at the end of 2007. They were well-funded, and quite successful. I have been a student and promoter of preventive medicine, incorporating new technologies and evidence-based, patient-centered medicine, early detection, and nutrition my entire career. We based the new LifeScore Clinic on the same principles as the Wrights: Early detection with low-dosage CAT scans, plaque and cancer-risk identification, and education of patients to health, longevity and vigor.

I never practiced at Heart Check America. They were businessmen who, prior to opening, vowed to help me keep the Clinic open, then took over my clinic and went on without me. David Haddad is not part of my reopened LifeScore clinic, but we use some of his successful marketing techniques to increase our ability to reach more people and educate them on health, common diseases and prevention, plaque reversal, weight

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I am a student of life, and strive for humility, learning, sharing what I have learned, and service to others. That is how I practice medicine. Any patient with whom I interface knows that. Your article lumps me with the bad guys.

Phillip Milgram, MD

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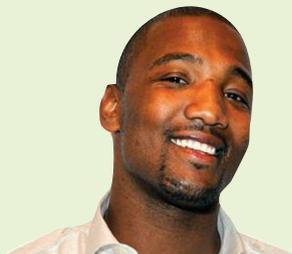
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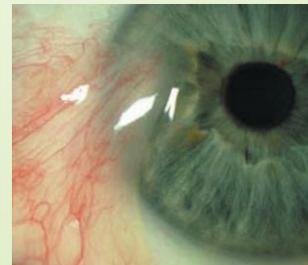
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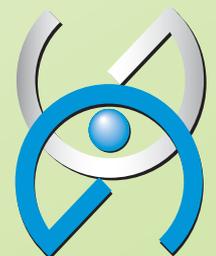
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by Barbarella

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Isn't it nice here?"

"It's beautiful," I said to my friend Jen. I made a sweeping glance of the restaurant's patio, taking in the coral bougainvillea blossoms, the green leaves cascading from the trellis, and the tiny, bold finches that swooped and hopped all around us. Soft "Kumbaya"-esque folk music wafted through the air.

"Don't they seem so peaceful?" Jen was talking about the servers, who were welcoming diners and checking on tables, all of them sporting the same vacant smile.

"Peaceful? No," I said. "Those empty gazes and dopey grins are like giant red flags being waved in my face. It's not natural. I can tell by the muscles flexing in their cheeks that they're forcing those expressions. Means that they're hiding something."

Not one to be thrown by my skepticism, Jen laughed. "Just wait — this is only one of the many, weird little places I've discovered in Vista," she said.

"You're the one who's dressed like a whore in that tank top and those shorts. Look at these ladies — all clean-faced and covered from neck to ankle. And you, you harlot..."

Until Jen moved there, I'd always thought the town of Vista was some farmland by Riverside, inland and rural. I was surprised when I mapped it to see that it's not far from Carlsbad. Still, because it's a good 45-minute drive from my place, I need more incentive than an occasional whim to get up there. The first time I visited, it was to see Jen's new home, which she bought shortly after marrying her beau. The second time, about a week ago, it was to meet her new puppy, a sweet-tempered black Labrador name Loki.

I wasn't planning on making the long slog to Vista

again for a while, but then Jen dropped a big-ass ball of bait to lure me back to the 'hood: "Did you know we have a restaurant here that's run by some hippie commune?"

David and I drove up to have lunch with Jen at the Yellow Deli, which is owned and operated by members of a group called Twelve Tribes. I'd never heard of them before, but a quick googling before I hit the road revealed the religious sect not to be an association of free-loving hippies, but... well, as one ex-member put it, "Somehow Christian hippie love and a free communal life degenerated into a total control religious cult mixed with Jewish Old Testament and the Christian Gospel." But, hey, artisanal bread and farm-fresh food! That, combined with my curiosity, was enough to help me overcome my fear of religious fanatics and get on the freeway.

While waiting for an organic version of Diet Coke (some caffeine-free, au naturel substitute), I caught the eye of the scruffy-bearded, long-haired man who'd greeted us when we arrived. He smiled through me. "I'm

feeling really judged right now," I said.

Jen, whose eyes were bright and alive, smirked knowingly. "That's because you know you're a sinner," she said.

"You're the one who's dressed like a whore in that tank top and those shorts. Look at these ladies — all clean-faced and covered from neck to ankle. And you, you harlot, coming in here and being all wanton." For this, I earned another smirk.

One of the women seemed to follow her own dreamy gaze toward us, reminding me of cartoon characters that float through the air as they follow their noses along the promising wispy scent of a fresh-baked pie. She was older, maybe in her 40s, and had stern features — a sharp nose and thin lips that were pulled back to mimic a smile that did not come close to reaching her eyes.

I ordered a turkey sandwich with no onions, sprouts, or mayo. The woman's face twitched involuntarily — her lips tightened and her eyes hardened into a glare. She recovered quickly, showed her teeth again, and said, "Got it," before she turned to Jen for her order.

"Tell me you saw that," I said, once the woman had walked away.

"Oh, yeah, I saw it," Jen said.

"It's like a part of her true form slipped through the cracks of her façade."

"You shouldn't have ordered off-menu," David admonished.

"I read online that these women have to be submissive to the men," I said. "Maybe that one's finally had enough. Also, speaking of submissive, I forgot to mention — these folks believe that black people should still be slaves." Jen raised her brows in disbelief, so

I fetched my phone to prove it. "Says right here, straight from their cult leader's lips: 'Slavery is the only way for some people to be useful in society,' yada yada... Ah, here it is: 'If the slaves were mistreated, it was the fault of the slave...even animals know this principle of being submissive.' And here's the kicker: 'No matter what a slave goes through, he can always choose to be submissive — in the same way that wives are submissive.' He goes on to say that black people can't be productive without being forced to. Can you believe this shit?"

"The soup's pretty good," Jen said.

"Yeah, it is," I agreed. "I dig the bread, too. Haven't gotten my side of ranch yet, though. She's probably back there mixing her spit into it." David slapped me playfully on the arm.

While waiting for the rest of my meal, I regaled David and Jen with more factoids about Twelve Tribes. "They're super into beating their kids, they expect them to be quiet and obedient. It's a pity they're not allowed to use the internet, visit a library, or watch TV. I mean, if there was ever going to be a kid I'd be okay sitting next to in the movie theater, it would be a Twelve Tribes kid."

"Oh, you're going to Hell for that one," Jen said.

"Probably. But that's cool, I'll see you guys there." I stared off to the side of the table to watch a little bird hop along a low wall. "What I wouldn't give to be a fly on the wall at one of their house meetings," I mused. "All the subtext, all those undercurrents of suppressed emotion. How fascinating it

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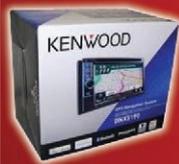
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Hi Matt:

Recently I was gobsmacked by two ideas so obvious that they must be wrong...I mean, since nobody's using them. First, I thought of wind turbines in electric cars. Propelling the car would run air through the turbine to charge the battery. My guess is that the problem is that the turbine would catch the wind and create resistance that would impede the vehicle. The other obvious idea that must be wrong is this: people sometimes pedal bicycles to power generators to run small appliances. Why is it that the wheels on electric cars can't be used to feed power to charge the battery?

— Margaret

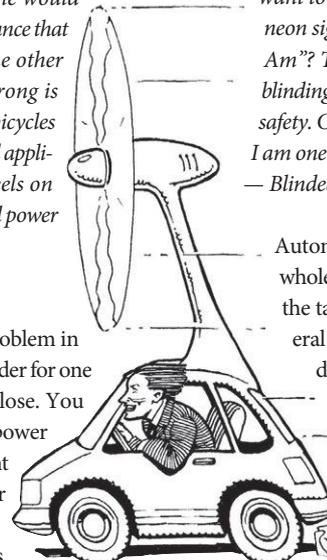
You're right about the first problem in that it's a zero-sum game. In order for one party to win, the other must lose. You could only generate as much power with a wind turbine as you spent pushing the car through the air to turn that turbine. You'd be robbing Peter to pay Paul, as the expression goes. Wind turbines

are also fairly inefficient and convert only 40–60 percent of their kinetic energy into electricity, so you would be looking at an impressive net loss of energy. I found an interesting study from last year's Renewable Energy Congress in Sweden where the authors proposed putting turbines *inside* the car to allow airflow through the vehicle. The hypothesis was that cancelling the effects of "form drag" (caused by air pressure inequality in front of and behind a moving object) would negate the effect of friction drag caused by the turbines grabbing air to generate power. Nice idea, but it only sort of worked out in testing and it needs a lot more exploration if it's ever to become practical.

The wheels on electric cars *are* used to power the batteries, albeit in a slightly different way than what you're thinking. The bicycle-powered generator takes force that you're applying to the pedals and translates that into electrical energy. If you did the same thing with an electric car, you'd be taking the energy that the engine puts out, capturing it, and sending it back to the batteries; much like the problem of a turbine on top of a car. That would be a fun engineering problem but a bad way to power a Prius. I saw it written that "the secret sauce of an electric car is not in how it accelerates, but how it brakes." What electric cars do is capture the force that the *road* exerts on the *wheels* during braking. The electrical motor basically turns into an alternator that generates electricity while it slows the car down, which is a genius idea and the thing that made hybrid cars possible in the first place.

Heymatt:

How bright is too bright for headlights? Sometimes, I feel blinded by the brightness of some people's headlights on their vehicles, especially if it's a tall truck sitting right behind me or a motorcycle with a huge light or two. I know they want to be seen — why not a big flashing neon sign that says, "Watch Out, Here I Am"? There must be some law against blinding others on the road in the name of safety. Can I turn those people in? Maybe I am one of them and don't even know it?!
— Blinded, via email



Automotive regulations come from a whole host of sources that create quite the tangle of red tape. There are federal regulations as well as standards determined by the Society of Automotive Engineers (that's the S.A.E. listed in motor oil viscosity grades like 10W-30), but it's ultimately state regulations that impact you and me and everybody else on the day-to-day. California Vehicle

Code chapter 12 has plenty of legalese on what constitutes acceptable headlights. Pretty dull stuff, but the codes unanimously agree that it's not okay to shine directly into the eyes of oncoming drivers. They also limit the height at which lights can be mounted, done in order to prevent big trucks from searing your retinas by virtue of altitude. If people are "beaming" you, then it's nothing more than a lack of courtesy that's causing your blindness. I know a lot of motorcycle riders follow the conventional "wisdom" of leaving the high beams on at all times to increase their visibility on the roads.

The California Highway Patrol *does* pull people over for driving around with the high beams on or for having headlights that are blinding other drivers. Confusingly, new halogen technology produces massive candlepower, but any headlamps installed by automobile manufacturers are in keeping with all the regulations and industry standards I mentioned before, so they're technically legal and not going to merit a citation. Aftermarket headlamps can be super bright, misaligned, or illegal colors (only white and yellow light is allowed to shine from the front of a vehicle), which can blind you for the sake of someone's vanity or bling factor. In those instances, you could alert the CHP and they'd have an officer stop the offender and investigate the lights, provided someone was nearby. Don't call 911, though. Use the CHP non-emergency number (800-835-5247), because, while annoying, shiny headlights aren't an emergency in the conventional sense.

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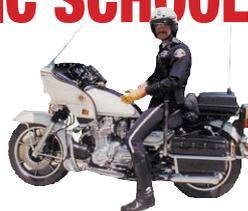
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Almost factual news

Strong Mayor Declares August 24, 2012, CityBeat Day

San Diego CityBeat reports that Gerry Braun, Strong Mayor's manager of special projects, was fortunate enough to attend San Diego CityBeat's 10th anniversary party a while back. While he was there, he read a congratulatory declaration of August 24, 2012, as "CityBeat Day," a declaration signed by no less a personage than Strong Mayor himself. Said declaration opened, shockingly enough, with a jab at this publication before going on to praise San Diego CityBeat.



Heady stuff! Alas, the laudatory tone of the proclamation was tempered somewhat by Strong Mayor's relentless honesty:

Still, it's always an honor for an alt-weekly to be honored by the political establishment. Congrats, San Diego CityBeat!



Zoo Worker Trampled After Horrible Pun About Newborn Elephant

Elephant caretaker crushed by herd leader and new mama Swazi after making terrible pun to visiting mayoral candidates.

"At long last, we can all stop worrying about the elephant in the womb."



UPDATE:
Democratic San Diego Mayoral Candidate Bob Filner Trampled After Horrible Pun About Murderous Elephant

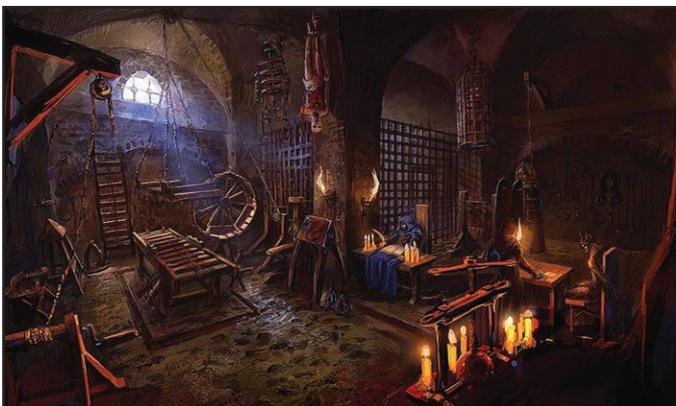
Immediately following the death of the zoo worker, herd leader and new mama Swazi broke free of her pen and crushed Democrat Filner for a bad joke about her own sweet self.

"Clearly, she's a Republican. First, because she's an elephant, and second, because she's got no sense of 'womb-or.'"

Hilton Management Caves to Workers' Rights Advocates, Installs New Employee Break Room in Mission Valley Hotel

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Grisly



NPR journalist asks Denali Park superintendent about images from San Diego photographer's last moments prior to fatal grizzly bear attack.

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WINCING — Recently, NPR's *All Things Considered* decided to live up to its name, as co-host Melissa Block asked Denali Park superintendent Paul Anderson, "You've been able to document the time leading up to this fatal attack, because you recovered Mr. White's camera. What do those images show?...Could you tell anything from the pictures, those last pictures, about the bear's demeanor?"

In Other News...

Here at *SD on the QT*, we try to restrict ourselves to the fascinating world of local news, but every now and then, our local daily news organ serves up a national headline that proves too delightful to resist...

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Dems seek luster **-in-chief,** recall days of ol' **Bill Clinton**

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It's also nice to see another reporter beginning to understand the real Norv Turner. Welcome aboard the crazy train, Mr. Calkins.

News- **With Norv Turner, fans win if Chargers lose** Related:

Coach-Provocateur offers most paradoxical Zen koan to date.

Norv Turner has coached the most games of anyone in NFL history with a losing record. — John R. McCutchen

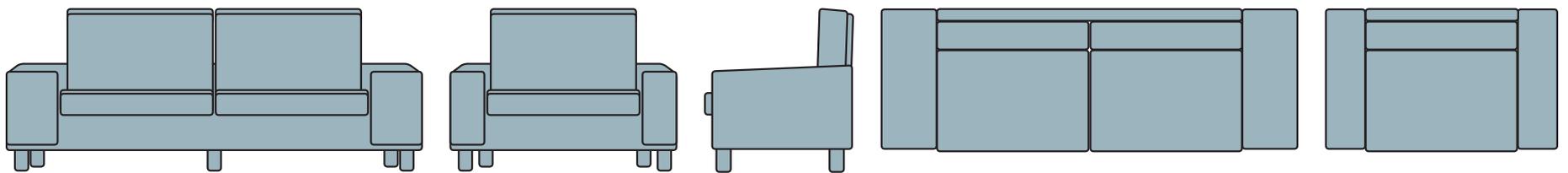
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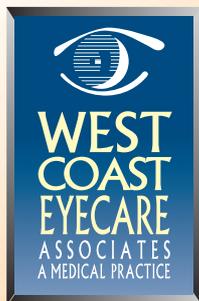
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POST TITLE: Jergle: To Energize and Give Color to Life

POST DATE: July 26, 2012

57. Fifty-Seven Days until my thirtieth birthday. No longer in my twenties. What am I? Old or young? Attorney or yoga teacher? Do I want to be a mother or not? Do I want to own a home or rent forever? Am I happy? What makes me happy? Shouldn't I know this by now? The thing is, I don't know. I don't know if I'll ever know. But I want to know.

12. Twelve Months and I will have direction. For now, I quit my job and moved across the country. Now I'm looking for answers.

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." — Henry David Thoreau

POST TITLE: Seven Years Later

POST DATE: August 8, 2012

After much thought — I do have a lot of time on my hands these days — I think I've come to a conclusion. In my ripe old age of NEARLY thirty years, I am ready to feel settled. I want a home, not a temporary rental. I want somewhere that's ours. Age? Maturity? Or that odd transition period when you move somewhere new?

POST TITLE: For the Love of Food

POST DATE: August 9, 2012

I haven't worked for seventy days. Seventy GLORIOUS days. I have to tell you, it's lovely. I realize there are few times in one's life that you get to be respectfully unemployed — really only if you are (1) in school (2) raising children (3) retired OR (4) you have an incredibly selfless, giving and understanding husband / significant other / family member / good friend who is willing to support you while you do whatever it is you do to figure out what you want to be doing.

Last night Andy told me that he actually likes me being home ... and he likes having dinner ready when he gets home. Well that's fine by me.

POST TITLE: Yoga Baby: Sculpt Fusion Yoga

POST DATE: August 9, 2012

During my three years as an Assistant Public Defender, I can't remember the number of times I said [to myself] that I had no idea what I was doing in a courtroom. I shouldn't be arguing law to a judge. What was I doing?

I was meant to be teaching people yoga! But I plugged along, client after client, baby momma after baby momma, client's momma, dad, sister, aunt, daughter... for three years. That can truly suck the life out of you. Quitting my job felt right. Although I do miss my cute suits and heels.

So I did it. I start my Yoga Teacher Training in four

weeks with Sculpt Fusion Yoga! Almost a decade of wanting something and now it's here. One week before my thirtieth birthday. My excitement is indescribable.

And here I am. Stepping gracefully — or sometimes not so gracefully — out of my twenties and into my thirties. Believing that those steps are heading in the right direction.

POST TITLE: Nine Times Out of Ten

POST DATE: August 23, 2012

"Rachie. Nine times out of ten the things you worry about never happen."

A rational thought. If it had come out of anyone else's mouth. Andy and I laughed. We laughed so hard. My mother. Who raised us on wheat bread, freshly made juice and a healthy heap of worry. We worry about everything in my family.... With all the worrying it's amazing there is time left for anything else, i.e. running and drinking beer.

POST TITLE: Skinny Bitch

POST DATE: August 30, 2012

Tuesday, like most weekdays — was a pretty quiet day here at the beach. Except that we made an official offer to buy our own little home here in San Diego! Well. Actually, Encinitas, but close enough.

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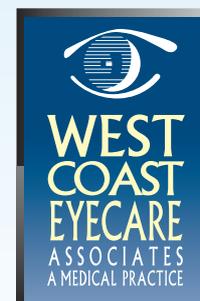
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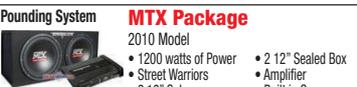


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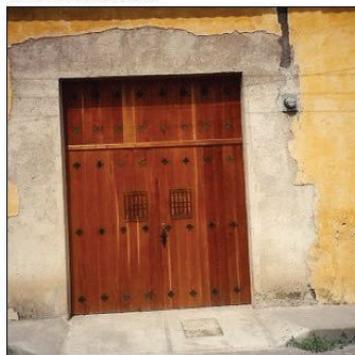
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Big Man. Part 1



Kelly Gneiting (left) and Leon Arave at the U.S. Sumo Nationals

First things first. Kelly Gneiting, 42, is a sumo wrestler, born and raised in Idaho. He is the current and four-time U.S. national sumo champion.

Gneiting is six feet tall, has a waist that is five feet in circumference, weighs 420 pounds, can do a full split, and then bend forward and touch his forehead on the floor. Lest you think he's merely a limber fat boy, he also rips out push-ups, four sets, 25 push-ups each set.

Gneiting has appeared in movies (*Oceans 13* and *Memoirs of a Geisha*), TV shows, and been written up in newspapers and magazines worldwide. His first book, *Fat Passion: Life & Lessons from a 400-lb Marathon-ing Sumo Champ*, has just been published. Gneiting will be competing at the U.S. Sumo Open in L.A. on September 22 (check usasumo.com for particulars).

This column and the next are culled from interviews taken at a sumo exhibition, via telephone while Gneiting traveled through New Mexico on a train, and from his friend's house in Gallup.

Second things second. "How did you get started?"

Gneiting says, "Back in the '70s there was an unlimited weight class in freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling, but they did away with that. Today, if you're over 265 pounds you can't be an Olympic champ. There's no category for you.

"I knew I had ability. I tried to get down to the highest weight limit, which was 285 at the time. And then when it dropped to 265 I knew I couldn't make it. I'm 420 pounds now. I saw sumo and thought, *That's what I need.*

"When I was young, I knew someday I would do something great with this body. I didn't know when. I'm 42 years old and

plan to swim the English Channel next year; we've already put \$500 down for the pilots. I have one more marathon to do [Gneiting has already run the L.A. Marathon twice], and that's going to be it for marathons. I want to keep competing in sumo as long as the body holds out, and I'd love to get sponsorship and climb Mount Everest.

"When it comes to my body, it's durable. I can be thrown, and I have been thrown, by Byamba [three-time world champion Byambajav "Byamba" Ulambayar], over and over and over again, and I pop back up. It's one of those gifts God gave me. So, what are we supposed to do with our gifts? Well, I know I can climb [Mount Everest]. It may take a while, but once those wheels spin, they don't stop spinning until the journey is complete."

I ask, "Is sumo growing in the U.S.?"
"We always hope it is, and we like to tell people it is, but in sumo European championships there are 400 to 500 athletes. In ours there are...40.

"The sport is growing, but it's growing in little pockets here, little pockets there. People have to bust through a few walls before they give it a try because of, 'Oh, I don't want to wear a diaper. I don't want to go out there with those fat, naked guys.' We have to overcome that stigma. It's a martial art and it's 2000 years old, but for many Americans that means nothing."

"What's it like at home?"
"At home, I have a wife and five kids. [Gneiting has been married 18 years, has four sons and one daughter.] My wife thinks I'm crazy 90 percent of the time, but she supports me. The kids love it. They think Dad's the coolest thing in the world.

"I drove a Freightliner for five years hauling potatoes. Right now I work in Arizona and my wife and kids are in Idaho. I have a master's degree in geography. I'm a statistician. I work the job and send money home. My wife lived down here for six months and hated it. And, so, we manage. I go home and see them and they get all excited, and I'm twice as excited, and then I go back to work and send money home."

"What's your work?"
"It's on an Indian reservation. I work for Fort Defiance Indian Hospital. I work with health statistics, download data, make sense of it, give reports, present findings, that sort of thing.

"I go from having an office and being a white guy on an Indian reservation, where I'm looked down upon, not equal to the red-skinned people there, to India, where you step off the *dohyo* and there are hundreds of people reaching for you like you're Gandhi. They just want to touch you."

Marine Corps vet, long-haul truck driver, master's degree, national sumo champion, database expert, author, works and lives on an Indian reservation. What's not to like?

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the red zone

By Anthony Gentile



Mission Bay players burst through the banner after halftime of their game against Horizon

Game of the Week: No. 5 La Costa Canyon at No. 3 Poway

Poway — La Costa Canyon abides by a simple philosophy this season: if its opponents don't score, they won't win. The fifth-ranked Mavericks put that motto into practice Friday night, stopping third-ranked Poway four times in the fourth quarter to preserve a 10-9 victory.

"It's very relieving to get this one done," said La Costa Canyon senior lineman Scott Quessenberry. "It was a little too close."

La Costa Canyon (2-0) clung to a one-point lead after three quarters. But on the first play of the fourth quarter, Poway senior defensive back Derek Babiash intercepted a deep pass to give the Titans the ball near midfield. Poway (1-1) drove into La Costa Canyon territory but was eventually stopped, setting up a Titans field-goal attempt.

La Costa Canyon junior linebacker Cameron Worland broke through the left side of the line and laid out to block the 29-yard field-goal attempt by Poway junior kicker Jason Diaz with 9:04 left. The block preserved the Mavericks' lead and brought a halt to Poway's second-half comeback attempt.

Mission Bay outlasts Horizon in back-and-forth contest

Pacific Beach — Sophomore quarterback Devon Johnson rallied Mission Bay by leading a pair of fourth-quarter scoring drives, and the hosts held off the Panthers 27-24 to remain undefeated.

Midway through the second quarter, Mission Bay (2-0) broke a scoreless tie with a Johnson two-yard touchdown run. On the Buccaneers' next offensive possession, Horizon senior defensive back Markel Byrd intercepted a Johnson pass and returned it 50 yards for a touchdown that made it 7-6 headed into halftime.

"I didn't really expect to play that much in this game, because I didn't really know the plays," Johnson said.

Mission Bay junior receiver Andre Petties-Wilson returned the second-half kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown. Horizon (1-1) answered with a pair of touchdowns — the second after driving 98 yards —

to take an 18-14 lead with 6:46 left in the quarter.

Johnson put the Buccaneers ahead by three with an 11-yard scramble on fourth-and-four, and he extended the lead with a 15-yard pass to senior receiver Kelly Weese with 2:42 remaining.

The Panthers added a late score, but the Buccaneers were able to hang on and win the battle of early-season unbeatens.

Week 3 Top 10

1. Helix (2-0) — Routed Vista with Cathedral Catholic on deck
2. La Costa Canyon (2-0) (5) — Edged Poway in defensive struggle
3. Oceanside (1-1) — Took too long to get going against Chaparral
4. Poway (1-1) — Narrow loss to LCC was first defeat since 2010
5. Mission Hills (1-1) — Routed Rancho Bernardo in first in-section game
6. Eastlake (1-1) — Bounced back by blowing out Scripps Ranch
7. Cathedral Catholic (1-1) — Stunned at home by rival Torrey Pines
8. St. Augustine (2-0) — Started season with pair of wins over bigger schools
9. Valley Center (2-0) — Jaguars host La Jolla after beating Imperial
10. El Camino (2-0) — Wildcats face Olympians in battle of unbeatens



Mission Bay running back Devante Kinder loses the ball between three Horizon defenders

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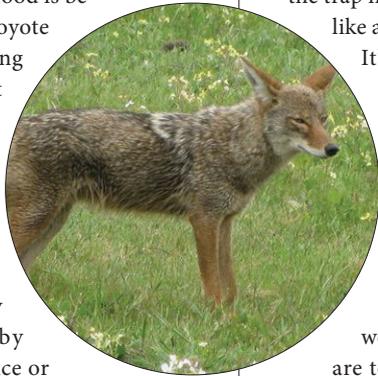


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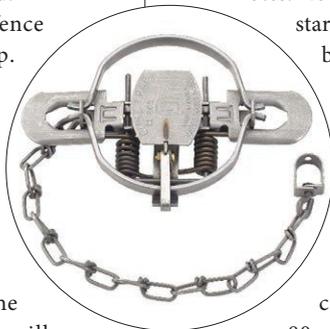
We were having a barbecue in the backyard with friends when a coyote showed up, killed two of my chickens, and absconded with one of them by leaping over our back fence. Everyone was amazed. I was mad.

“Coyotes usually hunt in early morning or closer to evening, especially if you’re in a more urban area,” said Eric Voigt of Wildlife Removal Services, Inc. (619-228-5258, wildlife-removal.com). “But if you’re in a rural area, or if food is becoming scarce and coyote populations are going up, they’ll come out in the middle of the day looking for food. Especially when it’s something easy, like a chicken.” Coyotes, he said, generally come into a yard by either jumping a fence or digging under it.



Live trapping in cages “is not really effective. They’re too smart. The best thing is to use noose traps or leg-hold traps. If a coyote is digging under a fence, you may be able to set a noose. You can also try hazing — using noises or lights to deter them. You usually use a device that works with a motion detector, and that works for a while. But physical barriers are the only way to keep them out for good.”

Voigt can install electric fence wire and/or roll bars to help. “Roll bars are free-spinning bars that mount on the top of your fence. Most coyotes can’t clear a six-foot fence just by jumping it. They’ll put their front paws over the top and then pull themselves over. If you have a roll bar, the bar will spin and the coyote will slide off. Electric fence wire can run in a single strand along the top or bottom of the fence.” Price for either option “will depend on the size of your fence. I’d say you’ll start at \$400–\$500 and go up from there.



When I told Scott Thomas of AA Trappers (714-855-8690) that the coyote had taken one of my chickens, he said, “It’s going to do it again. The coyote has already associated your piece of land with a food source. It will come back every day. Coyotes are smart. They used to hunt at night, but people started bringing their pets in at night. The coyotes caught on, and now they’ll take pets in the middle of the day. They’ll take anything under 20 pounds.”

Thomas uses foot clamps to catch coy-

“It won’t catch a kid’s foot; their feet are too big.... It’s just designed to hold the coyote. Then we come and put it down.”

otes. “It’s like a bear trap — they step in it. I usually bait it with red meat. The bait and the trap have to be buried. I make it look like another animal has buried food.

It’s very tricky; you have to have the correct distance between the trap and the bait. I can’t leave any scent when I set it. There can’t even be rust on the trap; they’ll smell it, realize it’s not natural, and refuse to go near it.”

What about my kids? “It won’t catch a kid’s foot; their feet are too big. If the trap was dug up, it might snap on a finger and hurt really badly, but once you unlocked the trap and got the finger out, it would be fine. It’s just designed to hold the coyote. Then we come and put it down.” One month’s service (with unlimited coyote removal) is \$385.

Finally, I spoke with Jeff Solomon of RunCoyoteRun.com. “Within three months of moving into our new home in Texas,” he explained, “we lost three cats to coyotes. Now, we owned 20 cats, so we started looking for solutions. I

became friends with a guy who lived down the road, an avid hunter. He said the sounds of a coyote’s natural predator would chase it away. I found some public domain sounds of territorial big cats and put them on an 80-minute CD at five-to-seven-minute intervals. Then I hid CD players under plastic drums and covered those with branches. I had two CD players going 24 hours a day. We haven’t lost a single cat since we started in 2009.”

At first, he said, “the sound may be distracting. But after a while, it becomes part of the background noise.” The CD will last about 10–12 months before it burns out. Cost is \$20 per CD. Shipping is free.”

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Crasher

TORTOISE VOODOO

by Ian Pike

Say what you will about comics fans — they're a punctual crowd. At the Little Fish Comic Book Studio launch party (which I blogged about in advance last month), people started streaming through the doors at 6:30 like there was nowhere else they'd rather be. By seven, the interior of the building achieved a nasty level of heat and humidity, but it was all good because there was beer.

So much beer. And wine. And a dispenser filled with mai tais.

The organizers went bonkers on the liquor bill. There was enough liquid refreshment in that building for every party guest to drink himself into a stupor and have enough left over for a little hair of the dog in the morning. Of course, if that had happened, you'd be hearing about it on the news, not here in "Crasher."

One guy said he felt like he was at a high school party because the mai tais, garnished with big chunks of pineapple, reminded him of drinking "jungle juice" out of backyard buckets.

Jubilee Olivas and Kenny Kim from '90s-themed cover band the Big Lewinsky played acoustic versions of STP and Red Hot Chili Peppers tunes at the back of the studio space with the exhibited



People couldn't stop talking about the Han Solo-in-carbonite cake from Twiggs Bakery.

artwork. Rumor has it they'll play the 710 Beach Club in P.B. soon.

The O.B. Seafood truck was on the scene to soothe guests' hunger. They pulled up out front, opened the windows, and sold delicious yellowtail ceviche, shrimp cocktail, skewered scallops with bacon, and other tasty snacks.

People couldn't stop talking about the cake. Made and delivered by Emily from Twiggs Bakery, it was a replica of Han Solo frozen in carbonite at the end of *The Empire*

The cake was a replica of Han Solo frozen in carbonite.

Strikes Back. Set up in the studio, it was equal parts art and pastry.

A rotating cast of characters contributed to a series of comic illustrations destined for the studio's walls. At one point,

four-year-old Lily got her hands on a brush and laid wide, green swaths of paint across whatever canvas she could reach from two feet high.

I met some interesting people at the party, among them:

1. A guy in a wheelchair, whom I later found out is a prolific writer when someone handed me a stack of CDs that contained audio of his work. I'm stoked to listen, and I have a mission to find out the rest of his story.

2. Charlene and Miley, neighbors I didn't know I had. Miley knew about the University Heights neighborhood tortoise and she told me a story about getting in a staring contest with him one time. "Have you heard of the cat wink?" she asked me. I hadn't. "It's like a slow blink that cats do when they really trust you," she said. "One day, I walked over to the tortoise and he ran up to me way faster

than I thought a tortoise could move. I got down on his level and I slow-blinked at him and he started doing it back at me! Next thing I knew, I was having this unreal moment like the tortoise was doing some crazy voodoo on me or something."

3. Gary and Logan who operate the Cellar Door supper club in Normal Heights. I want to go to one of their dinners, if I can just remember to make reservations.

Say what you will about comics fans, they're a respectful bunch. Come pumpkin time, a



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Revelers feasted on O.B. Seafood truck's ceviche, shrimp cocktail, skewered scallops with bacon, and other treats.

hundred people vanished without a trace, leaving behind enough beer for a second party. ■

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Cheerleading is more dangerous than fighting

It's Wednesday at 1:00 p.m., and I am waiting for amateur mixed martial arts fighter Jaime Reyes at the Lakeside Cafe. When he walks past me, I don't even notice. I am expecting someone beefy, tattooed, or, at the very least, goated. Jaime is wearing a hoodie and shorts. Black socks

peek out from under Adidas slip-on sandals. He is baby-faced and rail-thin and looks no older than 15.

He orders a fruit salad and ice water. He calls our 20-something waitress "ma'am."

"I have a fight in a few weeks," he says. "I need to weigh 135."



Jaime Reyes's breathing mask simulates high-altitude aerobic training.

“My girlfriend weighs more than me right now.” Jaime laughs. “I decided after my last fight to drop down ten pounds. The guys I used to fight against weighed 145. My natural weight is 140. They were bigger and tougher.”

Jaime started mixed martial arts fighting when he was 20.

“In the beginning, I was doing [it] for self-defense. Before then, I didn’t like any kind of punching. I wanted to try out martial arts to see what it was like. I didn’t want to cage fight or anything.”

Jaime began training in jiu-jitsu and muay thai. Six months later, his gym arranged a cage fight at Epic 3. At the time, Jaime didn’t know how to strike or take a guy to the ground.

“I guess my coaches saw something in me. They wanted to show me I had the ability to fight at an amateur level. My coach said, ‘Test yourself. See where you’re at.’ I went for it. I was 20 years old. My opponent, Marcus Aven, was 25. He was undefeated.”

The atmosphere at Epic 3 was something Jaime had never experienced. The event was oversold, and Epic, the fight-promotion company, was forced to turn people away at the door. Jaime estimates that somewhere between 1000–2000 spectators filled the seats. The fire marshal had to come in and tell people to go home.

“I grew up in Lakeside,” Jaime says. “There’s not much action here. So it was



Don Murphin says, “Cage fighting is a lot like being a rock star.”

pretty intimidating. That night, when my opponent stepped into the ring, I thought, *Oh, my god, I am about to fight a full-grown man!*

He was stocky and so buff. I put my left hand out to engage him. He hit me. He grabbed my arm in a weird position. He put me down

on my knees. He gave me an uppercut and pulled me up to my feet. He gave me a jab and a hook. That’s when I snapped into reality and realized that I was in a real, actual fight, right then. I started jumping up and down to get my jitters out. When the first bell rang, I was thinking, *Oh, my god, this is the crazy! My legs felt like they were 100 pounds.*”

Jaime lost that night by decision. But he and his opponent were awarded fight of the night.

Jaime has fought seven more fights since then. He won three by submission, lost three by decisions and one by armbar. He trains Monday–Friday for two hours each day. He goes to the gym in the evening, after working

at Home Goods in El Cajon, where he stocks and carries furniture out to customers’ cars. Each week, he spends three days at the Dungeon mixed martial arts gym in Santee, and the other two at Marron’s Boxing Club in Lakeside. He takes the weekend off, with the exception of one hour of muay thai on Sundays.

Last year, Jaime lost four months of training due to an injury. It happened while he was sparring with a friend at the gym. Jaime failed to wear a cup and took a knee to the groin. He lay on the mat tossing and turning. He couldn’t get up for an hour.

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of a grapefruit. It was crazy. I went to a doctor at Sharp [Memorial Hospital]. He told me I had to have surgery to drain it. I was too scared for that, so I went to a hole-in-the-wall doctor's office in Chula Vista. That guy wanted to stick a needle in my testicle. I was freaking out. I couldn't eat, walk, or even get out of bed for four days. I didn't have health insurance because I had been recently laid off. I decided to go to TJ. The doctor there told me all the same things that the other doctors said. 'Or,' he said, 'I can give you pills, and you can pray to God.' Two weeks later, I started seeing a reaction to the pills. The swelling went down. It took four months to

heal. As soon as I got better, I started hitting the gym again."

Because of injuries like those, Jaime's mom is not a fan of mixed martial arts.

"My family trips out on the damage I get from fights and how many hours I put into training. They are skeptical of the sport, shocked that I'm a mixed martial arts guy. They saw me as a quiet guy that stayed out of trouble. No one expected me to do this. My mom worries about me getting hurt and not being able to take care of my six-month-old son. She does not like this sport at all, but she is so supportive. She's my backbone. My mom, dad, and girlfriend go to every fight."

When I ask Jaime

if he worries about brain damage, he wants to know if I think he should be.

"I would appreciate it if someone would tell me, because, if it's true, I should probably

"He hit me. He grabbed my arm in a weird position. He put me down on my knees."

think about a different career."

The Fight Promoter
"Cheerleading is more dangerous than mixed martial arts fighting. So is figure skating," says Jason Stewart, owner of Epic Fighting. "This may hurt some fighters' egos, but mixed martial

arts doesn't even make it on the top five most dangerous sports list. It usually falls at 17, after golf and baseball."

We are in Chula Vista, sitting on the patio of an Asian

restaurant. Jason is wearing a crisp button-down shirt with boxing-glove cuff links, trousers, and expensive-looking shoes.

Jason created Epic Fighting two years ago. He saw a void in the San Diego amateur fighting world and decided to fill it.

His goal with Epic is to offer an Ultimate Fighting Championship experience. Once a month, he showcases local fighters at cage fights held at places such as the Four Points Sheraton off Aero Drive in Kearny Mesa, and at 4th and B downtown. There are usually 10-15 fights per show.

When he first started, Jason would wake up in the middle of the night from a recurring nightmare in which his first show was empty. He began to post on Facebook about the event. He hung posters. By the fourth show, he was turning a profit.

Jason attributes a portion of his success to the large mixed martial arts culture in San Diego.

"San Diego is a

haven for gyms. You could argue that it's either us or Vegas that is the best in the nation for mixed martial arts. Some of it has to do with the fact that many jiu-jitsu guys are Brazilian. The climate in San Diego is similar to Brazil. They feel real comfortable here. All [these] gyms need jiu-jitsu guys."

The fighters who compete at Jason's shows don't get paid. That's the norm in the amateur world. Pro fighters are the only ones making a paycheck.

"The fighters do it because they love it," he says. "They like the fame. Some of them just want to fight — they don't care when or how." But it can be risky for amateur fighters to turn pro. "For

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a lot of these fighters, once they go pro, their mixed martial arts careers are over. [There are more] pro fighters looking [for shows] than shows happening. I know pro fighters that haven't fought in two years. They would die to get in the cage. Since most are only fighting once a year — and have to pay \$1000 to get medically cleared for that year — they stop getting cleared. They go to the Indian reservations to fight, because those aren't state-regulated.”

Jason makes sure that his amateur shows are safe for competitors. He sees this as a

way to ease fighters into the pro mixed martial arts arena.

“My amateur fights have three two-minute rounds. In the UFC, it's three five-minute rounds. [At my fights] there is no eye-gouging, pinching, poking, biting, or groin strikes. You can get deducted a point or kicked out for that. You can't kick or knee a downed opponent in the head. You can't hit the back of the head, either. You can elbow, though we have yet to allow knees or elbows to the face. We want our fighters to fight hard and fight often. We want them to stay healthy. If they do



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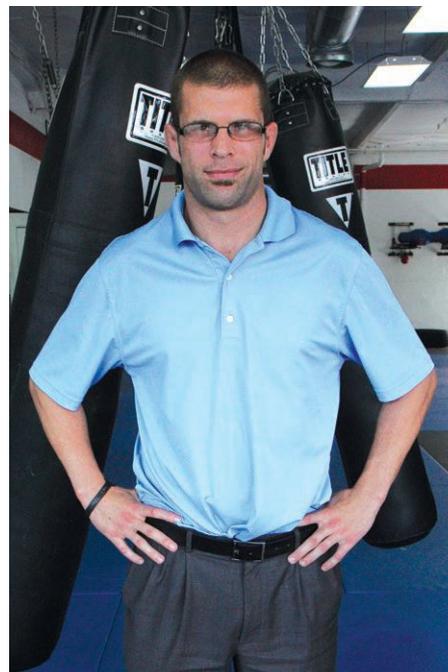
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The Gym

A few weeks later, I follow Jaime Reyes's black Honda Civic around a curvy road, past an ostrich farm, and down a dirt alley to Marron's Boxing Camp in Lakeside. Marked with a hand-painted wooden sign, the gym is constructed of tarp and metal pipes. It's more like a tent than anything else; it's even in a backyard. Two oversized flags flap in the wind. One is American, the other Mexican.

Shirtless, sweaty guys sit on plastic chairs; one guy has stitches above his right eyebrow. Inside, there are two boxing rings built up over the dirt floor. Plastic buck-



Professional cage fighter Chris Cope is a paralegal by day.

ets have been placed strategically in various locations; from time to time, guys hack loogies into them. A sign reads “KEEP THIS GYM CLEAN! NO SPITTING ON THE FLOOR.” Gym rules are written out in Spanish and English. Boxing gloves hang on

hooks from the window, and posters cover one wall, some of women in bikinis; others, the faces of boxers. Punching bags are in one corner, exercise equipment in another.

Jaime gets into a ring and begins circuit-training. He turns up the stereo and shad-

owboxes. He shuffles around the ring, kicking and punching. His rhythm is so perfect, he looks like a dancer. There are seven other guys in the room. One of them, Ramiro Rodriguez, a round-faced man in his early 30s, is Jaime's boxing coach.

“How's your weight?” he shouts.

Jaime shouts back, “137!”

Ramiro smiles. “Good!”

Jaime is the only guy here who is barefoot. He's so thin he looks breakable. He is conditioning for a fight on September 8, at Epic 14. He'll be competing in the featherweight category.

“I want to have 15 fights, a title belt, and be 24 when I go pro,” he says. “I'm young; I'm really young. Most mixed martial arts guys are a lot older. By the time I'm their age, I'll be at a different level and have years of experience. That should help me out to where I want to be. I don't even know what pros get paid or what kind of sponsors to expect.



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I'm not worried about that. People think I'm crazy because I don't get paid to fight. I've never been paid by my sponsors, either. I get a discount at Marron's because I'm an amateur fighter. Normally, this gym is \$35 a month. I pay \$25. As of right now, I'm not looking for money. I want people to acknowledge that I'm a good fighter. I just want fans."

The Fights

The lobby at the Four Points Sheraton is filled with mixed martial arts fighters waiting to be weighed in for Epic 13. They sprawl on couches.

Some sit on tables, others on the floor.

A muscular-looking man addresses the fighters. "My goal is this: I want to get you on the scale as soon as possible. Fill out your pre-fight physical and bring it back to me with a photo ID. *You must have a photo ID!*"

One fighter whispers to another, "I really shouldn't be fighting tonight. I hurt my back. We'll see what happens, though..."

A young man sitting across from me diligently fills out his form. He's small-framed, with a faux-

hawk hairstyle. His name is Scott Morris. He's fought in only one amateur fight. He lost.

"I was very pissed," he says. "It was a good

to watch. You don't want to see your family lose."

Scott Morris is only 21. By the time he's 25, he'd like to be a

"I know pro fighters that haven't fought in two years. They would die to get in the cage."

learning experience, though. I'm going to win tonight. I know I will." Scott's brother, Joey Radcliffe, is with him today. He pipes in: "It was embarrassing

pro mixed martial arts fighter. He tells me that he's surprised his mom is coming to his fight tonight.

"She couldn't watch last time," he

says.

Heather Hyatt, the matchmaker for Epic Fighting, a blonde woman wearing a bumpit, short-shorts, platform heels, and a tight tank top, places a small white digital scale in the center of the room.

"That's really what they weigh you on?" I ask Scott.

"Uh-huh," he says. "What were you expecting? One of those big ones they use in boxing?"

I nod.

Within minutes, nearly everyone in the room has stripped down to boxer shorts

for the weigh-in. A group of children walk past — they're participating in a golf camp at the hotel — and gawk at the beefy fighters in their underwear.

Scott's weight is 143. He's fighting at 145.

"They'll weigh us again in a few hours. Some guys are either going to go get a big meal or do some sprints around the block." Scott laughs. "I'm going to eat Chinese food because it's hard for my body to break that stuff down."

Six hours later, I watch Scott fight. His opponent, J.W. Lee,

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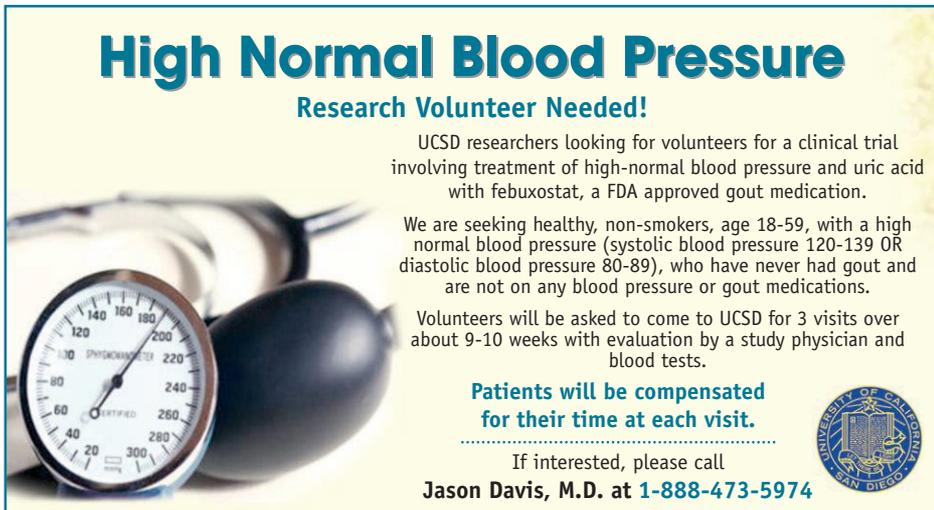
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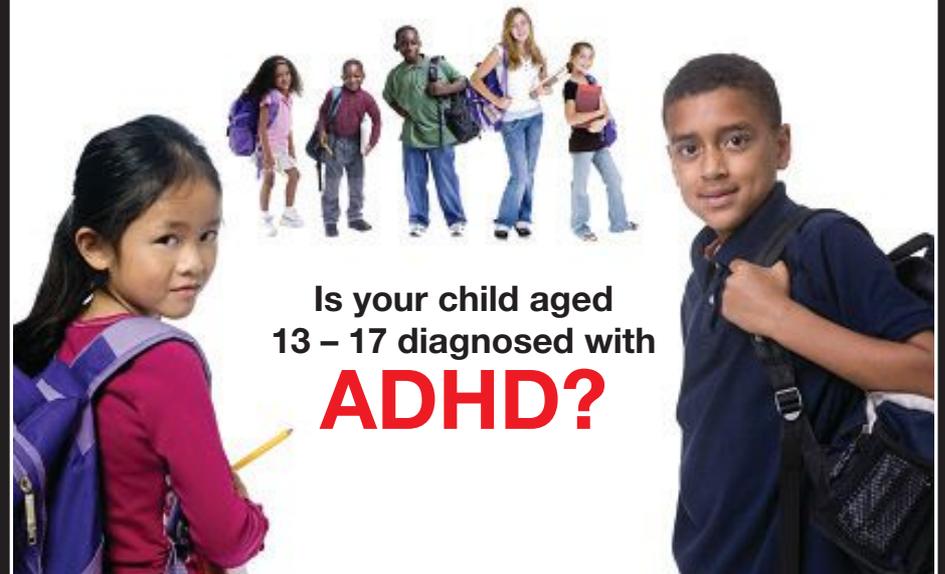


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knocks Scott clear across the ring during the second round. Scott falls to the ground and doesn't get up. The ref waves his finger slowly in front of Scott's eyes, testing his vision. Scott slowly sits up. Lee wins by TKO and is later awarded knock-out of the night. I see Scott's brother outside the cage. He looks more worried than disappointed.

I Get Angry and Punch Things

Don Murphin is on the promo flyer for Epic 13, pictured in the ring sitting on an opponent who lies flat on his back, scowling. As it turned out, at Epic 13, Don never made it into the cage. He had to pull out of the fight due to a fractured rib, an injury sustained on June 24,



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during Summerfest at the Del Mar Fair.

"I won that fight," he assures me, "but I couldn't hide how much pain I was in. You can see it in my face [in the photo]."

Don admits that he got into mixed martial arts because he wanted to learn how to be a better street fighter. He used to watch the Ultimate Fighting Championship guys on TV: he thought he could beat them.

"Cage fighting is the closest thing to being a street fighter. Before I started training mixed martial arts, I got into a lot of fights. I felt like I had something to prove. I was like the Hulk. In my 20s, I used to freak out — I'd black out, and everything in my apartment would be broken. I've kicked down front doors, broken my hand on the TV, broken windshields. Mixed martial arts taught me self-control. I feel restrained by society, [so] it's good to get in the cage and let it go.

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Don trains every day. He sees it as a necessity.

"Fighting is great, but the training is where I let it all out. If I'm not physically active, I get really depressed and suicidal. I feel aggressive toward society. Mixed martial arts is a huge, awesome thing for me. Showcasing my skills at an amateur level has answered my prayers."

Don grew up fighting. He was in the foster-care system.

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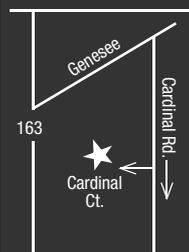
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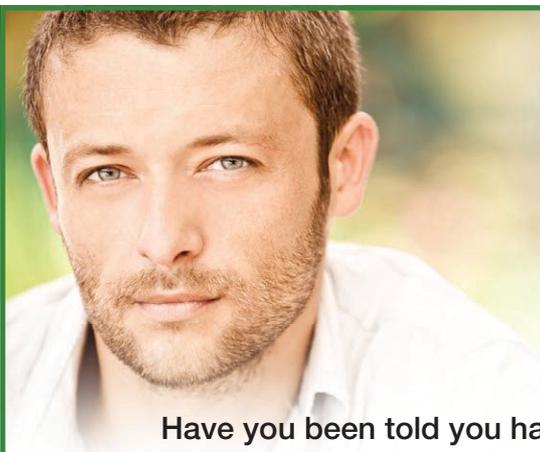
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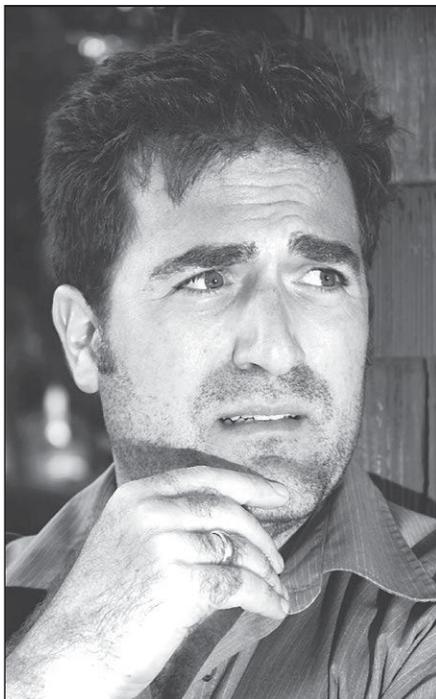
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brutal, but it's less damaging."

Don rattles off some of his mixed martial arts injuries: broken bones in his feet, broken thumbs, fractured ribs, and shoulder injuries.

"I broke both my hands, but that was before I even started training. I get angry and punch things."

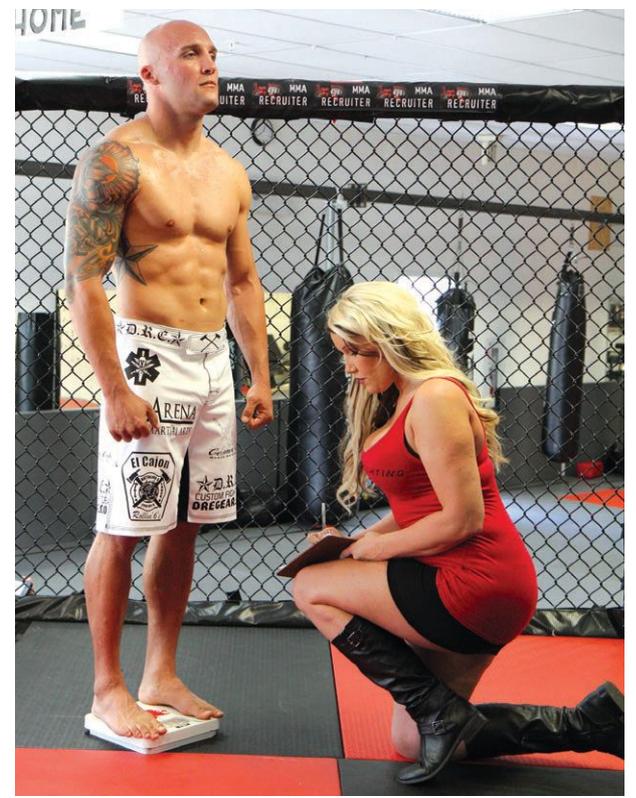
Despite multiple injuries, Don says he doesn't have medical insurance.

"I use Google. I had a shoulder impingement. I looked it up and treated it myself. I type in my injuries, and it tells me all I need to know. I looked up my fractured rib and learned everything the doctor would've told me. The only difference is a doctor would charge me and give me painkillers. I don't like to take pills. When I was a little kid, they forced me to take pills, because I was hyperactive and overly aggressive. I would rather have the pain."

Dan says that his mom would like it if he gave up mixed martial arts fighting. "My mom hates it. She won't come to my fights. She's proud of me, though." He shrugs. "It's fine. I've always been the black sheep of my family."

Dan plans on winning a few mixed martial arts belts before going pro.

"I am 2 and 1 right now. If I wanted to, I could go pro. I've learned so much in these last three fights. I've already changed my fighting style. Ten more fights of this, and I'll be more than ready to go pro. My first fight sucked. I was choked



Heather Hyatt weighs in fighters.

out after 37 seconds. I was defeated before I could show my abilities. I don't mind losing, if I can show what I can do. Cage fighting is a lot like being a rock star."

The Pros

Manny Murillo's pro mixed martial arts fighting career is his family's only source of income. He's married and has two sons, aged eight and five. In 11 fights, Manny has yet to lose. His paycheck doubles when he wins.

"My first pro fight, I only got paid ten dollars. The promoter actually told me that I owed *him* money. But in the end, he gave me ten bucks. They pay us very little starting off. [Now] promoters pay me, but most pros get their money from sponsors. I need sponsors."

I meet Manny and his family at a Denny's in Murrieta. It's a Tuesday afternoon, and he has a fight at the Commerce Casino in L.A. in four days. He

weighs 197 and needs to be down to 185 by Friday. Manny doesn't order anything off the menu. His two boys eat kiddie pancakes with fruit salads. He eyes their plates.

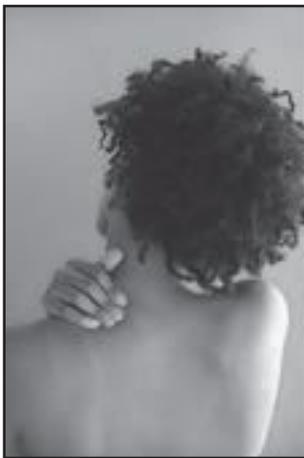
"Every time I fight, I have to drop about 20 pounds for a perceived advantage. When you cut that much weight, sometimes you end up weaker than you were. As a wrestler, I've been fighting weight my whole life."

"It's his weakness," his wife Celia laughs.

"Yeah, the diet is the hardest part. I love sweets, doughnuts, and soda."

Manny became interested in mixed martial arts in 1995, when he was a Marine stationed in Hawaii. He saw a mixed martial arts fight on TV and was amazed. "At that time, there wasn't much going on with the sport. It was still illegal in many places."

During his time in the Marine Corps, Manny was on a wrestling team. "I did well.



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I won more than I lost. I only lost to the guys that were really good. I always placed at the tournaments.”

When he got out of the service, he ended up in Murrieta, five miles from one of the world’s best mixed martial arts gyms, Quest, run by Dan Henderson, two-time Olympic gold winner in wrestling and an Ultimate Fighting Championship fighter.

“I joined Quest and got really into mixed martial arts.”

Manny’s next career goal is to secure a contract with Ultimate Championship Fighting. He believes it hasn’t happened to him yet due to a lack of star power. “I’m not real outgoing,” he says, “but it’ll happen.”

He hasn’t had any bad injuries yet, though he did break his nose during a fight. “The funny thing is that, the next week, I sparred against Dan Henderson at practice. He hit my nose and rebroke it. That ended up fixing it.” Manny laughs.

Brain damage isn’t something he worries about.

“In terms of long-lasting injuries, football is much worse. You never see mixed martial arts fighters carried out on a stretcher, like football players are. In mixed martial arts, there are a lot more bruises. You may get banged up, but if you win, it’s easy to overlook all of that.”

Manny doesn’t like to talk about losing. He knows that, at some point, there will be a fighter able to defeat him in the cage. But he’s optimistic it won’t happen anytime soon.

“I don’t worry about losing. If I ever do, there’s nothing I can do about it. I know it’s going to happen eventually. Before I fight, I always believe that I will win.”

depressed,” his wife says. “But the best way to lose is by decision.”

“I was disappointed,” Manny says, “but I have nothing to be ashamed of.” He studies the water bottle

“I had a shoulder impingement. I looked it up [online] and treated it myself.”

A week later, I meet him in Murrieta for Team Quest pro practice. He’s still recovering from his Saturday-night fight. He lost by decision. His record is now 12-1. He shows me a big, round ugly bruise on his arm.

“He was really

in his hands.

The pros are practicing ground work on the mats. Manny is paired with a stocky guy with a missing front tooth. They roll around on the ground; at times, it looks like they are spooning.

Two girls are

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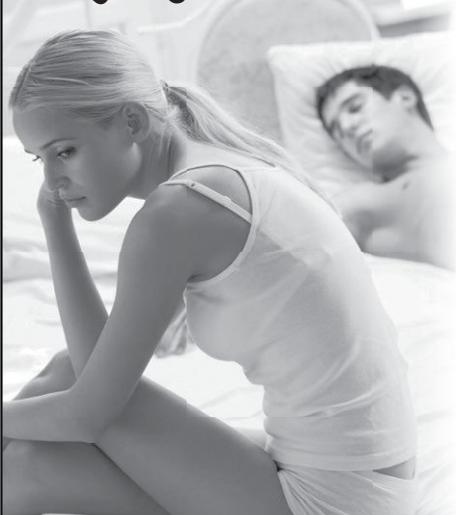
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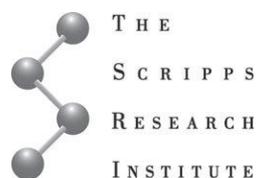
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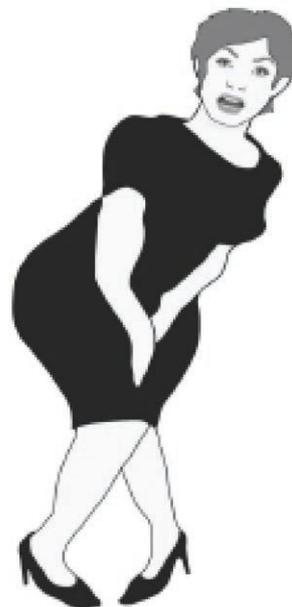
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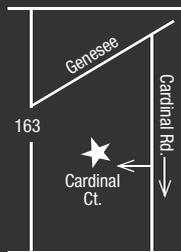
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on the team. One is blonde, the other brunette. Both have their hair styled in sloppy Princess Leia buns.

The brunette, whose name is Ashley, has frosty-pink fingernails and a black eye. I overhear her telling her grappling partner, "One of the guys accidentally threw an elbow last practice."

The partner, twice her size, pins her down and smacks her butt.

Ricardo Feliciano, the jiu-jitsu coach, jokes, "Slap her face, she likes that."

To my left, Team Quest member Fernando Gonzalez sits at the edge of one of the boxing rings, watching the guys practice. Fernando has the worst case of cauliflower ear I've ever seen, the flesh

so lumpy you can't see the hole that leads to his ear canal.

He wears a thick black band with a green light on it around his ankle.

"What's that?" I ask.

"I don't worry about losing. I know it's going to happen eventually."

"House arrest," he explains. "I can come here because I work at the gym. I'm a pro fighter, a trainer, and I clean the equipment and pads at Quest, so the guys don't get ringworm or staph infections."

Fernando's arrest stemmed from an

attempted carjacking charge. He tells me he is innocent and that the judge showed him leniency by putting him on house arrest. He's allowed to go to and from the gym, and he can take off his ankle

fought with the Strike Force, a stepping stone to the Ultimate Fighting Championship.

"My goal is to be in the UFC and fight for the title. I'm confident that I will get there. Most Team Quest guys are almost there. Once you get wins in the Strike Force, you can get into the UFC."

Fernando says his mom supports him in his mixed martial arts career.

"My mom is the most supportive in my family. She got my brothers and me into wrestling to keep us out of trouble. I have home videos of her at my wrestling matches, screaming, 'Get him! Get him!' My dad is the one who worries. He wants me to do something else. He feels like

monitor during fights.

"When I do that," he says, "I have to tack on an extra day of house arrest."

Fernando went pro a year and a half after he started training in mixed martial arts. He tried out for Spike TV's reality show *The Ultimate Fighter* and has

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the better I get, the higher caliber the guys I fight against will be. He worries about my safety. I understand that there could be brain damage. Once you love something, you just have to do it. The thrill is better than the worry."

Fernando is considering becoming a pro boxer as well. He hasn't been able to fight as much as he'd like.

"It gets slow with mixed martial arts. There are only so many pro fights. I'm primarily a striker, so boxing works for me. At the lower level of pro mixed martial arts, I get between \$1500 and \$3000 to fight and another \$1500 to \$3000 if I win. In the UFC, you start at about

\$3000 to fight, with another \$3000 to win. By your third fight, most guys are making \$20,000. They go up from there."

away. I stare at his ears — they are big and cauliflowered. Dan looks just like he does in the posters: scary and serious.

"I have home videos of my mom at my wrestling matches, screaming, 'Get him! Get him!'"

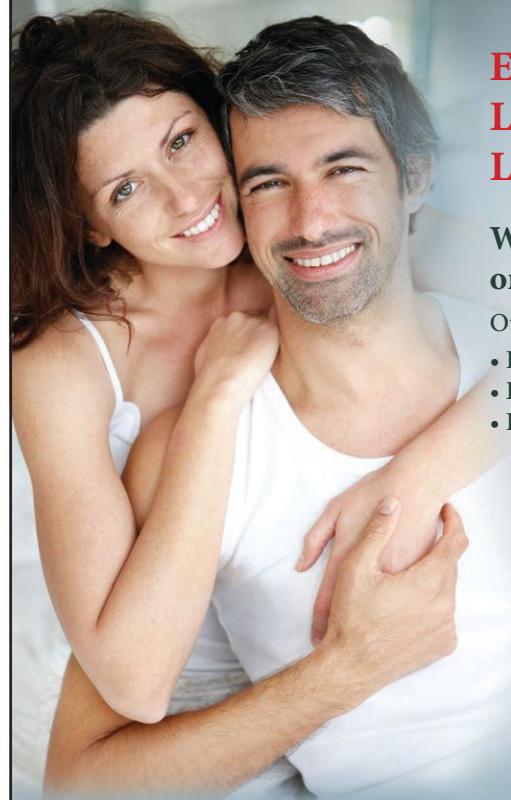
Before I have a chance to ask another question, Fernando motions behind me. "That's Dan Henderson over there. He has a UFC title fight on September 1, against John Jones."

I turn my head. Dan stands three feet

Ultimate Fighting Championship Fighters
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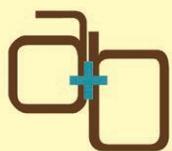
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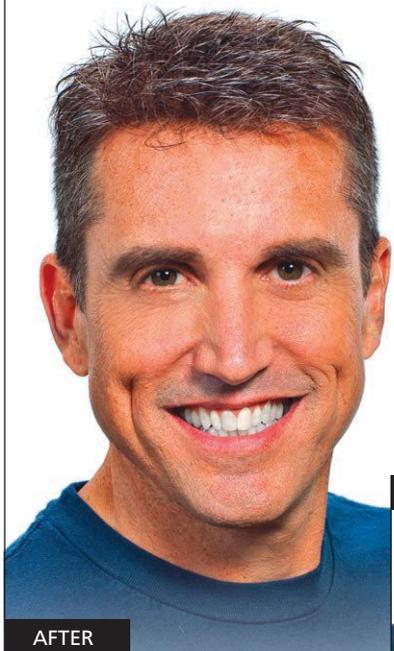
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remains even. At one point, he zips up his sweatshirt and covers his head with the hood.

"I want to keep sweating," he says.

Shannon weighs 155 and needs to be down to 145 for a fight on Saturday night in Dublin, Ireland.

Among his accomplishments is a black belt in jiu-jitsu, a 12-3 pro mixed martial arts record, and a short-lived Ultimate Fighting Championship career.

When 30-year-old Shannon started fighting mixed martial arts, there were no amateur venues: mixed martial arts wasn't legal in California until December 28, 2005.

Shannon had his first pro fight at the age of 19. He drove down to Tijuana for that.

Once he'd amassed a 9-2 mixed martial arts record, the Ultimate Fighting Championship contacted him.

"They were throwing together a show quickly and asked me to fight," he says. "That was in 2009."

Shannon's first fight was at the Palms Casino in Las Vegas. Anderson Silva was fighting, and a bunch of other guys Shannon watched on TV.

"That night, I beat Dale Hartt by a rear naked choke during the first round. His record was 6-0. Later, I fought at the UFC 100. It was the hugest card ever. It was a sold-out event at the Mandalay Bay. There were 18,000 people there. I won

fighter. When I get back into the UFC, I'll be better."

Shannon's parents are supportive of his career choice, although his mom can't bring herself to go to his fights.

"I could have taken a bunch of other paths.

"If we don't fight, we get depressed. Our sport becomes our identity."

by a guillotine choke. After that fight, I got to throw out the first pitch for the San Diego Padres."

Shannon's voice gets quiet when he tells me that in mixed martial arts the highs are high and the lows are low.

"I lost my next two UFC fights against top-ten contenders. The UFC released me. I went through a depression. I was told to win a couple more fights and they would take me back. If I win my fight on Saturday in Dublin, that will be my third consecutive win. I feel like being released made me a stronger

I have friends from my Chula Vista high school that are in jail or are drug addicts. Some of them are dead. I'm not like my two brothers. They did the college thing and have professional jobs. But my parents are so proud of me, as if I'm a doctor or something. A few weeks ago, they came into my gym to watch me train."

Shannon acknowledges that, at 30, he's getting up there in age. He's aware that he can't fight forever.

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"The problem with mixed martial arts fighting is that we get addicted to it," says Chris Cope, an Ultimate Fighting Championship veteran. We're sitting at a coffee shop in the Midway District, across the street from the Arena, his mixed martial arts gym.

"If we don't fight, we get depressed. Our sport becomes our identity. When it comes time to retire, a lot of guys don't know what to do anymore. You take Junior Seau, for instance; a lot of athletes face what he did. Sometimes that depression gets the most of us. That's why I'm so adamant about doing other things. Fighting will never define me. It won't become who I am; it's just something I do."

Unlike many pro fighters, Chris has a full-time job. He is a paralegal for a law firm in San Diego.

"When I am introduced to new people, they're always told 'This guy is a fighter.' I could cure cancer, join

the Peace Corps, be a multimillionaire, but all people want to talk about is fighting."

It's hard for me to picture Chris cage fighting. He is wearing khakis and a black three-button shirt with a Lacoste label. He has on round glasses. His

mixed martial arts fighting until college. He signed up for a cage fight hosted by a fraternity at his college, UC Santa Barbara.

"I was going to do a cage fight just that one time. But I got such an adrenaline rush, I decided to keep

"Mixed martial arts fighters love strippers, and strippers love them."

hair is short. The only thing that gives him away are his cauliflower ears. Apart from that, he looks average, not like someone whose fight name is C-Murder.

"The name started out as a joke that stuck. It comes from the most ghetto rapper of all time. I think he's in prison for murdering someone. When he gets out, he'll probably kill my ass." Chris smiles. "It's funny, because that's not really what I'm about. It's a psych-out."

Chris has been involved in martial arts since he was seven. But he didn't get into

doing it."

Chris's parents were surprised how into mixed martial arts he became. For a long time, his mom thought it was a hobby, like Pop Warner football.

"My mom went to my first Strike Force fight. She got so nervous she was shaking. She had to walk out. She goes to fights now and doesn't have as much of an issue. She wants me to stop, but she'll never say it. She knows it's my passion."

When Chris started in mixed martial arts, pro guys in California fought in Tijuana.

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of mine down there. Everyone got paid cash — the rings were crooked. The guy that used to put on those fights was murdered in TJ during all that drug violence a few years ago.”

Shortly after Chris went pro, he was cast in Spike TV’s reality program *The Ultimate Fighter*.

“I showed up to that audition in Vegas in a full spandex jumpsuit. I acted like an idiot. I was still drunk from partying the night before. That was my fourth audition. The other times, I went in there begging for them to cast me. That time, I didn’t care. They looked at me and saw ratings.”

A few weeks later, they locked Chris in

a house with 15 other guys. No music, radio, cell phones, or books.

“We were off the grid. I lived in a house with the people I fought against. It became normal. I would eat breakfast with my opponent and say, ‘See you later when we fight.’ Your whole sense of reality is skewed. In the end, you fight people that you started off on a team with. There are 16 competitors in the house and only one ultimate fighter.”

Despite losing to an opponent on one of the last episodes, Chris was invited to fight on the finale show. He won. As a result, he wound up with a contract.

“The UFC is like a traveling circus. Those

guys are like carnies; they’re constantly on the road — round and round they go.”

After three losses, Chris was cut in February 2012. “My last fight with the UFC earned me 22,000 dollars for 15 minutes of work.” But Chris says he wasn’t disappointed. “So many guys, when they make it to the UFC, they hold on to that. It becomes their identity. They do whatever it takes to stay with it. The way I see it is, I will always be a UFC vet. No one can take that away from me.”

When he was let go, Dana White, part owner of the Ultimate Fighting Championship, told Chris’s manager that, if he wins three consecutive

fight, they will take him back.

“My first comeback fight after being dropped by the UFC was on an Indian reservation. I only made \$50. There were only, like, 100 people there. It’s okay. I’ve never cared about the money.”

Chris admits that brain damage is a heavy concern.

“I worry about brain damage all the time. I’m paranoid. I always ask people if I’m slurring my speech. I’m constantly checking Johns Hopkins’ studies. I won’t do sparring sessions back to back. It’s not the initial blow that causes damage, it’s the hits after that. The times I get knocked out, I don’t spar for three weeks. A lot of guys will come to the gym and spar the next day. I’m not going to do that. I only have one brain.”

Near-Death Experience

A week later, Chris invites me to the Arena to watch him spar. When I arrive, a

bulldog is sitting outside the gym. Inside, it smells like boys — body odor and dirty socks. I take a seat on a bench next to a half-full bottle of Jim Beam whiskey. The guy standing next to me is talking to another fighter, describing in full detail how he took a razorblade to a staph infection on his arm. He points at two round scars near his elbows.

“I didn’t have health insurance, so I went to town on it myself. You should’ve seen the amount of pus that came out.”

When Chris arrives, he’s still in his work clothes: khakis, a tucked-in button-down shirt, and sensible shoes. He emerges from the locker room a few minutes later in black shorts and a yellow shirt.

“I compare it to being like Batman,” he says. “I go to work and wear the suit, and then I come home and fight.”

All the other guys in the room, six in total, have tattoos snaking up their arms and legs. Chris doesn’t.

“My girlfriend isn’t a stripper, either.” He laughs. “I don’t know what it is, but mixed martial arts fighters love strippers, and strippers love them.”

Moments later, Chris is on the mats sparring with another fighter. I watch him pound and kick. He seems like a different guy than the one I met at the coffee shop. I’m reminded of something he said that night:

“Every time I fight, it’s like a near-death experience. When that cage door closes, I don’t know what’s going to happen. That’s why I do it. It’s a rush. Every time I walk to the cage, I think, *Why the hell am I doing this? It doesn’t make sense. I’m about to fight some guy in a cage while people cheer me on. We’re going to be trying to kill each other.* But when I win, I understand why I do it. Everyone loves to watch a good fight. I don’t care how peaceful you are, once you watch a mixed martial arts fight, you become hooked. People love violence.” ■

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Chargers stadium

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be covertly wrapped up in an indecipherable package that will conceal costs. The contract will be “written so nobody can understand it, and it will be written that way on purpose,” says former councilmember Donna Frye, who has also fought the sports subsidy/downtown mendicants.

“When people step forward to challenge [the taxpayer fleecing], the character assassination will begin. That will keep others from speaking out,” says Frye, who has been the victim of the downtown boosters’ slanders. (In fact, she had a mayoral election stolen from her, so fearful were the downtown fixers that she would drop arsenic in their gravy train.)

The mainstream media guard the overlords’ gravy train. *Voice of San Diego*

has been biting at Filner. *U-T San Diego*, of course, is boosting DeMaio and attacking Filner. At least the *U-T*’s bias is not concealed. As soon as owner “Papa Doug” Manchester and his lieutenant John Lynch took over, “They laid out the role of the paper and exactly what they were going to do. They said they will be cheerleaders for the Chargers,” notes Frye.

“I personally believe that if we vote for DeMaio, we get Manchester as mayor,” says Norma Damashek, former president of the League of Women Voters. And that means San Diego will get a stadium, whether or not it’s affordable.

Former city attorney Mike Aguirre says a stadium “is not a sure thing. Financially, I don’t see how it can be done.” A subsidized stadium can’t be justified on economics, business sense, social priorities, equity — “only on selfishness. And

people are recognizing selfishness is not the way to proceed.”

But, historically, greed and political dishonesty have won out. In the 2000 mayoral race, Dick Murphy denounced the 1995 stadium deal with the Chargers. The City had foolishly guaranteed the team revenue equivalent to 60,000 seats per game. The team was making more money not selling tickets than selling them and was not doing marketing.

Murphy threatened to sue the Chargers. It appeared he was the candidate who would be tough on pro sports subsidies. Eventually, the City owed the team \$36 million for those unsold seats. Voters were outraged. But when the Chargers said they would end the guarantee, Murphy, by then mayor, gave them a deal that would cost more than \$90 million over 20 years and grant them a three-month window every year in which they could break their lease and skip town.

Similarly, in the 2004 election, Murphy chided challenger Ron Roberts for being too cozy with the Padres, their owner John Moores, and developers and labor unions that might get rich from the new ballpark. But after the Padres shut down construction of promised ancillary buildings, Murphy came up with a plan that deviated from the one voters had approved in 1998. The City would raid hotel-tax revenues earmarked for civic and cultural projects. Under Murphy’s watch, the Padres got away with numerous stunts that departed from initial promises.

Murphy ran in 2000 and 2004 as the candidate with moderate, sensible views on sports subsidies, but he changed course completely once in office. “Murphy was a nobody. That’s why [the establishment] put him there,” says Damashek.

And then, among many crooked things, there were

the gifts — including highly remunerative stock tips — that Moores showered on Councilmember Valerie Stallings, who was providing him information. He got off completely and she got a light wrist slap. Moores described his generosity as “simple human kindness.” The establishment, choking back tears, marveled at his magnanimity. So did law enforcement, the judiciary, political leadership, and the mainstream media. ■

Rugby — safer

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instead of football. First off, he mentions the greater ability of each player to participate in all aspects of the game. In football, it often happens that a few stars perform the exciting action, while the role of others is simply to block opponents. “In rugby,” says Calio, “whether you have 7, 13, or 15 players on teams, every single one of them has the opportunity to make a tackle or carry the ball and score. Sure, some players are more athletically gifted and will get the ball more often, but all players have some chance to get their names on the scoreboard. That’s attractive to kids.”

But what parents worry most about are serious injuries, especially concussions and repetitive lesser head traumas, which have been shown capable of causing brain disease later in life. In respect to American football, it’s commonplace nowadays to bemoan the transformation of the leather headgear of the good ole days into today’s hard plastic helmet. Calio agrees. “My older son plays football for Poway High School now and you see that that thing on their heads is a weapon.”

But there’s more to it, Calio thinks, a kind of glorification of violent hits. “In rugby,” he says, “there’s no big emphasis placed on the tackle, per se. In American

football, the tackle ends the play. So everybody is more likely to admire the big hits and remember them.” One thinks of how, after a quarterback is knocked to the turf and the play is over, the tackler often goes into a victory dance, jumping up and jabbing his fist in the air. Now, suppose there’s no time to stop and allow spectators to lust over the mayhem. “In rugby,” Calio continues, “even if you make that big hit, the play is still going, and the player tackled may have gotten the ball off to a teammate who can go on to score if you should start enjoying your big triumph. People are not going to remember the tackle; they’ll remember a score you allowed.”

Recently, national pundit George Will suggested on the Sunday-morning television program *This Week* that it will be parents who eventually force football to change. “It will start at the small level of kids playing football in grade school and then in high school. We now in our hypercautious parenting put crash helmets on children riding tricycles.”

Eleven San Diego County clubs belong to Southern California Youth Rugby, the sport’s regional governing organization. USA Football, although national in scope, is a counterpart for youth football. It is noteworthy that the latter organization has created a program called Heads Up Football. An Associated Press article on August 15 suggested that the program’s “motto could be ‘Get your head out of it.’” The story reported that USA Football and NFL commissioner Roger Goodell recently demonstrated healthy tackling techniques, which are similar to what rugby’s laws require.

Not long ago I ran into a small group of former adult rugby players. They insisted that rugby is every bit as rough as football and that during games there are fights and taunting, just as

in football. “Rugby is a substitute for war,” said one. “But it ends after the game when we drink beer with the other team. Football players often seem to hate the other teams.” Could he imagine professional rugby coaches offering bounties to players for knocking opponents out of games with injuries? It happened in the NFL’s New Orleans Saints organization a couple of years ago.

“No way,” he said. ■

Under the radar

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online by university vice president **Mary Ruth Carleton**, Fisher got a free trip home from an April 2 game in New Orleans. The tab was valued at \$350, but the filing doesn’t say whether the trip was made by commercial airline or private jet. In addition to Altman’s gift to the school’s athletics program, **Jeff Jacobs**, the son of Qualcomm founder **Irwin Jacobs** — a big donor to KPBS, the SDSU-controlled public broadcasting operation — treated Jim Sterk, the university’s director of athletics, to a return trip from Las Vegas on March 10 “after attending the Mountain West Conference for Men’s and Women’s basketball games,” according to another undated disclosure filing signed by Carleton. The journey, again by unspecified means, was valued at \$200.

La Jolla flash What a difference a year can make. Last August, La Jolla-based GOP political consultant **Bob Schuman** had a big winner on his hands in the form of a freshly minted presidential super PAC, Americans for **Rick Perry**. With \$193,000 received in just six months — \$100,000 of it from toxic-waste mogul **Harold Simmons** of Dallas — it looked as if Schuman’s independent bid to aid the conservative Texas governor was bound for glory. In all, \$433,256 poured in. Then Perry’s bid tanked, and in January Schuman changed the name of the PAC to the Restoring Prosperity Fund. Without Perry’s name, though, no more cash has been collected, and this June the PAC took another step toward

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zeroing out its account by paying the Schuman Group \$9500. In May, the committee had paid AccessPoint Media Group of Mission Hills \$2668. That brought the fund's cash balance as of the end of June down to \$9764... Speaking of La Jolla politics, environmental super-lawyer **Jan Chatten-Brown** came up with \$2500 for Barack Obama's campaign on July 22. "She was the winner of the first 'Rivey' award by Friends of the Los Angeles River for her leadership in making the dream of a park at the Chinatown Cornfield and Taylor Yard come true," says her website bio. Her law firm has of late been involved in battling the controversial Navy-Broadway project proposed by *Union-Tribune* owner Doug Manchester's Manchester Investment Group.

— Matt Potter

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Mayberry by the Sea *Politico.com* knocks U-T's Republican helpfest *San Diego County* — On Tuesday, the *Union-Tribune* will sponsor a "One-Stop Shop" for political candidates. "The Republican Party of San Diego County sent out the invite to the event," says the *Los Angeles Times*. The county Republican chairman will be on hand for the purported educational gathering.

San Diego CityBeat, as well as the *Times*, has cocked an eyebrow at the event, and now a national publication is doing the same. Dylan Byers of *Politico.com* says today (September 8) that the "*San Diego Union-Tribune* is hosting a media-training event for state Republican candidates, including lessons in 'how to get noticed by the press, how to craft a press release' and — wait for it — how to get the endorsement of the largest paper in the city, the *San Diego Union-Tribune*."

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At the event, the *U-T* will have chief executive **John Lynch**, the editorial board, the editor, and radio right-winger **Roger Hedgecock** on hand to talk with those who want to be media-savvy.

How long will it be before "Enron by the Sea" is nationally known as "Mayberry by the Sea"?

By Don Bauder
Saturday, September 8

Big Party Dollars

Peters campaign gets national help in ad funding *San Diego County* — **Scott Peters**, the Democratic challenger to incumbent Republican **Brian Bilbray** in the newly drawn 52nd Congressional district, is poised to benefit big from party dollars outside the district rolling in to back his campaign.

Late last month, Peters won the state party's "Win Back the House Challenge,"

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which declared him the nonincumbent candidate with the most grassroots support. As a result, he's received online fundraising support at the state level.

The *Reader's* **Dorian Hargrove** has reported that between the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and another group, House Majority PAC, over \$1 million has been committed to advertising for the campaign.

By Dave Rice
Friday, September 7

Appointment a Puzzle

USD professor joins UCAN *San Diego* — **Robert Fellmeth**, professor of public interest law at the University of San Diego and a local ethics expert, has joined the board of deeply troubled Utility Consumers' Action Network (UCAN), according to **Kim Malcolm**, UCAN

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executive director.

Fellmeth's appointment is a bit of a puzzle. For decades, Fellmeth has been very close to **Michael Shames**, cofounder of UCAN. Shames left UCAN in June after his ethics came into question. The *Reader* revealed more than a year ago that Shames was skimming 10 percent off intervenor fees from the California Public Utilities Commission, was charging attorney-size sums for his hours worked while he was not a member of the bar, and also that \$1 million for a China-bashing movie was routed by steel producer Nucor through UCAN in a deal that smacked of tax avoidance or money laundering.

The U.S. Attorney is investigating these alleged irregularities and others. UCAN filed for dissolution earlier this year, but that

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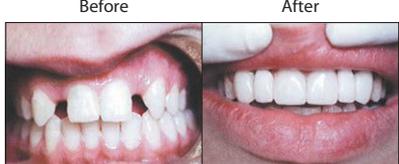
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hasn't happened; it led to Malcolm being brought in.

By Don Bauder

Tuesday, September 4

Joggers Mauled

Man charged after pit bull attack

Valley Center — District attorney Bonnie Dumanis this afternoon announced the filing of charges against 40-year-old José Ledesma in connection with a Valley Center pit bull attack that resulted in the mauling of two young joggers.

The dogs belonged to a friend of Ledesma but were under his care when they attacked a family on a nearby jogging trail. The two victims were able to fight off the dogs but suffered serious injuries as a result.

Ledesma is charged with two misdemeanor counts each of failing to protect the public from dogs and failing to restrain a dog.

Several high-profile pit bull attacks have made news in San Diego recently, including those involving an eight-month-old baby from Lemon Grove and an elderly San Diego woman, both of whom died from their injuries.

"The danger is not in the breed, it is in the owner or

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caretaker who fails to ensure that the dog is safely confined, socialized and supervised," said Dawn Danielson, the director of County Animal Services, in a release.

By Dave Rice

Wednesday, September 5

Expensive and Unnecessary

Future of Scripps Institution of Oceanography's director may be up for grabs UCSD — Two potentially costly and controversial decisions about the University of California San Diego's future may be decided by UC regents next week, according to an agenda posted online this morning by U.C.'s Office of the President.

First up on the regents' compensation committee agenda for September 13 is the matter of the "Appointment of and Compensation for Acting Vice Chancellor for Marine Sciences, Director of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and Dean of the Graduate School of Marine Sciences, San Diego Campus."

As we reported a year ago this month, a similar item appeared on the committee's agenda, only to be pulled at the last min-

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ute following our repeated inquiries.

Speculation then had it that Tony Haymet, the current Scripps director, might be leaving his job, but university officials remained mum and Haymet held onto his spot.

Haymet has made a name for himself as a party-going friend of VIPs and royalty, including ex-U.S. vice president Al Gore and Monaco's Prince Albert, both of whom have appeared at institute fundraisers here.

UCSD campus speculation now centers on at least a temporary departure by Haymet.

The second round of potential San Diego controversy comes in the form of the "Establishment of a New Senior Management Group Position, Appointment of and Compensation for Vice Chancellor — Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, San Diego Campus."

When first announced last year, the diversity job drew savage attacks from critics, including the conservative Manhattan Institute for Policy Research's Heather Mac Donald, who argued that the new position was expensive and unnecessary.

By Matt Potter

Wednesday, September 5

LETTERS

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Don Bauder's column of August 29 said that Dr. Philip Milgram had launched LifeScore Clinic in 1999 with another physician. This is incorrect. Dr. Michael Wright started LifeScore in 1999. Milgram acquired the clinic in 2007. — Editor

It's Like A Parable

Regarding Ina Weitzman's August 30 letter concerning Name Withheld's letter of August 16 concerning the "Sheep and Goats" interview with Rabbi Cain, both people are wrong. Jesus was not a Jew who preached Judaism, like Ina thinks, nor did he preach "freedom is found in rejecting the slavery of Judaic racism," as Name Withheld says. If you look up in the Bible Mark 1:15, or Matthew 4:23, or Luke 13:20, it says that he came to preach the gospel of the kingdom of God, and there are many times where he referenced, "What shall I compare the kingdom of god to? It is like..." and then he goes into a parable.

Name Withheld via voicemail

Ignore It, Guys

Re: "Guys Are Gross," August 30 cover story
I just hope that fewer guys prove to be the same sort of grievance mongers as wrote in response to the "Afro Puffs"

story. That would be pretty gross.

Daniel Kian Mc Kiernan via email

Why, You..! I Oughtta..!

You oughtta be ashamed! I was shocked and appalled by what I saw on the cover this week ("Guys Are Gross," August 30). I was truly offended to see such slander blaring out at the world in giant, white boldface. As a "guy," I do not consider myself gross. Furthermore, some of my best friends are "guys," and I hate to think of what your cover has done to their self-esteem. It is your writing staff who is gross, irresponsible, and downright mean. I did not bother to read the article, as I don't believe in context or judging a book by anything other than its cover. But after this unforgivable slight, I plan to continue not reading your magazine.

Name Withheld via email

Joe Kills

Being a critic of movies most of my life, I was reading the review by Scott Marks about *Killer Joe*. It's one of the great films of all time. I have no idea what he's talking about giving it one star. The other one is *Savages*, giving it one star. I can understand Ted one star, but really, *Killer Joe*? Where are you coming from?

Name Withheld via voicemail

DIARY OF A DIVA

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would be."

"You could try joining," David said.

"Nah, I'm what these people call 'filthy and unjust' because I don't like being told how to think and feel," I said. "Not to mention the whole communal living thing."

"Right," David said. "You can't even share a room with your sister in Vegas."

I nodded and smiled for Jen's benefit to show that David was not exaggerating. "I'm no good at sharing, which means I'm going to burn in the Eternal Lake of Fire. At least, according to these guys I am. But then again, they also think Christianity is akin to atheism and that Jay-Z is in the same sinning category as Hitler. So, let's just say I'm not too worried."

I tore off a chunk of bread and used it to sop up some soup. "Don't get me wrong, Jen, this is awesome. But next time I come up, maybe we can try the Sonic Drive-In down the street. I think I'd feel less judged at a place where all the servers are on roller skates." ■

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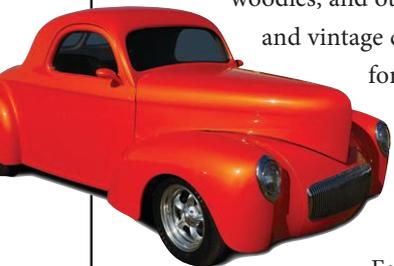
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ENCINITAS CLASSIC CAR NIGHTS

The last night of this year's summer car show in Encinitas, where hot rods, woodies, and other classic and vintage cars gather for public appreciation. Enjoy music by the Fabulous Woodies, the Retro Rocketts, and DJ Zombeard, each on one of three stages.

WHEN: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Downtown Encinitas, South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-943-1950; encinitas101.com



Saturday | 15

CITYSOLVE URBAN RACE

"More than a scavenger hunt but less physical than a 5K, this hybrid combines trivia with a team-oriented adventure" for teams of two to four people. Solve clues and face challenges, such as bowling a strike, building a house of cards, identifying ice cream flavors, and putting puzzles together. Winners get a chance to compete for \$6500 in the national championship. \$55 pre-registration (by 3 p.m. on Friday, September 14), \$65 day of race.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

WHERE: House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. Citysolveurbanrace.com

Sunday | 16

BUNNYFEST 2012

Bring your bunnies! San Diego House Rabbit Society celebrates its 20th anniversary with bunny games, craft vendors, gourmet food trucks, rabbit vets, a silent auction, and more! You can also "enter your rabbit in the bunny bowling contest."

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE: Balboa Park, corner of Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. 858-356-4286; catsandrabbitsandmore.com

Monday | 17

FELTED PILLOW COVER

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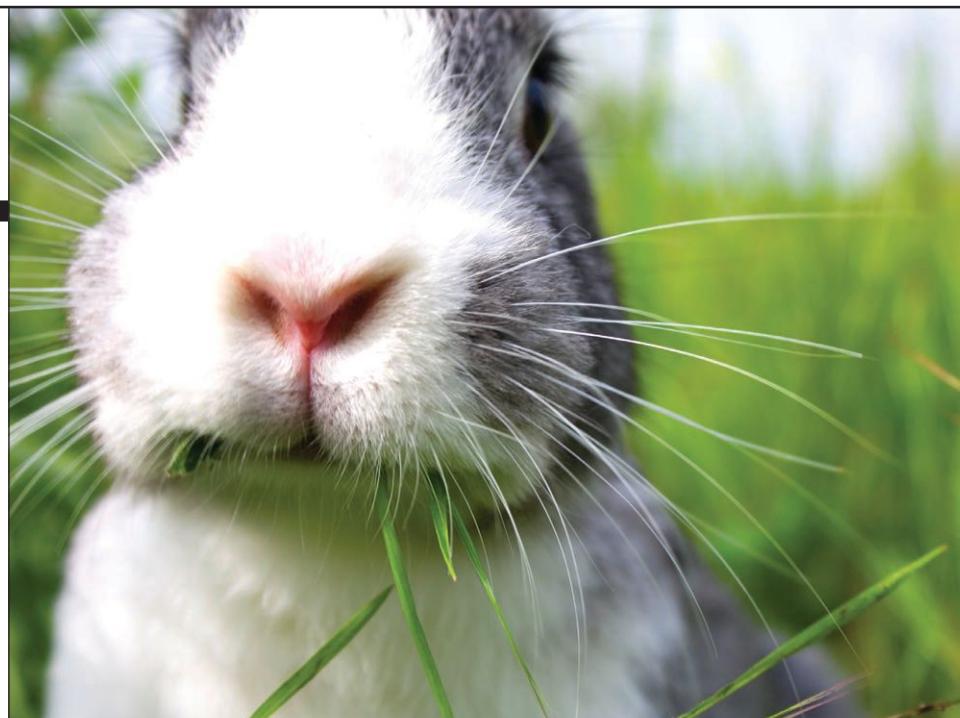
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Arrive in earthling or extraterrestrial costume (or not) for 15th annual "fun fundraiser for grownups" benefiting Girl Scouts San Diego. Play intergalactic games, explore auction prizes, then dine and dance under the constellations. \$175.

WHEN: 6 to 11 p.m.

WHERE: San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza, Balboa Park. 619-610-0807; sdgirlscouts.org/uc2012



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16: BUNNYFEST 2012

back." Felt-making requires standing and some exertion. \$80-\$88 includes class and materials.

WHEN: 1 to 5 p.m.

WHERE: Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Road, Point Loma. 619-223-0058; bravoschoolofart.com

Tuesday | 18

ART/DANCE ACADEMY PERFORMANCE

The Art/Dance Academy (Arabi Danse Academie) is a performing arts school dedicated to presenting, preserving, and educating the general public on ethnic culture and folklore of the Eastern Arabic Countries. Come experience it for yourself!

WHEN: 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street, Valencia Park. 619-527-3405.

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COOKING WITH TRADER JOE'S

Deana Gunn, Encinitas local and Trader Joe's cookbook author, shares her story, favorite cooking tips, and products. She will also demo a recipe and sign her latest cookbooks.

WHEN: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas. 760-753-7376; encinitaslibfriends.org



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The author poses with "Backfire Betty" in the mountains of Laos

Rolling the Dice in Laos

By Andres Bautista

I found myself in a unique situation 8000 miles away in remote Laos.

After taking a leap of faith, which involved quitting my cushy consultant job here in San Diego, I bought a one-way ticket to fulfill an itch to get lost in other parts of planet Earth for ten months.

How could I *not* buy that undocumented 100cc Honda Win motorbike from the two German hotties I ran into in Luang Prabang? After all, the \$330 junker I was about to purchase put me in the upper echelon of mediocre motorized Laotian vehicle ownership. After an

unsuccessful attempt to flirt with one of the Germans, I cringed as I forked over the last of my U.S. dollars, not realizing this would be the best impromptu decision I made while overseas.

The words "Backfire Betty" were sloppily handwritten in white marker above the broken headlight, and a red-headed doll hung just below. I took a last look at Luang Prabang's beautiful French-influenced streets and, with backpack, map, and phrase book in hand, began riding north...wherever that went.

Laos is on a blazing path to becoming the most desirable destination for thrill-seekers willing to go that extra mile in search of unspoiled beauty in Southeast Asia. Villages without electricity and dependency on small-scale farming are still ways of life in this nation sandwiched between Thailand and Vietnam. Trekking, canyoneering, and long-distance motorbike excursions, however, are just as common and appealing to Westerners and Aussies alike.

On one occasion where I was slightly lost and extremely hungry, I stopped on the side of the road to ask for directions (by pointing at my map) and food (by pointing at my mouth). A man immedi-

ately invited me to sit down with the rest of his mates at the makeshift roadside restaurant we were in front of and offered me a small glass of Beerlao.

I accepted, and, using my phrase book, I started asking basic questions such as, "Are you married?" "How many kids do you have?" and "What is your job?"; to which he responded by saying, "Thank you" in English every time, regardless of the question.

With a huge smile, he then handed me a hard-boiled egg, which I anxiously cracked. My excitement turned to confusion when liquid cascaded out and, to my surprise, I saw a tiny chicken embryo inside! My immediate thought was *Ha, they boiled the wrong egg*. That thought quickly went out the window when

none of their expressions changed as the embryo juice oozed down my hand.

Even with a beak, eyes, and some semblance of feathers, I was expected to at least try their gracious gift. I had no problem eating the hard yolk around the tiny bird (with a *lot* of salt and pepper) and in an attempt to share, I offered my host the egg by handing it to him. He would not take my last bite and, as I took the little cradle back from his hand, I accidentally dropped it on the ground! It was a total (yet fortunate) accident, and I was extremely embarrassed.

I scurried to the hut next door, bought a Beerlao for all to share, and took off on an empty and mildly queasy stomach. I looked back and they still had

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Other Adventures



island602: The locals say it's touristy, but the place reeks of maritime charm. Nyhavn was the old seaport of Copenhagen and, much like the San Diego Gaslamp, was notorious for beer, sailors, and prostitution.



barbedwire: Yellow is the primary color in NYC.



Ltnagdess1955: This window to the world is located at Winslow, AZ, at the site of the most famous meteor crater. It's easy access from the I-40; take exit 233 on Meteor Crater Road.



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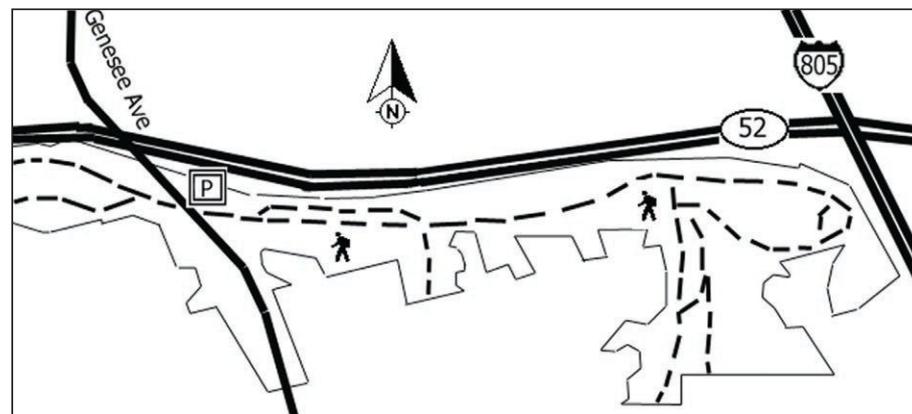
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SAN CLEMENTE EAST

Huge sycamores and live oak trees highlight this easy walk in the canyon bottom.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 12 miles. Allow 20 minutes driving time. From I-5 north, merge onto SR-52 east, exit on Genesee Avenue, then right again into the Marian Bear Park parking lot. Restrooms and water at trailhead.

Hiking length: 2.5 miles. Open year round for hikers and bicyclists. Dogs on a leash permitted. Best time to visit is Sunday mornings when traffic sounds are lowest. Rain can limit access. • **Difficulty:** Easy, with little elevation gain/loss. On the side of the trail you may occasionally see and need to avoid poison oak.



Take time to look at the broad palmate leaves of the western sycamore while hiking in San Diego's first natural park.

In 1971, San Clemente Canyon became San Diego's first officially dedicated natural park.

It was rededicated as Marian R. Bear Memorial Park in 1979 for her role in preventing Highway 52

from being built in the San Clemente creek bed. She also helped in preserving Tecolote Canyon and passage of Proposition C, a \$65 million open-space preservation plan for the acquisition of major parcels of park preserves within the City of San Diego. Mrs. Marian Bear was one of the city's most active and persistent defenders of open-space preservation.

San Clemente East is centrally located with easy access to a riparian woodland habitat. This scarce environment is only meters in width, but with vegetation that is both dense and diverse. This is one of the most productive for wildlife, due to relatively abundant water and cold air drainage.

Start walking eastward on the dirt road toward I-805, crossing the creek bed that can be impassable during significant rain. Stay on the trail, as there is an abundance

of poison oak growing among the riparian indicator species of sycamore, mule fat, and willows.

There are two south side trips to lengthen your walk; the first is Cobb Trail, an interesting shaded trail where at the end there are steps up to Cobb Drive. Walking up the steps and back add exercise before returning to the main trail. Another side trip follows high-voltage power lines up along an open trail to Conrad Avenue. Return to the main trail and continue east until reaching I-805, at which time, retrace your steps back to the parking lot.

Take time to look at the broad palmate leaves of the western sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*) and follow the molted light bark for perching birds and nests. Binoculars can help differentiate the two most common hawks found

in the area.

Red-tailed hawks (*Buteo jamaicensis*), the most common *Buteo* in North America, can be seen soaring on large broad wings or perched in sycamore trees. They hunt from perch or soaring position, catching rodents, small mammals, snakes, and rarely a bird. The three foot in diameter, large bulking platform type nest of sticks and twigs tends to be in more exposed sites, though reused by common ravens, great horned owls, and other hawks. Red-shouldered hawks (*Buteo lineatus*) mostly hunt from perch, catching rodents, insects, and small birds.

San Clemente Canyon joins the Rose Creek tributary near I-5 on its route to Mission Bay near the Kendall Frost Marsh. The 23,427-

acre Rose Canyon Watershed that starts from runoff on the western slopes of Scripps Ranch goes through MCAS Miramar and joins with Rose and Stevenson Canyons and their tributaries. Mileage can be extended a number of ways: walk the three sections of San Clemente Canyon, adding Rose Canyon; side trips to Stanley Park; and even through a combination of trails and streets and the addition of Tecolote Canyon.

Canyoneers are San Diego Natural History Museum volunteers trained to lead interpretive nature walks that teach appreciation for the great outdoors. For a schedule of free public hikes, refer to the San Diego Natural History Museum website.

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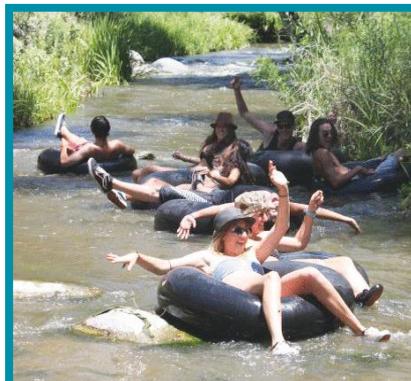
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OUTDOORS

Birding at Old Mission Dam

During the dry season, water is a bird magnet. Explore bird populations at the dam with Mission Trails resident birder Jeanne Raimond. Search for resident and migratory species. Bring bird book and binoculars if you have them. Saturday, September 15, 8am; **free**. Old Mission Dam, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

California Coastal Cleanup Day

Help clear away waterway debris at more than 80 coastal and inland cleanup sites all over San Diego County. Bring a reusable bucket, work gloves, water bottle. Regis-

tration, locations: 619-704-2773. Saturday, September 15, 9am; **free**. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Coastal Cleanup Day at the Mission Valley Preserve South

Attack trash and illegal dumping along river. Tools and supplies provided. Light rain does not cancel. Dress in closed shoes and clothes that can get dirty. Meet in Cottonwood Grove near Sefton Park Baseball Complex. Saturday, September 15, 9am; **free**. Sefton Field, 2495 Hotel Circle Place. (MISSION VALLEY)

Native Wisdom Learn how SD's Kumeyaay Indians used their knowledge of ecology and the environment to survive and thrive. Saturday, September 15, 9:30am; Sunday, September 16, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Night Hike Naturalist Mike Kelly leads moderately paced, flat hike in search of wildlife including deer, bats, tarantulas. Meet at kiosk at corner of Park Village Road and Camino del Sur. 858-484-3219. Friday, September 14, 7pm; **free**. Peñasquitos Creek Park, 8021 Park Village Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Summer Twilight Walk Experience nocturnal nature as dusk descends on the park and night comes to the open spaces. Bring jacket, flashlight. Binoculars are optional. Saturday, September 15, 6pm; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

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"Life's a Beach" San Diego Quilt Show promises 300 traditional and nontraditional quilt designs, quilts for sale, fashion display, workshops, vendor booths, classes, lectures. Preview night: September 12 (\$15 in advance, \$20 at door). Admission is good for all days (\$10 general). 619-443-2706. Thursday, September 13, through Saturday, September 15, 10am; San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

"Urban Campout 2012: A Space Odyssey" Arrive in costume (or not) for 15th annual fun fundraiser for grown-ups benefiting Girl Scouts San Diego. Play intergalactic games, explore auction prizes, dine, dance. 619-610-0807. Friday, September 14, 6pm; \$175. 21 and up. San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Iris Society Fall Rhizome Sale Members will be available to assist and answer any questions. Sunday, September 16, 10am; **free**. Casa del Prado, 1800 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Air National Guard "Rise to the Challenge" Tour at San Diego Bayfair Enjoy "skills-driven experience providing the general public an opportunity to participate in simulated missions designed to demonstrate the real-life roles of Air Guard men and women." Saturday, September 15, 9am; Sunday, September 16, 9am; **free**. 18 and up. Paradise Point Resort and Spa, 1404 Vacation Road. (PACIFIC BEACH)

ArtStop: "Temple, Palace, Mosque" Enjoy 15-minute tour of selections from "Temple, Palace, Mosque" exhibition with museum curators and educators. Included in admission (\$12 general). 619-232-7931. Thursday, September 13, 12pm; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

BunnyFest 2012 Bring your bunnies! San Diego House Rabbit Society celebrates its 20th anniversary with day of bunny games, craft vendors, gourmet food truck, rabbit vets, silent auction, more. "Enter your rabbit in the bunny bowling contest." 858-356-4286. Sunday, September 16, 10am; **free**. Balboa Park south, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Campfire Sing-Along Join Poway Folk Circle, storyteller Charles Johnson, pioneers, and cowboys around the campfire while you roast s'mores and sing traditional campfire songs. Friday, September 14, 7pm; **free**. Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Road. (POWAY)

CitySolve Urban Race "More than a scavenger hunt but less physical than a 5k, this hybrid combines trivia with a team-oriented adventure" for teams of two to four people. Check-in: 10-11:30am; race starts at noon. Saturday, September 15, 10am; \$55-\$65. House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Encinitas Classic Car Nights Hot rods, woodies, other classic and vintage cars line S. Coast Hwy. 101 in dedicated lots (from D Street to J Street). Music by the Fabulous Woodies at Encinitas Smog. 760-

943-1950. Thursday, September 13, 5:30pm; **free**. Encinitas Smog, 682 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

Haute La Jolla Nights Fall Fashion Show Hip dogs strut their stuff on the runway during fall fashion show for canines. Light refreshments, appetizers for humans, treats for pooches. "Model" registration: 858-459-9663. Saturday, September 15, 6pm; Muttropolis La Jolla, 7755 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Historic Home Tour Tours of Brick Row, the Railroad Depot, and La Vista Memorial planned in conjunction with National City's 125th anniversary. Tour kicks off at 11am at the Kimball Museum; followed by self-guided tour of several Victorian-style homes on Brick Row; with visit to the Railroad Depot from 1-3pm and concluding at La Vista Memorial Park, where more than 30 Civil War veterans are buried, as well as Frank Kimball and other notable residents. The tour at La Vista Memorial Park will last from 3 to 5pm. Attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the gardens. 858-689-9909 x240. Saturday, September 15, 11am; **free**. Frank Kimball Museum, 932 A Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

Jerry Coleman Day Join Padres to celebrate "the legendary baseball and broadcasting career of Jerry Coleman." Pre-game ceremony includes statue unveiling and performance by the U.S. Marine Corps' Silent Drill Platoon (30 minutes before first pitch). 619-795-5555. Saturday, September 15,



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huge smiles on their faces.

After a few weeks of riding in central Laos, I made it to the capital city of Vientiane. As I walked through town, sampling the street food and drinking iced coffee out of plastic bags, I heard someone say to me in a German accent:

"Hey! Didn't you buy that motor-bike in Luang Prabang?"

Martina, the girl who asked me that question, was an hour or so away from purchasing Backfire Betty a few weeks ago. I had beat her to it.

I could see she was envious of my grand plan, which was to rumble all the way through southern Laos, cross into Cambodia, and then part with the bike by overcharging a Westerner or bequeathing her to a humble villager.

After chit-chatting with her for a few more minutes, I blurted out: "I'm kinda thinking of selling the bike." I couldn't believe what I had just said!

Her eyes awoke with hope, and right then and there, in a matter of a nanosecond, I mentally broke up with Backfire



Betty, a 100cc Honda bought from two German tourists, provided weeks of transportation around Laos.

Betty. I figured I'd had a pretty good run exploring the most beautiful part of Laos (north/central Laos). It would be more challenging to sell her in Cambodia.

I sold Backfire Betty to Martina for \$350 U.S., and with that money booked a flight to Thailand to train in muay thai kickboxing.

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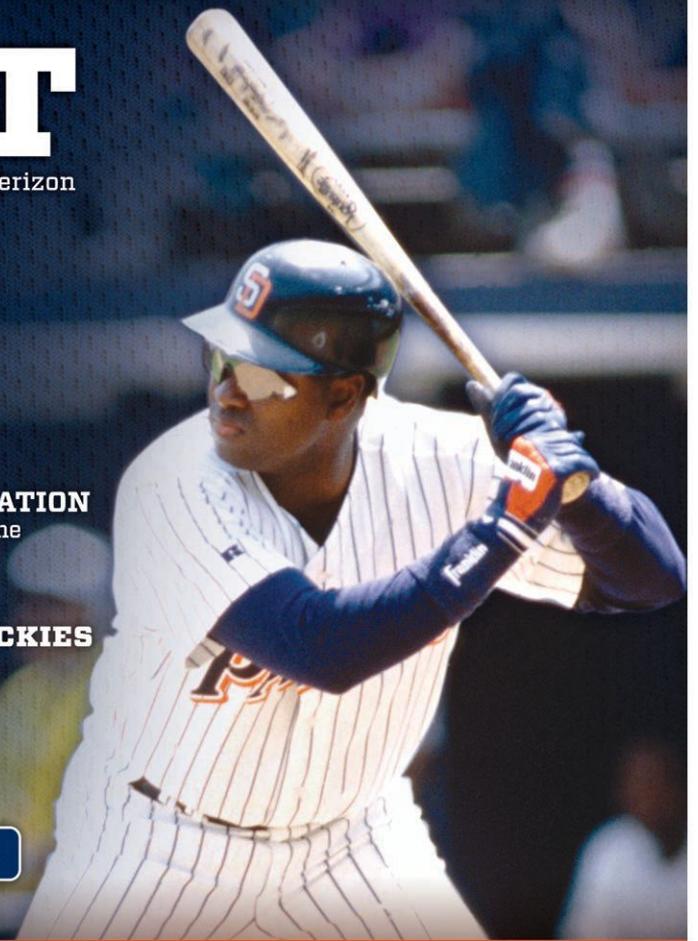
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Jewelry Rehab Own broken jewelry you'd like to learn to repair? How about a design idea you need help getting going? Work on projects, ask Chelsea and Debra "all the jewelry making questions you can think of." Champagne will be served. Supplies for sale; tools available for in-class use. Registration: 949-500-6968. Saturday, September 15, 2pm; \$20. Grove, 3010 Juniper Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Knitting Circle Share project and pattern ideas, learn how to knit, improve your skills with Eileen Adler. Bring yarn, needles, a project. 858-581-9934. Saturday, September 15, 10am; **free**. Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Long Island Lucy Draw sassy circus performer Jacquie when Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School convenes for drawing, silly contests, prizes, drinks, music. Bring sketchpads, drawing implements. drsketchyandiego@gmail.com or 858-405-9453. Saturday, September 15, 3pm; \$10. 21 and up. Ruby Room, 1271 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Open House — Fall in Love! Meet and greet ex-racing greyhounds, tour center, learn about greyhound rescue and adoption. 877-478-8364. Sunday, September

16, 1pm; **free**. Greyhound Adoption Center, 4821 Dehesa Road. (EL CAJON)

Prop 37 Carmel Valley Education and Volunteer Meeting Work to "get genetically engineered foods" labeled in California. dolphinheartsong@yahoo.com. Saturday, September 15, 10am; **free**. Jimbo's, Naturally! Carmel Valley, 12853 El Camino Real. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Rendezvous Shadow River Regulators, Cimarron Ridge Old West Productions, Apache Canyon Gang living history groups bring history to life. Interact with historical encampments, meet "mountain men, cowboys, buckaroos." Gun fighting reenactments and mock train robberies. Gatling gun and cannon demonstrations. Blacksmithing demonstrations. Dress in costume. Ride the steam locomotive train (nominal fee). Pan for gold. Saturday, September 15, 10am; Sunday, September 16, 10am; **free**. Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Road. (POWAY)

San Diego Music Thing Improve your knowledge of the music business through panels, mentoring, demo review sessions, and an acoustic pool stage. Featured speakers: Chuck D from Public Enemy, Wayne Kramer of MC5, Martin Atkins (TourSmart), many more.

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Orientation Week

A poem by Ronald Koertge

and a family of two is exploring the Student Union. Dad is all decked out in the shirt she bought with her own money. Joyce is wearing snug cut-offs and her freshman breasts stir as she walks.

Dad knows that all the boys plan to slip some LSD in her cocoa as soon as he is out of sight. He takes in the monsters, hair down to there, a fuselage in every pair of pants.

Worse than he expected. Certainly not the eunuchs and mild wethers that he hoped for. And where is the Jake Barnes dormitory?

He sees them do it to her even as they stand by the car. Worse, he sees her ask for it, coaxing with her expensive teeth. Why can't he

lock those vivid hips in her room?
Follow her everywhere, revolvers drawn?
Punch a few of those furry bastards in the chops?

So he does what he can — lips to chaste brow,
hand to bare arm, saying

Good-bye now. Be good.



Ron Koertge is a well-known, much-admired poet and the author of several award-winning young-adult novels. His new collection of poems from Candlewick Press is *Lies, Knives and Girls in Red Dresses*, a book of re-visited fairy tales as only Ron Koertge could revisit them. His website is ronkoertge.com. "Orientation Week" was originally published in a collection titled *High School Dirty Poems*, published by Red Wind Books. A larger collection of his poetry is the University of Arkansas Press's *Making Love to Roget's Wife: Poems Selected and New*. "Orientation Week" is reprinted by permission. Photo credit: Sonia Sones.

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Jewel, more. 619-381-8789. Friday, September 14, 10am; Saturday, September 15, 10am; \$30-\$35. Lafayette Hotel & Suites, 2223 El Cajon Blvd. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

San Diego Pirate Festival Venture back in time, "when scoundrels ruled the seas and plundering was a way of life." Hundreds of costumed re-enactors will run amok. Parades, pirate battles, street entertainers,

educational presentations, music, food, outdoor market, kids' activities, battle re-enactments and demonstrations. 805-496-6036. Saturday, September 15, 10am; Sunday, September 16, 10am; **free**-\$15. Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. (VISTA)

Sing-Along! Love to sing? Grab a seat around the piano, enjoy "belt-

ing out...favorite golden oldies and sterling standards." Singing ability is appreciated, but not required. 858-581-9934. Friday, September 14, 11am; **free**. 18 and up. Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

SportSwap and More Support bicycle teams preparing for the Bike MS Bay to Bay Tour 2012. Day promises group bike ride for

all levels (7am); bicycle safety clinic followed by short group ride (9am); SportSwap with "lightly used sporting goods" offered for sale (10am); cycle maintenance/tire changing clinics (10:30, 11:30am); nutrition for cycling clinic (11am-noon). Proceeds benefit National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Saturday, September 15, 10am; **free**. Rehab United, 3959 Ruffin Road. (KEARNY MESA)

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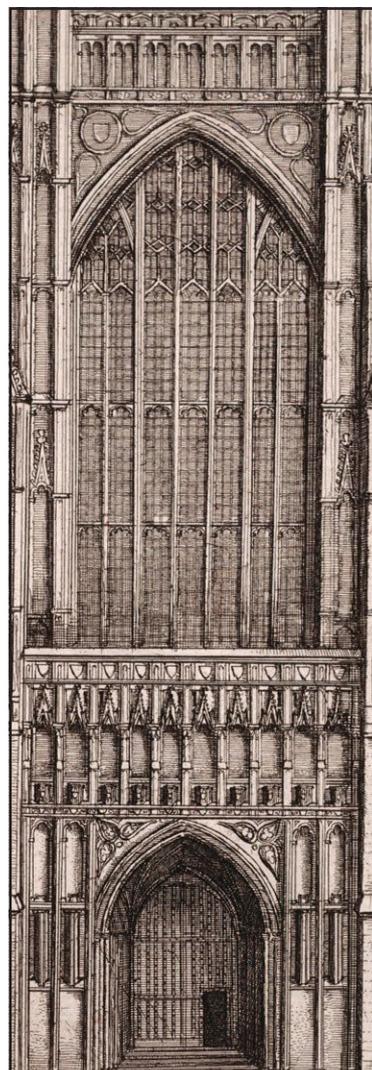
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Mira Mesa Street Fair Hit the street for crafters, vendors, international food court, entertainment on two stages, children's carnival with rides, Scout Village (showcasing camping skills and equipment), more. Saturday, September 15, 10am; **free**. Camino Ruiz from

Mira Mesa Blvd. to New Salem St. (MIRA MESA)

Pacific Sound Brass Quintet Experience "the power and nuance that brass can deliver, from the music of Bach and Copland to Ellington and Gershwin." Guest appearance by organist Jan Feher and Westminster Choir. 619-232-7513. Sunday, September 16, 7pm; **free**. First Presbyterian Church, 320 Date Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Vinny Golia Sextet Ensemble will expose the audience to saxophones of all shapes and sounds. The sextet features saxophone, trumpet, guitar, electric bass, and percussion. 760-438-5996. Saturday, September 15, 7pm; \$15-\$20. Museum of Making Music, 5790 Armada Drive. (CARLSBAD)

ART

"Girls with Guns" Reception for solo exhibitions by emerging artists Claudia Alvarez and Juan Carballo. Alvarez exhibits "a collection of original ceramic sculptures, oil paintings, and watercolors focusing on themes of childhood." Carballo's "Plein Air" showcases "a collection of oil paintings channeling the beauty in nature." Through Saturday, November 3. 619-501-5689. Saturday, September 15, 6pm; **free**. Scott White Contemporary Art, 7655 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

"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. **Free**-\$7. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Dynamic: Blue Note After Rivera" features 12 paintings by Mexico City-based artist Roberto Cortázar, 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 with works by Alexej von Jawlensky, Gabriele Münter, Max Beckmann, George Grosz, others. **Free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

7th annual UH Arts Open The University Heights Arts Open celebrates art in all its forms, featuring

works and talks by painters, sculptors, potters, dancers, poets, actors and musicians. Free shuttle service available. 619-508-4075. Sunday, September 16, 11am; **free**. Venues throughout area. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Artists@Work Zen Painting Learn the art of contemporary Zen painting from Rosemary KimBal. KimBal will also design an interactive piece that incorporates multiple viewers during an exquisite corpse-style project in which she begins a painting and passes it along for others to make their mark. Enjoy complimentary appetizers by Bull Taco and an open beer and wine bar featuring Lagunitas craft beer. \$15 for OMA members, \$20 for nonmembers. Reservations: oma-online.org or 760-435-3721. Thursday, September 13, 6pm; \$15-\$20. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Black and White Juried Art Exhibition Opening reception for La Jolla Art Association's third annual black and white competition. Closes Sunday, October 7. 858-459-1196. Saturday, September 15, 5pm; \$20-\$150. La Jolla Art Association Gallery, 8100 Paseo del Ocaso, Suite B. (LA JOLLA)

Coronado Art Walk Enjoy art, live music, interactive art activities for families. More than 100 artists will display work in media from painting and photography to pottery, wood, glass pieces, jewelry. 619-437-8788. Saturday, September 15, 10am; Sunday, September 16, 10am; **free**. Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street. (CORONADO)

The Urban Emporium The Urban Emporium returns to 98 Bottles in conjunction with Kettner Nights' Arts After Dark. The Back Room

becomes a pop-up marketplace for local artisans to showcase and sell their wares. 619-255-7885. Friday, September 14, 6pm; **free**. 21 and up. 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

YOU: Investigating Identity Exhibition Reception Driven by the exploration of self and the human state, this exhibition presents seven artists whose work spans disparate mediums including painting, sculpture, installation, video and performance. Museum guests will leave their mark by taking part in this exhibition's interactive components. Add your picture to the exhibition's digital photo display, YOU Photo, or write an autobiographical journal entry and post it on the Post Office Project wall. Exhibition artists include David Adey, Cathy Begien, Alida Cervantes, Lea Dennis, Kelly Schnorr, Trish Stone and Vicky Wright. Saturday, September 15, 2pm; **free**-\$8. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Murdering the Mom Local author Duff Brenna gives reading and signing of his new memoir. Sunday, September 16, 12pm; **free**. 18 and up. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Museum Book Club Author Series Author Susan Adler discusses *Saidie May: Pioneer of Early 20th Century Collecting*, her work exploring life of her great-aunt, "an American expatriate who made significant donations of modern art to

the Baltimore Museum of Art and other U.S. art institutions." Book signing follows. 619-232-7931. Friday, September 14, 7pm; \$10-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Fall Concert Series Che-Yen Chen, principal viola for San Diego Symphony, plays Hindemith's "Sonate für Bratsche allein No. 5" and Bach's "Violin Partita No. 2 in G minor" (arranged for viola). Sunday, September 16, 2:30pm; **free**. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

COMEDY

Improvised Comedy Theater Unscripted and spontaneous! Stage Monkeys perform long-form improvised theater, using a "single suggestion from the audience" to catapult "into characters, scenes, games, songs," more. Friday, September 14, 8pm; \$5. 18 and up. Twigg's Bakery Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Stand-Up Comedy by Jamie Kennedy You know him from Comedy Central, *The Jamie Kennedy Experiment*, *Malibu's Most Wanted*. 619-795-3858. Thursday, September 13, 8pm; Friday, September 14, 7pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, September 15, 7pm and 9:30pm; \$24. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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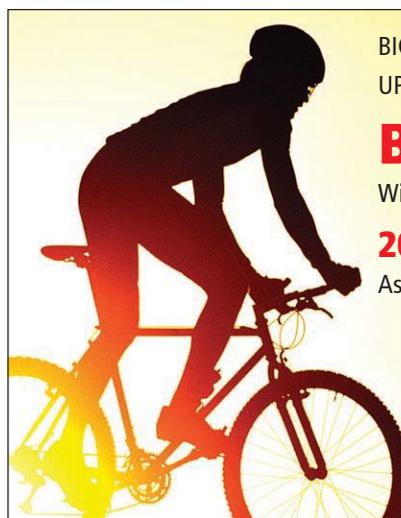
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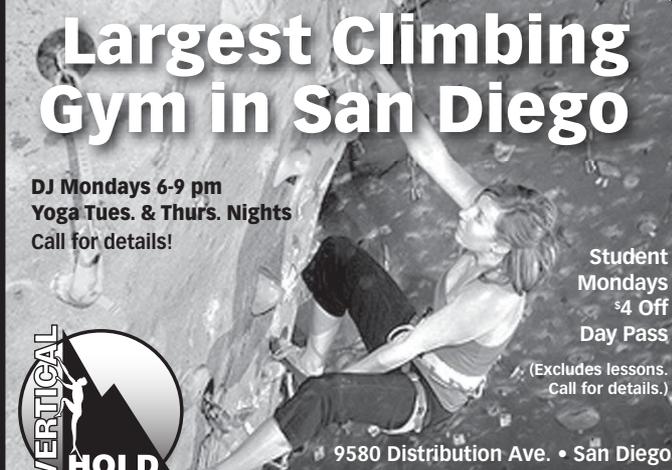
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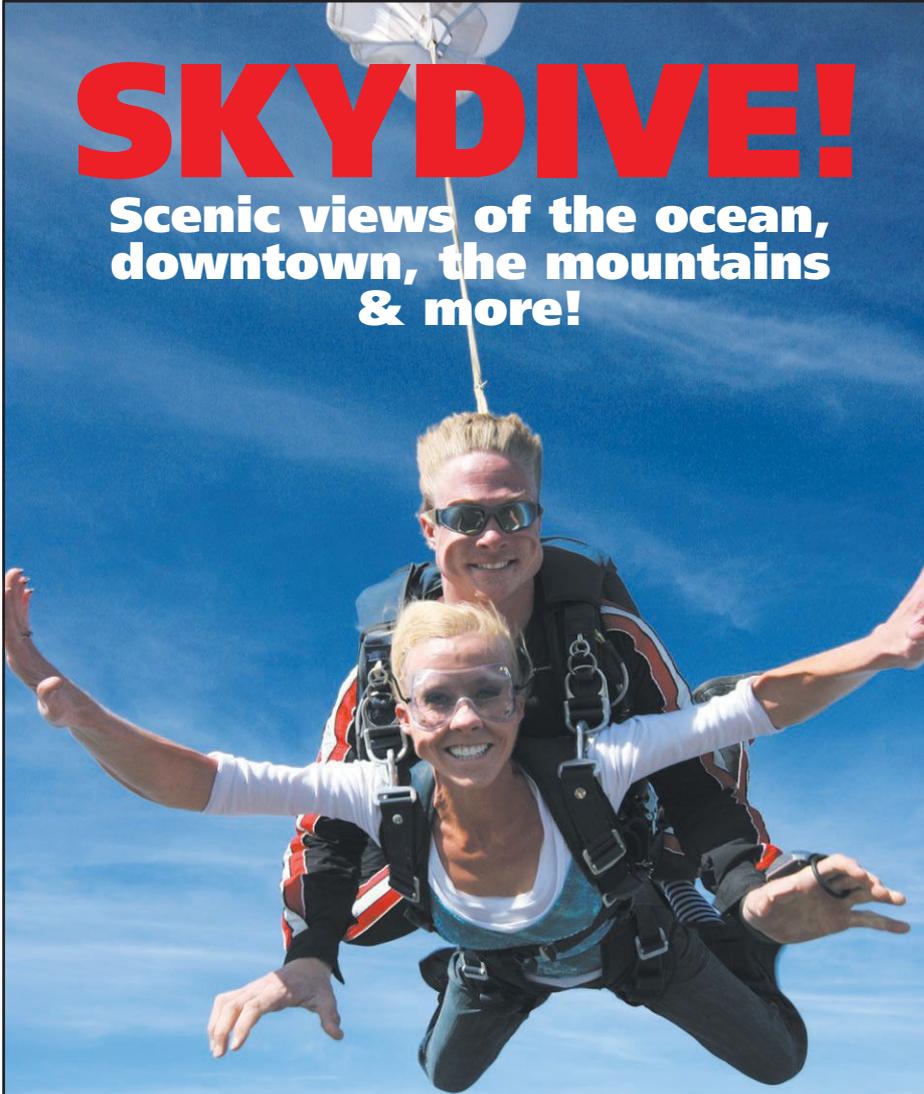
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Eyes pure as the waters of the four oceans,
His body shines like a mountain of purple gold.
By diligent contemplations we can surely be reborn,
Thus the acclaim of Ultimate Joy.
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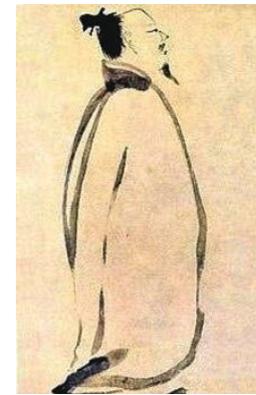
The flowers of Heaven are scattered in fragrant halls.

In this painting it is all before our eyes,
And in prayer we entrust ourselves to that spiritual realm.

On the oceans of power from the merit of this,
Let divine intercession be our boat and bridge,
That eight billion kalpas of human sin
May as frost be swept away by the wind.

Let all think on the Buddha of Eternal Life,
Ever praying for the light of his jade-like hair.
— from “In Praise of a God and Silver Painted Scene...,” by Li Po (trans. Elling O. Eide)

Li Po (701–762) is considered one of the greatest poets of Chinese literature. Recognized at the time as a major poet of the Tang dynasty (618–907), Li Po wrote during what is often referred to as the “golden age” of Chinese poetry. With about a thousand of his poems extant, Li Po is a favorite among English translators. Some of the most famous English translations of Li Po were accomplished by modernist American poet Ezra Pound (1885–1972), who largely introduced the Western reading public to the poet. Although it is probable that he died a natural death, the popular account of Li Po’s death — that he drowned attempting to embrace the moon in a river — has passed into popular legend.



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Chef Showdown 2012 Center for Community Solutions hosts eighth annual culinary competition. In *Iron Chef* style, two teams of SD chefs and sommeliers will create appetizers, entrées, desserts, paired with cocktails for panel of judges. Enjoy gourmet cuisine, beverages from local restaurants and wineries. 858-272-5777 x120. Thursday, September 13, 6pm; \$125-\$150. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

Chicken Cook-Off “Friendly” cook-off between Davanti Enoteca, Mia Francesca, Rimel’s, Burlap, Sammy’s Woodfired Pizza. The neighboring restaurants will share

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Dinner in the Library Enjoy evening of cocktails, fine dining, engaging conversation “to benefit the greatest needs of the UCSD Library.” Guest speaker: *Los Angeles Times* book critic David L. Ulin, author of *The Lost Art of Reading*. 858-534-1183. Friday, September 14, 5:30pm; \$225. UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Dinner with 6 Strangers Three-course, family-style dining experience with unfamiliar individuals. Thursday, September 13, 7pm; \$48. 21 and up. Alchemy, 1503 30th Street. (SOUTH PARK)

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Getting to Know Cheese Sample “cheese from all over the world” and complimentary wine during signature “cheese 101” class. 858-847-9616. Thursday, September 13, 6pm; \$50. 21 and up. Venissimo Cheese Del Mar, 2650 Via de la Valle, #C140. (DEL MAR)

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Salsa and Guacamole Competition Enter for the first time, defend your title, or just enjoy the festivities at third semi-annual competition. Feast on carne asada taco buffet, chips, churros, plus your choice of sangria, wine or beer. Sunday, September 16, 4pm; Cougar Vineyard & Winery, 39870 De Portola Road. (TEMECULA)

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Taste of Terra Nova Sample cuisine from restaurants located in the Terra Nova Plaza, dance to live music, and potentially go home with some raffle prizes. 760-630-6687. Thursday, September 13, 7pm; \$5. Terra Nova Plaza, 358 East H Street. (CHULA VISTA)

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Tasting reception, dinner, awards ceremony for tasting competition, and live auction allows guests "to meet the forces behind the participating brands." Special menu infused with agave spirits will be prepared by Barra Barra executive Chef Jose Pulido and his team. Main tasting event follows from 7-9pm in McCoy Garden Courtyard with mariachis and a live band, tastings and educational seminars for tequila enthusiasts to learn about the history and culture of each spirit, current trends in the spirits industry and appropriate tasting techniques. 858-689-9909. Friday, September 14, 6pm; \$75-\$95. 21 and up. Barra Barra, 4016 Wallace Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

Spirits of Mexico — Main Tasting
Master distillers, industry experts, brand ambassadors present festival's grand finale in McCoy Garden Courtyard. Tastings, educational seminars for tequila enthusiasts. Learn history and culture of each spirit, trends in the spirits industry, appropriate tasting techniques. Saturday, September 15, 7pm; \$50-\$75. Barra Barra, 4016 Wallace Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

Tyler Florence Wine Dinner
Food Network's Tyler Florence shares his own TF Limited-production wines; *Top Chef* alumni Amanda Baumgarten cooks a four-course dinner to go "perfectly with each sip." Reservations: 858-459-0221. Thursday, September 13, 6pm; \$100. 21 and up. Herringbone, 7837 Herschel Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

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Art of East Asia Explore, learn about art on view during Family Drop-in Day with child-friendly tours and art making. For children 6-12. Included in admission (\$12 general). 619-232-7931. Sunday, September 16, 1pm; 6 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Book Club (Grades 1-3) Children in grades 1-3 invited to discuss *Everybody Gets the Blues*, by Leslie Staub. 619-527-3405. Thursday, September 13, 4pm; free. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA PARK)

Toddler Dance High energy dance and movement class for children (18 months- 5 years). 858-581-9934. Thursday, September 13, 11:15am; free. Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

LECTURES

"Finding Your Genealogy in Digitized Books" Gena Philibert Ortega addresses Computer Genealogy Club of San Diego, following user groups for MAC software and DNA genealogy. Saturday, Septem-

ber 15, 9am; free. Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"German and Austrian Expressionism" Scholars deliver in-depth presentations on Expressionist movement in visual art, contextualizing museum's recent bequest of German and Austrian Expressionist works on view in "The Human Beast" during symposium. Coffee, pastries: 9am; talks: 9:30am. Saturday, September 15, 9am; \$10-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Lessons from Japan — Design for Recovery" Friends of San Diego Architecture welcome architect Kotaro Nakamura, who "will show the results of Japan's devastating earthquake and tsunami and what has been accomplished since then, focusing on issues related to design." Also, Universidad Europea de Madrid architecture professor Ramiro Losada talks about the relationship of architecture and filmmaking. Saturday, September 15, 9:30am; free-\$5. NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

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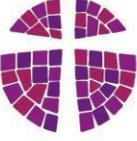
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Climate Conversations Presentations by top climate-change scientists of California. Required reservations: publicprograms@rhffleet.org. Thursday, September 13, 5:30pm; free. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Maritime Ghost Conference Conference organized by San Diego Ghost and Paranormal Group "celebrates numerous ships with a history of unexplained phenomena," including the *Star of India*. Topics include historic phantom ships, maritime mysteries, more. 619-384-8841. Saturday, September 15, 8am; \$50-\$125. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1492 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Piano Care and Maintenance Learn "to save money with proper maintenance, keep your piano's resale and trade-in value," what to look for "inside and outside" during workshop. Reservations: 858-586-7000. Saturday, September 15, 11am; free. Greene Music Recital Hall, 7480 Miramar Rd., Suite 101. (MIRAMAR)

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Gelato Poetry Series Ryan Forsythe, author of *Dick Cheney Saves Paris* is featured. Open mike follows. 760-434-1240. Friday, September 14, 7pm; free. Korky's Ice Cream and Coffee, 2375 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

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2012 Sand Pit 5K Sand Pit 5K Beach Obstacle Run consists of

eight obstacles in water and on sand. Post-race party with refreshments, DJ, beer garden, timed results, and a T-shirt for all finishers. Saturday, September 15, 8am; 12 and up. Belmont Park, 3146 Mission Boulevard. (MISSION BEACH)

Chargers versus Titans San Diego Chargers host Tennessee Titans for football game to be broadcast on CBS. 877-CHARGERS. Sunday, September 16, 1:15pm; Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Kellogg's Tour of Gymnastics Champions Members of the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team join 2008 Olympic all-around champion Nastia Liukin and her fellow 2008 Olympic team silver medalists Chellsie Memmel and Alicia Sacramone as headliners in cast. Thursday, September 13, 7:30pm; \$53-\$80. Valley View Casino Center, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Padres vs. Rockies San Diego Padres host Colorado for baseball

fun. Games broadcast on radio station XX Sports Radio (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000. Friday, September 14, 7:05pm; Saturday, September 15, 5:35pm; Sunday, September 16, 1:05pm; Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

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San Diego Hard Corps Meet Kansas City Banked Beauties Derby Dolls roller derby action. Halftime entertainment by Kitty Plague. Saturday, September 15, 6pm; free-\$40. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

San Diego Heart Walk American Heart Association sponsors 21st annual walking event, with 5k heart walk and one-mile survivor routes to "promote physical activity and heart-healthy living." Health expo, food, educational booths, kids' zone, pet zone, live music. Park in Presidents Way lot; shuttles to walk start at 5:15am. sdheartwalk@heart.org or 858-410-3849. Saturday, September 15, 6:50am; free. War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)



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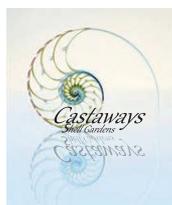
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Omakase: patrons sit down at the sushi counter, and the chef working it goes to town presenting dishes of his or her choosing, amped to share these items with anyone willing to put themselves into an expert's hands. It's a fabulous way to eat.

I recently turned my palate over to Rob Ruiz, the enthused and talented sushi chef at the top of Harney Sushi's food chain. What followed were a dozen small dishes both traditional and original enough that, in some cases, I'd never tasted anything like them before.

First up were blistered shishito peppers. Who could have guessed that these would ever be ubiquitous? It's getting to the point where I'm almost disappointed when I see them on a menu. I love peppers, but this variety can be boring, as is the will-they/won't-they speculation of whether the skinny green seedpods will be spicy or blah. Charring them and sprinkling on salt does nothing for me. Fortunately, Ruiz (who has eight years' experience and was named Chef

of the Fest for creating the most-well-received dish at last year's San Diego Bay Wine and Food Festival) ups the flavor, tossing the peppers in a soy-based sauce and adding bonito flakes. It's an uncomplicated preparation but heightens an ingredient that's becoming duller with each eatery that embraces it.

Turns out, the shishito treatment illustrates one of Ruiz's major talents: developing and effectively implementing an outside-the-box approach to vegetables. The third plate that came my way featured a trio of deep-amber rectangular planks. They looked like parsnips or carrots but were in fact daikon slow-braised in a mixture of sake, soy, and mirin. The dish was a revelation. The braising liquid gives the daikon a taste similar to carrots plucked from grandma's Sunday stew. I could make an entire meal of these tender radishes.

Also interesting were fingers of compressed sushi rice topped with tiny, roasted Specialty Produce baby carrots. These were secured with strips of nori and served atop a beet purée; Ruiz used his fingers to streak the purée artfully down the length of the plate. The dish was sweet and not as successful as the daikon or shishitos but won points for originality. I can envision a vegetarian enjoying it.

One of the bonuses of going *omakase* is communicating with the sushi chef throughout the meal. Over the course of my evening with Ruiz, I learned that shishito peppers contain more Vitamin C than an orange, and that daikon possess natural antibacterial qualities that protect the human body from seafood impurities. (I'd forgotten that last fact, so the reminder was as good as new information.)

On the fish front, Suzuki, a sustainable Japanese sea bass, was served nigiri-style with shaved onion, shiso (a Japanese variety of mint), and a squeeze of ponzu sauce. Nicely dressed,



Instead of dessert, I was handed a bowl filled with thick slices of citrus-marinated, nicely browned black cod atop an island of rice.

the touches of salt and spice lingered post-consumption, but the fish was the star, as it was meant to be.

Ruby red grapefruit-hued sockeye salmon was served in a similarly simple way, draped over rice and garnished with Hiwa Kai Hawaiian black lava salt crystals, plus a dash of fresh citrus. The result: an expression of the fish so pure that, if you're a fan of gussied-up sushi, you'll probably hate it. Purists, on the other hand, will go ga-ga.

Fatty tuna — a delicacy so special it was served naked, thinly and expertly sliced — was as clear-cut, fresh, and lovely as could be. Because Harney Sushi does so much business and goes through so much product, they have buying power when procuring their seafood. The result is high-quality fish and shellfish that stands on its own merits.

Warm dishes were an equally interesting part of the night's experience, and every bit as tasty. Albacore belly tataki with tobacco onions (sadly, not as crisp as desired) in a garlic-jalapeño ponzu nicely balanced earthy, salty, and spicy flavors. A



The sockeye salmon was "an expression of the fish so pure" that sushi purists will "go ga-ga."

Carlsbad Aquafarm oyster was plump, warm, and rich, dressed with clarified butter and soy sauce. Bonito flakes added texture to a spectacular cooked-oyster preparation.

One of the most delicious dishes came as a surprise at the end of the meal. Instead of dessert, I was handed a

bowl filled with thick slices of citrus-marinated, nicely browned black cod atop an island of rice. This was surrounded by a sweet-and-sour broth flavored with charbroiled pineapple, wasabi, and dashi. It was the closest a dish can get to a warm embrace. Comfort food at a sushi bar — who'd've thunk it?

Being a "chef's whim" dining format, one can never be sure what Ruiz will serve up if you opt for the *omakase* experience, though there's nothing wrong with requesting the oyster or black cod (you'll be glad you did). That's what makes it so exciting. For a food writer, formal dining can become predictable. My evening here provided serious rejuvenation — an impressive feat — but you don't have to be a food writer to experience it. ■

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Romance of Egypt

“We’d have endless cups of tea, snorkel, fish. It was beautiful.”

When you hump it south from San Diego State along College Avenue, heading for El Cajon Boulevard, the first sign of civilization is this li'l ol' 1940s salmon-colored stucco house.

It sits on the corner of Adams and College, its wooden deck buried in purple morning glory and dotted with blue umbrellas and curly wrought-iron purple railings. The Egyptian Tea Room.

I climb up the steps to the deck. Big guy named John is putting up the umbrellas. This is late morning. Hot. Intense sun. They're just opening, but already a student is looking for a hookup for his laptop on the veranda.

At first glance, inside's like a regular deli, with the counter at one end, a few tables, and a settee or

stuff. The College Burger, gyros sandwich (with beef and lamb), and BLT all go for \$6.25. A Caesar salad's \$4.95. The most expensive salad, the blackened salmon Caesar, goes for \$8.25.



The appetizers definitely look Egyptian. Hummus and pita bread with pesto and chipotle is \$4.95. Dolmas (okay, that's Greek for grape leaves stuffed with rice, spices, and herbs) are \$3.50, and *ful madamas*, a seasoned fava-bean

dish, goes for \$3.95. The Pharaoh's Pheast combines all three for \$8.50.

These are good prices. At least one breakfast item shows a Middle-Eastern influence: the Aswan Dam omelet (“It’s a dam good omelet!”) has three eggs and a gyro filling of lamb and beef, red onions, tomato, and chunks of feta cheese. Plus rosemary potatoes and toast, \$5.95.

I go for that. Give my order to Harry Seval, the owner. Says he created this place in 2004.

Why Egyptian — and why a tea house?

“Long story,” he says. “When I was a student at SDSU, I got the travel bug. I worked on a kibbutz in Israel, then went to Egypt. I loved the cafés of Cairo, with their hubble-bubbles —

shishas, *nargeelas* they call them. They're conducive to conversation. The way people lean back, settle in, play backgammon, read the paper, and talk, talk, talk. Cafés are so social over there.”

Five minutes later, his helper John comes over to the tall table where I'm sitting. He's carrying my omelet. Wow, it's something else. Looks *packed*.

“When I first went over,” Harry says, “I went to the Red Sea. Stayed for weeks in a Bedouin village called Dabab. I paid \$10 a day for lodging and board, three meals. We'd have endless cups of tea,



Egyptian art adorns the café walls, and Egyptian jokes adorn the bathroom walls.

snorkel, fish. It was beautiful.”

He says he's tried to recreate that atmosphere here. “But I had to be careful,” he says. “Because this was 2004, and 9/11 was still an open wound. Feelings were running high. Anything that had a Middle-East flavor, there could be bad feelings. So I stressed the Egyptian theme. Pyramids, pharaohs, Nefertiti, the romance of Egypt.”

He seems to have been ahead of the curve on the hookah craze. “It's strictly tobacco mixed with molasses and fruit pulp,” he says. “No tar, no chemicals. It's hard to get addicted. Safer than drinking. The Turks brought it to Europe 400 years ago, along with the idea of tea and cafés. Yes, the Turks! Loved good conversation, intellectual exchange.”

Harry encourages the same, with open mikes on Friday nights, poetry readings on first Wednesdays, belly dancing on second Saturdays.

“I see this as a conversation café,” he says, “a refuge for artistic souls.”

And starving students? Well, yes. He reckons three could come in and get teas, a hookah, and something from the appetizers and not spend more than \$20 combined.

“I don't have *kushari*, the most common street food from Cairo,” he admits. “That's lentils, chickpeas, rice, macaroni. The nearest thing I offer is *ful madamas* (\$3.95), the seasoned fava beans. That is totally Egyptian.”

It's also affordable. “I try to keep this a funky,



The Aswan Dam omelet features three eggs, gyro filling, red onions, tomato, and chunks of feta cheese.

Bohemian little café,” he says. “One great thing is we have so many regular customers who make this their hangout and come play backgammon, chess...”

Meanwhile, I'm chomping through my omelet, with its lamb-beef combo and the feta cheese. The potatoes have a sweet tang — could they be sweet potatoes?

Harry shakes his head. “No sweet potatoes.”

I guess it's the herb combo. Whatever, no complaints.

Half an hour later, I head up to El Cajon Boulevard and the #15 bus. Still savoring the feta and lamb. Man, I'd love to have tried some of the drinks, like the Bedouin tea (\$1.50) or the Turkish coffee (\$3). But I didn't think of it till it was too late.

Also wish I'd tried the *ful*. Seems the Egyptians have been growing and cooking and eating fava beans for 5000 years. Ramses III himself was probably chowing down on *ful* 4000 years ago, the morning he fought off the Sea People.

I'd like to raise my spoon to the old pharaoh. And to his ambassador, Harry Seval.

Stop the press! Due to a family emergency, Harry has had to sell the tea room. Naser Amira has taken the reins. Most menu items are the same, but breakfast is being temporarily eliminated. In two months, Naser says he'll change the restaurant's name to The Prince. It will remain a hookah lounge-eatery. ■



Morning glory vines cover the railing of the front patio.



Owner Harry Seval was inspired by the cafés of Cairo to open something similar in San Diego.

two. But then you start to notice other things. Some walls are washed cream and painted to look like ancient stones. Some are blue in the counter area, red in the lounge room off to the left.

The wall decorations are, well, Egyptian. Ankh crosses, scenes from the lives of the pharaohs. Hookahs with red-and-blue stained-glass water holders sit waiting for action. There's a hookah menu. And a neon-lit “Specials” sign for Hookah Happy Hour (half-priced 3:00–7:00 p.m., Monday–Friday, so you'll get an hour for maybe \$8).

The menu is fairly typical sandwich-and-salad

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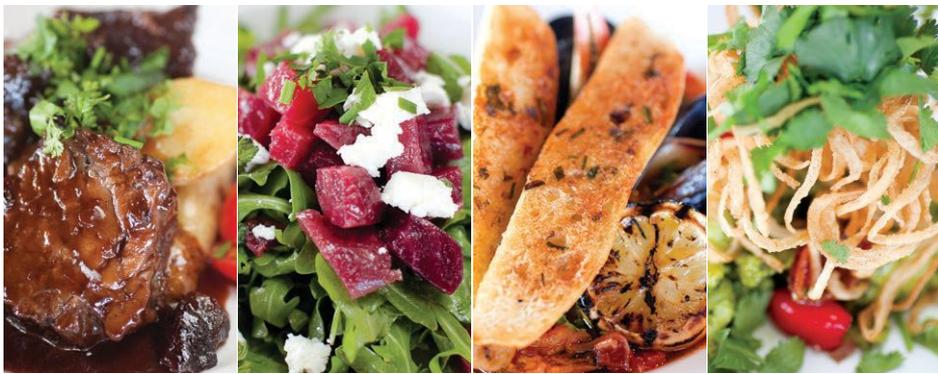




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Impressive Depth

It's tough to look at the 30th Street Cafe in North Park and try to infer what made the owners think it was a good location for a coffee shop. Not all blocks are created equal, and the segment of 30th that splits the distance between University and Upas is dismal in comparison to the territory a few blocks north or south. I don't have the answer to why that section of road feels ten years out of touch with the rest of the neighborhood, but a quarter of a mile can make all the difference in the world, in terms of real estate.

As if to pile on the oddities, the café occupies two-thirds of its building, but they're non-consecutive thirds. The dining area is separated from

the miniature kitchen and coffee dispensary by a long hallway that leads to the offices of a small nonprofit. Peculiar. The patio seats out front are raised up off the sidewalk and well shaded by trees and umbrellas, so they trump the inside seating by a country mile.

Despite the physical limitations, 30th Street Cafe has some strong

points. The staff seemed friendly and the coffee was inexpensive, though only average in quality. The menu reached impressive depth, considering the miniature kitchen's lack of space. Egg dishes, waffles, pastries, bagels, and other breakfast staples all managed to fit into the minimal square footage. The pile of capers that festooned my lox and bagels might have been excessive for some people, but for me it satisfied. A fresh lemon wedge and a few slices of red onion rounded out the dish,

which had a large portion of salmon.

In typical coffee-shop fashion, the café has sandwiches for the lunch crowd, all of which are interchangeable with the sandwiches at any other uptown coffee shop. If 30th Street is able to distinguish itself, it's as a breakfast spot, especially since it closes early.

There's tension between the underwhelming location/decor and the unexpected bonus of good breakfast. If there was more patio space instead of the uncharismatic dining room, or if the building itself was somehow cooler, the café might be a total winner despite being caught in the no-man's land between the heavily developed corners to the north and south. Coffee shops depend on regular customers, who can be fiercely, illogically loyal. For the kind of people who want a convenient spot to pick up breakfast on a weekday morning, the 30th Street Cafe might engender that kind of

loyalty.

30th Street Cafe,
4620 30th Street.

by Ian Pike

Italy Meets Japan

Noriyoshi Teruya worked under world-famous chef Nobu Matsuhisa at his namesake flagship in New York City. From there, he went on to help Matsuhisa extend

his reach at Nobu locations in Milan and our own San Diego. Recently, he decided to move on from the popular gourmet Japanese chain to devote his culinary skills to a new enterprise — Sora (655 West Broadway).

The recently opened restaurant comes across as a physical embodiment of Teruya's vocational history. The dishes he's creating now are described as Italian with major Japanese influence. It's far from ordinary, and an idea that was borne when

FEAST!



A pile of capers festooned my lox and bagels.



Sora's Green Tea Tiramisu

Teruya's business partners Alessandro Minutella (Chocolat, Greystone, Osetra, Osteria Panevino) and Daniele Gilardi dined at the local Nobu. Each time they'd come in, Teruya would fix them meals made up of special small plates combining these seemingly disparate nations' ingredients and techniques. They were so enamored with his brand of fusion, they approached him to partner up and produce such offerings on a full-scale basis.

Examples of his Italianese cuisine from Sora's menu include cauliflower panna cotta with grilled lobster and balsamic vinegar, uni risotto, and grilled octopus with potato purée and truffle essence. They're being served in an 8000-square-foot space mixing crimson against earth tones, and decorated with modern Japanese-inspired artwork; featuring an oversized bar plus a large glass display filled with charcuterie and imported Italian cheeses; and an outdoor lounge.

Located downtown near the Santa Fe Train Depot, **Sora** currently serves dinner from 5 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 5 to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Starting September 4, lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

by Brandon Hernández

Ensenada Trip

Last weekend, I trekked down to Ensenada to spend the weekend with friends nearly dying

of heatstroke during a bicycle race through the Guadalupe wine region. I incorporated as much local dining as possible into the trip because opportunity knocks almost constantly in the food- and drink-saturated hospitality zones. I had to work as hard as I could to spend \$150 over the course of the weekend — hotel and every other expense included.

The first noteworthy stop during the trip was Carbone's Grill House, which is at the corner of

Calle Delante and Bucaneros in Ensenada. It's certainly not a secret, but it was new to me.

As far as I know, I started this whole "potatoes" thing a little while ago, Ed Bedford ran with it, and then ran with it a little more. Now I've got the reins back and I'm confident that this most recent magical potato experience sets new standards for excellence in stuffed spuds.

Carbone's has managed to enhance the experience of eating baked, stuffed potatoes in a way that defies the reality of potato bars and how they never really caught on in the States. *Papas* cost 50 pesos each, which is about \$4, and come topped with everything from plain cheese to the "specialty of the house" that had enough meat and salsa piled on top to give the average vegetarian nightmares for a week. All the *papas* are available as tacos for about \$1.50 each.

A significant number of the *papas* on the menu contained pineapple, which is pretty cool, but I had to go with the "papa campirana" with green chilies, corn, cheese, and sour cream because I have a soft spot for the *rajas* (peppers). Instead of merely stuffing a baked potato, Carbone's kitchen transformed the tuber into something halfway between a mashed and a baked potato, then stuffed it into a tinfoil schooner that held everything together for a second round of toasting in the oven.

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that's not true, I totally would and I'm glad that Carbone's is all the way in Ensenada so that I don't have the opportunity to feast on *papas* until familiarity breeds contempt and overindulgence breeds deep-seated loathing of self and spud.

It seems that Carbone's stays open late and that the stuffed potato might be the ultimate food to cap off a night of drinking, but I found the *papas* were perfect for warming up and having a few beers before starting the night out in earnest as well. However they're handled, it's tough to go wrong.

by Ian Pike

Flamingo Fling

How'd I end up here?

I zoned out on the 904 bus, the one that trawls Coronado island and takes you to the ferry.

That's where I had been heading. Except I dozed and ended up outside this hotel. The Marriott.

"This is the end of the line, sir," said the lady driver.

"Lord. When do you start back?"

"Tomorrow, sir. This was the last run."

Okay. Guess I'll have to use Shanks's pony. Feel like a good walk, anyway.

Then I think, *Six o'clock. Gonna need a little fuel for this.*

So now I'm inside this low, woody-modern **Marriott Coronado Island Resort** (2000, 2nd Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000).

Looking for...aah... A sign, in front of the bar area before you walk out onto a large patio with a beautiful view of the bay and the bridge: "Happy Hour, Tides Bar, 5-7 p.m. Daily." A photo of a blue cocktail is on it.

I kinda want to go out on the *terrazza* so I can catch the bay, the sunset, seeing as I'm here.

But Mike, the guy at the door, says you have to eat in the dark bar area, dammit. Except he says it in a way that they wouldn't send the heavies if you did sneak out with your beer.

So up at the bar, the deal is \$3 off anything on the bar menu, \$5 draft beers, including Stone, \$6 house wines. I know I've got a Jackson in my pocket, so I'm not panicking.

Rudy, who tells me he's been here for 20 years, ever since the

days when this was Le Meridien, a classy French hotel, gets me a Stone IPA and a menu.

And there's quite a HH menu. A cheese plate, seasonal salads, and flatbread pizzas are \$7 each (after the \$3 off). "Our famous corn chowder" goes for \$5, and buffalo wings are \$7.

Some things are more up there, like their bacon cheeseburger (\$11) and their crab and shrimp Cobb salad (\$15). So I decide for the flatbread, whatever toppings it's got, and the chowder. With the Stone IPA and tax, it comes to \$17.93

And the chowder is worth every *centavo*. Damn, it's good.

Mike, who's the food and beverage manager, says it's made from scratch right here, from roasted corn, onions, and other stuff the chef kinda zips up in a saucepan before adding it to the soup.

But the champ has to be the flatbread.

I'm surprised, 'cause bits of sausage on dough has never given me chills. But this is fresh, zingy-hot with peppers, and looks really colorful, too. Mike says the chef Fernando kinda invents the flatbreads as his whim goes. Today he put in sausage, chicken, red and green bell peppers, two cheeses, onion, and marinara. Sounds pretty standard, but it's good.

And how much of a deal? Angela and Jeri are having a cocktail next to me after eating outside on the terrace. "I had mahi, Jeri had a chicken ciabatta. No wine," says Angela. "We paid around \$70 for the two of us."

Not that price worries Angela right now. She's from Victorville. Her company up there is Southern California Aviation, on a leased section of the Air Force base.

Basically she runs a foster home for unwanted jets. "We store planes for airlines when their business is slow," she says. "We keep them mothballed but

always ready to use again at, like, a week's notice. So, business is good for us right now. Airlines' downtimes are our uptimes."

Whatever. Pricewise, for me, pays to stay indoors.

But I've got more than enough. What with the corn chowder and the beer, I'm running out of gut space. Gonna have to put some of this pizza in mothballs.

And here's the part I like: they let me pack the half of the flatbread I can't finish so I can take it back for a midnight

snack with Carla.

Lot of places, they look at you funny if you want some of your bargain food to go.

My biggest temptation? To toss pizza bits at the (real!) flamingos in the pool outside.

Lucky for me, there's a security guy nearby looking at you like he's a living sign:

"Please don't feed the flamingos."

by Ed Bedford

A Tale from Inside Hotel Hell

Aside from admiring a chef with the chops and the gump-tion to make the rise he has, I just plain get a kick out of Gordon Ramsay. The scowl, the sarcasm, the expletives — he's good TV. I regularly tune in to catch the latest edition of anger and comeuppance with Gordo, whether it be *Hell's Kitchen*, *The F-Word*, *Kitchen Nightmares*, or even the relatively tame *Master Chef* where he's a great deal more positive and even outwardly supportive with his cast of aspiring cooks.

Ramsay is good at telling it like it is; dishing out the hard truths that, in modern-day America, usually go unspoken. Even so, I had to wonder how well suited he'd be to take on the critic's role for his new program, *Hotel Hell*. The premise of this show, which debuted in August and aired its finale last night, is much the same as *Kitchen Nightmares*. A failing lodging establishment reaches out for help from Ramsay and his wealthy backers at FOX. Ramsay visits and immediately rips the place to shreds in the most brashly confrontational manner possible. Ramsay gives his two cents on how to fix things, implements changes, and gives the hotel's owners and staff a new lease on life before hitting the road, disappearing into the night with one last snarky comment. Fade to credits.

Despite the fact Ramsay is out of his element, the show works because, for the most part, he points out no-brainers that any layperson could offer about the hotel itself, then focuses heavily on the lodging's restaurant component, which he is plenty qualified to beat down and build back up. This was how it went down on the episode of *Hotel Hell* that aired Monday, August 27, and focused on downtown San Diego's **Keating Hotel**.

As soon as I saw this installment teased at the end of the

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episode that preceded it, I was excited to see a local business go through the Ramsay rebuild machine. Mostly because it would mean I'd have a local resource to tap for information on the legitimacy of the show. This is television, after all, a medium where everything is not always exactly as it seems. To see a show play out over and over again the exact same way — business owners cursing Ramsay's name with blood-thirsty hatred only to later hug it out while proclaiming him a godsend — well, it all seems a bit too dually extreme to be real.

I actually ended up watching the Keating's episode from the private dining loft on the second story of the hotel's restaurant, the **Merk Bistro**. Friends of the business and a few members of the media were invited to view the show while tasting items from the new menu Ramsay developed, all while in the presence of the hotel's owner, Eddie Kaen, and his staff, none of which had seen the full episode. Talk about a tense situation. Still, going in, I had to give them props for having the stones to allow themselves to be so exposed. Ramsay really put them through the wringer!

It was one of the most hilarious episodes of the show yet. Ramsay fired off witty comments at a rapid and unrelenting pace. Everything from the linens and furniture (ridiculously expensive designer bathtub included) to chef Brian Rutherford and his menu items (chicken under a brick was said to look as though someone had shit a brick) to a dog sitting in the hotel's entryway were criticized. Sadly, many of the critiques were justified even if they were issued with over-the-top sarcasm.

As is the case with almost every venue featured on *Hotel Hell* or *Kitchen Nightmares*,

the staff didn't hold back. To a person, they decreed over and over again that Kaen was the biggest problem. And, as with nearly every episode, the owner got severely pissed off and defensive. Yet, by show's end, everybody — the owner, general manager, chef, front-desk clerk, guy who delivers their morning papers, homeless guy who squats outside the hotel's front door hoping for a scrap of leftover food from the restaurant never knowing like the majority of mankind that the Merk isn't even attached to the hotel — were all smiles, crying tears of joy and indulging in long, emotional embraces in-between choruses of "Kumbaya."

Nobody cried more than Rutherford, who was overjoyed that Gordon had reignited the passionate inner flame that drove him to become a chef (and given him a traditional white chef's coat to replace the gaudy bright red one he'd been forced to wear for the past half-decade). It was nice that the show ended that way — all warm and fuzzy. Hope, respect, new furniture, a new menu. How could things not go perfectly? Kaen and his staff took center-stage and shared a nice moment with each other before thanking everyone for coming and bidding guests adieu.

But where was Rutherford? All night long, I'd kept my eyes peeled for him. I was eager to ask him how he was adjusting to the new menu. What was it like to work with Gordon Ramsay? What were his plans moving forward? At first, I'd hoped he was merely pumping out all those dishes from the newly rejuvenated kitchen and didn't have time to make an appearance, but when he didn't take a bow with the rest of the crew, it was clear he'd already exited stage right.

Turns out, Rutherford is no longer there. Digging turned up multiple reports. Depending on who you believe, he was either sacked shortly after the taping of the show or decided he no longer wished to work there and resigned without giving a reason. Either way, the reality of the situation was a far cry from the neat, happy ending televised to the nation. I guess a week of Hollywood magic can't fix everything — but we all knew that already.

Still, the rooms look better and the menu is much shorter (down from over 100 items to a single page of humble, more straightforward fare). I sampled a bit at the screening but will reserve judgment for when I taste it in the restaurant. Buffet style (i.e., as fresh as possible from the chafing dish) is no way to experience food at its finest. It's a start. But will it be enough? Only time — or the big Gordon-returns episode — will tell.

by Brandon Hernández

Total Gringo Food

As we meandered back and forth through the streets of Ensenada in El Jefe's van, looking for the tell-tale signs of a

bicycle race about to happen, I spotted the word "micro-cerveceria" on a signboard. I assumed it was an advertisement for some brewery stationed elsewhere in town, but it turned out that the restaurant and brewery is right there at the corner of Sexta and Castillo. They even have a small parking lot.

We returned later to eat and to see what kind of beers were coming out of what is (if the sign is truthful) Ensenada's first microbrewery.

The restaurant had seven beers courtesy of the onsite brewing operations, as well bottled beer, liquor, and a meager selection of wines. **The Old Mission** beers were all under \$5 for pints and I tried a few. The Copper Canyon was a satisfying amber-hued glass of ale that had the easy-drinking character of English session biters. Two different IPAs were on the menu, the first being Dos Pablos, which had the straightforward hops and alcohol flavor of something like Long Hammer IPA; neither fancy nor inferior. The Red Agave IPA, on the other hand, was a different kind of beer. Dark amber in color, it had a funky, musky taste that was not at all in keeping with

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the conventionally popular American IPA. In a lot of ways, it's what I would have thought a Mexican IPA would taste like, even if I couldn't have described it until I'd tasted it.

All of the beers were on par with what mid-level American brewers are producing. Nothing was of exceptional quality, except perhaps the agave beer, which was noteworthy for its difference. Considering the relatively narrow scope of the present craft brewing scene in Mexico, Old Mission's efforts show that the brewers in Baja understand the kinds of beers they want to make and they're taking steps toward perfecting them.

Of course, the restaurant sold food. Like a sort of south-of-the-border Blind Lady Ale House, pizza was a big menu item. There was much in the way of "conventional" pie with sausage, red sauce, various cheeses, etc., but the "Green Valley" pizza stood out as a novelty. It sounds a little disgusting: topped with chicken, refried beans, salsa verde, pico de gallo, cilantro, and chipotle cream. It even *looked* pretty gnarly coming out of the kitchen after an extended wait because the first pizza met some ill fate during cooking.

Looks deceive.

What could have been a Taco Bell/7-Eleven nightmare on wheels was actually an artful combination of flavors and textures for just under \$20. Refried beans cook down into a wonderful pizza topping, and the chipotle cream was fresh tasting in the company of chopped cilantro. It was the crust, however, that stole the show. Deeply flavored and striking a marvelous balance between crisp edges

and chewy center, the bread on which the pizza had been built could stand up against any good crust I've sunk my teeth into. Investigating the pie's construction, I deduced that the pizza had somehow been pieced together from multiple shards of dough. While that didn't impact the experience any, it's a curious mystery why the kitchen would do that.

Beyond pizza, the menu listed a grip of appetizers and entrées skewed toward, of all things, Italian-style American food such as shrimp scampi and spaghetti with meatballs. Some more characteristically Mexican touches made their way onto the menu, such as "spiedini," which is an Italian kebab of shrimp in an espresso-chipotle marinade; or a dish of chicken in red wine and jamaica sauce.

For what it's worth, the kitchen also produced a delicious, if otherwise unremarkable and haphazardly plated, hamburger.

It seems weird to eat this total gringo food in Mexico, what with so many tasty tacos around, but in a lot of ways it's a pretty great look at the future. Pizza and beer is going to keep getting bigger and bigger in Mexico, and this sort of first-round brewpub is a look at what the scene is going to be like. El Jefe said he had heard that Mexico is one of the fastest growing markets in the *world* for pizza. How cool is it to see restaurants on the other side of *la frontera* rehashing the things we've been doing in California? Sooner or later, it has to turn into something new and unexpected.

by Ian Pike

Wolves in Winter

Dunno what came over me.

One minute I'm standing outside the order peephole at

What the Chef Eats by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

CARAMELIZED PEAR SALAD

RECIPE BY DONALD LOCKHART

Executive chef, Cusp Dining & Drinks

Sometimes you don't know why you do the things you do. Often you do what your parents do. I know for me, cooking was in my family. My mom was a waitress and my dad was a cook at Bob's Big Boy in Burbank. One grandfather was a farmer in Nebraska and the other was a butcher and a grill cook. We didn't have a whole lot of money growing up so we had a huge garden so we could grow our food. I was so fortunate and I had a lot of support to be a chef.

When I worked at Citronelle in Carmel, I had

a lot of exposure to local farmers. I cooked with the best artichokes in the whole world and had access to amazing local food. Once you see that and you're part of that, there's no going back. Either you're in it or you deny it. For me, it was an awakening. At Cusp, we have the same kinds of relationships with local farmers. We make our own pasta and bread from scratch and use local ingredients to make homemade vinegars.

When I cook at home, I like simple foods. I have a smoker, and the other day I smoked a pork belly for

about four hours and got some grapefruit and gin and made cocktails while we cooked. It's always about family and friends for me. A few weeks ago, I got together with my other chef friends and spent an entire afternoon making pizzas for ourselves. When I cook with family and friends it's spontaneous and fun. Good food just magically appears.

INGREDIENTS

SERVES 4

To poach the pears:

4 c. water

1 c. white wine

1 lemon, zest and juice



"My mom was a waitress, and my dad was a cook at Bob's Big Boy."

2 star anise

1 c. sugar

3 Anjou pears, peeled, halved, and core removed

2 T olive oil

6 oz. baby arugula or mixed greens

2 oz. crumbled blue cheese

¼ c. candied walnut pieces

TO MAKE THE VINAIGRETTE

⅓ c. apple cider vinegar

1 T lemon juice

Don Panchos Taco Shop (690 Highway 75, Imperial Beach, 619-429-7034), thinking I'll buy a simple \$1.99 fish taco.

The next, I've come away \$15.04 poorer with a carne asada flying saucer (\$4.99), a carne asada fries (\$6.99), and, yes, the fish taco.

One reason is I'm about an hour late getting home. Figured only food would soothe the savage heart of Doña Carla.

The other reason is every now and then you have to bust out of the whole Eating What's Good For You gulag. Just felt like those fries with the carne asada and beans covered in lava beds of melted nacho cheese,

sour cream, and guac.

And the flying saucer: pretty-much the same on this big, crispy tostada. You get a bag of pickled carrots and limes with it.

While I'm waiting, get talking with Stephanie, the gal behind the gauze-covered window.

She says a lot of folks come up looking for those carne asada fries. "But if you want something that will fill you up but is also cheap, the bean and cheese burrito is only \$2.79. Or \$3.29 with beans, cheese, and rice."

This is a strange '50s-mod-erne-looking roadside place,

woody, blue, red, and gray. It's about the first piece of civilization you arrive at, coming down Highway 75. (The southbound 901 stops a ways back on Rainbow Drive.)

It's just past the little bar I always meant to visit, the now-closed Little Vienna Lounge. (Would somebody please buy it and revive it?!)

And also just past El Camino Motel, where they anchored that 2007 surfer series on TV, *John from Cincinnati*. That, too, is boarded up.

As for Don Panchos, Stephanie says it's doing just fine. Been open at least 20 years under the same owner.

But I see the name has changed a bit. It used to be "Los Panchos." Wonder what happened.

I could eat here out on the sheltered patio, but I have them pack it all so it'll survive the trip back to the *casa*.

And, man, the offering of food works. I go from criminal to hero in three easy chomps.

Carla gets the fish taco. I try the flying saucer.

Dee-lish. Tons of hot sauce tubs, lime wedges, and vinegary carrot slices. The tortilla is still crisp, and what I like is they've loaded great wads of guacamole and sour cream on top.

We both rip in like wolves



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to low and poach pears for 15 minutes or until soft. Remove from heat and drain liquid.

Add a small amount of oil to a large sauté pan and heat to medium heat. Once hot, add pears flat side down and sear until cara-

melized, about 3 minutes. Remove pears from heat and cut into slices.

To make the vinaigrette, add the vinegar, lemon juice, and shallots to a small bowl. Whisk together and, while whisking, add the oil. Mix well.

In a bowl, add walnuts, pears, blue cheese, and cranberries. Pour the vinaigrette on top and mix. Add salad greens, season with salt and pepper, and then toss.

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in winter. Ten minutes later we come up for air, look at the carne asada fries plate.

Sigh.

The heart is willing, but... Carla looks at me like Scarlett O'Hara.

"Tomorrow's another day," she says.

by Ed Bedford

Smoking Woks

I feel as though Hong Kong Restaurant has watched fashionable spots and hip joints

come and go as the Hillcrest scene has developed. After all, drunken scenesters are the number-one candidates for late-night Chinese food on the quick. Years of sitting there in semi-squalid pallor, neon signs glowing like the opening scenes of *Blade Runner*, have paid off and given Hong Kong a reputation as a go-to spot.

Sure, maybe the dim glow of the ancient lights make the dining room look a little...dystopian. After dark, it's almost as if the sun has never shown on

the inside of the restaurant; as though generations of dreams have died in the kitchens, burned away over a smoking hot wok.

Looks aren't everything, though, and that run-down, shabby, hole-in-the-wall look is charming once you get inside and cozy up to a pot of hot tea, reading your fortunes on the zodiac placemats. Of course, the waiters are friendly, happy too help, and ruthlessly efficient as they bustle about the dining room and speak in clipped Chi-

nese. The food that comes out of the kitchen's recesses steams and promises satisfaction.

In a rush, I ordered takeout instead of lingering. Some other day, perhaps, I'll occupy a booth and sit drinking hot tea late into the night.

The menu contained enough options that I could have sat and contemplated without an end in sight. I chose a simple "that looks good" approach that served me well in the long run.

Steamed buns (\$2.95) were filled with sweet and salty non-

descript meat that was probably pork but tasted of Hoisin sauce. Fried chicken wings (\$6.95) were covered in garlic and scallions. The breading was thick and salty, concealing fatty, rich chicken that required serious efforts to chew from the bone, but not in a bad way, more in a "rise to the challenge" way.

On the menu, Yu Hsiang pork (\$9.95) bore the little chili-pepper icon emblematic of a spicy dish and, though it brought forth zesty overtones of Sichuan pepper, it's spiciness was ultimately restrained. Most people would find it easy to eat. The kung pao triple crown — featuring shrimp, beef, and pork for \$12.95 — could have been smothered in the sweeter cousin to the Yu Hsiang sauce. Both dishes were amply portioned, enough for two meals, and contained oceanic volumes of spicy oil. It was a light oil, so the effect wasn't overwhelmingly greasy, and it carried all the salty, spicy, *umami* flavor that I expected out of the dishes.

There was little to distinguish the two dishes, and I predict that most of Hong Kong's food follows the same pattern: huge

portions of meat, smothered in flavorful sauces, served piping hot and quickly. I would say that the price was only somewhat justified, as dinner for two cost nearly \$40, so that's the major hang-up. Getting at least a meal and a half is only partial compensation because, while reheated Chinese food is pretty amazing, there's no denying that leftovers lack charm.

But, hey, when it's late and you've had a few drinks, Hong Kong starts to look better and better until, wooed by the its divey charms, the wings, barbecued pork, noodles, and chop suey work their magic.

Hong Kong, 3871 Fourth Avenue.

by Ian Pike

Man Seeks Mango

I have become a believer in the combination of mango, hot sauce, and chamoy. The sweet, salty, spicy, savory flavor combo compels me to seek out new combinations of this fruity snacktime masterpiece. With fingers crossed and appetite high, I popped into the **Aqua Fruit** shop that's, rather weirdly,



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Curses! The best she could do was a spicy bowl of *pico de gallo* (the fruit salad with lime and chili, not the salsa). I just wanted the gooey sweetness of mango, however, so I asked her to make me an *escamocha* instead.

She threw chopped fruit in

a bucket with cream and condensed milk and then brutalized it until the morass of fruit and cream had emulsified into a creamy, syrupy morass of fruit bits. Inelegantly? Yes. Delicious? Most certainly, especially with a few almonds and some coconut sprinkled over the whole thing for texture.

I don't usually go for *escamocha* or *fresas con crema* because I can practically feel my pancreas revolting when I eat such sugar-bombs, but I have to admit they are super tasty and worth a little self-indulgence every now and again.

Still no spicy mango treats, though. The search must continue!

by Ian Pike

Sausages for Sail...!

Carla's gonna faint.

She's the hot dog guru. Knows her kielbasas from her bratwursts, her American mustards from her French.

What happens is I'm at the Festival of Sail, by the long arcade of food and craft tents stretching north from the *Star of India* and the Maritime Museum of San Diego (1492 North Harbor Drive, 619-234-9153).

It's late afternoon. Just yacking with this guy Wolfgang Faller. He's built himself what he calls the "Miniflower," a tenth-scale version of the *Mayflower*. Beautiful. And he can actually get in and sail it.

So, we're talking when I get this whiff. Oh, Lord. Not salty sea breeze, but sexy *sabroso* sausage smells wafting from the food tents.

That's it. Eyes glaze over, go into trance, follow twitching nostrils, find myself in front of this hot open grill searing a logjam sausages. They glisten, and if you listen, you can hear them calling, "Choose me! Get me off this grill!"

Two guys, Mike and Dave, from Fallbrook, are busy with tongs, rolling the suckers around so they cook evenly.

"What's it to be?" says Dave. I ask him to help me decide.

"This is the half-pound kielbasa," he says, pointing to the largest, darkest sausage. "Rope sausage, \$8. This is the beer sausage, with Stone Smoked Porter in it. It's \$7."

Most are third-pounders. He goes through the still-pale Polish (\$5.50), the smooth Bratwurst (\$7), the Cajun hot links, (\$7) and the beef hot dogs (\$4).

Dave turns out to be a happy

guy. "I was a data-processing manager for a bank," he says. "Decided to break out." His wife Aida and he run this BBQ-type catering business. "Aida started it," he says. "I learned to cook, and now I get all over the county. I've got a life!"

And good food, by the smell of these sausages.

I figure these are big enough to make a meal, so I get one kielbasa and one beer sausage. Dave loads sauerkraut aboard, some chopped onion, I squeeze brown mustard, and, presto, instant meal.

"Course, I'd love to eat mine now, while it's fresh and hot, but Dave wraps them in foil, tucks them in a plastic bread bag, and when I get back, the oven does a pretty good job of bringing them back to life. Carla's thrilled.

Irony is, she loves the beer dog best. I'm happy to tackle the giant kielbasa.

"I almost got you the Polish," I say.

"Because it was the cheapest one, I'll bet," she says. "And I've got news for you: you're eating the Polish. 'Kielbasa' is just the Polish word for sausage. Or Ukrainian."

"Wow. How'd you know that?"

"My daddy knew sausages. We ate out a lot. Like, outside, over a campfire. I've had hot dogs in 48 states. That was my childhood."

Wow. Makes you realize. After how long? You think

you know someone, then they spring a life of 48 hot dogs from 48 states on you. We'll never run out of conversation, that's for sure.

Dave's hot dog stand, **Matheny Wagon Works** (760-518-1386), gets around farmers' markets and caters anywhere.

by Ed Bedford

Hot in Kearny Mesa

"It's 900 degrees outside and we're next to a flaming-hot grill," John was laughing as we sat down. We were in Jeong Won BBQ, on Convoy Street between Engineer Road and Opportunity Road. Thanks to decent ventilation and strategically placed fans, it was pretty warm inside but not unbearably stuffy.

Jeong Won serves all-you-can-eat Korean barbecue; that is to say, they prepare everything you need to grill your own Korean barbecue. Each table has its own blistering hot grill in the center. Along the back of the room, a variety of nice-looking meat, poultry, seafood, and vegetables are on a refrigerated buffet, waiting for you to load up on a plate and toss, hissing gloriously, on your grill.

Beef, pork, lamb, and chicken are thinly sliced, along with some offal offerings — tripe, liver, and chicken hearts; some are tossed with marinades or spices. Seafood and amphibious choices that day included frog

legs, basa fish, scallops, green-lipped mussels, shrimp, squid, and octopus.

Another case holds a large assortment of pickles, kimchi, salads, sprouts, condiments, and sauces. A soft-serve machine completes the picture. I can never pass up soft-serve, but that's another issue.

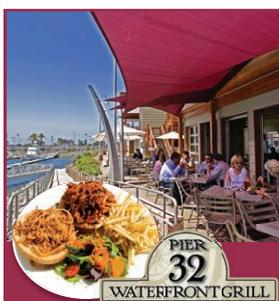
Since the cooking is up to you, it's wise to get your dipping sauces and condiments before you start to cook any of the protein. With thicker, denser items, such as long slabs of sliced sweet potato or fat mushrooms, you've got a few minutes of cooking time, but the thinly sliced beef and pork cooks in a flash. It needs your undivided attention or you'll be pulling smoking, blackened honey pork off the grill, much to your tablemate's amusement.

My favorite items were the short ribs, lamb, brisket, and both versions of honey pork, smoked and non. I meant to ask John for a taste of his frog leg, but it was gone before I even noticed it was off the grill. He also loved the squid and octopus. The meal comes with serviceable miso soup and not great rice.

At \$20 per person (\$17 before 4 p.m.), Jeong Won is reasonably priced. A variety of canned or bottled beverages are available.

Jeong Won is located at 4690 Convoy Street in Kearny Mesa.

by Mary Beth Abate



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Crushing the Eighties.

With most performers working hard to promote digital downloads of their newest music, singer/songwriter Scott Wilson is building an online archive covering three decades' worth of everything from acoustic solo tunes to songs written for

tion on the SoundCloud website. I already used the free service, which allows 120 minutes of music that can be conveniently posted on Facebook and Twitter. But the Pro service offers 36 hours."

First uploaded were Wilson's earliest recordings with AOR

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the inside track

movie soundtracks (*Tombstone*, *Better Way to Die*, *Henry Poole Is Here*), country rock (he was a founding member of the Gandhi Method), instrumentals created for TV shows like

glam band VFX. "Eighties music was basically crushed in the early 1990s, thanks to Nirvana, Pearl Jam, and Smashing Pumpkins. I couldn't stand all the bands that VFX



Scott Wilson is uploading his life's work: "I have 28 hours left."

VH1's *Behind the Music*: *Bobby Brown*, and even an '80s glam/new-wave outfit whose brief and unlikely overseas success he admits being embarrassed by.

"The opportunity came from winning a Pro subscrip-

tion compared to, and I wasn't sad to see that style of music go, although I hear it's still a popular underground form in Europe and Japan. VFX turned into a cult-like band that had its detractors.... I walked away

from this style of music in 1994 and never looked back."

Also archived are songs from Wilson's alt-rock group Cruel World and more recent recordings done solo and with his acoustic band (the Complications) and an electric ensemble (the Contradictions). "So far, I've uploaded about 120 songs. I think I have 28 hours left, so I've been going through my DAT collection."

Wilson, whose video for "Coffeehouse 101" features around 50 local performers (each lip-synching a line from the song), began recording a new full-length in March. "Nathan Walsh-Haines [the Broken Stems] played drums in my rehearsal studio downtown. I played the bass and most of the guitars, and, so far, Jonathan Hayes [VFX], Tim Orrahood [Vacscene], and Norm Merton [John Stanley Band] have all played lead guitars on the tracks. I'm working my way through guitar solos, then lead vocals, percussion, and then polishing, which may take a while."

A new demo called "I Know," featuring guest guitarist Dave Gladish (Ristband, Roxy Monoxide), is currently streaming online, as are newly shot videos for "Take It Away" and "Shade of Eden."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Morally Incorrect. Touting the slogan "Going against the current and shipping music around the world," nonprofit

digital/vinyl label Ship Records set sail this March with a collective of local artists, musicians, and promoters at the helm.

The first of the label's



Schitzophonics Pat and Lety helped put Ship Records in the water.

quarterly digital compilations, *Against the Current, Volume 1* (shiprecords.bandcamp.com/album/against-the-currents-vol-1), showcases Ship's current roster of ten local and out-of-town acts, including recent additions Shake Before Us and Gloomsday.

"We went from a full staff of eager people to just three of us with the help of David Robles and Barrio Audio/Video Productions," says Lety McKenzie, who cofounded Ship Records alongside members of the New Kinetics, Schitzophonics, and musician Spencer Gallop.

"The motivation behind Ship Records is helping bands record music and get the word out about them," McKenzie says. "These bands that we have chosen are following the DIY movement that was paved for us many decades ago. None of

this Kickstarter shit."

McKenzie adds that she doesn't like musicians asking for money to fund their personal projects, calling it

"morally incorrect."

"We all work hard to make a scene work in unity," she says. "If you don't have the means to get into a recording studio, we will find the means in hopes that when you have succeeded in your recording and pressing, you turn around and pass it forward."

As such, look for a seven-inch in the next few months from proggy shredders Schitzophonics and a full-length in November.

Wanna hop aboard? Shoot an EPK to ShipRecordsSD@gmail.com.

The label provides management, booking, video/audio production, graphic design, and PR/media campaigns and is interested in bands playing rock 'n' roll, punk, soul, prog rock, metal, and Americana.

— Chad Deal

One Busy Bassist. Bassist Mark Dresser continues to gig in Europe and the East Coast rather than home in San Diego at a 10-1 ratio. "It's difficult to think of San Diego as home base," said Dresser during an interview in his office at UCSD. "Even though I moved back here from New York in 2004."

Dresser's office has room for four double-basses, a computer, and a small piano. I came to get a personal demonstration of some of the many "extended techniques" he has mastered on the instrument. I asked him what the month looked like for him.

"I'm in Copenhagen working with Irina for about a week — that'll be dedicated just to the commission — then I'll go to Iceland, Reykjavik, for a workshop, solo concert, and gigs with Icelandic musicians for three days...then back to Copenhagen. They are having a 2012 bass convention of sorts — organized by some Danish bassists. It's an international event — and I'll play a solo concert and do a solo seminar. I'll be demonstrating some of the things I just showed you. Then we'll perform a version of *Deep Tones for Peace* (a piece he wrote for multiple bassists), and then I'll come home...to chill for ten days, which will be nice."

There won't be much time for chilling, though.

"Then, there's a bass festival in Tijuana, and I'll be go-

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ing there,” says Dresser. “That lasts a week, and afterwards I’m doing a recording with [saxophonist] David Borgo.... Then we’re into September and I’m going to New York, doing a gig at Cornelia Street Cafe, and I’m making a second recording with my East Coast Quintet for Clean Feed Records. On the 5th, a duet gig with Diane Moser, the 6th I’m doing a master class, on the 7th a gig at the New School, on the 9th



“It’s difficult to think of San Diego as home base,” says bassist Mark Dresser.

“Then I’ll come home around September 17, because that’s ‘Welcome Week’ at UCSD.”

— Robert Bush

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I’ll be recording a new album with Diane [Moser], and on the 10th a gig in Baltimore. Then on the 11th I have a gig with Sarah Weaver at the Iridium back in NY, and on the 13th a solo gig at Shape-shifter Lab in Brooklyn. I’ll go to Boston on the 14th where I have a double bill with guitarist Joe Morris, then we’re going to do the same thing on the 15th in Hartford, Connecticut....

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Bossa Nova on the Breeze.

From her hometown of Poços de Caldas, Brazil, where she ran a music school, Fabiana Passoni pulled up stakes for New York City, where she cultivated a sound fusing classic-style jazz singing with bossa nova beats. Later she moved to Los Angeles, where she began recording. But when asked why she chose Oceanside in which to settle down and raise her triplets, the 2012 Brazilian International Press Awards winner for Best Brazilian Female Singer Living in the U.S. invokes a mixture of pragmatics and love for sand plus surf.

“We used to live in Orange County and had outgrown our home,” she says. “We found the rents more attractive in Oceanside and some great-looking neighborhoods. I like living in Oceanside so far. My

neighbors are friendly and I can still feel that ocean breeze. I’m feeling right at home already....

“There is a large group of Brazilians living in the beach areas there. Anthology and

Encinitas.”

And the triplets? “They just turned two, and their names are Levi, Leilah, and Lylah.” When did she find out she was having triplets? “About six weeks



Fabiana Passoni found out she was having triplets “about six weeks after learning I was having twins.”

Belly Up attract Brazilian performers at times. I still don’t know much about what takes place here in Oceanside. It will be fun to explore the musical and artistic scenes in Oceanside, Carlsbad, and

after learning I was having twins.” When does she find time to sleep? “Sleep?” she asks as though she’s lost the meaning of the word. “They are certainly a lot of work, but we try to keep them to

a fixed schedule. When that works, we might even get some sleep.” (Being a healthy mother of healthy triplets is especially remarkable for Passoni, who’s beaten breast cancer twice.)

Asked her plans for the immediate future, she replies: “I have a new single [that was] released the first of August. My last single, ‘Lovin’ You,’ was on the smooth-jazz charts for a couple of months, so I am really optimistic about this new release.... After that, I will be back in the recording studio finishing up an EP CD that we hope to release by the end of the year.”

For more information, consult fabianapassoni.com.

— Andrew Hamlin

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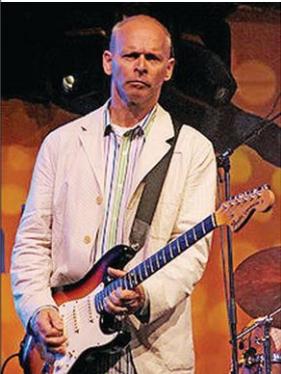


THE WALKMEN AT HOUSE OF BLUES

Lion Cut will roll into Whistle Stop with dance pop...and country-fried singer-songers **Palace Ballroom**, **Manuok**, **River City**, and **Drew Andrews** fill a bill at Tin Can Alehouse.... 'Scionnie hip-hop hit **Brother Ali** will be at Porter's Pub at UCSD. He is out to tout this year's *Mourning in America* and *Dreaming in Color*, on which Ali sticks to his throwback flow to address contemporary social issues.... And From NYC, intelligent, if angsty, indie act the **Walkmen** rock into House of Blues behind this year's critical hit *Heaven*. It is a considered collection for the band, which doesn't just tip a hand but goes all in on the adult-rock ticket. Wives and kids yadda yadda.

Friday 14

The San Diego Music Thing spreads its wings all over town this weekend with way too much good stuff in way too many locales for my small space, so click on this for the master list: *sandiegomusicthing.com*. What jumps out Friday night? MC5 guitarist **Wayne Kramer** at Bar Pink, for sure... the roots-rocking **Blackout Party** and **Heavy Guilt** around the bend at U-31...**Hunx and His Punx**, **Shannon and the Clams**, the **Kabbs**, and **Mrs. Magician** will be doing their take on fuzzed-out doo-wop rock at Casbah...**Smile Now Cry Later**, **Rafter**, and



WAYNE KRAMER AT BAR PINK

Public Enemies **DJ Lord** and **Chuck D** will be spinning 'round sets by **Illuminatus** and **Parker & the Numberman** at the Office... loud-ass locals **Lord Howler** and the **Long and Short of It** turn up at Bar Pink...

Saturday 15

SDMT's Saturday-night highlights include indie hits **Pinback** and **Jamuel Saxon** at the all-ages Sunset Temple in NoPark... **Public Enemies**, **DJ Lord** and **Chuck D** will be spinning 'round sets by **Illuminatus** and **Parker & the Numberman** at the Office... loud-ass locals **Lord Howler** and the **Long and Short of It** turn up at Bar Pink... while Fleet Fox folkie J. Tillman, aka **Father John Misty**, delivers this year's SubPop platter *Fear Fun* to Casbah after **Get Back Loretta** and **Dead Feather Moon**. **Low Volts** plug in at the Atari Lounge.... Outside "the Thing": '80s pop star



RINGO DEATHSTARR AT SODA BARR

band **Blood, Sweat & Tears** ("You've Made Me So Very Happy," "Spinning Wheel," "Got to Get You into My Life") rolls into Anthology Sunday night.

Monday 17

As Dave Good Of Notes in this week's issue, **Ringo Deathstarr** lands at Soda Barr. The Austin act stands as one of the better shoe-gaze groups going, as last year's excellent *Colour Trip* put a charge into '90s noise pop, goosing the Mary Chain with a stumbling punk gait. **Tennis System** and **Short Eyes** open the show.... If that one sells out, right down the road you got proto-punk five-piece **Barbarian** at



BEST COAST AT OCEANSIDE PIER AMPHITHEATRE

Adam Ant's touring in support of his new conceptual collection *Adam Ant Is the Blueblack Hussar in Marrying the Gunner's Daughter*. Ant will be at 4th&B downtown...while up in La Jolla, Ché Café stages sludgy hardcore by **Griever** (ex-Lewd Acts), **Age of Collapse**, **A Better Hope Foundation**, **Fed to the Wolves**, and **Haruka**.

Sunday 16

The 94/9 Independence Jam Coastal Invasion is up at the Oceanside Pier Amphitheatre on Sunday funday, and it features **Fiona Apple**, **Best Coast**, **Oberhofer**, and **Gardens & Villa**. I like Best Coast, I'm just not sure how/if they fit with the other three acts on this bill. Do they even play these bands on the radio? I clicked on that Oberhofer band name and got a pop-up that said if I buy an 18-pack or larger of Miller Lite I get \$10 off my ticket. Man, the wheels have really come off the 94/9 bus.... Best of the rest: L.A. darkwave duo **She Wants Revenge** will be at Belly Up behind their latest goth-rock disc, *Valleyheart*...and from Greenwich Village, the Grammy-winning brass-rock



YOB AT CASBAH

Wednesday 19

From Eugene, Oregon, doom-metal trio and "the spiritual sons of Sabbath," **Yob**, will be at Casbah behind their latest, *Atma*. *Atma* is "the Buddhist concept of self," and according to head Yobber Mike Scheidt, it's a set spiced with Middle Eastern flavors, including "ethnic instruments and classical guitars." Heady metal, man. The heaviosity kicks off with **Norska** and **Cormorant**.... Rappin' up, that hip-hop Hebrew **Matisyahu** hits up Humphreys with this year's *Spark Seeker*...and Southern-rock jam band **Gov't Mule** clops into House of Blues behind their three-by live CD *Mulennium*.

— Barnaby Monk

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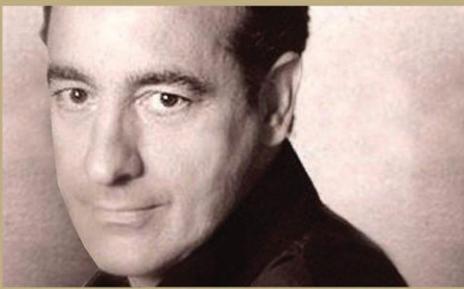
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Post-Folk Bootgaze

“The ghosts of our past get in the way of our future.”

The theme of Manuok’s newest album is “ghosts, change, and traps,” says multi-instrumentalist and frontman Scott Mercado, whose résumé includes a foundational role in post-rock trio Via Satellite and recording/touring stints with Black Heart Procession, the Album Leaf, Tristeza, Mr. Tube and the Flying Objects, and Ilya.

So, perhaps it’s no coincidence that *Traps* departs from the ethereal indie-folk sound that guided the band’s previous three albums (and landed their rendition of “Untitled 1” at the top of a band-endorsed list of Sigur Rós covers) to instead find a more urgent, disconcerted tone that draws lyrical parallels between Mercado’s personal tribulations and a lurking dystopian paranoia.

“In broad terms, I wrote about how the ghosts of our past get in the way of our future — how we trap ourselves,” says Mercado. “More specifically, or song to song, I cover this in terms of politics, fear of life change, relationships, death, and capitalism.”

The struggle to embrace change and thwart recurrence is evident in the evolution of Manuok (pronounced “man-you-okay”) from a solo project begun in 2004 by Mercado into a collaborative band effort.

“On previous records, I wrote and recorded

almost everything by myself,” Mercado says. “After the album was released, the band would then take the songs and make new versions. On the new album, most of the songs were played live first and recorded last. As a result, the recordings are real close to what you’ll hear live. Additionally, the guys helped arrange songs, wrote

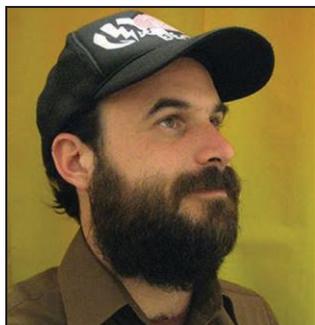
parts, and so much more. The result is the combination of all our old bands, influences, and tastes. As it turns out, every single one of us has hardcore, punk, or rock roots. So — *bang!* — a rock album.”

As such, you may hear evidence of bassist Erik Berg and keys/vibesman Jeff Grasmick’s time with rock outfit Rochelle, Rochelle, or drummer Geoff Hill’s chops with Ilya and cinematic instrumental nine-piece KATA, with whom guitarist Andrew Trecha performed as a visual artist.

In *Traps’* opening single, “Count on Us,” Mercado appears to take on the first-person voice of his tyrannical doubts and, in doing so, invokes a candidness that carries on through “Sinking In” with the self-aware warning, “I’ve been this way before, so careful where you go/ I’ve felt this way before, so careful who you know,” and on to “Buried in the Sand,” which kicks off with the caveat, “Be careful when you talk to others.”

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CHAD DEAL



Mercado says he saw “Manuok” written on a bathroom wall and liked the ambiguity of it.



Scott Mercado: “Every single one of us has hardcore, punk, or rock roots. So — *bang!* — a rock album.”

From the melancholy lament of “NC” to the howling closer “Some Voices,” *Traps* rings with a probing ferocity that Mercado likens to aspects of Helmet, Failure, and Led Zeppelin.

That really doesn’t describe it, however. The album is too mercurial, paradoxically embodying the changes that it supposes to dread.

Between jangly indie-pop verses, fuzzed-out bridges nodding toward dream-noise supergroup Astrobrute, and straight-ahead rock breakdowns (think Radiohead’s more wrathful moods), one is tempted to place Manuok in a well-deserved genre all their own: like, say, post-folk bootgaze.

Whatever you end up calling it, *Traps* — written and recorded in and out of European and domestic tours — solidifies why Manuok (which

was listed as a best new band name in Dave Eggers’s “The Best American Nonrequired Reading”) has been the most frequently cited favorite of fellow artists in Jay Allen Sanford’s musician interviews, accruing over a dozen shout-outs from contemporaries including Sven-Erik Seaholm, Marie Haddad, Drew Andrews, Michael Tiernan, Bart Mendoza, and Marcia Claire.

Already out on Japan’s Kilk Records, *Traps* drops September 15 via Bay Area–based 500 Records and Macaco Records (Italy).

Fall into the trap on September 14 at the Tin Can Ale House with a San Diego Music Thing party featuring Via Satellite partner Drew Andrews, alt-country outlaws River City, and the Palace Ballroom.

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Sunday, 9pm, Sunday, 7pm — Blood, Sweat & Tears.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Future of Forestry.
Wednesday, 7pm — Erika Davies & Burt Brion.

ArtLab:

Wednesday, 8pm — Robin Henkel Band with Whitney Shay and Billy Watson. A night of jazz and blues. **Free.**

Bar Pink:

Friday, 9pm — Wayne Kramer. The American guitarist, singer, songwriter, producer, film and television scorer performs for San Diego Music Thing.

Beaumont's:

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Friday, 9pm — Rob Bonderant. **Free.** 21 and up.
Sunday, 11:30am — Allegra. **Free.**

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Friday, 9pm — Michal Menert and Govinda. North County Ocean Beats with SuperDre and Sublmln Sound System.
Saturday, 9pm — Atomic Punks. Van Halen tribute.

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Moonface started out as a lo-fi solo project by Spencer Krug in what little time off he had from his other bands, Wolf Parade, Sunset Rubdown, and Swan Lake (among others). To show how seriously he took Moonface, one early release was titled *Dreamland EP: Marimba and Shit-Drums*. But Moonface's *Heartbreaking Bravery*, released this spring, was named by *Spin* magazine as one of the best releases of the year so far. And *Spin*'s right.

Krug first gained widespread attention with Wolf Parade, the band he started in Montreal in 2003 with Dan Boeckner. Famously, their first show was opening for the Arcade Fire. After

Wolf Parade split last year — and if reports are true, Sunset Rubdown did as well — Krug started concentrating on the unlikely Moonface.

Heartbreaking Bravery is an unlikely favorite, too. The record finds Krug collaborating with Finnish prog-rockers Siinai to create a powerful mix of moody guitar rock and distorted electronic sounds, along with Krug's bizarre lyrics and slightly deranged delivery. It's a dark, unsettling record whose most upbeat song has Krug repeating the line "Teary eyes and bloody lips make you look like Stevie Nicks." The nearly eight-minute "Headed for the Door" sounds like M83 having a nightmare. The title track is a slow ballad equally reminiscent of the *Twin Peaks* soundtrack, side two of David Bowie's *Low*, and "Purple Rain," with Krug creepily singing, "I'm not the fox/ with bloodstained lips/ standing over the kill." By the five-minute mark,



he's singing a wordless hook, "oh-oh-oh," and you can imagine this playing for the last dance at the weirdest and most wonderful prom ever.

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Wednesday, 9pm — Easy Star All-Stars. With Passafire. 21 and up.

Birch Aquarium at Scripps:

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Eleven:

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Friday, 8pm — Family Wagon, Sleep Lady, Archons. SD Music Thing showcase with Mini Mansions and KATA.
Saturday, 8pm — Burning of Rome, Deadly Birds, Children of Nova. San Diego Music Thing showcase with Subsurfer and Ben Union.
Sunday, 4pm — Perfumeman, Bath Party, African Screams.
Monday, 9pm — Barbarian, Jeans Wilder, Bruin.
Wednesday, 9pm — Mwahaha.

Encinitas Elks Lodge:

Friday, 7pm — Rhythm Jacks. Rhythm and blues, West Coast swing, blues, rock, rockabilly. Dance lesson: 6pm. \$10. 21 and up.

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Gallagher's Pub & Grill:

Thursday — Revival. Dub, roots.
Friday, 9pm — Defamation League, Character Assassins, Young "YD" Dunnce. **Free.** 21 and up.
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Harrah's Rincon:

Saturday — Marco Antonio Solis.

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Friday — The Walkmen.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Tomorrow's Bad Seeds. With Through the Roots. \$15-\$27.
Monday, 7:30pm — John Mark McMillan. This show will be on the 5th Avenue Side Stage. \$17-\$30.
Wednesday, 7pm — Gov't Mule and Revivalists. 21 and up.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club:

Saturday, 9:30pm — Detroit Underground. \$12.
Monday, 7pm — Robin Henkel Band with Horns. A gig for people who love to swing...dance. 619-224-3411. **Free.** 21 and up.

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Shoegaze, done loud. Ringo Deathstarr falls into the sub-grouping of rock bands that have learned a valuable lesson from forbears such as My Bloody Valentine: play your music loud enough and people will think you are important. Ringo Deathstarr, otherwise, is an act that gets mixed reviews. I think the lines of like/not like are age-related. Younger pop critics swoon, older pop critics have heard this all before, and then some. So, what's to like about RS? They are the sound of 1990s London distortion, an era Ringo Deathstarr was late for but manages to duplicate well. I like them for that alone. They are the sound of the shoegazers of old, but with the occasional surprise.

They do it with melody. There are songs when the band is a guitar-snarl of effects. Then, there are ones that sound complex and dreamy, as if Peter, Paul, and Mary had been closeted shoegazers themselves and maybe old Stan Getz would possibly drop in any minute and blow a tenor-sax solo. The Ringo Deathstarr songbook, for the most part, builds tension, but never lets it release.

So, what's up with the term shoegaze? For the uninitiated, the sub-genre came out of Britain sometime during the late 1980s and reached its peak of popularity in the early '90s. A simple, introspective, guitar-band sound, minus the virtuosic soloing. But the guitars are always distorted to the outer limits of what a guitar actually sounds like through the use of effects pedals, which in turn are triggered by a guitarist's feet. Therefore, to make this music, guitarists spend a lot of time looking down at their foot pedals, a habit which led to the somewhat derogatory



RINGO DEATHSTARR

title. Shoegaze is rock-and-roll antiquity that is tough to reinvent. That bands are working to breathe life into this ambient chapter of pop culture is worth the price of admission.

The Tenny System and the Short Eyes also perform.

RINGO DEATHSTARR: Soda Bar, Monday, September 17, 8:30 p.m. 619-255-7224, \$7.

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Wednesday, 7pm — Stoney B. Blues Band. **Free.**

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Saturday, 7pm — Tower of Power. Soul/funk/R&B.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Roger Hodgson. Supertramp!
Wednesday, 6:30pm — Matisyahu and The Dirty Heads. Reggae fusion/alt rock. With Pacific Dub.

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Friday, 7:30pm — Kalua Moa and Danielle Marriot. Original reggae-rock/roots/dub. **Free.**
Saturday, 7:30pm — Jefferson Jay, Nancy Trusdail, Patricia Mueller. **Free.**

Lestat's Coffee House:

Sunday, 8pm — Tiff Jimber and Rebecca Loebe. **Free.**

Museum of Making Music:

Saturday, 7pm — Vinny Golia Sextet. Ensemble will expose the

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Oceanside Pier Plaza Amphitheatre:

Sunday, 4:30pm — FM 94/9's Independence Jam. With Fiona Apple, Best Coast, Pinback, Oberhofer, Gardens & Villa, Father John Misty, Blake Mills, and Mrs. Magician. \$45-\$55.

Office:

Wednesday, 10pm — Ed Ghost Tucker. \$5. 21 and up.

Pal Joey's:

Friday, 9pm — Night Shift. **Free.**
Saturday, 9pm — Late Edition.

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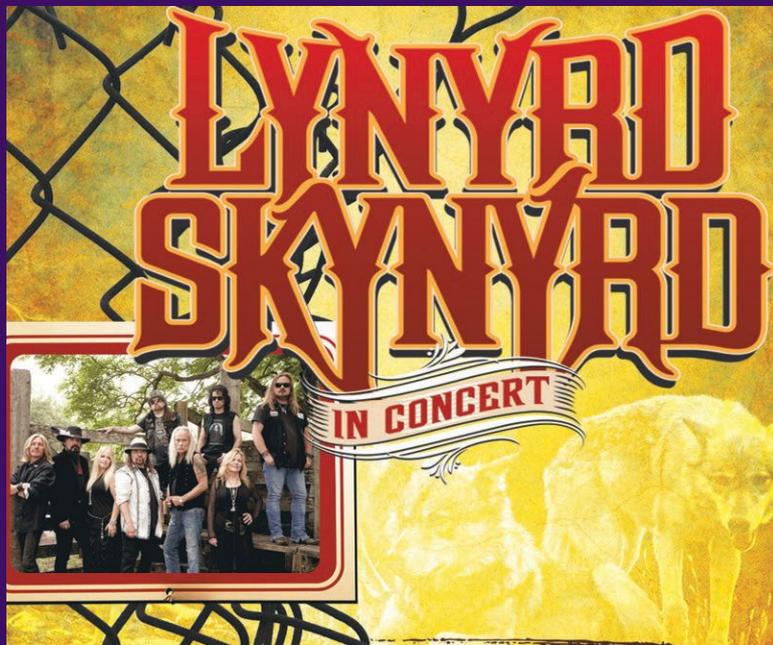
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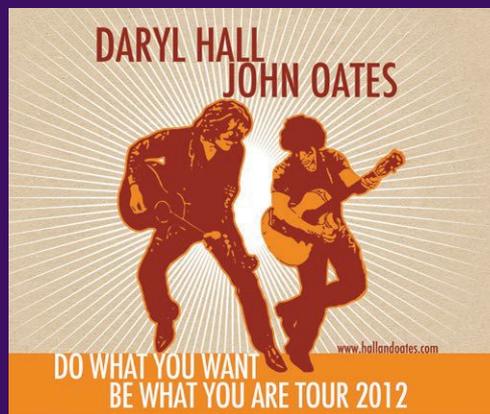
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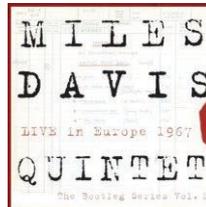
Miles Davis
By Andrew Hamlin

So, Wayne Shorter remembers how he'd step up to the mic and the rhythm section (Herbie Hancock on piano, Ron Carter on bass, Tony Williams on drums) would mostly or wholly drop out, leaving him hanging, as we say today. And that was partially provocation — "Can you do it?" — and partly its opposite — "We trust you to do it. We wouldn't leave you hanging, if we didn't know you could swing." And so the five men caper

across the then-mid-Miles catalog, waving cursorily at head melodies, Williams's bottomless all-of-six-piece set collapsing time into half time, afterburning half time into double time, roaring like a logic storm presented with the problem of a farmhouse.

Shorter blows just a little more lyrical than most beboppers, dovetailing with Miles for some brief impeccable exchanges, horses cooling off before the next rodeo run. Miles tries simple, fancy, loud, soft, cool, and more-space-than-sound, and the rhythm usually sticks closer to him.

Carter suffers undermiking, though try the first two discs for sweet solos; picking him out and stitching him into the action makes for a fascinating weekend with headphones. Herbie methodically makes sense — not the R&B sense of his earlier work, but the abstracted sense demanded by context. They weren't giving the finger to the audience, and to expectations, so much as ignoring all that. Any finger pointed only onward.



Simple, fancy, loud, soft, cool

Jack White, Steady as He Goes

By Johnny Caito,

Jack White rushed the stage of the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, plugged in his blue Stratocaster, and started his set of high-speed blues, country, folk, and rock 'n' roll.

The opener, "Sixteen Saltines," from his newly released *Blunderbuss* album, was loud, dirty, cutting, and frantic. It was a fly-by-the-edge-of-your-seat performance that had his band, Los Buzzardos, creating raw, edgy,

imperfect rock and roll.

The band swaggered through the White Stripes' country-flavored "Hotel Yorba" and then charged through a number of other Stripes songs, including "We Are Going to Be Friends," a half-piano, half-guitar version of "Dead Leaves and the Dirty Ground," and "The Hardest Button to Button."

White closed with the Raconteurs' 2006 hit "Steady as She Goes" and a crowd sing-along of the 1933 Lead Belly song "Goodnight Irene."

It's fitting that White ended the show playing a song that is nearly 80 years old in a building that is over 85 years old and sent 6000-plus people home singing, "Goodnight Irene, goodnight Irene, I'll see you in my dreams."

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Not that any Highland barons or Tennessee gentlefolk will be setting foot inside Seven Grand anytime soon. The patrons seem displaced from downtown in their collared shirts, cocktail dresses, and occasional Ed Hardy. Yup, this L.A.-owned lounge is definitely the next step in the re-scening of North Park. Tattoo'd, Tecate-quaffing hipsters have already ceded Seven Grand to the young professional types who can afford to drop upwards of \$25 on a glass of whiskey from time to time.

The sarcastic shoulder devil says, "Sweet, another place with stuffed animal heads on the walls. I bet the bartenders wear suspenders."

The thirsty shoulder devil says, "Holy shit, dude, look at all that whiskey!"

In all fairness, the crowd is amicable. They seem to appreciate the finer things in life more than kicking in your head "True North style." Getting served can take forever because the labor-intensive cocktails put the barkeeps in the weeds when the place gets busy, but the wait is mostly worth it.

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Take that, shoulder devils!

— Ian Pike

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September 23 — Howie Day.
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September 26, September 26 — Pat Metheny Unity Band.
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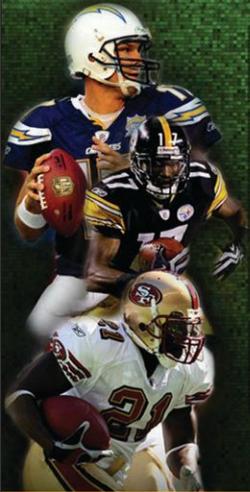
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September 21 — Outta Line.

September 28 — Natural Selection.

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September 21 — MoonDance Band.

September 21, October 19 — Band of Gold.

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September 29, September 30 — Adams Avenue Street Fair.

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September 30 — The Shins.

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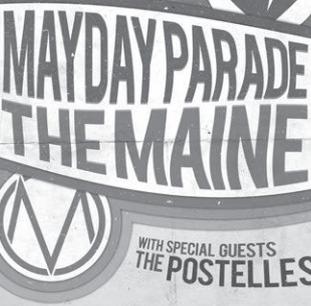
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September 23 — Bottom Dollars, Nacosta, Royal Canoe.

September 24 — Holograms, Teenage Burritos, Dream Buddies.

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September 21 — Rum For the Pirates.

September 28 — In Fear & Faith and Lion I Am CD Release Party.

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September 20 — Soul-Junk.

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September 21 — Southern Stue.

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September 30 — Mark Chesnutt.

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September 21 — Pilots, Animal Eyes, Fanno Creek.

September 22 — The Long Holidays, Jupiter, Rosewood Five.

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September 28 — Gone Baby Gone, SXO, Schitzophonics.

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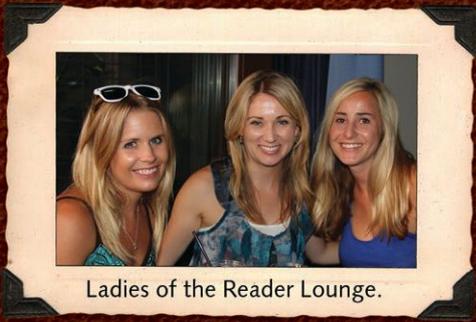
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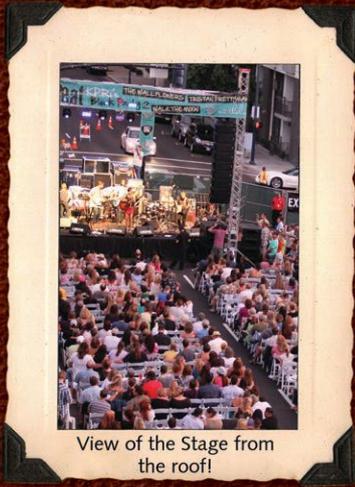
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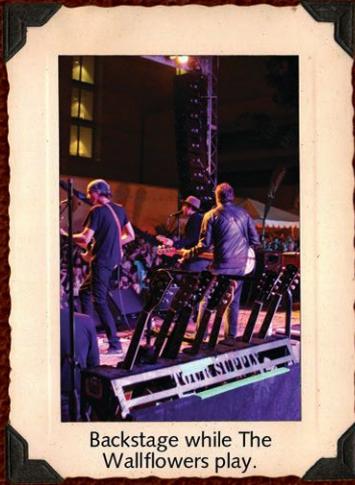
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CORONADO

Brigantine: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$4 Brig brew, Dos Equis. \$4.75 margarita, \$5.50 chardonnay, \$6 merlots, \$1 off featured wine. Discounted tacos, shrimp, oysters.

Costa Azul: Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, domestic bottles. \$3.50 imported bottles, wells, house wine, sangria. \$3.75 drafts. \$6 margaritas, mojitos. \$2.95 tacos, \$3.50 shrimp, \$5.95 nachos.

Leroy's Kitchen + Lounge: Monday-Saturday, 3-6pm: Drink specials & bar bites, including sweet-potato fries and Bavarian pretzel. Sunday, 3-6pm & 10pm-midnight: \$5 bloody marys & mimosas, featured skinny cocktail.

Primavera Ristorante: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 off any drink. \$5 martinis.

Village Pizzeria: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm, 9pm-close: \$3.50 drafts, \$5 wine by the glass. \$2 off artichoke hearts and mozzarella sticks.

Yummy Sushi: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 pints, \$4 large hot sake. 20-50% off appetizers.

DEL MAR

Brigantine: Daily, 4-6pm: \$4 Brig brew, \$4.75 margarita, \$5.50 chardonnay, \$1 off featured wine. Discounted fish tacos.

Bully's Del Mar: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: Discounted food, beer, cocktails. Sunday, all day: \$3 Bud Light, Coors Light. \$4 bloody marys, margaritas, mimosas.

Pacifica del Mar: Wednesday, 4-6:30pm: \$6 vodkas and gins. Oyster night: oysters on the 1/2 shell and oyster shooters. Thursday, 4-6:30pm: 1/2-price on all bottles of wine.

Zel's Del Mar: Daily, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off drafts & premium drinks, \$2 off wines by glass, \$3.50 wells. \$4 fried calamari, \$5 fish tacos, \$10 burger & beer.

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

Altitude Sky Lounge: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$5 premium wells. 1/2-off artisan flat breads.

Analog: Tuesday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$5 house wines, \$6 specialty drinks. 1/2-off loaded skins, hummus, sweet-potato fries.

Current: Daily, 4-7pm, 9-close: \$3 domestic & \$4 imported beer, \$5 wells, red/white wine, specialty cocktails. 1/2-off tempura green beans, mac & cheese, popcorn.

Downtown Johnny Brown's: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$1 off wine; 40% off bar menu.

Dublin Square: Daily, 2-5pm: \$2 off drafts, bottled beer, house wine, wells, Irish whiskey. 1/2-off sliders, fish tacos, meat pies.

Dussini Loft Bar: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 9-10pm: \$1 off wells, drafts. 1/2-off sliders, onion rings, calamari. Friday-Saturday, 10-11pm: \$1 off wells, drafts. 1/2-off sliders, onion rings, calamari.

La Gran Tapa: Daily, 5-6:30pm: \$3 artisan drafts, \$4 wines. \$3 marinated mushrooms, bread/dipping sauces; \$4 salad, frittata.

House of Blues: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wines, \$3 wells, \$4 martinis. Killer happy hour menu.

The Local: Tuesday, 4pm-close: \$3 Mexican beers, margaritas; \$2.50 tacos. Wednesday, 4-10pm: \$10 pitchers; \$1 sliders. Thursday, 4pm-close: \$3 wells, select drafts/bottles; \$3 fish tacos. Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 wells, \$1 off local drafts; \$2 off nachos, quesadillas. Saturday, noon-9pm: \$6 Dos Equis draft & whiskey or tequila shot.

Patrick's Gaslamp Pub: Daily, 10am-8pm; 11pm-close: domestics from \$2.50, wells from \$3.25.

The Shout House: Monday, 7pm-close: \$7 beer & shot. Tuesday, 7pm-close: \$4 Karl Strauss bottle, \$6 Stoli drinks. Wednesday, 7pm-close: \$3 domestic bottled beer. Thursday, 7pm-close: \$3 Miller Lite draft, \$5 bomb shot, \$12 Miller High Life bucket. Friday-Saturday, 6pm-close: \$8 Big Ass beer/\$6 refill, \$15 hurricane/\$12 refill. Sunday, 7pm-close: \$3 Bud drafts, \$3 shot special, \$4 wells.

The Stage Rock Bar & Grill: Daily, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

Stout Public House: Daily, 4-8pm: \$3 bottled beer; \$4 drafts, wells; \$5 cosmopolitans, margaritas. 1/2-price wings, calamari, chicken tenders.

Sushi Deli: Monday-Wednesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-off all beer. \$3.50 large beer & house small hot sake, \$4.50

large beer & small crazy milk. *Thursday*, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-off all beer, \$3.50 large beer & house small hot sake, \$4.50 large beer & small crazy milk.

Tequila 100: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 margaritas, mojitos, tequila shots. \$4 rolled tacos, \$5 quesadilla, \$6 ceviche.

Yard House: *Monday-Wednesday*, 3-6pm & 10pm-close: \$3.50 domestic pints; \$6.25 martinis. 1/2-off select pizza, appetizers, and more. *Thursday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3.50 domestic pints; \$6.25 martinis. 1/2-off select pizza, appetizers, and more. *Sunday*, 10pm-close: \$3.50 domestic pints; \$6.25 martinis. 1/2-off select pizza, appetizers, and more.

EAST VILLAGE

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 keg beers; \$5 liquor, house wine. Free pizza samples.

Café Chloe: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-5:30pm: \$4 to \$6 beer, wine. \$4 house salad, cheeses; \$5 tart flambé, soup. \$6 custard, fromage plate.

Dragon's Den: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off all drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 house wines.

East Village Tavern and Bowl: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts; \$4 import/micro drafts; \$5 house margarita, wine. \$5 quesadilla, potato skins, nachos.

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge: *Monday-Thursday, Saturday-Sunday*, 7-9pm: \$5 menu cocktails. *Friday*, 5-9pm: \$5 menu cocktails.

Hive Sushi Lounge: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$2 domestic, \$4 micro, \$2.50 sake, \$3.50 well, \$4 house wine. Miso, edamame, \$99.

Monkey Paw: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$1 off drafts and cocktails.

EASTLAKE

The Brew House at Eastlake: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 off craft cocktails, \$3 house beer/wine, wells. \$3 off sliders, nachos, flatbread.

EL CAJON

Blarney Stone Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$1-\$2 off liquor.

Calypto: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2.75 bottled beer (12 oz.), \$3.75 beer (22 oz.), \$7.50 pitcher.

Double D's on Broadway: *Daily*, 10am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$5.00 off mixed drinks, \$1 off shots.

El Cajon Grand: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3 wells.

Flinn Springs Inn: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.25 domestic bottles, \$3 wells.

Main Tap Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off 16-oz. pints, \$2 off pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

ENCINITAS

Encinitas Ale House: *Monday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off drafts, \$5 glass wine, \$8 off bottle wine. 1/2-off crab cakes, calamari, veggie caprese bruschetta. *Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 off drafts, \$5 glass wine, \$8 off bottle wine. 1/2-off crab cakes, calamari, veggie caprese bruschetta.

Union Kitchen & Tap: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 off craft cocktails; \$4 drafts, \$6 select wine glasses. \$9 flatbreads.

ESCONDIDO

Vinz Wine Bar & Tasting Room: *Monday-Thursday*, 3-6pm: \$6 wine, tapas, premium and eclectic beer; \$4.50 wells. *Saturday*, noon-5pm: \$6 wine, tapas, premium and eclectic beer; \$4.50 wells.

FALLBROOK

Aqua Terra: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$3 domestic, \$9 pitcher; \$4 imported, \$12 pitcher; 1/2-off sushi rolls (no sushi on Monday).

GOLDEN HILL

Turf Supper Club: *Friday-Sunday*, noon-4pm: \$1 off beer/wine/spirits. \$5 burger, chicken sandwich, hot links + chips.

GRANTVILLE

Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints; \$4 house margaritas, wells; \$5 quesadillas, hot dogs, tacos.

HARBOR ISLAND

The Boathouse: *Daily*, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 margaritas, \$3 Cuervo margaritas and Karl Strauss, \$4 mojitos.

C-Level: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-5:30pm: \$4 brews, \$5 specialty drinks.

HILLCREST

Busalacchi's A Modo Mio: *Monday*, 4pm-6:30pm. 1/2 off Wine Bottles. *Tuesday*, 4pm-6:30pm. *Wednesday*, 4pm-6:30pm. All martinis 1/2 off. Live Music. *Thursday-Friday*, 4pm-6:30pm. Live Music. *Saturday*, Brunch 9am-2pm; \$2 Mimosas. Live Music. 4pm-6:30pm. *Sunday*, Brunch 9am-2pm; \$2 Mimosas. 4pm-6:30pm.

Ruby Room: *Monday-Thursday*, 5-8pm: \$3 wells, \$1 off drafts, \$5 calls. Philly special: \$5 for bottle of PBR with a shot of whiskey. *Friday*, 5-9pm: Ryan Roots Cocktail Club: discounts on vintage cocktails. Philly special: \$5 for bottle of PBR with a shot of whiskey. *Saturday-Sunday*, 2-9pm: Ryan Roots Cocktail Club: discounts on vintage

cocktails. Philly special: \$5 for bottle of PBR with a shot of whiskey.

Wine Steals: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 for 8 different glasses of wine. \$2 select pizza slices. *Saturday*, 4-6pm: \$10 wine tasting of 10 wines. *Sunday*, 11am-run out: 1/2-off red & white wine flights, \$10 for 6 half glasses wine.

IMPERIAL BEACH

The Salty Frog: *Tuesday*, 6-10pm: "Toss it Tuesday" — each drink has 50/50 chance of costing a quarter. *Thursday-Saturday*, 9pm-close: \$5 Jäger bombs and Fireball shots. *Sunday*, 1-9pm: \$4 bloody mary bar; \$3 Smirnoff flavors.

KEARNY MESA

94th Aero Squadron: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2.75 glass wine, draft beer; \$3.25 most domestic bottled beer; \$3.50 margaritas. Free buffet: pizza, quesadillas, veggies.

Bud's Louisiana Café: *Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: 1/2-off glass beer, wine; \$5 cocktails. 15% off cup jambalaya, oyster shooter, cajun chicken taquitos.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2.50 sake, \$3 Bud Light draft, \$5 pinot noir, chardonnay. \$4 gyoza, egg rolls; \$6 sliders, dumpling sampler.

KENSINGTON

Clem's Tap House: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off all beer and wine flights.

Kensington Cafe: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 Bohemia, Fat Tire; \$6.50 Duvel. \$3 red/white wine special, mimosas; \$5.50 pinot noir. \$4 taco, \$8 ahi crunch.

The Kensington Club: *Daily*, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

Kensington Vine: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$4 drafts (Stella Artois, Hefe-weizen, Trumer Pils), bottles (Corona, Newcastle, Moretti), wells, select wines by the glass, \$7 Barbarella martinis. 1/2-off appetizers.

Til-Two: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and imported drafts.

LA JOLLA

Aloha Sushi Hawaiian Grille: *Daily*, 4-6:30pm: \$2.50 small sake, \$4 large sake, \$1.95 select hand rolls, \$3 cucumber roll, \$3.50 California, spicy tuna, veggie roll.

Barbarella: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$4 drafts (Stella Artois, Hefe-weizen, Trumer Pils), bottles (Corona, Newcastle, Moretti), wells, select wines by the glass, \$7 Barbarella martinis. 1/2-off appetizers.

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La Jolla Brew House: Friday-Saturday, 10pm-1am: \$2 Off Pints; \$3 Wells & Wines; Buy Any Pizza Get One Free.

Su Casa: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

Tapenade: Monday-Thursday, Saturday-Sunday, 5:30-close: \$2 off premium wine; \$7 Irony pinot noir, Paul Mas chardonnay; \$8 cocktails. \$8 shrimp cocktail, \$9 wild-mushroom ravioli. Friday, 5:30-close: \$2 off premium wine; \$7 Irony pinot noir, Paul Mas chardonnay; \$8 cocktails. \$8 shrimp cocktail, \$9 wild-mushroom ravioli.

LA MESA

Brigantine: Monday, Sunday, 4pm-close: \$1 off draft pint, single/double wells, selected red or white wine; \$3.50 California sparkling wine, \$4.75 house margarita. \$2.75 fish taco, \$4 clam chowder. Tuesday-Saturday, 4-7pm: \$1 off draft pint, single/double wells, selected red or white wine; \$3.50 California sparkling wine, \$4.75 house margarita. \$2.75 fish taco, \$4 clam chowder.

Centifonti's Restaurant: Monday-Saturday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells. All day Tuesday and Friday: \$2 Mexican bottled beer.

Charcoal House: Daily, 3-7pm: \$1 off all wells, house wine; \$2 domestic

& \$3 import & premium draft. 25% off Cajun crab cakes, stuffed mushrooms.

The Go Lounge: Monday, Wednesday-Saturday, 2-7pm: \$3 draft beers, Smirnoff shots, glasses of wine, and well drinks. \$2 Jack shot with beer purchase. Tuesday, 2-7pm: \$3 draft beers, Smirnoff shots, glasses of wine, and well drinks. \$2 Jack shot with beer purchase. 9-11pm: \$2 you-call-its.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 4-6pm & 9pm-close: \$1 off cocktails, drafts. 1/2-off onion/cheese garlic bread, tater tots, onion rings. Friday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$1 off cocktails, drafts. 1/2-off onion/cheese garlic bread, tater tots, onion rings.

LAKESIDE

Coach Stop: Monday-Friday, 9am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 large drafts, domestic bottles. 7-11pm: \$1.50 12-oz. drafts, \$6.50 60-oz. pitchers.

Coo Coo Club: Monday-Friday, 6-8pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

LEMON GROVE

Dirk's Niteclub: Monday-Saturday, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks \$4.50 or less. Sunday, 6am-2pm: \$1 off bloody marys.

LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells, \$2.50 beer of the month, shot special.

The Calypso Café: Daily, 5:30-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

LINCOLN PARK

L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$1 off appetizers. Sunday, all day: \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings.

LINDA VISTA

Bull's Smokin' BBQ: Daily, 2-6pm: \$3 pints; \$9 Bud & Coors Light pitchers; \$12 Sierra Nevada, Red Trolley pitchers. \$2 pulled pork or beef brisket sliders, \$4.95 1/2-sandwich & side.

Padre Gold: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 domestic bottles, \$2.75 wells, \$3.50 small domestic pitchers, \$6.50 large. Thursday, 4-9pm: \$10 bucket of five domestic beers.

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints; \$4 house margaritas, wells; \$5 quesadillas, hot dogs, tacos.

LITTLE ITALY

The Glass Door Restaurant & Lounge: Daily, 3-7pm: \$5 specialty cocktails (Mojitron, Ginger Pear Smash, mint-tea juleps, margaritas, & Cuba Libres). \$3 French dipper sliders, \$10 charcuterie platter & artisan cheese plate.

Puerto la Boca: Daily, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

The Shakedown Bar: Monday-Friday, 2-8pm: \$2.50 domestic drafts, \$3 tall boys, wells, \$3.50 Jack & Cokes. 5-7pm: \$1.50 tacos, \$2 burgers. Sunday, 5-7pm: \$1.50 tacos, \$2 burgers.

Wine Steals: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 for 8 different glasses of wine. \$2 select pizza slices. Saturday, 4-6pm: \$10 wine tasting of 10 wines. Sunday, 11am-run out: 1/2-off red & white wine flights, \$10 for 6 half glasses wine.

MIRA MESA

Bamboo Hut: Daily, 3-6pm: Buy large beer, get small house sake free. \$2.75 small beer, \$3.25 house wine. \$2.95 gyoza, \$4.95 lumpia, \$5.50 tempura crab roll.

Callahan's Pub & Brewery: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 select house beer, select domestic drafts, well drinks, house wine. \$1 off Irish nachos, pub chips, herb/garlic/cheese bread.

MIRAMAR

Abbey's Real Texas Bar-B-Q: Daily, 3-6pm: \$2.99 draft, \$9.99 pitcher draft. \$1.49 hot link, \$2.49 small brisket, pork, ham, or sausage sandwich.

Brewski's Bar: Monday, 2pm-2am: \$2 PBR and Bud tall cans. Tuesday,

2pm-2am: \$2 Dos Equis and Coronas. Wednesday, 2pm-2am: 1/2-off all food. Thursday, 2pm-2am: \$3 Jäger bombs. Friday, 2pm-2am: \$3 Fireball shots. Saturday, 2pm-2am: \$4 Long Islands. Sunday, 2pm-2am: \$2 well drinks.

The Filling Station: Monday, 7pm-close: \$4 margaritas. Tuesday, 7pm-close: \$2 kamikazes. Wednesday, 7pm-close: \$3.50 premium drafts. Thursday, 7pm-close: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers; \$7.50 domestic pitchers. Saturday, noon-7pm: \$3 mimosas. Sunday, noon-7pm: \$3 bloody marys.

MISSION BEACH

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4pm-close: 1/2-off beer, shots, cocktails. 25% off pot stickers, jumbo coco shrimp, nachos.

Sandbar Sports Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic bottles/drafts; \$4 premium & import bottles/drafts. \$3.50 mahi taco, discounted nachos, calamari.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: Daily, 2pm-2am: \$.50 off beer and wells.

Bar Dynamite: Monday-Saturday, 5-9pm: \$2 domestics bottles and drafts, \$3 wells. Free food from Lucha Libre Taco Shop.

Shakespeare Pub & Grill: Monday-Saturday, 4-7pm: 20-oz. Imperial pints \$4.95, well drinks \$3.75, \$1 off all bottled beer & house wine. Sunday, all day: 20-oz. Imperial pint of Fuller's London Pride \$4.95.

Starlite: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. Sunday, all night: \$5 mules. \$15 off wine bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

The Amigo Spot at Kings Inn: Daily, 4-7pm: Margaritas.

In Cahoots: Tuesday, all night: \$3 drink specials. Wednesday, all night: \$2.50 you-call-its. Thursday, 5-9pm: \$5.95 steak, baked potato, draft beer. Friday, 5-8pm: \$3 drink specials, select longneck beer specials. Saturday, 6-9pm: \$3 drink specials, select longneck beer specials.

Postcards American Bistro: Monday, 5pm- end of football game: \$3 local craft beers. \$5 burgers. Tuesday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$4 draft beers, house wine, & wells. 20% off appetizers.

Randy Jones All American Sports Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3.75 selected craft beers, \$5 specialty drinks, \$2 off wine by the glass and grazing menu.

NATIONAL CITY

Pier 32 Waterfront Grill: Friday, 3pm-sunset: \$2 domestic beer, \$3 import and local beer, \$5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys.

NESTOR

Baja Oyster Bar: Monday-Thursday, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

The Air Conditioned Lounge: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$3 draft, bloody marys; \$5 you-call-it; \$6 Jayne's Gastropub fare.

Triple Crown Pub: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers. Saturday, noon-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers.

NORTH PARK

Bar Pink: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$1 off drafts and calls.

Cricket's Pub and Grill: Monday-Friday, 8am-2pm: \$2 domestic pint, \$6 domestic pitcher. 4-6pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$.50 off domestic bottles, wells, pints.

Lips Restaurant: Sunday, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

The Office: Daily, 5-8pm: Two-for-one price on all drinks.

True North Tavern: Monday, noon-close: \$1 off all beer, wine, spirits. Tuesday-Saturday, noon-7pm: \$1 off all beer, wine, spirits. Sunday, 7pm-close: Industry Night, \$3 calls.

U-31: Monday, 5-8pm: \$4 draft beers, \$5 Baja chicken, Baja steak, or grilled veggie quesadillas. Tuesday, 5pm-1:30am: \$2 draft beers; \$2 TJ steak, beer battered fish, or Cajun chicken tacos. Wednesday, 5pm-1:30am: \$4 draft beers, 25-cent wings with spicy buffalo hot wing sauce or sweet and spicy chili wing sauce. Thursday, 5-8pm: \$4 draft beers, two-for-one burgers. Friday, 5-8pm: \$4 draft beers, \$1 steak or Cajun chicken TJ tacos. Saturday, 9:30am-1:30am: \$3 calls & drafts, \$3 burgers. Sunday, 9:30am-1:30am: \$4 bloody marys, \$4 brunch burgers.

OCEAN BEACH

Blue Parrot: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: All drinks and appetizers 1/2-price (all day Monday).

Mother's Saloon: Monday, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: \$3 Jägermeister shots. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. Tuesday, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: \$3 Fireball shots; \$1.50 tacos. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. Wednesday, 7pm-close: \$5 Rolling Rock and shot; \$1.50 TJ dogs. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. Thursday, 9pm-close: \$3 you-call-its; \$1.50 sliders. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers; \$2.75 well. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. Saturday-Sunday, 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts.

Winstons: Monday-Saturday, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.

OCEANSIDE

P's & Q's Sports Pub & Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$3 premium pints. \$3 chicken wings.

PCH Sports Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines. Saturday, 2-8pm: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines. Sunday, 2pm-close: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Acapulco Mexican Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers, \$1 soft taco, \$3 draft beer, \$3.50 well, house wine, \$3.95 house margarita.

Alamo Mexican Cafe: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: 1/2-price drinks, food specials.

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The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$2 drafts; \$3 cask wine, sangria; \$4 wells.

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Old Venice: Daily, 4-6pm: \$5 glass of wine and wells, \$3.50 drafts; \$6-\$8 appetizers, including magic mushrooms, focaccia & bruschetta, walnut gorgonzola salad.

Paradise Lounge and Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2.50 well drinks,

domestic bottles; \$6.50 domestic pitchers. 8-9:30am: 1/2-off breakfast.

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The Beach Grass Poway: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 microbrews, \$4 select wines. \$5 appetizers: pan-crusted calamari, tempura avocado, veggies and hummus, more.

Blue Tattoo Sports Bar & Grill: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 3-7pm; \$5 appetizers, \$4 craft beer, \$3 domestic draft & bottle Tuesday, 3-7pm; \$5 appetizers, \$4 craft beer, \$3 domestic draft & bottle. Trivia 7-10pm, Video DJ 10pm-close.

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$1 off all wells, drafts, bottles, wine.

Phileas Fogg's Bar & Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints/\$7.95 pitcher, \$3.50 import pints/\$11.95 pitcher. \$2.95 cheese quesadilla, \$3.95 chicken wings.

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Boll Weevil Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2 off all pitchers.

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Bernard'O Restaurant: Monday-Saturday, 4:30-7pm: \$4 wells, \$2.75 domestic, \$3.50 imported/specialty, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 house wine.

Café on the Park: Monday-Friday, 5-6:30pm: \$3 wells, \$4 house margaritas, 1/2-off house wine by the glass, \$1 off beer. Complimentary cheese & crackers, 1/2-off appetizers.

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Cowshed Bar and Grill: Monday, Wednesday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$3 domestic. \$3.50-\$4 wells. Tuesday, 4pm-2am: \$3 domestic. \$3.50-\$4 wells.

The Jumping Turtle: Monday, 11am-close: PBR \$2.75/pint, \$6.75/pitcher. Tuesday, 11am-close: \$2 Corona, Pacifico, margaritas. Wednesday, 11am-close: \$4 drop drinks. Thursday, 7pm-close: \$3 Jäger, \$2.50 Bud Lime. Friday, 5pm-midnight: \$5 Long Islands. Saturday, 11am-close: \$3 Orange Patrón, Tanqueray. Sunday, 11am-close: \$2.50 bloody marys.

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Stone Flats: Daily, 3-5pm, 7-9pm: \$1 Bud/Bud Light; 1/2-off all other beer/wine.

SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: Sunday, \$2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. \$3.50 mimosas, bloody marys.

SHELTER ISLAND

Blue Wave Bar & Grill: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off drinks; \$3-\$5 appetizers, including jumbo shrimp cocktail and crispy fried calamari.

Fiddler's Green Restaurant: Daily, 5-7pm: \$4 house wine and house beer, \$5 well drinks and margaritas.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: Daily, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

SOLANA BEACH

Chief's Burgers and Brew: Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2.50 domestic, \$3.50 microbrew. 1/2-off appetizers.

The Fish Market: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3.50 wells, \$3.95 drafts, domestic bottles, house wine. \$95 oysters, \$4.25 smoked trout quesadillas, \$4.95 mahi mahi sliders. Saturday-Sunday, 11am-4pm: \$3.50 wells, \$3.95 drafts, domestic bottles, house wine. \$95 oysters, \$4.25 smoked trout quesadillas, \$4.95 mahi mahi sliders.

The Saddle Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 off drinks and drafts.

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Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$4 beers, wells, wines, flights. \$5 boneless wings, fries, spicy hummus.

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Alchemy: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 off wells, including Skyy, Seagram's, Jim Beam, Sauza Gold, \$2 off wines/glass, draft.

Hamilton's Tavern: Daily, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.

South Park Abbey: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 wells, beer specials.

Whistle Stop Bar: Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints. Saturday-Sunday, 2-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints.

SPRING VALLEY

California Comfort: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wells, house wine.

Fannie's Nightclub: Daily, 4-6pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

TIERRASANTA

Bellagio Ristorante & Bakery: Monday, 4-7pm: 10% off for military. \$2 drafts. Wednesday, 4-7pm: 1/2-off select wine bottles. Friday, 4-7pm: \$10 wine flights.

JP's Pub: Monday-Friday, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25 house wine.

UCSD

Porter's Pub at UCSD: Daily, 11am-7pm \$3 Menu; 4pm-7pm \$1 off all beer.

UNIVERSITY CITY

Apollonia Greek Bistro: Daily, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 ouzo apéritif, \$2 bottled beers, \$3 wine by the glass.

Cozymel's Mexican Grill: Monday-Saturday, 4pm-close: \$2.25 Coors Light draft, \$3.25 Dos Equis draft; discounted appetizers. (All day Sunday.)

Donovan's Steak and Chop House: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$8 martinis (complimentary steak sandwiches and burritos 4-6pm).

Michael's Lounge in the Hyatt Regency: Daily, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts and well cocktails.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Small Bar: Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$1 off drafts and cocktails.

VALLEY CENTER

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$2 domestic. \$3 imports, wells. Discounted appetizers.

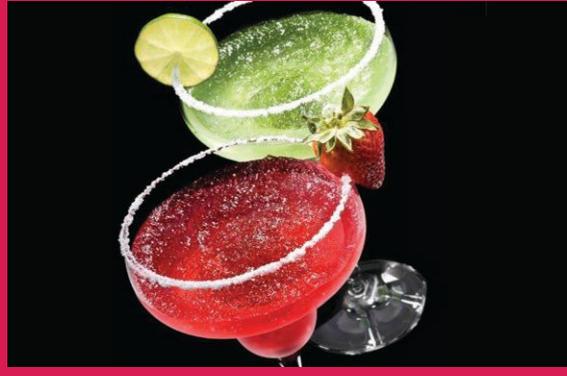
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Chili Coast Burgers: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$.50-.75 off tap beer.

Jumping Bean Cafe & Mexican Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic, imports, \$2.75 margaritas, \$3 wells, microbrews, \$4 Leaping Horse wine. 3-5pm: \$1.50 chicken or carnitas street tacos.

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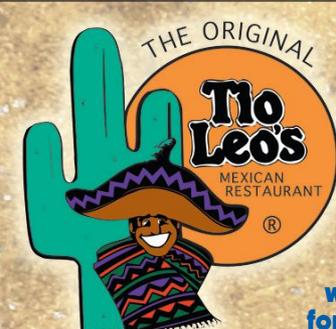
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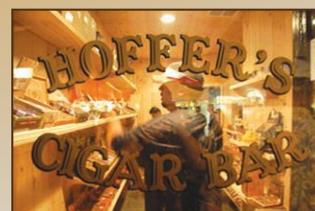
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2 Across

The Broadway Theater stages Jerry Mayer's comedy about a man and a woman, strangers, doing cross-words on a train. He throws his away unfinished. She hits the ceiling. Randall Hickman directed. BROADWAY THEATRE, 340 EAST BROADWAY, VISTA. 760-806-7905. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Intrepid Shakespeare Company presents a musical version of Shakespeare's comedy of mistaken identities. Co-directors Christy Yael and Colleen Kollar Smith have incorporated music from the 1960s. SAN DIEGUITO ACADEMY, 800 SANTA FE DR., ENCINITAS. 760-752-1121. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23.

Allegiance: A New American Musical

The Old Globe Theatre presents



Inherit the Wind puts the "right to think" on trial at the Old Globe Theatre through September 25.

the world premiere of a musical (music and lyrics, Jay Kuo; book, Marc Acitor, Kuo, and Lorenzo Thione) about U.S. internment of Japanese Americans in WWII. Stafford Arima directed.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 21.

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, Vivia 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.

Cowgirls

PowPac stages the Mary Murfitt/Betsy Howie musical about Jo's desperate attempt to save her father's once-famous Country and Western saloon. Mary L. Smith directed. POWPAC, POWAY'S COMMUNITY THEATRE, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30.

Death at the Doo-Wop

The Murder Mystery Company presents a dinner-theater production about "one killer prom" in 1957. SAN DIEGO HALL OF CHAMPIONS, 2131 PAN AMERICAN PLAZA, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-2544. 7PM FRIDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 9.

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.

Labors Of Love

For three days only, Visionary Musical Theatre Company presents a "musical tribute to the common man and life's most universal challenges." TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH

AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-237-4510. 7PM THURSDAY, 7PM FRIDAY, 2PM SATURDAY, 7PM SATURDAY.

miXtape

Jon Lorenz and Colleen Kollar Smith, creators of this revue of 1980s music, say that favorite songs "mark your memories." *miXtape* is performed with rampant energy and polish by an eight-person cast. Memory-triggers zip past: Pet Rocks, Pac-Man, Nelson Mandela, AIDS. Most of the songs are actually song-bites. But backed by Andy Ingersoll's versatile band and under Kerry Meads's feisty direction, *miXtape* is always entertaining — and memory-provoking. (Note: Lamb's Players has extended the run several times.) 619-437-0600.

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND HOTEL, 311 ISLAND AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 800-542-1886. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 4PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 25.

National Comedy Theatre

The National Comedy Theatre presents a 100-minute improv comedy show based completely on audience suggestions. The show is "appropriate for all audiences." NATIONAL COMEDY THEATRE, 3717 INDIA ST., MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 9:45PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 9:45PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Night Stage to Big Shaft

Peggy Sue Productions presents a dinner-theater show set in 1853. "When a new mine and a dead lawyer are discovered, everyone becomes a suspect." MIKKI'S CAFE, 1639 EAST VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Perfect Wedding

Scripps Ranch Theatre opens its 34th season with Robin Hawdon's contemporary farce about a groom-to-be who wakes up on his wedding day and finds a strange woman next to him. Jessica John directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO RD., SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 7.

Pippin

Diversionary presents a reimagined staging of the musical about the son of Charlemagne's search for fulfillment. James Vasquez directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 14.

Richard III

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Whittaker's a manic gargoyle ripped from the facade of a Gothic cathedral. He cackles, does a one-legged goose-step — half a Hitler? — and deforms all in his path. Most characters are set-ups for Richard's schemes. The able cast fleshes them out as best they can (all are well-spoken and honor the lengthy text). Directed by Lindsay Posner, the modern dress production includes concrete slabs covered with graffiti [note: runs in repertory with *Inherit the Wind* and *As You Like It*]. *Worth a try.*

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 29.

Scandal in the St. Florian Valley

Chronos Theatre presents Ivan Cankar's comedy. A mysterious stranger and his sexy companion threaten to expose the scandalous affairs in a peaceful valley. But is he really who he says he is?

VICTORY THEATER, 2558 IMPERIAL AVE., GRANT HILL. 619-236-1971. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30.

See How They Run

Philip King's classic farce (1944) moves like a train chugging uphill. Then, after it reaches the top (near the end of Act one), it becomes an extended, downhill chase scene, as three — then four! — vicars and three dazed women become a comic blur. At times the cast loses the swift, light vocal attack farce requires, but by Act Three, these instances are far between. Director Robert Smyth has a knack for orchestrating keen

ensemble work. And his well-chosen cast performs as if to the track-meet-born. King set the play during World War II and was making a point about life going on, even in wartime. On opening night, as if to underline the idea, the Germans dropped three V-1 rockets near the theater. *Worth a try.* LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23.

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street

Moonlight Stage Productions concludes its 32nd summer season with the Stephen Sondheim musical about a legendary London barber and the tastiest meat pies in town. Steven Glaudini directed.

MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE IN BRENGLE TERRACE PARK, 1200 VALE TERRACE, VISTA. 760-724-2110. 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 6.

The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds

Patio Playhouse stages Paul Zindel's award-winning drama about a single mother, her two daughters, and chronic dysfunction. Kristen Fogle and George Bailey co-directed. PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVE., ESCONDIDO. 760-746-6669. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23.

The Lion in Winter

OnStage Playhouse presents James Goldman's comedy-drama about King Henry II, his wife Eleanor of Aquitaine, and one of history's most dysfunctional families. O.P.



North Coast Repertory Theatre stages Steve Martin's farce *The Underpants* through September 30.

Hadlock directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15.

The Mystery Plays

Ion Theatre's known for edgy scripts and daring risks. Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa's two one-acts, on paper and on its intimate, black-box stage, are not Ion shows. *The Filmmaker's Mystery* (a man's saved from a train-wreck) and *Ghost Children* (a woman returns to the scene of an axe-murder) have occasional glimmers that qualify, but they're also derivative, overly narrated, and much more languid than scarey. Karin Fili-

jan's expert lighting, combined with piped in fog, sets the scene for the "intangible" and the "invisible." But one-note acting, especially from the two narrators, dull the pace and any possible suspense.

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Waiting for Azrael

Iranian musician Nasser Ali Khan has haunted, buggy eyes, an unruly mustache, a broken heart, a wife he does not love, two children he does not know, and a mysteriously stalled career. But Nasser Ali Khan is a great violinist who believes that art guides us through the darkness of existence, and so all of this might have been bearable but for

one thing: his instrument is broken, and he cannot find a worthy replacement. So, after contemplating various methods of suicide (illustrated via a Gorey-tinged gag reel), he takes to his bed to await death. Eight days later, death has (literally) answered his invitation, and Nasser Ali Khan is buried. What happens in the interim makes up the bulk of *Chicken with Plums*, the latest from Vincent Paronnaud and Marjane Satrapi, the team behind 2007's *Persepolis*, and what happens in the interim is the recollection of a life. It's a gutsy move, placing a sour, despairing, even hateful man at the heart of a story and expecting the viewer to play along, no matter how engaging the surrounding cast or how whimsical-tragical the vignettes. Happily, the gradual revelation of those vignettes and their various connections turns the story of one man's failed life into something broader: a mystery, a whodunit before the deed is done. (Also, a whodunit in which everybody plays a part.) Not everything works — the American horror-show that awaits Nasser Ali's son is pointlessly nasty, and doesn't

fit with his juvenile piety — and not every mystery is solved. But enough succeeds to color the meanness with a rosy sort of melancholy, and enough is revealed to tease out a measure of sympathy for the dying. Fans of *Persepolis*' animation will delight in the Angel of Death's *Appointment in Samarra*-style anecdote, and fans of the visual

glories of smoking will positively swoon at the exhaled atmospherics.

— Matthew Lickona

MOVIES

Interview with *Samsara* producer Mark Magidson and director Ron Fricke

When I first tried to describe *Samsara* to my wife, I said, "Think of *Life* magazine in its heyday, the photographs opening up the wider world to the viewer. Except here, the pictures move, and so does the camera. So, the images get revealed in new ways."

Later, I worried that this would seem like a backhanded compliment — who remembers *Life* magazine in its heyday? Who even knows what a heyday is? But, if you were ever young and bored and poking around in your grandparents' house and found a stack of back issues of *Life* and spent the next few hours lost in delight and wonder, well, at least you know what I mean. Also, you can probably understand why I was delighted to have an opportunity to speak with *Samsara* producer Mark Magidson and director Ron Fricke.



Chicken with Plums — see what we mean about a rosy sort of melancholy?

(And even if you don't find yourself curious about a non-narrative portrait of the titular concept — birth-death-rebirth, universal interconnectedness, and temporal impermanence — all shot in stunning 70mm, you might find something to enjoy.)

[Full disclosure: I massaged some of my own text to give the piece a little more flow, but all of the quotes from Mr. Magidson and Mr. Fricke are verbatim.]

Matthew Lickona: I'd like to hear the story behind a shot and how it made it into the film. Does it start with an idea, or with an image, or what?

Mark Magidson: Well, the concept of the film, *Samsara*, is where we started our research. Then we were looking for imagery that fit that concept, and that also had a high level of visual interest. I guess the outstanding one would be the sand painting that we

shot at the Thikse Monastery on the outskirts of Ladakh in India. That was the key structural element, the one that provided the bookends for the film. We arranged for the monks to do the painting. As we understand it, they normally do them about five times a year — but they did this one for us. They do the painting [with the individual colored grains of sand], and then they have a ritual where they wipe it away as a metaphor for impermanence. Once we got that, we felt pretty good about where we were for the film.

Matthew Lickona: Was it a difficult shot to get?

Mark Magidson: Not really. We made a donation to the monastery. That's typical of how films like this are made. You are compensating people for these kinds of moments and that kind of imagery. That's the way it should be, I think.

Matthew Lickona: What shots were difficult?

Ron Fricke: The shot of the sulfur miners in Indonesia was the most horrific location on this film, and I think on any other film we worked on. We were right down in the volcano where they were mining, and that vapor that you saw was sulfuric acid. When the wind changed, it got right in our eyes and down our throats, and we couldn't breathe or see. Those miners do that all day long; they make two trips down into the volcano and back, with no protection. We were gagging and stumbling around, just trying to shoot it.

Matthew Lickona: How did you pitch the people you wanted to film?

Mark Magidson: We have a little synopsis about the film. Also, a lot of people know about our previous film, *Bakara*. We were pretty surprised with how big that has become over the years. It made things a lot easier.

Matthew Lickona: You mention

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that the making and destruction of the sand painting was a key structural element. When I hear “structure,” I think screenplay, and I notice that you are listed as co-writers. People might not think of a non-narrative film without dialogue as having writers in the typical sense.

Mark Magidson: Well, there’s content, and there’s themes, and there’s kind of a rough structure. But, really, it gets refined in the editing process. You make the film with the imagery you bring back. So there was an outline, but it was subject to change.

Matthew Lickona: Can you give an example?

Ron Fricke: It’s like doing a painting — you’re just very open to the process. But once we had the opening and closing of the film, we just cut the rest in silence, in these three- or four-minute subject blocks. Then we started arranging the blocks to find the flow between them. That’s what we really concentrated on — showing how, through the power of flow, you could see that the people and the places and the planet are all interconnected.

Mark Magidson: There were sequences. There was organic imagery — meaning nature without people in it. There were manufacturing images, there were subway components... there are categories of material that you’re researching, trying to locate specific places where you can go and gather that.

Ron Fricke: And after the edit, we found that the film sort of has a message of its own going — the kind of blurry boundary between animate and inanimate objects. There are dolls that replicate humans...

Matthew Lickona: ...and those faces that moved to the mechanical noises.

Ron Fricke: Yeah, it’s like the robots are more human than the humans.

Mark Magidson: We actually had to add some of those mechanical noises, because no one was picking up on the fact that those faces were robots.

Matthew Lickona: Ah. And, of course, some of your human faces stayed motionless for a long, long time. Some of those stares went on long enough to make me uncomfortable in my seat.

Ron Fricke: I like shots that are long. I miss them. Usually with films, it’s cut, cut, cut, cut. The whole idea of the portraits was that they were set up on the King Tut death mask in the beginning; his stare coming at you from eternity, you could say. We tried to make that a connection to all the other subjects we did portraits of — they’re connected to that stare, that soul in all of us. It’s like really good still photography; you get an essence

of who is inside that skin.

Matthew Lickona: Speaking of the blurred line between man and machine, those factory shots from China were pretty striking. Was there any difficulty in getting access?

Ron Fricke: We tried here in the U.S., and we just got a, “No.” Nobody wants you in their kitchen here. But China was, “Yes!” They wanted to show us how efficient and clean they were.

Matthew Lickona: The sequence with the fellow smearing clay on his face seemed more stacy than anything else in the film, at least to me. It stuck out.

Ron Fricke: We had a lot of performers in the film. He was a Frenchman, and his performance was all about the shadow side, the parts inside you that you don’t want people to see. You could say that when the flow gets broken, the images become more intense, more powerful. There are a lot of those moments in the film — animals in cages, people in cages, walls around religions... Those break the natural flow, and I think that’s why they stick out.

— Matthew Lickona

Interview with *Arbitrage* writer-director Nicholas Jarecki

Nicholas Jarecki’s industry calling card was the 2001 book *Breaking In: How 20 Film Directors Got Their Start*. After several music videos and commercials, Jarecki collaborated with novelist Bret Easton Ellis on the screenplay to *The Informers*.

Jarecki, 33, admits to not being a

great fan of *The Informers* and that *Arbitrage* allowed the screenwriter and first-time director an opportunity to see his unadulterated vision through to completion. Richard Gere stars as a fraudulent hedge-fund magnate whose cool head sizzles after an accidental homicide claims his mistress’ life. Watching the unflappable Gere squirm as his life in the boardroom and bedroom slowly unravels is one of the film’s great delights.

Arbitrage opens Friday at a theater near you. Jarecki is out stumping the film and was kind enough to spend a few minutes speaking with *The Big Screen*.

Scott Marks: *Arbitrage* is currently playing on On Demand. How do you feel about having your film debut on television the same day it opens in a theater?

Nicholas Jarecki: I’m very excited. With these types of non-special effects driven 4000-screen-release pictures, you never expect to have the same type of theatrical life as *Batman*. Of course, I wish people would see it in the best presentation format possible, but for people out there not located near one of the few hundred theaters playing *Arbitrage*, it’s great for them to have access to it.

SM: Your brothers are Andrew Jarecki (*Capturing the Friedmans*, *All Good Things*) and Eugene Jarecki (*Why We Fight*, *Freakonomics*). I was going to ask what it must have been like to have three budding filmmakers seated around the Jarecki family dinner table until I learned that you shared the same father but had different mothers.

NJ: There is a big age gap and we grew up separately, so we never actu-

ally sat around the dinner table. And our dad was really not a big fan of films. That said, I think my brothers are making real good movies and hopefully they feel the same about me. It’s nice now to be able to show each other our stuff and have a shared interest, but where that developed from is truly bizarre. The only thing I can think is that our family is very modern; not futurists, but we like all the cutting-edge stuff.

SM: When was the first time you sat down and watched the film assembled in its entirety?

NJ: Two days after we finished shooting. I’m not sure I’m going to do that again because I immediately wanted to kill myself. Assemblies are awful. The film that should run a little over an hour and a half currently clocks in at 2 hours and 40 minutes.

SM: You had a cut of the film assembled two days after you called a wrap to the shoot?

NJ: The editor is working while we’re shooting. It’s in rough form, but at least you can see something. We edited the film in my home for 5 months — 12 hours a day, 5 or 6 days a week. There was a lot of editing.

SM: Is there a particular moment where you sat back, smiled, and said “I nailed it?”

NJ: Absolutely not! [Laughing.] I am a completely obsessional person and ultimately had to take my hands away because I was down to changing individual frames. They say that you never stop working on a film, you just abandon it.

— Scott Marks

Free movies of the week: Iron lungs on film

The last time I cried during a movie was when I glanced at my watch and realized there were still two hours left to go in *Schindler’s List*. *The Sessions* doesn’t open until October 28, but any feel-good comedy featuring a lead character in an iron lung that brought tears to my eyes must be heralded.

The studio asks that I refrain from talking about the best American film so far this year until opening day, but that won’t stop me from giving a brief historical overview of iron lungs in cinema.

“What’s an artificial lung?” I was six at the time, and I would give anything to relive the look on my dad’s face when I posed the question. “What do you know about artificial lungs?” he grumbled. Glancing over the top of the *Chicago American*, Dad spied an image on the TV set that explained my odd line of questioning.

A “what the hell kinda thing is this?” look crossed Dad’s face. “I don’t know,” he replied, quickly returning to his newspaper. He never once questioned why the sight of Daffy Duck with his head jammed in an iron lung brought such joy to his little boy’s heart.

It’s an image that once planted, is not easily degaussed. I took great delight in sharing Bob Clampett’s *The Daffy Doc* (1938) with animation students. Gasps choked laughs the first time they caught sight of this disturbingly daffy flash of operating room actuality grafted into a squash-and-

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The Magnet (1950) is a satiric gem from England. James Fox was ten years old when he starred as Johnny Brent, a lad who is accused of stealing after he trades an “invisible watch” for a magnet. The title object winds up affixed to an iron lung that’s part of a hospital fund-raiser.

No Pain is an episode of the popular *Alfred Hitchcock Presents* television show. Sandwiched between two sets of twins — Hayley Mills squared in *The Parent Trap* and *Family Affair*’s Buffy and Jody — Brian Keith starred as a wealthy businessman suddenly confronted with the prospects of an iron lung and a murderous wife. In accordance with network Hitch, a twist-ending comes along that changes everything.

If there is a finer iron lung epic than Agustí Villaronga’s *In a Glass Cage*, please let me know. A pedophilic Nazi doctor’s botched suicide attempt places him inside the safe confines of an iron

lung. Fortunately for the viewer, the good doctor is being cared for by a young man he sexually assaulted in his youth. Suffice it to say the lad constructs his own variation on a temple of doom.

Put a copy on the prison dumbwaiter and send it up to Jerry Sandusky this instant!

It’s dark, it’s horrifying, it’s exceedingly well made, and yes, it’s available on YouTube. While films like *In a Glass Cage* define the “feel-good movie” experience for me, I must warn readers that this is strong stuff and most decidedly not for all tastes. View at your own risk.

— Scott Marks

Free movies of the week: Rocky edition.

I’m so very pleased to see Mr. Marks getting on the free-movie bandwagon, but that doesn’t mean that I won’t keep on doing my part as well. Howzabout a little Rocky Balboa this time ’round?

Rocky–Rocky V are all available on YouTube, and all embedded on *The Big Screen* blog, at least until somebody shows up at our door mumbling

something about how “I must break you,” and then tells us to do otherwise.

— Matthew Lickona

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by David Elliott, Matthew Lickona, John Rubio, Scott Marks, and Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release, and by rating are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

2016: Obama’s America — Conservative thinking-type person Dinesh D’Souza tries to unravel the mystery of Obama the President by investigating Obama the man — or rather, Obama the son of his anticolonial father. The film gets off to an interesting start: D’Souza is an ingratiating investigator, and he pays a fair amount of attention to primary sources. Yes, we get the occasional comment from this psychologist or that historian, but mostly we hear from Obama’s family, people who knew Obama’s family, and most pertinently, Obama himself, in passages taken from his autobiography *Dreams from My Father*. After a while, it’s hard to argue with D’Souza’s claim that young Obama surrounded himself with people who thought like his father and/or were no great fans of the American empire. But as with the article in *Forbes* that served as the film’s seed material, the

early interesting stuff gets undermined by the over-the-top ending. Yes, D’Souza makes the case that it’s worth considering Obama’s genealogical and intellectual inheritance in assessing his governance. But he does not make the case for what follows: that Obama wants to weaken America’s influence abroad and cripple its economic engines at home. Drone attacks? Bank bailout? Nary a mention here. Instead, we get a nightmare-fuel map of the United States of Islam, a thorny vine ’round its borders, a pair of crossed scimitars at its heart. What began as an intriguing assessment of a powerful, enigmatic man ends as a political ad for the party of Anyone But Obama. 2012. — M.L.

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2 Days in New York — A couple’s relationship is put to the test when her adorable relatives decide to pay a visit. Never heard that one before, probably because I gave up on network sitcoms decades ago. Julie Delpy’s follow up to *2 Days in Paris* is so sickeningly sweet, theater chains will want to consider stationing board-certified doctors in the lobby to administer insulin shots after the show. As if audiences haven’t had their fill of naked fat people this year (*Take This Waltz*, *Hit & Run*), Delpy cast her real-life father, Albert Delpy, to play her on-screen dad. After ten minutes of the jolly Frenchman’s insufferable antics, audiences will pray for a birthday celebration just so they can use the old life-of-the-party-as-a-piñata. Starring as Delpy’s partner, Chris Rock again makes it clear that as an actor, he’s a brilliant stand-up comedian. With Alexia Landeau, Alexandre Nahon,

and Kate Burton. 2012. — S.M.

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Arbitrage — Richard Gere plays a rich Wall Street bastard who screws up and then has to try to stay ahead of the law long enough to close the Big Deal. 2012.

Bachelorette — *Bachelorette* takes the great emblem of feminine matrimonial anxiety — the wedding dress — and goes to town on it. First, it’s torn. Then it gets bled on. Eventually, it’s also stained with both semen and vomit (the bodily fluid trifecta!), but not before it gets stuffed into a garbage bag and misplaced. There is little time to meditate on the symbolism, however, because the cocaine-fueled plot is busy sending you hurtling through one crazy night in the life of four unlikely high-school besties just before the fat one (formerly known as Pig Face) gets married. The dialogue frequently veers into the realm of “Ooh, girls talk dirty, too,” and most of the better bits sound like stand-up monologues, but underneath all the mucking and bucking, there is some attempt to assess the romantic state of things in the post-romantic age. A guy gets hurt when he finds that a willing hottie doesn’t even know his name, a girl wants to know why her boyfriend didn’t show up to drive her to her abortion, a Type-A control freak just wants a man to take over, etc. Stars Kirstin Dunst, Isla Fisher, and Lizzy Caplan are all game, though Caplan proves gamest. 2012. — M.L.

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The Bourne Legacy — Jeremy Renner, apparently tiring of his second-tier superhero status as Hawkeye in *The Avengers*, takes a page from the more glamorous Captain America (better living through chemistry). Also a page from his franchise predecessor (ruggedly handsome sandy-haired super-agent seeks refuge from government baddies with a fetching female). But this time, the big car chase is on motorcycles! Totally different! Alas, jacking the sequel means upping the ante means bloating the action means stretching the credibility means dampening the drama. With Rachel Weisz and Edward Norton. 2012. — M.L.

★

Branded — A guy discovers what you and I know already: advertising rules the world. The difference is, he decides to do something about it. 2012.

Chicken with Plums — Reviewed this issue. 2011. — M.L.

★★

The Expendables 2 — Simon West hasn’t printed one watchable frame of film since setting the bar high with his debut feature, the uproarious *Con Air*. When it came time to reassemble the dirty half-dozen or so (plus JCVD and Chuck Norris), West’s uncolored staging was just the touch needed to give flight to this testosterone-fueled gasbag of a sequel. Don’t expect anything in the way of plot or dialogue; everything that comes out of the actors’ mouths is a brain-plunking, frequently self-referential one-liner. (Sylvester Stallone takes co-screenwriter credit.) I’m always one to complain about lighting not matching from shot to shot, but *The Expendables 2* occasionally loses focus between cuts! At first glance it appears a vain Stallone pulled the *Lucy-in-Mame* card, demanding they smear Vaseline on the lens to act as age-defying diffusion. One edit later, the focus is so sharp you can cut butter with it. Camp isn’t made, it’s born. Why this elite corp of action has-beens agreed to intentionally dump all over what little of their

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Sabrina “Humphrey Bogart is a hard-hearted business tycoon. William Holden is his playboy brother who lives for fast cars and faster women. Both are smitten by their chauffeur’s daughter (Audrey Hepburn).” 619-295-4221. **Thursday, September 20, 8:00pm, Friday, September 21, 8:00pm, Saturday, September 22, 8:00pm**

Rear Window Delicious terror from Alfred Hitchcock. “A wheelchair bound photographer (Jimmy Stewart) amuses himself by spying on tenants across the courtyard and may have seen too much.” Co-stars: Grace Kelly and Thelma

Ritter. 619-295-4221. **Thursday, September 27, 8:00pm, Friday, September 28, 8:00pm, Saturday, September 29, 8:00pm**

CITY OF CARLSBAD DOVE LIBRARY

1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad
760-602-2049

Genetic Roulette Holistic Moms hosts screening of documentary providing “compelling evidence to help explain the deteriorating health of Americans” which “offers a recipe for protecting ourselves and our future.” **Thursday, September 13, 6:30pm**

KIMBALL PARK

at 12th Street and D Ave., National City

Moneyball Brad Pitt, Robin Wright, and Jonah Hill star in flick about Oakland A’s general manager Billy Beane. Screens at dusk for Summer Movies at the Park film series. **Friday, September 14, 7:00pm**

LEO CARRILLO RANCH HISTORIC PARK

6200 Flying Leo Carrillo Lane, Carlsbad
760-476-1042

Mexicana Heartthrob Pepe is tired of his female fans mobbing him after concerts; he conspires with his manager to procure a fake wife to stop the gals. What happens when “up-and-coming American musical comedy star Alison Calvert agrees to become his fake wife”? Leo Carrillo Film Festival continues with this 1945 flick. Grounds open for picnics at 5pm; screening at sunset. Bring low back chair, warm clothes, flashlight, blanket for outdoor screening. Enjoy an episode of *The Cisco Kid* before main feature. Reservations required: 760-476-1042. **Friday, September 14, 5:00pm**

MIRACOSTA COLLEGE SAN ELIJO CAMPUS

3333 Manchester Ave., Cardiff

Nobody Knows (Dare mo shiranai) International Film Series continues in room 204 with a film about four abandoned siblings which was “based on true events that shocked Japan.” In Japanese with English subtitles. 944-4449 x7782. **Friday, September 14, 1:00pm**

MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park
619-238-7559

Si può fare (We Can Do That) San Diego

Italian Film Festival continues with Giulio Manfredonia’s 2008 “funny and moving modern fairy tale” based on a true story. “Nello is a trade unionist in Milan whose ideas are ahead of his time. Because of his reputation as a troublemaker, he is dismissed and is sent to run a cooperative of over-medicated, under-stimulated mentally ill patients, with the goal of building a creative and profitable business.” In Italian with English subtitles. 619-238-7559. **Thursday, September 20, 7:00pm**

OCEANSIDE PIER PLAZA AMPHITHEATRE

200 North of the Strand, Oceanside
760-435-5540

Puss in Boots Follow the plucky Puss (voiced by Antonio Banderas) on pre-*Shrek 2* adventures, accompanied by sidekicks Humpty Dumpty and Kitty Softpaws. Screens at dusk for Summer Movies at the Park film series. **Saturday, September 29, 7:00pm**

OTAY RANCH TOWN CENTER

2015 Birch Rd., Eastlake
619-656-9100

¡Qué Viva! Cine Latino Media Arts Center San Diego’s film festival continues with the documentary *Precious Knowledge*, in which disenfranchised high school seniors become academic warriors and community leaders in Tucson’s embattled ethnic studies classes while state lawmakers attempt to eliminate the program. 619-230-1938. **Wednesday, September 19, 6:30pm**

¡Qué Viva! Cine Latino Media Arts Center San Diego’s film festival concludes with the moving drama *A Better Life*. Demian Bichir was nominated for an Academy Award for his portrayal of an east Los Angeles gardener struggling to keep his son away from gangs and immigration agents. 619-230-1938. **Wednesday, September 26, 6:30pm**

PEARL HOTEL

1410 Rosecrans St., Point Loma
877-732-7573

The Goonies Enjoy the 1985 tale of kids taking a wild adventure after finding a pirate treasure map during Dive-In Theatre series screening. 619-226-6100. **Wednesday, September 26, 8:00pm**

SCRIPPS MIRAMAR RANCH LIBRARY

10301 Scripps Lake Dr., Scripps Ranch
858-538-8158

Detour The film noir thriller screens for “Where Danger Lives: Shades of Noir” series. Ralph DeLauro focuses on “techniques used by the filmmaker to tell his story” during following audience discussion. 858-538-8158. **Wednesday, September 19, 6:00pm**

UCSD PRICE CENTER

9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD
858-534-6467



Parents A precocious ten-year-old has all his heart desires, including a great dinner every night. But soon he questions where all the leftovers come from and discovers that his dad is bringing home much more than the bacon. Bring a blanket and experience this Independent Spirit Award nominee out in the open air. Directed by Bob Balaban. 1989. **Thursday, September 27, 8:00pm**

Horrible Imaginings Film Festival

Festival guest curated by Miguel Rodriguez features shorts to full-length features, exploring horror in art and cinema. On the first day of the festival, experience the Golden Age to the Post-Atomic Age with films such as the surrealist short *Un Chien Andalou* and the science fiction flick *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*. The second day moves from exploration to experimentation with films such as the Japanese horror sensation *Katasumi* and the vampire picture *Martin*. For full schedule, visit artpower.ucsd.edu. ArtTalks! prescreening conversation with Miguel Rodriguez at 7:30pm. **Monday, October 1, 8:00pm, Tuesday, October 2, 8:00pm**

reputations still endures, all in the name of spraying bullets and schoolyard zingers... Oh, right. A lot of these guys haven't worked in years and crave a return to the limelight. *The It's a Bad, Bad, Bad, Bad Ass World*, quantity-over-quality approach to casting is the film's obvious appeal, but aren't they forgetting someone? Danny Trejo can kick all their asses! With marbled performances by Prime Rib of Willis, Shoulder Cut of Statham, and Filet of Li. 2012. — S.M.

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For A Good Time, Call... — Two girls decide to open a phone sex business in order to make rent on their fabulous apartment. Now *there's* a fantasy. 2012.

Hit & Run — Any film with a lead character called "Charlie Bronson," whose father, played by Beau Bridges, is named "Clint," and who drives a mint '67 Lincoln Continental with suicide doors had best be an affectionate tribute to '70s drive-in fare. "Bronson" (Dax Shepherd) is a whistle-blowing retired getaway driver enrolled in the witness protection program. Operating under the ever-watchful eye of bumbling U.S. Marshal Tom Arnold, Charlie consents to move back to his former SoCal stomping grounds to help his girlfriend (Kristen Bell, in the Jill Ireland role) get a job. Shepherd and Bell have unmistakable chemistry, particularly during a spirited exchange where she calls him on his substitution of the word "fag" for "lame." Sadly, much of that banter is diffused when screenwriter Shepherd and his co-director David Palmer cast Jess Rowland as a flaming deputy. Bradley Cooper, bringing down the proceedings as a zonked-out Caucasian thug who sports dreadlocks and emulates hip-hop culture and style, gives a bad name to pot-heads and ethnic stereotypes alike. Calling *Hit and Run* a cross between Eastwood's orangutan outings and the demolition derby pyrotechnics of *Smokey and the Bandit* may sound like faint praise, but at a time when comic books and *SNL* skits tend to define the summer movie-going experience, *Hit and Run* gets back to basics. As such, it is not without its moments worthy of sentimental outpouring. 2012. — S.M.

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The Imposter — A talky talking-heads documentary, but one that spins a tale dizzying enough to keep the drama going (with a little help from old home video and dramatic re-enactment.) When Nicholas Barclay was 13, he disappeared from the streets of San Antonio. Three and a half years later, his family gets a call telling them that he has turned up in Spain — his memory full of holes, his appearance drastically altered. The family wants to believe their son is back, and so they do. But we know better: in reality, this "Nicholas" is a 23-year-old Frenchman named Frederic Bourdin. A drifter who would rather be someone else, Bourdin seizes an improbable opportunity, and things just get more improbable from there. Director Bart Layton does a masterful job of shifting perspectives and keeping things appropriately off-balance, especially when dealing with the canny Bourdin. One moment, he's a wounded soul caught up in circumstances that are very nearly beyond his control; the next, he's a manipulative monster willing to exploit a family's grief for his own ends. Victim to villain, back and forth and back and forth again. But Layton is less successful when he attempts to pull a similar maneuver with Barclay's family. Their willingness to suspend disbelief may be baffling at times, but they're not mercurial. Bourdin's encounter with them is waves against cliffs, shifting tides against

uncomprehending bedrock. 2012. — M.L. ★★★

Killer Joe — After a contract killing goes wrong, a hitman hired on spec takes a 14-year-old virgin as his "retainer." This is director William Friedkin's second film with playwright Tracy Letts; their first pairing, *Bug*, turned out to be an effective gut-wrencher that never once felt like canned-theatre. You'll need a Rival® electric opener to get through this stagebound potboiler. When it comes to upping the stimuli, cutting edge provocateurs Friedkin & Letts hit us with an inaugural close-up of Gina Gershon's pubic mound. Stage nudity may still pack a wallop, but full-frontal on film? Surprising? Really? More innovation: Juno Temple is introduced by cribbing Elia Kazan's signature image — a child bride sucking her thumb in a crib — from the 56-year-old *Baby Doll*. The rest is nonendearing unseemliness buffeted by endless profanity unimaginatively strung together. Mitigating circumstance: a fearless performance in *Magic Mike* followed by a charming, Zippo-flicking sociopath named Joe makes 2012 the year of the McConaughey. With Thomas Haden Church and Emile Hirsch, the latter once again doing a dead-on Sean Penn impersonation. 2012. — S.M.

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Last Ounce of Courage — "A tale of family bonds and free expression, the film seeks to encourage all Americans to take a stand and raise their voices in support of their beliefs." 2012.

Lawless — Southern-fried *Godfather*: diminutive kid brother (Shia LaBeouf, who seems to be trying a little too hard) wants in on the family moonshine business, but his godlike (read: unkillable) elders (a more impressive Tom Hardy and Jason Clarke) will hear none of it. We even get a botched assassination attempt and a hospital scene where the kid literally takes up the keys to the kingdom. The Shape of Things to Come is here played with grating oddity by Guy Pearce as a dandy, dirty Chicago lawman set on making everyone pay for protection. The South looks great (if a little washed-out now and then), and it was a pleasure to see some real backwoods faces up there alongside the Beautiful People. Plus, you get the requisite doses of Emmylou Harris and Ralph Stanley on the soundtrack. But the story is as sprawling as the kudzu, draggy as a summer Sunday afternoon, and uneven as a dirt road through the woods. You get racial tension, young love, old love, family conflict, conflict between families, city v. country, progress v. tradition, heathen v. Christian, and brutal violence v. syrupy sentiment, a big Southern burgoon of elements that never quite meld together, no matter how overheated the pot. With Jessica Chastain, Gary Oldman, Mia Wasikowska. 2012. — M.L.

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Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939) — For some reason, people think Frank Capra was all sugary idealism and sentiment. He may have been an idealist, but he had a keen sense of what happens when ideals bump up against the buzz-saw world of competing interests. Nothing sweet about it. It's an election year; do your dormant and/or conflicted patriotic spirit a favor and see this enormously entertaining meditation on citizenship and the American political machine. System! The American political *system!* With Jimmy Stewart, Jean Arthur, and Claude Rains. 1939.

ParaNorman — A grown-up movie for kids, if by grown-up you mean gleefully cynical about human nature, fascinated

with ugliness, and spiced with sexual references of varying heat. Perhaps it would be better to call it a movie that views kids as little more than miniature grown-ups; all the best gags land squarely in the adult solar plexus. Eleven-year-old Norman can see dead people, so when dead people start making trouble for his town, it's up to him to solve the mystery at the heart of the problem. Don't be distracted by the heavily-preached anti-bullying message (or the J-horror special effects they ladle on to keep your eyes busy during the climactic sermon). The real point here is that life is nasty, brutish, and short, and so you better find that one decent thing in this rotten, ugly world and hold on for dear life, lest you wind up as another one of the zombie mob. 2012. — M.L.

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Premium Rush — It's a fun premise: take a practitioner of a universally loathed profession — New York City bike messengers, a group that treats traffic laws and those who follow them as little more than video game obstacles — and make him a hero, a guy whose Special Delivery can literally deliver a child from bondage. And it helps that the hero is played by Joseph Gordon-Levitt, who exudes likeability even as he strangely channels Keanu Reeves. It helps even more that the bad guy is Michael Shannon, channel-

ing the crazy cop he plays on *Boardwalk Empire*. (Shannon's adventures in the world of Chinese gambling are easily the most interesting part of the film.) But oof, that dialogue, packed with oof, that exposition ("You have opportunities!"), and oooooof, those metaphors ("No brakes. Can't stop. Don't want to. Brakes are death.") And speaking of video games, our hero somehow has the ability to instantaneously map out various high-speed swerves and their various consequences, which makes this less of an old-fashioned chase movie and more of an exercise in low-grade super-powers. Messenger Man! 2012. — M.L.

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Resident Evil: Retribution — Milla Jovovich's battle against The Umbrella Corporation just keeps going and going. Also, her battle against the undead. Review forthcoming on *The Big Screen* blog. 2012.

Robot & Frank — In the not-too-distant future, a retired jewel thief in the early stages of dementia is given a robotic servant by his children. The gift is intended to place the kids' minds at ease while at the same time assisting the old curmudgeon through his golden years. Initially resentful, Dad warms up to the idea once he discovers how to program

the mechanical man to act as his second-story android. At any minute, this could have gone horribly wrong and veered in the direction of live-action Disney; happily, it stays the course. It's a healthy distance behind other "robot companion" pictures, but credit first time writer/director Jake Schreier for reigning in the sentiment and assembling a first-rate cast to add credence to an oft-told (2001, *Silent Running*, *Moon*) and rather outlandish story. The film has something for everyone: seniors will enjoy the romantic chemistry between Frank Langella and Susan Sarandon, while fanboys and fangirls might actually find it refreshing to watch Liv "Arwen" Tyler and X-Man James Marsden perform in modern-day garb. It's not often the Landmark La Jolla Village shows a non-subtitled film that it's okay to cart the kids to. It's unlikely we'll find a better family film this year than *Robot & Frank*. Seize the opportunity! With Peter Sarsgaard as "Robot (Voice)." 2012. — S.M.

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Samsara — Or, the world in 70mm. There are no words in *Samsara*, presumably to avoid distracting from the moving images onscreen and the way the camera moves to reveal them. And the of lack narrative gives the viewer a psychic space in which to bang up against the images.



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Calendar MOVIES

Watching sped-up sunlight move across an ancient statue's cracked stone face, I found it difficult to think of anything but the now-dead hands that had carved it. And that may be just as director Ron Fricke would have it — birth, life, death, and the cyclic nature of same are very much the point here. The loving depiction of our enduring creations (be they monuments, ceremonies, or simply spectacles) serves only to highlight our personal ephemerality. There is some trace of the sense that individual life and the way it is lived matters — Fricke lingers on images of African mothers with their children, and also African child soldiers toting assault rifles — but most often, his depictions of the mundane involve either ugliness (gluttonous eaters, desperate trash-pickers) or horror (the mechanized

brutality of a slaughterhouse). A thinky film, but gorgeous enough to qualify as a sensual film, too. 2011. — M.L.

★★★

Searching for Sugar Man — Documentary about two South Africans who go searching for Rodriguez, a '70s rocker who fell off the map. 2012.

Sleepwalk with Me — It took four screenwriters and two directors to extrude this inflated load. Matt (Mike Birbiglia) is a bartender in a comedy club who doubles as a frustrated, painfully unfunny stand-up. Even his girlfriend (Lauren Ambrose) and her chums can't resist talking over Matt's set. A sudden bout with RBD (REM Behavior Disorder) stimulates Matt into acting out his dreams. Ambrose freshens every frame and as Matt's parents, James Rebhorn and Carol Kane remind us what it means to act. Playing a somnambulist monologist who spends much of his time self-consciously

addressing the audience, it's to his credit that co-writer/co-director/star Birbiglia never once bumps into the camera. Even more burdensome than the wall-to-wall exposition is nerdy Birbiglia's non-stop parade of infantile fixations. As visual storytellers, Birbiglia and his *This American Life* cronies have found a perfect niche in radio. A little bit of our hero's self-absorption goes a long way — the fortune cookie insights delivered with a hesitant whine (and untucked shirt) get old after 10 minutes. *Sleepwalk With Me* eventually chokes on its own fluff before ambling off a cliff. Seth Barrish receives co-director credit. With Kristen Schaal, and Jesse Klein. 2012. — S.M.

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The Wizard of Oz — If the screen version of Frank L. Baum's sanitary children's story is indelibly stamped, scene by scene, in more Americans' memories than any other movie, it's just because of the pounding into our brains that this

movie has been allowed year after year on TV, and not because, because, because, because, because of the wonderful things it does. The trip from Kansas to Oz, from Dust Bowl to Dreamland, from black-and-white to somewhere over the rainbow, doesn't really get off the ground on imagination's wings, but is held down on the MGM backlot, beneath tons of costumes and cosmetics and paint. Judy Garland, Bert Lahr, Ray Bolger, Frank Morgan; directed by Victor Fleming. 1939. — D.S.

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The Words — Those expecting a Jean-Paul Sartre biopic will be disappointed to find instead the uninspired tale of a plagiarist. While honeymooning in Paris, a struggling young writer (Bradley Cooper) discovers a hand-written manuscript hidden inside the battered attache case his wife (Zoe Saldana) finds in an antique store. Five years later, Cooper's past bumps into him in the form of the failed

French novelist (Jeremy Irons) whose work he "borrowed" and transformed into a major bestseller. Playing the pilfered scribe, Irons phones in much of his performance while seated on a park bench. From his perch, he operates as a transitional device, guiding us through the flashbacks. Buttressed by spirit gum and latex liver spots, Irons is saddled with the most dubious Hollywood aging process since Leonardo DiCaprio in *J. Edgar*. Cooper's limitations as an actor become more obvious with each passing performance. If you find your attention slipping, try watching his lips closely to spot "hell" dubbed over "fuck" on several occasions to ensure the film's producers a more kid-friendly PG-13 rating. The joke's on them. Short of painting Saldana blue, no effects-driven American teenager is going near this material. Neither should adults. Written and directed by Brian Klugman and Lee Sternthal. Witt Dennis Quaid and Olivia Wilde. 2012. — S.M.

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MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

San Diego Natural History Museum Flying Monsters 3D (NR) Fri-Sun 11:00, 2:00; **Ocean Oasis** (NR) Fri-Sun 12:00p.m.; **Such is the Real Nature of Horses** (NR) Fri-Sun 4:00p.m.; **The Last Reef 3D: Cities Beneath the Sea** (NR) Fri-Sun 1:00, 3:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

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CLAIREMONT

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Arbitrage (R) Fri-Sun (10:40, 1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:20, 10:40; **Brave** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:35, 12:50); **Celeste and Jesse Forever** (R) Fri-Sun (10:50, 3:10) 7:40; **The Cold Light of Day** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:20, 1:30, 3:45) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:20); **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri-Sun (10:35am); **Finding Nemo 3D** (G) Fri-Sun (12:55, 3:15) 5:35, 7:55, 10:15; **Hope Springs** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:05, 3:25) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; **Lawless** (R) Fri-Sun (11:15, 1:50) 4:30, 7:00, 10:05; **ParaNorman** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:20, 12:35, 3:05) 5:45, 8:05, 10:25; **Premium Rush** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:00) 5:25, 9:50; **Resident Evil: Retribution** (R) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:45) 10:10; **Resident Evil: Retribution 3D** (R) Fri-Sun 4:30, 7:15; **Special Event** (NR) Fri-Sun; **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:25) 4:20, 7:20, 10:15; **The Campaign** (R) Fri-Sun (3:20)

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Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
2016: Obama's America (PG) Fri (12:45, 3:00, 5:10) 7:20, 9:35 Sat-Sun (12:45, 3:00) 5:10, 7:20, 9:35; **Barfi!** (NR) Fri-Sun (12:15, 3:15) 6:15, 9:15; **Beasts of the Southern Wild** (PG-13) Fri (12:50, 3:10, 5:25) 7:40, 9:55 Sat-Sun (12:50, 3:10) 5:25, 7:40, 9:55; **Celeste and Jesse Forever** (R) Fri-Sun 7:10, 9:25; **Finding Nemo 3D** (G) Fri (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00 Sat-Sun (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Killer Joe** (NC-17) Fri-Sun (12:55, 3:35) 6:30, 9:00; **Last Ounce of Courage** (PG) Fri (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45 Sat-Sun (11:45, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; **Lawless** (R) Fri-Sun (12:40, 3:25) 6:45, 9:20; **Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted** (PG) Fri (12:35, 3:05, 5:20) Sat-Sun (12:35, 3:05) 5:20; **ParaNorman** (PG) Fri-Sun (1:00, 3:30); **Resident Evil: Retribution** (R) Fri (12:30, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15 Sat-Sun (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15;

Resident Evil: Retribution 3D (R) Fri (11:40, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sat-Sun (11:40, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:20, 3:20) 7:05, 10:05; **The Campaign** (R) Fri-Sun (1:05, 3:40) 6:00, 9:05; **The Possession** (PG-13) Fri (12:10, 2:35, 5:05) 7:35, 9:50 Sat-Sun (12:10, 2:35) 5:05, 7:35, 9:50; **Total Recall** (R) Fri-Sun 7:35, 10:15

KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Samsara (PG-13) Fri: (2:15), (4:30), 7:00, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (2:15), 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, Mon-Thu: (4:30), 7:00, 9:30; **The Wizard Of Oz** (G) Sat & Sun: 12:00 NOON; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) With "Crazed Imaginations" Shadow Cast, Sat: 12:00 Midnight, Discount Shows at Landmark's Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets " () "; **Step Up To The Plate** (NR) Opens Friday, September 21; **Double Indemnity** (NR) Plays Saturday, September 22nd & Sunday, September 23

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

Landmark La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Little White Lies (NR) Fri, Mon-Thu: (2:00), (5:15), 8:30, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 2:00, 5:15, 8:30; **Robot & Frank** (PG-13) Fri, Mon-Thu: (2:20), (4:50), 7:15, 9:20, Sat & Sun: (12:00), 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:20; **Searching For Sugar Man** (PG-13) Fri, Mon-Thu: (2:30), (5:00), 7:30*, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (12:15), 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:30, * No 7:30 PM Show Thursday, 09/20/12; **Chicken With Plums** (PG-13) Fri, Mon-Thu: (2:10), (4:40), 7:00, 9:10, Sat & Sun: (11:45), 2:10, 4:40, 7:00, 9:10, Discount Shows at Landmark's La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets " () "; **The Master** (R) Opens Friday, September 21

MIRA MESA

Regal Mira Mesa
10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
Call theater for program information.

MISSION VALLEY

AMC Fashion Valley
7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

AMC Mission Valley
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

Ultrastar Mission Valley Hazard Center
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
Queen-Hungarian Rhapsody: Live in Budapest '86 (NR) Thu: 7:30 PM; **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri-Thur: (10:00 AM), (12:30), (2:45); **Finding Nemo 3D** (G) Fri & Sat: (10:45 AM), (1:30), 4:15, 7:00, 9:30, Sun-Wed: (10:45 AM), (1:30), 4:15, 7:00, Thu: (10:45 AM), (1:30), 4:15, 7:00, 9:30; **The Gruffalo's Child** (NR)

Sat & Sun: (10:30 AM); **The Possession** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (10:15 AM), (12:45), (3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sun-Tue: (10:15 AM), (12:45), (3:15), 5:45, 8:15, Wed: (10:15 AM), (12:45), (3:15), Thu: (10:15 AM), (12:45), (3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Lawless** (R) Fri & Sat: (10:30 AM), (1:15), 4:30, 7:15, 10:15, Sun-Wed: (10:30 AM), (1:15), 4:30, 7:15, Thu: (10:30 AM), (1:15), 4:30; **Lawless** (R) Thu: (10:00 AM); **The Expendables 2** (R) Fri & Sat: (10:15 AM), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun-Tue: (10:15 AM), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, Wed: (10:15 AM), (3:00), Thu: (10:15 AM), (3:00), 10:30; **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (10:00 AM), (1:00), (4:00), 7:00, 10:00, Sun-Wed: (10:00 AM), (1:00), (4:00), 7:00, Thu: (10:00 AM), (1:00), (4:00), 7:00, 10:00; **Hope Springs** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (12:30), 5:15, 7:30, 9:45, Sun-Wed: (12:30), 5:15, 7:30, Thu: (12:30), 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Fri-Thur: (12:15), (4:00), 7:45; **Fixing the Future** (NR) Wed: 7:30 PM

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Arbitrage (R) Fri, Mon-Thu: (1:50), (4:25), 7:00, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:15), 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; **The Imposter** (R) Fri, Mon-Thu: (2:10), (4:45), 7:20, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (11:35), 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:30; **Sleepwalk With Me** (NR) Fri, Mon-Thu: (2:20), (4:55), 7:30, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (11:45), 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 9:45; **The Intouchables** (R) Fri, Mon-Thu: (1:40), (4:15), 6:50, 9:25, Sat & Sun: (11:05), 1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:25; **Robot & Frank** (PG-13) Fri, Mon-Thu: (2:00), (4:35), 7:10, 9:20, Sat & Sun: (11:25), 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:20, Discount Shows at Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets " () "; **The Master** (R) Opens Friday, September 21

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Black Holes (NR) Fri-Sun 3:00p.m.; **Born To Be Wild IMAX** (G) Sat-Sun 11:00am; **Deep Sea 3D IMAX** (G) Fri-Sat 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 Sun 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Force of Nature** (NR) Fri 7:00p.m.; **Rock the Dome** (NR) Sat 7:00, 8:00; **Stormchasers** (NR) Fri 8:00p.m.; **To The Arctic IMAX** (G) Fri-Sun 1:00, 5:00; **Under the Sea** (G) Sun 6:00p.m.

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Regal Parkway Plaza
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Call theater for program information.

LA MESA

Reading Grossmont
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)
The Cold Light of Day (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:10, 1:20) 10:15; **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri-Sun (11:40am); **Finding Nemo 3D** (G) Fri-Sun (2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:35; **Hope Springs** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (3:30) 5:45, 8:00; **Lawless** (R)

Fri-Sun (11:25, 1:55) 4:25, 7:00, 9:30; **ParaNorman** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50; **Resident Evil: Retribution** (R) Fri-Sun (11:15, 3:50) 8:30; **Resident Evil: Retribution 3D** (R) Fri-Sun (1:30) 6:10, 10:45; **Special Event** (NR) Fri-Sun; **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:50, 1:40) 4:30, 7:20, 10:10; **The Expendables 2** (R) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:00, 3:15) 5:35, 7:50, 10:05; **The Odd Life of Timothy Green** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:15, 3:40) 6:00, 8:20, 10:40; **The Possession** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:05, 3:10) 5:20, 7:30, 9:40; **The Words** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:20, 1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:10, 10:25

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
2016: Obama's America (PG) Fri (11:40, 2:05, 4:25) 6:50, 9:35 Sat-Sun (11:40, 2:05) 4:25, 6:50, 9:35; **The Cold Light of Day** (PG-13) Fri (4:20) 9:45 Sat-Sun 4:20, 9:45; **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri-Sun (12:00, 12:20, 3:00) 7:00; **Finding Nemo 3D** (G) Fri (11:30, 2:15, 2:40, 4:55) 6:30, 7:40, 9:30, 10:25 Sat-Sun (11:30, 2:15, 2:40) 4:55, 6:30, 7:40, 9:30, 10:25; **Hope Springs** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:30am); **Last Ounce of Courage** (PG) Fri (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 10:00 Sat-Sun (11:35, 2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 10:00; **Lawless** (R) Fri-Sun (11:55, 2:50) 7:10, 10:10; **ParaNorman** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:25, 1:55) 7:05; **ParaNorman 3D** (PG) Fri (4:30) 9:40 Sat-Sun 4:30, 9:40; **Resident Evil: Retribution** (R) Fri (11:45, 2:00, 4:35) 8:00, 10:40 Sat-Sun (11:45, 2:00) 4:35, 8:00, 10:40; **Resident Evil: Retribution 3D** (R) Fri (2:25, 5:00) 7:30, 10:15 Sat-Sun (2:25) 5:00, 7:30, 10:15; **Sparkle** (PG-13) Fri (12:25) 6:45; **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:50, 3:05) 6:40, 9:55; **The Campaign** (R) Fri-Sun (2:55) 9:40; **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 9:50p.m.; **The Expendables 2** (R) Fri (12:40, 4:15) 7:45, 10:35 Sat-Sun (12:40) 4:15, 7:45, 10:35; **The Odd Life of Timothy Green** (PG) Fri-Sun (12:15) 6:35; **The Possession** (PG-13) Fri (12:05, 2:35, 5:10) 7:50, 10:30 Sat-Sun (12:05, 2:35) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; **The Words** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:30, 3:00) 6:55, 10:05

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Call theater for program information.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade
770 Denney Road (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

Regal Rancho Del Rey
1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)
Call theater for program information.

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

UltraStar Chula Vista

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Step Up Revolution (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (12:00), (2:30), 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, Sun: (12:00), (2:30), 5:00, 7:30, Mon-Thu: (2:30), 5:00, 7:30; **The Watch** (R) Fri & Sat: (11:30 AM), (2:00), 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, Sun: (11:30 AM), (2:00), 4:30, 7:00, Mon-Thu: (2:00), 4:30, 7:00; **Savages** (R) Fri & Sat: (3:45), 10:00, Sun-Thu: (3:45 PM); **The Amazing Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (12:00), (3:15), 6:45, 9:45, Sun: (12:00), (3:15), 6:45, Mon-Thu: (3:15), 6:45; **Magic Mike** (R) Fri & Sat: 9:45 PM; Ted (R) Fri & Sat: (12:15), (3:00), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sun: (12:15), (3:00), 5:45, 8:15, Mon-Thu: (3:00), 5:45, 8:15; **Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (12:45), (3:30), 6:15, 9:15, Sun: (12:45), (3:30), 6:15, Mon-Thu: (3:30), 6:15; **Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter** (R) Fri & Sat: (3:30), 9:15, Sun-Thu: (3:30 PM); **That's My Boy** (R) Fri-Sun: (12:30), 6:15, Mon-Thu: 6:15 PM; **Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted** (PG) Fri-Sun: (11:30 AM), (2:00), 4:30, 7:15, Mon-Thu: (2:00), 4:30, 7:15; **Snow White and the Huntsman** (PG-13) Fri-Sun: (12:45), 6:45, Mon-Thu: 6:45 PM; **Men in Black 3** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:45 AM), (2:15), 5:00, 7:30, 10:30, Sun: (11:45 AM), (2:15), 5:00, 7:30, Mon-Thu: (2:15), 5:00, 7:30; **Marvel's The Avengers** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (12:30), (3:45), 7:00, 10:15, Sun: (12:30), (3:45), 7:00, Mon-Thu: (3:45), 7:00; **Kidtoons: The Gruffalo's Child** (NR) Sat & Sun: (10:30 AM)

EASTLAKE

AMC Otay Ranch
 Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
 Call theater for program information.

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
 2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
 Call theater for program information.

NATIONAL CITY

AMC Plaza Bonita
 3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386)
 Call theater for program information.

NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

Regal Escondido
 350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
 Call theater for program information.

FALLBROOK

UltraStar River Village
 5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Last Ounce of Courage (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00, Sun: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, Mon-Thu: 4:45, 7:30; **Resident Evil: Retribution** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45, Sun: 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, Mon-Thu: 4:15, 7:15; **The Gruffalo's Child** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **The Possession** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30, Sun: 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 8:00, Mon-Thu: 5:15, 8:00; **Lawless** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15, Sun: 11:45 AM, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, Mon-Thu: 5:00, 7:45; **The Expendables 2** (R) Fri-Sun: 2:00, 4:30, Mon-Thu: 4:30 PM; **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 7:00, 10:00, Sun: 11:00 AM, 7:00, Mon-Thu: 7:00 PM; **Hope Springs** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:15, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45, Sun: 12:15, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, Mon-Thu: 5:30, 8:15

POWAY

UltraStar Poway
 13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Finding Nemo (G) Fri-Thu: 10:00 AM; **Finding Nemo 3D** (G) Fri & Sat: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun-Thu: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Last Ounce of Courage** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sun-Tue: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, Wed: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, Thu: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Last Ounce of Courage** (PG) Wed: 10:00 PM; **Resident Evil: Retribution** (R) Fri & Sat: 1:00, 3:30, 10:45, Sun-Thu: 1:00, 3:30; **Resident Evil: Retribution 3D** (R) Fri-Thu: 10:30 AM, 6:00, 8:25; **The Cold Light of Day** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:05 AM, 2:45, Sun: 10:05 AM, Mon-Thu:

10:05 AM, 2:45, 7:40; **The Gruffalo's Child** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **The Possession** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:40 AM, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40, Sun-Thu: 10:40 AM, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **The Possession** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:40 AM, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40, Sun-Thu: 10:40 AM, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Lawless** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45, Sun-Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 2016: **Obama's America** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:10 AM, 12:20, 2:35, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30, Sun-Thu: 10:10 AM, 12:20, 2:35, 4:45, 7:15; **The Expendables 2** (R) Fri & Sat: 12:20, 5:05, Sun: 12:20 PM, Mon-Thu: 12:20, 5:05; **ParaNorman** (PG) Fri-Thu: 10:30 AM, 3:00; **ParaNorman 3D** (PG) Fri-

Thu: 12:45 PM; **The Odd Life of Timothy Green** (PG) Fri: 10:15 AM, 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 7:55, 10:30, Sat: 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 7:55, 10:30, Sun: 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 7:55, Mon & Tue: 10:15 AM, 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 7:55, Wed: 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 7:55, Thu: 10:15 AM, 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 7:55; **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:50 AM, 1:35, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10, Sun-Thu: 10:50 AM, 1:35, 4:30, 7:20; **Hope Springs** (PG-13) Fri-Sun: 5:10 PM, Mon & Tue: 5:10, 7:35, Wed: 5:10 PM, Thu: 5:10, 7:35

SAN MARCOS

Regal San Marcos
 1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)
 Call theater for program information.

TEMECULA

UltraStar Temecula Tower Cinemas
 27531 Ynez Road (951-699-2205)
 Call theater for program information.

VISTA

Krikorian Vista Village
 Highway 78 at Vista Village Dr. (760-945-7469)
2016: Obama's America (PG) Fri-Sun (11:50, 2:25, 4:55) 7:15, 9:35; **Arbitrage** (R) Fri-Sun (11:40, 2:15, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40; **The Cold Light of Day** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (4:50) 9:30; **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri-Sun (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00; **Finding Nemo 3D** (G) Fri-Sun (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Indiana Jones and The Raiders of the Lost Ark: The IMAX Experience** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:45, 10:25; **Last Ounce of Courage** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:20, 2:05, 4:50) 7:20, 9:45; **Lawless** (R) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:50, 4:35) 7:35, 10:15; **ParaNorman** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:45, 2:25, 4:45) 7:05, 9:20; **Resident Evil: Retribution** (R) Fri-Sun (11:45, 2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:00; **Resident Evil: Retribution 3D** (R) Fri-Sun (12:25, 3:00, 5:40) 8:10, 10:30; **Robot & Frank** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:05, 2:20) 7:15; **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 7:30, 10:20; **The Expendables 2** (R) Fri-Sun (12:15, 2:50, 5:20) 7:55, 10:25; **The Odd Life of Timothy Green** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:40, 2:10, 4:35); **The Possession** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:50, 10:10; **The Words** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:10, 2:35, 5:10) 7:25, 9:50

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Moviemax Plaza Camino Real
 2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
 Call theater for program information.

DEL MAR

Cinépolis Del Mar
 12905 El Camino Real (858-794-4045)
 Call theater for program information.

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
 471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
 Call theater for program information.

LA COSTA

Cinépolis La Costa
 6941 El Camino Real (760-603-8638)
 Call theater for program information.

OCEANSIDE

Regal Oceanside
 401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
 Call theater for program information.

UltraStar Oceanside Mission Marketplace

College Blvd. and Mission Ave. (760-806-1790)
Queen-Hungarian Rhapsody: Live in Budapest '86 (NR) Thu: 7:30 PM; **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri-Thu: 11:15 AM; **Finding Nemo 3D** (G) Fri & Sat: 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45, Sun-Thu: 2:00, 4:30, 7:00; **Last Ounce of Courage** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, Sun-Thu: 11:30 AM, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; **Last Ounce of Courage** (PG) Wed: 10:00 AM; **Resident Evil: Retribution** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 6:00, 9:30, 10:40, Sun-Thu: 11:00 AM, 6:00; **Resident Evil: Retribution 3D** (R) Fri-Thu: 1:20, 3:40, 8:20; **The Possession** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:50 AM, 2:25, 4:55, 7:20; **Lawless** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:35 AM, 2:20, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30, Sun-Wed: 11:35 AM, 2:20, 4:50, 7:45, Thu: 11:35 AM, 2:20, 4:50; **2016: Obama's America** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:10 AM, 1:25, 3:45, 5:55, 8:15, 10:25, Sun-Thu: 11:10 AM, 1:25, 3:45, 5:55, 8:15; **Premium Rush** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:10 AM, 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:15, 10:25, Sun-Thu: 11:10 AM, 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:15; **The Expendables 2** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, Sun-Thu: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30; **ParaNorman** (PG) Fri-Thu: 11:05 AM, 3:30, 5:50; **ParaNorman 3D** (PG) Fri & Sat: 1:15, 8:05, 10:20, Sun-Thu: 1:15, 8:05; **The Odd Life of Timothy Green** (PG) Fri-Thu: 11:20 AM, 1:50, 4:35, 7:05; **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 1:45, 7:15, 10:15, Sun-Thu: 1:45, 7:15; **The Campaign** (R) Fri & Sat: 12:45, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10, Sun-Thu: 12:45, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50; **Hope Springs** (PG-13), Fri-Thu: 11:20 AM, 4:35; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Fri-Thu: 11:00 AM, 4:45; **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 1:15, 7:00, 10:30, Sun-Thu: 1:15, 7:00; **Kidtoons: The Gruffalo's Child** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM

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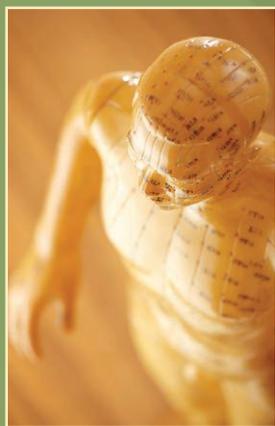
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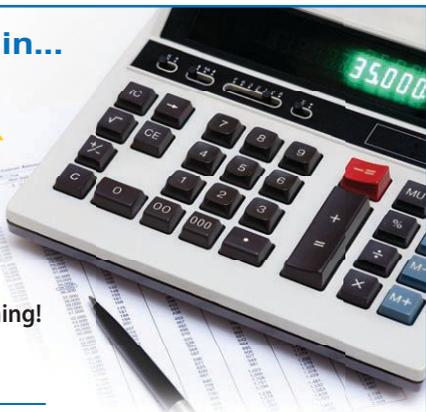
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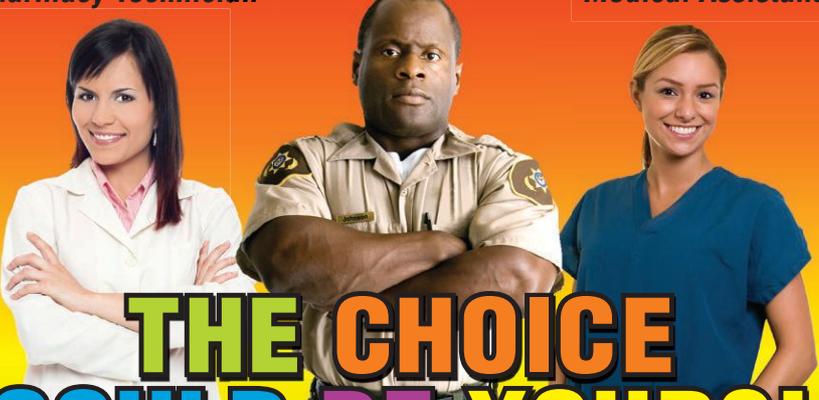
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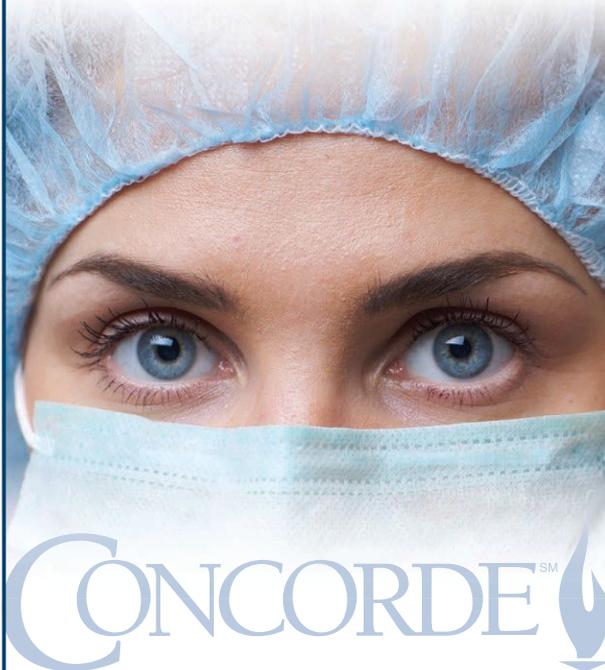


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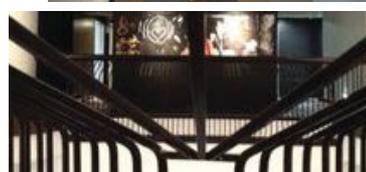
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And now for the really small print:

1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
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3) We will award writers of the best limericks, among those who correctly solve the puzzle, one of the famous *Reader* baseball caps or T-shirts. And we will print the winning limericks—screened for plagiarism—in the paper and online.
4) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
5) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

- Tiger _____
- QB's scores
- Blackjack decision
- Stock ticker symbol for Barnes & Noble
- "... man _____ mouse?"
- Vote of approval
- Suffix with Milan
- "106 & Park" network
- Autobiography of a short-tempered person?
- Bagel topping
- Boxer's warning?
- Coagulate, as blood
- Some radio stations
- Vibes

- English county's treat for a tabby?
- Not even cracked
- Columbian painter Fernando
- _____ kiss
- Maker of ShowHouse faucets
- "I'm not listening ..."
- Taking shots at St. Louis' NHL team from afar?
- Raspy
- Small bouquet
- Word after waste or want
- 1994 movie based on an "SNL" skit
- "Pay _____ mind"
- Girls in Manitoba's capital city?
- Tweak some text
- Chemical in drain cleaners
- Prepare for planting
- Yellowstone animal
- He said "Learn from the masses, and then teach them"
- Public wardrobe malfunction that exposes a certain body part (as in 17-, 24-, 36- and 45-Across)
- Ruby of "A Raisin in the Sun"
- Leaf-turning time: Abbr.
- I love, to Luis
- Tide rival
- Fabric amts.
- Pint-size
- Farthest-right bowling pin
- Managed

Down

- "You can't mean little ol' me?"
- They may have you in stitches, in brief
- Northeast China region
- Thit and thas?
- Sonar's measurement
- Utter
- Batter's need
- _____ triangle
- _____Mex
- Requested gift in "A Christmas Story"

- 1996 Olympic gymnast Strug
- Banjo accessory
- "How could _____ this happen?"
- Headline locale
- Coral Sea sight
- Slacks material
- "_____ to differ"
- Short story in James Joyce's "Dubliners"
- Obi, e.g.
- El _____ (Peruvian volcano)
- It's to the left of a decimal
- "Oklahoma!" role
- Trotsky and Uris
- Regarding
- It may be fine
- Landford Wilson's "The _____ Baltimore"
- Narc's find, maybe
- Cruise stops: Abbr.
- Like an untended garden
- Sat
- Air Jordans, e.g.
- Grisham's "_____ to Kill"
- Nurse
- Curse
- D.C. baseballer
- A Gershwin
- Put down in writing?

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS: (All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.) Prizes will be available for pickup at the Reader offices front desk from the Thursday your name appears in print to the following Thursday at 5 p.m.

Mary Arana, Encinitas, 4.

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Bob Carlson, Serra Mesa, 4.

There once was a man who was so frustrated
Trying to write a limerick that was first-rated.
He tried and tried
Until he almost cried.
Please change rule 2 and he'll be elated.

Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 4.

Reader says it is just a computer glitch
That three of my limericks have met a hitch.
If you don't fix it now,
By Will Shortz, I vow,
To CityBeat next week I'm gonna switch.

Jane M. Reilly, University City, 4.

I'd rather not write a limerick
My thinking is slow and I'm not that quick.
I try hard to rhyme
In a limited time
But I still hope I'm one that they pick.

Michael Rothmann, Mission Beach, 1.

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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. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

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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Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 4.

*I'm old and my ballad is sung,
 The new world is left to the young.
 The narcissistic horde,
 Act cooler than Jack Lord,
 Speak up, people! Cat got your tongue?*

Mary Giovaniello, Del Cerro, 4.

*September 15th is the date
 That my mom will turn 88
 She's laughing and happy
 she still loves my pappy
 so we think that life is just great!*

Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 4.

*Limericks are often a bore
 After solving an evil chore
 I wonder if ever
 The Reader will sever
 The need to think up some more.*

Jim Hurley, San Diego, 1.

*Two days ago my dog Jack passed,
 Over to the other side, much too fast.
 Jack gave me unconditional love,
 Had my back, push come to shove,
 I wonder how long my sorrow will last.*

Mamma Oakley, Oceanside, 1.

*My son Kevin stays on my mind
 On occasion, him I must remind
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Brian Albers (Clairemont) \$10

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Can't Possibly Be True

— Desmond Hatchett, 33, was summoned to court in Knoxville, Tenn., in May so that a judge could chastise him for again failing to make child-support payments. Records show that Hatchett has at least 30 children (ages 14 down to "toddler") by at least 11 women. He said at a 2009 court appearance that he was "through" siring children and apparently has taken proper precautions since then.

— In Milwaukee, Wis., in April, Sean Patrick was sentenced to 30 years in prison for owing more than \$146,000 for 12 children by 10 mothers, and the city's *Journal Sentinel* newspaper reported that, before being locked up, two convicted pimps, Derrick Avery and Todd Carter, had fathered, respectively, 15 kids by seven women and 16 children with "several" mothers.

— The Associated Press reported in May that Kentucky prison officials were working behind the scenes to resolve the thorny question of whether inmate Robert Foley deserves a hip replacement. Normally, a prisoner in such extreme pain would qualify. However, Foley, 55, is on death row for killing six people in 1989 and 1991, and since he has exhausted his appeals, he is still alive only because a court has halted all executions while the state reconsiders its lethal-injection procedure. Furthermore, all local hospitals queried by the prison to perform the procedure have declined to take Foley because the prison considers him dangerous.

Fine Points of the Law

— Almost all companies that collect customer data publish their policies on how they keep the data "private" (even though those "privacy"

policies almost always explain just precisely the ways they intend not to keep the data "private" — and are not required to by law). Researchers writing in the journal *I/S: A Journal of Law and Policy for the Information Society* (summarized in an April post on the blog *TechDirt.com*) found that if typical consumers bothered to read all of the privacy policies they encountered, it would take from 181 to 304 hours per year (22–38 workdays), depending on shopping habits. If every consumer in America did it, it would take from 40 billion to 67 billion hours a year, or 5 billion to 8.3 billion workdays a year.

Unclear on the Concept

— In April, the Federal Communications Commission announced that it was fining Google for deliberately impeding the agency's investigation into the company's collection of wireless data by its roaming Street View vehicles and that the agency had decided, based on Google's "ability to pay," that it needed to double its staff-proposed fine in order to "deter future misconduct." Hence, it raised Google's fine from \$12,000 to \$25,000. (As pointed out by *ProPublica.org*, during the previous quarter year, Google made profits of \$2.89 billion, or \$25,000 every 68 seconds.)

— District of Columbia Councilman Marion Barry initially was scorned in May for criticizing the influx of "Asian" shopkeepers into the ward that he represents. "They got to go. I'll say that right now." Later, after rethinking the issue, Barry announced that his ward should be "the model of diversity" and issued an apology to Asian-Americans. But, he lamented, America has always been tough on immigrants. "The Irish caught hell, the Jews caught hell, the Polacks caught hell." (The preferred terms are "Polish" or "Poles.")

Bless Those Researchers' Hearts!

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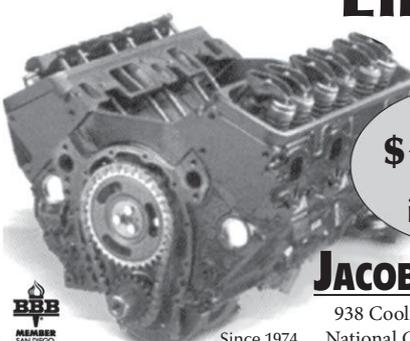
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