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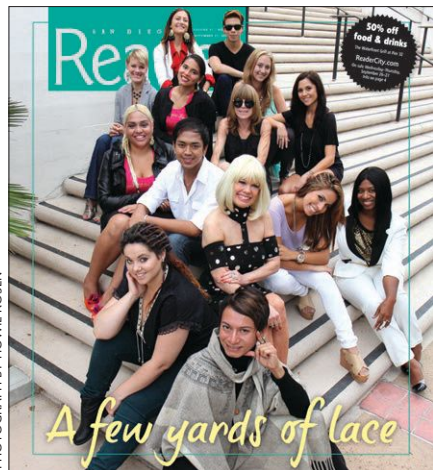
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NEWS TICKER

Farmers Market facelift

Labor and faith leaders gear up for anti-Walmart rally

Golden Hill/Sherman Heights — Labor and faith leaders are gearing up local residents for what they say will be San Diego's largest rally and march against Walmart, calling on the retailer to put forth greater effort into meeting with community stakeholders before opening more outlets within the city.

Particularly at issue is action taken by Walmart last April to destroy a large portion of the historic Farmers Market building in Sherman Heights — a much larger portion than residents had anticipated when told the building was getting a facelift before reopening as a Walmart store.

Organizers say they expect over 1000 attendees to the rally, beginning at 9 a.m. at Golden Hill Community Park before a march to the Farmers Market building.

Speakers being touted for the event include mayoral candidate Bob Filner and state Assembly member Ben Hueso, who also spoke at an earlier demonstration criticizing Walmart in the wake of the uproar over the Farmers Market demolition.

By Dave Rice, September 21

Convicted and evicted

Court finds sex-offender residency law unreasonable

San Diego County — California's Fourth Appellate District Court has ruled that provisions of Proposition 83, the 2006 ballot measure that places numerous restrictions on convicted sex offenders, are "unreasonable" and "oppressive," Courthouse News Service reports.

One provision of the law that the court finds specifically troublesome is a requirement that sex offenders may not reside within 2000 feet of a school or park.

Four registered sex offenders living in San Diego County, William Taylor, Jeffrey Glynn, Julie Briley, and Stephen Todd, challenged a 2010 California Supreme Court ruling that the housing restriction was to apply to all paroled offenders, regardless of the date of their crime.

After their release, none of the four were able to find permanent housing — Todd took to living in a homeless encampment in the San Diego riverbed, Glynn began living in his van. At the advice of their parole agents, Taylor and Briley took up residence in an alley behind their parole office.

At a 2011 hearing, experts testified that 24.5 percent of residential property

in the county complied with Jessica's Law residency requirements, but only three percent of multifamily homes in the county, with attendant lower rental costs more in line with what a recent parolee could be expected to afford, were in compliance. Unwillingness of many landlords to rent to sex offenders further constricts the housing supply, leaving many offenders at risk of either homelessness or noncompliance.

By Dave Rice, September 19

The pesticide proposition

Women Occupy San Diego lead rally supporting Prop 37

Hillcrest — Yesterday saw a handful of new developments in the push to align voters either in favor of or against Proposition 37, a measure that would require food producers who knowingly use genetically modified crops to label them as such, and prevent such producers from referring to their products as "natural."



Women Occupy San Diego take to the streets against the "big six pesticide firms."

Women Occupy San Diego, one of the lasting and perhaps most prominent local groups to emerge from the Occupy Wall Street movement that began one year ago yesterday, organized a rally at the Hillcrest headquarters of Canvass for a Cause on Monday afternoon.

Several speakers decried the potential health impacts from genetically altered products, noting that the products have been shown to contain increased levels of allergens and that modified crops, marketed by chemical giant Monsanto as "Roundup-ready," are treated with considerably higher doses of herbicides, as the seeds have been engineered to resist the effects of the company's signature weed-killer, allowing farmers to douse their entire crops at will to control weeds.

The Yes contingent seeks to draw attention to new funding received by its opponent, information made public by the state last Friday. Monsanto gave the No campaign another \$2.9 million, raising its total stake in defeating the proposition to \$7.1 million. Other pesticide companies

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Mary Hoffman Takes on the Regulators

By Don Bauder

The state's major utilities — San Diego Gas & Electric, Pacific Gas & Electric, and Southern California Edison — realize

that renewable energy represents the future. So, in defiance of federal law, these big utilities want to monopolize solar, wind, geothermal, and other renewable energy forms. And like a wrestling referee deliberately ignoring a blatant illegality, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the supposed regulator, is helping the big companies maintain their stranglehold.

Mary Hoffman of Vista is fighting a lonely battle against this juggernaut. Her company, Solutions for Utilities, is suing the commission in federal court in Los Angeles. Her case has survived a motion to dismiss and goes to a jury trial February 5. The suit charges that the commission has undermined the federal Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 that aims to promote the viability of small energy-generating companies and protect them from monopolistic practices.

Today, Hoffman's company exists only to fight this suit. She formed the



Foxes guarding the chickens? State commissioners Michael Peevey (left) and Timothy Simon (right) enjoy lavish travel paid for by the utilities they're supposed to monitor.



David vs. Goliath. Vista's Mary Hoffman is suing the California Public Utilities Commission in federal court.

company in 2008 to build two solar farms and sell the electricity to Southern California Edison under a 20-year contract. "It soon became apparent that the price that the utilities commission had authorized that Edison would have to pay was a nonstarter. My company would not have made any money for 14 years," she says. Edison was permitted to charge exorbitant fees, such as for interconnections, "that would make the deal non-doable."

Her original suit included



Local energy industry consultant Bill Powers says, "The [commission] is institutionally wedded at the hip to the Big Three" — San Diego Gas & Electric, Pacific Gas & Electric, and Edison.

Edison as a defendant, but that company and a second plaintiff were dropped on technicalities. If she wins, San Diego Gas & Electric, Edison, and Pacific Gas & Electric will be compelled to adopt at least one program compliant with the 1978 act, and the CPUC will have to "compel the regulated utilities to comply with [the 1978 act] by making it truly available for small suppliers," says Meir Westreich, Hoffman's Pasadena-based lawyer.

She never built the two solar farms, "and there was no point in trying to build another," she says. She knew she was up against a rigged system overseen by a corrupt regulatory body.

And that is a key part of her lawsuit. It alludes to the "politically incestuous relationships between regulator and regulated." The CPUC and Edison "routinely engage in joint and collaborative tasks, functions and decision making, with

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"Pedicabista" Hector inspects his pedicab before heading to his route. The zebra stripes and logo pay homage to Tijuana's infamous "Zonkeys."



Tijuana pedicabs operate on Avenida Revolución between El Arco at Plaza Santa Cecilia — 1st Street — and 9th Street.

PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS WOO

Get a Manly Pedi in TJ

By T.B. Beaudeau

It's hot in Tijuana this afternoon, and Juan's face is flushed and beaded with sweat after pedaling up and down Avenida Revolución for the past half hour under the implacable Mexican sun. Juan is a pedaling propellant of the latest mode of public transportation to hit the city — a pedicabista — and he powers an Ecopedicab around downtown Tijuana.

The pedicabs are a space-age variant of the traditional Chinese rickshaw, those people-powered transportation devices oft seen in Asia cities, whereby a two-wheeled cart is pulled along by a running

man. The "pedi" part comes in at the front end, which is essentially a bicycle connected to a cart, a mechanical centaur, of sorts, half man, half mechanical horse. The craft is constructed of lightweight metals and features a battery-powered "assist" motor that

amplifies the force and power of the pedicabista's pedaling, should the need arise.

Pedicab transportation systems have burgeoned all over North America's cities in recent years. New York, Chicago, Boston, Portland, and Seattle have outfits dedicated to the business. San Diegans have been familiar with them in the Gaslamp Quarter for more than a decade, and the trend has migrated southward, most recently into San Ysidro, where pedicabs pick up passengers along the route that runs from the San Ysidro trolley terminal to the Las Americas Premium Outlets shopping center, located along the U.S. side of the border.

Hector, another pedicabista, senses my intrigue with the cabs lined up at their base camp, a custom leather goods shop on the corner of 7th and Revolución, and he playfully rings a bell mounted on the handlebars. Nattily attired in a floral-print Hawaiian shirt and jeans, Hector gives the lowdown on the Ecopedicab operation and its introduction into the environs of

UNDER THE RADAR

It's all Chinese to Spelich

Once upon a time, **John Spelich** was the king of San Diego PR. Today he's in a war with Google, fighting on behalf of one of China's biggest internet companies over the future of the Android operating system. The high-tech saga begins in 1999, when Spelich, a veteran of the Ford Motor Company, was named head of public relations for high-flying Gateway Computers, a PC maker founded and then run by La Jolla millionaire **Ted Waitt**.

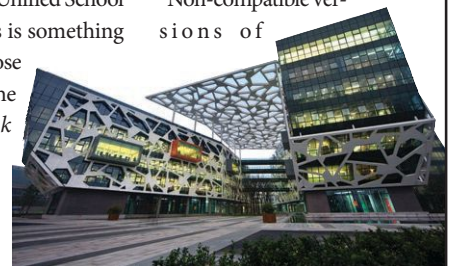
Only a year into that stint, Spelich left to join Stoorza Communications as vice president, becoming soon afterwards president. San Diego's biggest public relations operation of the era, Stoorza employed a dazzling roster of political talent, including **Tom Shepard**, the GOP guru now working for Democratic congressman and mayoral candidate **Bob Filner**.

When Stoorza hit a down-draft in 2001 and began selling off its statewide network of offices, Spelich defected to the San Diego Unified School District. "This is something that is really close to my heart," he told *PR Week* about his new job as executive director of communications and community relations. "We had a pretty intense year at Stoorza, and I feel comfortable leaving, given the state the company is in right now." Stoorza folded six months later. School superintendent **Alan Bersin**, who was fighting with the teachers union, per-

suaded the school board to pay Spelich an annual \$124,000 and put him in charge of the district's other two public relations men, ex-*Los Angeles Times* reporter **David Smollar** and former Channel 39 news executive **Tom Mitchell**. (After Bersin was let go in 2005, it was revealed that he had used a slush fund provided by members of the downtown business establishment to give Spelich an extra \$25,000 "signing bonus.")

Despite the cash, Spelich was soon out the door, making tracks in June 2002 for the Walt Disney Company. "I think there was this impression that I was brought here to convince the media things were going great," he told the *Union-Tribune* after his hasty exit from the school district. "Truth is, I spent 80 to 90 percent of my time talking to parents." He remained with Disney the better part of a decade.

These days Spelich is spinning for Chinese internet giant Alibaba. Google says the Asian company has badly modified Google's cell-phone operating system, Android, into something the Chinese call Aliyun. "Non-compatible versions of



The Hangzhou, China headquarters of the Alibaba Group. Google contends the company is selling badly modified versions of its Android cell-phone technology.

Android, like Aliyun, weaken the ecosystem," a Google executive recently insisted. Replied Spelich, whose title at Alibaba is vice president of international corporate affairs: "Aliyun OS is not part of the Android

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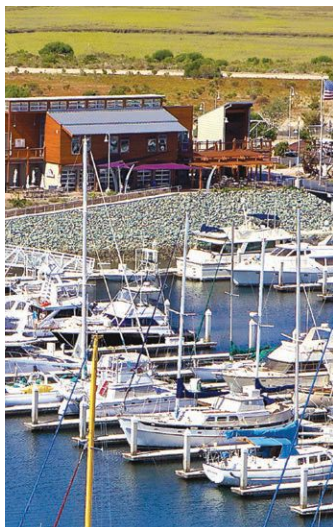
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Correction

Andaz San Diego was incorrectly referred to as “a Hilton hotel” in our August 30 cover story, “Guys Are Gross.” Andaz is a Hyatt hotel.

— Editor

Prostituted, Not Prostitute

I was very disappointed after reading the latest cover story “My Friend Kelly, a Prostitute?” (September 20). I found it to be a self-absorbed, sensationalized account by the author. I believe this was a major missed opportunity to educate the community on the grave issue of sex trafficking.

I have had many conversations with victims of sex trafficking in the volunteer work that I do, and I would dare to say the majority of these young women would feel further exploited by seeing their story published by a “friend” for the whole city (and beyond) to read about. If a survivor chooses to tell his or her story, that is for him or her to choose. It is not appropriate for a friend to publish a very misunderstood account of the victimization.

The author ignorantly attempts to explain the very complex issues surrounding mental illness and drug abuse, and she doesn’t even attempt to understand the atrocious crime of sex trafficking. “Kelly” was not a prostitute, rather she was being prostituted. She was very vulnerable; an easy target for a pimp to exploit. Never having dealt with the trauma of her rape, she coped by drinking and using drugs,

which got her kicked out of her house. Homelessness is one of the main risk factors for sex trafficking.

Victims of sex trafficking may not be physically bound by their captors/pimps, but there is a deep level of trauma bonding, or Stockholm syndrome, experienced by these victims. Though Kelly was a bit older, the average age of a girl when she is first commercially sexually exploited is 12. There are an estimated 100,000-300,000 runaways in the United States each year at risk of being picked up by a pimp and sold for sex, night after night. This is a serious issue, not just a crazy made-for-TV story to publish.

This story was published in a way that further exploits the victim and completely trivializes the trauma experienced by a survivor of sex trafficking. I hope you will take the opportunity to educate yourself more on this issue and find a more appropriate manner to educate your readers.

One way you can stand against sex trafficking is by voting Yes on Prop 35 this November. Proposition 35 will strengthen penalties against sex traffickers by increasing fines and prison terms for those convicted, as well as providing training to law enforcement so they can more effectively fight against this crime. For more information, please go to VoteYeson35.com and share with your readers.

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Make Your Point

Back on August 23, volume 41 number 34, there was an article written by Susan Luz-zaro (City Lights: “The iPad Proposition”). Well, there’s a lot of wrong information in that article. I’ve got the contract. I’m a parent. I have the contract between the students and the parents and the school. This article is very biased and, more importantly, it has misinformation and it does a discredit to the program, which is really a great program.

I was talking to one of my daughter’s teachers — I showed him the article. He

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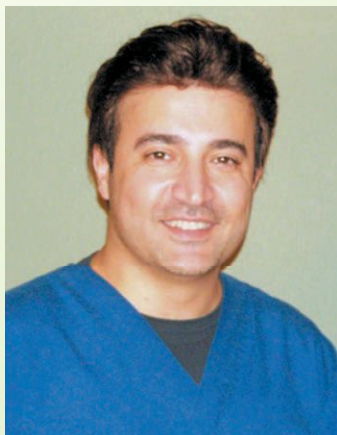
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Man Threatens to Jump onto I-8

On the afternoon of September 19, at about 4:15, a man who appeared to be in his 20s climbed onto a Caltrans signage platform above the I-8 on Lake Murray Boulevard.

Police performed a traffic break, stopping eastbound traffic. Westbound traffic stopped for a little while as well,



Eastbound rush-hour traffic was stopped while negotiators spoke to the distressed man.

whether due to a traffic break or rubberneckers is unknown.

Several police units arrived and stationed themselves above and below the man's perch, which was roughly 20 feet above the pavement. The man reportedly threatened to jump because he had been in a distressing argument.

Police eventually talked to the man and convinced him to come down. The man remained on the overpass for a little over half an hour. By 5:15, traffic

had resumed flowing at a snail's pace.

BY HARRY LIVINGSTON, SEPTEMBER 22

TIJUANA — IMPERIAL BEACH

Contamination readings at border fence

Sewage spill didn't reach Imperial Beach

Although the beach was closed as a precaution, the waters off Imperial Beach appear not to have been contaminated by the August 28 sewage spill from broken pipes in Playas de Tijuana. That's what San Diego County Land Use Program chief Mark McPherson says county tests showed.

"As far as the sewage spills go, there was never any contamination in Imperial Beach," said environmental health specialist Ewan Moffat. "There were some high readings at the border fence, but samples taken at Imperial Beach all came out clean."

Beaches were closed for several days after a major sewage-collection pipe broke in Las Playas de Tijuana. The International Boundary Wastewater Commission estimated that 1.6 million gallons a day leaked for the four days that it took to repair the pipes.

BY LUCY D. BARKER, SEPTEMBER 20

CHULA VISTA

His empty chair was the only clue

Sweetwater interim superintendent Ed Brand resigns

The Sweetwater Union High School District has been without a superintendent, or interim superintendent, for close to a month now. At the last board meeting, president Pearl Quiñones told the public to direct all district concerns to

Maria Castilleja, director of curriculum and instruction, who would be serving as "the duty officer." Nobody informed teachers or the community that former interim superintendent Ed Brand had resigned — his empty chair was the only clue.



Ed Brand resigned without informing the public.

Brand recently said to the U-T, "In the July board meeting I told the board that I had to officially resign as of August 31 and that I would be comfortable volunteering." (Brand had signed a new contract in June, extending his "interim superintendent" status to December.)

Brand explained the situation this way: "I needed to know if somebody didn't like a decision I made, I'd have the same protection I would have as a consultant or as a superintendent...." In the end, Brand didn't volunteer to continue serving as interim superintendent; he went home and has been waiting for a new contract.

Sweetwater Education Association's representative council voted "no confidence" in Brand on September 17. When asked about the vote, Alex Anguiano, president of the education association representative council, said, "We are looking for someone who has the qualities of honesty, transparency, and integrity. This superintendent [Brand] doesn't have those qualities."

Anguiano will join others who are

urging the board not to give Brand a contract in a press conference prior to Monday's board meeting.

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SPRING VALLEY

Dead lady on the lam

Suspect allegedly faked death to avoid jail

An East County woman who may have tried to fake her death was sentenced on September 14 to 18 months in federal prison for her role in smuggling undocumented immigrants through Jacumba Hot Springs.

Rebecca Alford, 41, who also uses the name Fatima Garcia, was in custody at Las Colinas Women's Detention Center until the sentencing, after being arrested for possession and transport of a controlled substance in July.

In June, sheriff's deputies were summoned to the Lamplighter Village Park in Spring Valley on a missing-persons report and found what looked like a murder scene in Alford's home.

About 20 volunteers and cadaver dogs, as well as the sheriff's department helicopter, searched the area for two days without finding any sign of Alford.

At the time, she was awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to one count of conspiring to smuggle humans.

According to the federal indictment, Alford rented a hotel room at Jacumba Hot Springs for four men who had just crossed the border illegally in August 2011. She picked them up after they crossed and drove them to the hotel, according to court records.

Sheriff's deputies found her on July

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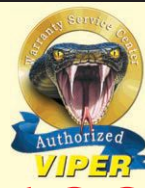
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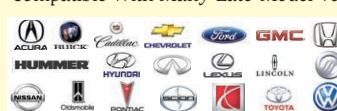
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The Mandelbrot Set

I grimaced at the tiny slip of paper in my hand. “I think this one’s written in German,” I groaned. “How am I supposed to give clues or act it out if I don’t even know what it is?” My teammates watched in frustration as I continued to stare at the slip of paper until Jordan called time. I tossed the slip back in the hat with the others. “Okay, someone tell me, what the hell is a Mandelbrot set?”

“You don’t know what a Mandelbrot set is? How do you not know that?” David gaped at his teammates — me and Terri, who’d seconded my call for a definition. “Fractals? Hello?”

“Your incredulity at our stupidity is not helping,” I snapped.

Kimberly was inching her way toward her purse as though making to leave — I did my best to break the tension. “Come on, this is supposed to be fun. Right?”

“Well, maybe I need to switch teams,” David bit back.

The silence stretched for nearly a full minute as I glared at my husband. When I realized our guests were getting uncomfortable — Kimberly was inching her way toward her purse as though making to leave — I did my best to break the tension. “Come on, this is supposed to be fun. Right? Remember the show? They were having fun up there.”

I was referencing the improv show we’d all been to the week before. We’d learned about the venue — National Comedy Theatre — from Terri, who’d signed up for one of their improv

classes. We’d all gone to one of the weekend shows, which feature comedians improvising scenes based on audience suggestions, very much like the TV show *Whose Line is it Anyway?* Because we’d had so much fun, and the theater is within walking distance from our place, David suggested we make a weekly thing of it. After catching the acts two weeks in a row, I thought it would be fun to invite a handful of people over to our place for game night.

“Remember what Drew Carey says at the beginning of *Whose Line is it Anyway?*” I asked. “He says, ‘Points don’t matter. Points are like the part of the Victoria’s Secret catalog where they sell the pants.’ So, how ’bout for the next round, we choose words that aren’t hard, but funny. I mean, think about the name of this game — ‘Poop Smoothie’ — does that sound like it’s in the same category as ‘Mandelbrot set’? No.”

“So, you want us to dumb it down,” David said,

seemingly speaking on behalf of the men in the room, who were the culprits behind all of the esoteric terms that had been thrown into the hat.

“You don’t have to be a dick about it,” I said. Again, the air grew thick with tension. “It’s not about smart or dumb; it’s about intention. It’s not fun to try to act out — what was Jordan’s last one? The ‘change of rate of velocity’? Whatever. Mathematical formulas are not funny. Terri’s ‘turd kebab,’ Katie’s ‘sandal fart,’ those are funny.”

“So, potty humor, then,” David countered.

“You’re just not getting it,” I said. “I bet if we were playing with only the girls in this room, we wouldn’t be having this problem. Not because we’re stupid, but because we ‘get it.’”

“Hey, I’m not the one who’s writing math formulas,” David said. “I came up with ‘pimp hat’ and ‘The Matrix’ — those are fun.”

“I warned you that Jordan was no good at this game,” Katie said. “One of the terms he threw in the hat last time we played was ‘orthogonal vector.’”

The traditional name of the game we’d gathered to play was based on a game called “Celebrity”; the homemade, altered versions are known as “The Bag Game” or “Poop Smoothie” (named after some anonymous player’s gross-but-hilarious made-up term). I’d never played the Password/Charades/memory game, but I’d heard Katie talk about how much fun it was, and

no one else wanted to play Cranium (my suggestion) or drunken Scrabble (David’s suggestion).

To play Poop Smoothie, everyone writes nouns on three slips of paper and tosses them in a hat. Each player has one minute per turn to get their team to guess what’s written on the slips of paper they draw from the hat. The first round is like Password — you can use any and all words not written on the slip to get your team to guess. The second round is Charades — you can only act out what is written. The final, third round limits players to one word — this is where memory comes into play, because all slips would have gone through the first two rounds by this point.

I’d written “glitter,” “The Last Unicorn,” and “Madonna,” things that might be amusing and awkward for people to act out, but they were words everyone would surely recognize. David was apoplectic when no one got his references for “Corinthian leather.” He hadn’t written that one, but he’d drawn it and was trying to get Terri and me to guess. His first clue was a name. “Who’s Ricardo Montalban?” I’d asked.

“Who’s Ricardo Montalban?” David echoed. “You don’t know who Ricardo Montalban is?” This time, Terri and I sighed as we waited for David’s shock to subside.

“Corinthian,” I said, after the word had been revealed. “Isn’t that from one of the *Ghostbusters* movies? That bad guy

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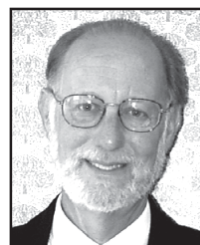
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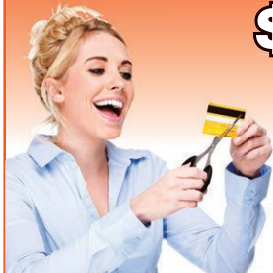


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Well, ladies and gentlemen, it's been a swell run here at the *Reader*. And, heaven knows, I've enjoyed occasionally poking fun at Papa Doug Manchester and John Lynch, two sterling businessmen who, as of noon today, will assume full ownership of *SD on the QT*, San Diego's Number One Source for Almost Factual News. Be sure to check back next week for my story on San Diego *Reader* reporter



Don Bauder's long history as a card-carrying communist who doesn't believe in private property, let alone the notion of building up a sizable personal fortune through real estate development! And, speaking of sizable personal fortunes, well, let's just say that old Walter Mencken isn't going to have any trouble paying for a night at one of Papa Doug's swank hotels anymore. See you in the funny pages!

Unity in Diversity?

Consortium of male Caucasian academics files grievance against UC Board of Regents after appointment of African-American woman to lucrative Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion post.

Plaintiffs demand special minority consideration as members of the patriarchy. "There just aren't that many of us in academia; and we face near-constant abuse and marginalization."

SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER, UCSD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING — "Here is the simple, black-and-white fact of the matter," said Peter Prick, founder of Neglected White Academics (NWA) as he prepared to pin a neatly printed protest notice on the campus-designated notice board. "Fully 90 percent of all Diversity and Inclusion vice-chancellorships in the American university system are held by African-American women. The appointment of Linda Greene to that post for the



Linda S. Greene

UC system represents the perpetuation of a structural injustice. It's not about her qualifications; we're happy to believe that a lawyer-turned-professor can also somehow morph into an effective administrator. It's about building diversity among diversity program heads. It's about equity — and it's right there in her title....

"But it's not all bad news," concluded Prick. "At \$250,000 a year, she's still being paid only 70 percent of the salary earned by male vice-chancellors in other departments."

9/11/12 Truthers Demand Independent Inquiry into 9/11 Memorial Vandalism in Pacific Beach

Citing "Conveniently Disappearing Witness" and Other Curious Factors, Skeptics Are Quick to Question Official Account

"Last time, the government found an easy scapegoat in Muslim extremists. This time, it's drunken vandals. Because who's going to believe a drunken vandal when he slurringly protests his innocence?"

FEVERISHLY SCOURING THE OFFICIAL RECORD, PACIFIC BEACH — To hear San Diego fire engineer Jeff Kaimer tell it, the silver tower forming part of the 9/11 memorial outside the Grand Avenue fire station was most likely toppled by several strong young men, possibly inebriated after a night on the town. But, counters 9/11/12 Truth founder Ken "Frequency" Kenneth, "According to Kaimer himself, the only actual witness to the event was a mysterious blonde he spotted standing by the vandalized memorial. This blonde somehow escaped by Kaimer and another firefighter when they sought to detain her. Nobody else saw the blonde, or anybody else, for that matter. And is it just a coincidence that the man who designed the memorial isn't



The toppled tower identifies the section of steel beam from the WTC.

even in the state today? Fishing in Alaska, my foot. He might as well have been in Florida, reading to schoolchildren.

"Look at the pattern of so-called 'dings,'" says Kenneth, pausing a local news segment covering the tragedy. "They're saying that the toppled tower struck the tower next to it

as it fell, but if that's true, why doesn't the second tower show any signs of damage? If anything, it should be more dinged, not less, because the falling tower provided the ding-force via its topple-momentum. Further, the automotive clear coat applied to each tower should have been more than strong enough to withstand a ding-strike of such small magnitude. Never mind the fact that the tower would have to have been spinning on its y axis like a top for that edge to strike the other tower the way they're saying it did."

When asked why authorities would stage such an elaborate and upsetting hoax, Kenneth took a swig from his beer and burped before leaning in and whispering, "PB booze ban."

Are You Ready for Some (Political) Football?

Citing Poor Ticket Sales, Mayoral Candidates Warn of Possible Television Blackout for Debates Despite massive PR push, San Diegans fail to sell out convention center's Hall H.

"It's Your Future" Ad Campaign Produces Public Shrugs: "It's not like they're telling us what's going to happen on the next episode of The Walking Dead."



KPBS official: "We know it's tough for the fans, the people who are rooting for either DeMaio or Filner. But we figure that if they really cared, they'd actually buy a ticket and show up for the damn thing. What do we have to do, bring in scantily-clad cheerleaders for each side and have them cavort about in between exchanges? Some days, I don't think even that would be enough."

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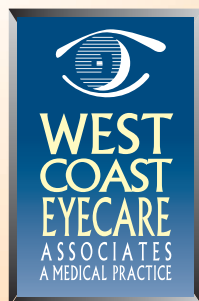
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Hey Matt:

I got my tickets yesterday to fly from Los Angeles to São Paulo, Brazil, at the end of the year. On my way to Brazil it will take 10 hours, 45 minutes on my Korean Air Boeing 777. On the way back it will take 13 hours and 20 minutes on the same plane. Both flights are non-stop. Is there a hill the plane has to climb coming back? Are the pilots turning on the "super turbo blaster" on the way there? What gives?

— Paulo Da Silva

I'm thinking back to eighth-grade meteorology class and how the teacher let us go outside to look at the sky and any visible airborne phenomena at the altitudes where planes fly. Though we couldn't behave ourselves in the fresh air and lost the privilege of going outside, I remember distinctly that there were no hills up in the sky, just lots of clouds. I might add that it's one of nature's greatest crimes that clouds are just cold, wet, dirty air, and not the fluffy sky-pillows that children's TV shows always showed. I also remember learning about the jet stream.

Jet streams are narrow bands of rapidly moving air that cut distinct swaths across the sky. Partly caused by the Earth's rotation, the jet streams affect airline travel dramatically because they can move along at upwards of 100 miles/hour and they're positioned at the altitude of commercial aviation. It's the jet stream, specifically the northern sub-tropical jet stream, that's messing with your flight times to and from Brazil. Being unsure of the present location of that air current (they can move around a little bit, depending on the time of year and other meteorological factors) I checked with JetBlue airlines. Sure enough, the subtropical jet stream has lately cut across L.A. before heading south toward Brazil. It blows in an easterly direction, so planes get a big tailwind for about half the journey to São Paulo and they either have to fly against it or take the long way back on the way to L.A. to avoid the high-altitude wind. Jet streams in the northern hemisphere flow west to east. In the southern hemisphere, the flow is reversed. Almost every flight that travels longitudinally has to deal with a jet stream in some manner, although it's fair to say that every flight against the wind has a corresponding flight with the wind at your back. Like so many things in life, you give and you get.

Heymatt:

What are eyeglass frames made of? I broke mine and every glue I have tried — even two-part epoxy and super glue — won't bond the pieces together. — Jerry

I count near-perfect vision among my virtues, so this problem is one that's never beset me in the past. Whenever cheap sunglasses (the only kind there are, if the ZZ Top song is right) break around the Alice Research Facility they're given summary disposal and swift replacement. But I'm not totally insensitive to the plight of glasses wearers and I've seen many a friend mourn the unplanned destruction of a favorite pair of spectacles. Lots of glasses are made of cellulose acetate, an industrial fiber that sets up as a low-strength plastic when combined with the right resin. It's used for purposes as diverse as playing cards and satin fabric, too. There's no reason you shouldn't be able to glue it, materially speaking. In theory, if you had the mold for your glasses frames you could melt them down and start from scratch. Great way to get a third-degree burn. It's not exactly aerospace-grade carbon fiber, which is set with epoxies that bond together at the molecular level. High-tech materials like that can't easily be repaired because the structures are a lot more complex than simple plastics, and the material's strength is built in during the curing process, which can't be replicated because the epoxy's change of state is irreversible.

Looking further afield for the answer to this one, I ended up talking to Bill at Hot Shots Eyewear Repair in Carlsbad, and he confirmed my suspicions that others suffer greatly in this regard. Over the past 18 years, they've fixed about 60 pairs of glasses a day, lots of them broken plastic frames that can't seem to be glued. The problem, Bill said, is in the surface area of the break. Glue is only as strong as the surfaces it bonds, and eyeglasses are of such slight dimensions that there just isn't enough material for good adherence. Take a couple 2x2 inch squares of the same material that your glasses are made out of and they'll glue together no problem; slender little frames are another thing entirely. Bill's solution is to implant metal rods into the material, which adds stability and a surface for the glue to grab. Metal frames don't glue up, but they can be welded or soldered. We can only imagine that Bill has a small army of elves at his disposal for such painstaking work. Perhaps he has a few graduates of the Alice Research Facility plying a new trade, industriously welding Prada eyewear with nimble fingers and the kind of know-how that comes from years of rifling through the labyrinthine Alice filing systems.

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Reminiscing over past events is often necessary to stir a spark within oneself to step up and succeed. Last month, I had a very turbulent first night in San Diego, but I am not surrounded by the type of people who will allow me to turn to any harsh forms of personal punishment. Happily, since the adventure of my car being towed, I have discovered the beautiful city and people of San Diego, and with them a completely new inspiration to step up my personal goals for life.

On June 3rd, I decided to drive back home to Las Vegas. I spent two nights there, telling my friends and family the story of my first night in San Diego, and taking the opportunity to spend a night out in the city for the last time. For me, things got interesting when my buddies and I stopped by one of the most high-profile strip clubs in the city, because when the strippers tried to make small talk with me they asked me where I was from. I didn't know if I should say I was from Las Vegas or from San Diego. I had a long talk with one of the girls that I knew at the club (yes, when you're from Vegas, you will have stripper friends), and we eventually came to the conclusion that going through such a harsh first night solidified my residency in San Diego.

My heart was breaking when I was saying my farewells to all my friends and family, but it wasn't until I arrived back in San Diego that I was filled with a new feeling of ambition. I felt like crying, not out of sadness, but out of the overwhelming feeling that I have the entire city of Las Vegas behind my back. Thinking of how my friends guided me with open arms and how my family supported me with a strong grip made me realize just how hard I need to work for their honor and my own well-being.

I didn't even take one second to rest, for as soon as I arrived in Clairemont, I spent

the majority of the day stopping by every single business around my house to apply for a job. I spent the majority of my second week in San Diego just walking around the gorgeous area of Clairemont, meeting wonderful people and applying for different jobs.

Detailing all the things I have seen in

downtown San Diego would need a completely separate post, but the one thing I will mention is how some kids here think they can get away with doing something stupid just by talking. If I watch you go up to a girl and smack her in the face, why would you try to tell me that

everything is fine? You just smacked a girl; you're obviously a worthless piece of crap who needs to spend a month or two in a Neil Strauss class in order to learn how to behave around the opposite gender.

Along with exploring the wonderful beaches, I spent a few days exploring the enormous Balboa Park. The fact that the city gives such history to its residents is breathtaking in itself. I took full advantage, taking notes from every single museum and botanical garden.

San Diego is a city where one can discover what his spirit is meant to accomplish. Through the gorgeous environment and geography, to the unprecedented amount of hard work that every resident has to do, San Diego is probably the most spectacular city in the world, and I'm proud and honored to call it my new home.

Every night is ended in the local Masjid (the Muslim temple, for the non-Muslims reading). For an hour, I spend time in silence, recollecting my soul to God and everything around me. During the last days of June, I realized that I am always saying, "Please help me," begging higher powers to give me what I want. I shortly realized that I need to always be thankful for this wonderful adventure I am on, and have now started saying "Thank you" to the higher powers. I have been given a gift to succeed further in this beautiful life.

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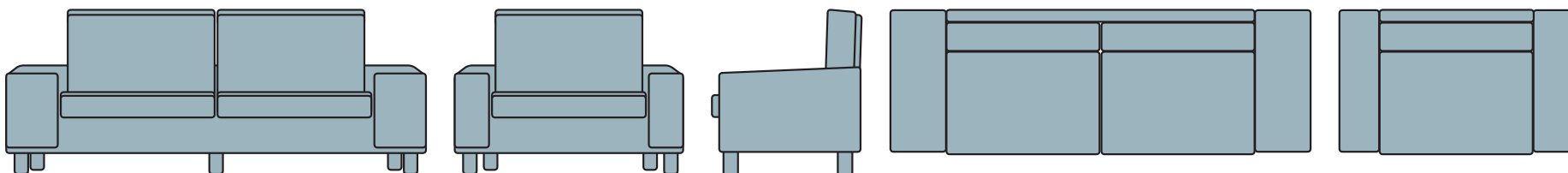


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Mounted Martial Arts



Katie Stearns: "The feeling, that first time, of nailing a bull's eye at the gallop, on horseback...amazing."

Katie Stearns, 26, is among the elite Mounted Martial Arts athletes in the U.S.A. Think horses, bows, arrows, and riding at a gallop while shooting large darts at a target. Mounted archery is a new sport, known best in Hungary and South Korea.

We talked by phone a couple times over the weekend. Stearns was living in Bend, Oregon, when she picked up a Kassai horse bow. She was 17. The bow came with a book by Kassai Lajos, *Horseback Archery*. Stearns says, "He's a man in Hungary who started horseback archery, made it a modern martial art.

"I took the book to the guy I bought my arrows from. I asked if he knew anybody who was doing horseback archery. There was a man [Holm Neumann] who lived 15 minutes north of me. He was pretty much the only person on this side of the Mississippi who was practicing.

"Holm hosted a clinic by Lukas Novotny, an internationally renowned bowyer [Novotny holds mounted-archery clinics in Europe, North and South America]. He got me going with the horseback-archery part.

"I love riding. At first, mounted archery was something else to do with the horse, but then, the feeling, that first time, of nailing a bull's eye at the gallop, on horseback...amazing.

"You get a lot of people who are fantastic archers, but the horse is their second thing. I wouldn't call myself a fantastic archer, but I can ride the hell out of a horse. I can go to any country and ride any horse."

In 2006, a year after taking up mounted archery, Stearns competed in the International Horseback Archery Competition in Sokcho, South Korea. "I won a bronze in Single Shot."

Two years later she won two golds in two different events. "You get that perfect moment. On the double-shot [competition], targets are placed somewhat awkwardly. On one you have to shoot slightly forward, on the other you're shooting slightly back. My horse was being obnoxious. He kept trying to rear. He reared up and smacked me in the face with my bow. I was pissed. And then they hit the gong and I just kicked him, just pushed him onto the course. Everything was total reaction — boom, boom, done. That first run was perfect; I got two bull's eyes.

"In 2006, '07, '08, and '09 I went to Korea and medaled every year. I helped set up a competition here in the U.S. in 2010. The next year I moved to Korea for five months to learn their other martial arts — sword, spear, and other weapons. This year, my father and I bought a ranch in Arlington, Washington.

"I was a tomboy, never got along with girls. Even today I have a lot more guy friends. Awhile back there were some things that happened in my life and I needed a place to go and these two women said that I could come down to [Southern Oregon] and live with them.

"I ended up hosting a weekend clinic with nine women. I remember looking at my list of people — usually it's at least 50-50 men and women, sometimes more men, and I thought, *Oh, my god, what am I going to do with all these women? It's going to be catfight central.* But, it wasn't. It was incredible. They were housewives. At the end of the clinic many women shook me and said, 'You need to do this.' Many of them felt inspired. I never realized how much of an impact mounted archery had on my life."

I like the niche-sport aspect. If you're good you probably have met everyone else in the world who is good. And there's the undeniable beauty of seeing an expert ride and shoot at full gallop. Since there's little money to be had, the sport attracts people who care. And then there is Katie Stearns, a University of Oregon graduate in anthropology who found her way into mounted archery, and because of it, has traveled to Korea, Jordan, Brazil, Mongolia, and on to Turkey next month.

But what I like most is her ten-year plan, particularly running clinics on her ranch. Follows is an extract: "I would have one weekend set aside for cancer survivors, the next for at-risk youth. I am hoping to find grants or donations for women-empowerment weekends. Women can come and work together on getting their strength back, mentally and physically. Horseback riding and martial arts are empowering. They empower women to be confident, strong, and independent. Working with horses teaches you leadership, without force. Martial arts improve your physical health, as well as mental focus."

What a great idea.

Katie's stats: mountedarchery.net/; katie@mountedarchery.net; 360-435-1025.

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Point Loma senior running back Jamal Agnew hauls in a pass in front of Morse junior defensive back Justin Hutson.



Poway senior receivers Conor Flanagan (left) and Chris French (right) talk things over with Titans head coach Damian Gonzalez (near).

Game of the Week: No. 1 Oceanside at No. 3 Poway

Poway — It wasn't always pretty for top-ranked Oceanside on Friday night, but the Pirates did enough to defeat Poway. Oceanside built an early lead and leaned on its defense in the second half to hold off the third-ranked Titans for a 23-13 road victory.

Oceanside (3-1) took the opening kickoff and marched down the field for a touchdown on an audibled screen pass from senior quarterback Tofi Paopao to junior receiver Mikah Holder that went for a 31-yard score.

"We had another screen called and I saw the middle linebacker was going to blitz," Paopao said. "I decided that play wasn't going to work, and I just changed it at the line."

Early in the second quarter, Oceanside extended its lead to 10 with a 41-yard field goal by senior Fernando Elizarraraz.

Poway (2-2) turned the ball over on three straight drives in the second quarter, and Oceanside turned each of the giveaways into points. The Pirates led 23-0 headed into halftime.

The Titans climbed back into the game in the second half. The defense shut out Oceanside in the second, and the offense scored two touchdowns on runs by Lance Mudd and Nehemiah Gross. But 23-13 was as close as they would get.

Point Loma protects its home turf against Morse

Point Loma — A new playing surface covers the field at Bennie Edens Stadium this season, and Point Loma is determined to protect its new home turf. The Pointers raced past visiting Morse 38-6 on Friday afternoon to remain undefeated at home and snap a two-game losing streak.

"We're undefeated on this field so far, and it was really important for us to get the win and get the train back on the track," said Point Loma senior tight end/defensive end Jake Wambaugh.

With the victory, Point Loma evened its record at 2-2 and bounced back from con-

secutive losses. Wambaugh said he expects the Pointers to continue success behind a simplified approach.

"We have a great coaching staff that believes in us, and if we stick to the fundamentals, our system and our team will win games — I think we're going to do that the rest of the season," Wambaugh said.

1. Oceanside (3-1) — held on against Poway to win Game of the Week
2. La Costa Canyon (3-1) — hits the road to face San Pasqual after shutout
3. Mission Hills (3-1) — travels to Oceanside for North County showdown
4. Cathedral Catholic (2-2) — didn't have enough to beat Vista Murrieta
5. Helix (3-1) — Highlanders have week off after beating Mount Miguel
6. Eastlake (3-1) — Titans averaging 51 points per game during three-game winning streak
7. Poway (2-2) — offensive struggles proved costly in both losses
8. Otay Ranch (4-0) — jumps into rankings after knocking off St. Augustine
9. St. Augustine (3-1) — Saints lost game, starting RB against Otay Ranch
10. Valley Center (3-1) — hosts Poway this week after losing to Mission Hills



Members of Point Loma High's Navy Junior ROTC program present the American flag for the national anthem prior to the Morse-Point Loma game.

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It started at Disneyland, of all places. The park brought in a DJ to perform in sync with a light show built around *Tron: Legacy*. My teenage son saw stars. He already makes music on his computer, but what he really wants to do is DJ.

Laura Bolokoski, aka DJ Pnutz, makes sample-based electronic music, with an emphasis on mixing. She is also owner and instructor at San Diego Turntable Institution (866-244-8411, [facebook.com/SanDiegoTurntable-Institution](#)).

"We start students on vinyl-record turntables," she says, "though some people use CDJs — they use digital CDs, as opposed to vinyl. The turntables are combined with a DJ mixer and a cross-fader. The cross-fader is the switch that allows you to choose which turntable is live," while the mixer allows you to control the sound.

"Basic students start out with music theory — counting the music, learning musical structure," explains Bolokoski. "Then we cover basic beat-matching mixing — working on the transitions between songs. It's really important for a DJ to make sure that all of the songs are going at the same tempo, so that people on the floor aren't having to dance fast, then slow, then fast again." After that, "we'll work on some scratching, which involves manipulating the record and the cross-fader to produce different sorts of sounds."

All classes at SDTI are one-hour private lessons, "so the curriculum is really personalized. I have one student who is eight years old, and my oldest is 56. A lot of people want to learn as a hobby," but some are trying to get into the nightclubs. (She notes that beginners will be lucky to get gas money for an opening set, while experienced DJs who enjoy a following and have connections to promoters "can earn \$50 to \$100 an hour, depending on the club and the type of music.") Practice time is included in the price, which varies depending on how many classes you buy. "If you sign up for eight or more, it comes out to \$59 a class. And we offer a payment plan."

Antonio at San Diego Mixmasters (619-527-2429, [globalbpm.com](#)) also starts students on vinyl turntables. "We give our students a free intro lesson to see if it's what they want

"My job is to bring the energy in the room up as much as possible."

to do. We throw them in the ocean and let them swim." If they stay, "we take the student back to where it originated — turntable and vinyl. I've been teaching for 14 years, and I'm old school. You learn with your ears, not your eyes" — meaning, the sound matters more than the digital readout on a screen.

"Now, a DJ can download his music onto a computer, and the turntables become his remotes. But when you watch the DJ, he's just staring at the screen. There's a lack of intimacy. I know we have to embrace the new technology, but we like to introduce it later, as a tool you can use, not as something you need." That said, Antonio notes that he offers "top-of-the-line equipment for all styles of DJing." A three-month course of 15 one-hour lessons costs \$480, practice time included.

Scott Saunders at DJ4 Life Academy ([djscottsaunders.com](#), [dj4life.org](#)) works with digital CDJs. "My style is high-energy electronic dance music; my job is to bring the energy in the room up as much as possible. But, before I start, I'll ask students what their goals are. I can help with every aspect of DJing," from beat-matching all

the way up to demo production and original music production. ("DJs at my level don't just play other people's music," he says, "they also create their own.") He offers three levels of instruction (\$399 for three 90-minute classes over three weeks). Each level consists of three classes. Level

one covers the equipment, plus basics of scratching, beat-matching, and blending. Level two involves putting together a one-hour set and adding effects to the music. "By the end of the third level, you should be able to perform with confidence in front of other people." Outside of DJ training, "I'll show them where to get the sort of music they like. They all ask how to get gigs, and I tell them they have to be good communicators, able to reach out to club owners and promoters."

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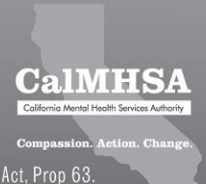
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A few yards of lace

San Diego has yet to churn out a world-renowned clothing designer. Our locals enjoy the freedom to wear flip-flops, sundresses, cut-off shorts, and Ugg boots, but high fashion? Not so much. We're not New York, Milan, or Paris, but we do have Sea World, beautiful beaches, and Broadway-caliber theater. We have no Parsons School of Design or Pratt Institute, but there is almost perfect weather, and one of the most easily accessed airports in the country.

And so, with high hopes, the fledgling couture community of San Diego has decided to tackle our city's

casually dressed stereotype with an official Fashion Week. Starting October 1, and featuring fashion and beauty seminars by local insiders, the event ends with a runway show on October 7. In between, designers will present their spring/summer 2013 collections.

Many of San Diego's breakout designers are young — but not all. Most need job-jobs to help pay their bills. They toil over sewing machines in workspaces from La Mesa to Hillcrest to Oceanside. A culturally diverse group with varying levels of training, they share a commitment to making Fashion Week San Diego a success.

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When Kenneth Barlis, who designed this red gown, changed his focus from medicine to clothing design, "My entire family freaked out," he says, "especially my mom."





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Kenneth Barlis

Give the baby-faced Barlis a few yards of lace, pearls, leather, a big bow, a swatch of boldly colored fabric and some gold lamé, and he'll create a dress to rival any other. Barlis's gowns are almost sculptural, and they're not designed for wallflowers. They're receiving a lot of attention for a brave mix of unexpected textiles and over-the-top styling.

Barlis was born in Pagadian City in the Philippines. The family moved to San Diego in 2005, when Barlis was 16. Valedictorian of Good Shepherd High School, Barlis, in 2009, received an associate's degree in biology with a nursing minor.

He had a transfer in hand for the University of California at San Diego, to finish his nursing degree, when he changed focus from medicine to clothing design.

"My entire family freaked out, especially my mom. It's a typical Asian story. Your family wants you to be a doctor or a lawyer, and if you're not, they believe they've failed. They don't easily accept an unorthodox career."

To make matters worse, Barlis had never sewn a thing. His family thought he was throwing away all his opportunities on a flight of fancy.

Barlis's mother and father own an adult-residential facility in

San Diego. They never doubted that their bright son would follow in the family footsteps.

"Unknown to [my mom], I had already applied to the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandise and been accepted. I knew I was going to attend. I took her to see the school. In the end, she was kind of forced into accepting it. Today, my parents are completely supportive — emotionally and financially."

Barlis won the "Scholar" student in the Project Ethos fashion show in 2011. Now 23, his over-the-top gowns have been featured in *Vogue Italia* online. Thanks to a connected stylist friend in Los Angeles, Barlis has dressed a couple of current Hollywood celebrities — Booboo Stewart of the *Twilight* saga and Kendra Wilkinson, former star of the TV shows *The Girls Next Door* and *Kendra on Top*.

"In the fall, I'm taking my collection to Barbados for a fashion show. I'm showing off the newest collection at Fashion Week San Diego. I know I'm on my way to great things."

Sameerah Yasmeen Corporal


Corporal is a doe-eyed, brown-skinned beauty with a warm and infectious smile. Her designs are flattering to women of all shapes and sizes. The funky patterned shift dresses, 1960s style, are comfy but sexy, simple, but with an edge.

Corporal is a self-taught designer. A San Diego girl born and bred, she started her SYC Collection with


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shoes and accessories.

It's the shoes that put Corporal on the indie-design-community map. Her crystal pumps could be worn by a sexy and bold Dorothy from *The Wizard of Oz* — there's a whole lotta bling.

Local stylist Dean Hall saw the shoes and put them onto the feet of Royce Reed. Reed is the ex-girlfriend of NBA player Dwight Howard and the mother of his two children. She wore Corporal's bedazzled shoes on the *Basketball Wives Miami* reunion show.

Corporal graduated from Point Loma High in 2001 and attended San Diego State University for one year. To earn money, she received a cosmetology license from San Diego City College in 2004. She was awarded an associate's degree in art in 2008 from National University. For the past five years, she's worked at the university in the International Department — she is a foreign-credentials analyst.

Quick to smile, and difficult to pigeon-hole, Corporal says she wishes African-American designers like herself had more visibility.

"If I were better known, I would mentor other African-American designers. I'm not a



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Andre Soriano's idea is "is to have an army of fashion designers all working on their designs and [creating] an exclusive San Diego line."

hoarder of information. I love to share."

Lately, she's been following the work of New Jersey leather-accessory designer Meca McKinney and her *Jysea* line. "I think there are more of us out here, other than just Tracy Reese, who is already super famous.

But [others are] under the radar."

Fashion Week San Diego will be a launch pad for Corporal's women's-wear line. She describes her designs as simple. Her aesthetic is "Americana," à la Ralph Lauren, a clean look that gives accesso-

ries (such as her shoes) room to shine.

She hopes people will see the clothing as feminine and wearable, something women might find in a store like Macy's.

Corporal says she's thinking of moving to Texas. "Maybe San



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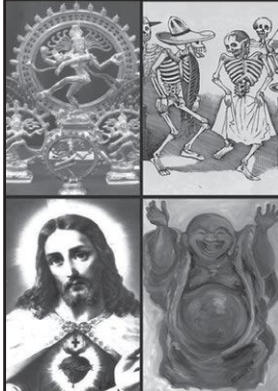
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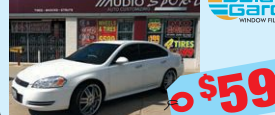
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Antonio. San Diego is a challenge for me, financially. I'd like to find a less-expensive place to start a new business and to live. Also, I'd like to be where customers are less concerned with name brands and more open to wearing indie designers."

Amy Thai

Thai might appear ghostly in a photograph, with her long dark hair, jet black eyes, and a full Angelina Jolie-like mouth.

A Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandise grad, she is also a licensed barber and the oldest daughter in her Vietnamese family. Her father died of liver cancer when she was 12. The trauma left Thai with a certain darkness, a Tim Burton-like Halloween-freak aesthetic — it's the reason she loves creating costumes, her emotional outlet.

"They said he had two years to live, and he ended up dying in

six months. It forced me to grow up quickly. I had to take care of my younger sisters. One was two years old at the time, the other was six. I started studying different religions and how they deal with death. I was fascinated with the afterlife. I've always been a spiritual person. Creating costumes is my way of stepping into the world of death and dealing with it creatively."

In 2008, Thai moved to Chicago to avoid mar-

rying her first boyfriend. She wasn't happy in San Diego.

"It's not easy to break with the cultural tradition of being the oldest, and therefore the one who's supposed to take care of everyone else. I also felt like San Diego was a materialist bubble. I needed to get away from the party lifestyle and my family responsibilities to find myself. Chicago kept me focused. It was a different world. The Midwest mentality felt more real to me. Chicago pushed the reset button and really helped me to appreciate San Diego and the culture here."

She moved back to San Diego this year. She doesn't plan on leaving again.

Thai says that although designing cos-

tumes gives her tremendous creative freedom, her challenge for Fashion Week San Diego is to make the transition to clothing people can wear every day.

good to keep it small. I'm a perfectionist."

Thai pays the bills with her custom costumes and themed party clothing. Customers find

"It's not easy to break with the cultural tradition of being the oldest."

She is calling her spring/summer 2013 collection Fractured Kaleidoscope.

"It's mostly fabrics in black and white, using geometric shapes to create a three-dimensional and patchwork look. I'm really into quilting right now. I'll present ten pieces. I think it's

her through word-of-mouth, but the lion's share of production work takes place around Halloween. As soon as Fashion Week San Diego ends, Thai will be back at the sewing machine, creating costumes that outfit the children of the night.




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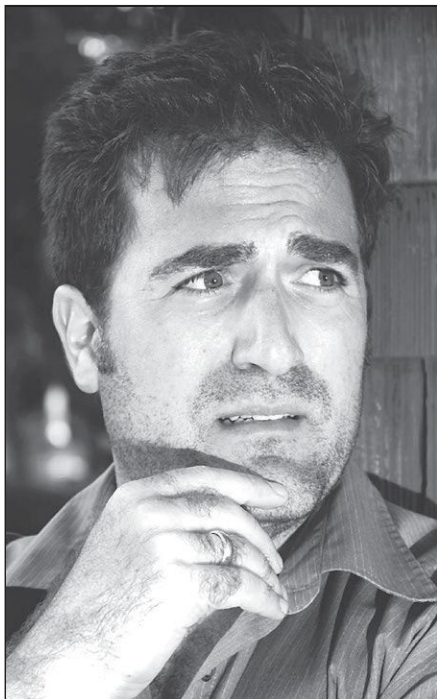


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Erin Fader wages a personal war against traditional jewelry. "There's already enough unwanted and unused jewelry out there. Why create more?"

Erin Fader
Bubbly brunette jewelry designer Fader is from Cincinnati, Ohio.

She came to San Diego in 2006 to attend the Gemological Institute of America in Carlsbad. She graduated in 2008 with degrees in gemology and applied jewelry arts. Erin understands the negative impact mining has on the environment and has decided to take "useless" products and transform them into something of value. She describes her Trashy Chic jewelry line as "up-cycled."

Working out of her living room in Encinitas, Fader creates

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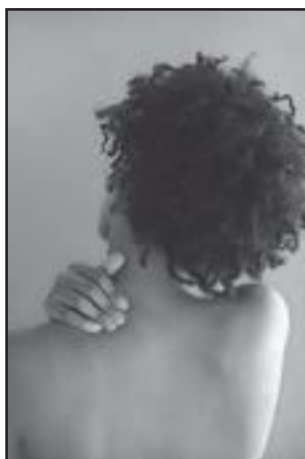
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Her favorite vintage periods are Deco and Disco. Fader reworks older pieces to create something new — it's a personal war against traditional jewelry.

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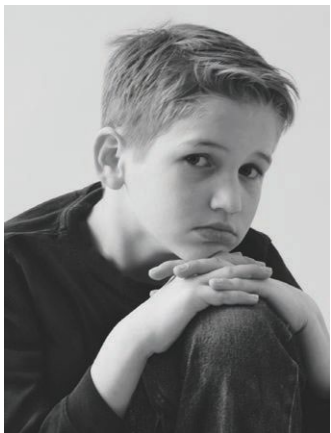


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Camille Wood

Hat designer Wood regularly changes her look with dramatic shifts in hair length, color, and style. Wood loves neon lipstick shades, which she pairs with matching neon lamé tops. She is the kind of woman who once would have danced the night away at New York's Studio 54.

A Jane of all trades, in 1971 Wood was

"Suzy Snicklefritz, the dumb blonde," on a live morning chat show at KTUF in Phoenix, Arizona. She worked for Ronald Reagan his final year in office. She drove the press around San Diego during president George W. Bush's 2007 visit. She has painted portraits and owned galleries and managed a 400-acre ranch in Escondido. But, she says, "I always wanted to be a dancer."

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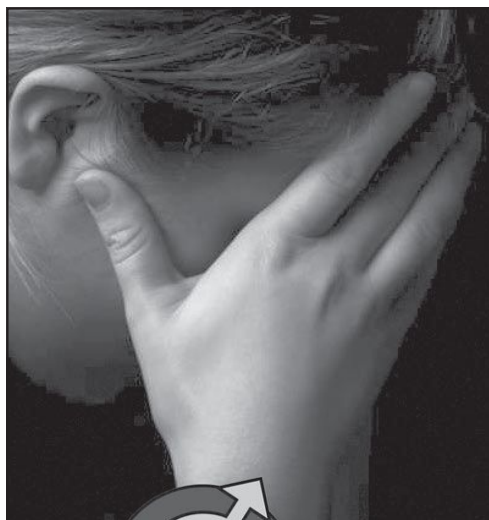
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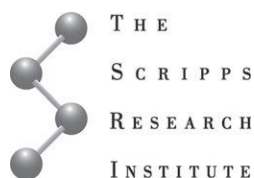
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fascinator, fedoras, and evening *chapeaux*.

Wood calls her line Dazzlme. The first public showing of her collection was Los Angeles Fashion Week, for which she designed hats and clothing inspired by Japanese "Harajuku" style. All her hats have names: "Diamonds and Pearls," "Affair to Remember," "Gatsby," and "Hepburn."

Wood's newest enthusiasm is her ready-to-wear clothing line for women over 40. She'll be launching it at Fashion Week San Diego.

"I see a need for those women. I like unusual things. I'm adventurous, and I'd like to design clothing that is both fun and also hides those parts that most women over 40 don't want to show to the world. For example, my tops will have a high neckline to hide 'saggy neck syndrome.' Or sleeves that cover but still have an opening to show a little skin."

Wood is also working on a metallic-fabric swimwear line for the older set. Again, she will offer high and bedazzled necklines to distract and disguise.

Wood recently launched "Dazzlme for a Cure." For every hat sold, she'll give away a military-style hat with a crystal cancer pin (designed by Wood) to a cancer organization; these organizations will in turn pass the hats on to patients.

Alana Crain and Sharie Ellis

Crain and Ellis are best friends and business partners. They met as students at Fashion Institutes of Design and Merchandise in San Diego. Both graduated

in 2004. In 2011, the two launched their Love is a Devil jewelry line.

"It's a lower-priced line with unique pieces," Crain says. "We got the name from a Shakespeare sonnet. As soon as we saw it, we knew it was the one."

Crain is a no-nonsense woman. Her husband is a Marine, and they have two children. Military families have to budget within a fixed income, so Crain

fizzles out. We want to be progressive."

Evelyn Aguilar

Aguilar, a small woman who moves like a hummingbird, looks younger than her 23 years. Her family is from Spain and Mexico, and she mixes European poise with a Latina's fervent hand gestures and direct eye contact.

Aguilar's designs are Forever 21 meets Ibiza, Spain. Mini-dresses and

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focuses on keeping the jewelry affordable. She believes she has a leg up, having lived around military wives. She's in touch with the *every-woman* and wants to offer those customers one-of-a-kind pieces without breaking the bank. "[These women] shop for jewelry on base. And it's not that interesting-looking."

Ellis's style is edgier. She's the saleswoman on the team. She works in Los Angeles at the showroom, designing the seasonal collection.

"We sell mostly through our website, and at one local boutique in La Jolla called Shabby Chic. But we're ready to step up our prices for Fashion Week San Diego. We're calling this next collection 'Vegas Showgirl.' It's inspired by the 1950s, but we want to make sure we stay timeless. Trendy

skirts in bright colors, tastefully seductive tops, jackets detailed with girly flowers and ruffles.

She owns one of the few boutiques in her hometown of Tecate, Mexico. Known for the famous beer and a tasty brick-oven-baked bread, Tecate isn't thought of as a home for trendy boutiques. Six months ago, when NOia Noia (the name of both Aguilar's store and clothing line) opened, local fashionistas were thrilled.

Aguilar completed her undergrad work at Fashion Careers College in Tijuana. Two years ago, she received a master's degree in design from the Instituto di Moda Burgo in Milan, Italy.

Tecate is a small town, she says, one where running a boutique provides an opportunity to design, sell, and manufacture her own designs — unlike in a big city.

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Sharlene Borromeo

Borromeo is a plus-sized woman in a size 8 world. She has long, thick hair and is fearless about wearing bold patterns and bright colors.

"Just because you're not small doesn't mean you have to hide yourself."

Borromeo calls her line Shades of Love. It features a variety of casual styles in knits and polyester blends, separates in silk, and floor-length gowns. The color story is black, white, and gray, with a pop of yellow. She says the color yellow represents "love," the ability to see beyond the color lines of black and white, to include shades of gray.

"I'm hoping my A'doreus line is more 'function before form.' [I'm working] in a not-so-niche market of



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"Even though 40 percent of American women are a size 14, cute clothes in that size are impossible to find," Sharlene Borromeo says.

larger-sized women who want sexy and great-fitting outfits. In the beginning, I wasn't interested in being a clothing designer. I went to Fashion Careers College and

got a fashion business and technology degree in 2007. I saw a problem in the apparel market and thought I could solve it. As soon as I finished my degree, I went right back into school and two years later got the fashion design degree."

Borromeo has worked off and on for the past eight years as a barista and assistant manager at Starbucks. Since 2007, she's also worked as an assistant freelance painter with the well-known designer Zandra Rhodes. The two jobs, plus the sales of her custom designs, enable Borromeo to stay afloat.

Her passion goes beyond presenting a

clothing line at Fashion Week San Diego and hoping to get it into stores. She wants to use her clothing to change women's attitudes about themselves.

"Even though 40 percent of American women are a size 14, cute clothes in that size are impossible to find.... I think of myself as a lifestyle coach. It's about self-esteem and giving plus-sized women a place they can shop other than Ross or Lane Bryant."

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Andre Soriano and Stacie May

Soriano is a small, soft-spoken man with a chis-

attitude, and his designs exude a retro-Hollywood feel. The glamorous and feminine gowns seem to have been made for a time when women wore form-fitting satins with a fur stole and feather accents.

Born in Manila, Philippines, in 1986,

He was in the fashion club in high school and attended Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandise in San Francisco.

After graduating, he opened a small boutique in San Francisco called Andre Soriano. He closed the store when he relocated to San Diego in 2006 and now lives in La Mesa with his partner, selling his couture gowns both online and in the East Village boutique Dianne O.

Soriano swears by collaboration: he does all the design work himself but believes that designers should work together to make a greater collective impact on San Diego. He and designer Stacie May both occupy a space on Fifth Avenue in the Gaslamp called Industry

All her hats have names: "Diamonds and Pearls," "Affair to Remember," "Gatsby," and "Hepburn."

eled chin, sculpted eyebrows, almond-shaped eyes, and a fashion-forward hairstyle that still keeps it classic.

Soriano has a generous

Soriano's family moved to San Francisco when he was 15 to escape civil war. As a teenager, he already knew he wanted to be a clothing designer.

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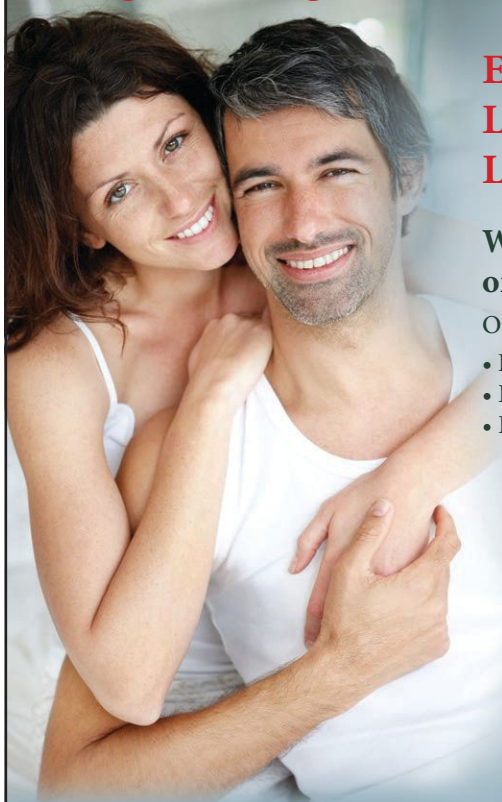
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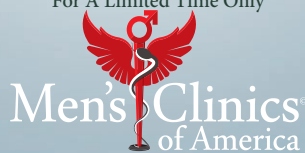
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Stacie May recently dyed her hair platinum-blond and cut it in a "Mia Farrow from *Rosemary's Baby*" style. She says that her Fashion Week San Diego collection is inspired by the city she loves — San Diego.

"Instead of looking outside of my world, I decided to wander the streets, taking pictures, and really looking at where I live. I found a rich culture, beautiful architecture, and great geometric shapes. I even designed a dress inspired by our convention center."

After completing her design degree at the Savannah College of Art and Design in 1995, May

moved to San Diego. She's hoping Fashion Week San Diego will show designers that they don't have to leave the city to find success.

Syncretica Maestras and Aida Soria

San Diego natives Maestras and Soria met 15

State University, she's worked for eight years as the morning-segment booker for KUSI TV — Soria is a self-proclaimed social butterfly.

Maestras is a petite, oval-faced Frida Kahlo-like beauty. At San Diego High, she once made a dress out of AstroTurf.

"If you think about Logan Heights and the Chicano bridge [murals] mixed with the sophistication of Coronado, you've got the idea."

years ago while working at the San Diego Zoo gift shop. They will launch their swimwear line Dos Caras at Fashion Week San Diego.

Soria is a voluptuous Latina. She often sports blond hair, high-waisted fitted skirts, girly tops, and platform pumps. A communications grad from San Diego

She attended San Diego State University and eventually transferred and graduated from the Parsons School of Design.

The two women describe their Champagne Ladies swimwear line as vintage-inspired with a funky, modern twist. Suits are non-traditional, with more

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coverage than the usual teeny-tiny Brazilian or California styles. They're made in heavier-weight fabrics. Dos Caras doesn't shy away from using off-beat details such as fringe, sequins, and beads.

"If you think about Logan Heights and the Chicano bridge [murals] mixed with the sophistication of Coronado, you've got the idea," Maestras says. "Like San Diego, our designs are a great mix of cultures."

Jessica Faulkner
Faulkner wears her auburn hair in bangs. She's often seen in oversized sunglasses and loves shirts that allow a shoulder (or two) full exposure.

When she was nine years old, her family's rented house in Campo exploded and caught fire; the accident was a result of a propane leak and an improper remodel. Her seven-year-old sister died. Faulkner had second-degree burns over 33 percent of her body. She can't remember the number of surgeries she's had. The case was settled in 1992, and the family was awarded an undisclosed amount.

"I don't like to focus on the accident. I'm a happy and upbeat person. But I still have scars and medical issues. I've always loved fashion, and, originally, I wanted to design clothing because I was looking for things to cover myself up with — something pretty."

Her parents didn't encourage Faulkner to enter the fashion industry. They thought it would be too judgmental about her looks. They insisted that she pursue a business degree. Faulkner

attended San Diego State University and graduated with an international business degree in 1999. Seven years later, Faulkner decided to be honest with herself about what she wanted to do with her life.

"I'd had the friendly reminder that life is short. So, at 26, I decided to pursue fashion as a career. I left San Diego and enrolled in the Academy of Arts University in San Francisco. It took time,

I had to work, but I graduated in 2011 with a BA in fine art and fashion design." Working out of her studio apartment in Los Angeles — she also keeps a place in Mission Bay — Faulkner will preview her

first clothing line at Fashion Week San Diego. Despite the initial desire to create clothes to cover up, her designs are form-fitting, somewhat revealing, and very sexy. "The stereotype that San Diego style is only

laid-back isn't all true. There are some women who want higher levels of fashion. The internet has globalized fashion in San Diego and everywhere. I hope I can fill a small part of the void." ■
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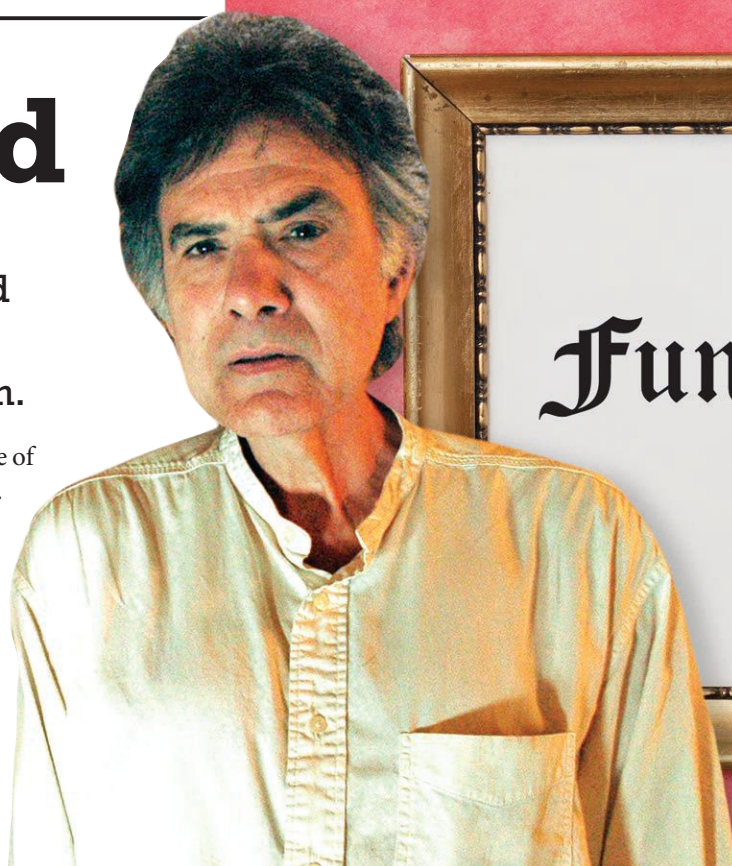
It may also be considered a haven, the residence of saints, alcoholic angels, and the incipient saved. God's Extended Hand is on the southeast corner at Island. My home, and that of my grown son, is on the southwest corner at Market, an apartment in a high-rise, luxury building not unlike those only blocks away that house yuppies and golden retrievers. Those places rent for \$2500 per month. And the price of a condominium? Who knows. Near a half-million, I would think. Meanwhile, I am charged a more-than-reasonable rate for a large and clean, well-lighted place with a view. Rent, shared with my son, is well under \$1000, most of it paid with a voucher from the San Diego Housing Commission.

From this perch, my son and I read, discuss bizarre (some would say) philosophies, and

cook with a bit more skill each passing day. He plays video games (*World of Warcraft*, and *StarCraft*, I believe they are called). I work on the kind of nonfiction

novel that Truman Capote and Norman Mailer launched into mainstream literature. My story is largely autobiographical, and at times makes me nauseous,

as there is so much I wish to forget, but some of it might be considered dramatic to the vicarious, or funny to the cynical. I spend much time on YouTube, search-



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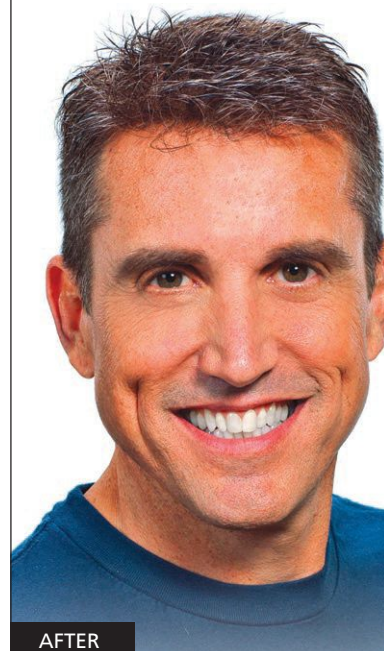


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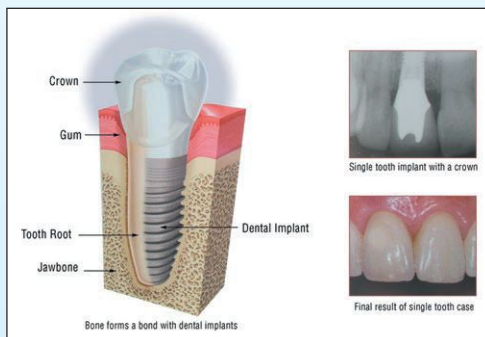
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ing out decades-old rock 'n' roll songs and accompanying black-and-white videos, or free, old movies. When it comes to these activities, I am hardly different than a cocaine addict.

We live in this fine place at such a beneficent rate because we are both disabled. We receive a paltry sum in Social Security income, but as it turns out, it's enough: we need little in the way of *stuff*.

Our disabilities? My son, though given to flights of genius, is half mad. He is diabetic, as well, but that doesn't count for much, despite the potential for horrific debilitation. Me? Also half mad, but diagnosed only with what they used to call manic depression. Further diagnoses await, but I am unanxious to invite them. I also have more medical problems than are presented in a dozen episodes of *House*.

At the moment, Geoffrey, the aforementioned son, is sleeping. He has the master bedroom, as he is a large lad with sprawling habits regarding his clothes. He also has a large collection of toys, still in unopened packages, and on which in years to come he may retire — not that he has a job. He owns a large desktop Mac. I am in the smaller room, which is all I need: single bed, desk, a good chair, a laptop (also Mac). Two guitars lean against a wall: a Fender acoustic and a Gretsch on loan to me for an unconscionably long time by one Gerry Limpic, who if not an actual saint among men, is one of a handful of genuinely *good* men I have met. I play the guitars for several hours each day. It is what I did for 47 years, all over the world. Of course, I stopped for several years because of bad health, and I reckon that a mistake.

We have a capacious balcony on which my son spends more time than I do. Looking over the garish red 76 gas station in the foreground, one can see uphill to a battalion of palm trees and a church spire over which the sun rises each day.

Geoffrey's come up with a few nonexistent (thus far) words that I find interesting. One is "psychigence."

Below, on the street, are the disenfranchised and desperate, though some have come to an agreement of sorts with a world minus much hope beyond sack lunches from God's Extended Hand and an occasional breakfast. Some are schizophrenic (an educated but unofficial evaluation). Many are addicted

to ethanol or crack. Heroin is out of reach even for those on Social Security income, even if they are willing to endure the several-days-each-month withdrawal.

Both my son and I have witnessed violence among the street people, the beat-

ing of women, one being dragged by her hair for yards along the concrete. No one intervened. Not I, not Geoffrey, not the police (please!), but more tellingly neither by their immediate sidewalk neighbors. Shouting, curses, and threats increase as the sun goes down. A fistfight is not unusual, incorporating inept cinematic karate moves. We have observed them, Geoffrey and I, feeling like patrons at a sorry boxing match, or ancient Roman plebeians who've come to the arena for bread, and to watch comic/sad and mismatched amateurs go at each other armed primarily with unfocused rage.

The notion of camaraderie or fellowship (a word that sadly turns me cold) among those in the same lifeboat (as one prone to cliché might put it) is not particularly evident here. As politically incorrect an observation as this may be, it is an observation. I am certain I should speak of the nobility and dignity of the poor, the mutual support that can be found among its ranks (financially, I belong to this group, though I more often feel rich — just not in money), and I am equally certain such humanity *can* be located among those I speak of. I have witnessed it, simply not often enough.

Then, too, Geoffrey and I

have seen those who cruise slowly along 16th Street in late-model cars, pausing to dispense fast-food french fries, donuts, or homemade sandwiches, and in one case, I swear I am not lying, a dozen or more shrink-wrapped packets of sushi, California rolls. There was not enough, as several recipients grabbed stacks of the stuff, either for themselves or to sell to those next to them along the wall of the storage facility where they reside.

Those driving slowly by in everything from Toyotas to Lexus (Lexi?), Audis, and whatnot, are what David "The Waterman" Ross — much publicized these days and one of the truly good men alluded to above — calls "making periodic pilgrimages to the pathetic." I do not wish to discourage these people. I hope they feel good, righteous, and saved. Yet I cannot help but recollect one of the better suggestions regarding what those without homes truly need. It came from George Carlin, a clown, yes, but a brilliant one. He suggested developing golf courses into low-income or subsidized-housing sites. A joke, and in any case, it would never happen.

Meanwhile, Geoffrey and I discuss putting art work to the walls (I think we have to get building maintenance to mount the stuff or suffer consequences). So far, we have limited ideas. I am all for decorating with old pulp-magazine cover prints in thrift-shop frames. Movie posters would also be fine. Original art by friends would be welcome, if they'd part with it cheaply, but I hate to do that. Geoffrey would like his Japanese anime posters tacked up in his room. That's all right, but he has (unwittingly) generated more promising ideas.

Geoffrey loves to play with language — the apple, you know, falling close to

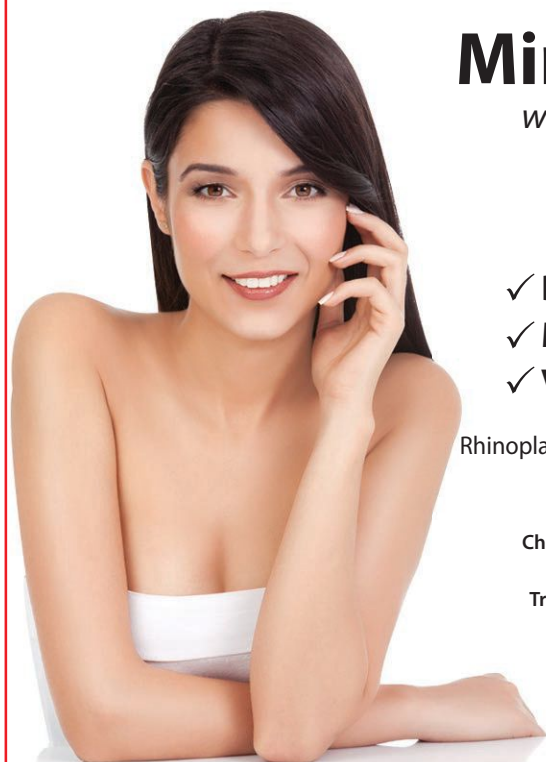
the tree. He's come up with a few nonexistent (thus far) words that I find interesting. One is "psychigence." (I told you we're both at least half mad.) Another is "funtelligence." I'd like to have Kinko's print that one up in, say, Gothic, or Old English, or something, anyway, with a bit of *gravitas*. I'd like a size that would make it easy to find a cheap frame, and I'd place it above the telephone table/desk between the kitchen and living room.

A saying of Geoffrey's, originated by the lad and re-cobbled by myself, would read: "Luck, good, bad, or indifferent, perpetuates itself." Kinko's could do this one in Chinese characters, but with an attribution — "Geoffrey Brizzolara" — at the bottom in English.

The sun is going down invisibly behind us, evidenced in crepuscular coloration to the east. The palms and church spire are back-dropped by rose-and-gold cumulus clouds over the Imperial Valley; cirrus stratus formations horizontally bisect those mystic-looking masses, looking like enormous cerulean-gray brush strokes slashed by some cosmic artistic/abstract god called to dinner. As we stand on the balcony, awaiting the roasting of a chicken, the denizens of the 16th Street sidewalk beneath us are, many of them, near their fill of Steel Reserve malt liquor, or Mad Dog 20/20, a kind of wine, and possibly embalming fluid, as potent as the humid night's promise of violence. *It's coming*, I think.

I go inside, into my office/bedroom, and strap on the Gretsch and turn on the Fender Frontman amplifier (an actual gift from Mr. Limpic). I shift its volume to a loud-enough six, with the reverb dial set at the same digit. I begin to play Link Wray's "Rumble," and wait. ■

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mobility between respective staffs, that render them generally indistinguishable.”

So true. Hoffman points out that Michael Peevey, president of the CPUC, is the former president of Southern California Edison. (San Diegans will remember Peevey. He was an executive vice president of Edison in the early 1990s, when it tried to take over San Diego Gas & Electric. Peevey was in charge of the raid. He was as effective as General Custer. Edison lost a bundle on the failed takeover attempt — and then promoted Peevey to president, albeit for a short time.)

I have written both columns and blog items this year on the junketeering and posh living — paid for by utilities — of Peevey and another commissioner, Timothy Simon. Hoffman focuses on Peevey, noting that a May 24, 2011, column in the *San Francisco Bay Guardian*, “The Secret Life of Michael Peevey,” told the sordid story best.

The *Guardian* article told how Peevey and his wife, a state senator, flew on overseas junkets sponsored by major energy companies. Of course, these companies’ executives had access to Peevey, as well as to Simon on trips that he took. The Utility Reform Network (TURN), a watchdog group, said these trips are “lobbying junkets.” San Diego’s Sempra Energy, parent of San Diego Gas, was represented on a 2010 Peevey junket to Germany.

Pacific Gas & Electric went bankrupt in 2001 and emerged in 2004. As the *Guardian* pointed out, Peevey bragged that the CPUC, on approving the emergence, required that PG&E create a \$30 million Clean Energy Fund. And who became chairman of that fund? Peevey.

Loretta Lynch, for-

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mer president of the utility commission, questions the commission’s authority to create such a nonprofit venture capital fund. “It is a fundamental distortion of the [commission’s] authority — all in service of Peevey’s ambitions,” she told the *Guardian*.

I called Lynch. “I think it is absolutely improper for commissioners to be wine and dined and sent on foreign junkets by utility money,” she says. Nor is it proper for a CPUC commissioner to head an organization taking money from companies the commission regulates. A conflict or the appearance of one “undermines the confidence in the integrity of the regulatory body.”

Bill Powers, principal of Powers Engineering, a San Diego-based energy consulting firm, says that Hoffman’s suit “is definitely a David-Goliath type of thing.” Dealing with the commissioners “requires grease and pressure,” and the small energy providers don’t have the financial muscle for this kind of competition. He admires her toughness: “You have to fight at the [CPUC]. If you don’t, the utilities are unfettered.”

He is fearful that Hoffman’s suit could be a rugged climb. “When it comes to rates and [the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act] and all that, courts are really reticent to get into it. What’s admirable is that someone had the gumption to take this to court. But there is still a long way to go.”

Notes Powers, “The [commission] is institutionally wedded at the hip to the big three [San Diego Gas & Electric, Pacific Gas & Electric, and Edison]. There are some great people at the [commission] — dedicated, idealistic — but until they remove the king dealmaker, King Peevey, the commission will operate as it has operated for the last decade. The utilities will have veto power over who the next

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president of the [CPUC] will be. [Governor] Jerry Brown is hard to read. The most dramatic statement he could make is appoint a new president of the [commission], but he has left Peevey there.”

Possible good news: Powers and others say that three new Brown-appointed commissioners are fed up and may do something about the Peevey-Simon lovemaking with utilities. ■

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downtown TJ. The loquacious and bilingual Hector tells me, in English, that the cabs run a route along Avenida Revolución, downtown Tijuana’s main street, from the Grand Arch, adjacent to the Nelson Hotel and Plaza Santa Cecilia, where the mariachi never ends (and where I learned that a whiskey shot glass stuffed into a trumpet’s bell functions quite effectively as a mute), all the way up to 9th Street, where one of the more upscale “gentlemen’s clubs” is located. Along the way, you’ll pass the newly resurgent 6th Street, whose myriad watering holes cater to the twenty-something crowd; Sanborns Mexican department store and restaurant; Hotel Caesar’s, home of the original Caesar salad; Las Pulgas’ cavernous live concert and boxing venue; the Jai Alai Palace and Caliente Sports Book, erected in the 1940s; Tijuana Tilly’s restaurant; and other eating and drinking emporiums located along TJ’s main drag.

Hector lifts the passenger seat and points out the electrical accoutrements that equip the modern pedicab — the battery-powered assist motor, turn signals, horn, and hydraulic braking system. Considering all of this, it is hard to believe that the pedicabs are purchased for around 1000 bucks, from China.

In the afternoon, after indulging at some of the bars and bistros along 6th Street,

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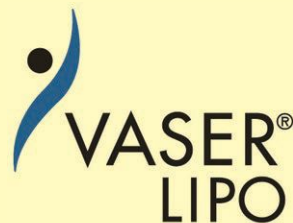


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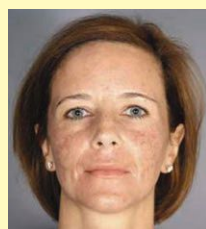
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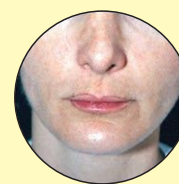
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I opt to take a pedicab back to Plaza Santa Cecilia. About eight of the cabs cluster on the corner. I can see Hector doggedly making his way up Rev after dropping off a fare. Hector is my pedicabista and is now geared up in official pedicab livery — khaki shorts, a bright yellow T-shirt emblazoned with the TJ “Zonkey” Eco-pedicab logo, and matching baseball cap. I’m seated, quite comfortably, in the cab unit as Hector pulls out from the curb on 7th Street and makes his way alongside the auto traffic backed up on Revolución. Hector had previously informed me that pedicabs have a good relationship with TJ cops, and sure enough, when we arrive at a blocked-off section of Revolución, the presiding traffic officer waves us through while autos are obligated to detour. Keeping up an easy banter as he casually pedals along, Hector offers tidbits about the passing mise-en-scène and the city itself, pointing out buildings of historic import and regaling me with local lore.

I note the smoothness of the ride — no jostling or bouncing about. Hector explains that the pedicabs have coil-spring suspension struts that ensure a bumpless flight. We reach the Grand Arch, the end of the line. The mariachis are out and about, mingling among the sweltering throng of *turistas* moving up and down Plaza Santa Cecilia. All told, my trip from pedicab headquarters took about seven minutes, which is twice as fast as I usually do it on foot during my daily trek to a favorite coffeehouse on 7th, and we easily beat the auto traffic that frequently clogs Revolución during weekends. Of course, the open-air, street-level sightseeing tour and genial commentary offered by Hector enhanced my perceptions of Tijuana.

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The price of the trip is 20 pesos, or around \$1.75; a similar pedicab ride in San Ysidro costs \$2.50. During the workweek, the TJ pedicabs have been operating at a 10-peso rate. They’re available on Saturday night up to 3:00 a.m. and other days until midnight. ■

Under the radar

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ecosystem, so of course Aliyun OS is not and does not have to be compatible with Android.”

Spelich and his wife **Lacey Logan**, a onetime PR woman for Stroh’s beer, are still based in San Diego, where they run Logan Spelich Associates, providing “clients around the world with solution-oriented strategic counsel and reputation management,” according to the company’s website. “Whether you are looking to start a new business; expand your existing business; contemplating or fending off a merger or acquisition; or are facing an impending issue or crisis, LSA can help...” Contacted by phone at their San Diego office, Lacey Logan said her husband was aboard a plane returning from Asia and could not immediately be reached for comment.

Shamu’s super PAC

It hasn’t given away any money yet, but a federal political action committee set up by the new owners of SeaWorld has been raking in a lot of cash from park employees. The SeaWorld Parks and Entertainment, Inc. PAC reports collecting a total of \$28,440 from the first of this year through June 30. That left it at the close of the period with cash on hand of \$78,736.

Congressional lobbying disclosure reports show that SeaWorld spent \$660,000 on attempts to influence elected officials and federal agencies during the first half of this year. **Barbara Heffernan**, the corporation’s vice president of national and international affairs, lobbied members of the House and Senate, as well as the departments of interior, agriculture, and commerce on “matters pertaining to zoological exhibition, transportation and

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research pursuant to the Animal Welfare Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act and Endangered Species Act.” Heffernan also lobbied the government about “travel promotion, and facilitation, visa policy, and visa waiver program.” The company has been under intense scrutiny by critics and journalists, including author **David Kirby**, whose best-selling *Death at SeaWorld*, published earlier this year, covers the aftermath of the death of Orca trainer **Dawn Brancheau** in Orlando two and a half years ago.

Donors to SeaWorld’s new PAC included Santee’s **Timothy Fessler**, a SeaWorld San Diego vice president of culinary services, with \$250. Chula Vista’s **Marilyn Hannes**, a marketing vice president here, also gave \$250; Spring Valley’s **Patrick Owen**, vice president of maintenance and engineering, contributed \$504; Tampa, Florida’s **James Dean**, park president of Busch Gardens, gave \$2499; Toano, Virginia’s **David Cromwell**, vice president of Water Country, kicked in \$500; and **James Atchison**, president and CEO, who lives in Windermere, Florida, came up with \$5000.

— Matt Potter

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recently upped their investments, including DuPont (\$874,800), Dow AgroSciences (\$815,200), Bayer CropScience (\$381,600), BASF Plant Science (\$357,700), and Syngenta (\$178,700).

These groups, which measure proponents are calling the “big six pesticide firms,” have contributed \$19 million of the \$32 million raised so far by those opposing the proposition.

While no other U.S. state currently has such a law on the books, 50 countries, including China, India, Japan, and all of Europe, requires such disclosure.

By Dave Rice, September 18

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Aztec puff pieces

SDSU wants PR person to plant upbeat stories College Area — While Governor Jerry Brown battles to convince California voters to raise their taxes by approving Proposition 30, state higher education officials keep coming up with new ways to spend the money.

That appears to be the take-home message of an online job posting by San Diego State University, which is looking to hire a “media relations manager” to plant upbeat stories among the declining ranks of local journalists, as well as to spread the university’s good news to reporters around the country.

A prime objective will be increasing “the quality and number of positive news stories about SDSU in the local and national media.”

The repeated emphasis on puff pieces may have something to do with last year’s rocky PR start of SDSU president Elliot Hirshman, whose \$400,000 salary triggered an avalanche of negative publicity across the state and, fairly or unfairly, has made him California’s poster boy for overpaid state executives.

By Matt Potter, September 18

The key word is “responsibility”

SDG&E will pay \$6.4 million for 2007 fire damages

San Diego County — San Diego Gas & Electric will pay \$6.4 million to the federal government for damages in the 2007 Witch Creek Fire. The payment covers damage to federal land and federal firefighting costs. The company has paid huge sums for fire-related damage to private property and wants ratepayers, rather than shareholders of parent Sempra Energy, to cover costs of uninsured damage.

That matter, which has sparked outrage in San Diego County, is still

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pending with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

"The settlement resolves the United States's claims for SDG&E's responsibility for the fire that was caused the morning of October 21, 2007," says the U.S. Attorney's office. The key word is "responsibility." CPUC investigators blamed SDG&E's negligence for the fire. The settlement, while small, appears to show that the federal government, too, believes that SDG&E was responsible for sparking the blaze.

By Don Bauder,
September 17

Eyebrows shot up

Lynch says stadium won't cost city one dime

San Diego — John Lynch, chief executive officer of the *Union-Tribune*, addressed the Harvard Business School Club of San Diego on September 12. Whether the speech raised eyebrows among the Harvard crowd is not known.

But a very reliable ex-*U-T* reporter heard a recording of Lynch's speech and reported it today (September 17) on the *919 Gang Report*, an online newspaper for more than 500 former and current *U-T* newsroom staffers. Some eyebrows shot up.

For one thing, Lynch asserted that a new downtown stadium for the Chargers "is not going to cost

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the City one dime." The National Football League will put in \$500 million, claimed Lynch. But the NFL has not been putting that kind of money behind new stadiums. And most significantly, the NFL program is a LOAN arrangement. The money has to be paid back.

Second, Lynch claimed that a joint powers authority will put in \$200 million. Joint powers authority arrangements are between various governments. There has been talk of the county joining the city in the massive subsidy required for this stadium.

"Public money is public money is public money, no matter what it is called," comments Bruce Henderson, former councilmember.

And in the end, San Diego taxpayers will pick up the tab for a big part of any proposed stadium. If a San Diego-subsidized stadium goes through, taxpayers will pick up at least two-thirds of the cost. That's what teams are extracting from other metro areas.

By Don Bauder,
September 17

False arrest and battery

Lawsuit filed over voter-registration arrest
El Cajon — Political activist and former congressional candidate Ray Lutz has filed suit against the City of San Diego over what he alleges is false arrest and battery

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related to a 2011 arrest while manning a voter-registration table outside the San Diego Civic Center. Arresting officer Tony Lessa and CB Richard Ellis Group, which manages the Civic Center Plaza office building, are also named as defendants.

The *Reader* ran coverage on Lutz's original arrest last November and noted that two weeks earlier groups representing both major political parties had been allowed to set up much larger voter-registration displays without police interference.

At issue is whether the particular corner of the Plaza where Lutz had set up is considered private property under the control of CB Richard Ellis. For precedent, Lutz and his counsel, Bryan Pease, point to *Pruneyard Shopping Center v. Robins*, a case heard by the federal Supreme Court in 1980, which found that by opening the center to public access, the center's owners had forfeited their right to deny members of the public their right to practice free speech on the grounds.

At the time of his arrest, Lutz had completed five voter registrations and was in the process of registering a sixth when building management requested that police place him under arrest for trespassing.

By Dave Rice, September 17

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DIARY OF A DIVA

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Vigo was Corinthian, right? Or, wait, that was Carpathian...never mind."

As frustrated as David was when we all turned up ignorant of 1980s pop culture, his annoyance was tame compared to the rage I felt when I drew one of Shawn's slips, which read "Kuiper Belt." I looked it up later: "a disc-shaped region of icy objects beyond the orbit of Neptune."

"I hate this game," I said later, after I'd tried and failed to act out Jordan's "change of rate of velocity." "Next time we're playing Cranium or some game where the suggestions are written for us, and if there's

one we don't like or don't know, we won't get angry at each other. We can just be frustrated with whoever wrote it for the game. I love the idea of game night, but I want it to end with laughter, not arguments."

"We've all had dark moments tonight that we're not proud of," Katie said.

"I just want to have fun and be silly on a Saturday night," Kimberly said.

"Yeah, I don't need to be made to feel stupid," I said. "This isn't astronomy class or calculus. This is comedy. And, I'm sorry. I don't care who you are, but there's nothing even remotely funny about the Kuiper Belt." ■

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told me that when wrong information is found in these articles you folks write, that if we bring it to your attention there's a payment of \$75. I'm not after the \$75. I just want this thing corrected. I want you to put out a new article concerning this. It's really bad what you folks are doing. The schools are struggling, and they're doing the best they can. This is a great program and there's no reason for that.

I hope to hear from you, or I'll have my daughter's teacher go ahead and do it his way. This way it doesn't cost you anything.

John Tucker
via voicemail

Mr. Tucker, thank you for your

concern. While writing the story I spoke with numerous teachers and parents. I also spoke with Mr. Damico, who is the director of education and technology. Oddly, you suggest the story was biased against the program; most of the comments I have had subsequent to the story is that the story did not recount more of the problems and that it appeared I had been too biased toward the potential for the program. Your assertions about the story being incorrect are vague; there are is nothing substantial to address. Please follow up and contact me at sluzzaro@gmail.com. — Susan Luzzaro

It's A Setup

In regards to the cover story of the August 30 issue, "Guys Are Dogs," or whatever ("Guys Are Gross"), where girls are bashing guys who are "stalkers" and/or pretty much savages.

In a society where women wear trashy slutty clothes, rocking camel-toe shorts and exposing breasts, sex sells and men are men. If you fuel guys with booze, and girls dress like strippers, well you're gonna get treated like one.

They set us up like they tease, then shit all over us. I stopped buying women drinks a long time ago. You can only poke and tease a dog for so long before there are repercussions. Girls brag about it, then they can't understand why guys are all over them.

And what parents in their right mind let their daughters wear booty shorts and stuffed bras, showing the bottom of their butt cheeks, camel toe, and tons of makeup? Gee, wonder why there's so much human trafficking, kidnapping young girls forced into prostitution! So, go ahead ladies, feed the animals alcohol, and then poke us with a stick and see what happens!

Joe Catino
via email

Guy Puffs

Just calling to comment on the cover of the August 30 issue, number 35 ("Guys Are Gross"). Interesting that after the "Afro Puffs" debacle and many letters to the editor, someone goes ahead and condemns all men on the cover

here. I think that may get some response, but men in general don't complain a lot. So, maybe it won't be so bad.

Of course, it would have been more diplomatic to say "Some Guys Are Gross." So, we'll see what happens. Very, very clever.

Dennis Travers
via voicemail

Pimpin' Is Easy

Re "Guys Are Gross," August 30 cover story.

It all starts at home. You need a license to fish, but not to be a parent. When I read the quote, "My dad saw me at work and was cool with it. He saw that I was using what I have to make a buck," I thought it would be accurate if the daughter were to replace the word *dad* with *pimp*.

Devon Taylor
North Park

I'm Waiting

Reader, I would like you to do an article about the two candidates for mayor, and what they plan to do for the downtown area of San Diego. I don't know anything about these guys! I can't afford the U-T. But I vote. And I read the *Reader*. You guys don't give me any information! Come on, I'm waiting!

Name Withheld
via voicemail

Pearl Harbor Pretext

In reference to the camps the Japanese were interned in ("Letters from the End of the World," August 30 and September 5), it would never have happened if Roosevelt had not imposed economic sanctions on Japan, or their access to oil and other economic impositions which no country could put up with. So, they bombed Pearl Harbor.

Before that, Japan's prime minister, Prince Konoy, had made proposals to meet with Roosevelt to lift the sanctions and to make a settlement that would be agreeable to both sides. Roosevelt ignored all of Konoy's proposals and would not meet with him. Roosevelt wanted war with both Japan and Germany, and Pearl Harbor was the pretext to make the American Public believe we had been attacked

without provocation and got support for his wars. And he could be the supreme commander and be a star in the world scene and have his reelection guaranteed.

Harold G. Greenman
Normal Heights

Justice Delayed Is Typical

What happened to your customary editorial instinct for the right title? "What Made Them Kill," August 2, should have been titled "Why Are They Still Alive?" I'm surprised the writer, Leslie Ryland, even signed her name to the article. She's so deviant and coy about spitting out what she seems to most want to say to your readers, which is that four unspeakably cruel San Diego murderers, sentenced to death 16 years ago, 14 and a half years ago, 13 years ago, and 13 and a half years ago, have still not been executed, have been sitting in prison all this time, and haven't even started the appeals process, which is mandated by law, and which takes up to 20 years or more to complete before an execution can take place.

Why is it necessary to tiptoe around these facts? The question insinuates itself: Who is the writer trying not to cross swords with? And the answer falls onto the floor: Whoever has a vested interest in the mandatory appeals process, a process which has nullified the former truism, "Justice delayed is justice denied," and replaced it with a new truism, "The more appeals the better for appellate lawyers." A corollary of that new truism is the historical and contemporary fact that a huge majority of lawmakers are lawyers.

Juries can determine sentences but they can't enforce them. If the legal establishment won't, then it's up to the rest of us. I hope there's a dynamic organizer out there in your Readerland who thinks our country has had the highest violent-crime rate in the world long enough, and who will get the play started in a grass roots game of fixing our national penal system.

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WRITER AND POET

Amy Gerstler visits from Los Angeles to read from and sign her work, comprising eight books of poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction, including

Dearest Creature. Gerstler's poetry is "known for its wit and complexity" and "deals with themes such as redemption, suffering, and survival."

WHEN: 7 to 9:30 p.m.

WHERE: Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, room 220, El Cajon. 619-644-7523; grossmont.edu/english

Friday | 28

FINGER-PAINTING FRIDAY: RAINBOW SHOW

What colors are in a rainbow? Kids (recommended ages three and under) experiment with watercolor washes to find out how many colors they can make while "offering parents the opportunity to foster color recognition, application techniques, and even a bit of performance art." Free–\$10.

WHEN: 10:30 a.m. to noon

WHERE: The New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue, East Village. 619-233-8792; think-playcreate.org

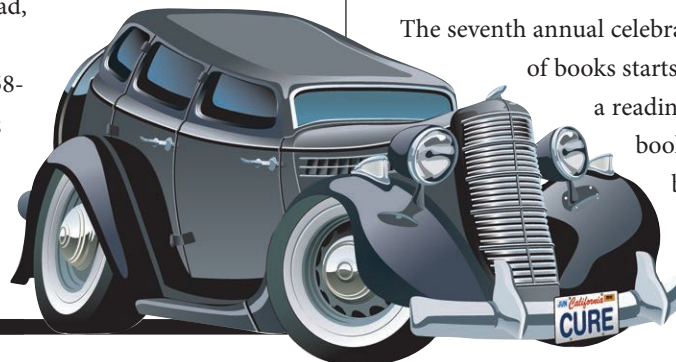
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TOUCH A TRUCK

Kids of all ages get a chance to climb on, climb in, and honk the horns of all their favorite vehicles, from Harleys to Humvees, big rigs to low-riders, monster trucks to Mini Coopers, rat rods to hot rods, stagecoaches to boats, and every emergency vehicle you can think of. Also, 20 gourmet food trucks, two live-music stages, roving entertainers, kid-friendly activity booths, and more! \$5.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 858-621-3473; touchatrucksd.com



Sunday | 30

DISCOVER SAN DIEGO MAP ADVENTURE

Teams "visit hidden treasures, historical landmarks, and a few quirky oddities," with checkpoints scattered from Gaslamp Quarter to Old Town and from Coronado to Balboa Park. Travel on foot or on bike; with the map's clear trails, paths, and elevation contours, you can plan a two-, four-, or six-hour adventure (3 to 40 miles) to suit your interests. \$10–\$60.

WHEN: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Amici Park, State Street and West Date Street, Little Italy. 510-681-6181 or rex@terraloco.com

Monday | 1

SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR

The seventh annual celebration of books starts with a reading and book-signing by Reyna Grande. The award-winning novelist's

latest book, *The Distance Between Us*, is a memoir that "reveals her own troubled and triumphant story as an undocumented immigrant."

WHEN: 12:45 to 2 p.m.

WHERE: San Diego City College, 1313 Park Boulevard, room 121A/B faculty lounge, Downtown. 619-388-3596; sdcitybookfair.com

Tuesday | 2

JEKYLL & HYDE (THE MUSICAL)

Broadway San Diego hosts a touring production of the four-time Tony Award-nominated musical about a man of two minds — and bodies. Starring Constantine Maroulis in the

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2: JEKYLL & HYDE (THE MUSICAL)

dual title role and Deborah Cox as Lucy. Recommended for ages 13 and older. \$45.50 to \$90.50.

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

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

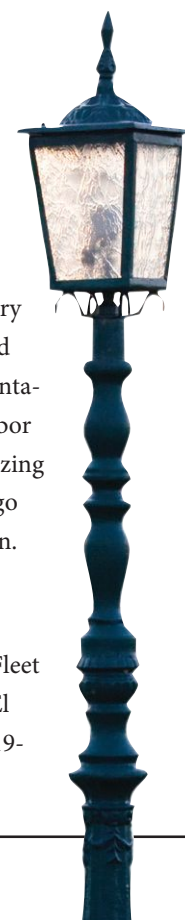
Wednesday | 3

THE CITY DARK: A SEARCH FOR NIGHT ON A PLANET THAT NEVER SLEEPS

SD's International Dark Sky Association hosts this educational forum and documentary screening. Stick around for the post-film presentations on "Good Neighbor Lighting," then star-gazing hosted by the San Diego Astronomy Association.

WHEN: 4 to 6 p.m.

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



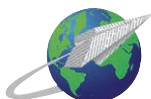
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Even Ukrainians know that Niagara Falls is the classic American honeymoon spot.

Niagara Falls

By Tamar Fleishman

My grandfather was born in what is now the Ukraine but was then known as Czarist Russia. When he emigrated to the U.S. and got married to my grandmother, he wanted to go on a honeymoon that was classically American. Then, as now, the place to go was Niagara Falls.

I didn't even know he went there until he asked me to edit the autobiography he wrote at the age of 98.

My grandfather has been gone for over eight years now, and I was eager to see one of the places that had been so

important to him. Niagara Falls, New York, as well as its Canadian counterpart across the river, still attracts people from around the globe: I heard languages from Southeast Asia, South America, and Europe.

Besides being one of the great natural wonders of the world, there are lots of things to do both in Niagara proper and in surrounding Niagara County. It's rich with the history of French fur trappers, British Redcoats, the War of 1812, as well as Canadians, the Underground Railroad, and modern-day daredevils.

Where to stay: there's not even a question that my grandparents stayed in a hotel on the American side of the falls. They lived most of their lives in Detroit and rarely headed to Windsor. They would have stayed at the nicest hotel, too; they were first-class all the way.

Back in the day, the Giacomo was the United Office Building, but I know they would have loved it today. It's a boutique hotel with an intimate, elegant bar, rooms with sumptuous fabrics, and gas fireplaces. On the top floor, there's a club-type room with a 360-degree view of the area that's open to all people staying at the hotel. In the morning, they serve

complimentary breakfast that's a mix of what American and Canadian hotels would present: cereals, omelets, and cold cuts. The hotel is within walking distance of the falls.

What to do: Niagara Falls State Park is America's oldest state park. A fine way to experience everything it has to offer — movies, splashy boat ride by the falls, cool walks into splinter falls, and more — is through a Discovery Pass.

It's free to see the falls themselves. Do yourself a favor and check them out both during the day and at night, when they're lit up with different colored light effects.

Old Fort Niagara is in terrific shape. Through its several buildings, you can see how French, British, and American soldiers lived. It's on a bluff with stunning views of Lake Ontario and houses a museum with military artifacts.



Old Fort Niagara sits on a bluff overlooking Lake Ontario.

Now, my grandparents weren't into adult beverages — if you don't count Manischewitz during the Jewish holidays, which I don't — but most people are. Niagara is one of the strongest wine-producing regions in the U.S., actually, and they have a wine trail that's even popular with locals. There are lots of tastings available, including that of the area's

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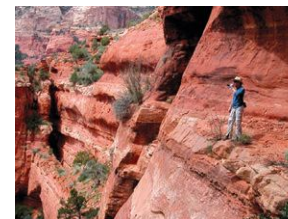
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Guidebook author Jerry Schad's favorite Balboa Park trail and an opportunity to volunteer service

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Balboa Park's Trail 43 has been renamed the Jerry Schad trail. The late Roam-O-Rama columnist and Peg Reiter (insert) walked the trail on their first date.

The original "Roam-O-Rama" column first appeared in the Reader in 1993. The column was authored by guidebook author Jerry Schad. During his lifetime he wrote 16

books. His best known guidebook, *Afoot & Afield: San Diego County*, was first published in 1986 and was called "The bible of San Diego hiking" by the *Los Angeles Times*.

Schad passed away in September 2011 from kidney cancer. He was 61 years old.

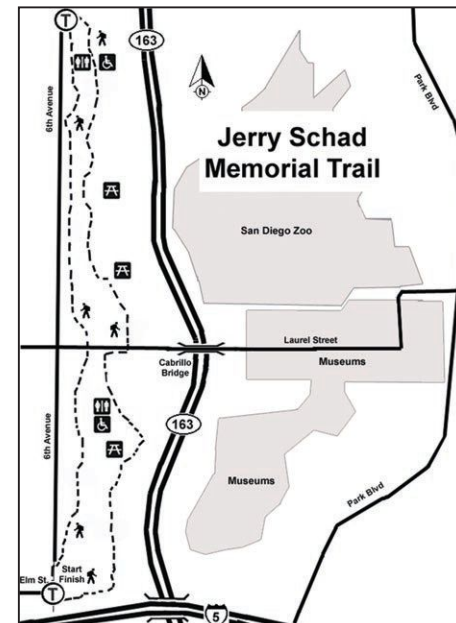
Schad met Peg Reiter, his wife-to-be, in March 2010. Their first date

was a hike on Schad's favorite Balboa Park trail, known as Trail 43, which runs the length of the park from Sixth and Elm to Sixth and Upas. It is a loop that winds its way through the park following tree-lined dirt trails, paved walkways past stands of pines, redwoods, and cypress trees, and through various gardens.

The trail passes through Founders Plaza, honoring the visionaries of Balboa Park, where statues of Alonzo E. Horton, Ephraim W. Morse, and George W. Marston are found. Just south of these is a fourth sculpture of Kate Sessions, considered "the mother of Balboa Park." In 1892 Sessions began landscaping projects in the new park that would transform the scrub-covered land into the amazing park that it is today with its many gardens and horticultural highlights.

A year after they met in March 2011, Schad and Reiter were married. Shortly before Schad passed away, he was delighted to learn that Trail 43 would be renamed "The Jerry Schad Memorial Trail" to commemorate where he had met his wife.

The trail can be started at either Sixth and Elm or Sixth and Upas. A map with the Balboa Park trails is at each location. However, only at



the Sixth and Elm trailhead, officially called the Marston Point Gateway, is Trail 43 marked as the "Jerry Schad Memorial Trail." This is the recommended start for the trail. Follow the interior park loop to the east and look for signs that mark Trail 43. At mile 1.43, the trail will be at the corner of Upas and Sixth. From this point, begin the straight shot south back toward the southwest corner of the park, past the sculptures to the Marston Point Gateway.

Schad and his wife chose the Friends of Balboa Park as the designated charity for those that wanted to make donations in Jerry's memory. Funds have been used in support of trail maintenance and other park enhancements, including a new map to all of the trails in Balboa Park that is currently being designed.

The Friends of Balboa Park and the San Diego Park and Recreation Department are sponsoring a "Jerry Schad Trails Maintenance Event" on Saturday, November 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with check-in by 8:30 a.m. Those who would like to work on trail maintenance and planting should register by October 26 at friendsofbalboapark.com.

Preregistration is required, as the number of volunteers allowed to participate is limited. Light refreshments will be provided.

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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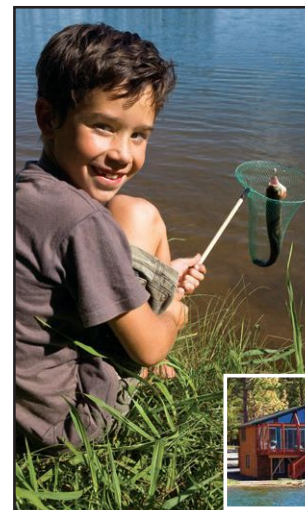
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Orienteering at Mount Laguna Come along to the beautiful Wooded Hill and have an adventure hiking/running to find controls. Suitable for all ages and levels of ability. 619-992-9456. Saturday, September 29, 10am; \$5-\$13. Meet at Wooded Hill campground parking area. (MOUNT LAGUNA)

Scrub the Scrub: Indian Head Canyon Cleanup Learn about local canyon and lagoon plants and animals while helping to protect their habitats by picking up litter along Indian Head Canyon as it leads to Batiquitos Lagoon. Saturday, September 29, 9am; **free**. Indian Head Canyon on Quail Hollow Drive between Saxony Road and Kildeer Court. (ENCINITAS)

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\$100-\$250. 18 and up. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, USD, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Mini-Golf fore the Library" Make some noise — play nine holes of mini-golf inside library! Event includes live music, food, silent auction, activities for kids. Registration: 760-602-2060. Sunday, September 30, 11am; \$5-\$10. City of Carlsbad Dove Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

"Open to the Public" Hill Street Country Club hosts event with ten artists displaying their art and video. Music by acoustic guitarist Jacobo Mendoza, followed by Hill Street Café's Bill and Josh vinyl collection, You Decide a Side. Portion of proceeds benefit Oceanside Museum of Art's Children's Education Program. Tickets include food, one drink. 760-917-6666. Saturday, September 29, 7pm; **free**-\$10. Linksoul Lab, 530 S. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

"Powpex 2012" Poway Stamp Club's annual event, "where collectors can buy, sell, and have stamps or collections appraised." Classics and rarities of U.S. and foreign countries on display and for sale by 25 professional dealers. 858-484-8010. Friday, September 28, 10am; Saturday, September 29, 10am; **free**. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

"Women's Wellness Expo" Anniversary celebrated during expo with motivational speakers, vendors from local businesses. Proceeds benefit Mental Health Systems agency. Saturday, September 29, 1pm; **free**. MODAvate, 11722 Sorrento Valley Rd., Suite E. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

"Xcerpts: Lewitt's Instructions and Texts" Take a closer look at Sol LeWitt's work, discuss selections taken from Adam D. Weinberg's *LeWitt's Autobiography: Inventory of the Present*. Obtain excerpt to prepare for discussion by sending an e-mail to education@mcasd.org. Included in museum

admission. 858-454-3541. Thursday, September 27, 4pm; **free**-\$10. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Adams Avenue Street Fair More than 90 musical acts perform on seven stages. Lineup includes Strawberry Alarm Clock, the Paladins, Mojo Nixon and Skid Roper, Plena Libre, Tierra, Cuckoo Chaos, Junior Watson, Stoney B. Blues Band, Kofi Baker's Cream Experience. Four beer gardens, beer tasting area, carnival rides, more than 300 food and arts and craft vendors. 619-282-7329. Saturday, September 29, 10am; Sunday, September 30, 10am; **free**. Normal Heights, Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

ArtStop: Grant-Parker Gifts Enjoy 15-minute tour of one to three works with museum curators and educators. Included in admission (\$12 general). 619-232-7931. Thursday, September 27, 12pm; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Belly Dance Hafla and Drum Workshop Doumbek drum workshop for drummers and dancers (3-4:30pm); \$20. Hafla Middle Eastern dance party with live music by Issam, Frank Lazzaro, keyboardist Khalil Lulu (8pm). Belly dance performances by Jayna, Sabrina, Lucia, Shalimar, Valentina, Madame Raine, Shey Nuwa, the Shimmy Sisters, Grinneli, Ana, guests (\$15). Saturday, September 29, 3pm and 8pm; \$15-\$20. Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

Build a Hydroponic Summer/Fall Garden Learn principles of applying hydroponics as an "easy sustainable gardening method," then set up a kitchen garden with summer/fall vegetables and herbs during hands-on workshop. Fee includes materials and plants. Required registration: agpals@luckymail.com or 760-977-8892. Saturday, September 29, 10am; \$70.

Bates Nut Farm, 15954 Woods Valley Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

Clothing Swap Bring as many clothes as you want, leave with as many clothes as you want! Participants "must try everything on and walk" past panel judges "who will decide if you should keep it or toss it." Extra clothes donated to Rachel's Women's Center. 619-200-5016. Friday, September 28, 7pm; \$5-\$10. Lazy Hummingbird, 4876 Santa Monica Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Discover San Diego Map Adventure Teams "visit hidden treasures, historical landmarks, and a few quirky oddities," with checkpoints scattered from Gaslamp Quarter to Old Town and from Coronado to Balboa Park. Go on foot or on bike. Use custom maps to plan 2-, 4-, or 6-hour routes. rex@terraloco.com or 510-681-6181. Sunday, September 30, 8am; \$10-\$60. Amici Park, State Street and West Date Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Middle East Conflict: Klezmer Meets Arab Neighbors" "Bridging Gaps: One Music, One World" concert promises entertainment by Middle-Earth Ensemble, belly dancer Rachel, Yiddish singer Deborah Davis with bassist (and event organizer) Barry Green, others. Take in visuals, videos, spoken dialogue "in an inspiring collaborative evening of music, words, images, and dance." 619-255-5147. Sunday, September 30, 8pm; \$15-\$20. Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

Fireworks for the Soul Tibetan bowl and gong concert by Diane Mandle, exhibition of "spiritual art" by Jeff Cloud, screening of *Bardo*. Reservations: 858-776-7821. Saturday, September 29, 7pm; \$25-\$30. 18 and up. AwareHouse11 Conscious Arts Center, 2261 Cosmos Court. (CARLSBAD)

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kids (wacky museums) and adults (head shops, Cuban cigars).

What to eat: if you visit a bunch of the wineries, you'll probably want something more substantial to eat than the occasional cheese cube or water cracker. The Wine Trail Café is the only restaurant on the trail and a cute one at that. Don't miss their wine-flavored ice creams in several varieties.

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Friends of Cats 2012 Open House & Raffle. Coe Lewis from KGB hosting event 11am-1pm. Friends of Cats: nonprofit organization, no-kill shelter for adoptable cats. 619-561-0361, www.friendsofcats.org for raffle tickets. Prizes: Handmade Quilt, Crowne Plaza San Diego Overnight Stay, Pet Photography Session, Petco Foundation Cat Condo and much more! Saturday, September 29, 10am to 1pm; Friends of Cats, 15587 Olde Highway 80. (EL CAJON)

Grand Woofstock Pooch and pet expo on East Grand Avenue promises pet-oriented products and food vendors, groomers, vets, demonstrations, pet parade, agility area, contests (\$5 entry fee), prizes, live music. Dog/pet rescue groups on hand. Benefit for Escondido Humane Society. 619-838-8020. Saturday, September 29, 10am; free. Draper’s and Damon’s, 101 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

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Oktoberfest in El Cajon The 41st annual Oktoberfest presented by German American Societies at clubhouse and beer garden includes German food, music by Guggenbach-Buam, folk dancing, games, contests, vendors, craft booths, kids’ zone. Parade and ceremonial “Tapping the Wooden Keg” (Saturdays, 4pm). Chicken Hat Day with chicken hat contest hosted by El Cajon Mayor Mark Lewis (October 7). Dancing in clubhouse (Saturdays, 8pm to midnight). 619-442-6637. Friday, September 28, 4pm; Saturday, September 29, 12pm; Sunday, September 30, 12pm; free-\$5. German American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Rincon Literario — Bilingual Book Discussion Literary guide Miriam Ruvinskis leads discussion of *El Jardin Olvidado (The Forgotten Garden)* by Kate Morton. Saturday, September 29, 3:30pm; free. Escondido Library, 239 S. Kalmia Street. (ESCONDIDO)

Sleepless America San Diego San Diego Rescue Mission hosts sixth annual all-night sleep-out to raise awareness of homelessness and generate funds, which contin-

Rhyme & Verse

Payback

A poem by Ron Salisbury

It’s a sad posture I’ve been placed in.
The gates are guarded and I can’t
jump the fence; the peptic nature
of too much roughage. Pills for this,
pills for that. I guess I’m here
to reflect on my omissions and sins:
don’t gamble with the Gods
or dick around with fate.
All that’s left is Social Security,
an old Chevy Van and the dog,
even he doesn’t do what I say.
I want someone to miss me
before it’s too late. I want to be Mister
again, assistants who write down
my thoughts, strategies, my plans,
to have it mean something to someone
again. Business class? No.
First Class when I fly. It’s my schedule
that counts, my reports they quote.
I want a reason to wear expensive suits,
my rare skin wing tips. I want money again.

I want hair I don’t have to dye.
All my wives were younger and taller
but when I stood on my wallet
I looked them square in the eye. I want
to be that vain son-of-a-bitch
one more time before I die.



Ron Salisbury is a writer who has integrated his poetry with his business life for decades. For many years he was chief real estate appraiser for a major bank and more recently owned and operated Deaf Dog Coffee, a seven-store chain of espresso bars in Sonoma, Petaluma, and Santa Rosa. Now, three wives deep, four children long, and assorted careers past, he teaches and works as a building and real estate consultant. His poems have been published for years in both domestic and foreign literary journals. “Payback” is taken from his collection *Grapefruit* and is reprinted by permission.

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ues through Sunday (7am). There’s a \$25 fundraising minimum per participant (children ten and under admitted for free). Private security in place throughout night. Bring everything required to spend night outdoors. Rain does not cancel. Saturday, September 29, 3pm; NTC Park at Liberty Station, 2455 Cushing Road. (POINT LOMA)

Tour de Fat New Belgium Brewing Co.’s 15-city traveling bike festival aims to “spread the good word about the positive societal offerings of the bicycle.” Festival with car-for-bike swap, entertainment, and beer. Costumed bike parade begins at 11am. Saturday, September 29, 10am; free. Golden Hill Community Park, 2590 Golden Hill Drive. (GOLDEN HILL)

Wild Willow Farm 5K and Chili Brew Fest Harvest season celebration features a chili cook-off and homebrew competition, plus 5k trail run/walk. Live bluegrass music, farm tours, garden workshops, farm fun for kids. Saturday, September 29, 9am; \$10-\$25. Wild Willow Farm and Education Center, 2550 Sunset Avenue. (NESTOR)

Wings, Wheels, and Warriors Poker Run and BBQ Ride through SD’s backcountry with stops including Rainbow Oaks Restaurant, Pala Casino, Hide-out Saloon. Registration, coffee, kickstands up: 8-9:30am. All bikes welcome. Ride ends at Biggs Harley Davidson (San Marcos) with barbecue, music by the Last Call, more. Price: \$25; \$15 backseat. Proceeds benefit medical research for veter-

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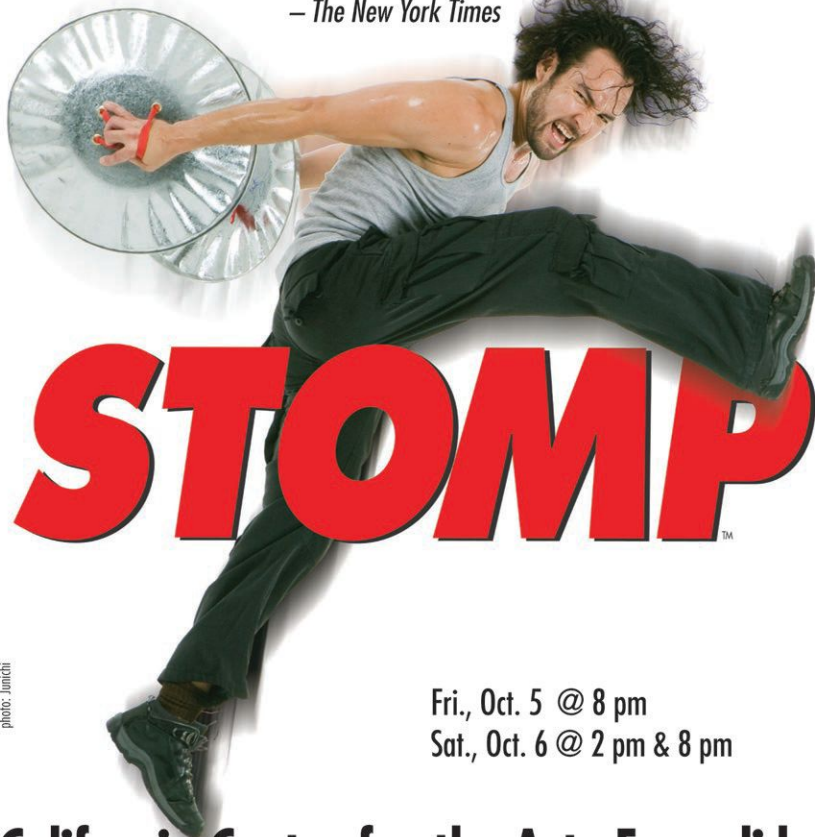


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Carlsbad Casual Luau Party! Ages 40-60ish. Simply The Best Singles, an upscale singles company for singles looking for relationships, marriage and more presents this outside dance/mixer overlooking the beach at an award-winning hotel. Enjoy DJ music, tiki torches and cool drinks; dress is casual, Hawaiian attire optional. Price is \$15 cash/credit card. *SimplyTheBestSingles.com*. 818-577-6877. Saturday, October 6. Hilton Garden Inn, 6450 Carlsbad Blvd. (CARLSBAD)

Reader FEAST! There are few places in the world where the inhabitants are more adventure seeking than San Diego. Hangliding, sky-diving, hiking, biking, you name it, if it's an adventure San Diego is doing it. But there's only a short list of things that San Diegans universally enjoy getting adventurous with more than their food. This October, *San Diego Reader* feeds that hankering for culinary exploration in a whole new way, with the combustible combination of our 4th annual Feast Issue, October 18, 2012, and our first ever Feast Event, October 26, 2012. Join the *San Diego Reader* for Feast, an event featuring food and drinks from the city's best neighborhood eateries, wineries, breweries and food trucks on Friday, October 26th. The event will take place at the beautiful Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier on scenic San Diego Bay. The building embodies San Diego's rich maritime history, while featuring some of the most forward thinking elements of modern environmental design. The General Admission ticket is valid from 6pm-9pm and includes food and drink samples from all vendors. The VIP ticket lets you arrive an hour early (5pm-9pm) to avoid the crowds and be the first to sample the food and drinks. Your VIP ticket includes a souvenir wineglass and a gift bag with goodies from our sponsors. Age limit: 21+. Friday, October 26, 5pm to 9pm. Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier, 1000 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Art San Diego, San Diego Museum of Art, and Timken Museum of Art. "Frontiers" celebrates "the rich natural beauty of the United States, its vibrant urban spaces, its legendary westward settlement, and the breathtakingly beautiful California landscape." View works by Asher B. Durand, Albert Bierstadt, George Inness, Thomas Moran, John Sloan, Marsden Hartley, Jenny Holzer, Alfredo Jaar through Sunday, February 10. **Free**-\$10. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Facing West/Looking East"
Art Talk Guest curator Richard Turner and select artists plan illustrated lecture in conjunction with exhibition showcasing work by 20 artists, reaching across the Pacific to East Asia, Southeast Asia, and South Asia. Featured artists "share a common interest in borrowing, recycling, and sampling from the cultural cornucopia of today's flat world where historical and geographical divisions are becoming increasingly irrelevant." Included in museum admission. 760-435-3721. Saturday, September 29, 2pm; **free**-\$8. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

"Loaded Vision" Opening reception for one-man show by Peter J. Geise, who "employs drawing, painting, and collage elements, often with a random or stream of consciousness style utilizing abstract figures and non-objective images in his work." Closes Saturday, November 3. 858-454-5872. Friday, September 28, 6:30pm; **free**. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Margaret Noble: 44th and Landis" As part of museum's ongoing "Cerca" series, which highlights the work of regional artists, Noble's mixed-media installation and performance charts a psychological path through the City Heights neighborhood, where the artist grew up. Piece "takes the form of an intricate sculptural environment made up of hundreds of cut paper dolls and other forms." The installation — on view through Sunday, January 20 — also incorporates an experiential soundtrack emanating from 14 handmade paper speakers. During performances on October 20 and November 17, Noble will activate her installation with live

sound, using voice and electronic instruments. Conversation with artist follows performances.

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

"Rue St. Honoré: Reflections on Mannequins" Opening reception for photographer Janine Free and image fabricator Guy Mayenobe, who "continue their story" of the mannequins along Rue St. Honoré in Paris. Closing reception: October 7. Saturday, September 29, 6pm; **free**. Gallery 21 in Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

"Seeing San Diego" Closing reception for artist Paul Strahm and his exhibit of new oil paintings of Torrey Pines, Mission Bay, the fair, the Gaslamp, Little Italy, the Embarcadero, Old Town, Balboa Park. Strahm will be on hand to discuss his plein air oils. 619-337-8342. Friday, September 28, 4pm; **free**. O'Dunn Fine Art, 8325 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

"Shouts and Whispers" Opening reception for fourth annual group show by Art6west art salon. See exhibit — in which "members tell their personal stories...in paint and photography, in textures and layers, in color and detail" — through Sunday, October 7. 619-876-4160. Saturday, September 29, 5pm; India Street Gallery, 2165 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Sun Seekers" Opening reception for exhibition of "45 brightly hued oil paintings of flowers, fruits, vegetables, and cactuses by Rancho Santa Fe artist Anne Swan Moore." On view through October 13. 760-943-7440. Saturday, September 29, 7pm; **free**. Rhino Art Company, 97 N. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

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

In 1957, W. Eugene Smith, a former *Life* magazine photographer, moved out of his home and into a dilapidated, five-story loft building in New York City's wholesale flower district. Between 1957 and 1965, Smith made approximately 40,000 exposures of the nocturnal jazz scene inside the loft, and of the street below as seen through his fourth-floor window, as well as creating 1740 reels (4000 hours) of stereo and mono audiotapes, capturing more than 300 musicians. Enjoy the results of his work in "The Jazz Loft Project: Photographs and Tapes of W. Eugene Smith," on

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Thursdays on the Coast Art Walk Join the Carlsbad-Oceanside Art League and other downtown Carlsbad art venues for live music, refreshments, lots of art. 760-434-8497. Thursday, September 27, 5:30pm; **free**. Carlsbad Village, 2930 Roosevelt Street. (CARLSBAD)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Rules of Civility Author Amor Towles discusses and signs his terrific "sophisticated and entertaining first novel...the story of a young woman whose life is on the brink of transformation" during 1938. 858-454-0347. Thursday, September 27, 7:30pm; **free**. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Writer and Poet Amy Gerstler reads from and signs her work in room 220. The Los Angeles resident "has authored numerous reviews and published eight books of poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction, including *Dearest Creature*." 619-644-7523. Thursday, September 27, 7pm; **free**. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

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Hypnotist Michel Briar! Volunteers rush the stage to become stars in San Diego's funniest hypnotic stage show, featuring Master Hypnotist Michel Briar! Groups of 8 or more please reserve your table in advance. Tickets \$20. For tickets call now: 888-656-3691. Thursdays, 8pm; through Thursday, December 6, Tango Del Rey, 3567 Del Rey Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Laugh with Maher Author, talk show host, filmmaker Bill Maher entertains. 800-745-3000. Friday, September 28, 8pm; \$79. Humphreys by the Bay, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Stand-Up Comedy by Anthony Jeselnik From Comedy Central roasts of Roseanne, Charlie Sheen, Donald Trump. 619-795-3858. Thursday, September 27, 8pm; Friday, September 28, 7pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, September 29, 7pm and 9:30pm; \$21. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

West Coast Funnies Monthly comedy variety show blending sketch, video, satirical, and stand-up comedy celebrates tenth year with headliner Lamont Ferguson, host Kurt Swann. Saturday, September 29, 8pm; \$15-\$20. 18 and up. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2822 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

DANCE

Argentine Tango With Colette Will give you a first Free Class Monday, October 1, or Wednesday, October 3, at 7pm (or any Monday or Wednesday at 7pm), and will introduce you to the passion and magic of Tango at Dance Place San Diego in Point Loma. No need for a partner. More information: www.TangoWithColette.com or call 514-726-5567. Monday, October 1, 7pm. Wednesday, October 3, 2012, 7pm. Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Road, Studio 106. (POINT LOMA)

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The Black & White Ball Don your black and white dancing duds for Charlestons, swings of all kinds, foxtrots, tangos, and more during evening of 1920s-1940s music by High Society Jazz Band. Nondancers welcome. Light refreshments included with entry. Saturday, September 29, 7pm; \$10-\$15. War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

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Afternoon Tea Party Dress up, wear a favorite hat, enjoy teas from all over the world and tea sandwiches. Learn history of tea drinking, drinking etiquette, more. RSVP required. Thursday, September 27, 2pm; \$15-\$25. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Anniversary Dinner Small plate, three-course prix fixe fifth anniversary celebration dinner. All dishes infused with either chocolate, vanilla bean, or caramel. Tickets include complimentary chocolate bar. Three seatings. Reservations: 619-578-2984. Saturday, September 29, 4pm, 6pm and 8pm; \$30. Eclipse Chocolat, 2121 El Cajon Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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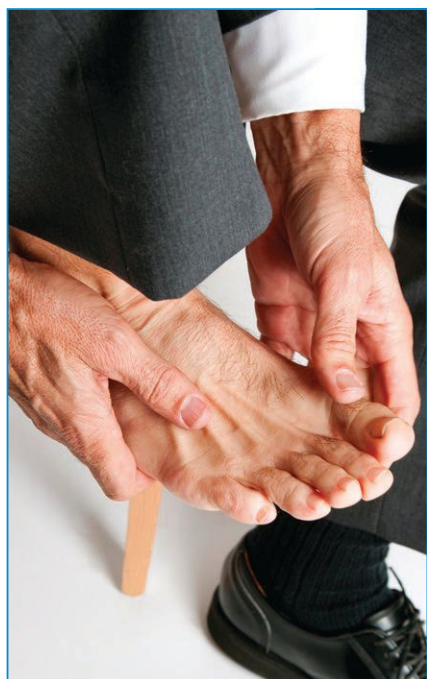
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Heart of Sky, Heart of Earth,
give us our sign, our word,
as long as there is day, as long as there is light.
When it comes to the sowing, the dawning,
will it be a greening road, a greening path?
Give us a steady light, a level place,
a good light, a good place,

a good life and beginning.
Give us all of this, thou Hurricane,
Newborn Thunderbolt, Raw Thunderbolt,
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Sovereign Plumed Serpent,
Bearer, Begetter,
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Grandmother of Day, Grandmother of Light,
when it comes to the sowing, the dawning.
— from the Popul Voh
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Family Pumpkin Patch and Fall Festival Fall series features family garden programs, pumpkin patch with a creative carving station, live

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Third annual Fall Family Festival is October 6, with live music performances, food and craft vendors, hay bale castle, a bounce house, pumpkin patch, more. Saturday, September 29, 10am; \$6-\$10. San Diego Children's Discovery Museum, 320 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

Finger Painting Friday: Rainbow Show What colors are in a

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ing Supply, 3030 North Park Way.
(NORTH PARK)

“Islamic India” James Richter discusses “history, art, and architecture of Islamic India from the beginning of the first Delhi dynasty to the Mughul invasion.” 619-232-7931. Thursday, September 27, 1pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Travels in My Foreign Land: Culture Out of Place” UCSD literature professor Pasquale Verdichio considers “issues of cultural translation, adjustment, adoption, and adaptation” in Warren Auditorium in Mother Rosalie Hill Hall. His most recent poetry collection, *This Nothing’s Pl.*, received the 2010 Bressani Prize. 619-260-2746. Thursday, September 27, 5:30pm; **free**. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

“Walking Together for Freedom” Pakistani human rights lawyer Asma Jahangir speaks for USD’s Distinguished Lecture Series. Jahangir served two terms as chair of Human Rights Commission of Pakistan and was first woman president of Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan; she also served as U.N. Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Arbitrary, or Summary Executions for the U.N. Commission on Human Rights and U.N. Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief for the U.N. Human Rights Council. 619-260-7618. Thursday, September 27, 7pm; **free**. 21 and up. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, USD, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

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Rendezvous à Paris Camarada performs chamber music by Ravel, Jolivet, Dutilleux, Poulenc, Emmanuel. 619-231-3702. Friday, September 28, 7:30pm; \$20-\$25. St. Paul’s Cathedral, 2728 Sixth Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

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The Trailer Park Queen — Juanita Hits the Jackpot! Teresa Gunn presents her annual spoken word, one-woman benefit for Street of Dreams — Musicians for Education. Donation. 619-282-3355. Friday, September 28, 7pm; Saville Theatre at San Diego City College, 14th and C Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Fourth Thursday Open Mike — Jihmye Poets, dancers, prose, musicians, comedians invited to perform in “family atmosphere.” Host: Jim Moreno. 619-461-7100. Thursday, September 27, 7:30pm; **free**. Spacebar Internet Cafe, 7454 University Ave., Suite A. (LA MESA)

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Boot Camp Challenge Race around three-mile obstacle course with obstacles used by Marine Corps recruits such as hay jumps, tunnel crawls, trenches. Marine Corps drill instructors on hand to “encourage” participants throughout the course, beginning at 3800 Chosin Avenue. 619-524-8083. Saturday, September 29, 9am; \$39-\$195. MCRD San Diego, 1600

Henderson Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Del Sol III County Horse Show Equestrian competition. 858-794-1171. Saturday, September 29, 8am; Sunday, September 30, 8am; **free**. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Padres Meet Giants! San Francisco Giants in town for series against San Diego Padres. Games broadcast on radio station XX Sports Radio (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000. Friday, September 28, 7:05pm; Saturday, September 29, 5:35pm; Sunday, September 30, 1:05pm; Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

The Breakaway Challenge “Build a team and cycle your way through a...heart-pumping day to raise money for the Challenged Athletes Foundation.” Fee includes an hour-long cycle inside Breakaway Cycle studio, event T-shirt, reusable water bottle. Saturday, September 29, 8am; \$50. Breakaway Cycle, 7777 Fay Ave., Suite G1. (LA JOLLA)

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Sweet, Salty, Sticky

Back in the summer of 2005, I noticed an intimidating-looking restaurant in a generic strip mall at the corner of University and Marlborough Avenues in City Heights. Partially hidden by a Burger King, the black iron steel bars and doors and windows added to the forbidding presentation. After asking around, I learned only that this “wasn’t a *pho* restaurant.”

Inside, I found a dark interior decorated in pastels and dated tables and chairs: the place looked like it belonged in the 1980s. The menu entrées were varied, however, with dishes not seen in San Diego in those days — wild game, various *goi* (salads) — and an entire section

of the menu was in Vietnamese. The food seemed a mixed bag, one good dish offset by another mediocre offering. After a couple of visits, we tucked Que Huong away in our memory.

Three years later, we’d just returned from Hanoi, Sapa, and Bac Ha, and I was chatting with my good friends Kim and Quan when, for some reason, Que Huong came up. They told me about several changes to the menu, especially the addition of a “must try.”

I’ve been a regular customer ever since, and it’s been rewarding to see Que Huong evolve. Experience with the large and unwieldy menu has left me with several dishes to fall back on.

The best way to enjoy Que Huong is to make use of the “lazy Susan” with friends. This I did recently with a group of San Diego food bloggers — Carol, Dennis, and Cathy — to celebrate a visit by Sawyer, one of our former colleagues. I was given the honor of ordering.

There are a couple of salads here that I enjoy, but the one that usually gets my vote is the jackfruit salad. The jackfruit is canned, but as my friend Candice puts it, “It really has the texture of artichoke hearts.” There’s pork and shrimp and a refreshing dressing hidden under a *bánh tráng nướng* (sesame-rice cracker).

The one item I always order at Que Huong: the fish-sauce chicken wings. This is the dish Kim and Quan recommended. Jay, one of the owners, says they go through about a thousand pounds of wings a month, so I’m guessing it’s the most popular item on the menu. The sweet, salty, sticky, crunchy, faintly tangy, and mildly spicy wings hit on all cylinders, but you’ve got to eat them on the spot. The wings are on the small side, increasing the skin-to-meat ratio. I’ve had the Andy Ricker’s renowned fish-sauce chicken wings at Pok Pok in Portland, but I prefer these. The tamarind wings are too sweet-sour for my taste, but they’re still a strong second-place dish.

There’s quite a bit of exotic meat on the menu. Stay away from crocodile, though I’ve had several

decent versions of quail and frog legs. On the occasion of Sawyer’s visit, our group went with minced wild boar, sautéed with chilies, green and red peppers, and lemongrass, mildly spicy and full of flavor. They dress the dish with *ngò om* (also known as the “rice-paddy herb”), adding a sour, cumin taste.

(On occasion, the menu has included wild boar wrapped in betel leaf, with rice paper, herbs, and greens to make your own rolls. I found the inclusion of *diếp cá*, also known as fishwort, enhances the dish with a tangy, sour-fish flavor.)

Next up was the *ốc len xào dừa*, periwinkles braised in coconut milk. If there’s a single dish that illustrates Que Huong’s evolution, this is it. At first taste, I found it bland and uninteresting, but several years and cooks later, it’s now something I enjoy, though I could do without the *ốc*. Learning how to suck the little buggers out of their shell can be fun, but the best part is the smooth, tasty coconut milk–based broth; I usually ask them to make it a spicier. *Rau ram*, Vietnamese coriander, adds a touch of spicy-citrus-coriander flavor.

The bubbling catfish claypot presents a dilemma. I’m not a big fan of muddy flavored catfish. However, I do love the sweet, salty sauce and the pieces of pork belly that line the small pot.

We finished up with *cha ca thang long*. The version Que Huong serves is different from the iconic dish I’ve had in Hanoi — different also from what’s served by Viendong and Ha Noi restaurants in Garden Grove and Westminster. In Hanoi restaurants, such as the legendary Cha Ca La Vong, snakehead (aka “Frankenfish”) is used in addition to a ton of oil. Here, it’s snapper: milder, a bit drier, but also less oily. The dish contains two ingredients rarely associ-



Que Huong’s black steel bars intimidate potential diners.



Periwinkles braised in coconut milk



Fish sauce wings



Catfish claypot

ated with Vietnamese cuisine: dill and turmeric. The fermented-fish dipping sauce, *mam nem*, is fortified with sweet tones and totally legit. Served with a boatload of greens, herbs, and *bun* (rice vermicelli), this could feed a couple of folks on its own. In our case, it wiped out the possibility that anyone in the group would leave hungry.

A few weeks after meeting up with my friends, I dropped by for a solo meal. I was after those chicken wings. Jay welcomed me. His mom was in the kitchen, he said, and she had a simple but refreshing roast chicken with *rau ram* salad. Over the years, I’ve come to trust Jay’s recommendations; besides, you can’t turn down Mom.

The dish was exactly as described, a nice salad of roast chicken seasoned with generous amounts of black pepper, *rau ram* (adding an herbaceous note), and onions for bite. The solo experience gave me time to take in some of my fellow diners, a group of men enjoying food and beer and chatting; a large family huddled over a hot pot; and a couple happily munching on wings. I watched as workers stacked trays on one of the tables — I hear they do some pretty serious catering these days. Que Huong may not be the most stylish restaurant, but the food has improved over the years and it shows. ■

Que Huong Restaurant

4134 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-281-6008; no website

Hours: Monday–Friday, 11:00 a.m.–midnight; Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–midnight; Sunday, 10:00 a.m.–11:30 p.m.

Fare: Varied menu of Vietnamese dishes

Vibe: Casual, family-style Asian restaurant; televisions on the wall. Service can be leisurely.

Must Try: Fish-sauce chicken wings, snails in coconut water, jackfruit salad, claypot catfish, sautéed wild boar, and did I mention the fish-sauce chicken wings?

Need to know: Limited beer and wine, \$10 corkage. Parking in the lot can be horrific when the restaurant is full; street-parking is a better bet. If you have questions, ask for Jay, especially if you want eating instructions for the *cha ca* or anything with snails. Vietnamese specials are listed on the chalkboard in front of the restaurant.

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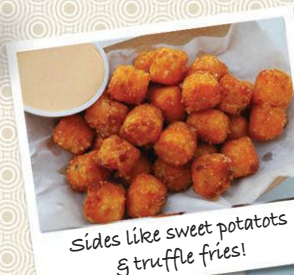
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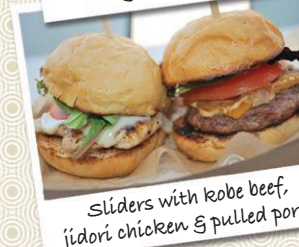
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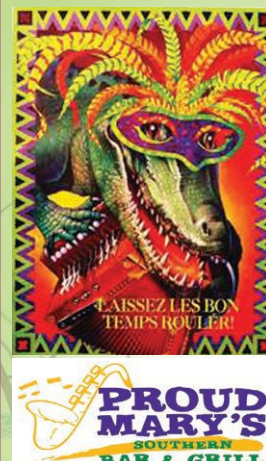
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Torta Trundlers

She bites in. “Brilliant! It’s just salty and tangy enough. And, rich?...”

This, uh, mission of mine started out at Mission Brewery (1441 L Street, East Village, 619-544-0555). Had 15 minutes to wait for a bus at 12th and Imperial. So, a quick romp across the Petco parking lot to ye olde vacant Wonder Bread factory, which Mission moved into at the start of last year. Now, it’s a big, airy, brewing-vat-packed pub with a lo-ong counter.

Grabbed a sampler (only \$1!) of their excellentissimo Dark Seas Russian Imperial Stout (full pint’s \$7.54, after tax), and what I noticed as I sipped was a menu. Hey, they have actual food! Tortas, mostly.

“We don’t make them here,” said Rod, the barman. “We phone the order up to Bolillo, on Fourth Avenue. Really good. Only thing is, it takes about 20 minutes from, like, order to eating.”

That was two days ago. Didn’t have time to try the food then. But tonight, as I tramp up Fourth, in deepest Gaslamp, I’m thinking about those big, round tortas — Mexican “burgers” — and, lo and behold, here it is. “Bolillo Tortas.” Recognize the sign from the menu at Mission. Last year when it first opened, *Reader Feast!* blogger Mary Beth wrote about how they wanted to be “the most important *tortería* in America” and an “ambassador to the true Mexican culture.”

Wow. That’s ambitious. Guess I have to stop and see what the fuss is about. Promised the lovely Carla a late-night snack, anyway.

Must say, they’ve done things up nicely: patio, red umbrellas, and, inside, raw-timber plank walls, plus a woven bamboo-looking ceiling that curves down to become side-cladding. There’s a red, wall-length bench seat all down that side and several black tables. Pretty sophisticated. This ain’t no workaday taco joint.

I haul up to the counter. Shawn and Jovel are waiting. I look up at the board. Decent prices, mostly seven to ten buckeroos. I see beers in the cooler, \$4–\$7. Seven for an Arrogant Bastard. Be

still, my heart.

But I’ve got Carla waiting, starving, back at the ranch. So, I race through the choices of tortas. There’s a simple ham and cheese (\$6.95) and a beef milanesa (\$9.50). The Cubano is ham, steak, cheese (\$9.75). Or, you can get *huevo con chorizo*, egg and Mexican sausage (\$7.50).

“Chorizo,” says Carla, when I call for instructions.

“Good choice,” says Shawn.

I could get a horchata (the Mexican rice drink) for \$2.50 to drink while I wait. But, no. I don’t like hurrying, and I hate not to finish it, and I don’t do drinks aboard buses no mo’.

So, I chat with the guys. Jovel’s the one who trundles the tortas around town in a special delivery tricycle. It’s sitting under the tree outside.

“Down to Mission Brewery’s a good, long ride,” he says.

That’s when Stefano Pezzotti, the boss, comes out from the back.

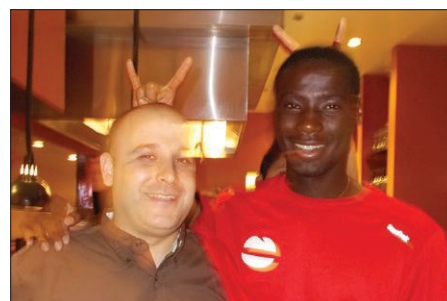
“Yes, we want to become the premier torta place in the country,” he says when I ask.

Turns out, things are looking good for them: in two months, they’ll be opening a second place at UTC, in the Westgate mall.

“Westgate asked us,” says Stefano. “That was a real compliment. It showed we were on the right track. And we may be opening in Escondido, too.”

Not bad for a guy who only opened up here 11 months ago.

“I’ve always had this dream,” he says, “of making tortas popular in this country. They’re so much a part of life in Mexico City, where I’m from, and all around Mexico. So, as soon as I came to the States — San Diego — 11 years ago, after working in Cancún, I started looking for partners and a place. Basically, making tortas, but not in a hole-in-the-wall atmosphere. You see, here we have wine, beers, salads, desserts. It’s a nice place for families, business people, but still at low prices.”



Shawn and Jovel (and somebody behind giving them antennae)



My huevo con chorizo torta with salad and bacon-wrapped jalapeño

Tortas in Mexico, he says, are like burgers in the States. “I want to franchise. I want Bolillo to be bigger than Chipotle! And they have 500 outlets already.”

You’ve got to admire someone with the *cojones* to dream big like that. Then it hits me. Are we looking at a phenomenon? Here’s Stefano, raising the humble torta to middle-class sophistication. Then there’s Chipotle, 500 restaurants. El Vitral at the ballpark: a sophisticated Mexican tapas-and-tequila joint doing so well they’re opening two more glitzy places in Chula Vista.

Sure seems like middle-class Latino culture is starting to strut its stuff, and, by the way, both Latinos and non-Latinos are turning up at these joints. San Diego is ready for it.

Still, hold up here, pardner. Getting ahead of myself. Haven’t even tasted the torta yet.

Plus, final judgment has to be left to Carla, the ultimate chorizo expert.

On the way home, I realize I forgot to ask Stefano why he named the place “Bolillo Tortas.”

Carla, natch, has an explanation. “Torta is what the sandwich is called. Some places put the filling in a *telera*, which is big and round and soft. But this place serves it in a *bolillo*. It’s like a French baguette — crisp outside, soft inside, oval-shaped.” She bites in. “Brilliant! It’s just salty and tangy enough. And, rich? *Mi corazón*, you have surpassed yourself.”



Owner Stefano Pezzotti dreams of “making tortas popular in this country.”



The cargo box of the delivery trike Jovel rides

The word I’m thinking is *generous*. And the *bolillo* is great. It’s still crispy, even after the ride home. The torta has egg, a wad of chorizo sausage, flaked cheese, and lots of avocado slicking out everywhere.

On the side, there’s a great little salad with slices of fresh-cut apple, cranberries, and almonds that give a nutty sweetness, plus red onions. And a small bowl of lemony-garlic mustard sauce. I pour it over the salad and into my half of the torta. There’s also a separate grilled jalapeño wrapped in bacon and cheese. Such a deal.

Whew. Sit back. Sated. I’ll think about jumping up and down and lifting weights to work it all off later (heh). But we’ve gotta get back soon to that Bolillo patio. A \$5 glass of *vino* for Carla, the Arrogant Bastard for *moi*. ...good talk, good torta, good God! Can’t wait to get hungry again. ■

The Place: Bolillo Tortas, 417 Fourth Avenue, downtown San Diego, 619-255-6268

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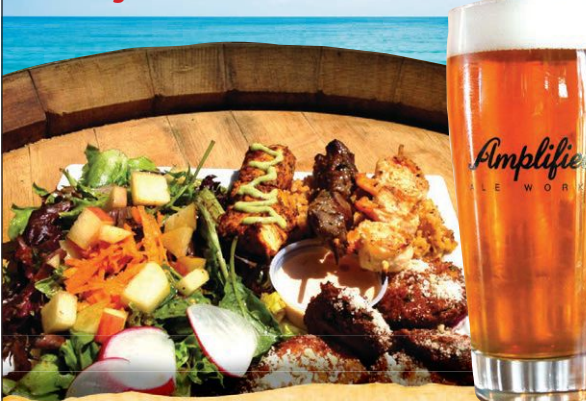
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Noshing Nostalgic

Back in July, I reported Consortium Holdings — the company behind Neighborhood, El Dorado, Noble Experiment, Craft & Commerce, and Underbelly — would be opening a new venue near the corner of 30th Street and Adams Avenue.

As it turns out, CH headmen Arsalun Tafazoli and Nathan Stanton will be opening *two* venues; different coexisting sister spaces designed around a common theme — nostalgia.

The first of the pair to hit the Heights will be Polite Provisions, a 2200-square-foot local revival of the old-timey drugstore where a town's people would assemble, sit a spell with a fountain libation, and converse about everything under the sun. Like the American institutions it's designed to pay homage to, Polite Provisions will serve milkshakes, malts, egg creams, and the like. Unlike Pop's Pharmacy, those sweet treats will be available with a lacing of alcohol for self-medicating. The venue will also sport 46 taps; not surprising, given Tafazoli's long-standing love for beer. What is surprising is those taps will mostly pour wines, sodas, spirits, and cocktails, including beer-tails developed in collaboration with local brewers.

In building the concept for Polite Provisions, Consortium Holdings partnered with big-name bartender Erick Castro, a mixologist known for his "vintage minimalist" style — focusing on pre-Prohibition ingredients and recipes — which have put both he and spots like his San Francisco speakeasy stomping grounds, Bourbon Branch, on

the map in a big way. In 2010, he was recognized as Rising Star Mixologist by StarChefs, and the aforementioned venue has been cited as one of the best bars in America by *Esquire* and one of the finest in the world by *Food & Wine*. But he's from *NorCal*! Relax, Raider haters and SoCal fanatics. There's no need for picket signs or pitchforks. Before blowing up in the Bay Area, Castro went to college at SDSU.

FEAST!

Once **Polite Provisions** is up and running, it will be followed by **Soda Swine**, an eatery specializing in exactly two low-frill comfort items — meatballs and apple pie. The former will be made of various proteins ground onsite against a butcher-shop backdrop while the pies will be similarly from-scratch. All will be the product of Jason McLeod, a veteran chef with San Diego roots who was hired earlier this year to oversee the culinary operations at all of Consortium's locations. This two-in-one addition to Normal Heights is scheduled to open in December.

by Brandon Hernández



Ocean Beach's Azucar keeps a couple of pastry cases stocked with sweets (\$1-\$6).

when I was in Ocean Beach. I think it's Azucar's fault, and not just because the sidewalk seats are a great place to sit on a sunny day and witness the goings-on of Newport Avenue.

For whatever reason, Azucar has decided to go with a classier, more polished vibe than the characteristically bohemian Ocean Beach scene would normally dictate. All done up in white and lime green, the Cuban-style coffee-and-pastry

Cuban Sweetness

In the past, I always took my coffee black or with a touch of cream. Never sweet. But, sometime in the past year or two, I started putting sugar in my coffee. I haven't been able to place blame for this on any particular party, but I had an idea the other day



You have to sit at the bar to get the happy-hour prices at La Gran Tapa, but the company is pleasant.

shop lured me in years ago by promising cups of dark, sweet coffee, and I've been finding my way back there again and again. Azucar's *café cubano* is so perfect in its sweetness that it's made a sugar lover out of me. Sweetened during brewing, it's an intense sugar rush that's offset by the bitterness of the espresso. It's infinitely more satisfying, for my money, than any kind of bloated latte. I steer clear of picking favorites in any regard, but Cuban coffee would be a good candidate for my favorite cup of joe, if I were into making those kinds of distinctions.

In addition to the coffee, Azucar keeps a couple of pastry cases stocked with sweets (\$1-\$6). I have stuck with the Cuban-style stuff in the past; puff pastry delights filled with guava and cheese or little meat patties that contain a succulent, spiced hash; all of which have proven themselves to be delicious.

More involved confections involve various cheesecakes, bon-bons, and an intriguing cheese flan soaked in condensed milk and dulce de leche. The single-serving pastries show nice attention to detail and sufficient reservation in design; i.e., they aren't over-sized and covered in three-too-many layers of icing and cream. I guess they put all the extra sugar in the coffee, where it belongs.

Azucar, 4820 Newport Avenue.

by Ian Pike

No Tips Accepted?

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It's the first thing you notice when you get your check. But what does it mean?

This is at the oldest of tapas joints in our fair city, **La Gran Tapa** (611 B Street, downtown, 619-234-8272).

Paul Dobson, the bullfighter and downtown restaurant pioneer (he still has Dobson's at 956 Broadway Circle), opened it in 1984.

It really does have an old-world Spanish feel (not that I've been to Spain) with its black and yellow and woody color scheme.

Actually, I came in for the tortilla. That's what the Spanish call the Spanish omelet.

First kinda eye-opener is that this "tortilla Española" is a sunset tapa dish. Guess I'm more used to the idea of eggs at *desayuno*. But, given as how it's probably nice and salty, I think I might take to it as a tapa.

Truth to tell: Only reason I'm having it is because I spotted it on the happy-hour tapas list. (Happy hour's from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily.) And Don the barkeep is getting me a beer from the wild shores of Nova Scotia, and I need munchies to go with it.

The beer's an Alexander Keith India Pale Ale. Never heard of it before. Three bucks.

I'm sitting at the bar (you need to, if you want happy-hour prices) next to this clump of gals. Glenda, Wendy, Genail, Pamela, and their lone male buddy, Todd.

They've ordered a swag of HH tapas: marinated beets (\$3), caprese salad, the meats and cheese plate, and the tortilla Española (\$4 each). So, \$15, plus drinks. Not bad.

Me, it's the tortilla. They say it's the single most popular tapa in Spain. That it's been the poor-man's belly-filler for centuries. It's basically a thick omelet of eggs and spuds cooked in olive oil.

Mine comes with two wedges of omelet and

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The beer, too, good solid beer. Okay, wimpy, compared to the IPAs around San Diego, World Headquarters of Real IPA. When you've been spoiled, you get picky.

But now I'm hearing how Alexander Keith could be the oldest brewery on the North American continent that has never closed its doors (thanks to it being in Canada, which never got whacked by Prohibition). Alexander Keith, turns out, was a Scot who survived the stormy seas to Nova Scotia and started his brewery there in 1820.

Except, uh, now it's owned by Anheuser-Busch InBev. So that dents the image of wild Canadian beer for trappers. And maybe explains the mild taste.

But who's quibbling? The company's good. This horseshoe bar practically guarantees that. And now we've got a live *guitarista* making you feel the suffering of the gypsies who created the flamenco music he's playing. Edward Fishwick.

He went to Spain and learned in the countryside in places where you sit in a circle and pass the guitar from hand to hand, and you'd better have a song ready to go.

Man. Food, wine (okay beer, but the HH wines are \$4 a glass), and free transportation to Andalusia.

The beer and tapa cost \$8.87. That includes 64 cents' tax and a 17.5 percent service charge. Oh, yeah. That's why the check says "NO TIPS ACCEPTED."

Because you've already tipped. They're doing European-style mandatory tipping.

But the check also says "Expect excellent service! Please let us know immediately (or by email) if this was not the case. Manager will credit your check or issue a gift certificate."

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by Ed Bedford

Morning Carbo Load

The first thing that leaps out about the Ken Cafe is that it's on one of the nicest little street corners. It's across the street from a park and the area is as pleasant as you'd expect the mayor's personal neighborhood to be! The long, narrow patio wraps all the way around the front of the café and the inside space (which seems to have been thrown together in a calculatedly haphazard manner) gives way to more seats than the quiet building suggests.

I found it to be adorable and cozy inside without giving undesired impressions of gingerbread cottages or faux-rustic charm.

At the breakfasting hour, the espresso bar came through in a big way. Even a cup of drip coffee (\$2) was hot, fresh, and kept full by the attentive server. A small display case contained a few scones and other morning breads, but it's fairly clear that the café has put the onus on more substantial fare for breakfast patrons. As it is, the selection of breakfast foods is short, a fact that's augmented by their being served until 4 p.m. This isn't a bad thing, but it's not in keeping with the trend toward lengthy menus that has created a "spoiled for choice" mentality for diners. On the menu,

scrambled-egg dishes like the "Spanish revival," which made use of cheese and soyriso, and some breakfast sandwiches composed the bulk of the protein-heavy options. Lighter choices came in the form of various acai and oatmeal bowls.

Waffles command their own section, and the "honey gone nuts" waffle topped with candied walnuts, honey, and sliced bananas proved itself an intrepid undertaking at an early hour of the day. Adding bacon and eggs (\$2) was an easy way to augment the carbo-loaded meal with some protein. The eggs were a touch overcooked to my taste, which demands silky eggs finished only to the point of coagulation, but the thick slices of bacon were in keeping with my preference for chewier strips.

For whatever reason, the Kensington Cafe has chosen to flatten the pricing out to the point where nearly every option falls in the \$6-\$8 range. It's not until something like this happens that the importance of price in decision-making becomes apparent. When everything costs essentially the same, it's very hard to choose, even when the menu is limited. This curious exercise in cognitive dissonance is unexpected coming from a breakfast menu, but it's interesting. I don't know if it gives Kensington Cafe any kind of advantage in the highly competitive coffee-stop field, but it can't hurt. Or can it? You tell me.

Kensington Cafe, 4141 Adams Avenue.

by Ian Pike

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me everything I'd traveled to the islands in search of — cool breezes, peace, tranquility, an abundance of pork. Check that. I got *almost* everything I wanted. Being that I visited the Big Island, I missed out on the opportunity to visit with Kim Lutz, the talented lead brewer in charge of Maui Brewing Company's brewpub on its namesake island.

The first time I met Lutz was when she was working up a collaboration beer with local brewer Yiga Miyashiro at Pizza Port's Ocean Beach brewhouse. As the base for their Return of the Mac coffee and macadamia nut brown ale boiled away, we got better acquainted over a beer, and I learned that she actually hails from California, went to Cal Poly SLO, and got her start in adult beverages via the wine industry as an enologist for J. Lohr Winery in Paso Robles before setting sail for Maui, where she's worked for the past five years. Knowledgeable, kind, and easygoing the way, perhaps, only a combo-Californian and Hawaiian could be, she was easy to appreciate. And I was an even bigger fan weeks later after sampling that collaboration beer.

Lutz has since made several trips to San Diego, the most recent of which came two weeks ago. I caught wind she was in town through some of my brewing-industry connections, who also shared with me

that she was interviewing with several local brewing companies. Kim Lutz moving to San Diego to brew — suddenly that missed opportunity in Hawaii didn't seem like such a big deal. This was an exciting turn of events.

Many of the breweries that are slated to open within the next year are headed by brewers with no professional experience and, in many cases, minimal homebrewing experience, making the addition of someone known throughout the craft-brewing industry as a quality brewer significant. There is absolutely nothing wrong with homebrewers making the jump to the big leagues, but like any regional industry built around products that are interesting for their unique variables, the local beer scene needs to be evened out or shaken up in order to continue to provide a plethora of interesting experiences for consumers. Lutz's insertion would help to accomplish that.

I immediately switched into reporter mode, reaching out to Lutz and some of our shared connections. It took some time for things to develop, but yesterday Lutz shared with me that she has accepted an offer to brew for Saint **Archer Brewing Company**. Billed as a California craft brewery, the company will be based in Mira Mesa, not far from Green Flash Brewing Company. It is owned primarily by professional skaters and surfers. The addition of Lutz is enough to jet-tison them to the forefront of San Diego's work-in-progress brewery sect, but wait...there's more.

While she will no doubt play a huge role in the direction of the brewery, its operations, and the beers produced, she will not be the brewmaster. That position is being filled by Ray Astamendi, who comes to San Diego from Left Coast Brewing Company in San Clemente. That company is best known locally as the company that produces beers for Oggi's Pizza and Brewing. Astamendi has been there for several years. Before that, he

What the Chef Eats

by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

RED VELVET CHEESECAKE

RECIPE BY JOE BURNS

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I got into baking because I didn't want to do what everyone else was doing. In culinary school, we had to choose either the savory or pastry track. It seemed like everyone chose savory so I chose pastry. At first I didn't like it. I wanted to cook more, but I had already put the time in and I didn't want to start all over again. I stuck with it, even though I was one of the only guys in the group.

Once I graduated, baking grew on me. I started to see the artistry in the craft and all of the amazing things you can do with pastry. As a dessert chef, you create the final impression a person has of the restaurant. I don't bake much at home unless it's someone's birthday or

Thanksgiving. Right now, at home, I'm really into lentils and white beans. I love to grill up some pork chops and I'm a fan of heirloom tomatoes.

I grew up in the South and my desserts still have a "down South" cooking vibe. I love making pies, candies, and crêpes. I'm big into sweet potatoes, yams, cheesecakes, and bread puddings. One of my favorite things to make now is a red velvet cheesecake because the color is so red and rich. You can make them into individual frozen cheesecakes on a stick and dip them into chocolate. You don't expect the color to be so red and gorgeous.

Of course, living in San Diego, people aren't

as into buttercream as they are in the South. I've had to adapt. Luckily, the produce in San Diego is so lovely. You can make peach or cherry tarts with toasted almonds and it tastes amazing. You don't even need sugar. I get a lot of requests for gluten-free and sugar-free and I have to get creative to make desserts without flour or sugar. But, like with most things, if you have an open mind, you can do almost anything.

INGREDIENTS

Makes one 10" cheesecake

CRUST

3 cups finely crushed graham crackers

¼ cup sugar

¼ cup cocoa powder

½ cup melted butter



Chef Joe Burns is "big into sweet potatoes, yams, cheesecakes, and bread puddings."

CHEESECAKE

1 ½ pounds room-temp cream cheese

1 ½ cups sugar

2 tablespoons cocoa powder

3 eggs

2 tablespoons red food coloring

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1 tablespoon white distilled vinegar

GANACHE

2 cups heavy cream

18 oz semisweet chocolate

(chopped into small pieces)

HOW TO DO IT

Place all ingredients in a bowl and mix until well combined. Place mix-

brewed with Lutz in Maui for several months. This figures to be quite the reunion.

There is no set plan for the types of beers they will produce, but the goal will be to merge their brewing styles. The duo plans to begin brewing at the end of the year.

by Brandon Hernández

Super Secret Sourdough

The other day, my friend Emily forwarded me an email from one of her friends. It was about a new "bread CSA" that a girl had

started up. She was baking three days a week and interested parties could get on the mailing list. For now, the operation is pretty simple. Kyla bakes bread three days a week in the kitchen at El Take it Easy. She transports everything on a bike so she can deliver the bread on her way home or hold it for pick-up at her place in Mission Hills. She charges \$3-\$4 for a loaf.

That's it.

I grabbed a traditional *pain au levain* and a roasted garlic loaf yesterday and I'm pleased to report that they're pretty good. They're both sourdough breads,

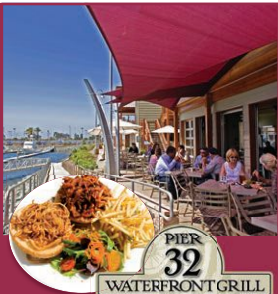
but she knows how to coax life from the starter so the crumb isn't overly dense, although the small, convection oven at the restaurant isn't ideal for bread and it doesn't seem like she is getting as much oven spring out of the loaves as she could. According to Kyla, she spent some time in France making bread and I think she has some talent to work with.

This sounds pretty cool, no? Here's the rub: I can't just give out her contact info. She's not quite ready to make more bread than she already is, which is about 12 to 15 loaves at a time. There are loads of logistical concerns

(transportation and delivery, oven capacity, etc.) that prevent expansion at this point. Still, this could get bigger, and I'll keep tabs on Kyla and her bread production.

For a little while, a similar project called InGrained was running out of Twiggs Coffee Shop with some degree of success. Eventually, Colin (the baker) went to France to practice baking (patterns are emerging here...) and then he moved back to Colorado and InGrained was no more in San Diego. Colin was fairly successful in his endeavor, so it seems like Kyla could experience similar results with the right program and promotion.

Perhaps the most intriguing part of Kyla's operation is that she's sharing space with El Take it Easy and using the space and equipment which sit dormant for half of every day when the restaurant is closed. In theory, it makes a lot of economic sense to extract more productivity from existing structures. Temporarily vacant structures and spaces are a constant challenge to civil engineers because so many resources are tied up in *not being used*. Finding



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ture in a 10-inch spring form cake pan and pat down. Spray the sides of the pan with a non-stick coating.

Place cream cheese, sugar, and cocoa powder in a bowl and cream until smooth and there are no lumps. Mix in eggs one at a time. Add in the food

coloring, vanilla, and vinegar. Mix until well combined. Pour mixture into prepared cake pan, leaving about ¾ of an inch between the top of the pan and the cake batter. Bake in oven at 275 degrees for 45 to 60 minutes or until the center has become semi firm

to the touch. Cooking time will vary depending on your oven. If the edges begin to burn, cover with foil. Once the cake has come out of the oven and cooled down, unmold it. I finish the cake by coating it in a dark-chocolate ganache.

Heat heavy cream

to scalding. Pour over chocolate and stir with a spoon until smooth. Place cake on cooling rack and pour the ganache over it. Smooth off any extra ganache with an offset spatula

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region of Mexico has its favorites, but this will make a good *sope*," she says, and starts listing the ingredients: shredded beef, grated cheese, sour cream, salsa with tomatoes and onions, avocado, shredded lettuce, and frijoles.

"Just lettuce and frijoles make a good basic *sope*," she says.

A few hours later, I have a little mountain of stuff riding in this round barge of thick *masa*.

So, yes, it does cost a few bucks to assemble everything. But, gotta say, actually doing it yourself and not ending up with a disaster? What satisfaction. What a beautiful mess! Even Carla appreciates the fact I did this with my own hands.

by Ed Bedford

new uses for the things we already have, rather than erecting new structures to serve a single purpose, has come to be an important challenge in the 21st Century. Of course, there are challenges. There is only so much sharing that's possible in, say, a restaurant before one business starts to negatively impact the other. Anyone who has ever tried to stake out space in a walk-in cooler for special projects knows how precious some resources are. Still, I think that's an institutional problem as much as anything else. Entrenched ways of thinking about space and time don't account for creative re-use and considerations of greater efficiency. It's only a matter of rethinking certain things and making some small accommodations that have big results.

Feel free to contact me through the *Reader* with feedback on, or interest in, shared-space stuff like this.

by Ian Pike

Low-Pay Sope!

I guess "make it yourself" has never been in my vocabulary. Till now.

Talking National City. I was just turning onto 7th Street when here's this little tortilleria, El Grano de Oro (730 E. 7th Street, National City, 619-474-7401).

Kids and their moms are in there behind the white security grill buying small stacks of tortillas, made right here. Plus groceries and veggies.

I come in because I'm thinking *fresh tortillas*. So much better than store-bought.

Liz, the gal at the counter, says they make about 1000 tortillas

every day. The place is like a little grocery store upfront, but the back is this series of metal trays and racks and conveyer belts, so you know they really make them here.

"Every morning," says Liz.

But this is late, maybe three in the afternoon.

And now, all I see on the counter is a plastic bag with three of those thick corn tortillas with their edges curled up to hold in, well, stuff.

"*Sopes*," she says. "They're

like tortillas, made from ground maize soaked in lime, like tortillas."

Except it seems they're thicker, and fried just enough so they have a slightly crisp skin that will not fall apart when you put a whole lot of sloppy stuff in it. Like, frijoles, grated cheese, maybe shredded beef, and salsas.

"Do you do that?" I ask.

"No, but we have some of the things you need," she says.

"And those are?"

"Well, there are all sorts. Every

Well-Traveled Chef

When there's chef turnover at one of your favorite restaurants, one becomes rightfully concerned. Under former chef de cuisine Brian Sinnott, the Hotel del Coronado's fine dining restaurant, 1500 Ocean (1500 Orange Avenue), gained increased recognition among the foodie sect. It was mentioned in the same company as local top-tier dining destinations such as the Marine Room, Nine-Ten, A.R. Valentin, and George's California

Modern. Then, out of the blue, Sinnott went circa 1993—Michael Jordan, retiring from cooking at the height of his popularity.

That shocking turn of events occurred in the spring of 2011. By July, the Del appointed Sinnott's replacement, former Rancho Valencia and Addison chef Aaron Martinez. A forager who specialized in luxurious modernist fare, his food was impressive. After tasting my way through his menu, I openly sang his praises and answered "1500 Ocean" nearly every time I was asked what really superb, stand-out places I'd eaten at recently. Then, suddenly, he was gone. Time to place the big question mark back on the seaside spot while waiting for someone to come and take over.

Like the ghost of Kate Morgan, the question mark still lingers over the Del, but the landmark hotel recently announced the hiring of their new chef de cuisine, a well-traveled toque with previous workplaces worthy of exclamation points. His name is Robert Hohmann, and he comes to 1500 Ocean after a successful stint as chef de cuisine at famous chef Michael Chiarello's Bottega Ristorante in Napa, where he earned a Top 5 Best Chef Pacific nomination from the James Beard Foun-

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dation earlier this year. I certainly enjoyed the food there during my last wine-tasting vacation. From 2004 to 2010, he worked as part of the Thomas Keller Restaurant Group as the executive sous chef at Yountville's Bouchon Bistro and chef de partie at Per Se in New York. He's also worked for the likes of Mario Batali as the sous chef at New York City's Del Posto.

Hohmann certainly has the pedigree to inspire hopeful anticipation, but you can't eat a résumé. It will be interesting to see and taste the food that he puts out when his menu debuts at 1500 Ocean. That will take place October 1. In the mean-

time, the menu he's put together for San Diego Restaurant Week previews some of his dishes, including a garbanzo bean soup with piquillo peppers and capers, skirt steak with elf mushrooms and bordelaise vinaigrette, and pan-roasted sea bass with turmeric, braised turnip, and a wild fennel dressing.

by Brandon Hernández

No Lack of Peanuts

Poor House Brewing in North Park isn't much of a bar — at least not yet, although I got the feeling that the thrown-together feel is at least partially intentional. Perhaps it's just the name, but I think the mason jars for serving beer and the crude bars that aren't attached to the floor are permanent fixtures designed to give the place a blue-collar feel. It's almost as if it's going for a Tobacco Rhoda's vibe.

The beer selection was merely adequate, and the main draw for visiting Poor House, the eponymous homebrew, wasn't available. Poor House is owned by Chris Finch of the erstwhile Firehouse Brewing Company, and it's cool in theory to have some more beers

being brewed uptown. Without that, Poor House loses its luster. Even the attractive girls bartending in Daisy Dukes and cowboy boots couldn't seal the deal, as though we're being unfairly compensated for a "meh" experience. All right, I'll cool it with hating for a second and give credit where credit is due. To the peanuts.

Huge tubs of salted peanuts and pretzels lurk behind the Poor House bar. Faced with the bar's many shortcomings, the peanuts were a godsend. Heavenly manna provided at a time of great need. Peanuts, along with pickled eggs, are the stuff of legend in terms of bar food. All the "bar food" menus out there that feature elaborately cured meats, artisan mac and cheese, or miniature hamburgers — all those menus are just compensating for a lack of peanuts.

Don't get me wrong; bar menus rife with small plates of elegant food are magical in their own right, but salted peanuts are *amazing* with beer. They've become less fashionable in recent years, much like bread baskets at restaurants. But the undeniable Bukowski charm of sitting and

cracking peanuts, eating your fill one salty bite at a time, and producing a pile of leathery husks to be swept away with neither grace nor ceremony is a borderline literary experience.

Poor House Brewing, 4494 30th Street.

by Ian Pike

Late-Teen Makeover

I remember when I was 19. It was quite a year for yours truly. I moved out on my own, got my first steady job, and became a dad. The latter occurrence was enough to nudge me to grow up, but even before that, I'd felt an urge to start looking at my life and the decisions I was making in a different light — one tinged with the heightened perspective of budding adulthood. It was a year of introspection, growth, and change.

The same can be said for **San Marcos Brewery Grill** (1080 W. San Marcos Blvd.). Though lesser known than most of San Diego County's breweries, particularly standouts in North County such as Stone Brewing Company and the Lost Abbey, they've been around longer than both. With a birth certificate sporting the year 1993, San Marcos Brewery is the oldest brewing company in the North County currently in operation. Coming up on the big one-nine, general manager Dean Jacobsen has decided to start doing things a little differently as well.

The brewpub has 16 taps. Up until this month, they spouted only beers produced onsite; house beers such as Two-Timing IPA, Pompous Ass Imperial Brown, Old Goats Oatmeal Stout, and the signature Wild Clover Honey Ale. All that changed two weeks ago when Jacobsen cleared out half his taps to devote them to guest beers from local breweries. That initial line-up included Sculpin IPA and Black Marlin Porter from Ballast Point Brewing Spirits, the Lost Abbey Old Viscosity imperial stout, Stone Arrogant Bastard Ale, and IRA Red and Pin-Up Pale from Vista's Mother Earth Brew Co.

Jacobsen's tap manipulation was inspired by San Marcos Brewery Grill's upcoming October 15 anniversary. He says he is proud of breweries that have followed in his business' footsteps and taken things to the next level. He also realizes what a Mecca in its own right San Diego's North County region has become and hopes to celebrate that in tandem with his own beers.

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Fur Peace. “We had this idea that we’d grow good guitar players.” Vanessa Kaukonen, wife of Jorma Kaukonen, checks in by phone to talk about the Fur Peace Ranch guitar camp she started with her husband in 1989 in the nether lands of Ohio. “We are

Haynes. “Jorma has a knack for picking out great instructors.” He also has a knack for being an instructor himself, having taught music since he was 22. Jorma Kaukonen, from Washington, D.C., is 72 but still plays 180 shows a year. He first came to fame as a found-

shining moments on vinyl may well be “Spare Chaynge” and “Embryonic Journey.” Fur Peace hosts 17 such road camps a year. Each consists of 12 to 14 hours of lessons over a three-day period. “We have a 97 percent return rate.” Vanessa Kaukonen explains that while Fur Peace is not an accredited school, potential students must qualify before they are admitted. “We have a heavy concentration of students in California and in New York. A lot of them live in San Francisco or in Los Angeles, and San Diego is an easy commute for them.”

In January, Kaukonen will host a songwriting and level-three finger-style workshop here with Hot Tuna alum Barry Mitterhoff. “And David Crosby, too, I hope,” Vanessa Kaukonen says. If schedules can be worked out, Crosby will be here. When she passes the phone to Jorma, I ask what he likes most about San Diego when he’s here. “Anthology,” he says. “We discovered it recently when we were here on vacation and went to a concert by Tommy Emmanuel. There’s this Mexican restaurant not far from the Grant Hotel,” he says. He describes it as “very funky and inexpensive, with these murals all over the place.” He thinks for a minute, and then comes up with the name. “Pokez. And the [USS] *Midway*,” he says. “I can spend hours roaming around on the *Midway*.” — *Dave Good*

The bunny was fine. Summer won’t let go with its humid grip. Even the calm black evenings hold on to the heat like a fever. The Belly Up is filled early, collectively sweating with a warm air of anticipation for the bands to come. It’s a night of locals on the rise and a strong way for Bunny Gang to catapult the release of their debut CD, *1*. The Gang is opening for Dead Feather Moon and Little Hurricane. The temperature aids their efforts, the sweat-touched room a perfect clime for their dirty grind of electric blues. They ran numbers on their new song with pounding drums, heavy guitar riffs, and Megan Liscomb’s sultry rasp. With slow serpentine movements she slides across the stage demanding attention. In “Bump Bump Bump,” she growls, “Every shadow that you taste is gonna move like me.” With each song of the set you can see the shedding of timidity. It is an exciting pace to take in.

Earlier in the week Liscomb and I grabbed some sandwiches from Krakatoa and found a shade tree in Balboa Park to cool down our conversation. We got into all things musical, the origin of Bunny Gang, and the return of *Arrested Development*. “I was hoping to do something like this, where I just sing, and Dustin approached me out of the blue,” says Liscomb. Drummer Adam

Eidson was playing with Of Sons and Ghosts, which had a gig with Old Tiger. Eidson saw Dustin Lothspeich of Old Tiger wielding a flying V and

a verse and I’ll say, ‘Wait, that’s the chorus.’” The debut disc was recorded in their practice space, Superior Sound in Kearny



Bunny Gang is hopping to the top of San Diego’s blues-rock heap.

the inside track blurt

a music school,” she says. “And in the winter, we head out to warmer climates. Fur Peace will visit San Diego three times next year: twice in January and once in February.



Jorma Kaukonen comes to teach guitar — and grind on some Pokez.

“Jorma and I designed and developed the camp, and then we recruited national artists that have a knack for teaching to join us.” The short list of guitar instructors includes Tommy Emmanuel and Warren

ing member of the Jefferson Airplane in the 1960s. Later, he started a side project with Airplane bassist Jack Casady called Hot Tuna that, unlike the Airplane, survives to this day.

Ranked at number 54 in *Rolling Stone*’s 100 Greatest Guitarists, Kaukonen’s finger-style guitar still has hippie nation written all over it; *Stone* critic David Fricke described Kaukonen’s playing as raga-infected. His

Mesa. Lothspeich mixed it and a friend of a friend mastered it. Everything was recorded live. Citing early Black Keys and Zeppelin as influences, vocally, Liscomb feeds off Billie Holiday and the Kills. Bunny Gang has climbed the ladder quickly in San Diego. Their first show was in May at the Whistle Stop. “I like that it doesn’t have a stage,” says Liscomb. “You’re level with the crowd. It was a Friday, so it was crowded — hot and sweaty.” Before the show the band needed a name: “Dustin kept wanting names with Gang in it.... It was decision time, and I got in a car accident ‘cause I slammed on my brakes for a bunny. The bunny was fine and Bunny Gang was born.” — *Alfred Howard*
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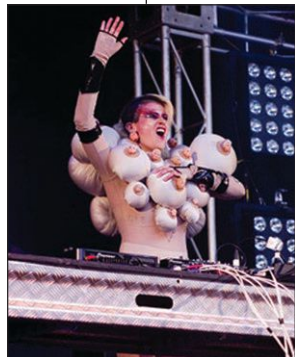
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Raunchy Peaches. Is there anything lamer than bands playing DJ sets?

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Peaches — the tranny lovechild of John Waters and Alice Cooper

a DJ set?"

DJ sets are about as exciting as listening to a stranger absent-mindedly flipping through the CD changer on their car stereo.

Then there's Peaches — the raunchy, gender-bending

Berlin-via-Canada electroclash queen who turned heads in 2000 with her gritty breakthrough album *The Teaches of Peaches*.

Like the tranny lovechild of John Waters and Alice Cooper, Peaches is now taking the DJ set platform to her own over-sexed extreme with the Peaches DJ Extravaganza — a flamboyant performance-art piece incorpo-

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Tickets are \$25 at the door and \$15 presale online (peaches-rockstj.com) or at M-Theory Music (915 West Washington Street), Nest Vintage Home (830 25th Street, suite 101), and Hunt & Gather (2871 University Avenue).

No passport? Peaches DJ Extravaganza will be at the Belly Up Tavern in Solana Beach on October 23.

— Chad Deal

Record-Release

Roundup. The local band compilation *Staring at the Sun Volume 10* will debut with an all-ages show at Lestat's on October 6, featuring a bill that includes Tolan Shaw, the

on their own Domestic Wax Records, comes out October 7, with its first single, "There Is Nothing You Can Do." As for the mathematical album title, "It stands for something lost, something gained," says drum-



The grammatical Paragraphs opt for a mathematical title on +/-.

Comeuppance (performing as a quartet), David Fleminger (the Answers), Tom Ward (Gravedigger V), Paul Brewin (Uncle Joe's Big Ol' Driver), and Heather Vorwerck.

The Paragraphs' debut full-length, +/-, recorded at White Horse Recorders and released

mer Mike Hunt. "It's about discovering what it means to come back from that lonely place we've all been to, looking at losing love as a rite of passage, and kicking it. Hard."

The release party for Old Tiger's debut full-length *Love Have Mercy* happens Octo-

ber 12 at the Casbah, though the band encourages you to purchase in advance online. "If you order one copy," says Dustin Lothspeich, "we'll send you up to five copies of the CD for gifts to your friends and family for no extra charge." The bill also includes the Heavy Guilt, Nena Anderson & the Mules, and the Red Fox Tails.

October 16 will also see Pinback's first album since 2007, *Information Retrieved*.

Former San Diegans Andy and Jayme Ralph of Writer, currently living in New York City, will release their full-length, *Brotherface*, on October 30, with a free download of its single "Hot Days" now available online.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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This Week In Music

Thursday 27

Highwayman **Billy Don Burns** rides into town to hijack the Shakedown stage on Thursday. Burns has produced albums and written songs for country luminaries Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson, Connie Smith, and Johnny Paycheck. His last collection of outlaw country, *Nights When I'm Sober: Portrait of*



BILLY DON BURNS AT SHAKEDOWN

a *Honky Tonk*, dropped in July and got "two guns up" from Rusty Knuckles, a fringe blog spot that thrives on all things country: motors, music, and moonshine. **Bill Cardinal & the Canyon Band** and the **Freight Shakers** rattle in first.... Brazilian beatsmith **Amon Tobin**'s down at House of Blues. The electronic artist is out to tout last year's *ISAM*, a psych-drone sampler that abandons Tobin's m.o. of breakbeat jazz and introduces his, um, voice for the first time.... Soda Bar sets up the **Krass Bros.**, led by "master keyboard funkologist" Mark Boyce, with **Tori Roze & the Hot Mess** and the **Darrows**.... **Little Owl** and **Little Fowl** alight a couple blocks down El Cajon at Eleven. Little Owl's a Santa Barbara band that "vibes hard on synths and nature." Little Fowl's a local product of the barroom-rocking Americanus breed.... Else: **Ride the Sun**, **Bella Novella**, and **Machines Learning** fill an alt-rock bill at Tin Can Alehouse....while O.C. soul-pop outfit **Suedehead** joins our own **Styletones** to unstiffen the Griffin with booty-goosing dance jams.

Friday 28

From Portland in Oregon, experimental indie-rock duo **Menomena** plays Casbah behind this month's Barsuk batch *Moms*, a manic and personal cursing-out of all things familially dysfunctional. By Menomena standards, this one's less loopy, more cohesively rocking, and, yuh, *musical* than most of their back stack. Though I appreciate the artistry behind what they do, I've never



MENOMENA AT CASBAH

been a huge fan, and the irresistible *Moms* has me second-guessing some of them sell-backs. Nu-math electro trio **PVT** open the show, making this the gig to get to this weekend.... Best of the rest Friday night finds Stevie Ray's big brother **Jimmy Vaughan** doing the blues at Anthology with San Diego staple **Candy Kane**...SoCal punk perennials **Decry** and hipster-hating hardcores **Neverland Ranch Hands** ("Complicated Haircuts," "Scenester Trash") take down the Shakedown... the Griffin books an electropop three-way with **TV Girl**, **Clockart**, and **Baby Buffalo**...while Hillcrest hideaway Ruby Room stages Russian rock-rollers the **Red Elvies** with Tarantino tribute **Ninja Kitty Bang Bang**...salty horror punks **Zombie Surf Camp** take over Tower Bar after the garage-rocking **Schitzophonics** and **Gone Baby Gone**...And it'll be get-real time at Humphreys, as political comic and social satirist **Bill Maher** serves up some election-seasoned food for thought. Maher's "New Rules" rule: "If there's one place God should not be, it's on money. One is a supreme, all-powerful entity that Americans worship above all else. And the other is God."

Saturday 29

The **Adams Avenue Street Fair** takes the Uptown thoroughfare between Normal Heights and Kensington for two days of brews, food, and henna tattoos. Buncha great music, too. Get the lineup here: adamsavenuebusiness.com/Schedule. And re-read Dave Good's preview on the t'do's reunion sets: sandiegoreader.com/news/2012/sep/05/blurt... If yer still vertical after all that, country skrunks **Nick Bone & the Big Scene** and **Behind the Wagon** roll into Bar Pink...gutter-punk five-piece **Hollywood Hate** (featuring ex-Verbal Abuse, -Electric Frankenstein, and -Total Chaos) take the Tower with **Neverland Ranch Hands**... "slow, dark, and bluesy" San Diego band **Heart Beat Trail**'s at Eleven with **Uniform Victor**...the folk-rocking Denver trio **Lumineers** light up House of Blues behind this year's s/t Dualtone debut disc...another Denver band, **DeVotchKa**, will play Casbah behind this year's gypsy punk'd *100 Lovers*...while northa town, you got acid-jazz



RVIVR AT CHE CAFE AND ELEVEN

jams from **Greyboy Allstars** at the Belly Up in Solana Beach...and the **School of Rock** will be schoolin' UCSD on the "Best of the '90s" ("Weezer, Nirvana, Breeders, Jane's Addiction, Mazzy Star, and more" debatables) at Porter's Pub.

Sunday 30

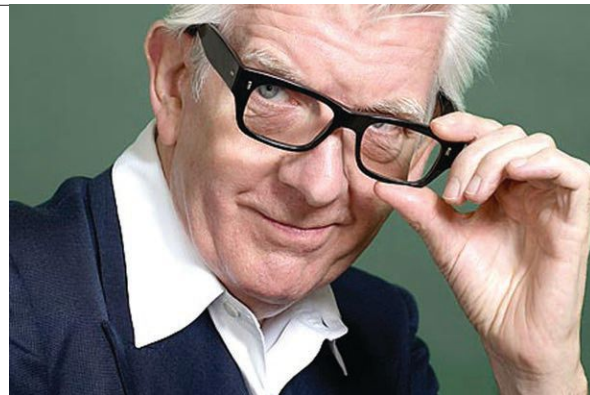
Olympia, Washington pop-punk four-piece **RVIVR** will play the Ché Café on Sunday. The boy-girl band's 2010 debut has a Thermals thing I like a lot and has me looking forward to this fall's follow-up. **Eskera, You Me and Us**, and **Beside Myself** set 'em up.... Little farther up the 5, "the Genius" **GZA**'s rocking the mic at Belly Up. The Brooklyn hip-hop hit and former Wu-Tanger will perform his certified-gold solo set *Liquid Swords* in its entirety. OutKast rapper **Killer Mike** is also on the bill.... Them life-changing pop-makers the **Shins** are sure to pack the Open Air Theatre at SDSU behind this year's effort, *Port of Morrow*, after an opening band with an unfortunate name, **Washed Out**.

Monday 1

Couldn't make the Ché show on Sunday, fret not, punky, **RVIVR** plays Eleven on Monday. But and however, there're no opening acts listed yet, and the bar's got the gig listed at eight clams. Call the club for deets.... Right up the road, Soda Bar sets up indie-folk trio **Spring Standards** with Austin's "cosmic American musicians" the **Lonesome Heroes**.... U.K. alt-pop act the **Wombats** land at House of Blues with *This Modern Glitch*, a set of "gleefully cynical dance-rock." Not sure what that means, but I see a lot of Damon Albarn and Blur comparisons.

Tuesday 2

"The 40-year career of the English singer-songwriter **Nick Lowe** constitutes a paradox: the songs he has written are better known than he is" (*New York Times*, 2011). It's true. Other than "Cruel to Be Kind," the British songsmith's best known by the artists who mine his sides. Lowe wrote the Elvis Costello hit "Peace, Love, and Understanding" as well as one of my Cash faves, "The Beast in



NICK LOWE AT BELLY UP

Me." Lowe will grace the stage at Belly Up behind last year's Yep Roc set *The Old Magic*.... Else: London symphonic-rock act **Wolf Gang** attacks Casbah with *Suego Faults*...while drag-strip rockers **Stephen Rey & the Sex Trash** hit El Dorado downtown with **Crash & the Burns**. Crash & the Burns may or may not be ex-Dirty Sweet, I dunno, no one tells me nothin'.

Wednesday 3

L.A. indie kids **Grouplove** got a late add to this season's things at Humphreys. The pop-rock quintet is riding a seasonal swell with the summery songs off the jingletastic *Never Trust a Happy Song*. Just from what I've heard on the iPod ads, I'm sure they put on a dandy, dancey show.... And also: from Spain, industrial-metal act **Larva** stacks 'em up at Brick by Brick behind this year's *El Dia Dela Peste*...**Blood Red Shoes** step into Casbah after **Hills Like Elephants**. One of the Of Noters Of Noted that show for you...and Tin Can Alehouse will fill an art-damaged bill with Sleeping Peeps



GROUPLOVE AT HUMPHREYS

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Johnny Frugal

“A good song is a good song. I think people get hung up on image too much.”

I’m a mix of Switchfoot and Taylor Swift,” says singer/songwriter Josh Damigo. “My music is pop, with a slight twang. I usually play acoustic, but I also have a technically talented group of guys that plays with me on bigger shows.”

Damigo won Best Local Recording for his full-length *Raw* at the 2009 San Diego Music Awards and Best Acoustic at the 2010 edition. He’s also received several San Diego H.A.T. (Honoring Acoustic Talent) awards, including Best Male Performer, Best New Artist, Best Male Singer-Songwriter, and Best Male Vocalist. Despite all the local acclaim, last year he defected to L.A., where his experiences helped inspire his next full-length, *Hope*.

“The same girl that most of this album was written about...she broke up with me the day I got to L.A., and I pretty much stood around hoping she would come back. We went to coffee one night in L.A., but, other than that, I lived there for nine months hoping she’d come back to me...that place is stupid. I’m happy to be back in San Diego.”

After returning to town in September 2011, he was soon racking up more local-centric accolades, including a first-place trophy in the Singer-Songwriter Contest at this year’s San Diego County Fair. *Hope* was released last month. “Fans love it. Everyone else seems to have a jab or two about it being ‘too long,’ or ‘all love songs,’ or whatever. That’s fine. Music is good if it makes people argue over it...the truth is that you’ll never be able to make everyone happy, and I’d rather have people debate and discuss than like and dismiss.”

WHAT’S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. Berkley Hart, *Crow*. “My favorite of all of their albums. There’s something special about every song.”
2. John Mayer, *Born and Raised*. “When Hall & Oates are your backup singers, you can’t go wrong.”
3. Jay-Z and Kanye West, *Watch the Throne*. “The hooks, the lines, the

swag. This album has it all.”

4. Ryan Adams, *Ashes & Fire*. “He’s influenced me so much that, half the time I play, I’m resisting the urge to rip the cables out and just play acoustic.”
5. Jim Croce, *I Got a Name*. “The stories he could tell with his songs are probably my biggest influence to this day.”

ANYTHING YOU WERE EMBARRASSED TO MENTION?

“I’m not embarrassed to have the Jonas Brothers, Katy Perry, and Jordin Sparks on my iTunes. A good song is a good song. I think people get hung up on image too much.”

YOUR LUCKY BREAK?

“During a basketball game in college, I tore my ACL, MCL, and meniscus, and bruised every bone in my leg from my ankle to my thigh. Because of that injury, I lost my soccer scholarship at San Diego Christian College and started playing guitar and writing songs. So I guess it worked out.”

FAVORITE LOCAL COMPETITOR?

“Steve Poltz can take a room of 600 people and make every person feel like they’re the only one there.”

WHAT WOULD YOU TELL THE YOUNGER YOU?

“Make friends instead of working so hard, and don’t chase after young blondes.”

BEST ADVICE YOU EVER GOT?

“My grandpa said, ‘Getting old is mandatory, growing up is optional.’”

IN WHAT FICTIONAL UNIVERSE WOULD YOU WANT TO LIVE?

“A land where I’m the only man and must repopulate the world.”

STUFF YOU NEVER RUN OUT OF?

“Coffee, toilet paper, Q-tips, and Pepercid AC.”

CELEBRITY DOPPELGÄNGER?

“I used to get Orlando Bloom and Chris Carrabba. Now I get told I look like random people on the subway.”

BRUSH WITH FAME?

“When I opened for the Zac Brown Band at Brick by Brick, Kid Rock told me, ‘Hey, kid, good shit,’ as he went to the bathroom with three girls under his arms. That was pretty badass.”

SOMETHING UNIQUE ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

“At Balboa Park, the Larpers — live-action role-players — regularly make it hard to drink any beverage and not have it go through my nose from laughing.”

BEST FREE FUN IN SAN DIEGO?

“I’m Johnny Frugal, so I’m always looking for cheap spots. Standing outside of Lestat’s is prob-



PHOTOGRAPH BY DANIEL CHIN

Josh Damigo’s record *Hope* was inspired by nine months of hoping a girl would come back to him. She never did.

ably the best-sounding place in town.”

WHERE DO YOU TAKE OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS?

“I make them get a California burrito at El Zarape in University Heights.”

ANY FEARS OR PHOBIAS?

“Spiders, mushrooms, and snow, in that order.”

EVER BEEN A CRIME VICTIM?

“I had four break-ins in 2010. Luckily, I had insurance and got all new gear. Someone must not like me very much.”

FAVORITE MOVIE BASED ON A BOOK?

“*Moneyball*. I’m a sucker for a good baseball movie, and Brad Pitt plays a great arrogant asshole.”

TELL US SOMETHING WE DON’T KNOW.

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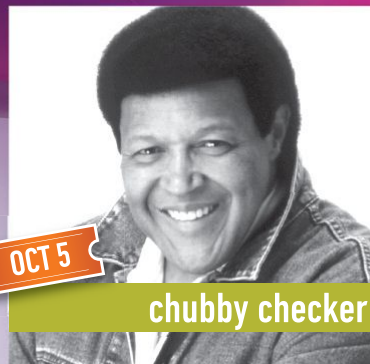
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4th&B:
Friday, 8pm — Internacionales Conejos. With Fidel Funes, Grupo Rana, Cynthia Arana. Sunday, 9pm — #Addicted to Dub. Featuring Dub FX with Flower Fairy, Dnareophobe, and Starfighterz. \$15.

710 Beach Club:
Friday, 9pm — Cash'd Out and the Buzzbombs.
Saturday, 6pm — Tribal Theory

and the Codi Jordan Band. Heart of the Sea Foundation benefit.

98 Bottles:
Friday, 8pm — Jonathan Karrant. Karrant to perform songs from his album *On and On*, as well as some favorite jazz standards with pianist Danny Green, bassist Benjamin Wanicur and drummer Duncan Moore. 619-255-7885. \$15. 21 and up.

AMSDeconcerts:
Friday, 7:30pm — Dala.

Adams Avenue Street Fair, Lestat's Stage, 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights :
Saturday, 3:15pm — Robin Henkel. Free.

All Souls' Episcopal Church:
Friday, 7:30pm — “In the Magic Circle of Night.” Soprano Megan Weston and pianist Michael Fennelly perform works by Mozart, R. Strauss, Liszt, Verdi, Gershwin for Bodhi Tree Concerts. Benefit for Erase Poverty. 646-457-8787. \$15-\$20.

Anthology:
Friday, 7:30pm — Jimmie Vaughan.
Friday, 9:30pm — Candy Kane. Contemporary blues.
Saturday, 9:30pm, Saturday, 7:30pm — Kenny Lattimore. Traditional R&B with a contemporary feel. \$25-\$49. 21 and up.
Sunday, 7pm — Kelli Rudick. Guitarist-instrumentalist.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Daniel Bedingfield. \$10-\$21.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Marcus Miller. \$11-\$42.

ArtLab:
Wednesday, 8pm — Robin

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Communist Daughter's “Not the Kid” rumbles along on a rolling rhythm. There is a part of the song in which singer-songwriter Johnny Solomon breathes loudly, like he's running to get away from the rest of the band. When someone shows Solomon a picture of himself as a child, he denies it: “I'm not the kid you knew, I'm not the kid you remember,” he sings. But it's not so easy to escape who you were.

That's Solomon's story. Once the leader of a promising Minneapolis band called Friends Like These, he saw his future fall apart as the result of his drug problems and mental-health

issues. He moved to a small town in western Wisconsin to get away from music and get clean. With the help of new fiancée Molly Moore, he got healthy, but, happily, he was not as successful in giving up music. As the success of Bon Iver has shown, western Wisconsin has turned into an unlikely hub of pastoral indie rock. Soon, Solomon and Moore had a new band, Communist Daughter, named after a Neutral Milk Hotel song. The band's 2010 debut, *Soundtrack to the End*, won raves for its earthy textures, relaxed arrangements, and edgy lyrics.

The new *Lions & Lambs* EP is more polished, and Solomon sounds happier and healthier. Still, he's singing things like “I'm 31 or I'm 17/ I'm almost dead, but I'm almost clean.” The song “Ghosts” pairs Solomon and Moore's voices in a creepy harmony



COMMUNIST DAUGHTER

against an ominous bass and drums that sound like a storm gathering strength. You can clean up your act, but you can't escape who you are.

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Henkel Band with Whitney Shay and Billy Watson. Free.

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Saturday, 9pm — Behind the Wagon. With Nick Bone and the Big Scene.
Sunday, 9pm — DJ Joemama and DJ Tramlife.

Beaumont's:
Saturday, 9pm — Jones Revival. Free. 21 and up.

Belly Up:
Thursday, 8pm — Serj Tankian. 21 and up.
Friday, 5:30pm — Atomic Groove. Happy hour.
Saturday, 9pm — The Greyboy Allstars. 21 and up.
Sunday, 9pm — GZA Plays *Liquid Swords*. With Killer Mike, Sweet Valley, Bear Hands. \$25. 21 and up.
Tuesday, 8pm — Nick Lowe. Solo acoustic show. \$25-\$27.
Wednesday, 8pm — The Steely Damned. Steely Dan tribute. \$16-\$18. 21 and up.

Boar Cross'n:
Saturday, 8pm — Product the Band and High Roots. Free. 21 and up.

Brick by Brick:
Friday, 7pm — Planet Shred, Travis Larson Band, Mark Knight & the Unsung Heroes. With Martone and Mark Huettman. \$15.
Saturday, 8pm — Circle 7, Godhammered, Sunlit Ether. With Lessons from Zeke and As Obscure As Enoch. 21 and up.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido:
Wednesday, 7pm, Wednesday, 4pm — Sublime Jazz. The band performs for WOW — First Wednesdays series. 760-839-4186. Free.

Casbah:
Thursday, 8:30pm — The Features and Army Navy. 21 and up.
Friday, 8:30pm — Menomena. Indie/rock. \$18. 22 and up.
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Wednesday, 8:30pm — Blood Red Shoes. British drum-and-guitar rock duo. \$10-\$12. 21 and up.

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Saturday, 7:30pm — The Lumineers.
Sunday — Hatebreed and White Chapel.
Monday, 8pm — The Wombats.
Tuesday — Ed Sheeran.

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BY DAVE GOOD

Aimee Mann, meet Cold War Kids. Blood Red Shoes, yet another drum-and-guitar rock duo sound as if tutored by both L.A. artists. They were not. They are, in fact, a British band. Laura-Mary Carter and Steven Ansell started playing together in 2004 after other attempts at bands fizzled. But, aside from the economics of it, I don't fancy the rock duo. In the late 1960s, Cream showed us the bare minimum: guitar, bass, drums. The duo is a hackneyed idea shamelessly imitated by dozens of emerging rockers who have followed in the footsteps of that most overrated of all duets, the White Stripes. Jack and Meg propelled themselves into the pop stratosphere only to learn the

hard way that they were a gimmicky band with plodding drums and a frenetic guitarist who sang funny. As a band, Blood Red Shoes doesn't go there, meaning, they don't reinvent. Instead, they take straight-ahead song quotes from Blondie to the Pixies and everybody in between and rework them into their own little sonic blasts.

The band name Blood Red Shoes is in apparent reference to a story from back in the days of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, a pair of Hollywood dance stars that appeared in movies of the '30s and '40s. According to the story, Ginger Rogers danced so hard once as to bloody her white shoes. True story or not, one gets a sense of a similar over-worked approach to BRS, too, although a good deal of overplaying has got to be chalked up to the fact that there are only the two of them to carry things out. Unlike the Stripes, in this band the man is the drummer and the woman fronts



BLOOD RED SHOES

on guitars. They trade off doing vocals. They are loud, festival-pleasing musicians, and with their hot, runway-model good looks they can draw a listener into enjoying the experience.

BLOOD RED SHOES: Casbah, Wednesday, October 3, 8 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$10 advance/\$12 door.

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Wednesday, 7pm — Jarabe de Palo.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club:

Thursday, 8pm — Mercedes Moore.
Friday, 8pm — Detroit Underground. \$12.
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Humphreys by the Bay:
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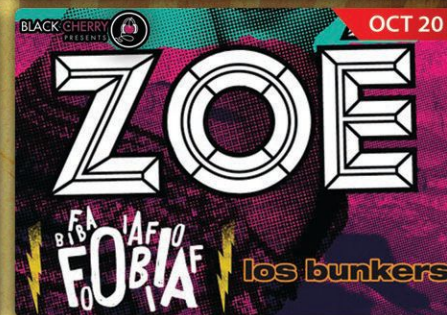
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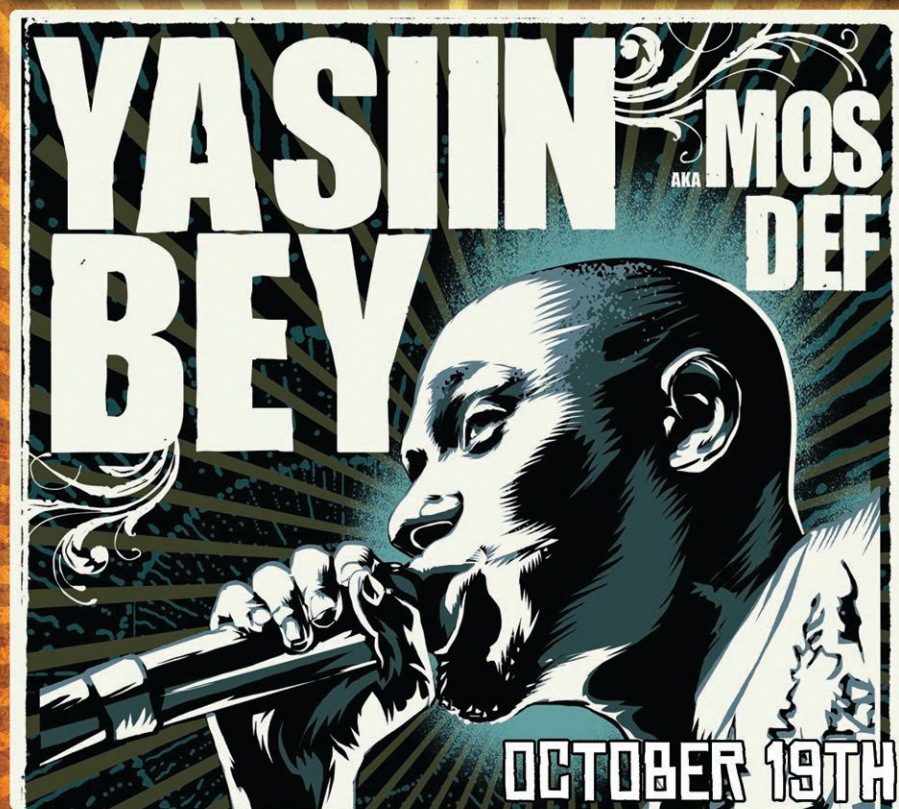
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Spark Seeker Matisyahu

By Kip Lyda

Matisyahu's *Spark Seeker* is not a reggae album. On the first offering from the artist since his break with the Hasidic faith, Matisyahu deftly weaves traditional Hebrew chants and Middle Eastern textures with the ego of urban hip-hop. The album has a delicious summer-pop vibe, while it addresses some of the inner turmoil that the artist encounters as he continues to seek the

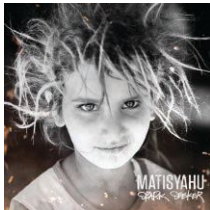
truth and reflect upon his past.

Many of these songs would not seem out of place on a No Doubt, Drake, or Black Eyed Peas disc. The beats are bouncy and the cadences of the rhymes bring a club-like aspect to the timeless

sentiments of loneliness and loss of love.

There are several standout tracks, including the lead single, "Sunshine," and the opening track, "Crossroads," both of which use catchy electro sounds and a hip-hop backbeat. "Tel Avivin'" is another example of Matisyahu's intoxication with the club vibe.

Matisyahu continues to expand his musical vision by intertwining modern technology with mystical ideas. *Spark Seeker* is a step toward the elevation of deeply inspired dance-hall sounds.



There's a club-like cadence to his rhymes.

Music Reviews from Our Readers

West Coast Rising at Casbah

By Brett Uddenberg

Following a commendable opening set from Dostoevsky-referring Ivan & Alyosha, San Diego's Heavy Guilt took the stage and showcased a bevy of new material.

The transition from the soft-subtle melancholy of the Guilt's debut *Lift Us Up from This* to the far-reaching experimental trajectory on tracks from the forthcoming third album is reminiscent of the shift from Wilco's *A.M.*

to *Yankee Hotel Foxtrot*, fitting in that songwriter Al Howard often cites the band as an influence.

Portland's Y La Bamba took advantage of a Casbah sound system that is often friendlier to groups with less apocalyptic barrages of noise. Lead singer Luz Mendoza directed her old-world orchestra beautifully, with bandmates providing the other half of a rich harmony on most tracks. Audience members dutifully clapped along to the beat of encore "Michoacán," as Luz and company gracefully punctuated a remarkable evening from three West Coast bands on the rise.



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Palomar College O2 Performance Space:
Thursday, 12:30pm — "Ida y Vuelta." The title translates as "round trip," a term used historically to describe the rich musical

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Patrick's Gaslamp Pub:
Thursday, 9pm — Johnny Vernazza.

Saturday, 9pm — Missy Andersen.

Prescott Promenade:
Friday, 6pm — Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra. Boogie woogie. Free.

Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center:
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In lieu of the occasional live band that no nobody has ever heard of, you can watch afternoon football to a classic-rock soundtrack until the 5 o'clock shift change, when you'll likely be subjected to pop-country radio for rest of the night.



Pop-country radio usually rules the night at the Greek.

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Rosarito Beach Hotel: Wednesday, 10am — Rosarito Beach International Mariachi and Folklorico Festival. Traditional mariachi music and folkloric dance groups from México and U.S. compete for prize money during third annual festival. Proceeds help build Rosarito's first Boys & Girls Club. Student workshops October 3-5, with levels from beginners to masters in both mariachi and folkloric dance. Workshops open to students of all ages.

"Noche de Extravaganza" concert is October 6 (6pm), with the Mariachi Divas, Mariachi Tesoro, Mariachi Estrellas,

Mariachi Águilas from Tijuana, others. \$5-\$10.

Ruby Room: Friday, 8pm — Johnny Deadly Trio, The Red Elvises, Ninja Kitty Bang Bang. Surf rock and rockabilly. \$10.

Saint Germain's Café : Saturday, 6pm — A Bit of Alright. Jazz & Dine Saturdays. **Free.**

Shakedown Bar: Thursday, 8pm — Billy Don Burns & the Freight Shakers. With Bill Cardinal and the Canyon Band. Friday, 8pm — Decry, Neverland Ranch Hands, Purdy Spit. The bill also includes the Vulgar Natives. Saturday — The Gore Horsemen and Alarms. Psychobilly! Wednesday, 8pm — Beekeeper.

Sky Box Sports Grill: Saturday, 9pm — Bone Yard. \$5. 21 and up.

Soda Bar: Thursday, 8:30pm — Krass Bros., Tori Roze and the Hot Mess, The Darrows. Saturday, 8pm — Communist Daughter. With the Palace Ballroom, and Tonto. \$7. Sunday, 8:30pm — Social Club, Sahab, SSSSnake. With Beta Lion. Monday, 8:30pm — The Spring Standards, Midnight Parade, Rodello's Machine. The Spring Standards is an independent three-piece folk-rock band based in New York City. \$8. 21 and up. Wednesday, 8:30pm — Gliss and Run Luca. "Late night fucked-up art pop."

Soma: Friday, 6:30pm — In Fear & Faith and Lion I Am CD Release Party. Both headliners will be launching new CDs, and the bill also includes Killing the

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Spreckels Theatre: Wednesday, 7pm — The Head and the Heart. Indie pop/folk band from Seattle. With Blitzen Trapper. \$39-\$39.

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Til-Two: Saturday, 9pm — Glam-o-Rama. Rock n Roll Preservation Society presents DJs Heather Hardcore, Diana Death, and Kylee Mayer. 21 and up.

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VFW Post #3788: Saturday, 9pm — Reggae Saturday Party. With DJ Kenn. **Free.** 21 and up.

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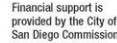
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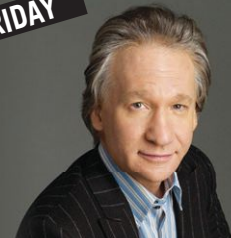
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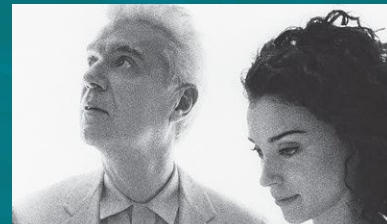
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October 5 — The Milk Carton Kids.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall St., La Jolla, 858-454-5872.

October 5 — Acoustic Evenings with Jefferson Jay.

Belly Up: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.

October 4 — Particle.

October 5 — The Spazmatics.

October 6 — Stephen Marley.

October 7 — Ben Howard.

October 8 — Dark Star Orchestra.

Bernardo Winery: 13330 Paseo del Verano Norte, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-1866.

October 7 — Steve Sibley Trio.

October 14 — Chini & Camberos.

Bluefoot Bar and Lounge:

3404 30th St., North Park, 619-756-7891.

October 4, November 1 — Art in the Park.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.

October 5 — My Life with the Thrill Kill Kult.

October 6 — Hobo Torch, Media Control, Revenge Death Ball.

October 7 — Guttermouth, The Queens, D.P.I.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North

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October 6 — Stephen Salter.

October 7 — Mega Light Bollywood.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.

October 5 — The Burning of Rome.

October 6 — Rochelle Rochelle, The Makeup Sex, The Beautiful View.

October 7 — Jeff the Brotherhood.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311.

October 4 — Aficionado, Mixtapes, Citizen.

October 6 — Penis Hickey.

October 7 — Linkletter, Tantive-IV, Hear the Sirens.

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B St., Downtown San Diego, 619-235-0804.

October 5 — Lang Lang Plays Beethoven's Emporer.

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October 11 — Haydn, the Humorist.

Cricket Wireless

Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.

October 4 — Florence + the Machine.

Del Mar Village: Along Camino del Mar, Del Mar.

October 7 — Taste & Art Stroll.

Eleven: 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-450-4292.

October 5 — Fort Wilson Riot, Gloomday, The New Kinetic.

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Encinitas Library: 540 Cornish Dr., Encinitas, 760-753-7376.

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October 6 — Bras Across the Bay.

The Griffin: 1310 Morena Bl.,

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October 4 — Eyes Lips Eyes.

October 5 — Class Actress.

October 6 — Deadly Birds.

Harrah's Rincon: 777 Harrah's Rincon Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100.

October 7 — Lynyrd Skynyrd.

Hornblower Cruises: 1066

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October 6 — Siesta Fiesta Boat Party.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-299-2583.

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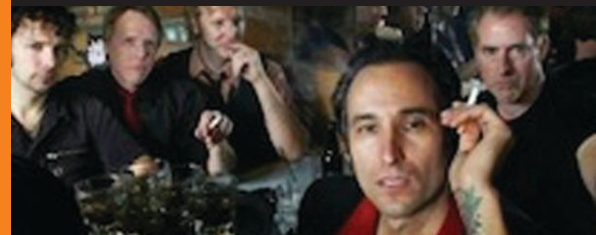
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The Irenic: 3090 Polk Ave., North Park, 619-624-9335.
October 4 — Ariel Pink's Haunted Graffiti and Dam Funk.
October 6 — Helio Sequence and Slowdance.

The Kraken: 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.
October 6 — Blasting Idiots.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
October 4 — Nathan James and the Rhythm Scratchers.
October 11 — Shook Twins.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497.
October 20 — Grégoire Maret.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.
October 5 — PSI.
October 12 — Strive Roots.

Palomar College O2 Performance Space: 1140 West Mission Rd., San Marcos, 760-744-1150.
October 12, October 13 — Noche Havana.
October 19 — Palomar Jazz.
October 20, October 21 — American Salute, Part Three.

Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10): 1140 W. Mission Rd., San Marcos, 760-744-1150.
November 14 — Electro Acoustic Music Festival.

Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier: 1000 North Harbor Dr., Downtown San Diego.

October 13, October 14 — San Diego Ukulele Festival.

Qualcomm Stadium: 9449 Friars Rd., Mission Valley, 619-283-0460.
October 12 — Magic Under the Stars.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.
October 6 — Attika 7.
October 7 — The Michael Schenker Group.
October 20 — Faster Pussycat.
November 9 — SpiralArms.

Rimac Arena: 9500 Gilman Dr., La Jolla, 858-534-8497.
November 14 — Wiz Khalifa.

Rosarito Beach Hotel: Boulevard Benito Juárez #31, Baja, 800-343-8582.
October 4, October 5, October 6, October 7 — Rosarito Beach International Mariachi and Folklórico Festival.

Ruby Room: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.
October 5 — So Long Davey, Pool Party, Misc. Ailments.
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October 6 — Morgan Leigh, Mother Belle, Ralph Jug.

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100 Third Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-570-1100.
October 5 — Rain — A Tribute To The Beatles.
November 24 — Straight No Chaser.

San Diego Harley-Davidson: 5600 Kearny Mesa Rd., Kearny Mesa, 858-616-6999.
October 13 — P.O.D. & Sprung Monkey.

San Dieguito United Methodist Church: 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas.
October 6 — Small Potatoes.

Seacoast Community Church: 1050 Regal Rd., Encinitas.
October 21, October 23 — "Fun, Favorites, Fantasies."

Second Wind (Santee): 8528 Magnolia Ave., Santee, 619-596-8350.
October 19 — Circle 7 with Psychothermia.

The Shakedown Bar: 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-487-0373.
October 5 — Satya Sena, Secret Fun Club, Bridgejumper.
October 6 — Peewee Moore, Bill Cardinal & the Canyon Band, the Cactus Jacks.
October 12 — Speedbuggy USA.
October 13 — Mentors.

Smokey's Lake Wohlford Cafe: 25484 Lake Wohlford Rd., Escondido, 760-749-6585.
November 3 — The Drinking Cowboy Band.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.
October 4 — LightningCloud.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
October 5 — iwrestledabearonce, Oceano, Vanna.
October 6 — The After Party, Hollywood Ending, Tiffany Alvord.

Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre: 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002.
October 5 — Chubby Checker.

The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa: 873 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-4200.
October 6, October 20 — Peligroso Caramelo.

VFW Post #3788: 7785 Othello Ave., Kearny Mesa, 858-277-5510.
October 6 — Blueberry Jam Blues Music Party.

Valley View Casino Center: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171.
October 4 — The Black Keys.
October 8 — Peter Gabriel.
October 20 — Carrie Underwood.
October 24 — Bob Dylan & His Band and Mark Knopfler.

Viejas Arena: 5500 Canyon Crest Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947.
October 13 — Smashing Pumpkins.
November 17 — Enrique Bunbury.

Wine Steals: 1953 San Elijo Ave., Cardiff, 760-230-2657.
October 9, October 23 — Robin Henkel.

Winstons: 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.
October 4 — Brothers Gow.
October 5 — Euphoria Brass Band, Red Fox Tails, Reina Mystique.
October 8 — The Electric Waste Band.
October 11 — Dead Winter Carpenters.
October 13 — Robert Walter's 20th Congress.

Zel's Del Mar: 1247 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-0076.
October 6, October 20 — Robin Henkel.

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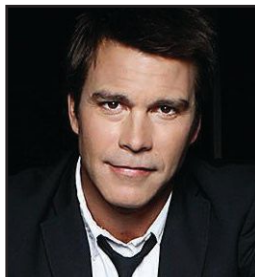
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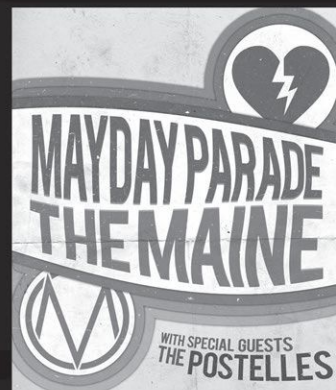


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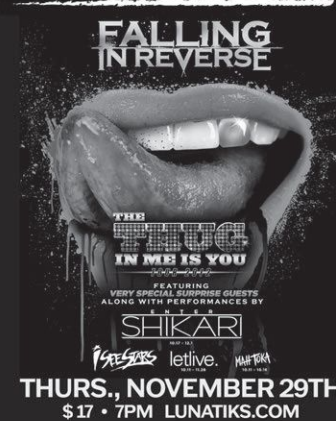
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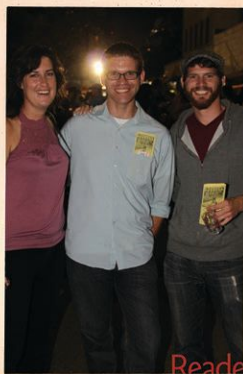
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Chart House: Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$4 wells, drafts. \$5 cocktails, wine. \$6 martinis. \$4 spinach & artichoke dip, \$5 firecracker shrimp, \$6 wood-fired pizzas.

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The Alley: Daily, 11am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestics.

Argyle Steakhouse/Golf Club-house: Tuesday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$5 well cocktails and draft/domestic beer, \$6 select wine and Argyle bites.

Bellefleur: Monday, Friday, 5-7pm: 1/2-price martinis. Tuesday, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all bar-menu food items. Includes salads, pizza, seafood. Thursday, 5-7pm: \$3 well margaritas and wine. Saturday, all day: \$4 shoppertinis. Sunday, 5-7pm: \$3 domestic beer, happy hour wine, well highballs.

Mr. Peabody's: Monday-Friday, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, wine, spooli shots, wells + juice. \$3.50 margaritas. Free taco bar 3pm to 6pm with drink purchase.

On the Tracks Brewery and Tasting Room: Thursday, 5-7pm: Ladies, pints of all beers \$2.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Conway's Irish Pub: Daily, 10am-8pm: \$2.75 domestic drafts and bottles; \$2.75 and \$3.75 wells.

CARMEL VALLEY

Twenty/20 Grill & Wine Bar: Daily, 4-6pm: \$2 off drinks. 1/2-off seasonal spreads and pizzas. Excludes special events and promotional nights.

CHULA VISTA

Achiote Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 beer, \$3.99 margaritas.

BJ's Brewhouse: Monday-Thursday, 3pm-7pm: \$1 off draft and cocktails. 10pm-close: 1/2-price mini pizzas, \$2 off appetizers (snacks and small bites not included). Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off beer and cocktails.

Veni Vidi Vici: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$1 off all draft and well liquors. 1/2-price appetizers.

CITY HEIGHTS

Black Cat Bar: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$1 off every drink; \$3.50 wells, \$5 martinis.

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Bullpen Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: \$2 wells, domestics. \$5 double cheeseburger, chili-cheese dog, hot wings. (Monday & Tuesday, 10pm-close: \$3 you-call-its, \$5 Patrón, cognac, specialty drinks.)

Fat Tony's Pizza: *Monday-Thursday*, 4-8pm: \$2 glass/\$8 pitcher Yellowtail, Blue Moon, Big Eye, Coors Light. \$5 pizza, wings, salad.

COLLEGE AREA

Effin's Pub & Grill: *Monday*, noon-10pm: \$4 Jack Daniel's, Southern Comfort, Tuaca, Finlandia. *Tuesday*, noon-11pm: 1/2-off cocktails, beer. *Wednesday*, noon-close: \$1 off whiskey. *Thursday*, 5:30-11pm: \$5 Patrón, Jäger. *Friday*, noon-close: \$10 Long Island pitcher. *Saturday*, 5pm-11pm: \$3 Bud, Bud Light, Absolut, Malibu. *Sunday*, 10am-2pm: \$9 Bud and Bud Light pitchers, \$10 mimosa pitcher.

Pal Joey's: *Monday*, 4:30 to 6:30pm: Karaoke 9m. *Tuesday*, 4:30 to 6:30pm: \$2 Tuesdays. *Wednesday*, 4:30 to 6:30pm: \$3 personal pitchers. Karaoke 9m. *Thursday-Friday*, 4:30 to 6:30pm: \$3 personal pitchers. *Saturday*, Karaoke 9m. *Sunday*, \$7 domestic pitchers.

Satin Lounge: *Thursday*, 9pm-close: \$1 Bud drafts.

CORONADO

Bistro d'Asia: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, \$3.50 Gekkeikan sake, \$4 wells, wine, \$5 sake-tini. Sushi specials. \$5 chicken sliders, vegetable spring rolls, wings.

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.

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.

Sushi Japoné: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 5-6:30pm: \$3.50 Japanese beers, house sake, plum wine, apple sake. \$3.50 select sushi hand rolls, tempura, deep-fried tofu, seaweed salad.

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.

Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 draft, Anthony's white wine; \$4 wells, \$5 calls. \$2.75 fish tacos, \$3 lettuce wraps, \$4.50 tostado.

Set 'Em Up, Joe!

BY JOSEPH O'BRIEN



NATILEE RIORDAN
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As an Asian-fusion restaurant that seeks to bring the best of Eastern and Western cuisine under one pagoda, the Lei Lounge is offering an intriguing twist to the cocktail concept. Take, for instance, one of Lei's signature cocktails, the Tokyo Plum.

According to Lei Lounge bartender Natilee Riordan, the Tokyo Plum features a blend of traditional cocktail ingredients with a slightly mysterious twist.

"The plum and the lime dance very well together, and the sake gives it a little bit of fizz, a bit of effervescence," she says. "It settles very well on the palate.

Riordan says the Tokyo Plum is as versatile as it

is delicious.

"When isn't a good time to have it?" she asks. "You can honestly have it before dinner, with dinner, after dinner — whenever."

This flexibility fits in fine with her first rule of bartending — that not only is the customer always right, but the customer is almost always thirsty.

"One of my philosophies behind the bar is you should drink what you like and like what you drink," she says, adding that people suffer a mild form of culture shock when they discover the plum flavor in the cocktail. "I recommend people order what they want when they want it, and the Tokyo Plum definitely doesn't discriminate between whether it's better before or after dinner."

KITCHEN PROOF: Subtle as a haiku, the Tokyo Plum blossoms into an intriguing interplay between the sake fizz, the plum sweet, and the lime tart, combining into a beautifully balanced conclusion.

THE LEI LOUNGE'S TOKYO PLUM



- 1¼ oz. Pearl Plum vodka
- ¾ oz. triple sec
- ½ oz. simple syrup
- ¼ oz. lime juice
- 1 dash sparkling sake

Pour the first four ingredients into a cocktail shaker filled with ice, shake, pour into a martini glass, top with a float of sparkling sake, take a sip, and feel the pluck of zither strings run down your spine.

Asti Ristorante: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$5 martinis, cocktails, house wine, imported beers. \$4.50 bruschetta, \$6 stuffed portobello, \$8.50 calamari.

Athens Market: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30 pm: \$3 Mythos Greek beer, \$4 Belgian beer, \$5 house wines. \$5 spanakopita, stuffed grape leaves, gyros sampler.

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine: *Monday-Thursday*, 3-6pm: discounted signature cocktails, wine, beer.

Bice: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$5 house wine, wells. \$5 lobster pizza, tuna tartare.

Blue Point: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-off specialty cocktails; \$4 draft, \$5 featured wine by the glass. \$1 oysters & jumbo shrimp, \$6 calamari.

Buster's Beach House & Longboard Bar: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$3 Buster's pale/amber ale; \$3.50 mai tai, margarita, Long Island. \$4 fish tacos, crab cakes; \$6 sliders; \$8 carne asada nachos.

Candelas: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off drinks and escargot, cheeses/dried fruit, portobello.

Chianti: *Daily*, 4-7pm, 9-11pm: \$5 martinis, house wines. \$6 meatballs satay, antipasto; \$7 calamari.

Currant: *Daily*, 4-7pm, 9-close: \$3 domestic & \$4 imported beer, \$5 wells, red/white wine, specialty cocktails. 1/2-off tempura green beans, mac & cheese, popcorn.

Dobson's: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts and margaritas.

Downtown Johnny Brown's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$1 off wine; 40% off bar menu.

Dublin Square: *Daily*, 2-5pm: \$2 off drafts, bottled beer, house wine, wells, Irish whiskey. 1/2-off sliders, fish tacos, meat pies.

Dussini Loft Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, *Sunday*, 9-10pm: \$1 off wells, drafts. 1/2-off sliders, onion rings,

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calamari. *Friday-Saturday*, 10-11pm: \$1 off wells, drafts. 1/2-off sliders, onion rings, calamari.

Las Hadas Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 tequila poppers; \$4 house margaritas, sangrias; \$5 shots. \$6 coconut shrimp, nachos; \$7 carne asada, BBQ ribs.

Hennessey's Tavern: *Monday*, 9pm-close: \$5 shot & beer. *Wednesday*, all day: 1/2-off bottles of wine. *Thursday*, all day: 1/2-off martinis. *Friday*, 4-7pm: 1/2-off ahi poke, spinach artichoke dip, prime rib sliders. *Saturday-Sunday*, 8am-1pm: \$4 bloody marys.

The Hopping Pig: *Daily*, 11am-6pm: \$4.50 local drafts, house wine, wells. \$3.50 tacos, \$4 pulled-pork sliders.

House of Blues: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wines, \$3 wells, \$4 martinis. Killer happy hour menu.

Jsix: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 bottled beer, \$6 cocktails, wines. \$6 salads, grilled garlic shrimp, ravioli.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$4 beers, wells, wines, flights. \$5 boneless wings, fries, spicy hummus.

Knotty Barrel: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$5 house wine and premium cocktails; \$1 off drafts.

The Local: *Tuesday*, 4pm-close: \$3 Mexican beers, margaritas; \$2.50 tacos. *Wednesday*, 4-10pm: \$10 pitch-

ers; \$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.

Myerz Pourhouse: *Monday*, 1-8pm: \$1 Rolling Rock pints, \$12 domestic buckets, \$2.50 domestic pints. 8pm-2am: \$2 wells, \$3 u-call-its. *Tuesday*, 1-8pm: \$1 off domestic talls (23oz), half-off all food. *Wednesday*, 1pm-close: \$2 domestic pints, \$4 Jack Daniels, \$4 Fireballs, \$2.50 PBR tall cans. *Thursday*, 1pm-close: \$3 Captain, \$5 Jameson, \$2.50 domestic pints. *Friday*, 1pm-close: \$3 domestic bottles, \$5 Jäger blasters, \$5 grape mind erasers. *Saturday*, 10am-close: \$2 Rolling Rock pints. *Sunday*, 9am-2pm: Free brunch. All day: Free pool, \$2 Rolling Rock pints, \$12 domestic buckets.

Patrick's Gaslamp Pub: *Daily*, 10am-8pm; 11pm-close: domestics from \$2.50, wells from \$3.25.

RA Sushi: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-7pm: \$3 sake; \$5 wells, wine; \$6 margaritas; \$7 martinis. \$4 spicy shrimp roll, \$5 chicken yakitori, \$7 rainbow roll.

Red Light District: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$4 wells, \$5 wine. \$4 buttermilk fried chicken, oysters.

Saltbox: *Daily*, 4-7pm and 10pm-midnight: \$5 beer, house wine, select cocktails.

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.

SummerSalt Rooftop Pool and Lounge: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$5 wine, beer, cocktails.

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.

Urban Bar & Grill: *Monday-Tuesday*, *Thursday*, 4-7pm, 9pm-close: \$3 drafts; \$4 wells; \$5 house wine, signature cocktails. *Wednesday*, all night: \$3 drafts; \$4 wells; \$5 house wine, signature cocktails. *Friday-Saturday*, 9pm-close at bar: \$3 drafts; \$4 wells; \$5 house wine, signature cocktails. *Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts; \$4 wells; \$5 house wine, signature cocktails.

Whiskey Girl: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: half-off all beer, wine, spirits, select appetizers. *Sunday*, all day: \$5 SKYY cocktails.

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

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: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local draughts and drinks

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.

Main Tap Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off 16-oz. pints, \$2 off pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

ENCINITAS

D Street Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$3 wells, \$4 beer of the month. \$2 off ahi sliders, nachos, wings.

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. *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 off drafts, \$5 glass wine, \$8 off bottle wine. 1/2-off crab cakes, calamari, veggie caprese bruschetta.

Savory: *Monday-Wednesday*, *Friday-Sunday*, 5-6:30pm: \$2 off glass wine & \$5 off select bottles; \$4 craft & imported bottled beer, \$8 martinis, cocktails. \$6 mac & cheese/ham, shrimp toast. *Thursday*, 5-6:30pm: \$2 off glass wine, \$5 off select bottle wine, \$4 craft & imported bottled beer, \$8 martinis, cocktails. \$6 mac & cheese/ham, shrimp toast.

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

Camel's Breath Inn: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: Discounted drinks. 11pm-1am: Discounted drinks, hot wings, lumpia.

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.

Lotus Thai: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$5 glass wine, large beer, all Han Soju cock-

tails. \$5 veggie rolls, shrimp tempura, steamed dumplings.

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.

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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

Bud's Louisiana Café: *Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: 1/2-off glass beer, wine; \$5 cocktails. 15% off cup jam-balaya, oyster shooter, cajun chicken taquitos.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2.50 sake, \$3 Bud Light draft, \$5 pinot noir, char-donnay. \$4 gyoza, egg rolls; \$6 sliders, dumpling sampler.

KENSINGTON

Til-Two: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and imported drafts.

LA JOLLA

Barbarella: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$4 drafts (Stella Artois, Hefeweizen, Trumer Pils), bottles (Corona, Newcastle, Moretti), wells, select wines by the glass, \$7 Barbarella martinis. 1/2-off appetizers.

Bird Rock Pizza & Sports: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$3 pint, \$12 pitcher; \$7.50 pint with appetizer, \$15 pitcher with appetizer. *Saturday-Sunday*, all day: \$3 pint, \$12 pitcher; \$7.50 pint with appetizer, \$15 pitcher with appetizer.

La Jolla Brew House: *Friday-Saturday*, 10pm-1am: \$2 Off Pints; \$3 Wells & Wines; Buy Any Pizza Get One Free.

Mustangs & Burros: *Monday*, 2-6pm: Russian, Mexican, or American mules, \$6. 4-6pm: Crispy corn tortilla quesadilla with adobada, guacamole, and salsa roja, \$6. *Tuesday*, 2-6pm: Craft beers, \$6. 4-6pm: Bolillo (shredded chicken, guacamole, pico de gallo, cotija cheese, beans), \$6. *Wednesday*, 2-6pm: 22-ounce beers, \$9. 4-6pm: Wings tossed in your choice of mild or Southern cilantro chile lime BBQ sauce, \$6. *Thursday*, 2-6pm: Bourbon-n-beer bloody or vodka bloody, \$6. 4-6pm: Tacos carne (skirt steak,

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corn tortillas, onions, cilantro, salsa roja), \$6. **Friday**, 2-6pm: \$22 pitchers. 4-6pm: \$6 fish tacos (beer-battered halibut, shredded cabbage, creme fraiche, salsa verde).

Su Casa: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

Sushi on the Rock: *Daily*, 5-6:30pm: \$2 sake, Coors Light; \$3 sake; \$4 Soju spritz; \$5 house wine. \$1.75 vegetarian roll, \$2.75 spicy tuna roll, \$4 potstickers.

LA MESA

Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 draft, Anthony's white; \$4 wells, \$5 calls. \$2.75 fish tacos, \$3 lettuce wraps, \$4.50 tostado.

Chico Club: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$3 wells, \$3.50 22-oz. Bud, Bud Light, Coors Light. (\$3 Bud draft, \$3.75 bottle Corona during Nascar races.)

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.

Manny's Cocktails: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$3 well drinks. *Saturday*, all day: Jäger blasters, \$5.50. *Sunday*, 11am-7pm: Two large domestic drafts, \$4.

Parkway Bar: *Monday*, 4-7pm: \$3 beer, wine, cocktails. All day for vets and active duty military personnel. *Tuesday*, all day: \$2 domestic beer. 4-7pm: \$3 beer, wine, cocktails. *Wednesday-Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$3 beer, wine, cocktails.

Pete's Place: *Daily*, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, calls, domestic drafts, bottles.

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.

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: *Monday-Wednesday, Friday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2.75 wells, \$2.50 beer of the month. *Thursday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2.75 wells, \$2.50 beer of the month, Ladies U-Call-it \$2.75.

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

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

Anthology: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 house beer; \$5 chardonnay, cabernet sauvignon; \$6 wells, sparkling wine. \$7 chipotle mac & cheese, \$10 short-rib sliders.

Puerto la Boca: *Daily*, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$2.50 French fries, \$4.50 chicken wings.

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.

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.

MIRAMAR

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

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.

Cafe Bleu: *Monday*, 3-6pm: \$5 white and red wines by the glass. \$4 squash bisque, \$5 caesar salad, \$8.50 burger. 3-close: 1/2-off wine by bottle. *Tuesday-Sunday*, 3-6pm: \$5 white and red wines by the glass. \$4 squash bisque, \$5 caesar salad, \$8.50 burger.

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.

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.

Bourbon Street: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$3 domestic pitchers, \$4 well drinks, \$5 imported pitchers.

Jayne's Gastropub: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 5-9pm: \$2 domestics bottles and drafts, \$3 red & white wine, \$5 cocktails.

Live Wire: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off drafts and cocktails.

NORTH PARK

Bar Pink: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$1 off drafts and calls.

Lips Restaurant: *Sunday*, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

The Office: *Daily*, 5-8pm: Two-for-one price on all drinks.

Redwing Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles.

The Smoking Goat: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: 1/2-off select bottles of wine.

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

Aryana at Holiday Inn: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$2 domestics, wells; \$3 premiums, glass of wine. Appetizer specials.

Firewater Saloon: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm; 10pm-midnight: \$5 Jäger bombs, Long Islands, Jameson. \$2 off all pitchers, \$1 off drafts & wells.

The Flying Bridge: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wine. 20% off appetizers.

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

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Alamo Mexican Cafe: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: 1/2-price drinks, food specials.

Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant: *Daily*, 3-6pm: House wines and drafts, \$4. House drinks, \$4.50.

Old Town Mexican Café: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials. \$2 Taco Tuesday (chicken, beef, fish, carnitas); \$2.50 margaritas, Tecate, tequila.

PACIFIC BEACH

The Australian Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 7-9pm: \$3 Long Islands. *Saturday*, \$2.50 Karl Strauss. *Sunday*, \$3 bloody marys.

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Pacific Beach Ale House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

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Sinbad Café: *Daily*, 4-8pm: \$1.50 drafts, \$2 wells, shots, \$2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

Society Billiard Cafe & Bar: *Monday, Wednesday, Sunday*, all day: \$3 wells/Bud Light pints, \$4 flavored Smirnoff, premium draft pints, Herradura tequila shots. *Tuesday, Thursday*, all day: \$8 12-oz. bottle of beer and a shot, \$3 pints of Bud Light. *Friday-Saturday*, noon-10pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, \$4 flavored Smirnoff.

Tiki House: *Monday*, all day: \$1 off microbrews. *Tuesday*, all day: \$3 all pints. *Wednesday*, all day: \$3.75 "Tiki Coors" (22 oz). *Thursday*, all day: \$3-\$10 Wine of the Month. *Friday-Saturday*, all day: \$3 Miller High Life bottles. *Sunday*, all day: \$3 Coors pints.

Tony Roma's: *Daily*, 1-4pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$3 off appetizers.

POINT LOMA

Jimmy's Famous American Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: 1/2-off all appetizers, drafts, wells, and select house wine.

Riley's Music Lounge: *Monday*, 4pm-1am: \$2 domestic drafts & wells. *Tuesday*, 4pm-1am: \$3 Hiny's. *Wednesday*, 4pm-1am: \$3 Jacks. *Thursday*, 4pm-1am: \$2 kamikazes. *Friday*, 8pm-10pm: \$3 you-call-its (up to premium). *Saturday*, 4pm-1am: \$3 all flavors Smirnoff. *Sunday*, 4pm-1am: \$3 vodka cranberry.

Sail Ho Golf Club: *Monday, Thursday-Saturday*, 4pm-close: \$3 drafts, \$3.50 wines, \$4 wells. *Tuesday*, All day: \$2 wells. *Wednesday*, All day: \$3 Pacifico drafts. *Sunday*, All day: \$3 drafts, \$3.50 wines, \$4 wells.

POWAY

The Beach Grass Poway: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 microbrews, \$4 select wines. \$5 appetizers: pankocrusted 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. Karaoke 8pm. *Thursday*, 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.

RAMONA

Boll Weevil Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2 off all pitchers.

Cheers: *Monday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$10 steak. *Tuesday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$1 tacos. *Wednesday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$.50 wings. *Thursday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks.

RANCHO BERNARDO

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.

Capri Blu: *Daily*, 3-7pm: 1/2-price drafts, wells, discounted bar-menu food.

Carvers Steak & Chops: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6:30pm: 1/2-off drinks. \$3-\$4 off appetizers.

Kelly's Public House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$3.50 wells, house wines.

RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS

Deli Stop Sports Pub: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all beer; \$3 Corona or glass of wine. \$1 off all appetizers.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Da Boyz Pizza & Pasta: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 2-6pm, 9pm-close: \$2 draft, \$3 glass select wine.

Press Box Sports Lounge: *Monday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: \$1 off wells, all drafts. \$4 martinis. *Tuesday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: \$1 off wells, all drafts. \$3 you-call-its. *Wednesday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: \$1 off wells, all drafts. 1/2-off wine bottles. *Thursday-Friday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: \$1 off wells, all drafts. *Saturday*, all day: \$3 mimosas & bloody marys.

RANCHO SANTA FE

Delicias: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$5 draft beers, house wines, wells.

SAN MARCOS

Back Alley Grill: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 11am-9pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$4.50 imports and house wines. \$1 Taco Tuesday, 50¢ a-Wing Wednesday, \$1 off pitchers Thirsty Thursday.

Cowshed Bar and Grill: *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$3 domestic. \$3.50-\$4 wells. *Tuesday*, 4pm-2am: \$3 domestic. \$3.50-\$4 wells.

Dalton's Road House: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$1 off house wines, wells. \$5 margaritas. 1/2-off appetizers: cheesy fries, potato skins, buffalo wings.

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.

SANTA YSABEL

Santa Ysabel Resort & Casino: *Monday*, Mojito Monday: \$4 Irish Mojito. *Tuesday*, Tropical Tuesday: \$4 Tropical Dream. *Wednesday*, Wicked Wednesday: \$5.50 Speedy Gonzalez. *Thursday*, Thirsty Thursday: \$2 bottled domestics. *Friday*, Fiesta Friday: \$4 classic margarita. *Saturday*, Sweet Saturday: \$5 pineapple-Midori martini. *Sunday*, Sunset Sunday: \$4 Amaretto Sunset.

SANTEE

Landre's Sports Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. \$5 appetizers: potato skins, garlic/bacon fries, shrimp cocktail, more.

SCRIPPS RANCH

La Bastide: *Monday*, all night: \$2 off small bites menu. *Tuesday, Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off small bites menu. *Wednesday*, 4-6pm: 20% off bottled wines. \$2 off small bites menu. *Thursday*, all night: \$2 off specialty martinis. \$2 off small bites menu.

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.

SORRENTO VALLEY

Ali Baba's Cave: *Daily*, 3-7pm: 22-oz. beer \$4 (including tax). \$12 hookahs, \$5 refills.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$4 beers, wells, wines, flights. \$5 boneless wings, fries, spicy hummus.

SOUTH PARK

Alchemy: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off wells, including Skyy, Seagram's, Jim Beam, Sauza Gold, \$2 off wines/glass, draft.

Hamilton's Tavern: *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

Babbo's Bar and Grille: *Daily*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3.95 wells, drafts, wine.

Cheers: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-7pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles. \$3 single wells. \$3.50 domestic drafts.

Small Bar: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local draughts and drinks.

VALLEY CENTER

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: \$2 domestic. \$3 imports, wells. Discounted appetizers.

VISTA

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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“You never thought such a thing could happen,” said one. “You feel all tangled up inside because you do not quite see the logic of having to surrender freedom in a country that you sincerely feel is fighting for freedom.”

Allegiance: An American Musical, in its world premiere at the Old Globe Theatre, attempts to tell the epic story of Japanese-American internment. The subject’s as huge as it is vital. Right now, *Allegiance* is, at best, an “important” musical. But it needs a great deal of rethinking and reshaping to become a good one.

The story begins just prior to the life-changing instant. The three-generation Kimura family — grandfather Sam, father Tatsuo, and young Sammy and Kei — work on Tatsuo’s artichoke farm in Salinas. Just elected class president, Sammy sings “Going Places,” and things are looking up for everyone.

Then, overnight, Tatsuo must sell the farm for a pittance. The family’s shipped by train, with the blinds drawn, to Heart Mountain Relocation Center in Wyoming (Japanese Americans from San Diego went to Poston, Arizona, a stone’s throw from nowhere).

They move into hastily built, absurdly cramped quarters — far more cramped, in fact, than the Old Globe set portrays — and try

to make sense of an unfathomable alienation.

For at least its first 40 minutes, *Allegiance* sprints through one devastating event after another. The approach, exposition-by-short-hand, never gives the audience much time to grasp the enormity of what’s going on. Like “Going Places,” the songs are mostly generic and don’t fully underscore the emotional havoc. The one that does, “Gaman” (“enduring the unbearable with patience and dignity”), should ring through the theater the way “Tradition” does in *Fiddler*. Instead, it’s almost soft-sold.

Those first 40-plus minutes are thin, disparate strands. They, and the musical, come together when Frankie Suzuki (the outstanding Michael K. Lee) sings “Paradise.” It’s a show-bizzy, funny, satire of life at Heart Mountain — i.e., “paradise” — and it injects the note of defiance that will propel

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The arc is traced from unstoppable idealism to blanket disillusionment in *Allegiance*.

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Allegiance to its conclusion.

The government ordered internees to sign a loyalty oath. Two questions became controver-

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A large percentage answered “yes” to both. Anyone who answered “no” was declared disloyal (even those suspecting it was a “trap” question). Many, like Frankie Suzuki, said they’d gladly serve if their families were set free. Heart Mountain became the most vocal of the camps: 63 of its young men received a three-year sentence in a federal penitentiary for resisting the draft. At the time, few newspapers explained their actual reasons.

The internment was a blanket racist condemnation. Even “loyal” Japanese Americans were suspect. Once it gets going, *Allegiance* shows how diverse reactions were inside the camps. In many instances, the emotional pressures and cramped quarters caused families to quarrel. The loyalty oath rips these fissures into canyons. The internees break down generational lines: elders demand tradition; the suddenly disrespectful, even bullying teenagers want change (an almost unheard of attitude before WWII). The Kimura family becomes a microcosm of the camp’s inner divisions. And the title of the musical begins to resonate.

The book needs shoring up, as do one-note characters. No matter what Paolo Montalban tries with Mike Masaoka, the charismatic and controversial

leader of the Japanese American Citizens League is so evil he’s a scapegoat for just about every tribulation.

One way to imagine what the musical still needs would be to take away its absolutely spectacular cast. The iconic George Takei as the elder, embittered Sam, and the grandfather Ojii-San, projects a grounded dignity that anchors the show (forget *Star Trek*; his career’s stellar without it). As does Paul Nakauchi, as the father, Tatsuo, who doesn’t get a song but who obviously has the chops. Young, going places Sammy Kimura is the best written role, and Telly Leung makes the most of it. From unstoppable idealism to blank disillusionment, Leung takes stage and traces the arc with conviction.

Okay, she’s here, and every rave you ever heard about Lea Salonga (Tony winner for *Miss Saigon*) is a fact. She plays Sammy’s soft-spoken sister Lei and makes an under-written role unforgettable when she sings “Higher” and “The Mountain’s Heart” (with Michael K. Lee). Her voice skies and swoops with effortless clarity.

These performers fill in many a gap and add serrations and subtexts to Jay Kuo’s often predictable songs. Along with turning up the decibels with “Gaman,” the score/book needs to register, early on, how unprecedented the relocation was. It hit like an undetected tsunami. Sud-

denly, everything became extreme, chaotic, life-threatening for over 120,000 Japanese Americans.

Donayle Werle’s scenic design could help here. At first it has a simple, austere beauty. Panels made from overlapping paper slide on and off. Darrel Maloney projects videos onto the beige and brown surfaces. One of the main tasks of the internees was to sew camouflage netting for the war effort. Werle includes these in his patterns as well.

The set is consistent. And that creates a problem. Except for the initial scene in the camp, which could be more cramped, the set has an open-air feel that detracts from the oppressive confinement. Werle rarely breaks up the earth-toned color scheme, even when the Kimuras are in San Francisco.

The set misses a golden opportunity. Photos of the first days at Poston and Heart Mountain show rows of structures amid treeless emptiness. Photographs three years later are almost unrecognizable: the internees turned each into an oasis of flowers, fruits and vegetables, and trees. When old Sam Kimura works his garden for the last time, Werle drops a camouflage net with just hints of color. But why not break up a unified design and project bolder hues for what, to many, is an enduring — and endearing — symbol of the relocation: from sterile terrain, the camps grew life. They greened those wastelands. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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4.48 Psychosis

San Diego Mesa College Theatre presents Sarah Kane’s final work, a personal look at severe clinical depression. Box Office: 619-388-2611; www.sdmesa.edu/drama/ MESA COLLEGE APOLIAD THEATRE, 7250 MESA COLLEGE DR., MESA COLLEGE. 619-388-2621. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 7.

Allegiance: A New American Musical

The Old Globe Theatre presents 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. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 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, Vivian Font, as Ceilia, and, of course Green’s conjuring *Rosalind* [runs in repertory with *Inherit the Wind* and *Richard III*]. **Critic’s Pick.** OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30.

As You Like It

SDSU’s Department of Theatre, Film, and Television presents Shakespeare’s comedy in Duke’s Deep Woods, a burlesque/“drag” club in Arden. “Hidden from the demanding life of daylight hours, they choose who they are and how they’re identified.” SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, 5500 CAMPANILE DR., SDSU. 619-594-5200. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 7.

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.

Footloose

San Diego Musical Theatre presents the “rock rhythm” musical about “a father longing for the son he lost and of a young man aching for the father who walked out on him.” Robert Marra directed and choreographed. BIRCH NORTH PARK THEATRE, 2891 UNIVERSITY AVE., NORTH PARK. 619-239-8836. 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 14.

Glengarry Glen Ross

La Jolla Playhouse stages David Mamet’s dissection of the American Dream, in the form of cut-throat real estate salesmen. Christopher Ashley directed. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 21.

Jekyll & Hyde

Broadway/San Diego hosts a touring production of the four-time Tony Award-nominated musical about a man of two minds — and bodies. Deborah Cox plays Lucy. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100

THIRD AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-570-1100. 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 7.

Mistakes Were Made

Cygnnet Theatre stages Craig Wright’s comedy about Felix Artifex, a “B-list Broadway producer” who must turn a pretentious script into “something people might actually pay to see.” Shana Wride directed. CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 21.

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.

Paragon Springs

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Chronos Theatre troupe stages the comedy *Scandal* in the St. Florian Valley at Victory Theater through September 30.

PALOMAR COLLEGE PERFORMANCE LAB (ROOM D-10), 1140 W. MISSION RD., SAN MARCOS. 760-744-1150. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 7.

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

Bob Fosse grafted — nay, jammed — a *Cabaret*-like scenario onto Stephen Schwartz's musical about the son of Charlemagne's quest for meaning. Diversionary Theatre and director-choreographer James Vasquez gave it a new concept: it's set in a post-apocalyptic, post-social media dungeon-museum, and the story's a cautionary tale about today's rampant, document-my-every-move narcissism. The new concept doesn't always work and the second act, as in the original, lacks the drive of the first. Performances, however, are consistently strong, especially Courtney Corey's "black magic woman," conjuring her minions and belting her numbers with a sinister soprano. *Worth a try.*

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 14.

Rent

Welk Resort Theatre presents the award-winning rock musical about impoverished young artists struggling to survive on New York's Lower East Side. Dan Mojica directed.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1PM THURSDAYS, 8PM THURSDAYS, 1PM SATURDAYS, 6:30PM SUNDAYS, 1PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 28.

Richard III

This Richard's an acquired taste: Jay 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, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29.

Sam Bendrix at the Bon Soir

For its third "Without Walls" production, the La Jolla Playhouse presents Keith Bunin's drama about "a gay man looking for love in the wrong decade." Mark Rucker directed.

MARTINIS ABOVE FOURTH, 3940 FOURTH AVENUE #200, HILLCREST. 619-400-4500. 2PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM MONDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 10.

Same Time, Next Year

Melissa and Manny Fernandes, real life mates, perform with the fluidity and timing of a matched set. In some the play's more comic moments, they recall Desi and Lucy, in others, George and Martha. Though married, and not to each other, Doris and George meet every year at an inn in Mendocino, from 1951 to 1975. How they can hold such a serial relationship together doesn't bother the playwright, Bernard Slade. He gives glib, sitcom answers and shows how the times, and the twosome, are always a-changin'. The play's a one-and-donner (a return visit exposes its tricks), but to watch the Fernandes work is a joy, especially since their "work" is invisible. *Worth a try.* NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B

STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 7.

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.

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 Gludini directed.

MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE IN BREngle TERRACE PARK, 1200 VALE TERRACE, VISTA. 760-724-2110. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 6.

The 39 Steps

MiraCosta College stages the romantic-suspense comedy based on the 1935 Hitchcock movie. Eric Bishop directed.

MIRACOSTA COLLEGE THEATRE, ONE BARNARD DR., OCEANSIDE. 760-795-6815. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 7.

The Secret Garden

PaccoArts Community Theater presents the popular musical based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett. Sean Tamburrino directed. KIT CARSON PARK, 3333 BEAR VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29.

The Underpants

North Coast Rep stages Steve Martin's farce about the wife of Theobald Maske. Her underpants won't stay on [note: due to popular demand, the show's run has been

extended].

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 7.

Tuskegee Love Letters

Community Actors Theatre presents Kim Russell's drama based on the letters of newlyweds during WWII: a pilot with the Tuskegee Airmen and "a hard working woman with big dreams!"

COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH ST., COLLEGE AREA. 619-264-3391. 7PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29.

W.C. Fields by Himself!

Dale Morris performs the world premiere of his one-act biography of the great comedian "as he was — demons and all." Ira-Bateman Gold and Eric Poppick co-directed. TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-237-4510. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 3PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30.

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Hey, Kids! Vampires!

Fans of Adam Sandler will want to have a neighbor read them the following: the latest feature from Sony Pictures Animation has all the stylistic innovation and visual niceties of a Count Chocula commercial. An unduly protective vampire (Sandler) who runs a restricted resort — the clientele is limited to “monsters only” — goes bat shit when he discovers that his teenage daughter (Selena Gomez) has fallen for a human (Andy Samberg). All of the background monsters appear to have been lifted from past sources: Sandler’s “blah-blah” Bela Lugosi impersonation is as original as it gets. As if *8 Crazy Nights* wasn’t proof enough, this further hammers home the fact that an anthropomorphic Adam is as annoying an impediment to entertainment as his live-action counterpart. Russian TV animator Genndy Tartakovsky (*The Powerpuff Girls*, *Star Wars: Clone Wars*) succumbs to the pressures of a mainstream PG release by refusing

to explore any of the subtleties to be found in a relationship between an overprotective blood-sucker and a virginal daughter he wants to remain intact. Then again, Sandler’s craft is propelled by gaseous emissions, not nuanced wit. Fart jokes aficionados won’t leave hungry.

— Scott Marks

MOVIES

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September 26 marks the opening of the 11th annual San Diego Film Festival, five days of movies, panels, and parties spread out over downtown and La Jolla. Highlights include a Gus Van Sant retrospective (and reception!), an *Almost Famous* block party (yay, San Diego in film!), plus screenings of films like *Silver Linings Playbook*, *Seven Psychopaths*, and Dustin Hoffman’s directorial debut, *Quartet*. Visit sdfilmfest.com for more info!

— Matthew Lickona



In *Hotel Transylvania*, the clientele is limited to “monsters only.”

Horton Plaza 14: And then there were 7

The “Everything Must Go” signs draped across the windows confirmed the rumor. When Sam Goody’s hits the wrecking ball in November, with it go half of the screens at UA (or do you say Regal or Edwards?) Horton Plaza.

Paul Serwitz, vice president of film

for Regal Cinemas confirms that the theater’s lease has expired and the Westfield Group is “taking back the space.”

“We reached an agreement with the City,” says Jerry Enger, senior V.P. of development for the Westfield Group. “Westfield takes responsibility for the space for the next 25 years. The design goes to the city council for final ap-

proval in November.”

This isn’t going to be a grassy extension of the urine-scented garden that already faces Broadway. According to Enger, Westfield’s goal is to build a world-class urban plaza that will feature everything from concerts to outdoor movies. Enger is looking at a calendar of 200 events a year when the venue opens in the spring of 2014.



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And then there were the original seven. Built in 1985 on land that housed Robinsons-May, Horton Plaza was once the hottest movie ticket in town. The theater was such a success that an additional seven screens were added in 1995. This was the same year that the AMC Mission Valley 20 (with its fashionable stadium seating) went up and began drawing business away. The seven “new” screens — they’re the auditoriums up the stairs to your left when you walk through the door — are the ones slated for demolition. The good news is the theater’s 600-seat big house will remain intact.

— Scott Marks

An interview with Stephen Chbosky, writer-director of *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

The coming-of-age film *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, based on the bestselling young adult novel by Stephen Chbosky, hits theaters Friday. To promote the film, the publicity department sent out copies of the book. I read it on Monday night, and on Tuesday morning, I had a chance to speak with Chbosky about the project.

Matthew Lickona: First off, congratulations. It’s got to be a thrill for a writer to both write the screenplay based on his book and then direct the film version.

Stephen Chbosky: It’s a dream come true.

ML: So, why make this a movie? Not every book like this works as a movie — I think there’s a reason why *The Catcher in the Rye* never had a huge film adaptation — you know, besides the fact that Salinger hated the idea.

SC: I wanted to make this a movie because I knew there were millions of kids who would never read the book no matter what anyone said or who recommended it to them, and I think a lot of them could use the story. Also, because, for me, I love the sense of community that a movie can provide. When you write a book, it’s such a private experience. You write it, and someone reads it, and you’re alone in both instances. When you make a film and there are 300, 400 people in the theater and when the person next to you is crying when you’re getting emotional, you realize that you’re connected to everybody, and I love that sense. I wanted all the misfit toys in the world to unite on this one, in every theater. So I thought that was worth doing. And, plus, I have to say that for me, very personally, a lot of these images were still in my mind and still in my heart even after the book. I wanted

to get rid of them once and for all, and now they’re up on the screen to help other people, and I have more room for my wife and my daughter.

ML: Are there things that the movie could get across that the book couldn’t?

SC: I don’t think anything’s different, it’s just a different way of telling the story. It really is about a point of view — instead of everything being filtered through Charlie’s point of view the way it was in the book, you have all these other perspectives. I will say that one thing movies have that books don’t is juxtaposition. They have editing. So, when Charlie has his panic attack at the end of the movie, it’s far more visceral than it is on the page of the book, just by the nature of it [because of the cuts between images]. Or when he’s in church and the communion wafer becomes a tab of LSD. You can’t do that in a book, and I loved that aspect of the storytelling.

But, otherwise, it’s the same emotions, same catharsis.

ML: On the flip side, was there anything you risked losing in translation in going from book to screen?

SC: No, nothing. You know, movies are a lot more literal than books, and there are a couple of things that I wish I could have included in the movie. But, ultimately, they just didn’t work. The whole subplot with Charlie’s sister that I wrote and we shot... Nina Dobrev did a fantastic job, but I had to cut it, because it didn’t fit in the overall sense of the movie. Same with my flashback scene of Charlie and his best friend Michael [who commits suicide before the story opens]. That young actor who played Michael, Owen Campbell, is a fantastic talent, and I know we’ll be seeing him a lot in future years. But, again, it just didn’t fit the overall movie.

ML: Can you say how it didn’t fit?

SC: The Michael flashback confused

the language of the flashbacks. The flashbacks became about Aunt Helen, and that was important to the final story. Michael felt like a distraction or a confusion. The thing with Charlie’s sister [who dates an abusive guy and gets pregnant] — because it was an emotional movie already, I didn’t want to go overboard with that. What I found was, when her story was included right before the fight in the cafeteria and the scene with the boys in the park and then the scene where Charlie says goodbye to Sam, it just became emotionally too much. It’s, like, a song can’t be all chorus. You need verse, you need rhythm. Those moments by themselves were great, but in the overall arc of the story and where

it was going, it just overwhelmed it. It threw off the rhythm.

ML: It seemed to me that the biggest change between book and movie was that in the film, there’s less of Charlie together with his family.

SC: What I found is...there’s a draft, the first draft I wrote of this, I called it the kitchen-sink draft. It had everything in it. I wrote it and then I stepped away, and then I read it. And I realized that the more I dealt with the extended family, the less I was interested when I was reading. And, so, I was able to distill it down into the story of the friendships. But, even though the family was not as involved in the movie as they were in the book, it was very important to me that the grown-

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ups be relatable, intelligent people. I'm not interested at all in making a movie where the grownups are treated like idiots. And I felt that even though they were less present, the impact of them — let's say at the hospital, when they come and Dad kisses Charlie's forehead and his mother holds him — I found to be incredibly moving. Or around the dinner table. The essence of the relationship was still there.

ML: The book is certainly more explicit about its sexuality than the film — you've got rape, masturbation, abortion, Charlie walking in on his sister with her boyfriend... Were you required to sand things down for the film?

SC: No. Listen, any kid under 17 can get the book in pretty much any library across the country. I wanted kids to have the same access to the movie as they did to the book, and the reality of what PG-13 is...I was able to deal with every issue that I really wanted to deal with and not water anything down. But, I wanted them to have the same access. It was very, very important to me.

ML: And I noticed there was a lot less smoking in the film.

SC: I got rid of all the smoking, 100 percent. I smoked for almost 20 years, and I remember that I quit when I was in college. Then I saw this movie with Christian Slater, and he was smoking, and he looked so good when he was smoking that I actually started smoking again based on that movie, and I didn't stop again for, like, 17 years. I knew the power that this movie was going to have. I knew how relatable these characters were. And if I put a cigarette in Ezra Miller's hand, I almost felt like you could snap your fingers and 50,000 kids would start smoking cigarettes, just because of the connection they would feel to the characters. I could not be responsible for that.

ML: You're returning to this older than when you originally wrote it. Did the passage of years affect you when you went to write the screenplay?

SC: Yes. It took me longer to get back into the emotional state that young people feel. Because I wanted to respect and validate what their reality is. So, that took a while. But some of the craft of writing the screenplay was easier because I had more practice. I started the book when I was 26 and

published it when I was 29. Since then, I've written the screenplay for *Rent* and did the show *Jericho* and other things. I was a better writer when I sat down to do the screenplay.

ML: Tell me about the soundtrack. It's very different from the mixtape that Charlie makes for Patrick.

SC: The essential songs are the Smiths' "Asleep" and the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* stuff. They're in there. The truth is, Patrick's mixtape would probably cost \$15 million. "Blackbird" alone probably would have been 35 percent of our budget. There's a reality of what things cost. But, I will say that the soundtrack we got was astonishing. Alexandra Patsavas, our music supervisor, just created this wonderful atmosphere with the record labels and the bands and the singers. She announced, "This is a special one. This is not the payday. This is something special to be a part of." You wouldn't believe how supportive bands like Dexys Midnight Runners and Air Supply and David Bowie and all these acts were. They gave us a song, no pun, for a song, because they wanted to be a part of it. It was terrific. Something that happens in Hollywood is, you finish a movie, and when you're testing it for an audience, you put in every song

you want, and then you finish testing and the studio says, "Okay, now go replace everything with cheap songs." The response was so overwhelming when we tested this one that the studio, to their credit, said, "You have to keep them all."

— Matthew Lickona

A closer look at the trailer for *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*

When you're taking a children's book and stretching it into a nine-hour film, you naturally want to avoid the kind of ponderous seriousness that bogs things down. Happily, you've got a natural source of comic relief in dwarves. Sure, the leader has to be all serious and heroic, but there are 12 others that you can bring to whimsical bear on the matter.

So, without further ado, the dwarvish revue:

:28 — Synchronized bowing and greeting!

:31 — Friendly head-butting!

:32 — Beard-pulling!

:34 — Food tossing!

1:22 — Rabbit sled! Because dwarves are smallish!

All this is not to say that Bilbo

"Barcalounger" Baggins is bereft of *bon mots*. This exchange at 1:44 with Gollum...

"If Baggins loses, we eats it whole." "Fair enough."

...recalls classic *Monty Python!* ("I'm sorry, but I'm going to have to shoot you.") Ho-ho — such sanguinity in the face of being eaten whole! How very English!

Moving along, then, to the trailer's end, the parting shot, the final image, the lingering last impression... our heroes are half-buried in rubble, groaning in pain. Just then, one of them muses, "Well, that could have been worse."

Aaaaand cue the falling corpse of a bisected giant.

Cut to credits, over which can be heard the growled exclamation, "You have got to be joking!"

Precisely.

— Matthew Lickona

Free movies of the week

The Big Screen blog continues its quest to figure out why the movie studios, seemingly so concerned with the integrity of their business model, don't seem to mind YouTube plundering their back catalog. This week, in honor of the release of *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, we examine youth culture. First up, Christian Slater in *Pump Up the Volume*. The cosseted Kids of Today, what with their iPods and their internet radio, will never be able to fully understand the courage and determination of a pirate deejay, but, dammit, they should try. And as long as we're fretting about the internet, does anybody remember the web-panic classic *Hackers*? No? Then how about *The Hunger Games*? Seems like that one came out just a few months ago. We've got the remarkably similar (but more violent) *Battle Royale*. For fans of veteran superstar Shia LaBeouf, how about his early work in *Holes*? And, finally, the youth-culture movie that even old people can love, *West Side Story*. All available at The Big Screen!

— Matthew Lickona

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AMICI PARK

State Street and West Date St., Little Italy

Il Pranzo di Ferragosto San Diego Italian Film Festival and the Little Italy Association present outdoor screening of Gianni di Gregorio's *Mid-August Lunch*, a "charming, funny tale of good food, feisty ladies, and surprising friendships," to kick-off Little Italy Festa. **Saturday, October 13, 7:00pm**

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

4040 Goldfinch St., Mission Hills
619-295-4221

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**

Gentlemen Prefer Blondes Gold-digging showgirls Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell seek "their wealthy prey in Paris." Are diamonds a girl's best friend? 619-295-4221. **Thursday, October 4, 8:00pm, Friday, October 5, 8:00pm, Saturday, October 6, 8:00pm**

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Genetic Roulette Screening of documentary providing "compelling evidence to help explain the deteriorating health of Americans" which "offers a recipe for protecting ourselves and our future" hosted by LabelGMOs.org. **Tuesday, October 9, 6:00pm**

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Puss in Boots Follow the plucky Puss (voiced by Antonio Banderas) on pre-*Shrek* 2adventures, accompanied by sidekicks Humpty Dumpty and Kitty Softpaws. Screens at dusk for Summer Movies at the Park film series. **Saturday, September 29, 7:00pm**

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Finding Joe MDI — Success for Men hosts men's movie night with Patrick Solomon's film. "Gain courage to do battle, conquer, and or cope with your dragon(s)." Donation includes pizza, popcorn, soda. *Bajabago@gmail.com* or 619-296-1942. **Friday, September 28, 7:00pm**

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Entre Les Bras After decades at the helm, restaurateur Michel Bras prepares to hand the reigns of his self-titled Aubrac eatery to his son, Sébastien. In *Entre Les Bras* (Step Up to the Plate), the camera of director Paul Lacoste is there to record the transfer. A 7pm dinner precedes the film at 8pm. \$10 movie only; \$34 food + movie. **Thursday, October 4, 8:00pm**

MIRACOSTA COLLEGE

One Barnard Dr., Oceanside

The Violin (El Violin) Mexican director Francisco Vargas Quevedo's film is "the story of Don Plutarco, an elderly farmer and violinist and the aged patriarch of a musical family who has fashioned an ingenious way of smuggling ammunition beneath the noses of government troops." The 2006 film screens for International Film Series in room 3601. In Spanish with English subtitles. 760-757-2121 x7758. **Friday, September 28, 7:00pm**

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Rad Dive-In Theatre "cinema socials" continue with this 1986 BMX film focusing on "a young BMX racer who lives in a small town with his mother (Talia Shire)." Will Cru Jones take part in Helltrack qualifying races or take the SAT exam? Pool is open to hotel guests for free and to others with a drink purchase. 619-226-6100. **Wednesday, October 3, 8:00pm**

Breakfast at Tiffany's Dive-In Theatre series showcases Audrey Hepburn's portrayal of naïve café society girl Holly Golightly, considered her "most memorable and identifiable role." Cast includes George Peppard, Patricia Neal, Buddy Ebsen. Pool is open to hotel guests for free and to others with a drink purchase. 619-226-6100. **Wednesday, October 10, 8:00pm**

Donnie Darko Jake Gyllenhaal, Drew Barrymore, and Patrick Swayze star in the 2001 flick following the "adventures of the title character as he seeks the meaning and significance behind his troubling Doomsday-related visions." Dive-In Theatre screening next to pool is open to hotel guests for free and to others with a drink purchase. 619-226-6100. **Wednesday, October 17, 8:00pm**

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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-fueled 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. — M.L. 2012. ★

Arbitrage — Richard Gere stars as a rich Wall Street bastard who screws up both personally and financially and then has to stay ahead of the law long enough to close The Big Deal. Root for the bad guy! 2012.

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. ★

Dredd — A subtle, meditative investigation on the nature of justice and the exercise of authority, with lots of guns and drugs and stuff. 2012.

End of Watch — David Ayer, the screenwriter behind *Training Day* and *Dark Blue*, sets out to make his *Life and Times of a Police Officer in South Central*, complete with opening manifesto in voiceover. (“If you cut me, I bleed.”) But he winds up with *Cops* for the younger generation. (*Cops Jr.: Copz?*) Meaning, *Cops* with a white protagonist (Jake Gyllenhaal) who’s smart enough to go to law school but chooses not to, narcissistic enough to be forever filming himself as he goes about his job, and hipster enough to ask, “What does being a hero feel like?” after he saves some kids from a burning house. And a Latino partner (Michael Peña) who’s ironic enough to be forever joking about the more outlandish aspects of his heritage (a never-ending parade of *quinceañeras!*) even as he affirms their worth. Plus a jokey fratboy spirit between the two of them that is seemingly at odds with the horrors they confront in the line of duty (bros gotta cope, bro). The story is hugely episodic: loose ends abound, themes are introduced and forgotten, characters step to the fore and then fade away — just like real life! Eventually, however, the horrors begin to catch up to our heroes, as they

keep crossing paths with a Sinaloa cartel cell in their newly assigned neighborhood. If the Jittercam ever managed to hold a single shot for more than five seconds, the various dramas might be enough to make you feel something. As it is, the in-car banter between calls is the best thing going here. — 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 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. ★

Finding Nemo 3D — Disney continues its threedeeification of the Pixar catalog. 2012.

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 potheads 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 moviegoing experience, *Hit and Run* gets back to basics. As such, it is not without its moments worthy of sentimental outpouring. 2012. — S.M. ★★

Hotel Transylvania —Reviewed this issue. 2012. ●

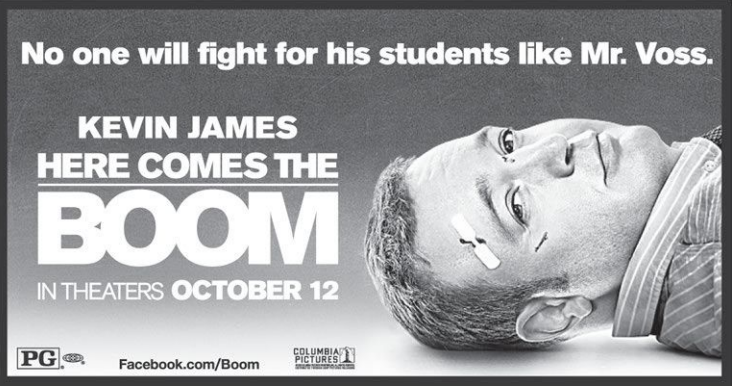
House at the End of the Street — Jennifer Lawrence, so memorable in *Winter’s Bone* and so bankable after *The Hunger Games*, takes a crash course at Horror High in this cookie-cutter variation on a *Psycho* theme. Lawrence and her mother (Elisabeth Shue), new arrivals in a rural town, are fortunate enough to land accommodations next door to a house where a young girl murdered her parents. It’s no coincidence that Max Thieriot (he stars as Lawrence’s strange, and I do mean strange, neighbor) landed the lead in the upcoming TV movie *Bates Motel*. His preparation to play the surviving son — Thieriot spent weeks in front of a flat screen polishing up on the works of Anthony Perkins (and Casey Affleck) — paid off. But at least studio scribes threw some meaty dialog Tony’s way. Screenwriter David Loucka (*Eddie*) barely gives Thieriot six words to mumble together. Based on a story by Jonathan Mostow (*Breakdown*), there might have been a glimmer of hope had he been allowed to direct. First-timer Mark Tonderai knows the genre well and is content to sit back and connect the dots. It takes a true *shlump* to sever Ms. Lawrence’s natural connection with the camera.

Tonderai does it with the greatest of ease. The only reason adolescent viewers might flock to this PG-13 jump-fest is a chance to see their favorite background wallpaper girl once again cavort around in a tight tank top. A few more career moves like this and she’ll be showing a lot more than cleavage in order to keep working. 2012. — S.M. ●

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. ★★★

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



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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 vs. country, progress vs. tradition, heathen vs. Christian, and brutal violence vs. syrupy sentiment, a big Southern burgoo 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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Looper — Review forthcoming on The Big Screen blog. 2012.

The Master — Happily, and despite the fact that director Paul Thomas Anderson used controversial Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard as a model, *The Master* is more than a modernized rehash of the religious chicanery at the heart of Anderson’s *There Will Be Blood*. Rather, it is an exploration of broken humanity in need of repair, as represented by the deeply damaged WWII vet Freddie Quell. Played with dim, slurring ferocity by Joaquin Phoenix, Quell is a twisted man, from the scar on his lip and the hunch of his shoulders to his insatiable thirst and his rampant sexuality. (When we meet him, he is making moonshine on a beach before getting nastily intimate with a naked sand sculpture.) When he stumbles into the life of gregarious guru Lancaster Dodd (a blowsy, mustachioed Philip Seymour Hoffman), he is almost instantly converted — not because he’s seen the light, but because Dodd peers interestedly into his darkest corners and does not look away. Instead, Dodd embraces the animalistic Quell and seeks to bring him to spiritual enlightenment. Like Jesus Christ, the Master comes to cure the sick. (Unlike Jesus Christ, he also comes to solicit donations from the healthy.) What follows is a touch overlong and over-indulgent, but still full of memorable images and formal excellences. And it’s a credit to Anderson’s skills as a filmmaker, rather than Dodd’s skills as a healer, that the film finds its way to an ending that is both humane and

satisfying. 2012. — M.L.

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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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The Perks of Being a Wallflower — Author Stephen Chbosky adapted and directed this version of his bestselling young adult novel about Charlie (Logan Lerman), an emotionally damaged high school freshman who is lucky enough to fall in with a couple of senior step-siblings:

the fabulously gay Patrick (a barely restrained Ezra Miller) and the adorable Sam (a lovely but granitic Emma Watson). They introduce him to the glories of marijuana, mixtapes, and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, but also to the nightmares of unrequited love, bad acid trips, and closeted sexuality. And along the way, he’s got some baggage of his own to unpack. Mom and Dad are refreshingly human, but still sidelined — the adult pole star is English teacher Paul Rudd, who feeds Charlie a steady diet of Salinger, Lee, Kerouac, and Thoreau, and says things like, “We accept the love we think we deserve.” The story lurches and bogs, and Miller sounds about 20 years ahead of his time (the story is set in 1991). But *Perks* is going for that teenage feeling more than anything else: of knowingness and wonder, of longing and fulfillment. Mostly, it gets it, thanks in part to a carefully chosen soundtrack. 2012. — M.L.

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Pitch Perfect — The problem: geek culture has ascended to the point where it’s difficult to portray, say, college guys who do a *capella* renditions of pop songs as lovable losers who have to triumph over their own peculiarity to win the respect of their peers. Even if they’re not the Big Men on Campus, who cares? They’re the kings of their ecosystem, and after the death of

mainstream pop culture, that’s the best anyone can hope for. The solution: focus on college *girls* who sing a *capella* renditions of pop songs but find themselves hampered by their inability to hit the bass notes that get a *capella* people excited. Then bring on the issues — body image, lesbianism, terminal shyness, domineering daddies, a tendency to vomit under pressure — and let the fun begin. At least, if you think relentless camp (sprinkled with sass and bitch-wit) is fun. But even if you don’t, it’s hard to resist star Anna Kendrick — she’s game, so you are. And there’s something Katherine Hepburn-y about the way she manages to bring bring intelligence to farce. With Rebel Wilson, Skylar Astin. 2012. — M.L.

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The Possession — From *Abby to The Possession*, studios with an “anything for a buck” attitude have spent over 40 years dutifully repackaging *The Exorcist*. Director Ole Bornedal’s (*Nightwatch*) based-on-factual-events entry in the pea-soup cavalcade of horror tells the tale of a young girl (the simply dreadful Natasha Calis) who purchases a Dybbuk-in-the-box at a neighborhood yard sale. Judaism ensues when her father (Jeffrey Dean Morgan) seeks out the services of Hasidic Reggae superstar Matisyahu (The Chabad Telethon) to cleanse the kid. Shouldn’t a film about Jewish exorcism be called *The*

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

San Diego Natural History Museum

Flying Monsters 3D (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 11:00, 2:00; **Ocean Oasis** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 12:00pm; **Such is the Real Nature of Horses** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 4:00pm; **The Last Reef 3D: Cities Beneath the Sea** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 1:00, 3:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Reading Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704) **Arbitrage** (R) Fri-Sat (11:25, 2:00) 4:40, 7:25, 9:45 Sun (11:25, 2:00) 4:40, 7:25; **Dredd** (R) Fri-Sat (11:10, 1:15, 3:25) 5:35, 7:50, 10:00 Sun (11:10, 1:15, 3:25) 5:35, 7:50; **End of Watch** (R) Fri-Sat (11:45, 2:15) 4:35, 7:00, 9:40 Sun (11:45, 2:15) 4:35, 7:00; **Hotel Transylvania** (PG) Fri-Sat (10:30, 12:30, 2:30) 4:30, 7:30, 9:30 Sun (10:30, 12:30, 2:30) 4:30, 7:30; **Looper** (R) Fri-Sat (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:45, 10:20 Sun (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:45; **Moonrise Kingdom** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:55) 4:15, 9:50 Sun (10:55) 4:15; **ParaNorman** (PG) Fri-Sat (10:45, 12:50, 2:55) 5:05, 7:20, 9:25 Sun (10:45, 12:50, 2:55) 5:05, 7:20; **Robot & Frank** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:40, 12:40, 2:40) 4:55, 7:05, 9:15 Sun (10:40, 12:40, 2:40) 4:55, 7:05; **The Master** (R) Fri-Sat (10:35, 1:30) 4:20, 7:15, 10:15 Sun (10:35, 1:30) 4:20, 7:15; **The Odd Life of Timothy Green** (PG) Fri-Sat (11:00, 1:10, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:10 Sun (11:00, 1:10, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00; **The Words** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:25) 7:35; **Trouble with the Curve** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:35, 1:55) 4:25, 7:10, 9:55 Sun (11:35, 1:55) 4:25, 7:10; **Won’t Back Down** (PG) Fri-Sat (11:50, 2:20) 4:45, 7:40, 10:05 Sun (11:50, 2:20) 4:45, 7:40

CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square

4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722) **Arbitrage** (R) Fri-Sun (10:40, 1:00, 3:20) 5:50, 8:20, 10:40; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:30, 12:45, 3:00); **Dredd** (R) Fri-Sun (11:20, 1:35, 3:45) 5:45, 7:50, 10:05; **End of Watch** (R) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:25, 3:50) 6:10, 8:25, 10:45; **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri-Sun (10:35a.m.); **Finding**

Nemo 3D (G) Fri-Sun (12:55, 3:15) 5:35, 7:55, 10:15; **Hope Springs** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:25, 12:50, 3:10) 5:25, 8:00, 10:20; **Hotel Transylvania** (PG) Fri-Sun (1:15, 3:25) 5:40, 8:15; **Hotel Transylvania 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:00) 10:25; **Lawless** (R) Fri-Sun 5:15, 7:50, 10:35; **Looper** (R) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; **ParaNorman** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:20, 12:35, 3:05) 5:30; **Robot & Frank** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:15, 1:50, 3:55) 5:55, 8:10, 10:30; **Special Event** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun; **The Master** (R) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:20) 4:10, 7:05, 9:55; **The Odd Life of Timothy Green** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:10, 1:40) 4:20, 7:10, 9:35; **The Possession** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 8:05, 10:25; **The Wrong Man (1957)** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun; **Trouble with the Curve** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:50, 1:25) 4:15, 7:25, 10:30; **Won’t Back Down** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:45) 4:25, 7:15, 10:00

CORONADO

Vintage Village Theatre

820 Orange Avenue (619-437-6161) Call theater for program information.

DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp

701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709) Call theater for program information.

Regal Horton Plaza

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) **Barfi!** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun (11:20, 2:30) 6:00, 9:15; **Beasts of the Southern Wild** (PG-13) Fri (12:45, 3:00, 5:20) 7:35, 10:05 Sat-Sun (12:45, 3:00) 5:20, 7:35, 10:05; **Dredd** (R) Fri (11:15, 4:00) 9:25 Sat-Sun (11:15) 4:00, 9:25; **Dredd 3D** (R) Fri-Sun (1:35) 7:05; **End of Watch** (R) Fri (11:50, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50 Sat-Sun (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **Finding Nemo 3D** (G) Fri (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40 Sat-Sun (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; **Heroine** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun (11:30, 2:50) 6:20, 9:35; **Hotel Transylvania** (PG) Fri (12:15, 2:45, 3:30, 5:00) 7:15, 8:00, 9:30 Sat-Sun (12:15, 2:45, 3:30) 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 9:30; **Hotel Transylvania 3D** (PG) Fri (1:00, 5:45) 10:15 Sat-Sun (1:00) 5:45, 10:15; **Kamaal Dhamaal Malamaal** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun (11:10, 2:40) 6:10, 9:25; **Lawless** (R) Fri-Sun (11:05, 3:45) 9:05; **Resident Evil: Retribution** (R) Fri (11:45, 4:25) 7:15 Sat-Sun (11:45) 4:25, 7:15; **Resident Evil: Retribution 3D** (R) Fri-Sun (2:05) 9:45; **The Campaign** (R) Fri-Sun (1:40) 7:00; **The Mistress** (Not Rated) Fri (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40 Sat-Sun (11:00, 1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **The Posses-**

sion (PG-13) Fri (12:30, 2:55, 5:15) 7:30, 10:00 Sat-Sun (12:30, 2:55) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; **Won’t Back Down** (PG) Fri (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20 Sat-Sun (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:20

KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **Stars In Shorts** (NR) Fri: (2:30), (5:00), 7:30, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (2:30), 5:00, 7:30, 9:45, Mon - Thu: (5:00), 7:30, 9:45; **Some Like It Hot** (PG) Sat & Sun: 12:00 NOON, Discount Shows at Landmark’s Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets “()”; **V/H/S** (R) Opens Friday, October 05; **To Kill A Mockingbird** (NR) Plays Saturday, October 06th & Sunday, October 07

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 **The Perks Of Being A Wallflower** (PG-13) Fri Mon - Thu: (2:00), (4:30), 7:00, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:35; **The Perks Of Being A Wallflower** (PG-13) Fri Mon - Thu: (3:10), (5:40), 8:10, Sat & Sun: 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10; **The Master** (R) Fri Mon - Thu: (3:15), 6:30, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (12:15), 3:15, 6:30, 9:30; **The Master** (R) Fri - Thu: 8:30; **Searching For Sugar Man** (PG-13) Fri Mon - Thu: (1:45), (4:00), 6:15, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, Discount Shows at Landmark’s La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “()”; **Diana Vreeland: The Eye Has To Travel** (PG-13) Opens Friday, October 05

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)

Hotel Transylvania (PG) Fri & Sat: (10:00 AM), (2:45), 7:15, 9:45, Sun - Thu: (10:00 AM), (2:45), 7:15; **Hotel Transylvania 3D** (PG) Fri - Thu: (12:15), 5:00; **Looper** (R) Thu: (10:00 AM); **Looper** (R) Fri & Sat: (10:30 AM), (1:30), 4:30, 7:30, 10:15, Sun - Thu: (10:30 AM), (1:30), 4:30, 7:30; **Dredd** (R) Fri & Sat: (10:15 AM), (12:45), (3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sun - Thu: (10:15 AM), (12:45), (3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **End of Watch** (R) Fri & Sat: (10:00 AM), (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun - Thu: (10:00 AM), (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **Trouble with the Curve** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (10:15 AM), (1:00), (4:00), 7:00, 10:00, Sun - Thu: (10:15 AM), (1:00), (4:00), 7:00; **Finding Nemo 3D** (G) Fri & Sat: (1:30), 7:00, 9:30, Sun: (1:30), 7:00, Mon: (1:30 PM), Tue: (1:30), 7:00, Wed & Thu: (1:30 PM); **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: (12:00), (4:00), 7:45; **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri - Sun: (10:45 AM), 4:15, Mon: (10:45 AM), Tue & Wed: (10:45 AM), 4:15, Thu: 4:15 PM; **Kidtoons: The Gruffalo’s Child** (NR) Sat & Sun: (10:30 AM); **Legend of Aahhh’s** (NR) Thu: 7:00 PM

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) **The Perks Of Being A Wallflower** (PG-13) Fri Mon - Thu: (2:20), (4:50), 7:20, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **The Perks Of Being A Wallflower** (PG-13) Fri Mon - Thu: (3:10), (5:40), 8:15, Sat & Sun: 12:20, 3:10, 5:40, 8:15; **The Master** (R) Fri Mon - Thu: (2:00), (5:00), 8:00, Sat & Sun: 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; **The Master** (R) Fri Mon - Thu: 6:30, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 6:30, 9:30; **Sleepwalk With Me** (NR) Fri - Thu: (2:10), (4:20); **Arbitrage** (R) Fri Mon - Thu: (1:50), (4:30), 7:10, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40, Discount Shows at Landmark’s Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “()”; **Liberal Arts** (NR) Opens Friday, October 05; **The Other Dream Team** (NR) Opens Friday, October 05

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Call theater for program information.

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) **Dredd** (R) Fri-Sun (11:35, 1:45, 3:55) 6:10, 8:30, 10:50; **End of Watch** (R) Fri-Sun (11:55, 2:30) 5:05, 7:40, 10:05; **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri-Sun (10:50a.m.); **Finding Nemo 3D** (G) Fri-Sun (1:15, 3:40) 6:00, 8:20, 10:40; **Hotel Transylvania** (PG) Fri-Sun (1:20, 3:35) 5:45, 8:00; **Hotel Transylvania 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:05) 10:10; **Lawless** (R) Fri-Sun (2:20) 7:50; **Looper** (R) Fri-Sun (11:10, 12:10, 1:50, 2:50) 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 8:10, 9:45, 10:45; **Special Event** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun; **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:30) 4:55, 10:20; **The Master** (R) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:40) 4:35, 7:30, 10:25; **Trouble with the Curve** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:25, 1:55) 4:25, 7:00, 9:30; **Won’t Back Down** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:20, 2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Call theater for program information.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade

770 Dennery 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.

UltraStar Chula Vista

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) **Hit & Run** (R) Fri & Sat: 9:30 PM; **Sparkle**

(PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:45 AM), (2:30), 5:15,
 8:00, 10:45, Sun: (11:45 AM), (2:30), 5:15, 8:00,
 Mon - Thu: (2:30), 5:15, 8:00; **The Bourne
 Legacy** (PG-13) Fri - Sun: (11:45 AM), (2:40),
 (3:30), 8:30, Mon - Thu: (2:40), 5:30, 8:30; **Total
 Recall** (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; **Step Up Revolution** (PG-13)
 Fri & Sat: (11:30 AM), 4:30, 9:30, Sun: (11:30
 AM), 4:30, Mon - Thu: 4:30 PM; **The Watch**
 (R) Fri - Thu: (2:00), 7:00; **Ice Age: Con-
 tinental Drift** (PG) Fri - Sun: (11:15 AM),
 (1:45), 4:15, 6:45, Mon - Thu: (1:45), 4:15, 6:45;
The Amazing Spider-Man (PG-13) Fri &
 Sat: (12:00), (3:15), 6:45, 10:00, Sun: (12:00),
 (3:15), 6:45, Mon - Thu: (3:15), 6:45; **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; **Brave** (PG) Fri & Sat: (11:30
 AM), (2:00), 4:30, 7:15, 9:45, Sun: (11:30 AM),
 (2:00), 4:30, 7:15, Mon - Thu: (2:00), 4:30, 7:15;
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted
 (PG) Fri - Sun: (11:00 AM), (1:30), (4:00), 6:30,
 Mon - Thu: (1:30), (4:00), 6:30; **Men in Black 3**
 (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 9:15 PM; **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)

AMC Otay Ranch
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
Call theater for program information.

AMC Plaza Bonita
3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

Regal Escondido
350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
Call theater for program information.

UltraStar River Village
52526 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45, Sun: 11:45 AM, 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, Mon - Thu: 4:15, 7:00, **Looper** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, Sun: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, Mon - Thu: 4:45, 7:30, **Won't Back Down** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:45, Sun: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, Mon - Thu: 5:00, 7:45, **End of Watch** (R) Fri & Sat: 12:00, 2:30, 5:15, 8:15, 11:00, Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 5:15, 8:15, Mon - Thu: 5:15, 8:15, **House at the End of the Street** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:45, Sun: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, Mon - Thu: 3:30, 8:00, **Trouble with the Curve** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00, Sun: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, Mon - Thu: 4:30, 7:15, **The Gruffalo's Child** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM

UltraStar Poway
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

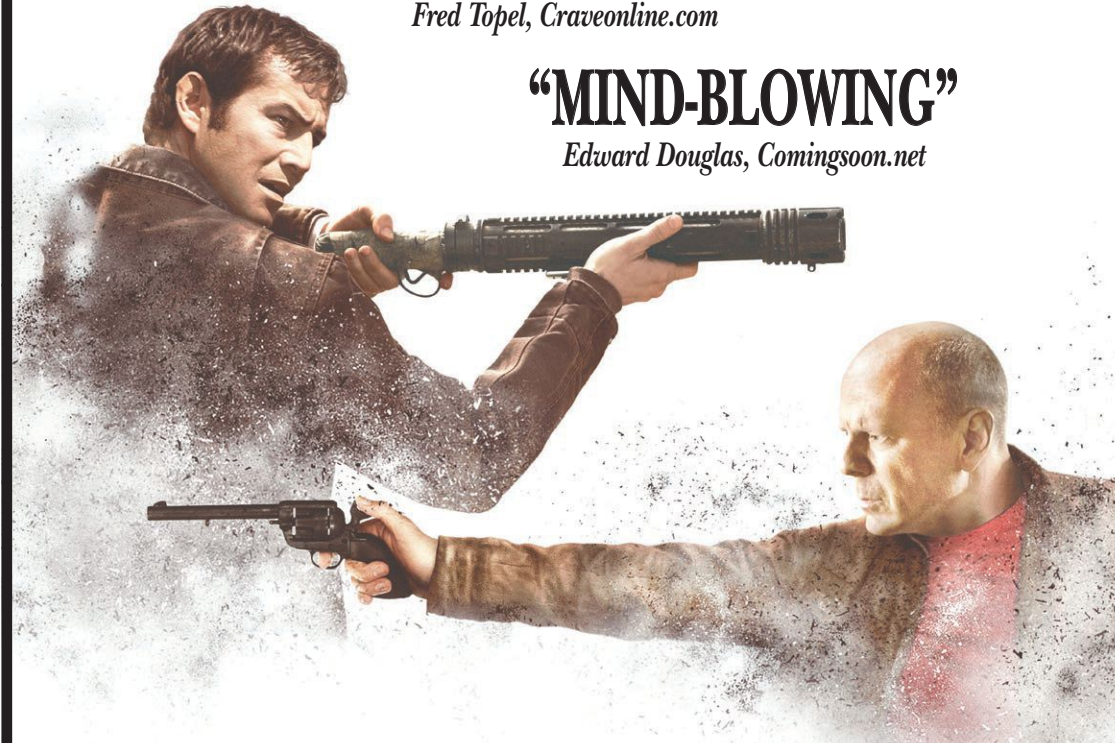
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Fri - Thu: 10:00 AM, 2:30, 3:15, 5:30, 7:00; **Hotel Transylvania 3D** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 12:15, 1:45, 9:15, Sun - Thu: 10:30 AM, 12:15, 4:45; **Looper** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 12:45, 1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 7:45, 9:30, 10:30, Sun - Wed: 10:45 AM, 12:45, 1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 7:45, 10:45 AM, 12:45, 1:15, 4:00, 7:45; **Won't Back Down** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00, Sun - Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15; **Won't Back Down** (PG) Wed: 10:00 AM; **Dredd** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:25 AM, 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 7:55, 10:25, Sun: 10:25 AM, 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 7:45, Mon & Tue: 10:25 AM, 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 7:55, Wed: 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 7:55, Thu: 10:25 AM, 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 7:55; **Dredd** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:25 AM, 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 7:55, 10:25, Sun: 10:25 AM, 12:50, 3:05, 8:45, Mon

& Tue: 10:25 AM, 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 7:55, Wed:
12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 7:55, Thu: 10:25 AM, 12:50,
3:05, 5:25, 7:55; **End of Watch** (R) Fri & Sat:
10:10 AM, 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:15, 10:45, Sun-
Thu: 10:10 AM, 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:15; **House
at the End of the Street** (PG-13) Fri &
Sat: 10:20 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:10, 10:40,
Sun-Thu: 10:20 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:10;
Trouble with the Curve (PG-13) Fri & Sat:
11:00 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, Sun-Thu:
11:00 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30; **Finding Nemo**
3D (G) Fri - Thu: 12:30, 7:40; **The Gruffalo's**
Child (NR) Sat - Sun: 10:30 AM; **2016:
Obama's America** (PG) Fri: 10:15 AM,

12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, Sat: 10:15 AM, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40, Sun: 10:15 AM, 12:30, 6:20, 8:30, Mon - Thu: 10:15 AM, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20; **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri: 10:05 AM, 2:50, 5:15, Sat & Sun: 2:50, 5:15, Mon - Thu: 10:05 AM, 2:50, 5:15; **Legend of Aahhh's** (NR) Thu: 7:00 PM

Regal San Marcos
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Dredd (R) Fri-Sat (11:30, 2:00) 5:15, 7:45,
 10:15 Sun (11:30, 2:00) 5:15, 7:45; **End of**
Watch (R) Fri-Sat (11:15, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00,
 10:40 Sun (11:15, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00; **Finding**
Nemo (G) Fri-Sat (11:15) 7:00, 9:30 Sun
 (11:15) 7:00; **Finding Nemo 3D** (G) Fri-
 Sun (1:45) 4:15; **Hotel Transylvania** (PG)
3D (PG) (Fri-Sat (1:00) 7:00; **Hotel Transylvania**
3D (PG) Fri-Sat (1:30, 4:00) 9:30 Sun (1:30,
 4:00); **House at the End of the Street**

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Calendar

MOVIES

Repossession or *The Circumcision of Emily Rose*? Kyra Sedgewick co-stars as a mother whose sole purpose appears to be getting out the message that America needs to eat healthy. After all her years on television, Ms. Sedgewick must have felt right at home playing a character assigned only one trait. Unintentional laughter should effectively undercut any jolts this PG-13 clunker tries to convey. 2012. — S.M.

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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, channeling 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 oooof, 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.

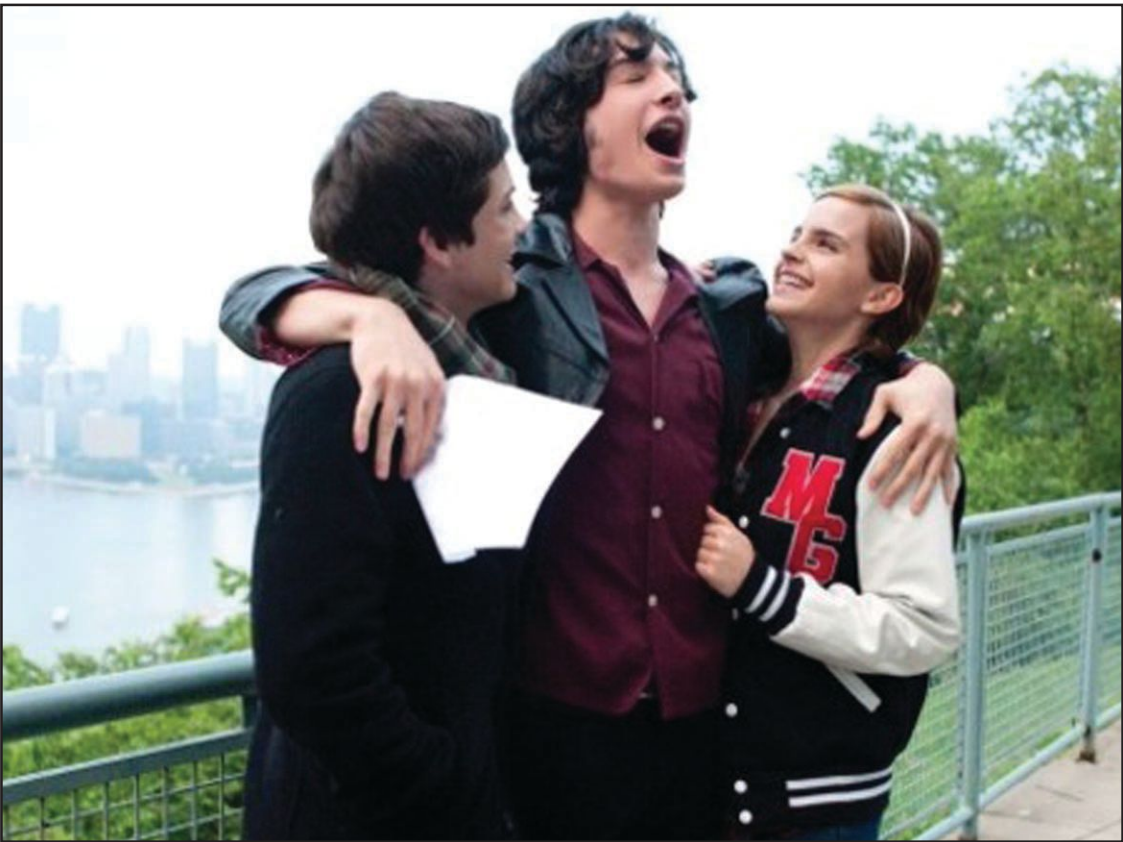
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Raiders of the Lost Ark — Director Steven Spielberg and executive producer/co-writer George Lucas pay homage to the cliffhanger serials of the Thirties and Forties — and they pay handsomely, pumping the project so full of money, production values, and technical razzle-dazzle that it no longer remotely resembles its grade-B models. Not intending exactly a spoof, but not maintaining entirely straight faces either, Spielberg/Lucas seem to want to play both sides of the street, to have both the innocent thrill and the sophisticated titter. Some will find that this two-facedness tends to lower the level of excitement, that although the action is consistently lively it is also without real suspense, and that the viewer is always required to meet the moviemaker more than halfway and fake a response that otherwise would never be extracted by such rudimentary perils as a shower of poison darts, a roomful of human skeletons, a blanket of furry spiders, an army of sadistic Nazis photographed with shadows crawling up their cheeks. The essential point to be made about *Raiders* is that it is really just a kiddie movie — a kiddie movie *de luxe*, but a kiddie movie all the same. With Harrison Ford and Karen Allen. 1981. — D.S.

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Resident Evil: Retribution — Milla Jovovich's battle against The Umbrella Corporation continues. As does her battle against the undead. 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



The Perks of Being a Wallflower, holding out for that teenage feeling.

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 lack of narrative gives the viewer a psychic space in which to bang up against the images. 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.

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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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Some Like It Hot — In the later stage of Billy Wilder's career, there is an evident pull toward the romantic and euphoric (*Love in the Afternoon*, *Irma La Douce*, *Avanti!*), and there is an opposing pull toward the caustic and raucous (*One Two Three*, *The Fortune Cookie*, the Ray Walston-Cliff Osmond bits, particularly, in *Kiss Me, Stupid*). This one belongs at the head of the second batch, for the impression made by Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis in drag (among other things) is unhappily deeper, stronger, and longer-lasting than the impression made, in spots, by Marilyn Monroe. Curtis's Cary Grant impression, when out of drag, isn't bad, but why would someone be doing a Cary Grant impression in a 1920s setting? 1960. — D.S.

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Stars in Shorts — Review forthcoming at The Big Screen blog. 2012.

Trouble with the Curve — There's trouble with the terminally cute script in this, Clint Eastwood's first actor-for-hire job since *In the Line of Fire* (1993). Clint stars as a corroded baseball scout with three months left on his contract. A severe case of macular degeneration forces him to make every day take-your-estranged-child-to-work day. Clint's voice has long taken on the timbre of wind whistling through an empty beer can; as his seeing-eye daughter, Amy Adams acts as a formidable correlate to the throaty grouch. A love story between father and daughter isn't enough of a well-born target for fledgling screenwriter Randy Brown to aim at, hence the unnecessary romantic subplot between Adams and Justin Timberlake. You'll be feeling around in the dark for a scan button during the couple's *two* dance routines, but alas. And a dismissive third act flashback aimed at explaining away decades of bad blood is as formulaic as it is tasteless. Robert Lorenz, Clint's regular second-unit man, receives sole director's credit, but one glance at the film's formal design and thematic obsessions makes it clear who called the shots. Clint's display of friendship and loyalty is highly commendable. The same can't be said for the finished product. A solid supporting cast — John Goodman, Ed Lauter, Robert Patrick — is sent to the showers. 2012. — S.M.

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The Watch — Ben Stiller stars as the standard "citizen who's into community issues because he can't deal with the trouble he's got at home," but he wisely steps aside and gives ownership of the film to Vince Vaughn's "suburban Dad looking for bro-bonding." *The Watch* is about an overzealous neighborhood watch that stumbles upon the nefarious doings of literal, nonmetaphorical aliens in our midst, but of course, it's really about four guys havin' some laffs and inviting you along, and Vaughn's version of goodhearted Ohio crude makes it a tolerable ride. The humor is dirty-sweet; there's no edge, just cheerful raunch. (Vaughn's narration

of his efforts to urinate into a beer can while riding in Stiller's car is as good an example as any, and while it's more motif than theme, it's probably worth noting that penises and their various emissions are prominent, and even integral to the goings-on.) If there's a moral here, it's this: sometimes, saving your daughter's virginity and saving the world are one and the same thing. With Jonah Hill, Richard Ayoad. 2012. — M.L.

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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. — S.M.

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Young Frankenstein — Mel Brooks's insular spoof on the old Universal Pictures horror series — it doesn't reach very far in any direction, but it expends a good deal of comic energy within the narrow confines. Basically, it resembles the sort of affectionate parody of old movies common on the *Carol Burnett Show*, although it is larger, fuller, and usually funnier. Brooks's stature as a moviemaker is boosted considerably by his efforts to carry the parody even to the Hollywood studio techniques of the 1930s. On that score, he noses ahead of his closest competitor in screen comedy, Woody Allen, who has long gravitated toward old movies in search of subject matter, but whose comic copies achieve the proper cinematic style haphazardly at best. Same goes for his acting style. Whether he is impersonating a bank robber, a Latin American revolutionary, a robot, or a Bogart tough guy, Allen is always undermined by his feelings of imposture; Brooks suffers from, or at any rate displays, no such insecurities. With Gene Wilder, Peter Boyle, Cloris Leachman, Terri Garr, Marty Feldman, and Gene Hackman. 1974. — D.S.

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BY LUCY D. BARKER, SEPTEMBER 19

SOUTH BAY

Voice of oral health

Sweetwater authority votes to fluoridate South Bay water

Sweetwater Authority, the South Bay water agency, voted on August 22 to add fluoride to areas the district serves—including National City, western portions of Chula Vista, and Bonita. According to general manager James Smyth, the system should

be operational by September 2014.

The fluoridation debate has been contentious throughout California, and the local meeting was no exception. Thirteen speakers for and against fluoridation addressed the Sweetwater Authority board.

First Five, a commission that supports childhood initiatives through tobacco taxes, will be paying for Sweetwater Authority's fluoridation program initially, but some Sweetwater Authority directors worried about further down the road. However, health concerns dominated the discussion at the meeting.

Dr. Lilia Larin, president of the Hispanic Dental Association, told the water board that her organization is the voice for oral health for 52 million Hispan-

ics. Based on a survey, her organization reports that Hispanics are lagging behind other Americans in oral health and that many Hispanics do not see a dentist, nor do they pass down good oral-health habits.

BY SUSAN LUZZARO, SEPTEMBER 18

LAKESIDE

Dam, Lakeside!

San Vicente Reservoir capacity to double?

After it's completed, the dam at San Vicente Reservoir, near Lakeside, will be the largest roller-compacted concrete dam-raise in the world. From the deep rock basin to the top of the dam, it will stand 337 feet tall.

The dam is being raised 117 feet

above the existing 220-foot-tall structure, which was completed in 1943 to supply San Diego County. The additional height will reportedly double the capacity, creating storage for an additional 152,000 acre feet of water—"enough water to sustain 300,000 households in our region for about a year," according to an informational video produced by the San Diego County Water Authority.

The project is close to reaching its final stages as far as the concrete is concerned. There is still much detail work to be done prior to the estimated opening date in late 2017. The San Diego County Water Authority will be depending on Mother Nature to do its part in filling the reservoir.

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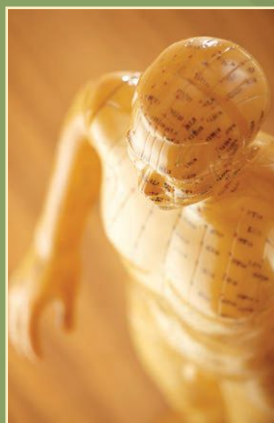


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1. Pop star who solved a Rubik's cube in under two minutes on Radio Disney
7. Electric ____
10. Agenda listing
14. Novelist Leonard
15. Mideast org. since 1964
16. Nephew of Caligula
17. "Happy holidays, U.S. Supreme Court justice! From a boxing great. Signed: ____"
19. Showy peacock feature
20. First repub. to declare its independence from the USSR in 1990
21. Net sales?
23. Napkin edges?
24. Dallas NBAer
26. Hitchcock's "____ Window"

27. "Happy retirement, former U.S. senator of New York! From a lady of Spain. Signed: ____"
32. Interstate sight
35. Sans-____ type
36. Capacity
37. Potbelly, e.g.
40. Whiz (by)
41. MSNBC contributor Klein and others
43. Mountain, e.g.
45. "Happy anniversary, hilarious and diminutive actor! From a Hindu goddess. Signed: ____"
48. "99 Luftballons" band
49. Lob's path
50. "Piers Morgan Tonight" airer
53. Evita's husband
57. Sunburn soother
58. S. Amer. country that granted Julian Assange political asylum in 2012
59. Happy birthday, comic strip bully! From a Grammy-nominated R&B singer. Signed: ____"
62. Kind of sch.
63. Sue Grafton's "____ for Innocent"
64. Continue by means of horseback
65. Big name in jewelry retail
66. Rubble creator
67. Missouri range

Down

1. Film character who cries "I'm as mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore!"
2. Run-DM.C's "You Be ____"
3. Gives off
4. Opposite of neither
5. Handel cantata "____ e Leandro"
6. Stephen of "The End of the Affair"
7. Grand
8. One side of a bullfight
9. Was imminent
10. Between-acts musical fare
11. Sign of sorrow
12. "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" author Carle
13. Tunnel creator
18. Pianist Oscar
22. Goat's cries
24. Scratch up

25. "Lucky Jim" novelist Kingsley
27. Google.com, e.g.
28. IRA investment option
29. Suffix with stink or buck
30. Common noun suffix
31. "How silly ____!"
32. Talking horse of old TV
33. Slimy stuff
34. Anna of "Fringe"
38. Bon ____
39. Arab bigwig
42. Part of a flight
44. And the like: Abbr.
46. In the least
47. 1968 Beach Boys hit
50. Crossword maker, at times
51. Unacceptable
52. Bygone Dodges
53. "Oh, c'mon!"
54. It called itself "the most popular campus in the nation" after receiving 61,561 freshman applications for fall 2011 admission
55. "The Clan of the Cave Bear" author
56. Unseat
57. "M*A*S*H" star
60. El Dorado treasure
61. Rap's ____ Markie

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

☛ **L. Barling, El Cajon, 6.**

*Growin' low on inspiration, oh dear.
Not enough perspiration, I fear
To lead to success
Feeling poet's distress
'Cos total dessication is near.*

☛ **Linda Hughes, Lakeside, 6.**

*I keep thinking, "My Limericks rock.
This week's prize for my entry's a lock!"
But I once again see
the Reader hasn't picked me,
so my ego endures on more knock.*

☛ **Mark Moskowitz, Universty Heights, 6.**

*I go to the bathroom and sit.
Do the crossword and make the words fit.
Doesn't take too much time.
Pen an iambic rhyme.
Pull my pants up and hope it's a hit.*

☛ **Mary Arana, Encinitas, 5.**

*It's Thursday at 20 of 5.
Down to Little Italy I cannot drive.
So a fourth hat I will lose
for limericks you did choose.
If I pay postage, will they arrive?*

☛ **Ben Dean, Bay Park, 4.**

*The limericks I've come to abhor.
They don't float my boat like before.
Besides I can't win
with what I send in.
So I don't think I'll write any more.*

South Bay

CHULA VISTA, \$550.

Female preferred, Eastlake. Share 3 bedroom condo with 1 person. Lake view, own bath, washer/ dryer. Pools. Includes utilities, cable/ Internet. Available. 619-733-1830.

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Room for rent near beach. \$250 security deposit. No pets/ no smoking. Call Robert at 619-274-9960 or 619-435-3830.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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620 sqft of carpeted office space. Private restroom. First floor suite. Ample parking. Available now! 4455 Lamont St. Call 858-270-4492, email: cdunphyPacwest@san.rr.com.

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Beaches

LA JOLLA, \$1150-1375.

Studio. Move in special! **Open house Saturday, 9/29, 10:00-11:00.** Light, bright, and updated studio in the heart of La Jolla Shores. Close to all! Private balcony and parking. 8051 & 8049 Calle de la Plata. TTPM, 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

LA JOLLA, \$1300.

1BD+1BA. Small downstairs efficiency apartment. Steps to beach and the Village. On-site laundry. Available September 15th. Resident Manager: 858-456-0407.

LA JOLLA, \$1450.

2BD+1BA apartment in Village. Parking. On-site laundry. Garden complex. Cat OK. 7417 Herschel Avenue. 858-459-8789.

LA JOLLA, \$1495.

1BD+1BA 850 sqft condominium. Utilities included. Ground-level. Shared garage. Walk to ocean, shops, restaurants, bus, school. Pet OK. Birdrock. 619-243-9892.

LA JOLLA, \$7900.

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MISSION BEACH, \$2395.

2BD+1BA. beach cottage. Block to Beach! Stainless appliances, granite counter tops, custom cabinets, remodeled bath. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

MISSION BEACH, \$3000.

2BD+1BA fully furnished apartment. All appliances, parking, ocean front view. Laundry on site. Large front patio. 4007 Ocean Front Walk. 858-272-9547.

OFF THE CUFF

BY
ANDY BOYD

When is the exact moment you realized that you're an adult?



Bill Anderson
Liquor Importer
Los Angeles

Still looking for that perfect time to realize I'm an adult. I work in the bar industry with booze all the time, and I still haven't figured out that I am an adult but I'm having a lot of fun doing it.



Allen Gibbons
Businessman
Oxford

When I had children. It's only when you have to care for somebody else do you become an adult. Before that, when all you have to care for is yourself you're still really a child.



Jim Riley
Tequila Company Owner
Sacramento

When I was 18 I got kicked out of the house. My parents said: "You're out of here, we're moving to Havasu." So I packed up, joined the spirits industry, and have had a great time ever since.



Ashley Smith
Promotional Model
Carlsbad

I guess it would be when I bought my first car on my own without needing a co-signer. Not having to rely on my parents or family really made me feel grown up.

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MISSION BEACH.
\$250 & up motel weekly rates. Full kitchens, cable TV, furnished. Santa Clara Motel, 839 Santa Clara Place, San Diego, 92109. 858-488-1193.

OCEAN BEACH, \$1295.
2BD+1BA super clean apartment. **Open house, Saturday, 9/29, 12:30-3:30.** In well-maintained, small, gated complex. One block to OB People's Food Co-op. Parking, laundry. No pets. 4649 Voltaire Street #5. TPPM, 619-225-2304, www.torreyepinespm.com.

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1BD garden apartment. Two blocks to ocean. Garage. Wood floors. Updated bath. Patio. Laundry. No pets. 4861 Niagara Ave. Shore Management 858-274-3500.

OCEAN BEACH, \$1495.
2BD+1BA, apartment with hardwood floors. Great location—two blocks from ocean! Dishwasher, microwave. Parking space. Free water, trash! No section 8/ pets. 619-233-3852.

OCEAN BEACH, \$1525.
2BD+2BA, apartment. All amenities included! One block to beach! Dishwasher, refrigerator and stove. Pool, laundry, fireplace, parking. 4825 Del Mar Avenue. 619-298-0859.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1025 & UP.
Studio+1BA, 700 sqft apartment. Up to 1/2 off 1st month's rent (OAC, select units.) Heated pool, 2 Jacuzzis, 2 basketball courts, 5 lighted tennis courts, clubhouse, barbecue area, business center, on-site laundry facilities, heat, A/C. Cats/ dogs welcome. Close to freeways and more! Bay Pointe Apartments, 3866 Inghram. 888-451-8713. baypointe@progressmanagement.net; www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1150.
1BD+1BA. Laundry, parking. Available now! 1536 Moorland Drive # 6. www.AMGSD.com. 619-295-1165.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1150.
1BD+1BA house. Includes utilities: heat, water, electric, gas, stove, refrigerator, microwave; A/C extra. Large closets. Recent paint/carpet. No smoking. 2255 Garnet Avenue. 619-520-5200.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1175.
1BD+1BA, apartment in North Pacific Beach. Stove, refrigerator. Private balcony. Parking, coin laundry. Two and half blocks to ocean! Available 11/1/12. 945 Chalcedony Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1175.
1BD+1BA, downstairs front apartment. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Coin laundry. Parking. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 10/22/12. 1448 Thomas Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1195.
1BD+1BA downstairs apartment. Great location, light and bright! On site laundry room. No pets, no section 8. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1195.
1BD+1BA apartment in Crown Point. Pristine, perfectly located property. Two blocks to bay, the bay front boardwalk, Rocky's, and Crest Deli. On-site laundry, parking. Rent today! 3803 Jewell Street. TPPM, 619-933-7400, www.villalaplaza.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1195.
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PACIFIC BEACH, \$1295.
2BD+1BA, very small unit in North Pacific Beach. All utilities paid! Stove, refrigerator. Coin laundry. Three blocks to ocean. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 10/15/12. 5025 Cass Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1525.
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PACIFIC BEACH, \$1595
Large 2BD+2BA. 2 underground parking. Gated. 2 Balcony. No Pets. Appliances. Clean carpet/Paint. Pool. Jacuzzi. Laundry facility. 4730 Noyes Street 619-275-3455

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1650.
2BD+2BA upstairs garden apartment with view. Brand new carpet, upgraded cabinetry, remodeled bathroom, new double-paned windows. Parking, on-site laundry. No pets. Available now. 1626 Diamond Street #C. 619-542-0708.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1750 & UP.
2BD+2BA, 1000 sqft apartment. Up to 1/2 off 1st month's rent (OAC, select units.) Heated pool, 2 Jacuzzis, 2 basketball courts, 5 lighted tennis courts, clubhouse, barbecue area, business center, on-site laundry facilities, heat, A/C. Cats/ dogs welcome. Close to freeways and more! Bay Pointe Apartments, 3866 Inghram. 888-451-8713. baypointe@progressmanagement.net; www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com.

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THE READER SUDOKU PUZZLES:

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- 1) Submit completed puzzle of any difficulty level (Easy, Medium, Hard or Evil) to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results and ranking are posted online at SDReader.com/puzzle. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
- 2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name and a clean limerick.

EASY:

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

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SEE YOUR RANKING ONLINE!

Now you can go online to check your ranking and communicate with each other! Simply visit: www.SDReader.com/puzzle. The new ranking is posted each Wednesday. To use the "comments" feature, you must be a registered site member.

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.

Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 6.

*My spouse took me out to the ball game
At Petco we were glad that we came
no seats in the sun!
Popcorn, hot dogs, and fun!
Go Padres, you're heading to fame.*

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 6.

*When I'm at my most cynical,
Feeling I've reached truth's pinnacle,
It makes me deeply sad,
That the world's really bad,
I'm crushed by evil's tentacle.*

Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 6.

*To think of a limerick now
is just about all I can do
The topics are vast
not just from the past
so even the future will do.*

Susan Williams, North Park, 6.

*The heat of September is mean.
In San Diego it's so extreme
The beginning of fall
Is not cool at all
I'm in Iceland at least in my dreams*

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 6.

*I scheduled a colonoscopy, it's true.
My doctor says I'm way overdue.
It's not that I'm shy,
Or a cowardly guy,
Just not fond of things up my wazoo!!*

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1775.

2BD+2BA, huge upstairs unit in North Pacific Beach. Two and half blocks to ocean! Stove, refrigerator. Coin laundry. Garage space. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 10/25/12. 959 Chalcedony Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1900.

2BD+1BA, house in quiet area of North Pacific Beach. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Laundry hookups. Wood floors. Private patio. Charming front lawn. Garage. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 10/25/12. 1852 Chalcedony Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$995.

1BD small apartment in North PB in quiet 6-unit building behind 1031. Stove, refrigerator, parking. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 10/1/12. 1033 Wilbur Ave. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

POINT LOMA, \$1325.

Beautiful apartment homes starting at \$1325! **\$0 deposit, OAC.** City/ bay views, stainless steel gourmet appliances, custom cabinetry, bamboo laminate floors. Barbecue, fire pit/ lounge, resort-style pool, oversized hot tub, brand-new fitness center. Pet friendly. Gables Point Loma, 3811 Marquette Place #2N. 619-223-6577. Gables.com.

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2BD+1BA at Sunset Cliffs. Steps to ocean. New paint. New kitchen. Hardwood floors. Garage included. Pets OK. 4829 Orchard Avenue. 619-222-6020.

Downtown

BANKER'S HILL, \$1045

1BD+1BA upstairs corner apartment. Rafter ceilings with skylights. Hardwood floors. 2066 4th Avenue. Xilarent.com, 619-683-7638.

BANKER'S HILL, \$1200-1350.

1BD+1BA large apartment, gem. 2 Units. Views of park, hardwood floors, laundry on site, tons of closet space. 858-568-5081.

DOWNTOWN, \$1800.

2BD+2BA beautiful condo in East Village. 1080 Park Blvd. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400.



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DOWNTOWN, \$400 & UP.

Rooms \$400/ up. Clean and quiet. Includes utilities and free cable, on-site laundry, elevator, Wi-Fi. Excellent location, convenient to all. No pets. Centre City Manor, 1450 4th Avenue and Beech Street. 619-255-5631. www.HughesManagement.net.



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DOWNTOWN, \$406.

Best deal in town, period. 55+ quality senior living. Beautiful furnished rooms with private bathrooms. Includes utilities, cable TV, maid service. On-site laundry and storage. Edge of Bankers Hill at 1814 Fifth Avenue, New Palace Hotel. 619-235-2323. www.HughesManagement.net.



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DOWNTOWN, \$450-595.

Attractive rooms in Victorian- style building. Utilities included. Some parking available. Common kitchen, bathrooms, laundry. Near City College grocery stores and more. Villa Victoria, 719 14th Street. 619-239-1639 x2. www.HughesManagement.net.



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DOWNTOWN, \$475-550.

Affordable rooms near Petco Park. Utilities included. Common kitchen, bathrooms, laundry, vending machines. Star Hotel, 522 7th Avenue & Island. 619-235-6068. www.HughesManagement.net.



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DOWNTOWN, \$486-625.

Cozy rooms, very comfortable, convenient location. Historic building near C Street Trolley. Choice of common or private bathrooms. Utilities included. Free cable TV, on-site laundry, vending machines, modern elevator. Southern Hotel, 1159 6th Avenue at B. 619-239-3808. www.HughesManagement.net.



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DOWNTOWN, \$500 & UP.

Studio+1BA. Rooms \$500/ up. Studios \$650/ up. Clean and quiet. Includes utilities and free cable, on-site laundry, elevator. Excellent location, convenient to all. No pets. Arlington Apartments, 701 7th Ave. and G St. 619-231-2385. www.HughesManagement.net.



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DOWNTOWN, \$500-600.

Large, furnished rooms with high ceilings, tall windows. Includes utilities and cable. On-site laundry and kitchen.

No pets. Excellent location across from Horton Plaza. Windsor Hotel, 843 4th Avenue. 619-231-2385. www.HughesManagement.net.



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DOWNTOWN, \$550-800.

Price meets function. Spacious studios and rooms with private bathroom. Utilities included, on-site laundry. Some parking available. Near City College and trolley. Mitchell Apts., 901 10th Avenue at E Street. 619-235-6068. www.HughesManagement.net.



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DOWNTOWN, \$650 & UP.

Best deal in East Village! Spacious units in small complex with gated courtyard. Utilities included. No lease. No pets. Tenth Avenue Apts. 743 10th Avenue. 619-239-1639 x2. www.HughesManagement.net.



DOWNTOWN, \$700 & UP.

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DOWNTOWN, \$700-900.

The best of Downtown at your doorstep! Updated studios and one bedrooms by Petco Park, Gaslamp and Horton Plaza. Air conditioned units include utilities and free cable. On-site laundry. Arthur Hotel at 728 Market Street. 619-239-1639 x2. www.HughesManagement.net.

DOWNTOWN, \$775.
Studio+1BA. Downstairs, all utilities included! Laundry, street parking. No pets. Near Balboa Park. 1758 6th Avenue. Available now! Agent, 619-298-7724.

DOWNTOWN, \$800 & UP.
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DOWNTOWN.
From \$125 weekly. Las Flores Hotel. Small, quiet. Four- week minimum. Color TV with basic cable. Refrigerator in most rooms. Secure. 619-235-6820.

DOWNTOWN.
From \$199 weekly. Studio. Premier location. Furnished, full baths. Award-winning buildings. 24- hour staff, gyms, laundry rooms, sun decks. Free wireless Internet. Island Inn: 202 Island Avenue (Second/ Island), 619-232-4138. J Street Inn: 222 J Street, 619-696-6922. www.affordablehousingdsd.com.

DOWNTOWN.
Studio. Fully furnished studios with utilities included. Rates start at \$165/ week. Free wireless Internet and exercise room. Baltic Inn: 521 6th Avenue. 619-237-0687. www.affordablehousingdsd.com.

DOWNTOWN.
From \$140/ week. Brand- new rooms near City College. Singles with kitchenettes. Deposit (long-term). Includes utilities/ cable. Quiet, secure. Shared bath/ laundry. Hotel Mediterranean. 619-231-8656. www.hotelmediterraneansandiego.com.

DOWNTOWN.
Starting at \$175 weekly. Furnished rooms. Beautiful building, new. Refrigerator, microwave, TV, cable. 920 Beech Street. Call 619-234-1952.

LITTLE ITALY, \$2195+.
2BD+2BA 9th floor condo. Walking distance to all. Freshly painted, hardwood floors. Big screen TV in master. All amenities. Agent: Stella, 619-384-1945.

Downtown, \$150. Furnished Studios!
Studio+1BA, clean and furnished with Free Utilities! Pay by the week or month (from \$150/ \$550 at Trolley or from \$175/ \$650 Peachtree). Phone, microwave/ fridge, television/ HBO, housekeeping, parking, laundry, patio, WiFi lobby, gated entry. Move in from \$300/ \$375 (subject to credit approval). Trolley at 940 Park: **888-506-9053. Peachtree** at 901 F Street: **888-506-9052.**

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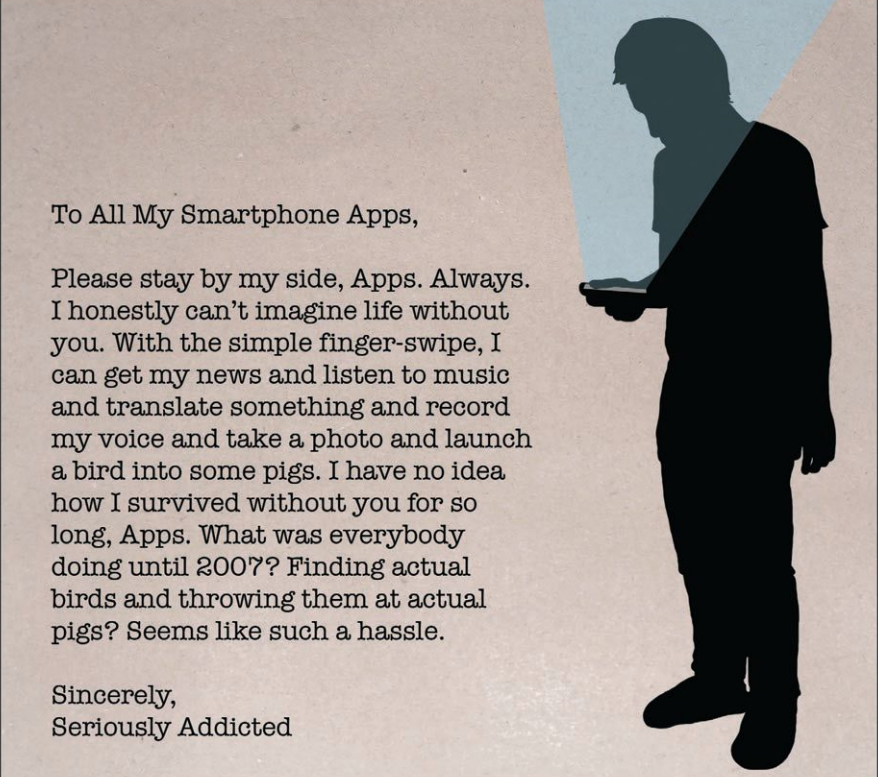
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Government in Action

— The U.S. Department of Justice has been widely criticized for failing to bring to fruition investigations of Wall Street traders’ alleged lies (such as accusations that the firm MFS Global made bets on European bonds by illegally using clients’ money, of which CEO Jon Corzine professed to be unaware). However, in several notable instances, its investigators have been relentless — for instance, prosecuting baseball’s Roger Clemens for lying to Congress and, in January, indicting marine biologist Nancy Black, who faces 20 years in prison for allegedly lying to investigators about whether her

crew might have illegally fed whales to attract their attention for a boatload of whale-watchers. — The government office in Liverpool, England, that takes applications for benefits from disabled persons acknowledged in March that it needed to relocate. The office’s parking garage is 13 stories high, but that still requires visitors to climb two more flights of stairs from that level to reach the offices. A Liverpool Council statement admitted that the office was “not [in] the ideal location.”

Government Grants for Everybody!

— In April, police chief John Crane of Gadsden, Ala., learned that his department has owned, for two years, two unmanned aerial drones. He said he has no idea why they were purchased (at about \$150,000), but that local taxpayers need not worry since they came with a federal law enforcement grant. — There are not enough video games, according to the National Endowment for the Arts, which in April awarded a \$40,000 grant to the University of Southern California to help produce another, based on Henry David Thoreau’s *Walden*. — Australia’s Council for the Arts announced in May that it would give \$20,000 (U.S. equivalent, \$20,380) to the “death-metal” band Ouroboros, citing the band’s distinct genre and its need for a sym-

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Great Art!

— In May, performance artist Stuart Ringholt opened his show, at the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, naked. His pieces (a hodge-podge of exhibits on current art-world commentaries) were secondary to his insistence that all visitors to the show also shuck their clothing. His subtext, he said, was to explore reactions to extreme embarrassment (and told a *New York Times* correspondent that in an earlier self-shaming display, he had stood by a marble fountain for 20 minutes, dressed formally but with toilet paper trailing from his trousers). According to a *Times* dispatch from Sydney, Ringholt was joined by 48 nude-yet-nonplussed patrons — 32 men and 16 women. — London’s Hayward Gallery staged an exhibition in June of “invisible art” — pieces that depend almost completely on the imaginations of viewers. For example, *1000 Hours of Staring*, by Tom Friedman, is a blank piece of paper that Friedman eyeballed off and on over five years before deciding that the object was finished and display-ready. Friedman also “submitted” an empty section of floor space, which he said

was once cursed by a witch. Also there: an Andy Warhol bare platform that looks like it should have something resting on it, but doesn’t, and, by Yoko Ono, a typed set of instructions urging patrons to imagine some stuff.

Police Report

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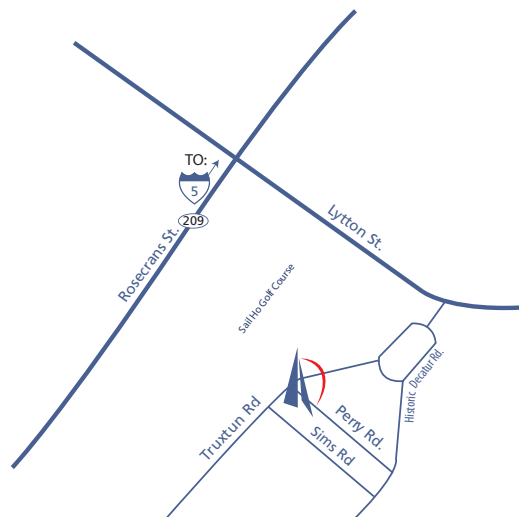
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