

A close-up photograph of several lollipops. In the foreground, a chocolate lollipop with red icing stripes and a yellow lollipop with pink icing stripes are prominent. In the background, a green lollipop with white swirls is visible. The lollipops are set against a white background.

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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Filner camp accuses DeMaio on Facebook

Secret meetings with U-T brass

Mission Valley — The blowback from councilmember Carl DeMaio's recent admission that he met with U-T San Diego's publisher and CEO, despite saying otherwise at a recent mayoral debate, has now ended up on the pages of Facebook.

The page was created by Bob Filner's chief campaign consultant Tom Shepard and is entitled "G-U-I-L-T-Y." As of Saturday, Shepard's post had 38 followers.

At the heading is a link to a report from 10News in which DeMaio denies meeting publicly with the U-T's Doug Manchester and John Lynch. DeMaio also rejected accusations that the purpose of the meetings was to discuss a controversial proposal from Manchester and Lynch to build a new Chargers stadium along the waterfront.

Instead, DeMaio said the meetings were private and did not need to be disclosed publicly.

In the comment section on Facebook, U-T Watchdog editor Ricky Young defended his paper and the councilmember for having private meetings with U-T brass.

"Yeah, I don't really get what makes this an 'admission,'" wrote Young, sparking the debate.

Dorian Hargrove, October 6, 2012

COMMENTS

ricky Oct. 6, 2012 @ 4:43 p.m.

Dorian, I appreciate that you found my comments newsworthy. I would just clarify one thing: I made my remarks to Tom in addition to publishing stories in the U-T, not instead of.

County gas prices soar past 94-year record

Higher than L.A. and Orange County

San Diego — County gas prices are now \$4.69 a gallon for regular, higher than Los Angeles' \$4.66 and Orange County's \$4.65, according to Charles Langley of Utility Consumers' Action Network (UCAN).

The current price is now the highest in California history. The \$4.69 breaks a record, adjusted for inflation, dating back to World War One.

The cause appears to be refinery disruptions and rationing by suppliers. On Monday, a power failure at Exxon Mobil's Torrance refinery shut down some production.

Don Bauder, October 6, 2012

No touching

Friendship Park open again at border fence

San Ysidro/Tijuana — The historic Friendship Park has reopened after a three-year hiatus, although in a limited program enforced by the United States Border Patrol. The park, which is in the farthest southwest point of the U.S. at Border Field State Park, allows for families split by the border to meet and talk.

The Border Angels Coalition helped push to get the park reopened, which conducted its first day on Saturday, October 6. The park had been closed since 2009 to start construction on a higher grade of fence.

It costs \$5 per vehicle to enter the park when roads are open due to fair weather. A limit of ten people will be allowed at a time near the U.S. side, to allow complete supervision by U.S. agents. The park will only be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday when weather permits. No physical interaction is allowed by the fortified fence.

K. Mennem, October 8, 2012

Desert Eagle seized in Posole Town arrests

Able to penetrate police armor

Oceanside — Police finished a special operation in which they arrested 11 persons associated with drug and gang activity, they announced in a press conference this week.



Chief McCoy, DDA Terri Perez, and Capt. Ray Bechler

The special investigation began four months ago, police said, when they put a wire-tap on the telephone of George Orosco, who was called a "primary suspect."

Police captain Ray Bechler said Orosco is a documented member of the Posole street gang and is known by the alias "Armstrong" and the moniker "Stretch." Police especially targeted Orosco because of his prodigious sales of methamphetamine, Capt. Bechler told a gathering of news reporters.

Police also targeted Wayne Swanson, described as "42-ish," and arrested him on suspicion of drugs for sale and for being a felon in possession of weapons. A large photo was displayed of nine weapons allegedly taken from Swanson's home at the time of his arrest. One handgun, a Desert Eagle .50 caliber semi-automatic,

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The old misspelled-name trick was one of the scams used by UCAN to skim money from the nonprofit.

UCAN: Misspelled Accounts Add Up

By Don Bauder

‘We helped a lot of people. It is disappointing to see where the organization is now.” Thus speaks Jordana (Jodi)

Beebe, onetime head of the fraud squad at Utility Consumers' Action Network (UCAN), the once-revered watchdog organization now under a United States attorney criminal investigation, facing a state-mandated audit, and almost penniless. Just a few years ago, UCAN was on TV twice a week, had 17 part-time and full-time

books to accounts with a misspelled word? Call it the "Comsumers" conundrum, although some fraud experts hardly think it's a riddle, since misspelled financial accounts are age-old devices for hiding money.

UCAN's original mission was to battle San Diego Gas & Electric's sky-high profits, but the organization diversi-

"Was there a tit for tat?" with anybody at UCAN, asks one skeptic who is near the top of the watchdog's hierarchy. That's just one question surfacing now. The person posing that query is not one of the two whistle-blowers, Charles Langley and David Pepper, who filed a suit this year against Shames and the organization's board members, stating that Shames did not do required audits; collected unauthorized bonus income; moved money off the books into misspelled accounts; represented himself as an attorney while he was an inactive bar member; directed the movement of \$1 million of corporate money through UCAN to former San Diegan Peter Navarro for the making of an anti-China movie; and lost \$100,000 of the watchdog's money speculating in a hedge fund that Navarro was deeply involved in.

Despite many warnings, the UCAN board failed to do anything about these activities, declared the suit. Indeed, the board's response is redolent of an orchestrated cover-up. Following complex legal skirmishes, some



Charles Langley blew the whistle.



Michael Shames skimmed over \$400K.



Mike Aguirre represents the whistle-blowers.



Jordana Beebe laments UCAN's downfall.



Paul Dostart: forensic accountant hired by the board.

employees, and bragged of a cofounder, Michael Shames, who was a San Diego icon.

The watchdog's collapse was all about greed, hubris, and a board that refused to take off blinders, even after whistle-blowers presented extremely strong evidence of financial shenanigans. Many questions remain, but one in particular has not been resolved credibly: why did hundreds of thousands of dollars move off the UCAN

fied into telecom, gas prices, consumer fraud, and privacy rights, among many things. It filed class action suits against various companies for consumer fraud and won big settlements. Frequently, its law firm was the former Milberg Weiss Bershad Hynes & Lerach, the bane of Corporate America, whose San Diego head, William Lerach, went to prison for concealing illegal payments to plaintiffs.

air has been cleared. Shames rejoined the bar. On October 2, the board demanded that Shames return \$474,000 of the secret 10 percent bonuses he was skimming from intervenor fees that the watchdog organization got from the California Public Utilities Commission. After holding on to \$400,000 of the \$1 million ticketed for Navarro, UCAN, under threat of a lawsuit, finally passed

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A Real Downer

By Eva Knott

The voice on the phone warned the woman to watch herself and not to go to sleep at night. The man asked if she had “any last words” and said, “Nobody can help you.”

The frightened woman listened to the call with officers at police headquarters in Escondido. She had brought her six-year-old daughter with her, arriving in the dark, about 8:15 p.m. Afraid to stand outside with officers, she’d insisted on going inside the building to talk. The woman said her ex-boyfriend was angry because she wouldn’t take his calls. He’d told her that he had a gun.

Sergio Alejandro Lopez, 25, had been abusive in the past, and the woman had gotten a restraining order. But, the woman told police, Lopez had said that if he couldn’t have her, no one would.

Officers could see text messages from Lopez arriv-

ing on the woman’s cell phone. He was also calling her, and she took his calls so officers could listen to what he said.

Officers heard the voice describe what the woman’s mother was currently wearing, what her nightgown looked like. The woman lived with her mother in a mobile home park. The voice described rooms in the home, although the woman told police that her ex had never been in those rooms. And the man said to “just wait to see” what he would do.

Around midnight, officers Sean Davidson and Jared Lunt, along with a police canine named Bronco, were sent to the mobile home park on Oak Hill Drive in Escondido. The man’s phone calls were trans-



Sergio Lopez, shown in court and in an Escondido police mug shot, fired his gun and eluded two officers and a police dog. He was arrested in Mexico months later.

mitted to them, and the two officers heard the man say that he would “do anything,” including shoot at officers. And he warned the woman that he was “not going to go out alone” but intended to take a cop with him.

Back at the station, police heard the voice go to a whisper and then “commotion” and sounds of running. Then the phone disconnected.

Searching the mobile home park, Bronco indicated that someone was hiding on the other side of a concrete wall near the clubhouse. Then officers saw a man’s head and shoulders appear over the wall as the

man hoisted himself up. Lunt yelled out a surrender order with bite warning. The suspect dropped back down and apparently took off running. Lunt boosted Bronco over the wall and sent him off with bite orders, and then the two cops scrambled over.

The fleeing man got atop a tall retaining wall, jumped onto the clubhouse, and ran across the roof. Davidson saw the man draw a gun from his waistband.

Bronco jumped onto the roof and was enthusiastically closing the distance on the fleeing man when Lunt suddenly worried that his dog would be injured jumping off the roof after the fugitive. Lunt stopped his dog with a “down-stay” command.

The suspect leapt back onto the retaining wall, then crouched and turned. Officers say he fired two shots. Lunt said he saw “two muzzle flashes” and believed the man was shooting at him. Then the suspect jumped off the wall and “hit the ground pretty hard and lost several items,” according to Lunt.

Investigators collected a cell phone, one shoe, and a spent 9mm shell casing.

That night, February 8, 2012, Sergio Alejandro Lopez was not captured. A police helicopter circled overhead, warning residents to remain indoors, and police searched cars as they came and went. The ex-girlfriend stayed at police head-



Defense attorney Andrew Limberg argued the crime down from assault on a police officer to negligent discharge of a firearm and other lesser charges.

quarters for ten hours.

Three months later, Lopez was taken into custody in Mexico. Mexican authorities handed him over to U.S. Marshals. Lopez is said to be a U.S. citizen.

Escondido police say that Lopez is a gang member and that his moniker is “Downer.” On his neck, he sports a “WSG” tattoo, for “West Side Gang,” according to police records.

Lopez’s criminal record began in 2005, the year he turned 18, when he admitted to meth possession and resisting an officer. He was released on unsupervised probation.

A week later, in Escondido, Lopez beat and stabbed a man. The victim was reportedly being punished for calling police about his stolen car. Lopez admitted to using a knife in the assault. Although the plea deal, signed in October 2005, included a four-year prison term, Lopez was out on pro-

bation in 2006.

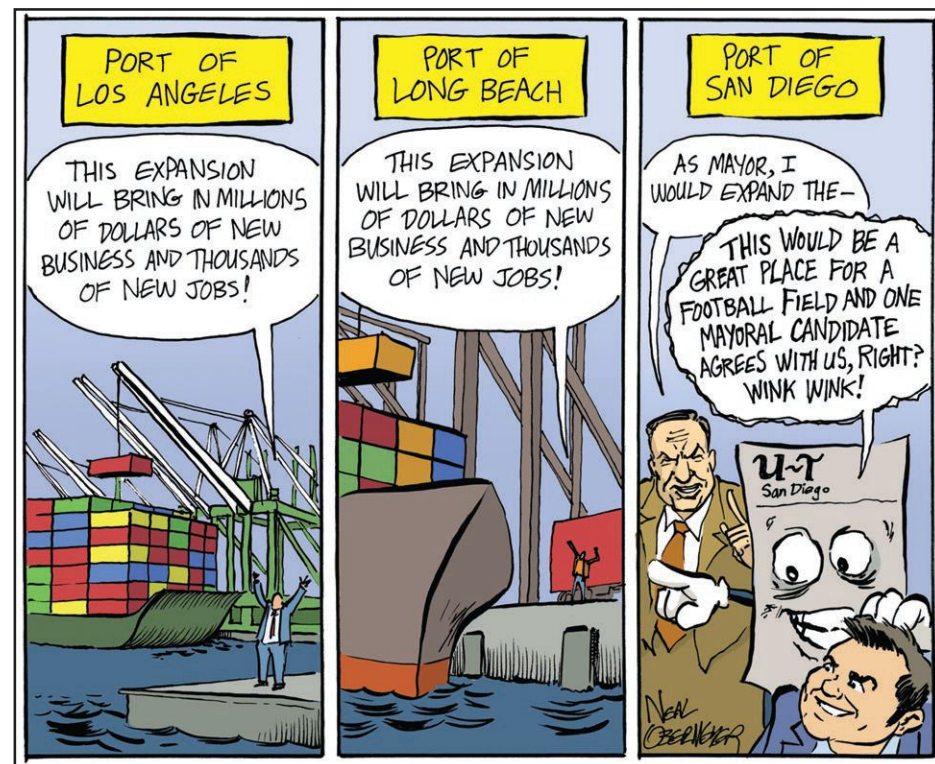
In April 2006, Lopez was accused of assaulting two people with a baseball bat. In the plea deal, he admitted to using the bat on one person and got another four-year prison sentence.

The February 8 incident at the mobile home park was a third-strike case: Lopez could be sentenced to life in prison. He faced seven felony counts, including assault on a peace officer with a firearm and criminal threats.

But on October 4, a jury declared him guilty of negligent discharge of firearm, felon in possession of firearm, and misdemeanor resisting arrest. Defense attorney Andrew Limberg, who spoke with two jurors after the verdict, said the jury was not convinced that Lopez aimed and fired, believing it more likely that he fired unintentionally.

His sentencing hearing is scheduled for December 5. ■

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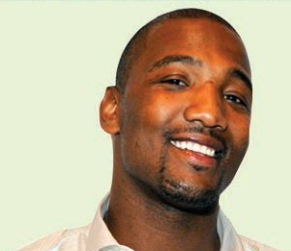
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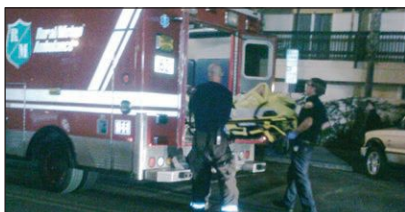
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By Reader stringers

OCEAN BEACH

Stabbing and groping Before Citizens' Patrol launches

A stabbing victim was pulled from the crowd in the beer garden at the Ocean Beach Oktoberfest on Friday evening, just 30 minutes before the first "Citizens' Patrol" was launched.



O.B. stabbing victim loaded into ambulance

The Citizens' Patrol was organized this week to stave off the possibility of another sex crime being perpetrated. Police say there have been seven cases of a peeping tom and three sexually motivated attacks in the past couple months. The patrol was organized by local residents and Tim Nolan of Tower Two Café.

Two groups, consisting of three people each, were leaving to start the first patrol from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. when someone was stabbed in the crowd at the beer garden at the end of Newport Avenue at around 8:30 p.m.

In another report, one of the citizens of

a patrol unit said a friend of hers had been groped at around the same time the stabbing occurred; the perpetrator was a man on a bike on West Point Loma Boulevard.

BY MERCY BARON, OCT. 13, 2012

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Attempted bribe of \$160 for expired plates

Phone numbers exchanged

Last week a municipal police officer was suspended and is under investigation for extortion, according to Tijuana's daily *Frontera* and *El Vigía*.

Officer Julio Núñez Ulloa allegedly arranged to accept payment from a motorist in exchange for not citing the driver and owner of the automobile for having expired license plates.

The victim allegedly was asked for 2000 pesos (around \$160) in order to not cite him for the past-due *placas*, but that amount was negotiated down to half of that, some 1000 pesos. The payment was to take place in a different location, and as both the officer and the victim had Nextel cellular service, they exchanged numbers.

BY DAVID ALTON DODD, OCT. 7, 2012

SAN YSIDRO

Say hi to new turnstiles at border

Well-lighted room once part of Caliente betting parlor

The new way to walk into Mexico via the San Ysidro route turns out to be pretty simple if one just follows instructions.

No less than six bilingual women wearing red, short-sleeved polo shirts are happy to direct you along the way, once you step off the Blue Line trolley at its last stop in San Ysidro.

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Customs House, through a canyon of 20-foot-high, three-inch-thick steel bars topped with coils of razor wire. Then one passes through a pair of stainless steel turnstiles graced by a portal bearing the name "MEXICO," all in gray steel and concrete.

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BY T.B. BEAUDEAU, OCT. 2, 2012

LAKE SIDE

Aerial assault on larvae Red-flaky poison sprayed on pond edges

A helicopter owned by Hummingbirds Helicopters, Inc., of Valley Center, was recently conducting an aerial assault on mosquito larvae in ponds along the San Diego River.

This particular chopper was spraying larvicide onto the edges of the pond at Lakeside River Park. They target the shallow edges of lakes and ponds, where larvae live. The larvae eat the red flaky-looking poison (which is allegedly harmless to humans) and die before they mature.

BY BILLY ORTIZ, OCT. 3, 2012

CHULA VISTA

Nudie bar opens across street from bayfront Councilmember Steve Castaneda "shocked"

The Bayfront development got a sudden

jumpstart October 8 when a new place called EyeCandy opened on Bay Boulevard. The establishment features nude dancers and soft drinks.

EyeCandy, visible from the freeway, is located on Chula Vista's E Street exit. It was formerly Anthony's Fish Grotto but was sold, according to the *San Diego Daily Transcript*, for \$2.1 million in December 2011. The buyer was 215 Blvd, LLC c/o Waldon R. Welty.

Mr. Welty made himself available for an interview on the Bay Boulevard premises October 8. "I like the fact that it's across the street from a portion of the bayfront that will remain undeveloped, a natural preserve," said Welty. He also indicated that there is a motel just to the south on Bay Boulevard and card rooms will be opening just a little further south.

In response to a question about a potential attempt to close down EyeCandy, Welty said,



The former Anthony's Fish Grotto building has become a strip club.

"How dare they? Where is the law for grown-ups? How dare public officials become the voice for moral authority?"

Welty is a veteran fighter. A *Union-Tribune* article titled "Flesh Club owner heads medical pot effort" credits Welty for spearheading a signature-gathering effort in San Diego to repeal restrictions on medical marijuana dispensaries.

Chula Vista councilmember Steve Castaneda said he was shocked to see the sign
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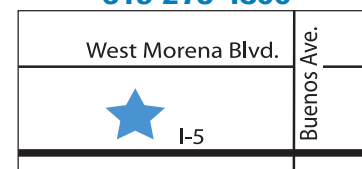
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by Barbarella

Like Rubber

Every so often I find myself confronted by a seemingly innocuous phrase that rubs me the wrong way. This week, the offending line is “Don’t let it get to you,” a sentiment that simultaneously comforts the recipient while displacing the blame. It has a way of scratching into one’s psyche, leading one to believe, *I let that get to me, therefore any hurt feelings I’m experiencing are my fault.*

The simple fact of life is that people can be jerks. The interwebs have increased the average person’s exposure to jerks by an order of magnitude. If I could have bought stock in internet trolling, I’d have a few planes by now. From the playground to the office to the comment thread, at some point we all have to deal with a generally unpleasant person who derives pleasure from putting others down.

If Psychology 101 taught me anything, it’s that those who lash out at others (trolls, bullies, abusers, whatever your name for them) are unhappy and insecure. But that’s only a salve to slap on a sting while the poison gets under your skin and spreads.

One day, I found myself unwelcome at the lunch table and told to go away if I was walking too close to the group in the halls — I was like a diseased monkey being pushed out of the troop.

I was bullied mercilessly in junior high. I had a tier of tormentors. It wasn’t the ruthlessness of the lone individual at the top that got to me, but rather the number of people who jumped on the bully-Barb bandwagon. My main tyrant — a 13-year-old sadist — wasn’t the worst of my problems. Sure, he made me dread showing up to school — taunting me with unflattering nicknames like Bar-Barf, putting melted chocolate in my backpack,

and Vaseline in my shoes. But even in the eighth grade I could tell he had issues. So, as irritating as he was, I could write it off as, *That one’s not right in the head.*

It wasn’t the name-calling or the physical harassment that ruined junior high for me — it was the psychological agony that stemmed not from my being targeted so much as my being tested. I had a close-knit group of girlfriends and a few “best friends.” One day, without warning, I found myself unwelcome at the lunch table and told to go away if I was walking too close to the group in the halls; it was as if I’d ceased to exist. It was a collective shunning — I was like a diseased monkey being pushed out of the troop.

Meanwhile, my friends welcomed the new girl I’d introduced to them. She’d been a midyear transplant from another school and, until then, I’d been the only one to reach out and offer my friendship. Even she joined in on the shunning. Too embarrassed to sit alone, I began to take my lunches with a teacher whose work I helped grade.

At the end of the school year, one of my “friends” was passing out invitations from a giant bag on her shoulder for her end-of-the-year party. There had to be at least a hundred of those little scrolls. I thought it was so cool she’d thought to roll them like that. As I stared at the bag expectantly, a girl named Sarah stepped forward to shoo me away and said, “Don’t think about asking for an invitation. You’re not invited.”

That summer, I spent a lot of time crying. My mother and sisters did their best to cheer me up, from deriding my ex-friends to attempting to rebuild my shattered self-esteem. I smiled and pretended their antics were working so that I didn’t seem like such a miserable chump.

It wasn’t meant to be cruel, what those girls did to me. When school began again, we were all friends like nothing had happened. It wasn’t until senior year that one of my besties finally shared the answer to the question that had plagued me for years: Why?

To my surprise, the answer had nothing to do with my failings as a person. “I just wanted to see if I could get them to do what I wanted,” she explained. “I told them to stop hanging out with you, just to see if they would.”

My friend’s revelation conjured images of a documentary I’d seen in which lion cubs tackled and tumbled, unknowingly honing their predatory instincts as they played. I didn’t blame my friend for her little power trip; she was just unwittingly preparing herself for the shark tank that is adulthood. What I didn’t realize at the time was that rather than being a just victim, I, too, was

growing — developing and hardening my emotional armor.

Sometimes I feel like I live on a little island inside of my head. I’m on this island, and there’s a giant ocean between my shore and the physical me that interacts with other people. My survival mechanism is to detach myself emotionally. But, words...they’re such good swimmers.

I live my life in the public eye, a lifestyle that invites commentary. It’s one thing for someone to disagree with my opinion — I respect and value disparate points of view. That’s cool. It’s a big world with room for a lot of different ideas. However, when all talk of opinion is tossed aside, when people revert to their scared, confused, still-figuring-out-the-world middle-school personalities and resort to name-calling when there’s no objective defense, what’s left? “I’m rubber, you’re glue, whatever you say bounces off of me and sticks to you”?

“Don’t let it get to you,” David will say after I read him a message that has already gotten to me.

“I just...I don’t understand why,” I respond, wiping a tear from the corner of my eye and then huffing at myself for caring what some person on the internet thinks about me. In that moment, I hate myself. Not because a part of me fears that every terrible thing that is written about me might be true, but because I allowed those words passage across my ocean and onto my island. I let them get to me. ■

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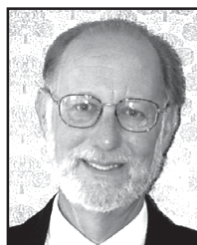
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Following Apprehension of Bahir “Boo-ty” Baddour, American flyers brace for increased airport security measures.

“Oh, crap.”

“It’s not difficult to see what’s coming, even if it is difficult to think about it” said Joe Pucker, who flies regularly for his job as a corporate plumbing inspector. “After the shoe bomber, we all had to take off our shoes and run ’em through the x-ray machine.

After the underpants bomber, we started getting those full-body scans and genital pat-downs. So when a guy packs a pound and a half of explosives up his back-side and gets foiled only because his lunchtime chili dog doesn’t sit well, well, I don’t think you need me to draw you a picture. Or want me to draw one.”



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More Scandal!

SD on the QT Investigation Reveals California Gas Prices Tied to Single Viejas Slot Machine

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Pressed for an account of how and why he engineered his dastardly plan, Burningcash just smiled and said, “You



people really should have listened when we complained about the Sunrise Powerlink.”

SDQT National Edition: President Obama Drops Health and Human Services Mandate

COVERING THIS STORY

LIKE A JIMMY HAT, SAN DIEGO — During a surprise ad hoc press conference during a fundraising lunch at the home of Mission Hills doyenne Adrienne Hedgefund, the president announced that he had decided to drop the so-called “HHS mandate” that requires employers to include contraception coverage in the insurance they offer to their employees.

“It started while I was having a beer with [vice president Joseph] Biden awhile back,” explained Obama. “Well, I was having a beer; Biden was having four or five. Anyway, the attack on our embassy in Libya was still pretty fresh in our minds, and Biden was feeling defensive on my behalf, bless his heart. Somewhere near the evening’s end, he had an aide pull up a YouTube clip on his phone of my comments after we’d learned about [the death of slain ambassador to Libya Christopher] Stevens. He stopped it after the part where I said, ‘Since our founding, the United States has been a nation that respects all faiths. We reject all efforts to denigrate the religious beliefs of others.’

“‘Damn straight!’ I remember him



bellowing. ‘You know, as long as they’re not a bunch of crazy Catholics who don’t wanna pay for condoms.’

“I was struck by my best drinking buddy’s words, especially since he is a Catholic himself, albeit a Catholic who is willing

to ‘pay for condoms,’ as he put it, by ensuring that contraception coverage is provided for by American employers, regardless of their personal beliefs about its moral character. I began to wonder: *was he right?* Was I somehow denigrating the religious beliefs of others by demanding that they directly fund acts they regard as intrinsically immoral? I concluded that I was, and so I am dropping the mandate....

“While I’m at it,” concluded the president, “I’m going to let those Indians in New Mexico start taking peyote as part of their religious ceremonies. And if some Santeria person wants to slaughter a goat in sacrifice, who am I to stand in the way? And, hey, I just thought of something — wouldn’t it just blow [Mormon presidential candidate Mitt] Romney’s mind if I said I supported Mormon polygamy during the next debate?”

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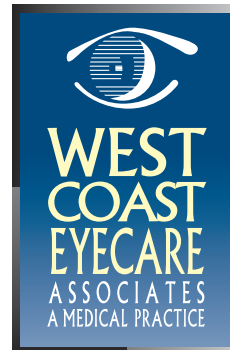
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The Joustier



Jeffrey Hedgecock, 43, of Ramona, has built a life
around Medieval things.

Continuing with Jeffrey Hedgecock, 43, of Ramona. Hedgecock makes knightly armour, museum-quality work — imagine 15th-century breastplates, gauntlets, greaves, spaulders, faulds, and more. Hedgecock says there are two other museum-quality armourers in the U.S., both on the East Coast.

Hedgecock has built a life around Medieval things. He and his wife, Gwen Norwick, are founders of Historic Enterprises. Their outfit sells aforementioned arms and armour, period clothing, lances, saddles, horse armour, everything needed for Medieval man and beast; plus, there's a link to Knight School Joust Training. Mr. Hedgecock is waiting.

Hedgecock and Norwick also produce World Joust Tournaments and among their properties is the Tournament of the Phoenix, which can be found at the Poway Rodeo grounds this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. And, yes, Hedgecock will joust.

We talked by phone on a recent, foggy Friday morning. I wanted to know, "A family arrives in Poway to see jousting. What can they expect?"

Hedgecock says, "Friday is a preview, goes from 11:00 to 3:00. They can expect an all-day festival Saturday and Sunday. Competition between six of the best knights in the world doing four jousting sessions over two days.

"A session lasts about an hour. We'll do 18 passes. In between two sessions is a combat event. On Saturday we have foot combat, in full armor, with six-foot poleaxes. On Sunday we have a mounted event: six knights in full armour, two teams, battle against each other on horseback."

I'm trying to make a picture of this in my mind. Doesn't come easy. "When did you start jousting?"

"In 2003, in England," Hedgecock says. "My first tournament was at the Royal Armouries Museum. I'm the only American to have ever been invited to the Royal Armouries. My team,

the Order of the Crescent, is the only team to have won the team tournament in three consecutive years."

Okay, got the knights battling picture in focus. Working on the armoured-horses picture. "How do you train horses?"

Hedgecock says, "Very slowly introducing them to armour until they're completely relaxed around it. Not only around someone on foot wearing armour, but someone on their back wearing armour, and then another horse and rider running at them wearing armour. We have to take it rather slowly, it's a very incremental process."

"Is jousting an emerging sport?"

"As a re-creation of an ancient sport, I think it is growing, it is re-emerging," Hedgecock says. "A lot of it is rediscovering the knowledge and technique it takes to do it."

"And how big is the sport of jousting?"

"There's a huge range. There's a relatively limited range of competitive jousting going on worldwide, and especially in the U.S. Most of what's happened in the U.S. has been theatrical jousting or jousting shows that happen at Renaissance fairs. In England, there's probably more competitive jousting, or at least unsanctioned jousting, than there are jousting shows."

"Is there a world champion?"

Hedgecock says, "There is no central governing body for jousting as a sport, so there's no recognized world championship."

"Is there a jousting event that is regarded as the best, most prestigious?"

Hedgecock says, "I think, within the U.S., ours is probably considered that. One of the things we're trying to do with World Joust Tournaments is create a true national professional jousting league or, at least, a series of tournaments where the best competitors in the world can be assured they'll have competition at a high level to go against. And that the horses will be well trained and it will all be operated on a very professional basis.

"Right now we have the Tournament of the Phoenix, which is a flagship event. We've affiliated with the Tournament of the Silver Lilly in Quebec, Canada, that was in 2010. They just had their third tournament. I competed in the first two and then marshaled the third. Next year we have tournaments booked for France and Poland, and we're in negotiation for two in England."

"How do you practice? Getting all that knight and horse stuff together in order to gallop down a runway with a pole in your hand, how do you practice frequently enough to ever get good at it?"

"It is difficult," Hedgecock says, "because it not only takes a lot of persistence on your part, but you have to gather the people it takes to do it. Even though there are two guys on horseback, you can't put your armour on yourself; you need help. You need someone to hand a lance up to you every time you do a pass. It takes a minimum of four people; that's the two riders plus two helpers. Usually, it's more like four extra people in addition to two joustiers."

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the red zone

By Anthony Gentile



Mission Bay senior receivers Kyle Plum (left) and Kelly Weese jump 'n' bump to celebrate a Buccaneers touchdown against Kearny.



Otay Ranch cheerleaders celebrate a Mustangs score against Olympian.

Game of the Week: No. 7 Otay Ranch Plays "Catch the Chicken," upends No. 10 Olympian

Chula Vista — In a showdown between undefeated South Bay neighbors on Friday night, Olympian jumped on Otay Ranch in the first half to stay in the section's unbeaten ranks. The 10th-ranked Eagles raced to an early lead and rode that momentum to a 34-20 victory over the seventh-ranked Mustangs.

Olympian (7-0, 1-0 Metro Mesa) made a statement early in the game with touchdown drives of 74 and 94 yards.

"We got on them pretty well and had those two long drives," said Olympian head coach Gil Warren. "They didn't get the ball much in the first quarter and that was key for us. Otay Ranch has some great athletes — we knew that all week, but it's hard to simulate that in practice. They have the quarterback back there, and he just kind of dances around, and then he'll take off. You can't be too forceful or he'll go around you, so we just kind of played 'catch the chicken' and the kids did a good job."

With the victory, Olympian won the "Battle of the O's" and claimed rights to the Double "O" Trophy, created this season for the schools located less than three miles apart. Olympian and Otay Ranch (6-1, 1-1) first met last season, starting a rivalry between the two newest public schools in the South Bay that is already filled with emotion.

"It's a big rivalry — our school started from their school," Warren said. "All of our kids live next door to each other, grew up together, and played Pop Warner together. That's why there was so much talking going on during the game."



Fireworks light up the South Bay sky as part of homecoming festivities at Olympian High.

Mission Bay blanks Kearny in Western League matinee

Linda Vista — Kearny hosted its only true home game of the season on Friday afternoon at Birt Slater Field — and Western League foe Mission Bay crashed the party. The Buccaneers found the end zone in each of the first three quarters and forced five turnovers in a 22-0 shutout victory over the Komets.

"Throughout practice this week, we were saying that the defensive line had to win this game — and that's pretty much what happened," said Mission Bay senior linebacker Donshay Bandy.

Red Zone Week 8 Top 10

1. Oceanside (6-1) — beaten last two opponents by average of 48 points
2. La Costa Canyon (6-1) — prevailed against rival Carlsbad to retain Mayor's Cup
3. Cathedral Catholic (5-2) — edged Lincoln at home with Holy Bowl on deck
4. Helix (5-1) — pitched consecutive shutouts since bye week
5. Mission Hills (5-2) — in the driver's seat for Avocado East League title
6. Poway (5-2) — faces district rival and one-loss Westview on road
7. Olympian (7-0) — jumped on rival Otay Ranch early to stay unbeaten
8. St. Augustine (6-1) — Saints have fallen in five of last six Holy Bowls
9. Eastlake (5-2) — picked up forfeit win, hosts Bonita Vista after week off
10. Grossmont (7-0) — narrow win over Steele Canyon starts tough stretch

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The Zumba wars broke out at my house the other night.

“Zumba is basically, ‘Here’s my butt, here’s my butt,’” said Cherie, swinging her booty from side to side.

“I love Zumba,” retorted Sophia as she shimmied in reply, “and there’s a lot more hip movement and dance to it than that.”

“Zumba is basically a dance fitness class that combines all different types of music,” offered Ninfa Skezas, owner of Party Fitness Studio in Ser-ra Mesa (619-948-2333, partyzumba.com). “In my opinion, it is one of the best choices for exercising, because we make people feel like they are partying. People don’t go to the gym because it gets boring; people are excited to come to Zumba. We have hip-hop lights and disco balls in the studio. But we’re not just dancing; we’re working every single muscle that you can think of. Yes, I love to shimmy and shake my hips, but I use many different types of movement in my routines.”

Skezas used to drive “almost to Mexico” for Zumba classes; spotting an unfilled niche, she became an instructor. Two years ago, she opened her own studio. “The classes are pretty packed — anywhere from 30 to 60 students,” but reservations are not required, and first-timers can try it out for \$8. After that, it’s \$10 per 55-minute class, or ten classes for \$80.

Skezas, who grew up in South America, prefers to teach her classes to the “exotic rhythms of salsa, merengue, and bachata.” But Alma, director at Queen Bee’s in North Park (619-255-5147, queenbeessd.com) told me that one of her instructors, Rosie, “likes to mix in her own music: a little bit of Top 40, some old-school stuff from the ’60s, or Michael Jackson. She gets students ranging from 12 years old to 80. Her classes run 30 to 40 people, and she leads from up on a stage, so that people in back can see her. Our other instructor, America, uses more of the Latin sound, with a lot of upbeat Mexican and Caribbean mixes.” Alma told me that America’s classes are a bit smaller. Prices for both are \$7 for a 60-minute class, or \$6 each if you purchase a ten-class card.

Luis De La Rosa at Zumba World San Diego in Skyline (619-825-8149, zumbaworld-

“My personal favorite move is what I call ‘happy feet.’”

sandiego.com) also goes heavy to the Latin rhythms, “but not one particular style of dance. It’s all of them put together. And we combine cardio with the dance; you might be doing the merengue from the waist down, but your hands will be doing something like tae bo. It fits the whole population, old and young — there are no rules; you just go in there and let your body flow. It’s not like ballet, and it’s not a routine. Just let the rhythm take you, and eventually, you’ll be doing it. I like to get people loose.” There’s plenty of room to move, as “we have a 4000-square-foot dance floor.” One-hour classes are \$5, but a \$49 month-to-month membership gets you unlimited classes. “If you can, you should come five days a week.”

At the other end of the scale is Bootique in Mission Hills (619-602-8087, bootiquefitness.com). “We’re a small dance studio,” says owner Jaylin Allen. “Our classes are usually about 20 ladies, and it’s really friendly and open. The ladies will show each other things, and they’ll invite people in and make them comfortable. Clients request the latest pop songs, but we also do traditional merengues and salsas. My personal favorite move is what I call ‘happy feet.’ It’s kind of like when football players move their feet really fast while standing in place. We do that before jumping into another move.”

Allen says, “Zumba is for dancers and non-dancers alike, and it works because the number-one rule of fitness is consistency. The only way to stay consistent at anything is to have fun doing it, and Zumba is fun and stress-relieving.” The first class costs \$5; after that, it’s \$10 for a drop-in, \$85 for unlimited monthly classes, or \$85 for ten classes anytime over six months.

Allen also holds private classes (\$100). “I can come to you, or you can come to the studio. I’ve been doing a lot of bachelorette parties. The events can be customized to higher or lower intensity.”

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After the discovery of gold in 1848, young Chinese males began a migration to “Gum Saan” — “Gold Mountain” — the name they

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gave California. A large majority were Cantonese. Wearing layers of clothing, they brought

with them a bedroll and only those possessions that could be carried in bamboo baskets. They traveled from the Pearl River Delta to Hong Kong. An organization called the Six Companies paid their fare on a credit-ticket system. As with guilds, the organization provided work, housing, food, medical treatment, even

legal representation. The immigrants had three years to repay the debt from their wages.

It’s hard to say how many planned to stay in California — or how many would go back to China, then return to California with a family or a new bride. According to the Burlingame Treaty of 1868, Chinese were banned from testifying against, and not allowed to marry, Caucasians; the ratio of Chinese men to women in “Gum Saan” was 20-to-1. Marriage was often the motive to make the trip home.

Young Ah Chee traveled to California in 1870. Throughout the crossing, he remained below decks in cramped quarters — with little food or water — amid the pervasive smells of bodily func-



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The Rufus Porter Ranch House in Spring Valley, now known as the Hubert H. Bancroft Ranch House

tions and seasickness. He disembarked at San Francisco, where customs officials searched for opium.

In the city, he met 19-year-old Yun

Tow. An attraction grew, but she did not belong to the organization. A man named Ung Yu bought Yun Tow for \$500 — he meant to take her to San

QUOTATIONS

1. Jim Van Meter: “The cellar has been filled in, but the building [called Bancroft House] is now a registered National Historic Landmark.”
2. Murray K. Lee: “California labor union leaders took advantage of the economic depression of the 1870s and the resulting unemployment by waging an anti-Chinese campaign.”

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Diego and make her his slave.

Instead of following his group to the gold fields or the Central Pacific Railroad, Ah Chee broke away. He asked friends to write him a letter of introduction: it concluded with the statement that Chee had “always been an honest, sober, and truthful fellow.” Ah Chee took the letter south in search of Tun Yow. He hired on as a cook at the Rufus Porter Ranch. Since the Porters worked 16-hour days, a full-time cook was a blessing.

Porter had bought the spread in 1865. He paid \$300 for 160 acres and called it “San Jorge.” When his daughter Rufina objected to the pronunciation — “whore-hay” in Spanish — he changed the name to Spring Valley.

The two-room adobe ranch house was 32 feet long and 18 feet wide. Porter added two bedrooms, a dining room, and a kitchen. The timbers and

a mahogany staircase came from the *Clarissa Andrews*, a coal steamer that had run aground at Ballast Point. Stairs led down to the “basement,” a hole in the ground where the Porters stored pans of milk and butter in brine — or sometimes

Hotel now stands), Horton offered Ah Chee a job in the laundry.

Rufina Porter remembered Ah Chee as a fine cook and a “clean, reliable chap.” Since he had been a luxury, the Porters agreed to let him go. Ah Chee took

A man named Ung Yu bought Yun Tow for \$500 — he meant to take her to San Diego and make her his slave.

fled to escape mosquitoes and biting flies. Two trap doors covered the basement's entrance.

Since the ranch was ten rock-riddled miles from town, with no direct route, the ranch had few visitors. A frequent one was Alonzo Horton, founder of New San Diego in 1869. When his block-long, two-story Horton House was completed (where the US Grant

the job at the hotel.

Less than 100 Chinese lived in San Diego in 1872, most either in a fishing village at La Playa or at the foot of Third Street, a location that Ah Chee may have visited often. On one such occasion, he saw Yun Tow. Love bloomed again.

But she was not free. Ung Yu had a brothel on Fourth Street. He ordered Yun Tow to be a prostitute, and when

she refused, he beat her.

At first, Ah Chee was afraid to confront Ung Yu. Yu had many connections in the community and, writes the *San Diego Daily Union*, “would take powerful vengeance upon him.” But when the beatings continued, Ah Chee obtained a marriage license from the county clerk.

On Thursday evening, April 11, 1872, Ah Chee and Tun Yow went to the courthouse. The previous day, John R. Porter — Rufus Porter's brother — and his wife Fanny had arrived at San Diego on the steamer *Orizaba*. John Porter became the local Justice, and in one of his first acts, secretly married Ah Chee and Tun Yow. To avoid suspicion, the couple agreed that she should remain at the brothel until they could take the next steamer to San Francisco.

But the marriage wasn't a secret. The next day, the *Daily Union* announced in the “vital statistics” column that the wedding had taken place. Ung Yu read the paper and punished Yun Tow.

That night, desperate to free her, Ah Chee borrowed a carriage from Hinton & Gallagher's livery stable,

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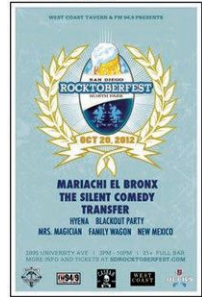
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Since a young Chinese couple was so easy to spot — especially with the young man's shaved head and queue (a long braid down the back) — Ah Chee and Yun Tow imagined only one possible haven: the Porter Ranch. At the edge of town, the friend turned the rig north toward Mission Valley. They rode to an old creek bed (near today's Highway 125), turned south, and followed the sycamore- and willow tree-lined ditch to the ranch.

At midnight, Rufus Porter heard footsteps on the porch, then a knock on his bedroom door. Frightened faces told all: the marriage, the escape, and the plea for

sanctuary, since a posse would surely track them down.

Porter said he could not keep Tun Yow on the ranch, but the couple could stay the night: Porter would figure out something in the morning. He'd have to, Rufina remembered,

prized possession, Ung Yu sent search parties "to every nook and corner of the city" (*Daily Union*). When they learned that John Hinton had lent the couple a carriage, Ung Yu offered him \$50 to say where they'd gone. Hinton refused the money.

At midnight, Rufus Porter heard footsteps on the porch, then a knock on his bedroom door.

Frightened faces told all.

because "there would be trouble."

The next evening, Rufus Porter drove Ah Chee into town. They met with John Porter and discussed strategies.

If the numbers are correct, Ung Yu had paid \$200 more for Tun Yow than Porter did for his ranch. On Saturday, eager to catch his

A lawyer told Ung Yu that a \$200 reward would bring Tun Yow back. The *Daily Union*, which earlier referred to the Chinese as "fiends" and "heathen wretches," quotes Ung Yu as saying "al lightee" to the idea.

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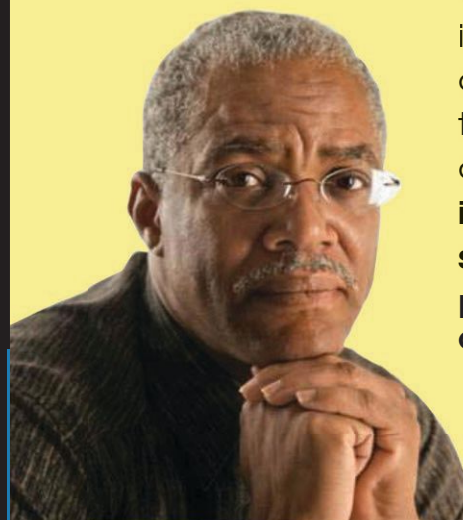
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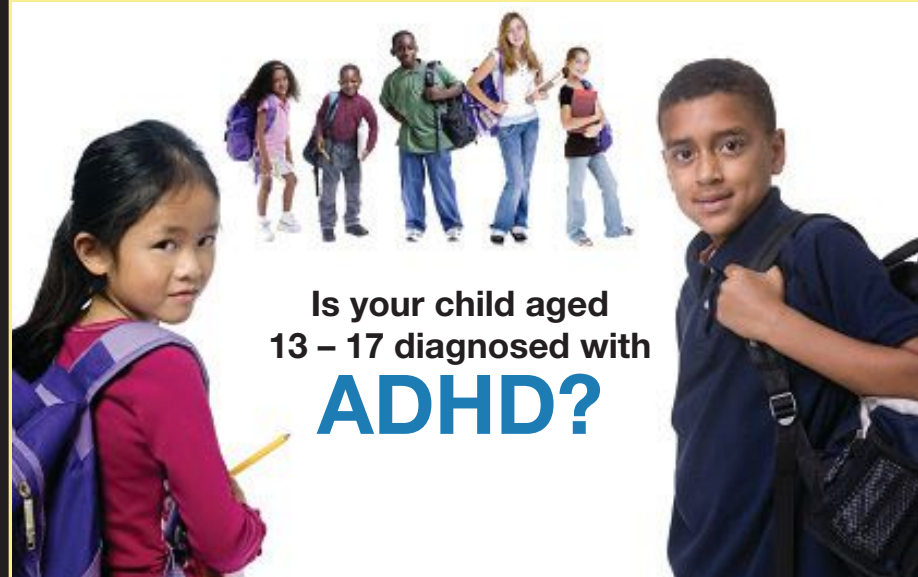


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the couple, Ung Yu swore out a different complaint with Justice Henry C. Skinner: Tun Yow, he claimed, had stolen \$150 from him in gold: seven \$20 pieces, one \$10. The judge issued a warrant.

According to the *Daily Union*, Ung Yu planned to find and arrest Tun Yow. The charges might be proved false, but he would “seize her again, and after torturing her, compel her to enter upon a life of shame once more. Meanwhile, he and his allies will lie in wait for Ah Chee and murder him if they can.”

But when D.C. Reed drew up the complaint, he accidentally switched the names by mistake. On Sunday afternoon, Deputy sheriff Thomas Sherman led a posse in search of “Ah Chee.” They found him at the Porter Ranch, arrested him, and threw him in jail. When someone discovered the mistake, Judge Wellington Stewart and another

man rode back to the Porter Ranch. This time the warrant read “Tun Yow.”

Rufus was away on business. Rufina and her mother, Sophia, heard hard-driven hooves rumbling to the northwest. Men were coming for “the little bride.”

Rufina raced to the outer

Rufina, “was scared nearly to death — and no wonder.” But she understood. She carefully descended the slippery steps and crouched among shelves of milk and cheese and the fetid, loamy scents of the earth.

Rufina returned just in time to help lower the trap

Sophia raised heavy trap doors, pointed to the stairs, and nodded to Tun Yow to climb down.

gate and secured the padlock. They would have to break it, she wrote, “which gave us extra time.”

Sophia dashed inside the house. She and Tun Yow tugged at a long table, finally moving it off to one side. Sophia raised heavy trap doors, pointed to the stairs, and nodded to Tun Yow to climb down.

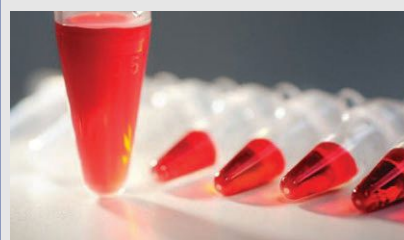
Tun Yow looked into the darkness, and, writes

doors and slide the table back into place. Locking the gate had given them just enough time. “We were none too soon, for as we were just making things look as though they had always been that way, in came the men.”

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no business to look over the house," wrote Rufina. "Mother and I had to tell some lies to get rid of them."

The men went outside, searched the barn, wagon shed, and henhouses, but did not find "our little Chinese bride." Tun Yow, who had experienced unthinkable wrongs since coming to "Gold Mountain," emerged from the hole quivering with fear. The women assured her that she'd be safe from now on. Rufus drove her to his brother's house, and she stayed with John and his wife Fanny until the next steamer arrived.

In a rare burst of compassion, on April 16, the *Daily Union* asked: "Is not the law strong enough to protect these poor people? Can it be twisted to return to slavery and infamy this man's lawful wife?"

The next day, the paper announced that Ah Chee and Tun Yow had sailed away. At least six men had

escorted them in several carriages to the wharf, where the couple boarded a steamer for Los Angeles. "At that city they have friends who will care for them a day or two when they will be sent by stage to San Jose, where they hope to live together in peace and happiness." The *Daily Union* praised the Porters and John Hinton. "There will be a big mark set down to their credit in the books of the recording angel."

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Rufus Porter claimed the couple made it to San Jose and ran a laundry under assumed names. When it burned down, they converted the building to a restaurant.

Interviewed in 1936, Rufina Porter said that Ah Chee and Tun Yow never made it to the steamer. "Their families were of different castes, or tongs, so there was great opposition

to the marriage and they probably killed [Ah Chee]. We did all we could to help them, but it was no use."

Those who side with Rufina claim that in both instances — the marriage and plans for escape — the *Daily Union* had publicized their intentions, which enabled Ung Yu to track them down.

Jim Van Meter, director of the Bancroft House, suggests a "Door Number Three" option: Maybe the young couple and the Porters had learned something from the published wedding announcement, and had given the *Daily Union* a false itinerary. They sailed on a different date, to a different port, and fled to new lives. ■

— Jeff Smith

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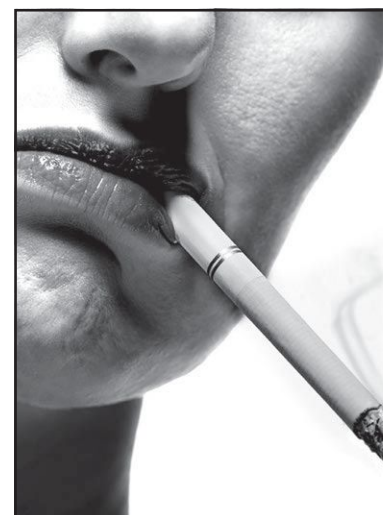
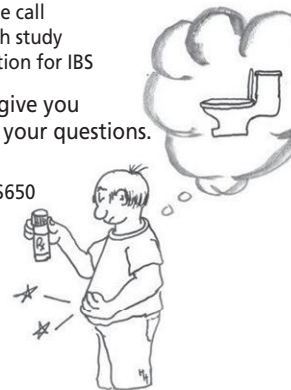
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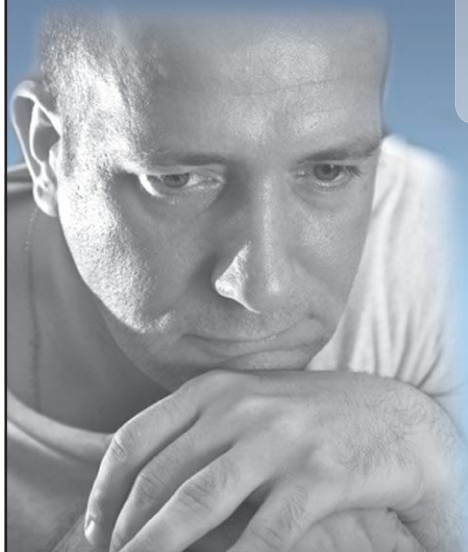
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it to him.

There were early signs of the debacle. In 2004, Shames proposed a new organization, Internet Consumers' Action Network, Inc. (ICAN), a nonprofit that would work with a private organization to be owned by Shames. "Michael is considering launching a new form of UCAN and ditching us," said a key employee in an email. A person high in the organization wondered if Shames intended to merge his organization with San Francisco's watchdog, the Utility Reform Network (TURN), to free himself up to pursue fat profits through ICAN's connection to his private company. "Michael is notorious for doing what he wants with UCAN's money," said a top official in an email.

"Shames was hardly ever in the office," says a for-

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mer employee. "When he did show up, it was unannounced." For years, a demoralized staff wondered what he was plotting.

On March 4, 2011, the board was informed of the alleged financial misconduct, including the "Consumers" accounts. Thirteen days later, Shames warned employees that if they didn't stop complaining to the board, he would dissolve UCAN, and the board would go along. The board hired attorney Paul Dostart, a forensic accountant, who reported on June 8, 2011, that he could not locate the misspelled account balances on the UCAN books.

But on August 24, 2011, Dostart claimed to whistleblower Peffer that the misspelled accounts had been tied back to UCAN's financial records and the "account name misspellings were inadvertent oversights."

Peffer replied disdainfully that six such mis-

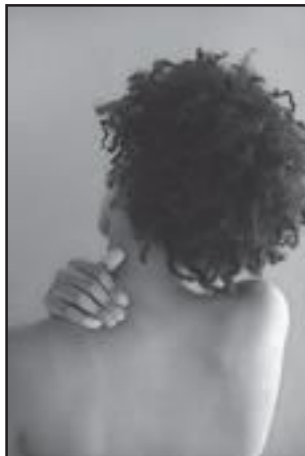
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spelled accounts had now been traced to five separate financial institutions. While Dostart had claimed that the accounts involved only nominal amounts, there was one for more than \$262,000.

Whistle-blower Langley says it strains credulity to believe that these accounts could have been traced in less than three months. Moreover, UCAN management still has not recovered records of misspelled accounts that landed in financial institutions prior to 2008 and recently sent out letters to retrieve them. Mike Aguirre, attorney for the whistle-blowers, was told by a UCAN accountant that there was only a spot check of the misspelled accounts — not a full audit. The board "decided to go into dissolution rather than do an audit," says Aguirre.

On September 22, 2011, Dostart wrote to Belinda Johns of the Attorney Gen-

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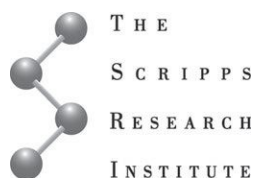
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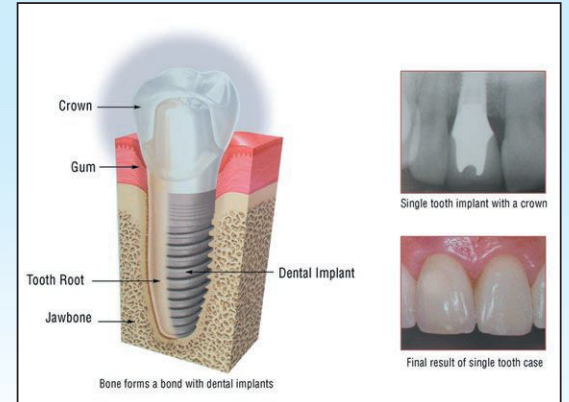
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eral's Registry of Charitable Trusts. Dostart said that the board had decided on liquidation — hopefully in a deal that would permit TURN to take over UCAN assets without acquiring possible large liabilities.

It looked then as if Shames had won: UCAN would be dissolved, the whistle-blowers fired, their allegations buried, and the board let off the hook. But TURN apparently smelled a rat, and so did the United States attorney's office. In February of this year, UCAN filed for dissolution and claimed it would cooperate with the United States attorney's investigation. But the dissolution attempt failed, and the probe is now intensifying.

Dostart won't com-

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ment. Richard Kipperman, court-appointed receiver who declared that he had found no wrongdoing, says the court never ordered him to do a forensic audit. The United States attorney may have to locate those "Consumers" accounts. ■

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was particularly worrisome because it fires a bullet that is able to penetrate protective vests worn by officers. Wayne Swanson is now a fugitive; he was released on bail after his arrest according to Capt. Bechler.

In all, 11 persons were arrested during the investigation, and 4 persons remain "outstanding," police said. Three children were taken from their mothers because the women

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"brought them with them during drug buys," according to police. Those children are said to be in "protective custody" of Drug Endangered Children (DEC) workers.

The investigation was called "Operation 1620" because "P" is the 16th letter of the alphabet and "T" is the 20th letter of the alphabet, and the targeted gang calls their turf "Posole Town," according to police.

Eva Knott

October 12, 2012

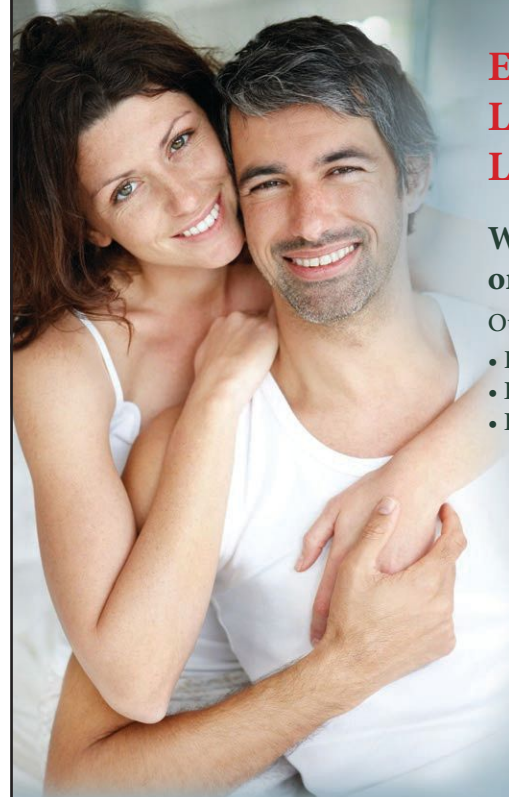
Murderer on loan

Los Zetas founder and alleged killer of Tijuana journalist reportedly killed Tijuana — The Mexican navy has reported that the founder and leader of Los Zetas was killed in a fire-fight Sunday, October 7, in Sabinas, Coahuila. Heriberto "El Lazca" Lazcano, once

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the sole leader of the cartel currently in a power struggle, is believed to have been shot dead during a confrontation with military forces.

El Lazca is believed to have been responsible for the 2004 murder of Tijuana journalist Francisco Javier Ortiz Franco. Ortiz Franco was a founder of Zeta magazine, which reports on organized crime in Mexico. While another man had claimed to have killed Ortiz Franco, many suspect El Lazca is responsible for the murder while on loan to the Arellano Félix Organization.

K. Mennem
October 8, 2012

Move that umbrella

Orca experts continue to doubt SeaWorld story *Bay Park* — Dr. Ingrid N. Visser, an orca expert and founder of the Orca Research Trust, continues to ponder the origin of a wound suffered on the lower mandible of Nakai, one of the “killer whales” that form the backbone of SeaWorld San Diego’s menagerie.

As reported on the blog of *Outside* magazine correspondent Tim Zimmerman, Visser traveled to San Diego to attempt to observe Nakai shortly after news of his injury broke. While here, she captured perhaps the most graphic photo of Nakai’s wound that has been made publicly available.... Based on the available photos at the time, Visser said she believed the injury could have been caused by a sharp edge, such as are found at the gates between the different holding pens where the orcas are kept between shows, and between those pens and the main performance tank.

On arrival, Visser claims to have been obstructed in her investigation by SeaWorld staff.

“When I was in the park,

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the trainers and security guards were not happy with me trying to photograph Nakai and had me stop photographing from certain points,” writes Visser. “They obscured other observation points by moving sun umbrellas and outdoor gas heaters in front of viewing spots, and they moved Nakai to prevent me taking photos at all. The security guards would not let me talk to the trainers either.”

Dave Rice, October 9, 2012

Irwin Jacobs bankrolls school bond campaign

Buzz Woolley opposes *San Diego* — The campaign to pass Proposition Z, a \$2.8 billion bond measure put on the ballot by the San Diego Unified School District, has collected \$266,075 through September 30.

A good chunk of the money has come from firms with a stake in public school construction projects, but the biggest donor was Qualcomm billionaire Irwin Jacobs of La Jolla; he and his wife Joan kicked in a total of \$80,000 on September 29.

The Jacobs donation marks yet another big-money contribution during what is shaping up as the busiest political season yet for the controversial Democrat, who has given \$2 million to support the reelection of Barack Obama while at the same time endorsing GOP city councilman Carl DeMaio’s bid to become mayor of San Diego.

On the other side of the issue from Jacobs is R.B. “Buzz” Woolley, founder of the Jacobs-backed *Voice of San Diego* online news site. Woolley gave \$10,000 to oppose Prop Z on September 13, according to the No on Z committee’s disclosure filing.

Matt Potter
October 9, 2012

COMMENTS

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I have another idea. Jacobs seems to have more loot than he knows what to do with. So, why doesn’t he come up with a billion (yes, with a “b”) and just donate it to the school district? If this additional funding for the district is such a darned good idea, then, well, he ought to put his money (literally) where his mouth (not so literally, but you get the drift) is.

Visduh Oct. 9, 2012 @ 6:01 p.m.

Because BillionAIRES don’t put their OWN money where their mouth is, not when they can get the little guy making \$20K–\$40K per year to cover it.

SurfPuppy619 Oct. 9, 2012 @ 6:04 p.m.

Even though esteemed billionaire Dr. Irwin Jacobs is supporting a local tax increase via San Diego Unified’s Prop Z (Z as in end of the line?) I would imagine that the common man who has suffered wage stagnation, if not outright job loss, will vote NO on Z. Ditto for the ordinary woman head of household too. No on Z.

monaghan Oct. 9, 2012 @ 7:58 p.m.

One less Copley building

Former headquarters sold *La Jolla* — Copley Press Inc., an institution run by the Copley family, which for decades controlled the *San Diego Union-Tribune* and other newspapers around the country, has finally completed the sale of its former corporate headquarters, a 25,600-square-foot office building on Ivanhoe Avenue in La Jolla.

Though the group has sought to sell the property since early 2011, the building had been offered for sale or lease since early 2010 and was taken off the market at the end of 2011, with no takers at the

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A deed transferring the property to Ivanhoe Investors, LLC, a company listing a Fay Avenue address in La Jolla, was recorded on October 2. No sales price was reported in an online public records search.

Dave Rice

October 10, 2012

One less Platinum building

Vulture capitalist who flipped San Diego U-T unloads L.A. home

Mission Valley — Just a little over one year ago, Don Bauder broke the story that Platinum Equity of Beverly Hills was dumping the San Diego Union-Tribune. The buyer: hotelier and GOP stalwart Doug Manchester.

Now comes word via Forbes magazine that Platinum's owner, Tom Gores, has put his over-the-top L.A. estate on the mar-

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ket for a relatively modest \$10.75 million.

"So how does a billionaire live?" asks Forbes. "In one word: large! The 11,000-square-foot estate features six bedrooms, eight bathrooms, and sits on a double lot within the desired Los Angeles gated community Mulholland Estates."

Matt Potter

October 11, 2012

First-time buyers squeezed out

Gamblers grab low-priced homes

San Diego — Speculators are buying bottom-tier San Diego homes at one of the fastest paces in the nation, according to Zillow.com.

First-time homebuyers are being squeezed out as speculators buy low-priced homes with the idea of renting them out to people who have been foreclosed upon, says Zillow. The speculators will pay with cash.

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Over the past year, the inventory of bottom-tier homes in the San Diego market has dropped 45.4 percent. The only metro areas in the largest 30 with higher percentages are San Francisco (53.2 percent), Phoenix (57.1 percent), Sacramento (55.4 percent), and San Jose (47.5 percent). Los Angeles is close at 45.1 percent. San Francisco, L.A., San Jose, and San Diego have extremely high home prices.

Don Bauder

October 11, 2012

Adios

Calderon visiting as president for last time Tijuana — Mexico's president, Felipe Calderon, is visiting Tijuana and Baja California for likely the last time as president Thursday, October 11. Calderon will attend the inaugural day of the Tijuana Innovadora (Innovative Tijuana) expo, as well as other events

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in the city for a two-day stretch.

Enrique Peña Nieto will succeed Calderon as president on December 1.

K. Mennem
October 11, 2012

Bang!

Car looters crash
Rancho Santa Fe — Sheriff's deputies based out of the Encinitas patrol station were led on a pursuit from Solana Beach to Rancho Santa Fe on Wednesday afternoon after responding to a report of suspicious persons attempting to open various cars on the 700 block of San Mario Drive.

When they encountered the suspects driving a small SUV, a traffic stop was attempted. The suspects instead chose to flee. The driver lost control of his vehicle at the intersection of Via de la Valle and Las Colinas, crashing into a telephone pole guy-wire. He then threw the SUV into reverse, slamming into the patrol car giving chase, before fleeing with the other suspects on foot.

Dave Rice
October 12, 2012

Last place

Few Asians among local voters

San Diego — New analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau and the Asian Pacific American Coalition finds that San Diego's Asian community "is in last place for voter registration and voter turnout among all ethnic groups."

Asians comprise the fastest-growing ethnic group in San Diego, with their population numbers rising 39 percent throughout the county and 24 percent within San Diego's city limits over the past decade, according to the coalition.

While their population is growing, however, participation in politics is significantly below the national

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average of other groups. Only 52 percent of eligible Asians in the city are registered, as compared to 59–74 percent on average nationally for other groups. Less than 48 percent of those registered cast a ballot in the November 2008 contest, less than the 50–66 percent registered for others.

Dave Rice
October 12, 2012

Nice to see sensitivity

City council rejects settlement to resume dredging

Tijuana — The City of San Diego isn't ready to give up in their fight against San Diegans for Open Government over dredging projects in the Tijuana River Valley.

Today, more than five months after judge Timothy Taylor halted work in the valley after the city failed to meet CEQA guidelines, city attorney Jan Goldsmith responded to the settlement agreement submitted by the plaintiff in the case, San Diegans for Open Government.

"Dear Mr. Briggs, I am writing on behalf of the city council in response to your proposal. We were heartened to see Ian Trowbridge appear before city council yesterday to express sympathy for those residents of the Tijuana River Valley. It is nice to see some sensitivity. We agree that removing your litigation as an obstacle to the City's effort to protect these folks from the risk of flooding is the right thing to do. In the spirit of cooperation, we propose that both sides promptly appear in front of Judge Taylor to request the City be permitted to conduct stormwater maintenance work in the Tijuana River Valley channels before February 2013, in order to reduce the risk to residents."

Dorian Hargrove,
October 9, 2012



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last night when he was exiting the freeway. He said he spoke to city manager Jim Sandoval, who was also not aware of EyeCandy.

BY SUSAN LUZZARO, OCT. 8, 2012

CARLSBAD

Ugly, unsightly

Signage squelches view

Before summer began, Carlsbad installed five new pedestrian crosswalks on oceanfront Carlsbad Boulevard, between Tamarack and Sycamore avenues. Each crossing is well marked, with a pedestrian-safe, raised median in the middle of the busy four-lane road. Hundreds of daily residents and visitors cross the boulevard to reach the lushly landscaped bluff-top walkway and the stairways to the beach below.

The final phase of the project was completed last

ugly and unsightly." Frank, who lives on the boulevard in the 3800 block, said they're not pretty but he would rather see the signs than someone splattered across the road. He said he's witnessed several near-misses between pedestrians and vehicles.

Tammy, from Oceanside, works out on the Carlsbad beach five days a week. She said the signs are ugly, but, more importantly, she believes the Carlsbad police's motorcycle officers write too many expensive tickets for speeding in the 30 MPH zone.

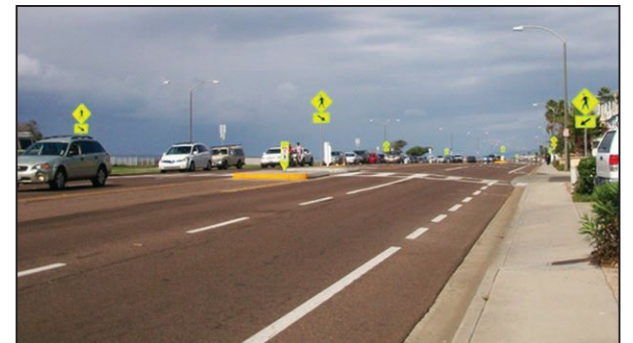
BY KEN HARRISON, OCT. 14, 2012

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

Fight breaks out at House of Blues Hives show

Victim ejected

The Hives, a Swedish rock band, performed at the House of Blues downtown on the evening of Monday, October 8. Toward the end of their rau-



A resident says he'd rather see signs than "someone splattered."

week. Eighteen day-glo yellow pedestrian-crossing signs were installed along the .4-mile section. Several residents, while appreciating the safety of the new crosswalks, are not happy with the large display of signage. Anyone walking or driving down the road cannot miss the intrusion into the previously unobstructed view of the ocean.

According to the California Coastal Commission's Toni Ross, no coastal permit was needed by the city to put up the signs since it was an existing road and a traffic-safety issue.

On Friday, October 12, the first four visitors I talked with felt the magnitude of signs is obnoxious. George, from Oceanside, said they are "not consistent with the style of Carlsbad." Debbie, from Vista, who grew up in the neighborhood, said they are "kind of

cous set, a fight broke out in front of the pit, and security guards had their hands full.

A witness who said his name was "Steve-o" told me that "the group was battling over a guitar pick" that had been thrown into the audience. But, later, a security guard confided that "two males in the front were grabbing female fans in private areas." When one of the boyfriends of a victim saw his girlfriend get accosted, he shoved the perpetrator, and a fight broke out.

When the band saw the mayhem, they stopped the music and watched the action unfold. Security guards pushed both fighting parties apart as pit fans scattered. A man in a white T-shirt was escorted away as attendees shouted, "Out!"

Outside, after the show, the ejected man with the white T-shirt turned out to be a vic-

tim of the two perpetrators. He had been punched and pushed down while defending his girlfriend.

BY GAIL POWELL, OCT. 9, 2012

MIDWAY DISTRICT

ScrAAAPE!

Problem where two roads meet

U-Haul drama occurred on October 13 at around 10:00 a.m. as an Arizona-license-plated moving van got stuck in the street near the 4400 block of Mentone Street in the Midway District.



Zonies and locals periodically have trouble at this intersection.

The steeply inclined dip has been the bane of many a large delivery truck and even the San Diego Blood Mobile. Not a week goes by that neighbors do not shake their heads at yet another oversized vehicle that has gotten their back ends jammed on the street where it meets West Point Loma Boulevard. This time it was an Arizona couple who were bringing the boards out to try and get the U-Haul moving again.

Eventually, a tow-truck driver was called and the heavy van was hauled out of the dip and set free.

BY JUSTIN POWELL, OCT. 15, 2012

CHULA VISTA

Comedy club, strip club, what's the diff?

War of words with EyeCandy lawyer

In an interview on October 8, owner/operator Randy Welty said EyeCandy Showgirls will be open 11:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m. daily.

Anne Steinberger, marketing and communications manager for the City of Chula Vista, put out a press release on October 8 that stated, "Chula Vista Municipal Code requires a special live entertainment

business license for exotic dance operations and prohibits nude or simulated nude demonstrations or exhibitions at such places."

Steinberger also forwarded portions of the business-license application and an attachment from the tenant-improvement application. The license application is for a "cabaret"; however, the attachment forwarded by the city from Welty gives a detailed account of how Welty's comedy club will operate.

The attorney for Welty and EyeCandy, Roger Diamond,

said in an October 9 interview, "There are very few properties that are legal, but Bay Boulevard is one of them."

When asked why the description of the business (cabaret) varies from the tenant-improvement application (comedy club), Diamond said, "What is the requirement? If they don't have the authority to ban a strip club, what difference does it make if it's adult entertainment or a comedy club?"

BY SUSAN LUZZARO, OCT. 9, 2012

CHULA VISTA

Sweetwater's Ed Brand seeks to remove committee members

Oops — you forgot to fill out the form

Fresh out of the chute as new superintendent of the Sweetwater Union High School District, Ed Brand recently sought to remove all of the members of the Proposition O Bond Oversight Committee, save one — Jim Morris, who has had a relationship with Brand and the district in the past.

The committee is charged with overseeing the district's expenditure of \$644 million in bond money. In September,

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the bond-oversight committee made public a “no confidence” vote in Brand.

Brand writes in an October 4 letter to the board of trustees that the motivation for his recommendation is that he has asked the committee members to fill out conflict-of-interest forms and they have not. Brand says filling out the form is part of oversight-committee best practices “as well as to comply with the transparency that we have repeatedly heard from members of the community.”

Brand’s letter continues: “The reason for me informing you of this request is that, as of today, only one member, Jim Morris, has submitted his form, and I believe that there will be members who decide not to complete the 700 form and turn it in. Therefore, I will be recommending that they be removed from the [committee] and be replaced with other members of the community that will agree with the stipulation.”

According to committee member Kevin O’Neill, the first time Brand mentioned the 700 form was at an August 29 meeting. O’Neill commemorated the occasion with an email: “Dr. Brand, attached is the Government Code section 82700 regarding who is required to file 700 forms.... Your statement that something was going on with the [committee] and you were going to make us fill out 700 forms was out of line....”

BY SUSAN LUZZARO, OCT. 12, 2012

TIJUANA

Yellow cabs at border face pirates Guys in yellow shirts and black slacks

For decades, Tijuana’s Taxis Amarillos (Yellow Cab) franchise lot was located a few hundred feet from its greatest source of customers, just north of the U.S. border entryway into Mexico. Thousands of potential *clientes* every day would parade by the lot, which contained perhaps a couple dozen cabs ready to go at any time, available to launch up to five passengers to all points throughout the sprawling warrens of the city.

Now, the cab drivers are bewildered by changes taking place on the border. They have become strangers in a strange new territory. This is what you might interpret if you were listening to some of the comments issued by Taxis Amarillos spokesperson Manuel Zavala.

According to Zavala, in the aftermath of recent construction,

of *taxistas*, sporting the traditional yellow shirts and black slacks but unaffiliated with Yellow Cab, loiter about the base of the pedestrian bridge that crosses over the U.S.-bound traffic at the newly opened entrance into Mexico.

The drivers direct would-be Yellow Cab customers to the “pirate” lot located on the eastern side of the traffic jam, although a walk of perhaps a hundred more yards would place them right in front of the still-functioning old Yellow Cab lot.

BY T.B. BEAUDEAU, OCT. 11, 2012

BOULEVARD

The Shockey Fire ashes

Seen from 1500 feet

The 2800-acre Shockey Fire, which started on Sunday afternoon, September 23, destroyed 25 buildings and took one life. The devastation is heartbreaking. The neighborhood of Tierra del Sol in Boulevard was hardest hit, with up to 11 homes



Still identifiable is a neighborhood road in Boulevard

the organization and its drivers have been left completely uninformed by Mexican transportation and planning officials regarding the future of their border location.

Zavala notes that there are now Yellow Cab lots on both east and west sides of the San Ysidro entryway. Also, a cluster

destroyed.

This October 1 photo was taken from a light aircraft 1500 feet above the ground, just north of the international border.

On October 1, it was reported that target-shooters may have inadvertently started the blaze.

BY WILLIAM HOWELL, OCT. 1, 2012

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from U-T staff. The majority of the articles are from news services like the AP and the *New York Times*. I can get that from Google. Then there are the numerous guest authors that seem to be a hand-picked bunch of mouthpieces that are not presenting both sides of the issues.

3) The ratio of advertising to news is higher than it ever has been. That includes the much-too-frequent promotion of the website and U-T TV. There are times when I turn the page and only see advertising on both pages of the paper.

4) I'm tired of having to unwrap the paper to get to it. Sticking the half-page wrap on the front page with a sticker to make me handle it is not a good thing. Or sticking something I want (like the comics) to the heavy paper ad for a mattress I don't want.

5) The intentional layout to make it difficult to read the paper in any format but laid out flat. It used to be the fold was a natural division of the layout of articles. And those loose half sheets and quarter sheets are annoying; they fall out when reading.

All these indicate to me that I am viewed as just a subject for your marketing and salesmanship not as a loyal/devoted reader for 25 years.

Gary Goldberg
via email

Clear Irony

Regarding the irony of the News Ticker item, "Switch Hitter" and "Smarter Cities Richer" being on the same page (October 4). We have La Jolla billionaire and Qualcomm founder Irwin Jacobs who "donated" \$2 million dollars to the super Pac supporting the president ("you didn't build that" Obama), and our Democrat president carping at his opponent that he is rich and out of touch with the people — whom-ever "they" are. Why does our Democrat president

attack a mere millionaire, Romney, while not attacking his excessively wealthy, billionaire supporter or, for that matter, Bill Clinton and others, such as Hollywood celebs? When you point a finger at someone, there are three others pointing at you!

"Smarter Cities Richer" lists heavily Democrat, voter-enhanced cities of San Jose, San Francisco/Oakland, Boston/Cambridge and San Diego. Washington D.C. led this roster but one could suspect income is skewed by annual/perennial interlopers, representatives, senators and their minions, and not minority residents.

After all, why would Democrat Obama send his children outside Washington D.C. public schools to a private one? D.C. schools are prevented from vouchers, which would permit parental direction (as Obama has). I'm certain that security for the president's children would be effective! If not, how about the rest of us? Both articles beg the issue, if being a multimillionaire like Romney makes him an ideal attack subject, why not billionaire Irwin Jacobs who, according to the *Reader* has supported a Republican for San Diego mayor? Perhaps Mr. Jacobs has seen the light. Quoting a UCSD "economist" is also revealing. Three of the noted smarter cities have UC campuses, and we all know how Democrat they are.

As an independent voter, I try to vote for the best people running for office, and if I don't have enough information to vote intelligently I will not vote. It seems to me that Democrats have let us down ever so slightly. I don't like Romney! But Democrats have proven to be anything but centrist, and unions which are heavily Democrat are totally out-of-touch with reality, except when reality is money. They've had their way with two — no, make that all three — branches of our government and have utterly failed. It's time for change! But, probably, Obama doesn't want to use his hackneyed call to arms.

Thanks to the *Reader* for presenting a clear, ironic, publication.

A constitutional centrist,
Fred J. Crowe

Keep Cuff Alive

I've been reading the *Reader* for over eight years and have always enjoyed the Off the Cuff interviews, but in the last year or so I've noticed a decline in its presence. I'm applying for the job if there is an opening. I'm a people person and talk to strangers everywhere I go, sometimes annoying my wife and kids! I will be prompt and meet deadlines always. Just asking for a chance to prove myself and keep a part of the *Reader* alive. I have a reliable car, camera and computer.

Luke Girling
via email

Busy, Busy KGB

This is regarding the music article titled "Homegrown" by Dave Good, August 16. There are many San Diegans who grew up listening to 101 KGB-FM throughout the 1970s and beyond. Rock DJs Jim McInnes (who joined KGB-FM in 1974) and Jeff Prescott (in August 1975) are legendary. They were the voice of reason, charm, and personality, including real passion, working and representing KGB-FM. There were there at the right time. Even as a 13-year-old kid, I could relate to their sense of humor and the topics of the day. They could really make the younger KGB listeners feel good about themselves and, just as important, they would play pure rock music, classic '60s and current '70s, as rock was evolving into progressive heavy rock. KGB also took pride in their anti-disco movement. I always felt a connection with 101 KGB-FM as a rock station. They did everything right on. They seemed to cater to your needs, especially as the 1970s were developing and changing before your eyes. It was great to be a teenager.

The *Homegrown* albums were the first of their kind, making their debut in October of 1973, courtesy of 101-KGB. Profits from album sales went to the United Way

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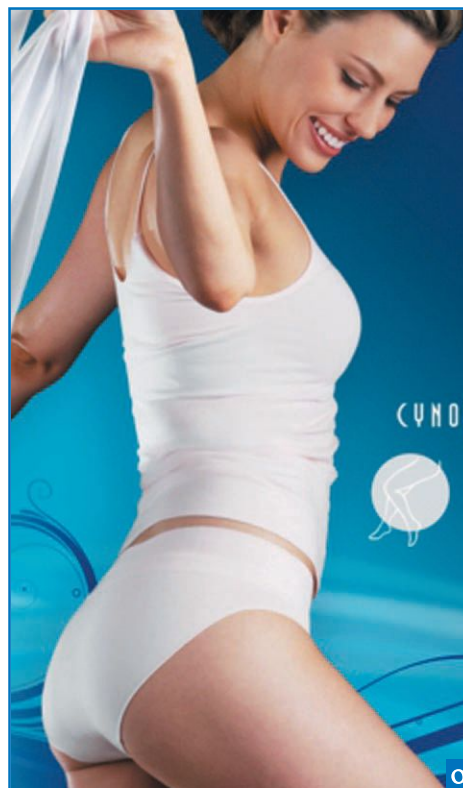
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of San Diego. The song that started it all was titled "Chula Vista," written by Doug Drill. The band was Rose and the Arrangements. Other song favorites were "Spring Valley Sally" on *Homegrown 1*, recorded by Montezuma's Revenge, and "Black's Beach," by the Island (written by Barry Fox), "Logan Avenue Blues," by Good News (written by J. Noone and Ted Picor), "Gypsies from Bon-sall," by Larry Weir, "Dago from Diego" and "I Can See the Point," performed by Pete Filacio and the Fantasy Band (who just happens to be my uncle, by the way, and knows Jim McInnes). Yes, indeed, the *Homegrown* albums are legendary and are very important to San Diego history.

I would like to include the KGB Chicken, who was hatched in the spring of 1974, and performed with Elvis Presley in concert in 1976. Also, at the Sports Arena in 1976, the KGB chicken was jailed for disturbing the peace at an Aerosmith concert. He is mostly known for his humorous acts during the Padres games, even though he would leave KGB before 1980 and become "The Chicken," his trademark design, not KGB's, though he still performed throughout the 1980s. In fact, the chicken was rehatched out of a giant egg at a Padres game — I believe in 1984. To most San Diegans, he will forever be known as the KGB chicken. That is, if you grew up with him.

Last, but not least, what sets KGB apart from all the rest is the spectacular KGB sky shows. They were the first to broadcast live and have synchronized rock music with a massive fireworks display, this nostalgic tradition belonging to San Diego since April of 1976. Anyone who ever attended a rock concert and KGB sky show combined at the stadium will always remember how epic it was. The atmosphere was a rare sight to behold. As the day turned into night, it was a never-ending party for 60,000 concert-goers inside the stadium, including the grass playing field that turned into a sea of people — a scenario you could never forget. Also, the parking lot was transformed into party central, the apex of all parties, a place where you had the freedom to barbecue, bring your own coolers of ice-cold beer (kegs included), hang out with people you just met and share food, drink and nice stories. It's incredible how a stadium parking lot can offer everlasting memories.

In conclusion, even though times have changed, the sky shows continue to be spectacular. Take part in San Diego tradition and nostalgia, courtesy of 101 KGB-FM.

Tony A. Metal
Spring Valley

Oh, You White People

I'm calling about your article "Afro Puffs" from July 12. I also find it very offensive. I have three very beautiful black girls — women. Two of them are married, one of them to a very well-off, rich white man; one of them to

a very well-off black man. I have another black daughter, and she's very well wanted by everybody. I have a sister married to a white man.

Whoever put that in the newspaper must have been talking about themselves, because there's a lot of us black women who are wanted by a lot of men. These black men who are taken by mistake by whites and hispanics, it's only for their money. When they wake up to see what's really happening, they'll be smart.

That was very wrong to put that in your article. I know a lot of you white people and you Mexicans don't like black women because you feel that we're inferior to you. But we aren't. We're more upstanding than you guys. Somebody had to really be hating on us to put that in there. To the white person that put that in there, why don't you show your face? You're not as beautiful as you think. Black don't crack. By the time you turn 60, you're going to look like bullshit. Black women look very beautiful when they're in their 60s, 70s, and 80s, and you guys are going to look like bullshit.

When you start putting down black women, you need to think twice. We're very well-educated, ok? We're not going to have that from you white people going on and on and on about disgracing us and discarding us. Take another look at yourself. We're just as beautiful as you white people are. So, stop with the bullshit.

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WHEN: 6 to 11 p.m.

WHERE: Bristol Hotel, 1055 First Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2110; cultureshockdancecenter.com

Friday | 19

TAKING REALITY BY SURPRISE

Artist Daniel Merriam takes viewers “on a journey where old and new worlds collide and timeless stories are as familiar as they are bizarre” with this exhibition, titled “Flight of Fantasy.” Merriam will sign copies of his art books, available for purchase at the gallery.

WHEN: 6 to 9 p.m. (also Saturday 6 to 9 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.)

WHERE: Exclusive Collections Gaslamp Quarter, 437 Market Street. RSVP: pr@ecgallery.com or 800-204-0062; ecgallery.com

Saturday | 20

RIDE THE PUMPKIN EXPRESS

Ride an old-time train down the mountain and return to the “Pumpkin Patch” and the “Haunted Train” to pick out a pumpkin for decorating onsite or taking home. Take one of three trains that provide a unique way for families to enjoy this festive season. \$5–\$15

WHEN: Trains leave at 10 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. (trains run Saturdays and Sundays through October 28)

WHERE: Pacific Southwest Railway Museum, State Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road, Campo. 619-478-9937; psrm.org

Sunday | 21

APPLE FESTIVAL

Fall is about more than pumpkins! Celebrate Palomar Mountain State Park’s apple heritage with fresh apples picked from the park’s 100-year-old orchards, apple dishes, live music, cider, arts and crafts for kids, prizes, and living-history reenactors. Guests are



invited to bring their own homemade apple dish and come dressed in 19th-century homestead period attire. Free access throughout the park all day.

WHEN: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE: Palomar Mountain State Park, 19952 State Park Drive, Palomar Mountain. 760-742-3462; palomarsp.org



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19: ARTIST DANIEL MERRIAM’S “FLIGHT OF FANTASY”

Monday | 22

THE HAUNTED TRAIL

Get a leg up by checking out this “all-outdoor haunted attraction” before the Halloween crowd gets crazy. On this mile-long trail “through the twisted grove of pines and gnarled oaks,” you’ll encounter an “outdoor terror that is simply too big to house indoors.” \$15–\$32, not for children under 10 or anyone with a heart condition.



WHEN: 7 to 11 p.m. (ongoing through October 31, check for times)

WHERE: Marston Point, Laurel Street at Sixth Avenue, Balboa Park. 619-231-0131; hauntedhotel.com

the Old Globe. Our critic writes, “Amid dramatic confrontations, thanks to

director Paul Mullin’s deft hand and a top-shelf cast, when the vulgar Southies gather — at the kitchen table or the bingo parlor — laughter erupts as well.” \$29–\$62

WHEN: 7 p.m. (ongoing through October 28, check for times)

WHERE: Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way, Balboa Park. 619-234-5623; theoldglobe.org

Wednesday | 24

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Kids 8 and older (or accompanied by an adult) can make their own traditional Day of the Dead decorations during this workshop. Participants will learn how to make the skulls and complete and decorate a sugar skull using their own designs. Free!

WHEN: 6:30 p.m.

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

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GOOD PEOPLE

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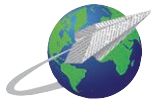
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The glacier-fed, sapphire-blue waters of Lake Tekapo on New Zealand's South Island are too cold to swim in. But the area abounds with great hikes.

Lake Tekapo, New Zealand

By Emily Dayton

For those looking for an off-the-beaten-path excursion in New Zealand, I'd recommend visiting Lake Tekapo, in the center of the country's South Island. The small town is a cluster of homes and motels at the south end of the striking, sapphire-blue glacier-fed lake.

At an elevation of 2300 feet and bordering the Southern Alps, it's a dry, barren place ideal for biking or hiking.

Although the large lake offers ample space for swimming, kayaking, and boating, few people venture in due to the

frigid temperature of the water. Instead, I'd suggest hiking the scenic Mt. John Walkway.

The full trail is a three-hour loop; however, following the trail in a clockwise direction gets you to the summit in about an hour. At the top, you're rewarded with 360-degree views of Lake Tekapo, the majestic Southern Alps, and the expansive Mackenzie Basin flats. Due to the lack of trees and shrubs, you can see every valley and peak the terrain has to offer. Look carefully and you may be able to see Mt. Cook, the highest peak in the southern hemisphere.

If you've reached the top and found yourself lacking in nourishment, have no worries. Perched at the top of the peak is the Astro Café, run in conjunction with the Mt. John Observatory. With only windows for walls, the café offers one of the best views you may ever find yourself dining with.

And if hiking up in the heat of the day is not your thing, venture up at night, when the Mt. John Observatory is open and works with the local Earth & Sky tour company. Lake Tekapo is located in the heart of the Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve and offers

unparalleled views of the southern night sky. Check out a more majestic Milky Way than you'll find in the northern hemisphere, or the Southern Cross, visible only when "down under."

New Zealand is known for its adventure sports, and Lake Tekapo is no exception. Before you journey to the tourist hotspots, check out this less-crowded alternative to enjoy the majestic beauty that is Aotearoa, New Zealand.



A pile of Polish pierogies at Cleveland's famed Sokolowski's University Inn

Mittel Europe in Middle America: Cleveland, OH

By Tamar Fleishman

You can immerse yourself in the culture of Central Europe without ever leaving the States by heading to Cleveland.

Between the food, music, and neighborhoods, there are lots of exotic pockets in the city that give the feel of Slovenia, Poland, Germany, Austria.

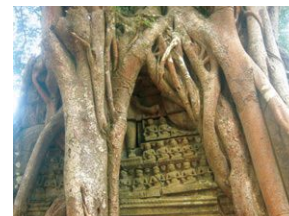
Thanks to a couple of factors — Cleveland's longtime German and Slavic populations, as well as old money from John D. Rockefeller and Standard Oil —

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Other Adventures



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DerekRay: Tree seems to swallow up Hindu carvings on this temple in Cambodia



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Cabrillo National Monument's Bayside Trail offers views that stretch into Mexico and out to the Cuyamaca Mountains, plus up-close viewing of pit-stopping migratory birds.

The view from the Bayside Trail at Cabrillo National Monument is stunningly beautiful. Visible from this trail are downtown San

Diego, Coronado, San Diego Bay, and the Pacific Ocean. Whether you are visiting San Diego for the first time or are a lifelong San

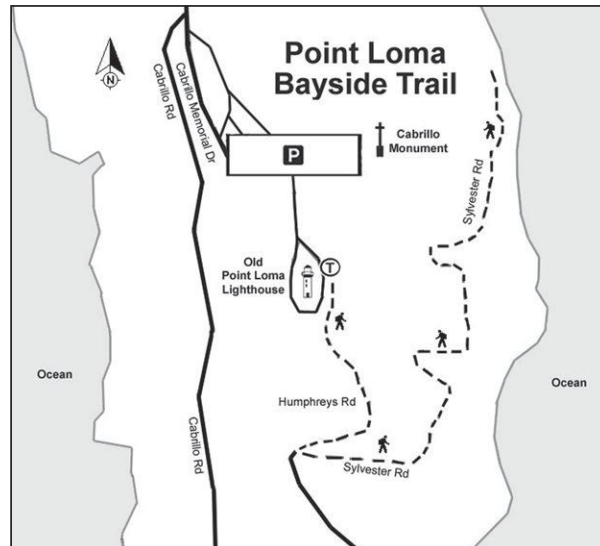
Diegan who has never made it all the way down Point Loma, this trail is a wonderful way to learn a little bit about the nature and

history of the area. The trail is perfect for all ages and hiking abilities since it is a scant 1.86 miles round trip. But don't be fooled by the length. It is still a good workout, as the hike back up the trail is all uphill with a 340-foot elevation gain.

There are interpretive signs along the trail identifying many of the common plants that may be seen on the hike. The signs also highlight the natural history and military importance of Point Loma and San Diego Bay and provide a good opportunity to take a break while climbing the slope back up.

The Bayside Trail is a perfect way to get acquainted with the coastal sage scrub ecosystem. This special habitat is becoming increasingly rare due to development in Southern California. On this trail, however, one can experience the plants and animals that call the sage scrub habitat home. Black sage, California sunflower, California sagebrush, laurel sumac, and lemonade berry are some of the common plants that are encountered. The best time to view wildflowers in this sage scrub community is February through May.

Point Loma is an important avian stopover on the Pacific Flyway. This means that during the spring and fall migration there are lots of bird species that may be viewed, many of which do not make their home in San Diego during the



rest of the year. So, be sure to bring your binoculars! Binoculars are also helpful when viewing the marine birds just offshore and the occasional sea lion that swims up to the fishing boats below.

For history buffs, the Bayside Trail winds past several military bunkers that were part of the defense system used to protect San Diego Bay during World Wars I and II. Point Loma is still important to the military and the entrance to the monument is on land belonging to the Department of the Navy. Pay attention to the time while on the trail. The National Monument

closes at 4 p.m. and the exit gate through the military base closes at 5 p.m. Leave time to explore the visitor center to learn about Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo, who discovered San Diego Bay in 1542.

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Gorgeous Gorge! Experience beautiful Mission Gorge, surrounded by boulder-bearing mountains, nourished by the San Diego River, and home to abundant plant and animal life, during easy naturalist-led trail walk. 619-668-3281. Saturday, October 20, 9:30am; Sunday, October 21, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Miner's Loop Trail Walk Join naturalist Mike Kelly to hike on the north face of Black Mountain. Meet at the parking staging area at 14850 Carmel Valley Rd., about 1/4 mile east of its intersection with Black Mountain Road. 858-484-3219 or penasquitos.org. Saturday, October 20, 9am; **free**. Black Mountain Open Space Park staging area, 14850 Carmel Valley Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Remove Ice Plant in Mission Bay Join San Diego Audubon for TogetherGreen Volunteer Day. Participants are working to remove more than seven acres of invasive ice plant to promote coastal dune habitat, create space for Nuttall's Lotus and other coastal dune native plants. Meet at parking lot just south of causeway to Fiesta Island, walk with group to field site. Wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Work

gloves provided, or bring your own pair. Registration: busby@sandi-egoaudubon.org or 858-273-7800 x104. Sunday, October 21, 9am; 18 and up. Fiesta Island, 1500 Fiesta Island Road. (BAY PARK)

Sensory Awareness Hike Join Will Bowen on a hike to explore your sensory experience as a way to know nature better. Experiment with sight, sound, taste, touch, kinesthetic feeling, and fragrance in the field. This practice can help one have a more profound and rich connection with the natural world. Meet at the west-end staging area. Sunday, October 21, 4pm; **free**. Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, 12020 Black Mountain Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Star Party Returns Join stargazer George Varga as he scopes in the Summer Triangle to view Ring Nebula (M57), binary star Albireo in Cygnus, Dumbbell Nebula (M27), and Coathanger Cluster. Find group in far end of day use parking lot. 619-668-3281. Saturday, October 20, 6pm; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Tijuana River Action Month Cleanup Help "remove as much litter and debris from the valley as possible before the winter rains push it toward the Pacific Ocean." Wear sturdy closed shoes, bring work gloves and buckets for trash. Other supplies provided. To reach site, exit I-5 at Dairy Mart Rd., turn right onto Dairy Mart, follow road and make first left once road bends, then follow signs to canopy *lambrogi@cleansd.org* or 619-704-2778. Saturday, October 20, 9am; **free**. (SAN YSIDRO)

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"Dead Men Do Tell Tales" Or, "Not Your Grandma's Paranormal Encounter." Hear funny, upbeat stories of people who lived in San Diego during the 1800s. Meet the spirits as they answer the comical Dr. Lucretia Bluestocking, Ph.D. (Doctor of Phantom History) and discover that our ghosts tend to hold a sarcastic view of San Diego's history. \$5 for adults; \$1 for children 6 to 12. Tickets are sold at the Seeley Stable on the day of the performance. Friday, October 19, 3pm and 4pm; Saturday, October

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the city was able to create and nurture one of the finest orchestras in the world. Time favorably compared Cleveland Orchestra to many of the most noteworthy orchestras of Central Europe. During the summer, the orchestra performs outdoors at the Blossom Music Festival, inside the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. You can bring picnic coolers, as well as purchase food and wine there. The lawn seating is arranged on a hill, so it's nature's amphitheater seating with no obstructed views of the musicians.

The Cleveland Museum of Art's permanent collections are always free to the public, including their German and Austrian Medieval and Renaissance suits of armor and German and Austrian Baroque sculpture.

Another place in Cleveland that features free Prussian art is historic Lake View Cemetery. Lake View is one of the first cemeteries of the Victorian era that

broke away from the sterile Colonial-era layout to start the "garden cemetery" trend. Garden cemeteries became the place to promenade, to picnic, and to view fine marble statuary.

Lake View was laid out by Adolph Strauch, a renowned Prussian landscape architect. The cemetery has an impressive monument dedicated to assassinated president James A. Garfield. It's also the final resting place of John D. Rockefeller, Eliot Ness, and Carl B. Stokes; members of President Lincoln's cabinet, Civil War generals, and Revolutionary War soldiers.

Local chef (and Iron Chef) Michael Symon pronounces Sokolowski's University Inn's pierogies a Polish delicacy, "the very best thing [he] ever ate." Having opened in 1923, it's the oldest family-run restaurant in Cleveland. The casual Tremont neighborhood restaurant serves their lunch cafeteria-style, and a very buttery pierogi with onions is on the line. You can get any number you please.

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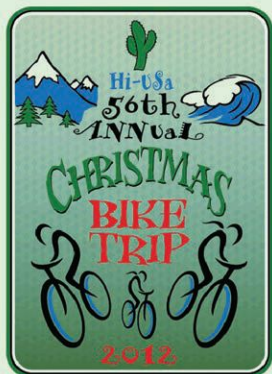
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Haunted High Tea In honor of Halloween, draw the singer, artist, and performer Zoe Tantrum, who models when Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School convenes for drawing, contests, prizes, drinks, music, cake pops from CutiePops. Bring sketch pads, drawing implements. drsketchysandiego@gmail.com. Saturday, October 20, 3pm; \$10. 21 and up. Ruby Room, 1271 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Norwegian Cultural and Heritage Fair San Diego Sons of Norway Valhall Lodge 6-25 hosts fair with *rosemaling* (decorative painting) samples, hardanger lace, genealogy advice, language

class information. Taste authentic Norwegian foods such as meatballs with lingonberry sauce, Viking pea soup, *lefse*, *småkaker* (cookies), *rømmegrøt*, waffles, *smørbrød* (sandwiches), *solbær*. Saturday, October 20, 1pm; \$10. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Music Festival Eleventh annual festival boasts variety of musical genres. *Hooray for Hollywood, The Musical*, a.k.a. *The Review That Saved Miss Pimm's Young Ladies Academy!*, an original musical show based on Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney's 1930s movies, is set for October 19 at Sunshine Brooks Theatre.

Festival concludes with "Groundbreaking" concert by New Ground Chamber Music at 1st Christian Church on October 21. Reservations: OMF@ocaf.info or 760-433-3632. Friday, October 19, 7pm; Sunday, October 21, 2pm; \$10-\$30. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Comic Fest Celebration of old-school comic book conventions features comic book creators, science fiction writers; panels and programs; dealers room; films; and art show. Guests of honor: Jackie Estrada, Murphy Anderson, Mark Evanier, Tim Powers, Paul Sammon, Ron Turner. Admission: \$50 for 3 days, \$25 ages 11-15, free 10 and younger. Friday, October 19, through Sunday, October 21, 10am; \$50. Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Starring: Pumpkins! The annual pumpkin-growing contest culminates with fall festival promising more than two dozen crafters, live music, fun and games for kids. Contest awards: 11am. Saturday, October 20, 9am; **free**. City Farmers Nursery, 4832 Home Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

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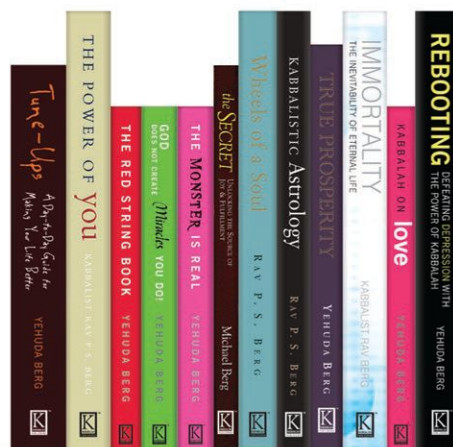
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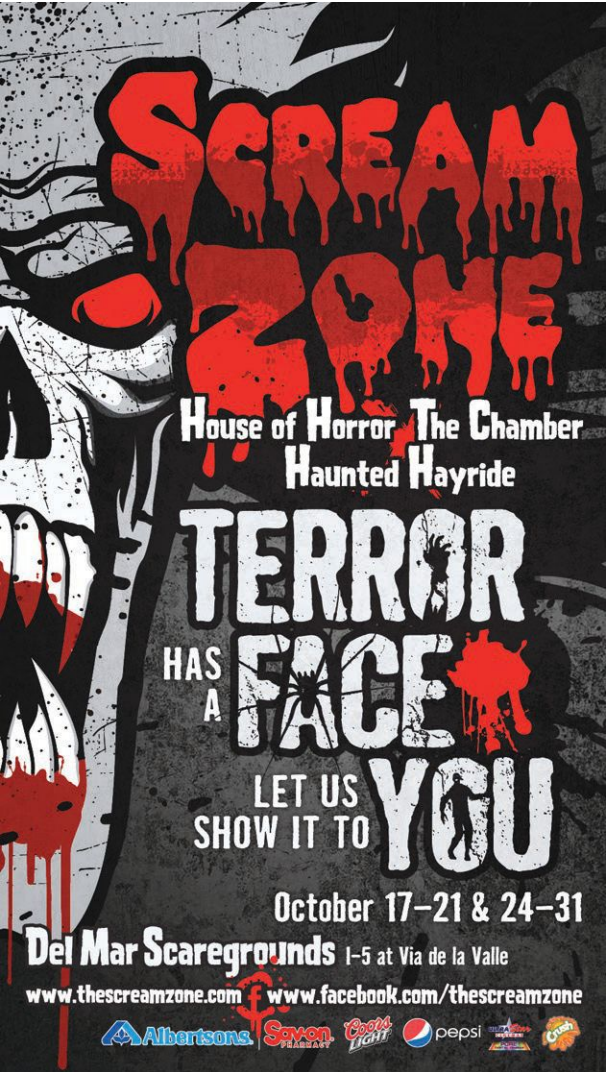
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“Taking Reality by Surprise” Artist Daniel Merriam takes viewers “on a journey where old and new worlds collide and timeless stories are as familiar as they are bizarre.” Merriam will sign copies of his art books, available for purchase at the gallery, on Sunday, October 21. RSVP: *pr@ecgallery*.



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Drone Warfare: Killing by Remote Control Peace Resource Center of San Diego hosts discussion and book signing with Code Pink founder Medea Benjamin. She is “currently on a peace delegation to Pakistan and will also speak about her experiences there.” Books available for purchase. *info@prcsd.org* or 619-263-9301. Saturday, October 20, 3pm; **free**. San Diego Friends Center, 3850 Westgate Place. (OAK PARK)

Weekend With Local Author Book Signing Event “As part of the continuing series of Weekend with Locals events, Warwick’s will be hosting Sherri Starr, author of *Mia and Jake: Finding the One*. Discover the story behind the stick figures as Sherri reveals her inspiration for writing the book that has been giving singles lots of laughs and hope for finding love.” *http://warwicks.indiebound.com/event/sharri-starr*. Saturday, October 27, 2012. Noon-2:00pm. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Ave. (LA JOLLA)

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Raising Urban Chickens Learn how easy it is to raise and care for your own chickens. Raise farm fresh eggs in your own backyard and learn all you need to know to keep your flock happy and healthy. Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, October 20, 10am; Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Family Friendly Hydroponics! The Ag PALS lead workshop dispensing principles of the hydroponic wick method as a sustainable gardening method. Children will do the work, building a hydroponics box to take home, with help from parents (or other fam-

ily member). Instruction, supplies, veggies included in cost (\$70 per family). *agpals@luckymail.com* or 760-977-8892. Sunday, October 21, 12pm; Innovations Academy Charter School, 10380 Spring Canyon Road. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Michael Jackson’s Guitarist Jennifer Batten, who also worked with Jeff Beck for three years, presents multimedia guitar workshop for Fine Tune Academy. 760-908-4911. Saturday, October 20, 10am; \$50. Big Fish Studios. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Self-Sufficiency Fair Learn basic first aid (11am-12:30pm); how to best prepare yourself and home for local disasters, wildfires, and earthquakes (1-2pm); and “how you can cooperate with your life saving instincts during a crisis as well as how to avoid your small mind’s tendency to keep you

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7:30pm, \$20-\$69, Qualcomm Hall, 5775 Morehouse Drive. Sunday, October 21, 3pm, \$20-\$69, California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (SORRENTO VALLEY & ESCONDIDO)

Music on the Point Dana Robinson, Associate Professor of Organ at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign performs on San Diego's unique Baroque pipe organ. Donation \$5. Reception follows. 619-223-6394, ext. 13, all-souls.music@gmail.com. Sunday, October 21, 4:00pm. All Souls' Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

COMEDY

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)

DANCE

Argentine Tango With Colette will give you a first Free Class Monday, October 22, or Wednesday, October 24, at 7pm (or any Monday or Wednesday at 7pm), and will introduce you to the passion and

magic of Tango at Dance Place San Diego in Point Loma. No need for a partner. More information: www.TangoWithColette.com or call 514-726-5567. Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Road, Studio 106. (POINT LOMA)

Boogie Ball Dance to music by Sue Palmer and Her Motel Swing Orchestra. Casual dress. Tickets include finger foods and non-alcoholic refreshments. No-host beer and wine bar. Fundraiser for "finishing touches" of new Welcome Center. Saturday, October 20, 7pm; \$35-\$40. 21 and up. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Miss Representation Documentary focuses "on the impact that media images have on shaping the perceptions, attitudes, and behaviors of women and girls." Four spoken word artists will perform. Discussion follows film, moderated by Lee Ann Kim. RSVP: themovement@jacobscenter.org or 619-527-6161 x272. Saturday, October 20, 11am; **free**. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA PARK)

FOOD & DRINK

Apple Festival Did you know that Palomar Mountain State Park is

made up of pioneer homesteads that included magnificent apple orchards still producing to this day? Celebrate the park's apple heritage with fresh apples picked from the park's 100-year-old orchards, apple dishes, live music, cider, arts and crafts for kids, prizes and living-history volunteers / re-enactors. Guests are welcome to bring their own homemade apple dish and come dressed in 19th-century homestead period attire. 760-742-3462. Sunday, October 21, 11am; **free**. Palomar Mountain State Park, 19952 State Park Drive. (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN)

Brats and Beer At third annual Oktoberfest at Charlie's Kitchen, learn to make classic German foods including bratwurst, red cabbage, German potato salad, and apple strudel, all while enjoying beer tasting from local breweries and from around the world. 858-442-5252. \$40 person, \$70 couple. Saturday, October 20, 5:30pm; \$40-\$70. Charlie's Classic Cooking, 1291 Simpson Way, Suite H. (ESCONDIDO)

Diner en Blanc For this secret pop-up picnic, dress entirely in white, bring an epicurean basket of food, tables, and chairs to a rallying location, then take shuttle to event site. Advance registration required. fiona@katalyst-pr.com. Thursday, October 18, 6pm; **free**-\$25. (SECRET LOCATION)

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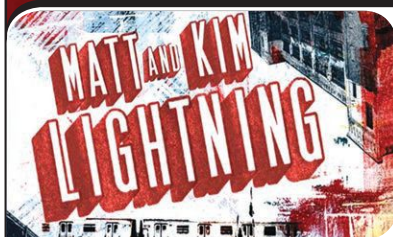







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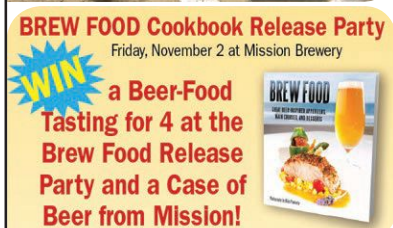
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Thai Soups and Salads Class

Class includes meeting and shopping at local Asian grocer, 2-1/2 hours of instruction, demonstrations, and plenty of practice chopping, cutting, making and eating these locally sourced, healthy and tasty Thai dishes. We'll have a healthy meal at the end, including all the dishes we prepared and some other Thai treats! Contact Brett Steinberger at AsianBodyTherapy@gmail.com or 415-299-2506. Saturday, October 20, 2pm-6pm; \$55, location to be announced. (MISSION HILLS)

The Art of Natural Fermentation Class

Learn about the health benefits of fermenting your own foods. Learn to clean, chop, and set up some of your own favorite foods as healthy, safe ferments. Go home with your own water and milk kefir, kombucha, and different pickled vegetable ferments and starter kits for all the others we'll make in our class. Cost: \$45. Contact Brett Steinberger at AsianBodyTherapy@gmail.com or 415-299-2506. Sunday, Octo-

ber 21, 1pm-4pm; location to be announced. (MISSION HILLS)

4th Annual Clairemont Uncorked

Ticket sales are now open for the 4th Annual Clairemont Uncorked event, an event organized by the Clairemont Chamber of Commerce. Your \$25 ticket purchase includes five wine tastes of your choice, scrumptious tray passed hors d'oeuvres, mouthwatering desserts and a commemorative wineglass. Learn the art of "swirl, sniff & sip" from winery staff while pairing tasty eats provided from the award-winning Butcher Shop restaurant. Price increases to \$35pp after October 26th, so purchase your tickets today. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to: www.clairemontuncorked.com. Friday, November 2, 5pm. The Butcher Shop Steakhouse 5255 Kearny Villa Road (CLAIREMONT)

FOR KIDS

Family Drop-In Day: "Exploring Color"

Create pastel drawings inspired by German and Austrian expressionist drawings, join family-friendly exhibition tour, and participate in gallery activities. Recom-

mended for children ages 6-12. Free after museum admission. Sunday, October 21, 1pm; **free**-\$12. 6 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Future Vet Program

Banfield Pet Hospital sponsors interactive presentation "for kids and families to experience the exciting world of veterinary medicine." Included in admission. 619-233-8792. Saturday, October 20, 11am; **free**-\$10. New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Mask Decorating

Decorate masks for "It Came from the Library" Teen Read Week activity. Reservations: 858-581-9934. Thursday, October 18, 3:30pm; **free**. Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Ride the Pumpkin Express

Ride an old-time train down the mountain, head to a pumpkin patch, and tour the "haunted train." Pick out a pumpkin to decorate on-site or take home. Three trains each day provide a unique way for families to enjoy the season. 619-478-9937 (weekends) or 619-465-7776 (weekdays). Saturdays, 10am, 12:15pm and 2:30pm; Sundays, 10am, 12:15pm and 2:30pm; through Sunday, October 28, \$5-\$15. Pacific Southwest Railway Museum, State

Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road. (CAMPO)

LECTURES

Tour of the Geisel Library

The Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego will hold guided tour of the UCSD Geisel Library conducted by Harold Colson, research librarian. Meet at the Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD at 9am. www.cgssd.org. Saturday, October 20, 9am; **free**. Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Black Skimmers in an Urban Landscape"

One of SD's most stunning seabird residents isn't doing so hot. SDSU graduate student Chris Millow considers "Seabird Breeding and Environment," sharing "skimmer natural history and this collaborative research effort between SDSU and the San Diego Bay Refuge." Saturday, October 20, 10am; **free**. Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"ChangeExchange — The Past, Present and Future of San Diego's Historic Border Park"

The "Dialogues in Art and Architecture" series continues when

James Brown and John Fanestil explore "a future bi-national city on the southwestern border with Mexico at Monument Mesa State Park." Brown is principal at Public Architecture; Fanestil is executive director of Foundation for Change. 858-454-5872. Thursday, October 18, 7:30pm; **free**. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Clearing the Air about Medical Marijuana: What Does the Constitution Say?"

Former chairperson of the City of San Diego's Medical Marijuana Taskforce and Thomas Jefferson School of Law professor Alex Kreit engages the contentious issue of medical marijuana in SD, and its relationship between state and federal law for "Searching for Democracy: A Public Conversation about the Constitution" project. 619-236-5800. Thursday, October 18, 4pm; **free**. 18 and up. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Photographing Strangers"

Gallery talk with photographers Dick Sanders and Carla Richmond, whose work is included in "The Art of Photography Show." Each will share slides of work, discuss their process, answer questions about their philosophies of portraiture. 619-825-5575. Thursday, October

18, 7pm; **free**. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"What is Sustainability and How Do We Measure It?"

Sustainability has multiple definitions and is freely used by many to describe their business or community. But how do we know how far we have come or when we are sustainable in San Diego? Jacques Chirazi (City of San Diego Clean Tech Initiative), Barbara Burton (the Burton Company), and Dan Noble (Noble Resources Group) delve into metrics developed in the areas of energy, water, and transportation. 619-234-1088. Thursday, October 18, 5:30pm; **free**. World Resources Simulation Center, 1088 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

"eReader eClinic"

Learn step-by-step process to download library "ebooks" to "eReader" devices and computers. Hands-on demonstrations, quick tips and helpful hints to help you get the most out of downloads. Bring your devices. 858-573-1384. Saturday, October 20, 1pm; **free**. Tierrasanta Library, 4985 La Cuenta Drive. (TIERRASANTA)

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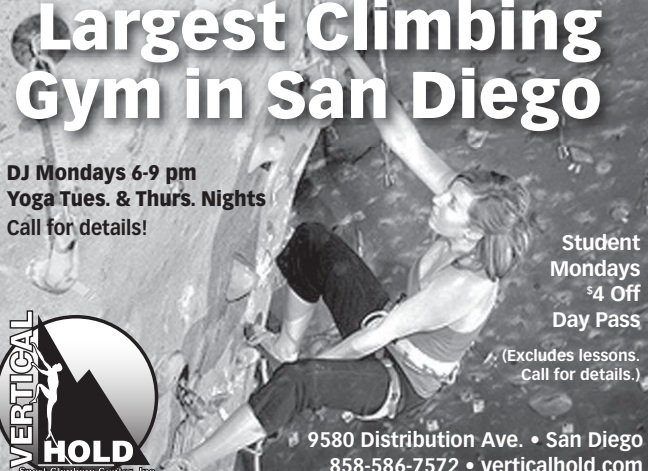
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Age: 61

Born: Wheeling, WV

Formation: Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH; Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT; Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA

Years Ordained: 35

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

Pastor Wilbert Miller: I would preach that in fact there is a free lunch for all people. We live in a culture that always looks for the fine print. Many people think, especially in the church,

that this is only for people who are good, perfect, and think a certain way about social issues, whatever that might be. It is a free lunch for everybody; we are all undeserving and we all get that free lunch, no matter who we are. In our tradition, the free lunch is all about the radical nature of God’s grace....

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

PW: Clearly the church is no longer the institution it used to be. We’re no longer the place where everyone goes Sunday morning, or to the synagogue Saturday. There are so many opportunities and options. My concern becomes that especially we pastors try to cater to

that because we know that people church-shop today... The church needs to commit itself to what Christ is about, and I think that’s not a popular message in our culture, to care for the poor, the hungry, the dying. That’s not always an exciting or happy message.

SDR: Why Lutheran?

PW: It’s what I was born in, but I really cherish the gift of grace and that we are saved by the love of God through Christ Jesus, and not by what we do. That is the issue on which Lutherans rise or fall. I don’t think Lutherans are the perfect denomination, but that’s what rings true, day in and day out. We are justified by the grace of God

and not by what we do. It makes so much sense to me.

SDR: What is the mission of your church?

PW: We are getting ready to celebrate our 125th anniversary. We’re the oldest Lutheran church in Southern California. In 2013 we will celebrate that anniversary. We’ve always been downtown, and for our mission, we say we are the heart of Christ in the heart of the city. And so that I really think the history of this congregation has been to keep our doors open to all people.

SDR: Where do you go when you die?

PW: I believe it’s up to God who gets into heaven. My deepest prayer, because



Pastor Wilbert Miller believes “We are all undeserving, [yet] we all get that free lunch, no matter who we are.”

I know myself best, is that God is merciful. That is my prayer. I certainly don’t feel that I deserve to be in heaven.... I’m fearful that any answer I give to that question minimizes the wonder of God’s grace.

SDR: Is heaven the only option for people? Or is there a place of punishment that they could go to?

PW: I think God works that out. What I see in the world, my daily experience starts with me. I know I’m a sinner, so I don’t need to point my finger at others. My worldview is that we are fallen, we are broken, and we are selfish. The world revolves around us and our ideas of what’s perfect. But my belief is that Gods’ view is much bigger than my little worldview.

— Joseph O’Brien

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Diego Healthcare System) will discuss changes in memory that occur with age and common concerns. Topics include: probable causes for memory problems, when to seek assistance, mild cognitive impair-

ment, and the various types of dementia. Friday, October 19, 1pm; **free.** Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Green Equilibrium: How Humans and the Natural World Have Co-Evolved Christopher Wills, professor emeritus of Biological Sciences and a member of the Center for Molecular

Genetics, will discuss the balancing forces that keep natural ecosystems diverse and healthy and how similar balancing forces have shaped our own evolution. Chancellor’s Complex #111A. Saturday, Octo-

ber 20, 1:30pm; **free.** University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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Still I Rise Using Maya Angelou's poem, "Still I Rise," as a starting point, Dr. Amy Galpin, associate curator, Art of the Americas, will examine modern and contemporary portraiture created by American artists, with an emphasis on work created in the last 20 years. 619-699-1953. Friday, October 19, 10am; \$8-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark Clairemont Act One shares tales for all ages, "from standard stories of horror to urban legends" with simple staging. Bring nonperishable food items and clean clothing in good repair to donate. Friday, October 19, 7pm; Saturday, October 20, 7pm; \$5-\$8.

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Homecoming Show your Olympian spirit at San Diego Mesa College's first homecoming celebra-

tion before a game against Victor Valley College at the Merrill Douglas Stadium. Festivities kick off at 5pm in the East Athletics Plaza next to parking lot #3. \$10 entry fee includes hot dog, chips, beverage, and game ticket. game follows at 6pm. Saturday, October 20, 5pm; \$10. Mesa College, 7250 Mesa College Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

San Diego Triathlon Challenge! Former Bachelor Dr. Andy Baldwin and Challenged Athlete Sarah Reinertsen are teaming up at the San Diego Triathlon Challenge! The third and final leg of the triathlon will be run by Anthony Chan — highest fundraiser for the "got chocolate milk?" fundraising challenge. Check out Team REFUEL and all the San Diego Triathlon Challenge fun during the all-day event at the La Jolla Cove! For more information check out www.gotchocolatemilk.com or www.challengedathletes.org. Sunday, October 21. (LA JOLLA COVE)

Swing into Action Golf Tournament Coca-Cola presents fourth annual golf tournament benefiting Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Sunday, October 21, 7:30am; \$100. Salt Creek Golf Club, 525 Hunte Parkway. (CHULA VISTA)

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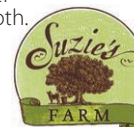
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# Feast!

## In my family, the family meal was sacrosanct.

No matter what was going on or how busy you were with school, work, or friends, when dinnertime rolled around, you were expected to be there or be prepared to explain yourself.

All of us participated in preparations: the table was always nicely set, utensils and napkins in their proper place. The table was Formica, and the plates were melamine, but no matter, it was set daily as if we were expecting the president of the United States to show up.

My mother, an excellent baker who learned the trade in her father's shop, was not an especially adept cook. It didn't matter; we knew at the end of the meal we'd be treated to dessert. Sometimes it was as simple as fresh fruit, but more often than not, she'd have one of her lighter-than-air angel food cakes or her peanut butter cookies studded with whole nuts.

It wasn't just a means to fill your stomach; this was our family's time to regroup, to come together and talk, to discuss current events, school, or the latest neighborhood gossip. Sometimes we fought during dinner, but more often we laughed.

Some restaurants bring the spirit of family dinnertime back to my mind — places where food is created with care, where the service is warm and welcoming, and where you can relax and reconnect with family and friends. — *Mary Beth Abate*



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Don't feel guilty if you decide not to share your butterscotch pudding at **Blue Ribbon Artisan Pizzeria**.

### Blue Ribbon Artisan Pizzeria

897 South Coast Hwy 101, suite F102, Encinitas, 760-634-7671, [blueribbonpizzeria.com](http://blueribbonpizzeria.com)

For Wade Hageman, making pizzas at his Blue Ribbon Artisan Pizza isn't so different from his former days as executive chef at Blanca in Solana Beach. He still uses fresh, locally sourced ingredients as well as house-made fresh mozzarella, rich, garlicky tomato

sauce, and fennel sausage. The dough is fermented for three days and baked a few minutes longer than traditional Neapolitan pizza, giving it a thin, crackling crisp crust and soft crumb.

Adornments are simple and high quality, from the brightly flavored Signature pizza topped with fresh mozzarella, ricotta, lemon zest, red onion, basil, and extra virgin olive oil, to the Staff Favorite (house

tomato sauce, sausage, basil, Parmigiano Reggiano, and a drizzle of heavy cream).

Popular and delicious starters include local sweet-corn soup; a Caesar salad that uses heirloom Little Gem romaine, Parmigiano Reggiano, and garlicky bread crumbs; and the yellowtail tuna *crudo*, fresh local yellowtail, Haas avocado, ruby grapefruit, and lemon olive oil.

There's only one des-

sert on the menu, but try to save room for it. It's a sinful butterscotch pudding, smooth and creamy under its topping of salted caramel and whipped cream. Don't feel guilty if you decide not to share.

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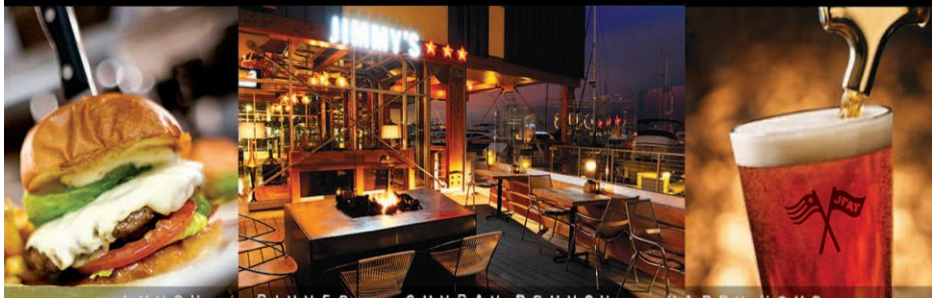
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Tried and true sandwich faves include a lovely turkey, pear, and brie on sturdy bread with a good schmear of cranberry aioli and a delectable grilled-vegetable version dressed in an addictive, earthy walnut spread.

Eggs à la Africana (eggs and fava beans topped with a tangy yogurt sauce), biscuits and eggs smothered in Italian sausage gravy, and red velvet pancakes are big draws for the weekend

brunch crowd.

If you're lucky enough to get there before Hanna's famous ginger carrot cake sells out, be sure to grab a slice. It's worth every moist, spicy, cream-cheesy bite.

## Eclipse Chocolat

2121 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park,  
619-578-2984, [eclipsechocolat.com](http://eclipsechocolat.com)

There are so many ways to enjoy the specialty of the house at Eclipse Chocolat. The tiny, comfy café offers dessert platters combining unexpected flavors, like the chocolate olive oil fondue, a vegan-friendly combo with 72 percent chocolate, blood orange olive oil, fresh fruit, candied mango, and a sugared torta; or the tasting platter, a collection of four petite chocolate desserts featuring seasonal ingredients that changes every six weeks.

Crème fraîche cupcakes, in dark chocolate or vanilla butter cake, feature an exotic caramel or cream filling and a rich ganache

glaze in an assortment of 24 rotating flavors.

Decadent drinking chocolates and mochas mingle dark, milk, or white chocolate and infusions of rosemary/mint, chilies/burnt caramel, or vanilla/orange peel. Two pillowy-soft house-made vanilla-bean marshmallows come on the side.

On weekends, a Chocolate Brunch showcases savory small plates infused with caramel, chocolate, or vanilla bean, available à la carte or in three- or four-course combos. Crispy rosemary potatoes, roasted golden brown, sprinkled with serrano sea salt and chili-burnt caramel hollandaise, are a standout, as is the chocolate-glazed bacon waffle or the three & three scramble — three eggs plus three add-ins (sub egg whites at no extra charge). Brunch standbys, the mimosa and bloody Mary, are tweaked Eclipse

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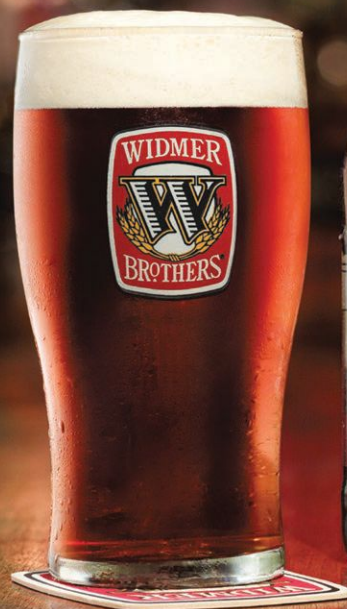
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3930 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-3227, [dbarsandiego.com](http://dbarsandiego.com)

Dessert becomes performance art at d Bar Desserts, sort of a pastry chef's version of a sushi bar. The long, sleek counter runs the length of the room and affords a bird's eye view of chef Keegan Gerhard or one of his talented staff plating your picture-perfect dessert.

The Cake and Shake is three layers of moist chocolate goodness under a not-too-sweet Madagascar chocolate frosting and

your choice of a thick, frosty chocolate, vanilla, or raspberry shake or malt. Milk and Cookies (chocolate chunk, peanut butter bull's eye, snicker doodle, and oatmeal raisin) are popular. So is the Molten Chocolate Thingy that Everyone Has, pairing the aforementioned molten thingy with raspberry compote and pistachio ice cream.

As much as I love a good chocolate dessert, I usually pick one of the seasonal fruit desserts. Here, local produce shines, as in Late Summer Porn: roasted California peaches, buttermilk panna cotta, sweet-corn ice cream, and white-peach sorbet.

Savory small plates are reasonably priced and shareable. My favorite is the Southern Fried Belgian, a moist, crispy chicken breast sandwiched between cheesy, herby Belgian waffles. Pudgy, juicy grilled

Kobe sliders in a brioche bun are tasty, too, under their drunken onion and white cheddar toppings.

Libations haven't been overlooked amid the sweets — a Peppermelon (Bombay gin, black pepper, honey, and watermelon) will cool you off on the hottest day. The beer and wine lists are short and uncomplicated; nearly all wines are available by both the glass and bottle.

## Local Habit

3827 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-795-4770, [mylocalhabit.com](http://mylocalhabit.com)

Using local organic produce, house-cured meats, and homemade breads, Local Habit's seasonally changing bill of fare features Napolitano-style pizzas, small plates, salads, and sandwiches. Nearly all the pizzas can be made gluten-free, and there are a surprising variety of vegetarian and vegan options on the fuss-free menu.



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Twelve taps serve San Diego beers on a rotating basis, including a weekly cask offering and a selection of bottled beers and hard ciders. Here, too, you can find gluten-free choices, such as New Planet's Tread Lightly Ale and Off Grid Pale. The short wine list features moderately priced bottles from family-owned California wineries.

### Table 926

926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach,  
858-539-0926, table926.com  
San Diego native Matt Richman, co-owner and executive chef of Table 926, keeps his menu short and focused. A half dozen or so starters and entrées comprise the regular rotation. Several ingredient-driven daily specials round it out.

Crowd-favorite appetizers include delectable, nutty-tasting roasted Brussels sprouts, lightly charred

and dressed in a bright Dijon white anchovy vinaigrette and a shower of Parmesan; and Venus clams, fennel confit, and Spanish chorizo steamed in a white wine-butter sauce.

Luscious pork cheeks are given a spicy, tangy glaze of tamarind and guajillo chilies, then nestled into a bed of sautéed bitter greens and creamy polenta. Ribeyes are aged in-house and grilled, accompanied by aromatic *herbes de Provence* frites and a sparkling watercress and picholine olive salad.

Sweet endings are fun and unexpected — raspberry, Nutella, and vanilla ice creams, perched on roasted bananas, and little bowls of cherries, pistachios, chocolate sauce, and whipped cream on the side make for a do-it-yourself banana split. Pineapple and sweet onion are baked into the Opposite Day Cake; coconut-marshmallow sorbet and smoked-paprika syrup push it into the decidedly offbeat, but somehow it works. Sweet, savory, and spicy.

A handful of local beers are on tap, a dozen or so more are available in bottles. The wine list is fairly short and moderately priced. Several are available by the glass.

### Café 21

2736 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-640-2121  
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Leyla and Alex Javado may have created the perfect little neighborhood restaurants in their American-Azeri fusion Café 21. It is one of the few restaurants that can get me excited about salad. Too often, they're a limp, bland afterthought. Not so, here. Lightly roasted grapes, sliced almonds, and goat cheese are piled on mixed greens and napped with tangy/sweet honey balsamic vinaigrette. Also lovely is the signature strawberry salad, with pistachios and goat cheese tossed in a not-too-sweet raspberry vinaigrette.

Appetizers are huge and shareable. Chicken, mozzarella, and apricot jelly stuffed Cristo Crepes are a flavor explosion. Earthy, chewy-tender pierogies take me back to the south side of Milwaukee, where Polish grandmas turn them out by the hundreds.

Entrées include several elaborately stuffed dishes: chicken breast, pork chops, cabbage rolls, and lamb-stuffed pasta are ethereal comfort foods. Accompaniments are given thoughtful treatment as well; rice pilafs are studded with nuts and dried fruits, complemented by delectable saffron or garlic cream sauces.

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## Snooze, an A.M. Eatery

3940 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-500-3344, [snoozeeatery.com](http://snoozeeatery.com)

This breakfast-centric bistro is open at 6:30 a.m. every day of the week to greet you with an elaborate latte or a restorative cocktail such as the Hound Dog, with citrus vodka, grapefruit juice, and raspberry liqueur. After you select whether you want to be bright-eyed or buzzed, choose from an array of re-imagined breakfast classics, from the savory Breakfast Pot Pie (with house-made rosemary sausage) or Chilaquiles Benedict (carne asada atop a "cheesy, saucy, tortilla stack," Niman Ranch eggs, smoked cheddar hollandaise, fresh salsa, and cotija cheese) to the sweet and oh-so-decadent Pineapple Upside Down Pancakes or Sweet



**Snooze, an A.M. Eatery** features reinvented classics. For example, the Chilaquiles Benedict.

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Hip, urban, and with three locations from the shore to downtown, the Mission is open by 7 a.m., which makes it a great go-to for early-morning meetings with "conscientious cuisine." My favorite dish is the Breakfast Burritos — two tamale-sized egg-and-cheese burritos served on a plate with black beans. But

no visit is complete without a bite of a strawberry, banana, and granola pancake (if you can't handle a stack, you can order just one pancake to share). Other sure-fire dishes are the Mission Rosemary (crispy rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, rosemary bread) and the Zen Breakfast (egg whites, tofu, brown rice, grilled veggies,

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### Hacienda de Vega

2608 South Escondido Boulevard,  
Escondido, 760-738-9805,  
[haciendadevega.com](http://haciendadevega.com)

The best time to visit this tranquil oasis is late afternoon on a weekday, just as the sun begins to relent. Beat the happy-hour crowd by arriving at 3 or 4 p.m. and ordering the best margarita in the

county (that's right, I'm calling it), the Hacienda Margarita — a refreshing, spicy concoction containing tamarindo and a hunk of fresh jicama, served in a chili-salt rimmed glass. Sit back and listen to the relaxing sound of water cascading off the roof of the hacienda and into a small pond. Little birds scampering through potted plants and walls of violet bougainvillea only add to the wonderment and the Hacienda's Mexico City-influenced menu never disappoints.

### Raglan Public House

1851 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-794-2304, [raglanpublichouse.com](http://raglanpublichouse.com)

I'm beginning to think that it's illegal to display a time-keeping device in Ocean Beach. At any time from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day, you can stroll into this upscale burger bar inspired

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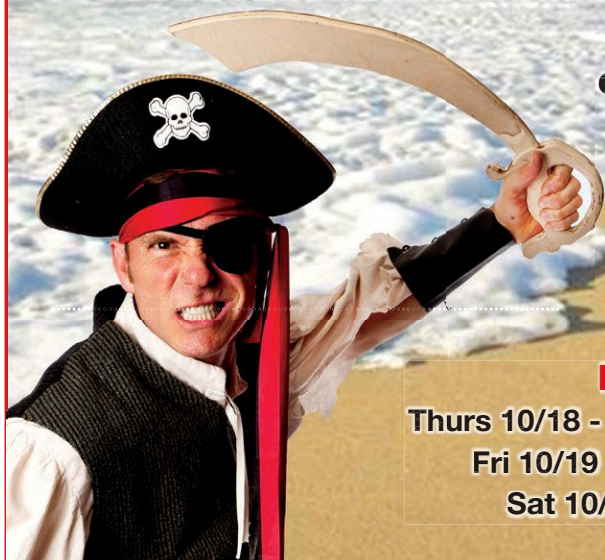
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### Carnitas Snack Shack

2632 University Avenue, North Park,  
619-294-7675, carnitassnackshack.com

Named for the owners' beloved pet mini pig, Carnitas, the shack is exceptionally pork-centric. The menu (ten items written on the chalkboard outside) changes daily, depending on what's fresh at the farmers' markets that day.

Open till midnight, and now with an expanded patio, the shack provides perfect post-drink nosh fare, such as the Pork Belly Hash Burrito or the triple pork sandwich (breaded pork schnitzel, pulled pork, and bacon, with pickle relish and shack aioli). Vegetarians are not entirely forgotten — there's always at least one meat-free dish, such as the Stuffed Tomato (potato, onion, corn, carrot, zucchini, and more).

### Tajima

4681 Convo Street, Kearny Mesa,  
858-576-7244, tajimasandiego.com  
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### Saigon on Fifth

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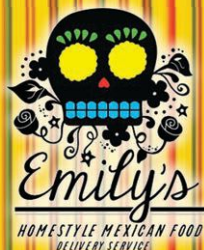
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**Here's a confession:  
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I'd rather have so-so food that's wallet-lite than fantastic fare that causes gnashing of teeth for weeks after. Heck, half the time you never even notice what's going down ye olde gullet anyway.

What kind of food? My partner, the lovely Carla, says bears, possums, and I are soul brothers. We'll eat anything. I've never become an expert in one thing — say, Lao food or sushi or Oaxacan grasshopper dishes or gourmet pizzas. But I seem to like most stuff, aside from boiled cabbage or brussels sprouts.

But there are some places that you kinda take to heart. They're more than the dish or the deal. Something clicks about the people and the place, and you want to come back and be a part of it. These are just some. — *Ed Bedford*

## Napizza

1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-696-0802, [na-pizza.com](http://na-pizza.com)

My favorite new pizza joint. Something about giving the dough 72 hours to rise does seem to give it more flavor. But the main thing about Napizza is attitude. They really have tried to go green, buy local, and recycle like crazy. And they've just created a good vibe. A glass of wine, a square of BAPO (bacon and potato) pizza — say, ten bucks altogether — a seat outside right in the heart of Little Italy at sunset is hard to beat. 'Specially as other places



**Napizza's** truffle and porcini mushroom pizza. Something about giving the dough 72 hours to rise does seem to give it more flavor.

nearby offer the same view for twice the price.

## Baja Oyster & Sushi Bar

1912 Coronado Avenue, suite 105, Nestor, 619-575-4606, [bajaoysterandsushibar.com](http://bajaoysterandsushibar.com)

Favorite seafood hangout. This place is on the edge of the Tijuana Sloughs, but swing through the door and — *bam!* — you're

in the middle of a scene. Each time I've been here it's crowded and feels like party time. You can sit up close to the band of crazy cooks clanging pans, among corrugated iron and palm-frond palapas, and order big (like the shrimp sampler for nearly 50 bucks) or small. My favorite: smoked marlin taco for \$3. And it's pretty

filling. And, down here, people talk to you! Best time: sunset, Thursday onward.

## Mezzah

169 E. Main Street, El Cajon, 619-966-9373, [mezzahelcajon.com](http://mezzahelcajon.com)  
Right in the center of town, in the old wooden "Historic El Cajon Hall 1894," as the plaque says. "Mezzah" means "tapa." "We are

Iraqi Christians, but our tapas are mainly Lebanese," the owner Ammar told me. "The Lebanese love to snack on different tapas, to have a drink, and socialize." Classy feeling here. Pretty big tapas, too. Around \$7 for dishes such as grilled quail, *sherhaat* (steak medallions), and, my fave, *fetoosh*, a Lebanese salad that's huge. Nice

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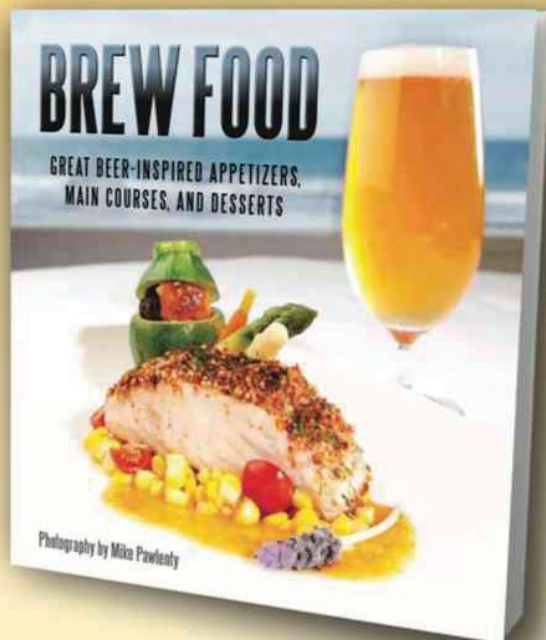
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### Café di Roma

633 9th Street, Imperial Beach, 619-429-1100, [cafediromaib.com](http://cafediromaib.com)

My favorite Italian. This is a new, hard-to-find place started by an Italian family with deep South Bay roots. This place is full of life — Italian style: talk, sisters, husbands, cooks, wives rolling gnocchi pastries out on the table, '50s Italian music, like “Volare,” as they create it all from scratch right here. Yes, it's totally standard stuff, but in this atmosphere, what else? And they're trying hard to cook healthy. They make their own sausages from turkey, meatballs that (they swear!) are “91 percent lean.” My fave: the sizzling eggplant dish (\$10).

### Urban India

1041 Fourth Avenue, downtown, 619-238-8380, [urbanindiasd.com](http://urbanindiasd.com)

It was the \$2 Stone IPA happy-hour draft pints that got me coming here. That's unbeatable. The place is a bit of a barn — orangey, woody, bricky, though they have filled it with Indian art, Buddha heads, and big-screen TVs showing sports. You know it's Indian because half the screens are showing cricket. The young Sikhs running it are part of the “new India” — urban, cool, on the make. Good standard Indian fare. Best happy-hour deal: the chicken tikka, sizzlin' and crackling on a black iron platter for around six bucks.

### Sótano Suizo (“Swiss Cellar”)

9415 Avenida Paseo de Los Héroes, Zona Rio, Tijuana, 011-52-664-684-88-34, [sotanosuizo.com](http://sotanosuizo.com)

My favorite hot dog. It's an eight-inch craggy-crust baguette loaded with a giant, peppery Hungarian wiener under a nest of crispy candied onions, tomato chunks, a crooked

line of yellow mustard with red balls dotted along it so it looks like a coral snake, plus unmelted Swiss cheese licking over the edges. The Swiss guy who created this dawg is René Bösiger. Now he's created his own beer, too. Take friends, take time. It's worth the trip.

### God Save the Cuisine, British Gastro-Truck

619-889-6119, [godsavethecuisine.com](http://godsavethecuisine.com)

My fave food truck. The first thing you've gotta love about these Brits is that they supply picnic blankets so you can chow down beside the truck. Then, the food's interesting: say, smoked salmon on flatbread with sour cream, lemon, and potato salad; or beer-battered fish and chips; or spiced ground lamb on salad leaves. And dessert? How about the Queen Mother's favorite: Eton Mess, a strawberry

compote with crumbled meringue and fresh mint. Someone should give these Brit brothers, Dave and Kevin Keylock, a knighthood.

### The Potato Shack

120 West I Street, Encinitas, 760-436-1282, [potatoshackcafe.com](http://potatoshackcafe.com)

It's not that the food leaps out at you, it's that they give you so much of it. And when you've come out of the water, surfing, whatever, that's what you want: a giant portion of something real unhealthy, like, say, baked spuds. Here in this little low place under giant ficus trees you see local firemen, church groups, gals with their lil ol' moms, surfers. Tables are slices of tree trunks. My favorite breakfast is chicken-fried steak, steamed eggs, squaw-bread toast, and fries. Actually, what they're famous for is their “manhole cover-size pancakes.” Too much, even



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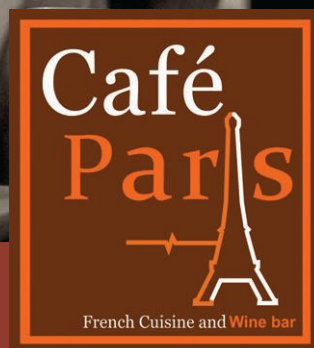
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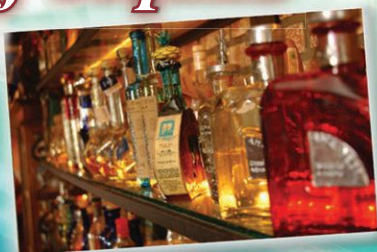
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My favorite street-taco stand. It's just a tent-covered stand. But Guillermo "Oso" Campo, the chef here, till recently had a post at a three-Michelin-star restaurant, Oud Sluis in Holland. Came home, thought, *Hey, why not just try something new on the streets of my hometown?* Result: Here he is cooking by an open-fire mesquite grill. Makes tacos like... ceviche of sole blackened

on the grill, then slapped on a messy red layer of toasted chilies, peanuts, squash, and roasted habaneros in olive oil. Out of this world? Grab his food before some five-star restaurant grabs him.

## Tiger! Tiger! Tavern

3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park,  
619-487-0401, tigertavern.blogspot.com

My favorite tavern. Lee Chase and Jeff Motch of Blind Lady Tavern started this up last year as part of their campaign "to have a meeting place like this every two or three blocks." (Motch's words.) Sure seems to be working in this woody, frontier-looking barn. Friday nights are ker-razy. Menu's kind of honest, Gold Rush-era, sandwichy, German sausagey, Vietnamese fusion. And it's coupled with a zillion interesting beers and baristas *interested* in pairing you with them. Foodwise, my fave is the oyster po' boy sandwich. Tasty, creamy, and tangy with pickled chili and pickles. Those oysters squish through in every bite.

## Meijo Sushi

600 Palm Avenue, suite 300, Imperial  
Beach, 619-429-4373, facebook/

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My favorite Japanese sushi joint: The (mostly Vietnamese) people who run it are a fun crowd. They keep

things buzzing. They tell jokes. And (bottom line) they're cheap. I've had sushi mix — five different kinds of fish flesh on rice, plus nine sushi rolls, for about nine bucks. Or six-buck specials, such as teriyaki chicken with fried gyoza, or shrimp and beef curry. That and a bottle of sake will get you out, belly full, for around \$10. The formula works: This place always seems to have a cheery crowd of locals, and the shelves bulge with those *masu* boxes that regulars drink sake out of.

## Sunrise Deli

945 Campo Road, Spring Valley,  
619-460-5800, facebook/  
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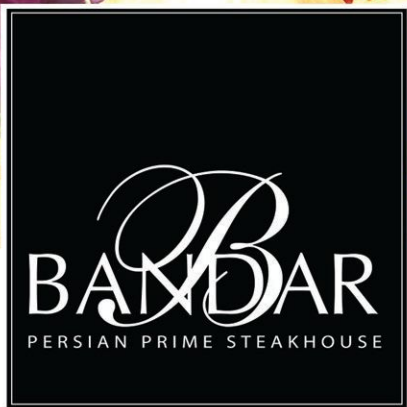
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# Feast!

**Nowadays, I spend much of my time eating in restaurants or locked up in my office documenting those experiences.**

But before I wrote my first word about food, most of my time was spent in the kitchen. I spent over a decade learning about and practicing the culinary arts. On top of loving food and manipulating it into something delicious, it allowed me to taste the gourmet fare I'd seen or read about but either couldn't find or couldn't afford.

Back then, San Diego had far fewer gourmet restaurants, and even they were fairly pedestrian. Of those that were exploring more eclectic cuisines, esoteric ingredients, and cutting-edge techniques, nearly all of them were priced far out of my range. I'm happy to say that, over the past several years, gourmet fare has become far more accessible for everyday diners, inching its way into eateries of all sizes and — praise Escoffier — price points.

White linens are great, but mid-range restaurants, gastropubs, and shops taking things to the next level for the masses are changing the local dining scene by leaps and bounds. Those businesses, and the people behind them, are who I'm celebrating this go-round. — *Brandon Hernández*

## Brooklyn Girl

4033 Goldfinch Street, Mission Hills, 619-296-4600, brooklyngirl Eatery.com  
After 18 years running an upscale La Jolla Italian,



Eclectic starters, such as **Brooklyn Girl's** Vietnamese shrimp-and-pork meatballs, taste best shared with friends or while making friends at bar-side communal tables.

switching gears to open an eclectic contemporary modern in the heart of Mission Hills seemed an ambitious step for restaurateurs Michael and Victoria McGeath. I wondered if they'd be able to pull it off, but both they and talented chef Colin Murray exceeded my expectations with their lovingly embraced neighborhood social and supping hub. For me, globally eclectic starters, such as Vietnamese shrimp-and-pork meat-

balls, Spanish shrimp-and-chorizo grits, and Creole oyster sliders, taste best shared with friends or while making friends at bar-side communal tables.

## Cafe Chloe

721 Ninth Avenue, East Village, 619-232-3242, cafechloe.com  
Enjoying good cuisine *français* usually means paying *prix scandaleux*. I love the fact a mid-day meal at this East Village standout usually leaves me with enough cash to

order a glass of Sancerre and still come in at under 20 bucks. Standards like a bistro salad and steak *frites* burst with traditional French flavor, but for me, it's all about the *fromage*. Thanks to chef Katie Grebow's cheese obsession, they have arguably the best rotating cheese plate in San Diego. And potent bleu d'Auvergne makes it into not one, but two fab dishes, including a tart and mac 'n' cheese gratin.

## Craftsman New American Tavern

267 El Camino Real, suites A & B, Encinitas, 760-452-2000, craftsmanTavern.com

In opening Blue Ribbon along the 101, chef Wade Hageman ditched the pomp of haute cuisine to make pizzas. Not a common recipe for success, yet succeed he has. Enough that he recently opened this second space from which to offer a wider variety of his simple yet flavorful dishes to his foodie following.

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2670 Via de la Valle, suite A270, Del Mar, 858-720-1933, dallmannconfections.com

When I first met Austrian confectioner and all-around sweetheart Isabella Valencia, she was pumping out bite-sized, bitter- and semi-sweet chocolate tidbits in relative anonymity from an obscure production facility in El Cajon. That's still her home base, but in 2011 she added a charming storefront in the Flower Hill Promenade; a dark wood and robin's-egg-blue back-

drop for displaying artful chocolates of all shapes, colors, and fillings. Salted caramel is her best seller, but I go for creative flavor combos like passionfruit with *togarashi* (a Japanese spice blend), strawberry-balsamic, and a creamy substance secreted by nurse bees called royal jelly.

## The Lion's Share

629 Kettner Boulevard, downtown, 619-564-6924, lionsshareds.com

They had me at game meat. When I heard chefs Lhasa Landry and Jacob Rodriguez were developing upscale for what's fast become a hotbed among the downtown dining sect, anticipation ensued. Such high hopes are rarely satisfied in real life (especially for a nitpicker like me), but bourbon-glazed wild-boar chops made for love at first bite. Even with Landry out of the equa-

tion, Rodriguez offers a unique, innovative menu that's different from other restaurants — especially cool in the urban land of trend-followers.

## Michele Coulon Dessertier

7556-D Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-5098, dessertier.com

My introduction to this confectionary maven's desserts was at a collaboration dinner at the Marine Room. Bernard Guillas, Jeff Jackson, Jason Knibb, and Trey Foshee all cooked that night, but her magical plate of treats remains emblazoned in my memory. I later ventured to her lovely shop and found myself surrounded by artful, decadent, classic European cakes, pastries, and delights. The secret is her technique, which she takes seriously. Unlike other devout kitchen



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sticklers, she's pleasantly passionate versus grumpy and dictatorial. Her staff mirrors that, making this easily one of the sweetest places around, literally and figuratively.

## OB Noodle House

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

I rarely stand in line for anything, but I'll get in the lengthy queue for this rarity — a noodle house with a phenomenal selection of beers on tap. Everything from sours to barrel-aged stouts are available (at half price from 3 to 6 p.m.). Their *pho* broth is simple and tasty, the perfect base for condiment customization. Someday I'll brave their Pho 20 Challenge — two pounds of noodles, two pounds of meat, and a pint of beer — but doing so would mean missing out on tasty dishes like

charred bassa fish served sizzling on cast iron. I always win with that.

## Prepkitchen

1201 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar,  
858-792-7737

7556 Fay Avenue, La Jolla,

858-875-7337

1660 India Street, Little Italy,

619-398-8383

prepkitchen.com

Done-up comfort food is everywhere. A number of eateries were already making home-style fare their bread-and-butter before Whisknadle's Arturo Kassel and Ryan Johnston opened their kinder, simpler alternative. But they quickly jumped to the head of that class. They get my vote for best takeaway in town and serve as standard bearers for juicy chicken, steamed mussels, and hearty bowlfuls of pasta, all of which I enjoy most from the second-story Prepkitchen overlooking India Street. I'm also excited to see what they do with their recently reopened Del Mar store with new chef Mark Bolton (Pacifica, the Fleetwood).

## Puesto

1026 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-454-1260, eatpuesto.com

I'm instantly skeptical when I hear about restaurateurs looking to improve on Mexican street food. How do you improve on perfection? In the case of this recent

addition to the Jewel, they give patrons the ability to build their own street taco or bowl using a plethora of boldly flavored proteins (chicken al pastor, grilled salmon, potato soy chorizo) and delicacies such as cactus, zucchini flowers, and, one of my personal faves, *huitlacoche* (fungus extracted from ears of corn). The sky's the limit, but the best things about Puesto's tacos are the griddled discs of cheese with which they line their tortillas.

## The Smoking Goat

3408 30th Street, North Park,  
619-955-5295,

thesmokinggoatrestaurant.com

There's nothing like walking into a room redolent with the scent of duck-fat-fried taters. It's an olfactory amuse bouche that primes my stomach for a tasty meal — something I can always count on at this gem. Those odoriferous *frites* taste as good as they smell — so much, I order them every time before moving on to smart, succinct dishes such as escargot au gratin, grilled-watermelon-and-burrata salad, roasted bone marrow, or smoked-tomato risotto. I always bring friends so I can enjoy as many plates as possible. Getting in can be tough, but it should be for someplace this good.

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7007 West Fashion Valley, suite  
394, Mission Valley, 619-810-2929,  
truefoodkitchen.com

Like mother, like son? Not so much for chef Nathan Coulon. His mom's known for decadent desserts, but he's making a name for himself and his recently opened link in the True Food chain behind truly fine healthful fare. Tasty dishes like a barbecue tofu *banh mi* wrap, edamame dumplings, and panang curry with tofu provide superb options for a wholesome, vegan, or gluten-free night off from San Diego's heavy upscale burgers, comfort food, and pub grub. Throw in a dining room that's far more stylish and comfy than most mall restos, and it's no wonder it's mobbed most nights.

## Urban Solace


3823 30th Street, North Park, 619-  
295-6464, urbansolace.net

Matt Gordon's Southern comfort cuisine embraces my palate every time. Love and calories are served up in heaping portions via rich dishes, such as blue cheese-based duck-a-roni, perfectly cooked barbecue-glazed pork belly, and bacon-bolstered lamb meatloaf with figs — gourmet flavors condensed into a down-home slice of mmm-mmm goodness. Bluegrass brunch (regularly cited as one of, if not the best in the city) is the most convincing reason to spend Sunday morning — my most optimal writing window of the week — playing hooky with a spirited eye-opener and a warm, enormous cinnamon roll on Solace's New Orleans-style patio.

## Urge Gastropub

16761 Bernardo Center Drive,  
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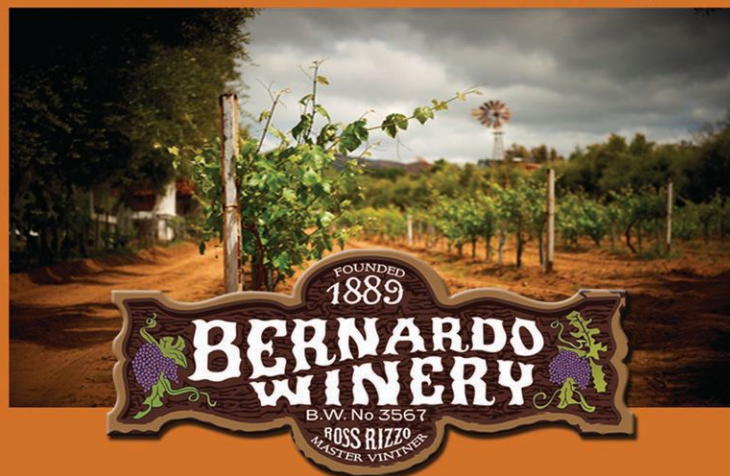
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I was overjoyed when my office was moved to the Kearny Mesa area two years ago. It's where we did the majority of our shopping and eating. Having access to the fruits of Convoy Street at lunchtime is a work benefit almost equivalent to having my own private parking space. Here's a listing of my Kearny Mesa lunch rotation. — *Kirk K.*

## Nijiya Market

3860 Convoy Street, 858-268-3821, [nijiya.com](http://nijiya.com)

## Marukai Market

8111 Balboa Avenue, 858-384-0248, [marukai.com](http://marukai.com)



Kearny Mesa's best selection of bento boxes — a great way to grab an authentic Asian lunch on the go — is at **Najiya Market**.

## Mitsuwa

4240 Kearny Mesa Road, 858-569-6699, [mitsuwa.com](http://mitsuwa.com)

## Zion Market

4611 Mercury Street, 858-268-3300, [zionmarket.com](http://zionmarket.com)

The unfortunate reality of working behind a desk with deadlines, meetings, and whatnot is that many meals are eaten at our desks. When that is the case, the usual on-the-move lunch would be a bento from one of the three Japanese markets in the area, or from

the Korean Zion market. Being of Japanese ancestry and growing up in Hawaii, bentos — basically a box lunch — is a way of life for me. The composition of the bento is pretty basic: a starch, usually rice, along with *okazu*, loosely translated to be something to be eaten with rice. The best variety and most friendly and fastest (i.e., check-out) is Nijiya Market, which is my favorite. Marukai has a smaller selection, but is the most

inexpensive. Marukai is a membership market, but you don't need a membership to purchase bento. For a change of pace, I'll grab Daeji Bulgogi (spicy pork) or the chicken version at Zion, though you'll have to work with the terrible parking and long lines at the cashier. Hopefully, this will soon be a thing of the past, as Zion is moving to the huge spot on the corner of Clairemont Mesa and Convoy. Mitsuwa has a variety that's just a level

below Nijiya and a rather large food-court area to eat in. For some reason, I find the cashiers in Mitsuwa to be the least friendly, sometimes even surly.

## Kayaba Japanese Restaurant

4240 Kearny Mesa Road, suite 119, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-6699, in the Mitsuwa Marketplace, [mitsuwa.com](http://mitsuwa.com)

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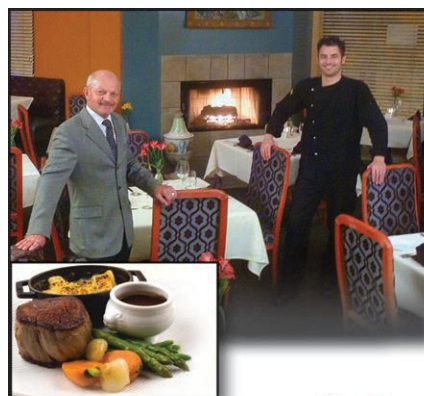
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ramen *toroniku* style, with the fatty braised pork cheek and fixins on the side. Trips here fulfill the usual 10-30-10 criteria for lunch; a 10-minute drive, 30 minutes to order and eat, and a 10-minute drive back to the office, with a 10-minute buffer for the hour.

### Cali Baguette Express

4425 Convoy Street, suite 200A,  
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If I want something lighter with a fast turnaround, a *banh mi* will usually do the trick. I’ll usually grab one from the Convoy location of Cali Banh Mi Express. The company bakes their own bread, and you can get a *banh mi* for three bucks. I usually go with the Dac Biet, which has *cha lua*, defatted pork sausage (think bologna, ham, and pâté). The sandwiches

are finished off with the usual cilantro, cucumber, and pickled vegetables, including jalapeños, so if you’re sensitive to heat, have them deleted from your sandwich or proceed with caution. If I’m in the mood, I love a Banh Mi Trung, basically a fried-egg sandwich. It’s comfort food for me, even with the pickled veggies, cilantro, and peppers. These aren’t super-stuffed sandwiches here; it’s all about proportion, and I find this one right for me. I’ve even picked up a baguette, French pâté, and spread on the way back to the office. Friendly staff and a usual quick turnaround make it a pleasant experience.

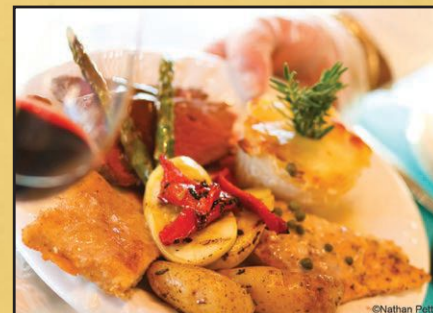
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a couple of items well. None of them even closely resembles the orange chicken and beef broccoli you'll see on the "fast food" menu. I avoid the chicken, beef, and noodle soup and go with either the shrimp fried rice or shrimp chow fun with XO Sauce, that pungent but tasty concoction based on dried seafood, garlic, and chilies. When the chef is on, you'll even get a bit of *wok hei*, the wonderful flavor a well-seasoned wok will impart to food when used skillfully over high heat. XO sauce is pretty pungent, so it's better to eat it during the lunch hour. The tangy shrimp tomato sauce rice is also a favorite, an almost radioactive red in color from ketchup — yes, ketchup, which, by the way, the Chinese claim was created in the city of Xiamen. Either way, it wakes up your taste buds.

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6682, goldencitysandiego.com

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bucks. The lunch menu is huge, with over 75 items, and is served between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

## Koon Thai Kitchen

3860 Convo Street, Kearny Mesa,

858-514-8111, koonthaikitchen.com

I enjoy two dishes served at Koon Thai. I usually avoid the ubiquitous "pick the protein, pick the sauce" approach and go for specialties. Once I found out that the chef is from Issan, the northeast region of Thailand, which borders Laos, I ordered the Nam Khao Tod, a crispy rice-sour sausage dish. Here it's wet, almost like a larb, a bit different from the Lao version I love. Still, I find the flavor of the galangal and lime, along with the heat, refreshes me. The other dish that I enjoy at Koon takes me back to Thailand, the sweet-soy flavor of the Khao Karr Moo is a staple of food courts all over the "Land of Smiles." As if having simmered pork leg and rice isn't enough, there's always half a boiled egg as well. The portion size of the dish isn't overwhelming, and I'm usually happily on my way in about 30 minutes.

combo. It's basically marinated chopped pork and sauce over rice, topped off with corn, scallions, and mayo, which I keep forgetting to tell them to 86. (Maybe I am a closet mayo lover?) If you get there at 11:30, you can be out in less than 30 minutes. Unless you get distracted by all that slurping.

## Izakaya Sakura

3904 Convo Street, suite 121,

Kearny Mesa, 858-569-6151,

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Every once in a while I'm able to meet the Missus for lunch. During these all-too-rare occasions when I can get away, we'll usually visit Izakaya Sakura. Yes, the restaurant with no sign. The lunch menu features rice bowls, combinations, and a whopping bento, consisting of over eight items, of which there's a limited number available each day. My current favorite is the Ebi Kakiage, a tempura of sorts, where small shrimp and vegetables are combined to form a crunchy nest. This is served over udon or soba, with a broth that can be ordered hot or cold. I've been enjoying the cold version over the summer and the unseasonably hot fall. All the lunch combos come with miso soup and sometimes a salad, though the Ebi Kakiage lunch comes with an extra *onigiri* (rice ball). The hours can be kind of spotty; they'll sometimes open a bit late and, if busy, the service can be carried out at a careful cadence, if you know what I mean. So, plan on a leisurely lunch at Izakaya Sakura.

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where we'd have that once- or twice-a-year meal together. What's better for team building than eating seafood with your hands while wearing a bib and the whole gang going back to the office reeking of Old Bay? I could go on about tracing the dots of the over 5000 shrimpers of Vietnamese ancestry who fished the Gulf Coast and how Cajun-influenced seafood boils made it to the West Coast. But I'll save that for another time. The key at Crab Hut is to know what you like, your heat tolerance, and ask the young servers (all of whom I found to be forthcoming) what's fresh today. Lately, it's been live clams, which suited me fine with just some Old Bay in the bag. I recall asking my former coworker, Vickie, born and raised in New Orleans about how close she thought this was to a traditional boil. Her answer: "C'mon, you know this isn't traditional, but that doesn't stop me from licking my fingers and wanting to come back next week." Well, that's enough for me to brave the late opening time (12 noon) and the worst parking situation on Convoy, which says quite a bit. ■



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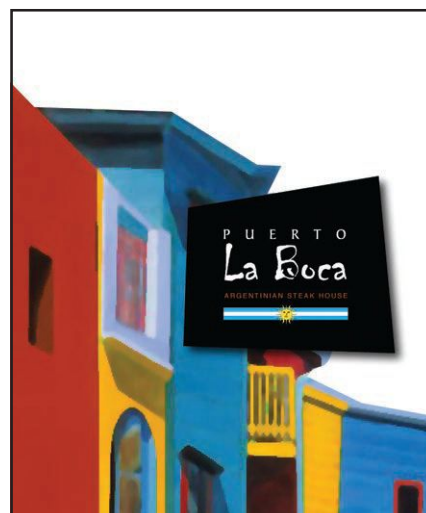
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## The background photo on my brother's iPod shows a plate of fried chicken and waffles

from Roscoe's up in Los Angeles. Before dining there, he had never enjoyed the two foods together, and he was moved by the experience. I mentioned this to a friend of mine, a woman now living in Texas but hailing from Georgia. I said I supposed the dish had originated in the South, given that region's proliferation of Waffle House restaurants. She protested that the Waffle House served only grilled chicken, and that she had never in all her born days heard of such a thing as chicken and waffles. She all but intimated it was the kind of unnatural aberration that might be expected from denizens of the Left Coast. So I thought I'd take a look around and try some straight fried chicken while I was at it.

*Nota bene:* Alas, Crispy Fried Chicken has discontinued their waffles, though they still serve plenty of chicken. And I wanted to try Sister Pee-Wee's and Annie Belle's, really I did. But, dadgummit, I visited both during posted hours of operation, and they were both closed up tight. Maybe next year. — *Ambrose Martin*

### BEST CHICKEN AND WAFFLES

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"You know where chicken and waffles got started?" asked the proprietor, speaking low and slow. "The Lincoln White House. Then it spread to the South." File under: awesome yet dubious claims (though I have seen



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The salt 'n' pepper coating at **Stockdale's Fine Southern Cuisine** sets the stage for the moist goodness of a chicken thigh you can pick clean.

references to Lincoln's eating johnnycakes and chicken). Origins aside, it's a fine combination — sweet, salt, and oil...what's not to love? And this version is a winner (\$7.95). The pebbly, salt 'n' pepper coating isn't there to hog the spotlight; rather, it sets the stage for the moist goodness of a thigh you can pick clean and a huge wing with huge flavor. The thin, breadly waffle tastes of the iron the way grilled meat might taste of the grill, seasoned. (Also

best: the papery greens and the lighter-than-air sweet-potato fries, though you don't automatically get sides with your waffle.)

### VERY NEARLY BEST CHICKEN AND WAFFLES

#### Bonnie Jean's Soul Food

1964 54th Street, Oak Park, 619-262-8854, bonniejeanssoulfood.com.

Really, it's almost a toss-up between these folks and Stockdale's; it might just depend on your mood. The crust shows

off more than Stockdale's — it's flakier, like good pie crust, and a bit more oily. The meat tastes gamier and less seasoned, but it may be even juicier. The waffle is eggier, heavier, almost gingerbreadly in flavor. "This waffle will get you and your family through three days of darkness," prophesied the Wife. (Two-piece chicken and waffle, \$9.99. You'll pay extra and might have to wait for a breast. Maybe stick with the dark meat;

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caramel reduction and fried leeks, \$19.95, *New York Times* Favorite!!!” declared the menu. And to hear the Wife tell it between swooning mouthfuls, the *Times* got it right — on one condition. “It works if you put it all in your mouth at once,” she insisted over my objections that the hunks of boneless chicken breast were jerky-dry, the corn-flake crust was chewy and uneven, and the monster waffle was downright rubbery. “Yeah, but there’s awesome bacon inside the waffle,” she argued. “And the fried leeks!” True, the fried leeks. Also, the maple-caramel reduction lent a fragrant sweetness to the whole.

#### BEST CHICKEN AND WAFFLES FROM A CHAIN **Louisiana Famous Fried Chicken**

2850 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-233-0670, [louisianafriedchickensd.com](http://louisianafriedchickensd.com).

Come on, now — it’s a chain. So, yes, they’ve got their fried chicken under a warmer when you walk in, and, yes, that means it may not be at the peak of deliciousness. But when we visited, they didn’t have any breasts made up, and they happily fried one for the Wife. The fluffy waffle, too, was made fresh to order. The crust was on the thicker side, and it carried most of the flavor. Finally, the price was right: a waffle with a breast or waffle with two pieces of dark meat will run you \$7.

#### BEST BREAST **Gingham**

8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-797-1922, [ginghameats.com](http://ginghameats.com). They don’t even call it fried chicken on the menu: “Milk Butter Chicken, Green Beans, Brown Butter, \$17.” But, oh, yes, it’s fried, after soaking in the aforemen-

tioned milk long enough to keep even the white meat drippingly juicy. A half chicken (wing, breast, leg, and thigh) is jacketed in a peppery crust that gathers in the crevices and holds a cracker crunch against the tang of the brown-butter drizzle. The bird sits atop a lumpen bed of smashed potatoes; the beans sit on top of the bird; and the whole thing is crowned with a nest of crispy fried shallots. Solid execution, gussied up just enough to make it a restaurant dish.

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and on the dry side).

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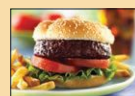
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# Feast!

**Even if it weren't my job to go out and look for new places to eat, I still wouldn't be able to eat the same thing over and over again.**

I rarely visit any place on the regular. It's just not in my nature, as I'm always looking for something new. The following list includes a few of the spots I just can't stay away from as well as a few restaurants everybody should try at least once. None of them are fancy — most are the opposite — but they've all delivered a memorable meal or two. — *Ian Pike*

## Big Front Door

4135 Park Boulevard, 619-255-4100, bfrdsandiego.com

I dig this combination deli and wine shop in University Heights as a place to grab a sandwich or salad and a special soda for lunch. The remodel that Steve "Sheep" Riley and company put the place through was just short of a miracle for the formerly dingy space. Now, the titular door swings open wide, and it's like a giant patio inside; great for sitting, and the staff will let you on the WiFi if you ask. The small selection of wine for sale (take-home only) has some cool choices, too.



The titular door at the **Big Front Door** swings wide, and it's like a giant patio inside.

## Kiko's Place

4404 Texas Street, 619-341-7397

Kiko's got its start in Baja in the '80s, and the Kiko's truck in the Texas Food and Liquor parking lot in University Heights sells the same Mexican mariscos for short money. The marlin tacos are outstanding and the aguachiles, clamatos, and seafood cocktails all deliver pure seafood joy. Buy drinks in the liquor store first (the truck has none for sale) and don't try to go on Sundays (10-7 any other

day). Bringing cash is a good idea, but if you want to risk it, they have Square running sometimes to take cards.

## Izakaya Masa

928 Fort Stockton Drive, 619-542-1354, izakayamasa.com

A lot of people ask me, "Where should I eat?" Izakaya Masa is my number-one recommendation. The compact sake house in Mission Hills has more charm and poise than half of uptown's restaurants put together. Best of all, the

kitchen's open until 1:00 a.m. in the tradition of Japanese *izakaya*. The exceptional tonkotsu ramen isn't available until after 9:00 p.m., but it crushes the competition like Godzilla on a bad day. Japanese tapas and sushi make up the rest of the menu, but I just can't say no to sake and ramen. Make reservations — it's small.

## Que Huong

4134 University Avenue, 619-281-6008

The only thing that's

not on the menu at this Vietnamese spot in a City Heights strip mall is vegetarian food. Everything else that flies, runs, or swims gets cooked up sooner or later. You want crocodile? They got that. Little, bony fish that're so hard to eat, the waiter shakes his head and warns you to pick something else? They got that, too. You can cook and wrap your own spring rolls — working through a forest of fresh herbs and greens in the process — or just

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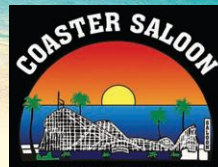
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3416 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-255-2491, blindladyalehouse.com  
The beer selection is neither the biggest nor the weirdest, but the tap list is composed with a care and finesse that no other place in town matches. I have it on good authority that company policy calls for rigorous flushing and cleaning of beer lines when kegs are changed out; a practice that's not as common as many people surmise. For every tasty brew at Blind Lady, there's an equally well-executed food offering. It's the best place to go to for *moules frites* (mussels and french fries) and cured meats.

## Coffee and Tea Collective

2911 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, coffeandteacollective.com  
Sure, there's a solid dose of *Portlandia* hipster smugness courtesy of the tank-tops, vintage track bikes, and expensively hand-made lamps. But that's tempered by one

very important development: the Collective has sold me some of the best coffee I've ever had. And they sold it to me for a reasonable price. The guys at the Collective are sourcing, roasting, and applying boiling water to coffee beans with a Captain Ahab-like single-minded intensity that some people might call crazy, but I call it admirable.

## Cueva Bar

2123 Adams Avenue, 619-269-6612, cuevabar.com  
Cueva has grown much in the past two years. The bar has stockpiled some good wines and beers, and the kitchen has pinpointed which flatbreads and tapas are working out. But the real gem at Cueva is the staff. Chef Oz still makes time to chat with tables. Jo and Cory at the bar, who apparently never stop working, are great at remembering faces and always friendly. I like small places, and Cueva feels as small as it gets.

## Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria

3448 30th Street, North Park, 619-295-1720, leftypizza.com  
Yeah, Lefty's pizza is a little wacky. It's practically upside down and three times thicker than pizza has any right to be (even if that is how they do it in Chicago). But it's totally good. The "stuffed" pizza that takes a full hour

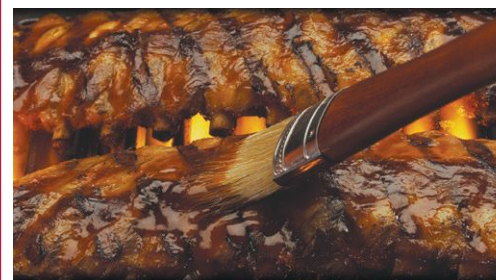
to make is probably the only pizza rightly called "pie." I approve. Plus, everyone there is nice and they remember people's orders with surprising accuracy. "Best pizza" is a tough call, but best pizza place is a no-brainer.

## Señor Mango's

4607 30th Street, North Park, 619-584-0041, senormangos.com  
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4646 Convoy Street, 858-268-8648, shabuhousesd.com  
Fact: anywhere along Convoy Street in Kearny Mesa is going to be a pretty cool meal. *Shabu shabu* just has the advantage of being more fun to do. It's a Japanese style of cooking where diners get a boiling pot of broth and swish meats and vegetables through it in a self-cooking frenzy of scorching soup. Good times. The *shabu shabu* is fairly mild — just a basic miso broth — so if you're into a bigger meal, go with *sukiyaki*. It's just as fun, but the sweet, salty sauce is more filling. Beware the hot drops! ■



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**New Frontier.** The members of Vokab Kompany do the music thing full time. En route from a gig in Reno to Salt Lake City and eventually to the Aspen Belly Up, singer Robbie Gallo explains one of the realities of touring: “When you play shows in new markets, the money

and paid for by the Metro Transit System (MTS) to get San Diegans to appreciate public transportation. Vokab Kompany, Buck-O-Nine, the Kneehighs, Ron Fountenberry, and Todo Mundo were each paid a flat fee of \$1500 for their jingle, and MTS has the rights

a list of local artists. “Mike is so engaged in the local music scene, he is like an agency unto himself,” says Schupp. The selected artists all met for pizza one night.

“We put specific themes, like ‘Ride the Trolley’ and ‘How to Ride the Bus,’ in a hat and each band selected their theme.” Each band wrote their own lyrics and music.

The Kneehighs got “Tap & Ride — Compass Card”: “North, south, east, and west/ MTS got you covered like your daddy’s sweater vest.”

Schupp says MTS paid “a nominal fee” to Big Fish studios in Olivenhain to record all the spots. He says a separate company will create animation to go with each jingle for the TV ads. “We gave each band the premise, and they did all the creative,” but, he says, some of the lyrics were too complex and needed to be simplified.

Cutting commercials has been particularly good to Ron Fountenberry, who has performed locally as the Incredible Moses Leroy and in the Softlightes. “I kind of stopped doing the band thing,” Fountenberry says he didn’t get residuals or royalties when he cut spots for Ford, Vicks, American Express, and UCSD Health Systems. “I just got paid one upfront fee.” He won’t discuss figures. “Let’s just say I can’t complain. I sure get more [from commercials] than I ever got from being in a band. This is the new frontier, since

radio isn’t playing much new music anymore.” — Ken Leighton

**Busted Drums.** “I’ll probably piss a lot of people off, but I’m willing to put it on the line to get things fixed.” Bill Ray (aka Bill Ray Drums) of Ocean Beach has problems with the condition of the electronic drum kit in the V Lounge at Viejas Casino in Alpine. “I’m not asking for anything other than the drums be maintained.” He claims the equipment has been pounded into submission over years of use and abuse.

“You hit the cymbal pad and nothing happens. It doesn’t ring. It just goes thunk and nobody hears it. There’s not a thing you can do about it,” he says. “It takes the joy out of playing music.”

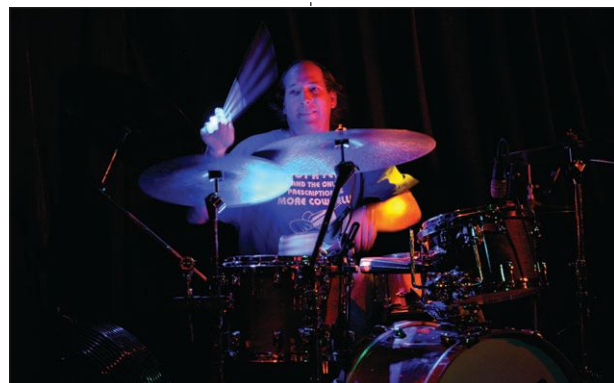
He explains that the internal electronic triggers work intermittently at best. “Those drums are being played by several bands all day long. They weren’t pro quality to begin with.” Because of that, he says, “you’re not getting a proper representation of the band. You’re getting only what they pipe out to the audience.”

The bad drums have taken a toll on his performance. “I was having a meltdown the other day because I was trying to play a gig on this equipment. I’m passionate about what I do.” He says he’d just as soon truck his analog kit into the V Lounge and use that,

but drummers are mandated to use Viejas’ electronic kit without exception.

“I approached the stage manager at Viejas about fixing

drums, says Ray. “Nobody in San Diego is stepping up and doing anything about it. Everybody is afraid of making waves and losing their gig.” Then,



**Bill Ray:** “If they want to blackball me...that’s their prerogative.”

the drums. I left him a phone message and an email,” he says. “I never heard back.”

“We actually have two complete electronic drum kits for that venue in the casino, the V Lounge,” says Bob Scheid, a spokesman for Viejas. “And we keep them in good repair. I just checked with the sound tech.” I ask if Bill Ray has any support in his drum dissatisfaction. “We’ve had no complaints from other drummers that I’m aware of.”

Bill Ray was one of Ike Turner’s Kings of Rhythm and has appeared on, by his own count, more than 150 albums as a session drummer. His history with Viejas goes back to 1993. That was the year he fell through the stage floor in the Dreamcatcher room.

The problem in Viejas’ V Lounge is larger than busted

almost as an afterthought, he says this: “If they want to blackball me, then that’s their prerogative.” For Bill Ray, the ultimate solution is to move on. “I’ve canceled any gigs at the V Lounge and handed them to other players who can handle the casino’s gear.”

— Dave Good

**El Cortez Cons.** Comic Fest, running October 19 through 21, is a new convention organized by several of the original promoters behind the early San Diego Comic-Cons: Mike Towry, Barry Alfonso, and Bob Sourk. “This year is the 40th anniversary of the first Comic-Con we had at the El Cortez Hotel, which I was chairman of back in 1972 at the ripe old age of 17,” says Towry. “We think it’ll be fun to

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is just not as good as it is in established markets.” Recording commercial jingles, he says, has become a good way for the six guys in Vokab Kompany to help pay their bills.

to each jingle for three years.

“We wanted to target kids 16 to 25,” says MTS marketing director Rob Schupp. He says his goal is to get even more people to ride the buses and



**Vokab Kompany** jumped onboard the MTS jingle train.

Vokab was one of five local artists asked to record a 60-second spot for “Movin’ and Groovin,’” a TV and radio ad campaign that will run locally for about a year.

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trolley (MTS has 90 million trips a year) and to show the public that the taxpayer money that funds 55 percent of MTS operations is money well spent. Schupp says he turned to 91X DJ Mike Halloran for

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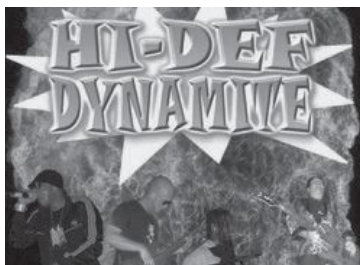


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have a relatively smallish Con at which we consciously try to foster the vibe of those early fan gatherings.”

Staged at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center in Hotel Circle, the gathering will include *Twilight Zone* writer George Clayton Johnson hosting music events at Café Frankenstein, a re-creation of the Laguna Beach beatnik lounge he cofounded in the late 1950s. “George was one of the fest’s main inspirations,”



Teen singer James Morris will entertain at the “smallish Con.”

says Towry. “His frequent fond reminiscences about the El Cortez Cons encouraged me to think seriously about starting up an old-school-style convention. We’re also spotlighting one of George’s original café

partners, artist Burt Shonberg, including a preview of a new documentary being made about him.” The late surrealist’s artwork graced album covers by bands such as Spirit, the Zarkons, the Curtis Brothers, and Arthur Lee and Love. In addition, local Folk Arts Rare Records owner Lou Curtiss (who performed at the original café) will play a set, as

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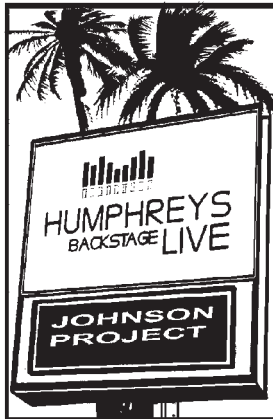
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will San Diego singer/songwriter Robin Henkel, fiddle duo Damian and Marion Knowels, '60s survivor Barry McGuire (“Eve of Destruction”), and local teen James Morris, among others.

— Jay Allen Sanford

**Now You Know: Wild Wild Wets.** You have every right to instantly like WWW when you read their Facebook bio: “Sounds like Elvis on acid butt!!!!ing Brian Wilson in the face.”

Then you see the genre listed as “Rolling down a highway in the desert-drunk-stoned-fuck-you-murder-yourself-rock, that kinda thing,” and you see that the band is fronted by Mike Turi of garage-rock outfit the Old In Out and psychedelic specters Trap Gold.

And then you play the YouTube clip of their debut gig at Soda Bar and you find your

impulsive fondness for the band justified by the haunting interplay of Turi’s and Priscilla Castro’s vocals (maybe it reminds you of the B-52s or Jefferson Airplane), Old In Out guitarist Ryan Bohan’s

trying to make it an experience. Anyone can start a band and have five people onstage playing their hearts out, but we wanted to add something more for the concertgoer.”

Just five months after their



Psych-rock party band Wild Wild Wets has its own projection artist.

droning riffs, the churning rhythm section of Dark Thirty and Jeans Wilder (that’s bassist Taejon Romanik and Old In Out drummer Marco Piro), and the Wets’ own dedicated projection artist, John Kelley.

“We’re a party-psychedelic-rock band,” says Piro. “We’re

first appearance, Wild Wild Wets has shared the stage with acts such as Thee Oh Sees, Growlers, Night Beats, Cosmonauts, Barbarian, Schitzophonics, and MC5’s Wayne Kramer.

“It’s Mikey’s vision,” Piro says of the band. “It’s his world that he’s created. He’s very

Andy Warhol-esque, but not all weird in the bad way. He’s a very creative person, a doer, an artist, and one of the best painters I’ve ever met. He’s a multifaceted individual. So he’s like the good parts of Warhol, but not a pervert or any of that shit.”

The band expects to have a seven-inch pressed around January, but in the meantime you can stream a few tracks from their Bandcamp ([wildwildwets.bandcamp.com](http://wildwildwets.bandcamp.com)) or get wet and wild live on Halloween at the Soda Bar, where the band will be playing Blondie covers alongside local outfits covering NOFX, Devin the Dude, and Wu-Tang.

— Chad Deal

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This Week In Music

## Thursday 18

How does a Portland-based punk 'n' roll band end up calling itself **New York Rifles**? Tell hometown hit Courtney Taylor-Taylor you're in need of a



NEW YORK RIFLES AT TIN CAN ALEHOUSE

name, and the Dandy will lay one on you. What Taylor-Taylor heard was a CBGB-informed slop-rock outfit putting its Nor'west post-grunge spin on East Coast punk perennials such as Ramones, Television, and Blondie. What Taylor-Taylor heard was *Faraway Faster*, the Rifles '07 debut. Since then, the quartet's pared itself to a trio and dropped a couple more dollops of poppy punk rock. This year's *Girl Shaped Girl* is drawing comps to Iggy and the Stooges. Sucks to draw comps, unless, y'know, it's to Iggy and the Stooges. The Rifles aim to rock the Tin Can Alehouse. Local blues-rockers the **Fisks** up first.... Best of the rest: "We melt faces." That Flying V-flinging trio **Boy King** (née Bunny Gang) hop into El Dorado with indie-pop chanteuse **Maren Parusel** for one doozy of a double bill...also downtown, indie-rock trio **Midwinters** come out of hibernation to play the Voodoo Lounge at House of Blues. Soft-rock guitarist **José Feliciano** will be in the House, downstairs on the main stage...Makeout Weird at Whistle Stop stages noise-prone, post-punk la frontera five-piece **Batwings** with borderland MC **DJ MNSTRPSY**... "San Diego's most dangerous rock and soul band" the **Tighten Ups** turn up at Bar Pink with boogie-woogie bandleader **Sue Palmer**... and **Shaking Pyramid** stacks preternatural psych-rock heaviosity at Eleven.

## Friday 19

Grammy-, Emmy-, Black Reel-, Golden Globe-, and Image-awards winner Yasiin Bey, who his family calls Dante Terrell Smith and you know best as **Mos Def**, will be at 4th&B Friday night. The rapper, actor, activist will give you all that, and hopefully a little *Black Star*. Rumor is Mos and Talib Kweli are talking Black Star reunion. Pissah. This is the gig to get to Friday night.... If



MOS DEF AT 4TH&B

hip-hop doesn't do you, acoustifolk trio **Bow-erbirds** land at Casbah behind this year's Dead Oceans disc *The Clearing*, which is funny because a **Strand of Oaks** opens the show...Will Crain wrote you an Of Note on the "rock-star DJ" **Dan Deacon** show at the Irenic, so flip or click there for more on that.

## Saturday 20

Soda Bar stages the gig to get to Saturday night, as the Woodsist label's namesake, folk-pop act **Woods**, plays the place behind this year's *Bend*



WOODS AT SODA BAR

*Beyond*, which everyone and their mother thinks is just darling and the Brooklyn band's best yet. Maybe. Certainly their most audible, with the vox at the top like that. Woods thrive in the lo-fi, tho, and I preferred the bit of blur and corner-of-the-eye surprises of the earlier stuff. Yes, I am a total douche, but I'll be there and you can tell me to my face. **White Fences** and **Tropical Popsicle** open the show, with **DJ Mario Orduno** spinning 'round sets.... Uthawise: Memphis-born and -bred multi-instrumentalist and Grammy lifetime achievement-winner **Booker T. Jones** graces the stage at Little Italy supper club Anthology. Booker's touring in support of last year's v. excellent Grammy-winner, *The Road from Memphis*... Canada band **Sheepdogs** bring the Southern-fried boogie rock of this year's s/t set to Casbah after Belgian garage-rockers **Black Box Revelation**...local rock 'n' soul band **Doves & Desperados** will play a farewell date at Tin Can Alehouse after electro-rock duo **Pal & Drome**... and Grammy-winning bluesman **Taj Mahal** plays a twofer at Belly Up at 7 and 10. According to the venue's website, these are "solo/seated" shows.

## Sunday 21

Alt-rock Texans the **Toadies** hop into Belly Up behind comebacker of the year, *Play. Rock.Music.* Dave Good had a convo with head Toad **Vaden Todd Lewis** and then wrote you an Of Note on the show. I'm more of a **Helmet** man myself. **Page Hamilton's** alt-metal band stops and starts with machine precision, and I'm *still* listening to that buzz-saw beast *Meantime* and its kinder, gentler followup *Betty*, lo, these many years later.

Helmet v. Toadies — this is going to be a helluva fun show.... Not up for the drive, around town you got a **Heavy Hawaii** homecoming at Soda Bar with Swedish-born synth-pop artist **Molly Nilsson**...them whiskey-swilling, skinny-dipping, boot-stomping, roots-rocking **Rainbow Girls** of the Santa Barbara backwoods will be at the Grif-fin...and Raleigh folkie **Tift Merritt** plays a set at Anthology before that NYC cello-rocking cabaret act **Rasputina** takes the Little It'ly stage.



JASON LYTLE AT CASBAH

Monday night and hug the stuffing out of the motherfucker.... Else: English folk-pop singer/songwriter **Beth Orton's** down at House of Blues behind this year's *Sugaring Season*, her first for the venerable ANTI- record label...Seattle-based indie-pop artist Mike Hadreas, aka **Perfume Genius**, plays the all-ages Irenic in North Park...while Rock and Roll Hall of Famer **Leon Russell** takes the stage at Belly Up after our own rejuvenated rock-roll vets the **Blitz Brothers**.

## Monday 22

**Jason Lytle** has gone all J.D. Salinger on us. No he hasn't. The Granddaddy frontman broke up the band and left Modesto for Montana, where he continues to record his world-weary, future fears, like on the brand-spanking new *Dept. of Disappearance*, which the songsmith told NPR is more story songs than the psychological-pop purging



KAKI KING AT THE LOFT

he did with his superawesome and sorely missed former band that I won't name again because it makes me weepy. I met Lytle at Belly Up a hundred years ago when you know who was opening for Elliott Smith (oh, shit, now I'm really weepy). I told him the new record was terrific, that the band sounded great, that he looked tired, and I offered him a hug. He spat in my ear, "Exhausted! I'd rather a whiskey!" I'm going down to Casbah

## Tuesday 23

Guitar virtuoso **Kaki King** will light up the Loft at UCSD with this year's *Glow*, which *Consequence of Sound* says "challenges the boundaries of acoustics through just six strings and a whole lot of rhythm." She's a tapper and a slapper....

Dance-pop chameleon **Peaches** presents her DJ Extravaganza at Belly Up after up-and-coming all-girl garage group **Teenage Burrito**.... New Orleans jazz tromboner **Delfeayo Marsalis** blows into Anthology before bluesman **John Mayall** takes the stage.... And **Crocodiles**, **Beaters**, and **Plateaus** fill a fuzz-pop bill at Casbah.

## Wednesday 24

Real quik with the humpnight highlights: rock guitarist **Les Dudek** (Allmans, Boz Skaggs, Steve Miller) will sling his thing at Anthology...Brooklyn-based indie-dance duo **Matt & Kim** are out to tout this year's *Lightning*. They'll visit House of Blues...and Whistle Stop's going to screen *Suds County, USA*, a 25-year retrospective on the growth of the beer biz here in America's Finest Brewery. City.

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*"Funny songs, on the other hand, come with an immediate payoff."*

I'm a comedic singer-songrhymer," says Rob Deeze, "which basically means that I can appeal to many different audiences. The comedic side fits in at comedy shows, the singer side works at coffee shops and bars, and the rhyming side does well at hip-hop shows."

A longtime vet of local musical theater, particularly at City College's Saville Theatre, Deeze self-released his full-length *Fisher-Price: My First CD* in late 2011. Shortly after its debut, however, toymaker Mattel asked Deeze to change the name. "I ended up calling it *Trademark Infringement* instead," he says. Since then, he's been cooking up a new batch of comedic cuts, including "Check Into Cash," "Friend Zone," "Deezeriffic," "Hairy Palms," and "Self Deprecating Love Song," which includes this memorable verse: "I'm about to renew my subscription to *Maxim*/ and read all about the female orgasm/ If there's three in a threesome, and two in a twosome/ I guess that must mean that I'm handsome."

"As long as there are people who want to laugh, I'll have an audience to play for," says Deeze, whose day job as a medical assistant at Mercy Hospital ("I deal with cannulated bile ducts and remove gallstones") affords very few chuckles. "Making people smile is one of my favorite things to do, on and off stage. It's a euphoric feeling for me. It's a high. I can't get enough of it."

A San Diego native ("I've lived in North Park my entire life"), Deeze has collaborated with other local lights such as Josh Damigo, Jeff Berkley, and Kenny Eng. "Sure, I've played serious songs at concerts.

But, the whole time, the audience is just listening intently, not really reacting at all until the song's over. So, in my head, I start to panic. Do they like it? Why aren't they doing anything? What am I doing wrong?"

"Funny songs, on the other hand, come with an immediate payoff."

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### WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. The Cool Kids, *When Fish Ride Bicycles*. "Just discovered these guys, and this is their first album. Good driving music."
2. Okay at Best, *Live at the Tin Can Alehouse*. "These local guys are one of my favorite acts, period."
3. Big Boi vs. the Black Keys: *The Brothers of Chico Dusty*. "A funny mashup by Wick-it the Instigator."
4. Ol' Dirty Bastard, *Return to the 36 Chambers*. "This album never leaves the player."

### ANYTHING YOU WERE EMBARRASSED TO MENTION?

"I accidentally downloaded a Chamillionaire album once. But the winner has got to be the karaoke version of 'Adelaide's Lament,' from *Guys and Dolls*."

### WHERE CAN YOU HANG OUT FOR FREE?

"The Handlery Hotel on Hotel Circle. They've still got a Jacuzzi. Lafayette Hotel, if you're reading this, bring the Jacuzzi back and I'll hang out there, too!"

### FAVORITE CONCERT?

"I'm gonna say Bushwalla at Twigg's back in 2006. Bushwalla always puts on a great show, and the other

performers that night included Jason Mraz, MC Flow, and Eric Schwartz, aka Smooth-E."

### STUFF YOU NEVER RUN OUT OF?

"I always keep my fridge stocked with a bottle of Tapatio Hot Sauce and a bottle of Sriracha, a Thai chili sauce. Might not have any food, but I always have my sauce."

### YOUR MOST AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SONG?

"One called 'A Look Back,' which starts like this: *1981, not a lot of room/ I woke up to find myself inside of a womb/ Discovered my arms, legs, hands, and feet/ Instinctively started rockin' to my momma's heart beat.*"

### WHAT REMAINS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

"Escape through the roof of an elevator, crawl through an air-conditioning duct, go to Alaska, hike the Narrows in Utah [Zion National Park] from the top down, find a good woman, and have some kids."

### WHO DO PEOPLE SAY YOU LOOK LIKE?

"I've been told I look like a cross between a Cabbage Patch Kid and a hobbit. Perhaps my hobbit name would be Brown Paper Baggins."

### WHERE DO YOU TAKE OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS?

"In no particular order, Phil's BBQ in Point Loma, Balboa Park, and City Heights."

### DO YOU BELIEVE IN MAGIC?

"I've seen me in the bedroom, so, yes, I definitely believe in magic. Now you see it, now you don't!"



Comedic singer Rob Deeze is looking to "find a good woman and have some kids."

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### BIGGEST REGRET?

"My answer to the previous question."

### BRUSH WITH FAME?

"My first real job was working at Jamba Juice in Horton Plaza, and I once made a smoothie for Marlon Wayans. I was tempted to ask for his autograph, but I was a professional. A pro juicer, but a professional all the same."

### FAVORITE MOVIE BASED ON A BOOK?

"The *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. I'm such a nerd."

### INSPIRATIONS?

"I'm definitely a fan of Tenacious D, Bo Burnham, the Lonely Island, and Jon Lajoie."

### LIKE-MINDED LOCALS?

"My favorite local funny songwriters are Allison Gill and Bushwalla. Allison's got a song called 'Fat Girls Give Good Head (Because They're Hungry).'"

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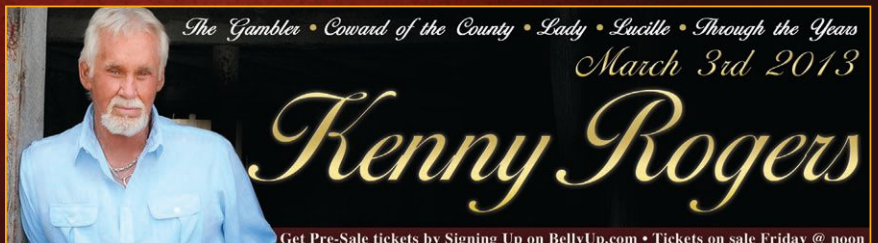
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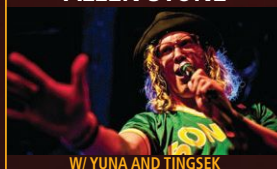


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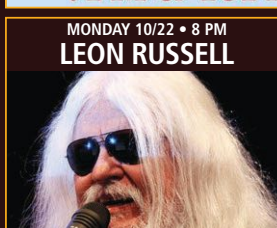


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1/17 Femi Kuti & The Positive Force - on sale Friday!

## Upcoming Shows:

|                                                                     |                                                                 |                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 10/30 The Devil Makes Three                                         | 11/15 Text Hold Em Party - Common Sense w/ Willie K, Hoi Polloi | 12/8 & 9 An Evening with Chris Isaak - Holiday show!  |
| 10/31 Halloween Heat                                                | 11/16 The Mother Hips                                           | 12/10 Kinky Friedman's Bi-Polar Tour w/ Mojo Nixon    |
| 11/1 Collie Buddz & New Kingston w/ Los Rakas                       | 11/17 One Drop                                                  | 12/14 Jonny Lang                                      |
| 11/2 Rome                                                           | 11/18 K'naan                                                    | 12/16 Los Lobos                                       |
| 11/3 Matinee 2pm-6pm - The Friends of Zoofari Foundation Fundraiser | 11/19 Boz Scaggs                                                | 12/20 Venice Christmas Show                           |
| 11/3 Wayward Sons                                                   | 11/20 Toots & the Maytals Acoustic w/ Anders Osborne            | 12/23 A Cash'd Out Christmas                          |
| 11/4 Elite Elvis' The Rockers and the Soul Tribute                  | 11/21 40oz to Freedom                                           | 12/27 Cracker and Camper van Beethoven                |
| 11/7 The Paragraphs                                                 | 11/23 & 24 Karl Denson's Tiny Universe and friends              | 12/29 Vokab Kompany                                   |
| 11/8 Jens Lekman                                                    | 11/25 Abbey Road - Beatles #1's                                 | 12/31 The Reverend Horton Heat - New Year's Eve show! |
| 11/9 Tainted Love - 80's Dance Party                                | 12/1 Young Guns - 10th Annual Ugly Sweater Party                | 1/4 Pato Banton                                       |
| 11/10 Pine Mountain Logs                                            | 12/2 Punch Brothers                                             | 1/19 Tower of Power                                   |
| 11/11 Blue October                                                  | 12/4 An Evening w/ John Waters - seated show!                   |                                                       |
| 11/13 Groundation                                                   | 12/5 & 6 Chris Robinson Brotherhood                             | 1/25 & 26 Ozomatli                                    |

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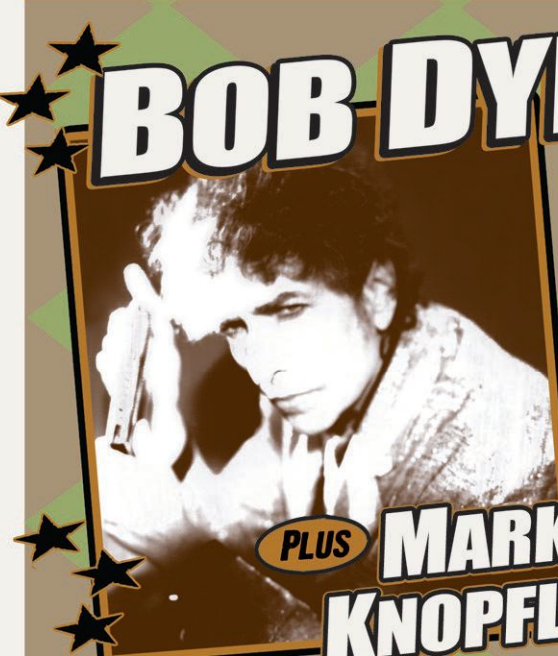
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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

**4th&B:**  
Friday, 10pm — Yasiin Bey. A.k.a. Mos Def!  
Saturday, 9pm — Zoé y Fobia. 21 and up.

**AMSDconcerts:**  
Saturday, 7:30pm — Kelly Joe Phelps. \$20.

**Anthology:**  
Friday, 7:30pm — Paul Brown & Jackiem Joyner. Contemporary jazz. \$11-\$27. 21 and up.  
Friday, 9:30pm — Way Cool Jr. Way Cool Jr faithfully re-creates the look, sound and feel of many of the '80s most powerful and memorable hard rock/heavy metal acts featuring hit songs from bands like Motley Crue, Poison, Guns & Roses, Van Halen, Journey, Whitesnake, Quiet Riot, Scorpions, Skid Row, Ratt, and Bon Jovi. \$12. 21 and up.  
Saturday, 7:30pm — Booker T. Jones. Arguably the most famous and decorated Hammond B3 organ player in history, he is est known as the frontman for Booker T. & the MGs. \$10-\$25. 21 and up.  
Sunday, 7pm — Tift Merritt. Songstress Tift Merritt is a North Carolina native. Her father taught her guitar chords and Percy Sledge songs. With her

longtime band, she has built a unique body of work of sonic short stories and poignant performances. In her early twenties, though Tift had gigged by herself, she decided she was not very good at music and better suited for writing short stories. She and her dog Lucy started school at UNC to study creative writing. There, she met Zeke Hutchins, whose band had just taken a hiatus and who had decided to become a school teacher. With his encouragement and a big box of LPs from the 70's that they both liked, they started a band. \$10-\$19. 21 and up.  
Sunday, 9pm — Rasputina. The Rasputina group has existed for more than 20 years. Melora Creager founded it to meet like-minded young women (excellent cellists that wanted to play rock music and wear historical costumes). \$10-\$15. 21 and up.  
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Delfeayo Marsalis. In January 2011, Delfeayo and the Marsalis family (father Ellis and brothers Branford, Wynton and Jason) earned the nation's highest jazz honor — a National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Masters Award. \$10-\$24. 21 and up.  
Tuesday, 9:30pm — John Mayall. John Mayall was born on the 29th of November 1933 and grew up in a village not too far from Manchester, England. It was here as a teenager that he first became attracted to the jazz and blues 78s in his father's record collection. Initially it was all about guitarists such as Eddie Lang, Lonnie Johnson, Brownie McGhee, Josh White and Leadbelly. However once he heard the sounds of

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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

**This is the age of the rock-star DJ. Where once anonymous technicians lurked behind turntables and electronics, now there are household names (more or less) with trademarked haircuts and masks. These guys (and they are all guys, aren't they? Why is that?) play all the big music festivals, pack huge halls on their own tours, and occasionally appear on the covers of national magazines.**

So, if Skrillex is a rock star of electronic dance music, Dan Deacon is the indie-rock version — he's beloved by a small but committed and knowledgeable audience, and his music is perhaps less fun but arguably a lot more interesting.

Deacon first gained national and international recognition five years ago with the release of *Spiderman of the Rings*, a record full of breakbeats, electronic drones, and weirdly distorted vocals. The goofy videos and celebratory concerts that followed gave him a reputation for party music. But Deacon went to grad school for music composition and has continued to compose music in a more classical vein. His records didn't stay goofy for long. This year's *America* is his most serious yet, anchored by a half-hour-long, four-part suite called "USA."

Inspired by both his travels and by the Occupy movement, Deacon has grown increasingly outspoken politically. Still, his habit of distorting vocals makes it hard to tell if any of that has showed up in the music. "USA," which could be his grand statement, mostly does without vocals. At some points, it also does without electronics or beats. So there you



DAN DEACON

have it: Deacon is the rock star of electronic dance music who's not rock, not quite a star, and not always electronic or danceable. That's just about perfect.

**DAN DEACON: the Irenic, Friday, October 19, 7 p.m. 619-624-9335, \$12-\$14**

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boogie woogie giants Albert Ammons, Pete Johnson and Meade Lux Lewis, his desire to play was all he could think of. At the age of 14 when he went to Manchester's Junior School of Art, he had access to a piano for the first time and he began to learn the basics of this exciting music. He also found time to continue learning the guitar and a couple of years later, the harmonica, inspired by Sonny Terry, Sonny Boy Williamson and Little Walter. \$14-\$36. 21 and up.

**Bar Pink:**  
Thursday, 9pm — The Tighthen Ups. Soul/rock, with Sue Palmer. 21 and up.  
Friday, 9pm — The Styletones.  
Saturday, 9pm — Neon Beat. With Junior and Vaughn.  
Sundays, 9pm — DJ Joemama and DJ Tramlife.  
Monday, 9pm — The Fire Eaters. Soul-jazz jam.  
Tuesday, 9pm — Craig Prior. Tiki Tuesday. Free. 21 and up.  
Wednesday, 9pm — H.A.M. Featuring DJ L.

**Belly Up:**  
Thursday, 9pm — Terraplane Sun, Del Sol Project, Loose Snakes. \$8-\$10. 21 and up.  
Friday, 9pm — Super Diamond. Neil Diamond tribute.  
Saturday, 7pm, Saturday, 10pm — Taj Mahal. Solo seated show.  
Sunday, 8:30pm — The Toadies, Helmet, Ume.  
Monday, 8pm — Leon Russell. With the Blitz Brothers. \$25-\$27. 21 and up.  
Tuesday, 9pm — Peaches DJ Extravaganza.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — BETAMAXX. Benefit for Baby Jesse. \$15. 21 and up.

**Brick by Brick:**  
Thursday, 8pm — JT and Midnight Starr's EDM. "Trick or Beatz" featuring Randy Vission and Wither.  
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| <b>10/19</b> WAY COOL JR.                      | <b>11/1</b> TONIC                                         |
| <b>10/21</b> RASPUTINA w/ FAUN FABLES          | <b>11/2</b> FOURPLAY                                      |
| <b>10/24</b> LES DUDEK                         | <b>11/3,4</b> PONCHO SANCHEZ                              |
| <b>10/25</b> ORQUESTA ARAGÓN                   | <b>11/6</b> LUSCIOUS NOISE                                |
| <b>10/26</b> INDIE BY DESIGN                   | <b>11/7</b> CARINA ROUND & ROSI GOLAN                     |
| <b>10/28</b> ROBERT GLASPER                    | <b>11/7</b> MARC BROUSSARD & FRIENDS                      |
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*Saturday*, 8:30pm — The Sheepdogs and Blackbox Revelation. \$15. 21 and up.  
*Sunday* — Alex Cuba and Cumbia Machine. \$12-\$14. 21 and up.  
*Monday*, 8:30pm — Jason Lytle of Granddaddy. With Sea of Bees. \$15. 21 and up.  
*Tuesday*, 8:30pm — Crocodiles, Beaters, Plateaus. With DJ Mario Orduno. \$15. 21 and up.  
*Wednesday*, 8:30pm — Cheap Time, Unnatural Helpers, Dream Buddies. \$8-\$10. 21 and up.

**Eleven:**  
*Thursday*, 9pm — Shaking Pyramid. \$5.  
*Friday*, 9pm — Mergence. Mergence is a rock band from Arizona. \$5.  
*Saturday*, 9pm — Shiva Trash, the Last Years, Shark Blood. The bill also includes Boats!! \$6.  
*Sunday*, 5pm — Casy and Brian. With Realization Orchestra and guests. \$4.  
*Tuesday*, 9pm — Kelsea Little and Swansea. \$5.  
*Wednesday*, 9pm — Jealousy Mountain Duo, The Nothingful Band, Bantam Feather. With Montalban Quintet (members of Pinback and Sleeping People). \$5.

**Gallagher's Pub & Grill:**  
*Friday*, 9pm — The Wagon. With DJ R2.  
*Saturday*, 9pm — Rocks Off. Rolling Stones tribute band.

**Griffin:**  
*Thursday*, 8pm — Belmont Lights. **Free.** 21 and up.  
*Friday* — Wicked Garden, Hargo, Silent Lune. With Heavy Empire.  
*Saturday*, 8:30pm — Good Riddance, Implants, I Don't Want to Hear It. With She's My Cassette. \$20.

**Harrah's Rincon:**  
*Friday*, 9pm — Snow Patrol.

**House of Blues:**  
*Thursday*, 7pm — The Midwinters. On the Voodoo Stage. **Free.** 21 and up.  
*Thursday*, 8:30pm — José Feliciano. \$25-\$30. 21 and up.  
*Saturday*, 8pm — Major Lazer. 18 and up.  
*Sunday*, 9pm — Datsik Firepower Tour. Support by Terravita, XKR, and GETTER. Dubstep-electro. \$25. 18 and up.  
*Monday* — Beth Orton. With Sam Amidon. \$25-\$30. 21 and up.  
*Tuesday*, 7pm — Local Brews, Local Grooves. Charley & Jesi (7:30pm); Craig Ingraham Band (8pm). **Free.**  
*Wednesday*, 7:30pm — Matt & Kim. Indie rock. With Oberhofer. \$20-\$25.

**Humphreys Backstage Music Club:**  
*Thursday*, 8pm — Backwater Blues Band.  
*Friday*, 9pm — Rockola. \$12.  
*Saturday*, 6:30pm — Salvador Santana. With Viva, Quino, Big Mountain, Baby I Love Your Way, Thomas Connor from Blood Sweat and Tears. \$20.  
*Sunday*, 8pm — Reggie Smith. Smooth jazz. \$12.

!NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

**“I was reading Stephen King and a lot of that kind of stuff at the time, and I wrote a bunch of fiction songs,”** Vaden Todd Lewis once told me about a song he wrote called “Possum Kingdom.” “It’s kind of a go-to way to write for me, to find a good story and flesh it out.” “Possum Kingdom,” released in 1994, is still in alt-rock radio rotation across the country. It centers on Possum Kingdom Lake in Texas: “I’ll not be a gentleman/ Behind the boathouse/ I’ll show you my dark secret/ I’m not gonna lie,” sung to the visual of a body bag being dragged from the lake’s waters in the accompanying video. “What I like about music is that I can be very vague and make it

*Tuesday*, 8pm — Stelita’s Groove. Smooth jazz. \$5.

**Humphreys by the Bay:**  
*Thursday*, 7:30pm — Prince Royce. \$50.  
*Friday*, 7:30pm — The Script.  
*Tuesday*, 7pm — Joss Stone. Soul. \$39.

**Ruby Room:**  
*Thursday* — 321 Stereo, Mostly Sunny, Neck & Neck. \$6.  
*Friday* — Gabriel Joseph.  
*Saturday* — SD Union presents Bailey. Bailey is from the UK

group Metalheadz.  
*Sunday* — Undead Garden, Jagged Lines, John Creeden. The bill also includes From Chaos.  
*Tuesday* — The Habit, Brett Walling, Something Else. Tori Roze presents Ruby Tuesday. \$3.

**Soda Bar:**  
*Thursday*, 8:30pm — Exitmusic, Idyll Wild, Odd Shapes. \$10.  
*Friday*, 8:30pm — The Jealous Sound, Weatherbox, Cardboard Lamb. \$12-\$14.  
*Saturday*, 8:30pm — Woods,

White Fence, Tropical Popsicle. \$12.  
*Sunday*, 8:30pm — Heavy Hawaii, Molly Nilsson, DJ Mario Orduno. \$7.  
*Monday*, 8:30pm — Thieves Like Us, Aimon, Dancing Strangers. With DJ Robbie Butler. Electro-pop. \$10-\$12.  
*Tuesday*, 8:30pm — Mrs. Henry, Anabel and the Mrs., Matt Rivers. \$5.  
*Wednesday*, 8:30pm — Early Graves, Dead Ghosts, Moosejaw. Mixture of old school Swedish

death metal and American hard-core punk. With Nomads. \$8.

**Soma:**  
*Thursday*, 6:30pm — Abandon All Ships, For All Those Sleeping, Skip the Foreplay. With Upon This Dawning and Palisades.  
*Friday*, 6:30pm — Raise the Guns, Pyrrhic, Aim to Kill. Beheading the King, Blood Dancer, All But Broken Opening. \$8.  
*Saturday*, 6:30pm — This Wild Life, For the Win, Chasing

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my wife is a psychologist. So, I hear a lot of good stories. No names, but stories. Some of those songs are about some of those people.”  
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Claymores. With I Am the Conqueror. Pop-punk. \$10. Sunday, 7pm — Crystal Castles. \$30.

**Tin Can Ale House:**  
Thursday, 9pm — New York Rifles and the Fisks. \$5.  
Wednesday, 9pm — Trouble in the Wind and Oak Creek Band. \$5. 21 and up.

**Tio Leo's:**  
Thursday, 8pm — Nathan James & the Rhythm Scratchers.  
Friday, 9pm — The Ballad Mongers.

**Winstons:**  
Thursday, 9:30pm — Zach Deputy. \$12.  
Friday, 9:30pm — Inna Vision and Bambu Station. Roots, reggae, dub. \$15.  
Saturday, 9:30pm — Stranger and Tribe of Kings. \$10.  
Sunday, 6pm — Slippin.  
Monday, 9pm — The Electric Waste Band.  
Tuesday, 9:30pm — Winstons Event Flyer The Goods and Heather Mills Wooden Leg.  
Wednesday, 9:30pm — Karlos Paez and Maiz. Club Kingstons.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

**4th&B:** 345 B St., Downtown San Diego, 619-231-4343.  
October 27 — Rock the Bells presents Bone Thugs N Harmony.  
October 28 — Bruce Foxton.  
October 31 — Peter Murphy.

**The American Comedy Company:** 818 Sixth Ave.,

Downtown San Diego, 619-795-3858.  
November 2, November 3 — Garfunkel & Oates.

**Anthology:** 1337 India St., Little Italy, 877-828-0891.  
October 25 — Orquesta Aragón.  
October 26 — "Indie By Design".  
October 28 — Robert Gasper.

**Bar Pink:** 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.  
October 25 — Fam Royal.  
October 26 — Bonkers!  
October 27 — Kata with Ana.  
October 28 — DJ Joemama and DJ Tramlife.

**Belly Up:** 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.  
October 25 — Calexico.  
October 27 — Wild Child and Abbey Road.

**Brick by Brick:** 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.  
October 26 — Junkyard, Local Reign, Future Villains.  
October 27 — Green Jelly, Strikefits, DIA.  
October 28 — The Koffin Kats and Silver Shine.

**The Casbah:** 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.  
October 25 — The Bloodflowers, Shake Before Us, The Touchies.  
October 26 — Blackout Party, Deadly Birds, Black Hondo.  
October 27 — Matthew Dear and Light Asylum.  
October 28 — Omar Rodriguez Lopez and Crypts. "

**Copley Symphony Hall:** 750 B St., Downtown San Diego, 619-235-0804.  
October 26, October 27, October 28 — Brahms's Fourth.

**Eleven:** 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-450-4292.  
October 25 — Olneyville Sound System and Street Buddy.  
October 26 — Immovable Objects, Sleep Lady, Gypsy Blood.  
October 27 — The Gore Horsemen, The Green Almighty, Mark Mallman.  
October 28 — Baby Buffalo, Brainstorm, Keith Sweaty.

**Flying Elephant:** 850 Tamarack Ave., Carlsbad, 760-434-2660.  
October 26 — Creepy Creeps.  
November 10 — Punk Rock Food Drive.

**Gallagher's Pub & Grill:** 5046 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300.  
October 26 — Almost Islanders.  
October 27 — Ottly Mercer.

**The Griffin:** 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-684-1816.  
October 25 — Church Hustlers, Jutty Ranx, Space Town Savior.  
October 26 — KNG MKR and Ease Up.  
October 27 — Rusted Root and Lauren Mann.  
October 28 — The Bastard Suns and Knockout.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-299-2583.  
October 25 — Macklemore & Ryan Lewis.  
October 27 — House of Blues Halloween Block Party.  
October 28 — ASAP Rocky, Schoolboy Q, Danny Brown.

**Humphreys by the Bay:** 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577.  
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| Oct. 27 - KRS1 - 8pm. \$20                                 | Nov. 13 - The Internet - 8pm. \$15       |
| Nov. 1 - Asher Roth & G-Eazy - 8pm. \$16                   | Nov. 15 - Zion I & Minnesota - 8pm. \$20 |
| Nov. 2 - Timeflies Presents the One Night Tour - 8pm. \$17 | Nov. 17 - Evidence - 8pm. \$16           |
| Nov. 4 - The Brightside Tour w/Aer & Yonas - 8pm. \$13     | Nov. 24 - Brotha Lynch - 8pm. \$20       |
| Nov. 8 - Casey Veggies - 8pm. \$15                         | Dec. 8 - Watsky - 8pm. \$16              |
|                                                            | Dec. 16 - Kreayshawn - 8pm. \$20         |

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November 8 — Lindsey Stirling.  
November 17 — El Ten Eleven.

**Java Joe's:** 4976 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-654-5637.  
October 25 — Jeff Berkley.

**La Costa Coffee Roasting:** 6965 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-438-8160.  
November 16 — Tony Taravella.

**Larry's Beach Club:** 1145 S. Tremont St., Oceanside, 760-439-6646.  
November 17 — West of 5.

**Lestat's Coffee House:** 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.  
October 28 — Robin Henkel Band with Horns.

**The Loft:** 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497.  
October 25 — Iron Fist.

**Manhattan Cocktail Lounge:** 400 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-6641.  
November 2, November 3 — Stone Wolf.

**MiraCosta College:** One Barnard Dr., Oceanside.  
October 26 — "Emerging Talent."

**Mission Brewery:** 1441 L St., East Village, 619-544-0555.  
November 3 — Rock and Roll Over: Unleash the Sounds.

**Molly Malone's:** 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.  
October 26 — Stone the Giant.  
October 26 CANCELED: — Studio 6.  
November 2 — Nemesis.

## EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

### **Treatment Bound: A Ukulele Tribute to the Replacements various artists**

By Mary Leary

Ukulele-based covers might seem to bypass an essential element in the Replacements' mix of yearning with bravado — Paul Westerberg and Co. were rockers, albeit of a power-pop persuasion. But Nashville-based duo Bright-Little-Field's homespun approach (dual ukuleles, up-close vocals, and congas) sidesteps

the threat of uke cuteness and underscores Westerberg's songwriting while paying homage to his delivery, turning a questionable idea into a winning proposition. Replacements fans-but-not-fanatics, like myself, are motivated to dive into the Replacements' back catalog. And B-L-F plays with such spirit on *Treatment Bound* that I want to nose around about them, too.

Westerberg's strong melodies, generally romantic worldview, and casually concise exposition, such as "Let's count the rings around my eyes" ("I Will Dare") and "Somewhere there's a smile with my name on it" ("If Only You Were Lonely"), shine in this setting. Still, diehard rockers may be reassured: the Replacements could have blown this sucker away.



Questionable idea, winning proposition

## Music Reviews from Our Readers

### **Slash slays sold-out House** By Johnny Caito

Slash slithered into town with Myles Kennedy and the Conspirators and slayed a sold-out House of Blues with a high-octane, ear-splitting performance. It was evident from the first two songs, "Halo" and "Night Train," that lead singer Kennedy is not just a fill-in. His wide range of vocals and scratchy snarls proved to be the perfect accompaniment to the guitarist.

Slash donned his

trademark top hat and Gibson guitar and ripped through a nearly two-hour set filled with songs by Guns N' Roses, Velvet Revolver, his 2010 self-titled album, and the newest release, *Apocalyptic Love*. It's as though he set out to prove that beyond the iconic look and name, there's still a hard-rocking guitar player who can play with the best of them.

Fronted by Kennedy, Slash and the rest of the band supercharged the audience with songs such as "Mr. Brownstone," "Sweet Child O' Mine," "Starlight," and the theme from *The Godfather* before closing the show with a rollicking, extended jam of "Paradise City."

**Concert:** Slash  
**Date:** September 4  
**Venue:** House of Blues  
**Seats:** General, floor



Donned his trademark top hat

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**Moose Lodge #1713:** 9062 Memory Lane, Spring Valley, 619-463-6444.  
October 28 — Halloween Party to Benefit Greg Willis.

**Museum of Making Music:** 5790 Armada Dr., Carlsbad, 760-438-5996.  
October 25 — Chris Proctor.

**Myerz Pourhouse:** 1678 Greenfield Dr., Downtown San

Diego, 619-442-7676.  
November 17 — The Pacific Rails.

**New Expression Music:** 4434 30th St., North Park, 619-280-9035.  
November 11 — Alan Munde.

**North University Community Library:** 8820 Judicial Dr., University City, 858-581-9637.  
October 27 — Halloween Concert with Raggle Taggle.

**Open Air Theatre:** 5500 Campanile Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947.  
November 3 — Yuridia.

**Pal Joey's:** 5147 Waring Rd., College Area, 619-582-6699.  
October 26 — Rhythm Red.  
October 27 — Misty & the Mobys.

**Pala Casino:** 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-

7252.  
November 20 — Cowboy Jack and the North County Cowboys.

**Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10):** 1140 W. Mission Rd., San Marcos, 760-744-1150.  
October 25 — Peter Sprague and Leonard Patton.  
November 1 — Palomar Chamber Singers.

November 3 — "There and Back Again."  
November 8 — Trio Gentile.  
November 14 — Electro Acoustic Music Festival.  
November 14 — Happy 100th Birthday, John Cage!  
November 15 — Arthur Golden and Chan Jenuine.

**Pathways Community Church:** 9626 Carlton Hills Bl.,



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**Patrick's Gaslamp Pub:** 428 F St., Downtown San Diego, 619-233-3077.  
October 25 — Myron & the Kynptionz.  
October 29 — Missy Andersen.  
October 30 — Open Mic with Walter Gentry.  
October 31 — The Bayou Brothers.

**Pechanga Resort & Casino:** 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819.  
November 15 — Band of Gold.  
November 16 — Richard Gomez and Rico Puno.  
November 17 — Counting Crows.

**Point Loma Nazarene University:** 3900 Lomaland Dr., Point Loma, 619-849-2433.  
October 26 — "Cantate."

**Porter's Pub at UCSD:** 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-587-4828.  
October 27 — KRS-1 and Luckyiam.  
October 31 — Ugly Boogie and Boomsnap.  
November 1 — Asher Roth and G-Eazy.  
November 2 — Timeflies.  
November 4 — AER & Yonas.  
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November 10 — Japandroids.  
November 13 — The Internet.  
November 17 — Evidence, DJ Mishaps, Bambu.  
November 24 — Brotha Lynch Hung.

**Pounders:** 125 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-739-1288.

November 16, November 17 — Stone Wolf.

**Poway Center for the Performing Arts:** 15498 Espola Rd., Poway, 858-748-0505.  
October 27 — Natalie MacMaster.

**Ramona Mainstage Nightclub:** 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.  
October 27 — Atropal.  
November 9 — SpiralArms.  
November 10 — Gilby Clark.  
November 17 — Sponge.  
November 23 — Attika 7.

**Renegade Inn:** 14335 Old Highway 80, El Cajon, 619-561-8105.  
November 23, November 24 — The Drinking Cowboy Band.

**Rhythm City Grill:** 1020 San Marcos Bl., San Marcos, 760-736-9202.  
October 25 — Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind.

**Riley's Music Lounge:** 2901 Nimitz Bl., Point Loma, 619-255-8635.  
November 10 — The Charms.

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

**Round Table Pizza:** 1161 E. Washington St., Escondido, 760-489-0191.  
November 6 — Cowboy Jack.

**The Salty Frog:** 992 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-1120.  
October 26, November 24 — The Pacific Rails.

**San Diego Civic Theatre:** 1100 Third Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-570-1100.



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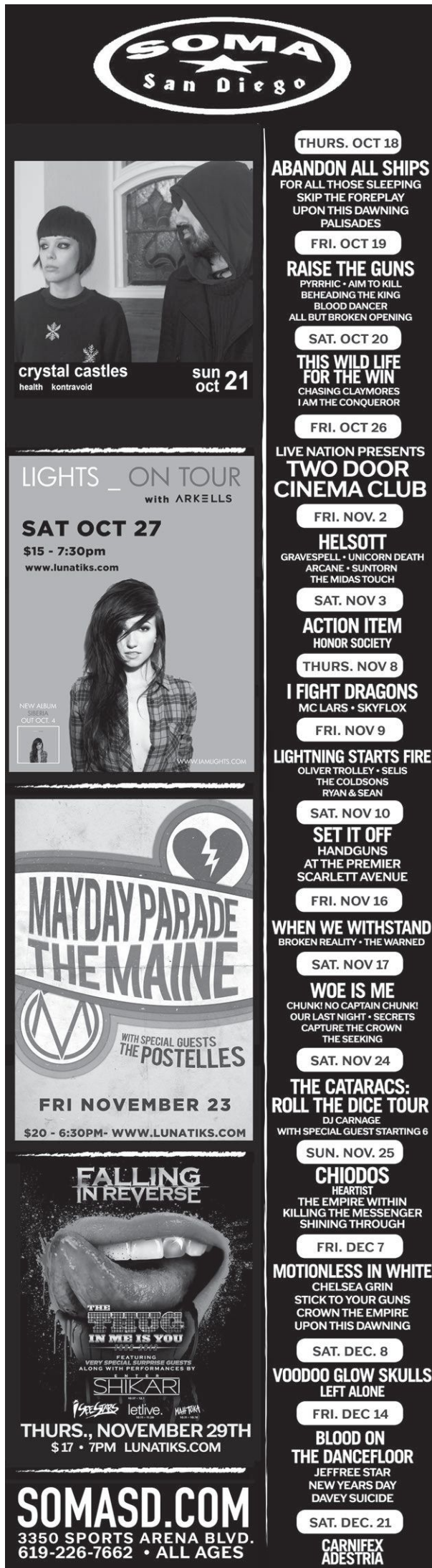
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**San Dieguito United Methodist Church:** 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas.  
November 17 — Men of Worth.

**Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library:** 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad.  
October 28 — Bak/Vanstrum Violin/Piano Duo.  
November 2 — The Russians are Coming!

**The Shakedown Bar:** 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-487-0373.  
October 26 — They Stay Dead, D.P.I., Somali Pirates.  
October 27 — People Talk, Psychos in Love, the Dirtbag Surfers.  
November 2 — Insentient, Syrebris, Infinite Death.  
November 9 — Bellicose Minds, Belgrado, Terrible Feelings.  
November 10 — The Haymarket Squares and Pushin Rope.  
November 16 — La Armada & the Strikers.  
November 17 — Surrounded by Thieves, Lonely Kings, Battle Born.  
November 24 — Hey! Ho! Let's Go!

**Smith Recital Hall at SDSU:** 5500 Campanile Dr., College Area, 619-594-5200.  
November 3, November 3 — "Ritmo y Corazón: "Rhythm and Heart."

**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 25 — Gary War, Purple Pilgrims, Island Boy.  
October 26 — Night Moves, Ditches, Future You.  
October 27 — Lost in the Trees, Midtown Dickens.  
October 28 — White Manna, Midday Veil, Los Loaded Saints.  
October 29 — Earth, Stebmo, Cult of Youth.  
October 30 — Zammuto, Au, Rafter.  
October 31 — Devin the Dude (by Roxy Jones).  
November 1 — Con Bro Chill, Dr. Seahorse, Chalkskin.  
November 2 — The Donkeys, Buxton, Octa#Grape.  
November 11 — Those Darlins and Heavy Cream.

**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.  
October 26 — Two Door Cinema Club.  
October 27 — Lights.  
November 3 — Action Item, Honor Society, Hello Highway.  
November 8 — I Fight Dragons, MC Lars, Skyfox.  
November 9 — Lightning Starts Fire.  
November 10 — Set It Off, Sparks the Rescue, Handguns.  
November 17 — Woe, Is Me.  
November 23 — Mayday Parade.  
November 25 — Chiodos and Heartist.

**Stingaree:** 454 Sixth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-544-

0867.  
October 26, October 27 — Havana Brown.  
October 31 — Halloweird.

**Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre:** 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002.  
October 27, October 27 — Pancho Barraza.  
November 8 — Foghat.  
November 9 — Skid Row and Warrant.  
November 16 — K-Ci & Jojo and Biz Markie.

**Templar's Hall at Old Poway Park:** 14134 Midland Rd., Poway.  
November 19 — Coco and Lafe.

**The Auditorium at The Scripps Research Institute:** 10640 John Jay Hopkins Dr., La Jolla, 858-626-2000.  
October 25 — Athenaeum Jazz: Tom Harrell Chamber Ensemble.

**The Auditorium of TSRI:** 10640 John Jay Hopkins Dr., La Jolla, 858-626-2000.  
October 30 — Ray Chen Plays Mendelssohn.

**Tin Can Ale House:** 1863 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-955-8525.  
November 2 — Daniel Kirkpatrick and the Bayonets.  
November 7 — Apollo Run and New Cassettes.

**UCSD Price Center:** 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-6467.  
October 25 — Nortec Collective: Bostich + Fussible.

**University of San Diego:** 5998 Alcalá Park, USD, 619-260-4600.  
November 17 — Quartet Nouveau.

**Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House:** 835 West Harbor Dr., Downtown San Diego, 619-232-4855.  
October 27 — Teagan Taylor Trio.

**VFW Post #3788:** 7785 Othello Ave., Kearny Mesa, 858-277-5510.  
November 3 — Blueberry Jam Blues Music Party.  
November 10 — Willie Nelson Tribute Band.

**Valley View Casino Center:** 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171.  
November 21 — Rush.

**Viejas Arena:** 5500 Canyon Crest Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947.  
November 17 — Enrique Bunbury.

**Whistle Stop Bar:** 2236 Fern St., South Park, 619-284-6784.  
October 27 — Booty Bassment.

**Winstons:** 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.  
October 25 — Trevor Green.  
October 26 — The Heavy Guilt and Dead Feather Moon.  
October 27 — Revival, Cumbia Machin, Shoreline Rootz.  
October 29 — The Electric Waste Band.  
October 30 — Rupa and the April Fishes.  
October 31 — B-Side Players and Friends.

**Woody's Solana Beach:** 437 South Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-345-1740.  
October 26 — Samz Jam.

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**The Tower Bar:** Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and import drafts.

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**Blarney Stone Pub:** Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

**Fat Tony's Pizza:** Monday-Thursday, 4-8pm: \$2 glass/\$8 pitcher Yel-

lowtail, Blue Moon, Big Eye, Coors Light. \$5 pizza, wings, salad.

## COLLEGE AREA

**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: \$3.50 personal pitchers. Karaoke 9m. Thursday-Friday, 4:30 to 6:30pm: \$3.50 personal pitchers. Saturday, Karaoke 9m. Sunday, \$7 domestic pitchers.

## CORONADO

**Costa Azul:** Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, domestic bottles. \$3.50 imported bottles, wells, house wine, sangria. \$3.75 drafts. \$6 margaritas, mojitos. \$2.95 tacos, \$3.50 shrimp, \$5.95 nachos.

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## MATTHEW COMPTON

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Matthew Compton, bar manager at Thrusters Lounge, claims that the Basil Hendricks is a "perfect summer cocktail."

"It's not something," he says, "I could see someone drinking in the middle of winter in the middle of Wisconsin, to be honest."

Having concocted the cocktail in his kitchen, Compton says his creation brings together a few of his favorite ingredients — limoncello, lemon, and especially basil.

"I wanted something to pair basil with in a cocktail," he says. "So I started doing a little mad scientist cocktail hour in my kitchen."

The cocktail also challenged him to give up some old grudges, Compton says, against the juniper berry.

"I'm not a big fan of gin," he says, "so I wanted to make a gin drink I would enjoy."

While a perfect match for any summer day, the Basil Hendricks also has a special ingredient that lends itself well to cool autumn evenings (cool, at least, by San Diego standards) — a light dusting of spice that serves as the cocktail's finishing touch.

"You don't want too much clove," he says of the spice that invariably invokes the scent of burning leaves and visions of foliage sporting a more earth-toned wardrobe. "Too much will overpower the drink so that you'll taste nothing but the clove. It's literally a shake in your hand — one salt shake."

In season and out, though, Compton insists, the Basil Hendricks will not disappoint.

"The lemon in the drink calms the clove down to the point where you can taste how fresh and effervescent the gin is on the inside," he says.

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A budding interracial friendship is tested by the changes of the late 1960s: civil rights, integration, race riots and the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH ST., COLLEGE AREA. 619-264-3391. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 3PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 28.

In its world premiere at the Old Globe, *Allegiance* attempts to tell the epic story of Japanese American internment in WWII. The subject's as huge as it is vital. Right now it's an "important" musical, but needs work to become a good one. One way to imagine what it needs is to take away its spectacular cast: iconic George Takei, Paul Nakauchi, Michael K. Lee, young, engaging Telly Leung (whose character undergoes extreme disillusionment).

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The Murder Mystery Company presents a dinner-theater production about "one killer prom" in 1957.

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Dick Fig, Brecht scholar, just got fired from a university and must do an exit interview with Eunice. She believes everything has a purpose, even that crazed gunman shooting up the school. Throughout William Missouri Downs's Brechtian sketch comedy, politics and religion snake dance. Sam Woodhouse gives a herky-jerky script a funny, jolt-filled treatment reminiscent of his historic *Six Women With Brains Die*. The cast obviously relishes the blackout skits geared to shake the audience into thinking for themselves. The play throws barbs at cows both sacred and profane. It is also cute and often silly. It's more *siss-then-boom-bah*, but the Rep's manic staging keeps it entertaining throughout. *Worth a try.*

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DI-

Revival's the wrong word for the La Jolla Playhouse's excellent production. David Mamet's blowtorch comedy doesn't need reviving, just a top-flight ensemble and Christopher Ashley's smart direction — along with a set that can levitate the Chinese restaurant in Act One, thereby collapsing both acts into a 90-minute free-for-all in which Chicago real estate salesmen, circa 1983, vie for leads and, since “the job is the man,” for status in a thoroughly macho community. Peter Maloney (Shelly Levene), Manu Narayan (Richard Roma), and James Sutorius (Dave Moss) head a cast with no weak links.

**Critic's Pick**  
LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010.  
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from Boston's south side, and everything is difficult. Not like Mike, a nouveau-have she dated 30 years ago. In David Lindsay Abaire's comedy-drama, when Margie goes to Mike's spinster's roast on Chestnut Hill to ask for a job, sparks fly. Amid dramatic confrontations, thanks to director Paul Mullins's deft hand and a top-shelf cast, when the vulgar Southies gather — at the kitchen table or the bingo parlor — laughter erupts as well. **Critic's Pick.**

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## I Love a Piano

They grew up in the same house in McAllen, Texas, but grew apart. A legal immigrant from Mexico, Fernanda went all-in for Americanization, while her maid's daughter, Kita is undocumented ("invisible" "disposable") and sees barriers wherever she turns. Playwright Tanya Saracho includes audience participation in her exploration of differences. Parts of the play are in Spanish. Those who don't know the language will feel as exluded as Kita (and in the long run, as Fernanda, since she learns to notice things she never did before). For Mo'olelo Performing Arts, Gabriela Trigo (Fernanda) and Cynthia Bastides (Kita) perform like yin and yang. Both excel individually and their tandem efforts are terrific. **Critic's Pick.**

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### Mistakes Were Made

Even by his own admission, Felix Artifex has produced only theatrical shlock. Now he wants to align with quality, “a real American play.” His choice: an epic about the French Revolution called *Mistakes Were Made*. Six months into the project and he still hasn’t a clue. Every move he makes pushes things further apart. Craig Wright’s play is often very funny and very long (even for 90 minutes). And when Felix’s amateurish actions have lethal consequences the jokes, and a cutesie, overfed goldfish bit, wane. But what Phil Johnson does as Felix argues for a recommendation in spite of the drawbacks. He’s on the phone the whole time, does one dramatic build after another, and manages greater ones in the end. Throughout he performs with a remarkable spontaneity. *Worth a try.*

CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, 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

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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.

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### The Sugar Witch

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ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 3.

### The Trestle at Pope Lick Creek

Moxie Theatre presents Naomi Wallace’s drama about “two desperate teenagers in a deadly game: out run the train over the trestle at Pope Lick Creek.” Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directed.

MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 858-598-7620. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 28.

### Words By: Ira Gershwin and the Great American Songbook

North Coast Rep presents Joseph Vass’s world premiere tribute to lyricist Ira Gershwin, with music by George Gershwin, Harold Arlen, Vernon Duke, Jerome Kern, and Kurt Weil. David Ellenstein directed.

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# Drinking Stories

Here's the Internet Movie Database summary for 1994's rehab drama *When a Man Loves a Woman*, starring Meg Ryan and Andy Garcia: "An airline pilot and his wife are forced to face the consequences of her alcoholism when her addictions threaten her life and their daughter's safety. While the woman enters detox, her husband must face the truth of his enabling behavior." That's pretty much the template for *Smashed* — much more than, say, the 1988 rehab drama *Clean and Sober*, starring Michael Keaton, or 2000's rehab dramedy *28 Days*, starring Sandra Bullock.

Of course, one must update things for the sake of the times, so here are a few differences that *Smashed* brings to the beer-stained table: the husband (a sympathetic Aaron Paul) is very much a beta male, a slacker party-buddy living off his parents and writing concert reviews from home. There is no daughter, although there is a faked pregnancy to explain morning vomit to a bunch of curious schoolchildren. And in this economy, who can relate to the upper-middle life of a commercial airline pilot? We need something closer to squalor, something involving crummy bars, flasks in the parking lot, and convenience stores that won't sell you alcohol after 2 a.m. Oh, and a side-trip into crack-smoking. *Smashed* understands this.

When you're working with a plot

this familiar, you have to rely on something else to see you through. The script from James Ponsoldt and Susan Burke isn't going to do it: a couple of cringeworthy chats about sex and abortion see to that, along with a general failure to depict both the glories and disasters of a marriage built on a shared love of booze. Tobias Datum's swervy drunk-cam is occasionally effective, and he does

manage to give things a damp and dissipated look. But the real draw

here is the cast: Mary Elizabeth Winstead is utterly believable, and sometimes even compelling, in the role of the drunk wife who admits that she has a problem. And she is ably backed by Paul, Megan Mullally, Nick Offerman, and Mary Kay Place. Only Octavia Spencer, in the thankless role of inspirational AA sponsor, seems wasted.

— Matthew Lickona

## San Diego Asian Film Foundation becomes Pacific Arts Movement

You can call it Pac-Arts or you can call it SDAFF, but "as a kind request," please do not refer to the newly dubbed Pacific Arts Movement as PAM.

"I never grew up thinking I was going to run a nonprofit organization," Pac-Arts executive director Lee Ann Kim laughingly admits, "so in the beginning I didn't really know what



**Smashed:** Of course she's smiling, she had a beer in the shower!

I was doing." When the San Diego Film Foundation was born, she chose the name "completely without any kind of imagination. I'm a little bit smarter now...."

"For the last 12 years we've been operating as the San Diego Asian Film Foundation (SDAFF^1)," Kim said, "and that was very confusing. Because the acronym and the words were so close to the San Diego Asian Film Festival (SDAFF^2) most people thought of us as just a film festival."

Nothing could be further from the truth. In addition to the annual festival, Pac-Arts presents its week-long Spring Showcase, Reel Voices (a documentary filmmaking bootcamp for youth), DigiFest (a free online

showcase of feature-length films), and Drive-By Cinema (a new experimental mobile cinema project).

"We're also more of a cultural and social movement than a festival," Kim continued. "When people hear Pacific Arts Movement, it doesn't peg us just as a film festival in San Diego. Since we're located on the Pacific Rim, it reflects our region and 'Pacific' feels less 'niche-y' than the word 'Asian.' Most people look at us as SDAFF^2 anyway, so it makes a lot of sense for us to change the name."

This year, SDAFF^2 runs November 1–9. You'll be hearing more from Matt and me about the festival lineup as screeners arrive. For a complete list of films or more information, visit

SDAFF.org.

— Scott Marks

## A closer look at Brad Pitt's ad for Chanel No. 5

Astonishingly, folks are calling movie star Brad Pitt's ad for Chanel No. 5 "nonsensical." (Go ahead, Google it.) The problem is the dialogue, which seems to have been lifted from Terrence Malick's *Significant Whispers* (not its real title).

But we here at *The Big Screen* know that Mr. Pitt is nothing if not selective about the projects he chooses, and we think we may have figured this one out. Read with a certain squint, the script serves as a nod to Pitt's early film career — to the years before Angelina, before Jennifer, before Clooney and the self-aware movie-stardom of the *Ocean's* films. The days when he was a sexy, cool actor, but not yet a cornerstone of the Institute for Sexy Coolness. Viz:

"It's not a journey. Every journey ends, but we go on." Easy reference to Pitt's breakthrough role in the doomed-roadtrip film *Thelma & Louise*.

"The world turns, and we turn with it." The line fairly drips with the timeless, ruminative character of *A River Runs Through It*.

"Plans disappear; dreams take over." Dreams? Plans? *12 Monkeys*. A protagonist whose haunted dreams take over his plan to save the world by foiling a plot to unleash a supervirus.

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"My fate." Easier than luck, since death is everybody's fate, and Pitt just happened to play Death in *Meet Joe Black*.

"My fortune." Hello, *Snatch*, which casts Pitt as a crook looking for a big score.

But my favorite bit is the last line: "Chanel No. 5. Inevitable." A brutal self-assessment from the man who played anti-consumer extraordinaire Tyler Durden in *Fight Club*.

Anyway, that's my take. Anyone got a better explanation? You know, besides the \$7 million payday?

— *Matthew Lickona*

# MOVIE LISTINGS

*All reviews are by David Elliott, Matthew Lickona, John Rubio, Scott Marks, and Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release, and by rating are available online at [SanDiegoReader.com](http://SanDiegoReader.com).*

**3,2,1... Frankie Go Boom** — Ron Perlman as a transsexual; plus a madcap dash to destroy all records of a sex tape depicting a failed coupling with Lizzy Caplan. For starters. 2012.

**Alex Cross** — Tyler Perry sells out? Outsider auteur takes on a studio prequel, playing a detective-psychologist role that Morgan Freeman made famous back in 1997 with *Kiss the Girls*. Matthew Fox stars as the Crazy Sadist Guy who needs figuring out. 2012.

**Argo** — Oscar-bound dramatization of the far-fetched but true story of six Americans who managed to escape the Iran hostage crisis in 1979 and find shelter in Canada by pretending to be actors in a big budget Hollywood space opera. Ben Affleck directs and stars as the CIA “exfiltration” expert who comes up with the outlandish idea of hiring a once-big producer (don’t laugh when you see the poster on Alan Arkin’s wall) and makeup man (John Goodman) to give credence to the bogus project. The behind-the-scenes exposé of Uncle Sam-as-auteur accounts for half a great movie. Even if you are not familiar with the incident — the information was eventually declassified in 1997 — the ending is pretty much a foregone conclusion. Affleck needed a stylish touch of sleight of hand to sustain the suspense required to elevate the third act above a typical *Bourne* sequel. It also suffers a bit from the cutes, as evidenced by Alexandre Desplat’s syrupy score and one “Argo ‘I’ yourself” too many. The cast helps to keep things moving — particularly the hilarious interplay between Arkin and Goodman. And is it me, or should Bryan Cranston be in every film released? Worth

seeing, but nowhere near the movie people are going to tell you it is. Make sure not to leave before obligatory closing credit sequence where they show what the real victims looked like. They got the hair right! With Victor Garber, Clea DuVall, Rory Cochrane, and Zeljko Ivanek. 2012. — S.M.  
★★

**Back to the Future** — The task of tailoring the time-travel theme to the teenage market has led to, besides such concrete accessories as skateboards and electric guitars, an inordinate dwelling on anachronisms, with a contemporary teenager plunged (much like an addict of TV's *Happy Days*, only deeper) into the Fifties. It's as though the genealogical time-line has collapsed into itself like a retractable aerial, or better, has been bent back on itself in a U-shape, so that the generation gap may be measured as the distance between parallel lines and without any unflattering reference to age. The interest in anachronisms never, predictably enough, rises above the parlor-gamesterism into which the time-travel theme so frequently, and comfortably, settles. But at this frivolous, almost vaudeville level, with a very wide latitude for caricature, the movie is quite consistently amusing, and even when not, is too fast-moving ever to be really annoying. And the tremendous speed ought not to obscure how scrupulously director Robert Zemeckis has set up the time motif (starting with the Rubie Goldberg array of alarm clocks during the credits), nor how thoroughly he has sketched in the small-town locale, soon to be jerked back through 30 years of undevelopment (or ought that to be de-development?). The plot that unfolds thereafter is a sort of juggling-act of hot potatoes, including such things as the hero playing Cupid to his own parents, playing hard-to-get to his own mother, and playing second-hand mentor to Chuck Berry. But the movie's brightest idea — its twice-baked potato as it were — does not come until the final fulfillment of the title. The weary time-traveller, having taken a hand in rewriting the future, now finds himself back in the present with a different past from everyone else. That idea, with its infinite possibilities for nostalgia and alienation, is passed over, of course, as rapidly and unreflectingly as every other idea in the movie, but coming as it does at the very end, or the virtual end, excepting one final frivolity, it tends to linger. Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd, Lea Thompson. 1985. — D.S.

**Diana Vreeland: The Eye Has to Travel** — BioDoc on the famed *Harper's Bazaar* fashion editor. Best line from the trailer: "She made it okay for women to be outlandish and extraordinary." Just not, you know, fat. Close runner-up: "She dared to make everything beautiful." Just not, you know, fat people. Fashion! 2012.

**Dredd** — A tight, trim, grueling police drama about a homicide investigation that turns into a drug bust that turns into a nasty game of cop-hunt. It's the future, so naturally, things are urban, wasted, and awful. Overmatched officers in full body armor patrol a city that stretches along most of the northeastern seaboard. They can respond to only a fraction of reported crimes, so for efficiency's sake, they must also act as judges, juries, and executioners. There is very little here to complain about: no self-conscious silliness, no pointless effects (the occasional slo-mo is the result of a drug that slows down perception), and very little in the way of impossible acrobatics. The clichés (Olivia Thirlby as a pretty rookie, Lena Heady as a scarred villain) don't grate, the catchphrases make sense, and star Karl Urban manages to convey a character without ever removing the helmet that obscures the upper half of his face.

2012. — M.L.

★★

**Frankenweenie** — Director Tim Burton returns to a short film he made at the very beginning of his career. If the move signals a certain failure to advance creatively, it also marks a return to the realm of the heartfelt, which is where he does his best work. So yes, you'll see a lot of familiar Burton elements: black and white (*Ed Wood*), a mad scientist in the midst of cookie-cutter suburbia (*Edward Scissorhands*), life-after-death (*Beetlejuice*), and even a Johnny-Deppish mien for the protagonist, a boy named Victor Frankenstein. And yes, as his name suggests, the original short is based on someone else's idea. But even so, *it's alive* — inspired, even. We may wag our fingers at Dr. Frankenstein's mad quest to cheat death in Shelley's masterpiece, but who could condemn a heartbroken boy's desire to recover his beloved dog? Young Victor does science for love, and happily, old Burton is here doing movie-making for the same reason. (An exchange between Victor and his science teacher may even serve as a mea culpa for some of Burton's late-career missteps.) Of course, in stretching a short to feature length, Burton is forced to take an homage to one classic monster movie and turn it into an homage to a whole bunch of classic monster movies, with occasionally ungainly results. Still, he manages to keep a spirit of mildly creepy fun throughout, and he even comes within a tail's twitch of a magnificent ending. 2012. — M.L.

★ ★ ★

**High Noon** — The thinking man's Western by Carl Foreman, writer, and Fred Zinnemann, director, rounds up a basic unit of stereotypes — the legendary aging lawman, his pale-skinned pacifist wife, the dark-complexioned shady lady from his past, and a band of desperadoes with a score to settle — and nearly paralyzes them with repetitious and largely irrelevant anti-populist propaganda. It is a tribute to the genre, and to the sagging face and shoulders of Gary Cooper, that the stereotypes succeed in holding your interest in spite of all the belabored intellectualizing. Grace Kelly, Katy Jurado, Thomas Mitchell, Lloyd Bridges. 1952. — D.S.

★ ★ ★

**Hotel Transylvania** — Fans of Adam Sandler will want to have a neighbor read them the following: the latest from Sony Pictures Animation has all the stylistic innovation and visual niceties of a Count Chocula commercial. An unduly protective vampire daddy (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 things get. 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: The Clone Wars*) subscribes 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 who 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. 2012. — S.M.

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**Keep the Lights On** — Boy (Thure Lindhardt) meets boy number two (Zach-

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ary Booth) while dialing for hookups, boy hooks up with boy number two and is then told not to get his hopes up, since boy number two has a girlfriend. But whaddya know, the boys eventually get together, and everything would be great except maybe it’s not so great that boy number two likes to smoke crack and blow the smoke into boy’s mouth during sex. Plus, he tends to disappear for days at a time, a habit that distracts boy from his work as a documentary filmmaker, costs boy number two in his professional life in the publishing world, and does more than a little damage to their relationship. *Lights* drops in on the couple at various junctures over the course of a decade, and while the addiction/devotion story is nothing new, the film gets points for frankness in its depiction of gay lovers as real and occasionally horrible people. (Other frank depictions: gay sex and its occasional messiness, the power of drugs to overshadow a soul.) But that same commitment to verisimilitude costs it in the dramatic department: intimate it may be, compelling it is not. 2012. — M.L.

★

**Looper** — A nifty idea botched by writer, director Rian Johnson’s (*Brick*) unnecessarily dense plotting. (A calculatedly confusing storyline does not a good movie make.) Tickets should come with a road map (or a comic book adaptation) wrapped around them to help guide audiences through this. In a dystopian universe that resembles any number of cramped, squalid depictions of a Hollywoodized future, the mob blindfolds finks and sends them 30 years into the past to be whacked by hitmen known as “loopers.” There’s a catch: when a hired gun displeases the boss and it comes time to “close the loop,” the baddies are stuck in the way-back machine and sent on a suicidal blast to the past. But wouldn’t it have been simpler to direct Joseph Gordon-Levitt to brush up on reruns of *Moonlighting* to help find his character, rather than saddling him with a distracting makeup job aimed at passing him off as a dead-ringer for a young Bruce Willis? It officially lost me when Willis and Levitt met for a Tarantino-style diner scene topped by a dumb-dumb “old man”/“boy”

exchange and a spray of bullets. Everything after that was an incomprehensible blur. With Emily Blunt, Piper Perabo, and Qing Xu. 2012. — S.M.

★

**Marnie** — Women’s-magazine Freudian romantic drama about an icy hypertense blonde with an interesting collection of obsessions — kleptomania, sexual disgust, a tendency to black out (or red out, actually) at the sight of anything red. Hitchcock pilots the thing with a vulgar, comfort-craving delight in Quality Living — vast country estates, riding stables, the race track, an ocean cruiser, separate bedrooms, etc. With Tippi Hedren, Sean Connery, and Diane Baker. 1964. — D.S.

★★★★

**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 re-hash 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 overindulgent, 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. — M.L.

★★★★

**North by Northwest** — The topper of all of Hitchcock’s cross-country cat-and-mouse thrillers. The species that was spawned in the Thirties with *Young and Innocent* and *The 39 Steps* has undergone some body-building after all these years of exercise, and emerges here in a form higher (the United Nations building), wider (the Midwest corn fields), and grander (the face of Mt. Rushmore) than ever before. There are ample tipsy giggles and hokey excitements, thanks largely to Cary Grant’s broadly played and easily ruffled dignity, and thanks very slightly to James Mason’s prissy villainy. Eva Marie Saint, done over as if for *Harper’s Bazaar*, steps surprisingly to the fore of Hitchcock’s line of icy blondes. 1959. — D.S.

★★★★

**The Other Dream Team** — When the Soviet Union won the gold medal in men’s basketball at the 1988 Olympics, four of the five starters hailed from the same city. That city was not in Russia, but Lithuania, a country that had been under Soviet control since World War II. Lithuania had been a basketball hotbed long before the Soviets arrived in 1940, and their continued prowess became a form of resistance, a way to “bite the Red Bear in the ass.” (When a former exile recalls how “basketball gave us dignity” while in Siberia, the meaning and importance that sports can assume becomes clear.) By the time of the ’92 Olympics, Lithuania was a newly independent and deeply impoverished nation in desperate need of uplift. *The Other Dream Team* traces the history of those four Soviet starters-turned-Lithuanian stars, setting their stories against a very pertinent political backdrop. If the material gets stretched a little thin and the political machinations leading up to independence remain a little unclear, the overall effect is still bracing and welcome. 2012. — M.L.

★★

**The Paperboy** — Taken for what it is — and that includes a final third that comes with its own unique set of loopy, non-linear terms — this followup from *Precious* writer-director Lee Daniels does just fine as a smutty sex-and-servitude potboiler that never bores. The 1969 murder of a small-town sheriff in Moat County, Florida sends investigative reporter Matthew McConaughey (who deserves a lifetime achievement award for this year’s output

alone) back to his roots and onto the trail of what could turn out to be the scoop of a lifetime. He joins forces with his younger brother (Zac Efron), a “paperboy” for the mob, and a never-sexier (particularly if you go for the slutty, ’60s, teased hair, layered-on mascara, cigarette butt dangling from the corner of her mouth, Julie Christie type) Nicole Kidman to right the wrongful accusation of swamp psycho John Cusack. There are several obvious cheats in both the logic and narrative departments, and the film has a near-unhealthy fixation on Kidman’s private parts. But if nothing else, it’s a technical step forward for Daniels: the gimmicky flash cuts and mini-montages that marred *Precious* remain, but happily, there are fewer of them, and he occasionally finds a way to have them advance the story. 2012. — S.M.

★★

**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, mix-tapes, and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, but also the nightmares of unrequited love, bad 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.

★

**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 eco-system, 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 Katharine Hepburn-y about the way she manages to bring bring intelligence to farce. With Rebel Wilson, Skylar Astin. 2012. — M.L.

★★

**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.

★★★

**Seven Psychopaths** — Think *Adaptation* meets *Pulp Fiction* — with a heart! Or at least, with a beloved dog. Martin McDonagh, the writer-director behind the cleverly chatty crime comedy *In Bruges*, here casts Colin Farrell in the role of

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4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)

**Alex Cross** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:40, 1:00,

3:20) 5:45, 8:10, 10:30; **Argo** (R) Fri-Sun (10:20, 11:20, 1:20, 2:20) 4:15, 5:10, 7:05, 8:05, 9:45, 10:45; **Atlas Shrugged: Part 2-The Strike** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:30) 4:40, 7:40, 10:20; **Frankenweenie** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:25, 12:35, 2:45); **Here Comes the Boom** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:45) 4:25, 7:00, 9:30; **Hotel Transylvania** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:15, 3:25) 5:40, 8:15, 10:25; **Looper** (R) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:35) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **Marnie (1964)** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun; **Paranormal Activity 4** (R) Fri-Sun (11:30, 1:40, 3:50) 5:15, 6:15, 7:25, 8:25, 9:35, 10:35; **Pitch Perfect** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:10, 2:00) 4:35, 7:30, 10:10; **Seven Psychopaths** (R) Fri-Sun (11:45, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:55; **Sinister** (R) Fri-Sun (11:15, 2:10) 5:00, 7:45, 10:15; **Taken 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:35, 12:55, 3:05) 5:20, 7:35, 9:50; **The Perks of Being a Wallflower** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:25, 1:50) 4:30, 7:50, 10:30

**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)

**Bringing Up Bobby** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:15, 1:30, 3:40) 5:50, 7:55, 10:15; **Decoding Deepak** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun (11:55, 1:55) 4:10, 6:10, 8:10, 10:10; **Frankenweenie** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:10, 3:15) 5:20, 7:30, 9:40; **Here Comes the Boom** (PG) Fri-Sun (12:45, 3:10) 5:40, 8:05, 10:25; **The Intouchables** (R) Fri-Sun (11:45, 2:20) 4:50, 7:25, 10:05; **Least Among Saints** (R) Fri-Sun (12:10, 2:40) 5:10, 7:35, 10:15; **Looper** (R) Fri-Sun (11:20, 1:00, 2:00, 3:35) 4:40, 6:15, 7:15, 8:55, 9:55; **North by Northwest (1959)** (Not Rated) Fri. Sat 7:00, 10:30 Sun; **Pitch Perfect** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:30, 12:30, 2:05, 3:05) 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; **Samsara** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 2:45) 5:00, 7:20 Sat (12:25, 2:45) Sun (12:25, 2:45) 5:00, 7:20; **Searching for Sugar Man** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:40, 1:50, 3:55) 6:05, 8:15, 10:20; **Taken 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:05, 12:05, 1:15, 2:15, 3:25) 4:25, 5:35, 6:45, 7:45, 9:05, 10:00; **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Fri. 9:35p.m. Sat Sun 9:35p.m.; **Trouble with the Curve** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:35, 2:10) 4:35, 7:10, 9:45

**Regal Horton Plaza**

*Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)*

**Alex Cross** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:30 Sat-Sun (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 9:30; **Argo** (R) Fri. (12:40, 1:15, 3:30, 4:15) 6:30, 7:15, 9:20, 10:10 Sat-Sun (12:40, 1:15, 3:30) 4:15, 6:30, 7:15, 9:20, 10:10; **Atlas Shrugged: Part 2-The Strike** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 4:05) 7:05, 9:50 Sat-Sun (1:20) 4:05, 7:05, 9:50; **End of Watch** (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:40) 7:40, 10:15 Sat-Sun (1:30) 4:40, 7:40, 10:15; **English Vinglish** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun (12:50, 3:50) 7:20, 10:15; **Hotel Transylvania** (PG) Fri. (1:10, 3:25, 5:35) 7:50, 10:05 Sat-Sun (1:10, 3:25) 5:35, 7:50, 10:05; **OMG Oh My God!** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun (1:05p.m.); **Paranormal Activity 4** (R) Fri. (12:45, 3:00, 4:30, 5:15) 6:45, 7:30, 9:10, 9:45; **Resident Evil: Retribution** (R) Fri. (12:35, 5:25) 7:45 Sat-Sun (12:35) 5:25, 7:45; **Resident Evil: Retribution 3D** (R) Fri-Sun (3:05) 10:05; **Seven Psychopaths** (R) Fri. (1:25, 4:20) 7:10, 9:40 Sat-Sun (1:25) 4:20, 7:10, 9:40; **Sinister** (R) Fri. (1:35, 4:10) 7:25, 9:55 Sat-Sun (1:35) 4:10, 7:25, 9:55; **Student of the Year** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun (2:30) 6:20, 10:00; **This Guy’s in Love with U Mare!** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun (12:30, 3:15) 6:00, 9:00

# MOVIE SHOWTIMES

## KENSINGTON

### Landmark Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)

**WAR OF THE BUTTONS** (PG-13) Fri: (3:00), (5:00), 7:00, 9:00, Sat & Sun: (3:00), 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, Mon-Thu: (5:00), 7:00, 9:00; **BACK TO THE FUTURE** (PG) Sat & Sun: 12:00 NOON; **THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW** (R) With “Crazed Imaginations” Shad-ow Cast, Sun: 12:00 MIDNIGHT, Discount Shows at Landmark’s Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets “( )”; **SOMEWHERE BETWEEN** (NR) Opens Friday October 26; **JURASSIC PARK** (PG-13) Plays Saturday, October 27 & Sunday, October 28; **THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW** (R) With “Crazed Imagina-tions” Shadow Cast, Plays Sunday, October 28, 12:00 MIDNIGHT

## 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

**SMASHED** (R) Fri, Mon-Thu: (2:20), (4:50), 7:25, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:20, 4:50, 7:25, 9:35; **THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER** (PG-13) Fri, Mon-Thu: (2:10), (4:40), 7:20, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40; **THE MASTER** (R) Fri, Mon-Thu: (2:00), 5:00, 8:00, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; **THE PAPERBOY** (R) Fri, Mon-Thu: (1:50), 9:30, Sat & Sun: (1:50), 9:30; **DIANA VREELAND: THE EYE HAS TO TRAVEL** (PG-13) Fri, Mon-Thu: (4:30), 7:00, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 4:30, 7:00, Discount Shows at Landmark’s La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “( )”; **SIMON AND THE OAKS** (NR) Opens Friday, October 26

## 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)

**Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre: Much Ado About Nothing** (NR) Tue: 7:00 PM; **Alex Cross** (PG-13) 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; **Para-normal Activity 4** (R) Fri & Sat: (10:15 AM), (12:30), (2:45), 5:00, 7:45, 10:15, Sun-Thu: (10:15 AM), (12:30), (2:45), 5:00, 7:45; **Argo** (R) Fri & Sat: (10:30 AM), (1:30), 4:15, 7:15, 10:15, Sun-Thu: (10:30 AM), (1:30), 4:15, 7:15; **Argo** (R) Thu: (10:00 AM); **Here Comes the Boom** (PG) Fri & Sat: (10:45 AM), (1:45), 4:30, 7:30, 10:00, Sun & Mon: (10:45 AM), (1:45), 4:30, 7:30, Tue: (10:45 AM), (1:45), 4:30, Wed: (1:45), 4:30, Thu: (10:45 AM), (1:45); **Sinister** (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; **Kidtoons: Chug-gington: Traintastic Adventures** (NR) Sat & Sun: (10:30 AM); **Taken 2** (PG-13) Fri: (11:00 AM), (1:15), (3:30), 5:45, 8:00, 10:30, Sat: (1:15), (3:30), 5:45, 8:00, 10:30, Sun: (1:15), (3:30), 5:45, 8:00, Mon-Thu: (11:00 AM), (1:15), (3:30), 5:45, 8:00; **Hotel Transylvania** (PG) Fri & Sat: (10:00 AM), (2:30), 7:00, 9:45, Sun-Wed: (10:00 AM), (2:30), 7:00, Thu: (2:30), 7:00; **Hotel Transylvania 3D** (PG) Fri-Thu: (12:15), 4:45; **Halloween** (1978) (R) Wed: 8:00 PM

## UPTOWN

### Landmark Hillcrest

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)

**THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOW-ER** (PG-13) Fri, Mon-Thu: (2:05), 4:30, 7:20, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:05, 4:30, 7:20, 9:40; **THE ORANGES** (R) Fri, Mon-Thu: (2:10),

4:40, 7:10, 9:25, Sat & Sun: (11:40), 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:25; **THE MASTER** (R) Fri, Mon-Thu: (2:00), (5:00), 8:00, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; **ARBITRAGE** (R) Fri, Mon-Thu: (1:50), 4:35, 7:15, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 1:50, 4:35, 7:15, 9:35; **THE PAPERBOY** (R) Fri, Mon-Thu: (1:40), (4:20), 7:00, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30, Discount Shows at Landmark’s Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “( )”; **HOW TO SURVIVE A PLAGUE** (NR) Opens Friday, October 26

### Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)

**Black Holes** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 3:00p.m.; **Bugs! A Rain Forest Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri. 8:00p.m.; **Deep Sea 3D IMAX** (G) Sat-Sun 11:00a.m.; **Flight of the But-terflies** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Mummies: Secrets of the Pha-raohs** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.; **Rock the Dome** (Not Rated) Sat 7:00, 8:00; **To The Arctic IMAX** (G) Fri-Sun 1:00, 5:00

## EAST COUNTY

## EL CAJON

### Regal Parkway Plaza

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)

Call theater for program information.

## LA MESA

### Reading Grossmont

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)

**Alex Cross** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:10, 1:30, 3:50) 6:10, 8:30, 10:50; **Argo** (R) Fri-Sun (11:55, 2:35) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; **Franken-weenie** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:40, 1:50) 4:05, 6:15; **Here Comes the Boom** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:25; **Hotel Transylvania** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:15, 3:25) 5:35, 7:40, 9:50; **Paranormal Activity 4** (R) Fri-Sat (10:50, 11:50, 12:55, 1:55, 3:00) 4:00, 5:05, 6:05, 7:10, 8:10, 9:20, 10:20, 11:30 Sun (10:50, 11:50, 12:55, 1:55, 3:00) 4:00, 5:05, 6:05, 7:10, 8:10, 9:20, 10:20; **Pitch Perfect** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:35, 2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; **Seven Psychopaths** (R) Fri-Sun 8:20, 10:45; **Sin-ister** (R) Fri-Sun (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Taken 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:05, 3:10) 5:20, 7:30, 9:40

## RANCHO SAN DIEGO

### Regal Rancho San Diego

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)

**Alex Cross** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:05, 4:45) 7:30, 10:10 Sat-Sun (11:30, 2:05) 4:45, 7:30, 10:10; **Argo** (R) Fri-Sun (12:05, 3:00) 7:00, 10:05; **End of Watch** (R) Fri-Sun (12:10, 2:50) 6:30, 10:15; **Frankenweenie** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 1:50, 4:10) 6:40 Sat-Sun (11:35, 1:50) 4:10, 6:40; **Frankenweenie in Disney Digital 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun 9:40p.m.; **Here Comes the Boom** (PG) Fri. (11:25, 2:00, 4:35) 7:15, 9:55 Sat-Sun (11:25, 2:00) 4:35, 7:15, 9:55; **Hotel Transylvania** (PG) Fri. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 6:50, 9:30 Sat-Sun (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 6:50, 9:30; **Looper** (R) Fri-Sun (11:55, 2:45) 6:45, 10:25; **Paranormal Activity 4** (R) Fri. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:10, 7:40, 8:15, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50 Sat-Sun (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30) 4:30, 5:00, 7:10, 7:40, 8:15, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50; **Pitch Perfect** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:15, 3:00) 6:35, 10:15; **Seven Psycho-paths** (R) Fri. (12:30, 4:15) 7:50, 10:40 Sat (12:30) 4:15, 7:50, 10:40 Sun (12:30, 4:15) 7:50, 10:40; **Sinister** (R) Fri. (12:20, 4:20) 8:10, 10:55 Sat-Sun (12:20) 4:20, 8:10, 10:55; **Taken 2** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:15, 4:50) 7:25, 10:00 Sat-Sun (11:45, 2:15) 4:50, 7:25, 10:00; **The Perks of Being a Wallflower** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 8:00, 10:45 Sat-Sun (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 8:00, 10:45; **Trouble with the Curve** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 4:05) Sat-Sun (12:40) 4:05

## SANTEE

### Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)

Call theater for program information.

## SOUTH BAY

## CHULA VISTA

### AMC Palm Promenade

770 Dennergy 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)

**Kidtoons: Chuggington: Traintastic Adventures** (NR) Sat & Sun: (10:30 AM); **Dredd** (R) Fri & Sat: (11:45 AM), (2:15), 4:45, 7:15, 9:45, Sun: (11:45 AM), (2:15), 4:45, 7:15, Mon-Thu: (2:15), 4:45, 7:15; **Lawless** (R) Fri & Sat: (11:00 AM), (1:45), 4:15, 7:00, 10:00, Sun: (11:00 AM), (1:45), 4:15, 7:00, Mon-Thu: (1:45), 4:15, 7:00; **Premium Rush** (PG-13) Fri-Thu: (2:30), 7:30; **The Expendables 2** (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: (2:00), 4:45, 7:30; **ParaNorman** (PG) Fri & Sat: (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun: (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, Mon-Thu: (3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) Fri-Thu: (2:30), 8:30; **The Campaign** (R) Fri & Sat: (12:00), 5:00, 10:00, Sun: (12:00), 5:00, Mon-Thu: 5:00 PM; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Fri & Sat: (11:30 AM), (1:45), 4:15, 6:45, 9:15, Sun: (11:30 AM), (1:45), 4:15, 6:45, Mon-Thu: (1:45), 4:15, 6:45; **Total Recall** (PG-13) Fri-Sun: (11:30 AM), 5:30, Mon-Thu: 5:30 PM; **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:00 AM), (3:00), 6:45, 10:15, Sun: (11:00 AM), (3:00), 6:45, Mon-Thu: (3:00), 6:45; **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Fri-Sun: (12:15), (2:45), 5:15, 7:45, Mon-Thu: (2:45), 5:15, 7:45; **Ted** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:30 PM; **Brave** (PG) Fri-Sun: (11:15 AM), (2:00), 4:30, 7:15, Mon-Thu: (2:00), 4:30, 7:15; **Marvel’s The Avengers** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 9:45 PM

## EASTLAKE

### AMC Otay Ranch

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)

Call theater for program information.

## IMPERIAL BEACH

### South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)

Call theater for program information.

## NATIONAL CITY

### AMC Plaza Bonita

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386)

Call theater for program information.

## NORTH INLAND

## ESCONDIDO

### Regal Escondido

350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)

Call theater for program information.

## FALLBROOK

### UltraStar River Village

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)

**Paranormal Activity 4** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45, Sun: 11:30 AM, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, Mon-Thu: 4:00, 6:15, 8:30; **Argo** (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; **Here Comes the Boom** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00, Sun: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, Mon-Thu: 4:15, 7:00; **Sinister** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30, Sun: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 5:15, 7:45, Mon-Thu: 5:15, 7:45; **Kidtoons: Chuggington: Traintastic Adventures** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Taken 2** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:00, 2:30, 5:30, 8:00, 11:00, Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 5:30, 8:00, Mon-Thu: 5:30, 8:00; **Hotel Transylvania** (PG) Fri & Sat: 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45, Sun: 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, Mon-Thu: 5:00, 7:15

## POWAY

### UltraStar Poway

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

### Globe Theatre: Much Ado About

**Nothing** (NR) Tue: 7:00 PM; **Alex Cross**

(PG-13) 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; **Alex Cross** (PG-13) 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;

**Paranormal Activity 4** (R) Fri & Sat:

11:30 AM, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 7:45, 8:30,

10:45, Sun: 11:30 AM, 12:15, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00,

6:15, 7:45, 8:30, Mon-Thu: 11:30 AM, 1:00,

1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 7:45, 8:30; **Argo** (R) Fri &

Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00, Sun &

Mon: 10:30 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, Tue: 10:30

AM, 1:15, 4:15, Wed & Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:15,

4:15, 7:00; **Argo** (R) Wed: 10:00 AM; **Atlas**

**Shrugged: Part 2-The Strike** (PG-13) Fri:

10:50 AM, 4:40, 10:10, Sat: 4:40, 10:10, Mon &

Tue: 10:50 AM, 4:40, Wed: 4:40 PM, Thu: 10:40

AM, 4:40; **Here Comes the Boom** (PG)

Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40,

10:15, Sun-Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:25, 2:50, 5:15,

7:40; **Sinister** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:05 AM, 12:35,

3:05, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40, Sun-Thu: 10:05 AM,

12:35, 3:05, 5:40, 8:10; **Kidtoons: Chug-**

**gington: Traintastic Adventures** (NR)

Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Frankenweenie** (PG)

Fri-Thu: 10:35 AM, 5:30; **Frankenweenie**

**in Disney Digital 3D** (PG) Fri-Thu: 3:20

PM; **Pitch Perfect** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:45

AM, 1:25, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50, Sun-Thu: 10:45

AM, 1:25, 4:10, 7:10; **Taken 2** (PG-13) Fri

& Sat: 10:40 AM, 1:20, 3:35, 5:50, 8:10, 10:25,

Sun-Thu: 10:40 AM, 1:20, 3:35, 5:50, 8:10;

**Hotel Transylvania** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:20

AM, 2:45, 7:20, 9:30, Sun-Thu: 10:20 AM, 2:45,

7:20; **Hotel Transylvania 3D** (PG) Fri-Thu:

12:25, 5:10; **Looper** (R) Fri & Sat: 1:35, 7:35,

Mon-Thu: 1:35, 7:35

## SAN MARCOS

### Regal San Marcos

1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old

California Walk) (800-326-3264)

Call theater for program information.

## TEMECULA

### Ultrastar Temecula Tower Cinemas

27531 Ynez Road (951-699-2205)

### Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre: Much

**Ado About Nothing** (NR) Tue: 7:00 PM;

**Alex Cross** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM,

12:00, 3:00, 5:00, 5:30, 8:15, 9:45, 10:40, Sun-

Thu: 11:30 AM, 12:00, 3:00, 5:00, 5:30, 8:15;

**Paranormal Activity 4** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:30

Marty(!), an alcoholic screenwriter who’s having trouble coming up with a cast to fill out the title of his new film, which just happens to be *Seven Psychopaths*. Happily, Farrell’s life steps in to provide what imagination cannot, thanks in large part to his friend Billy (Sam Rockwell). See, together with his spiritually minded friend Hans (Christopher Walken), Billy kidnaps dogs and then returns them for the reward. Except this time, he’s gone and kidnapped a Shih Tzu belonging to nasty gangster Charlie (Woody Harrelson), whose girlfriend Billy happens to be bedding... You get the picture. Everyone handles their reams of delightful dialogue with aplomb, though Farrell isn’t fooling anybody into thinking he’s actually a failing, dissipated drunk. (He does better with his main job of looking dumbfounded at the insanity going on around him.) And McDonagh revels in the presence his onscreen alter ego, lamenting cinematic violence and misogyny even as he indulges it. There’s enough meta to nudge the tone toward precious here and there — which is saying something, given all the carnage — but everyone is having so much fun onscreen that it’s easy to play along. 2012. — M.L.

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**Sinister** — In order to get a story, a true crime writer (Ethan Hawke) who puts his

family before his work (and who hasn’t had a best seller in ten years) decides to move the wife and two kids into a suburban death house. A Super 8mm film projector and five cans of grisly home movies, mysteriously deposited in his attic by a child-eating serial killer who operates under the handle of Mr. Boogie, cause visions of a *New York Times* best seller to dance in Hawke’s head. (A found-footage shocker shot in ‘Scope?! Alas. After a deviceful opening sequence featuring a hanging, the pillar-boxing is abandoned and the rest of the non-anamorphic footage is blown up to fit the widescreen frame.) As with any found-footage shocker of recent vintage, the filmmakers frequently play fast and loose with cinematic logic. Individual freeze-frames from the home movies reveal Mr. Boogie lurking in the background, but with only one camera and one serial killer to cover the action, who is taking the pictures? If this is truly the crime of the century that Hawke thinks it is, why does he take days to watch what can’t amount to more than 15 minutes of footage? But forget about all this logic and aspect ratio mumbo-jumbo: here is what you really want to hear: *Sinister* delivers quality jolts. Scott Derrickson (*The Day the Earth Stood Still*, *The Exorcism of Emily Rose*) wrote and directed. With Juliet Rylance, Fred Dalton Thompson, Vincent D’Onofrio, and the most natural kid actor

currently at work in movies, Michael Hall D’Addario (*People Like Us*). 2012. — S.M.

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**Smashed** — Reviewed this issue. 2012. ★

**Taken 2** — Taken to the cleaners is what you’ll be if you waste time on this Olivier Megaton bomb coscripted by Luc Besson, deep in his Xerography mode. Fans with short attention spans will applaud Megaton’s inability to hold an image on screen for more than ten seconds, but devotees of the original will wonder where the thrills went in this substandard remake in sequel’s clothing. Instead of victimizing Maggie Grace, the father of the man Liam Neeson killed in part one seeks revenge by kidnapping her parents. Talk about a gang that can’t shoot straight: the inept baddies don’t bother to frisk the chained Neeson to find a phone concealed in his sock. He then proceeds to make a call (on speakerphone, no less) while a presumably deaf guard is seated within earshot. The laughably bad parental dialog exchanges — the retired CIA operative has been turned into a comical Papa Focker-type bent on warding off his daughter’s potential suitors — appear to have been lifted from *Father Knows Best* reruns. One inventive torture scene where

they slice a character’s neck and hang her upside down for the blood to slowly drain, does not a successful thriller make. With Famke Janssen. 2012. — S.M.

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**The Oranges** — Hugh Laurie ditches Catherine Keener for Leighton Meester. It would be almost understandable — seriously, Keener would make you feel inferior *all the time*, just by being herself, probably, and besides, older dudes flee to younger women because they’re trying to flee death, and barring some larger existential paradigm, instinct tends to take over — except Meester is his best friend Oliver Platt’s *daughter*. And they’re *neighbors*. With Allison Janney, Adam Brody. 2012.

**Tai Chi Zero** — Tired of movies that are either based on or feel like video games? Then how about a movie that actually incorporates multiple video-game motifs, from life-levels to motion indicators to pop-up data points? Not in the cutesy, self-conscious, *Scott Pilgrim* way, but naturally, as if such things were part and parcel of kung fu fighting. Lu Chan is the Freak, a prodigy whose very life depends on learning the internally based kung fu practiced in Chen village. The trouble is, they don’t teach it to outsiders. Meanwhile, another outsider is seeking to bring modernity

to the village via a steampunk railroad machine. Toss in random animated sequences, cheek-by-jowl nu-metal and classical music on the soundtrack, occasional FPS POV, and helpful subtitle IDs for cast members (“1970s kung fu superstar Leung Siu-lung as Master Dong”), and you have something approaching the cinematic equivalent of watching TV while simultaneously listening to music, chatting online, and playing Xbox. 2012. — M.L.

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**Trouble with the Curve** — There’s trouble with the terminally cut 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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**War of the Buttons (La guerre des boutons)** — Ten reasons not to see this film: 1. The Weinstein Company annually likes to dangle Holocaust-themed films (*Life is Beautiful*, *The Reader*, *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, *Good, Defiance*) in front of Academy voters. Every awards season, Harvey Weinstein leads the charge with, “We must never forget...there’s still plenty of money to be made off Hitler’s inferno!” 2. You have zero interest in seeing what it would have been like had Walt Disney produced a live-action Nazi drama in the 1960s. (*The Incredible Journey? The Absent Minded Oberführer? Emil and the Schutzstaffel?*) 3. Because one well-intentioned Holocaust film a year is more than enough and you’re already seen Agnieszka Holland’s masterful *In Darkness*. 4. No karate. 5. Wait for it to be released on VOD and then don’t watch it. 6. You’ve heard of Holocaust denial? *The War of the Buttons* will put you in Holocaust-film denial. 7. Nazis are nothing more than stock buffoons who can be ward off by adorable tykes armed with stones and slingshots. 8. Holocaust films should never end with a closing crawl that basically states, “And they lived happily ever after.” 9. Who wants to see Laetitia Casta in a PG-13 picture? 10. The task of teaching children about the Holocaust should be left to parents and educators, not the for-profit Weinstein Pictures. Until filmmakers can resist sentimentalizing the Holocaust, it’s one subject that should never be given a fictionalized treatment. 2012. — S.M.

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**The Birds** Enjoy Alfred Hitchcock’s 1963 flick in which “a wealthy San Francisco socialite pursues a potential boyfriend to a small Northern California town that slowly takes a turn for the bizarre when birds of all kinds suddenly begin to attack people.” 619-295-4221. **Thursday, October 25, 8:00pm, Friday, October 26, 8:00pm, Saturday, October 27, 8:00pm**

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### THE LOFT

9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD  
858-534-8497

**Iron Fist** Screening of campy Mexican 1927 drama accompanied by Nortec Collective, who will perform a live, self-styled version of the *Iron Fist* soundtrack during the screening by “blend-

ing traditional Mexican music with contemporary beats.” **Thursday, October 25, 8:00pm**

### MALCOLM X LIBRARY

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**Miss Representation** Documentary focuses “on the impact that media images have on shaping the perceptions, attitudes, and behaviors of women and girls.” Four spoken word artists will perform. Discussion follows film, moderated by Lee Ann Kim. RSVP: [themovement@jacobscenter.org](mailto:themovement@jacobscenter.org) or 619-527-6161 x272. **Saturday, October 20, 11:00am**

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**Of Gods and Men** The Xavier Beauvois film is based on true story of a small group of Cistercian monks based in Algeria in the 1990s, considering “questions of mortality, freedom, fear, and martyrdom when an Algerian terrorist group targets outsiders living in the region.” The 2006 film screens for International Film Series in room 3601. In French with English subtitles. 760-757-2121 x7758. **Friday, October 19, 7:00pm**

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**Benvenuti al sud (Welcome to the South)** The 2010 film by Luca Miniero is screened for Italian Film Festival. **Saturday, October 27, 7:00pm**

**Caro diario (Dear Diary)** Nanni Moretti’s 1993 film featured for Italian Film Festival. **Sunday, October 28, 7:00pm**

**Respiro** Italian Film Festival features the 2002 flick by Emanuele Crialese. **Monday, October 29, 7:00pm**

**Pane e tulipani (Bread and Tulips)** Silvio Soldini’s 2000 gem screens for Italian Film Festival. **Tuesday, October 30, 7:00pm**

### PEARL HOTEL

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**Zombies: A Living History** Hosted by San Diego’s own Zombie Industries, the featured film, *Zombies: A Living History*, is a documentary on what would happen if we had a zombie apocalypse. 619-226-6100. **Thursday, October 18, 8:00pm**

**Edward Scissorhands** What happens when perky Avon saleswoman Peg Boggs visits a Gothic mansion on a hill, meets an “unfinished” young man who lives there, and takes him into suburbia? Find out when Tim Burton’s 1990 romantic fantasy is screened for Dive-In Theater at hotel’s poolside lounge. Cast includes Johnny Depp, Winona Ryder, Dianne Wiest, Anthony Michael Hall, and Vincent Price in his final performance. Pool is open to hotel guests for free and others with a drink purchase. 619-226-6100. **Wednesday, October 24, 8:00pm**

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**Reel Rock 7 Film Tour** Enjoy the best new climbing films. Titles include *Dura Dura*, *The Shark’s Fin*, *Wide Boys*, *Homnold 3.0*. **Thursday, October 18, 8:00pm, Saturday, October 20, 7:00pm, Saturday, October 20, 10:00pm**

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**A Short Stay in Switzerland** Hemlock Society hosts screening of this “BBC docu-drama” about Dr. Anne Turner, who develops a progressive incurable neurological condition and decides to end her life in Zurich. Discussion follows, led by Hemlock Society of San Diego president Faye Girsh. 619-233-4418. **Saturday, October 27, 11:30am**

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**Rocky Horror Picture Show** Dinner theater event celebrates the cult classic film. Costumes encouraged. 619-269-1222. **Tuesday, October 30, 7:00pm**

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**Not Exactly Cooperstown** Film “documents a year of the Baseball Reliquary’s events

and stories,” offering “an unorthodox look at America’s most orthodox game.” Film’s director, Jon Leonoudakis, on hand for question and answer following screening. **Sunday, October 21, 2:00pm**



**POV Film Series: Sun Kissed** Maya Stark and Adi Lavy’s documentary follows Dorey and Yolanda Nez, “a Navajo couple with two children born with XP, an extremely rare, genetic neuro-degenerative disease which makes any exposure to direct sunlight fatal.” **Monday, October 22, 6:30pm**

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**18 Days in Egypt** A collaborative documentary film project capturing the 18 days of the 2011 Egyptian uprising. Screens in the Great Hall. ArtTalks! post-screening conversation with filmmakers Jigar Mehta and Yasmin Elayat. 858-534-8497. **Monday, October 29, 7:00pm**

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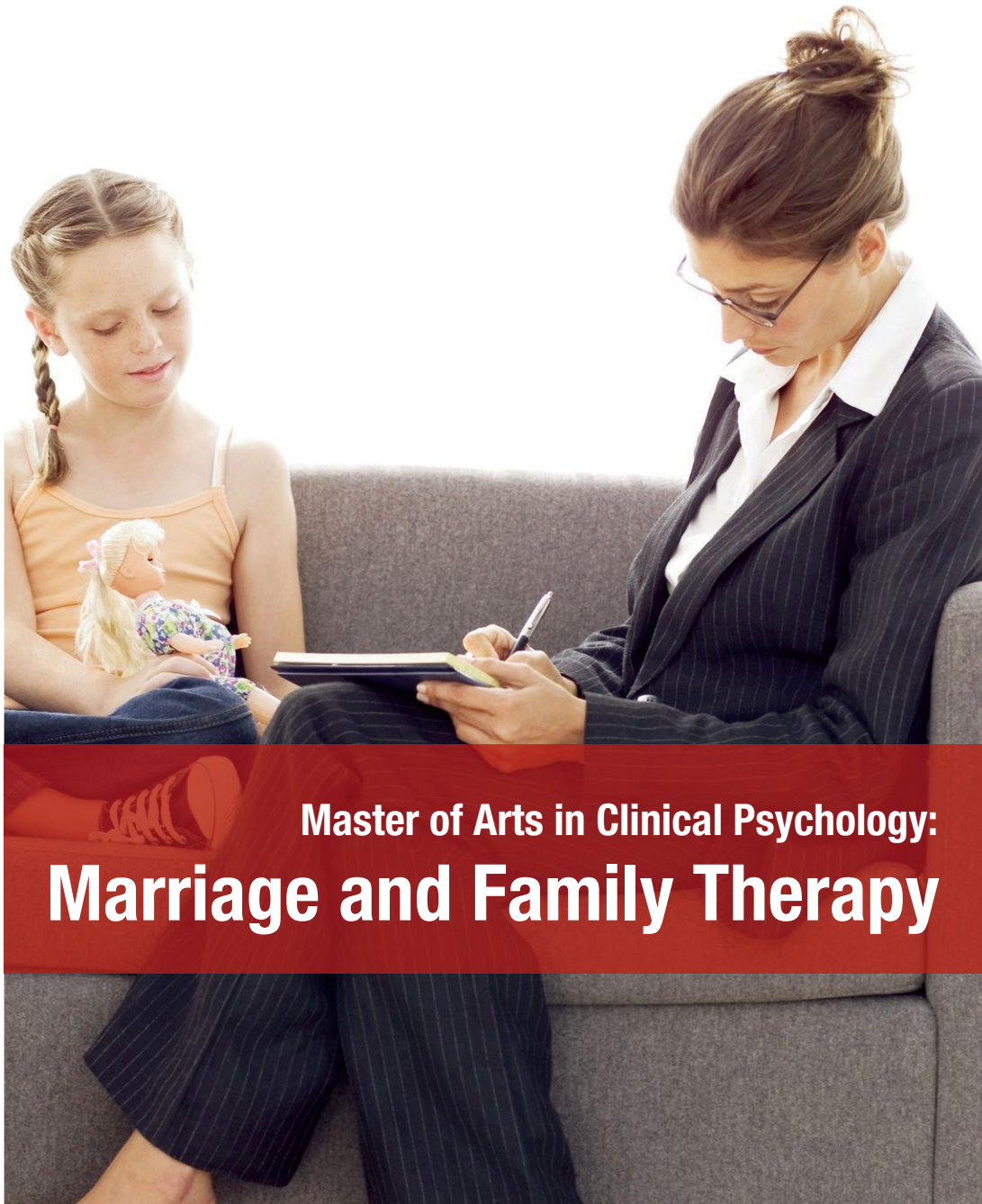


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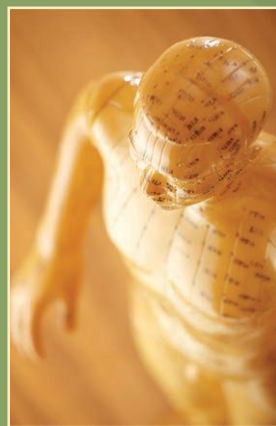
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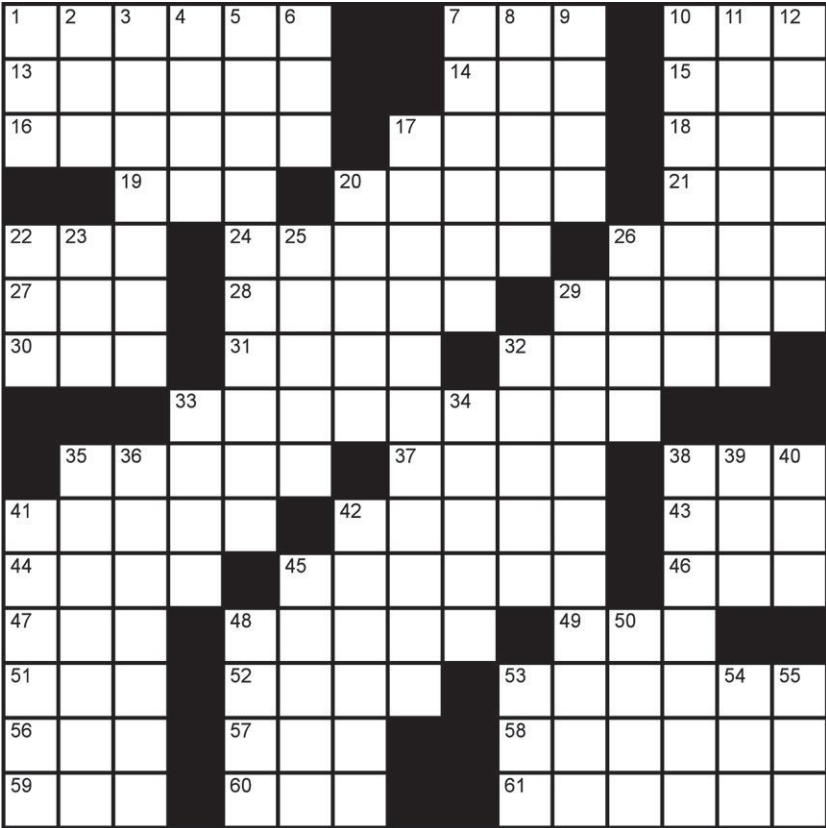
1. Flower embraced by the intersex community because it features a fusion of two sex organs
7. Pesticide banned by 43-Across
10. Actress Tyler
13. Scott of "Quantum Leap"
14. Friend of Pooh
15. Blackjack need
16. "\_\_\_\_ Through" (1932 Norma Shearer film)
17. Like every member of the Augusta National Golf Club until 2012
18. Lincoln or Ford
19. Uncle Ho led it in the '60s
20. Hay storage spaces
21. Unified
22. "u r hilarious!"

24. Certain Alaskans
26. They head for the hills
27. Opposite WSW
28. Fool
29. "That's \_\_\_\_!"
30. Play (with)
31. Joan who, with Joni Mitchell, are the only women on Rolling Stone's "100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time"
32. Radioer's "Sure thing"
33. In direct competition
35. Mike who voices Shrek
37. Not orig.
38. "The Big Bang Theory" character from India
41. "All systems \_\_\_\_!"
42. Food item sold in a Kosher Vending Industries vending machine
43. It banned 7-Across in 1972
44. Rick's love in "Casablanca"
45. Tiny
46. Ryan of "You've Got Mail"
47. Rapa \_\_\_\_ (Easter Island)
48. World capital visited by Jane Fonda in 1972
49. Where to go in London?
51. Suffix with robot
52. Each
53. Body of work
56. \_\_\_\_ out a living
57. Apprehend
58. Like some home movies
59. Jim Beam product
60. Boxer who released the 1963 album "I Am the Greatest!"
61. Book of the Bible not named after a person

Down

1. Baby docs
2. The first Chia Pet pet
3. It was first climbed in 1913
4. Island dance
5. It was first climbed in 1889
6. Rock's Steely \_\_\_\_
7. Poorly insulated
8. Boneheads
9. The "ten" in "hang ten"
10. Unwordy
11. Schoolyard retort

12. It was first climbed in 1953
17. With 38-Down, a destructive environmental practice at work in 3-, 5-, 12-, 29- and 41-Down
20. Slowly, to Mozart
22. Tennis judge's call
23. Yoko from Tokyo
25. Property claims
26. Guthrie who is a registered Republican
29. It was first climbed in 1853
32. Muffin top locale
33. Big opening?
34. Year Kitty Hawk's Monument to a Century of Flight was erected
35. 1943 Cary Grant title role
36. "Got it"
38. See 17-Down
39. Tarzan raiser
40. Bender
41. It was first climbed in 1870
42. "Star Wars" surname
45. Vatican-related
48. Tennis champ Mandlikova
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*At O'Hare we talked, waiting for our flight  
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Could we have more?  
No — a mixed metaphor!  
At the airport, ships passed in the night.*

**Dale Duffala, Bird Rock, 9.**

*I agreed to an ocular injection  
Which would give my eye needed protection,  
but it's been three days  
My vision's just a haze  
And I have no sense of perception!*

**Jane M. Reilly, University City, 9.**

*There once was a lady named Jane  
Who loved to travel by plane  
Until one very sad day  
the wings they gave way  
Now she goes only by train.*

**Larry Johnsgard, Escondido, 8.**

*Oh, for the life of a giraffe  
His head far above the riff raff.  
he breathes the rarefied air  
Close to the Earth ionosphere  
He looks down upon us and has a good laugh!*

**Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 3.**

*I can't think of a good point in time  
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2BD+1.75BA large apartment. Walk to beach! Small, quiet, gated complex. Parking, laundry. No pets. 4955 Saratoga Avenue #1. Agent, 619-232-6811.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1095.**  
Upstairs 1BD+1BA. Appliances, laundry on site. Close to shopping on Garnet. 2053 Garnet Ave #2

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1BD+1BA beautiful quiet apartment community in Crown Point. Lush

landscape, recent upgrades, convenient location. Must see! 2150 Thomas Avenue. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

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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, \$1150.**  
1BD+1BA. Laundry, parking. Available now! 1536 Moorland Drive # 6. www.AMGSD.com. 619-295-1165.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1195.**  
1BD+1BA, second floor remodeled unit. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Coin laundry. Elevator. Pool. Parking or garage space available for \$50/ month. No pets. Available 10/10/12. 1433 Oliver Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm. 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, \$1200.**

1BD+1BA upper-level apartment. 3 blocks to beach. Assigned off-street parking. On-site laundry. No pets. 1050 Homblend. Available now. 858-270-4492 x203.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1250.**

2BD+1BA, downstairs unit in duplex. Stove, refrigerator. Parking. Small pet OK with extra deposit. Available 11/5/12. 1429 Grand Ave (behind 1427). Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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1BD+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 Ingraham. 888-451-8713. baypointe@progressmanagement.net; www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com.

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2BD+1BA, cottage with private yard. Close to all. Walk to bay. Laundry, parking. No pets. 4121 Ingraham Street. 858-270-4674.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1490.**

2BD+2BA spacious in Queen Victoria Senior Apts 55+, controlled access building. New carpet, paint. All appliances plus washer/dryer, fireplace, covered parking. 1-year lease. 1625 Chalcedony. TPPM, 619-806-5760. queenvictoriagermy@gmail.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1495.**

2BD+2BA. Steps to bay. Parking. Laundry facilities. Gas appliances. No pets. 3869 Riveria Dr. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

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2BD+1BA apartment, 800 sqft. Hardwood floor, new kitchen, includes 2 parking, gated, quiet. 4077 Lamont. 858-768-4355. www.cal-prop.com.

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2BD+1/2BA upstairs unit in triplex behind 1228. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, fireplace, parking. Cat OK with extra deposit. Private balcony. Available 11/23/12. 1230 Thomas Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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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.**

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**DOWNTOWN, \$650 & UP.**

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## THE READER SUDOKU PUZZLES:

### RULES OF THE GAME

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](http://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.

Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are cut into pieces will be disqualified. You may submit a new limerick weekly. This is a great way to express yourself. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

3) We will award writers of the best limericks, among those who correctly solve the puzzle, one of the famous *Reader* baseball caps or T-shirts. And we will print the winning limericks – screened for plagiarism – in the paper and online.

4) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

5) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907**; or mailed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy; or scanned and e-mailed to [Sudoku@sdreader.com](mailto:Sudoku@sdreader.com). Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

7) Late entries will not be considered.

8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

### EASY:

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### SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

#### EASY:

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### SEE YOUR RANKING ONLINE!

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**THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:** (All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.) Prizes will be available for pickup at the Reader offices front desk from the Thursday your name appears in print to the following Thursday at 5 p.m.

#### ☛ L. Barling, El Cajon, 9.

All us puzzlers spend hours forcing rhyme,  
We count syllables, mail all on time.  
For our limericks witty  
Perhaps a hat so pretty —  
But if not picked, alas, that's a crime!

#### ☛ Jim Felix, Pacific Beach, 1.

Who to elect for president, Romney or Obama I'm  
tired of the fighting and drama  
The political ads are getting old  
Their ideas are not interesting or bold  
God Bless America, especially my Papa and Mama

#### ☛ Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 9.

There was a limerick new  
written at a bar with a brew  
it failed to rhyme  
nor kept good time  
because it drank too much.

#### ☛ Patrick Driscoll, Santee, 8.

Sometime the puzzles quite a trick  
and makes me think my head is thick  
Still I bring it home  
then I write a poem  
and send it to the Reader, quick.

#### ☛ Sgt. Maj. Oakley, Oceanside, 7.

30 October, I'll be 80 years old  
What a blessing, truth be told  
Much thanks I owe to my wife  
Who is the love of my life  
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LEAD STORIES

— Researchers at the National University of Singapore described, in a recent issue of the journal *Biology Letters*, how a certain species of male tropical spider seemingly improves its chances of successful mating by castrating itself after releasing sperm. The scientists hypothesize that testes-removal makes the male nimble and better able to trick and outflank competitor males that attempt to reinseminate the same females. Improving their strategic mobility also enables the male to avoid being killed by the female, which is yet another hazard in the spider-mating process.

Leading Economic Indicators

— While top stars of World Wrestling Entertainment, such as John Cena and Triple H, earn upwards of several hundred thousand dollars a year in U.S. rings, pro wrestlers in Senegal can (in the wrestling variation called *laamb*) make almost that amount. In May, the undefeated national “champion,” the “King of the Arena” Yekini, suffered his first defeat in 15 years at the hands of Balla Gaye 2, before a capacity crowd at Demba Diop Stadium in Dakar, earning the combatants a reported equivalent of \$300,000 each. (Per capita income in the U.S. is about

\$40,000 and in Senegal, \$1,900.)  
— In May, the Missoula (Mont.) Sheriff’s Office was investigating the theft of a car from the victim’s yard — a 1976 Ford Pinto (which, in addition to being a Pinto, had four flat tires).  
— In Mesa, Ariz., in May, Manuel Ovalle, 35, was charged with burglary after allegedly breaking into a home and taking a Playstation 3 and two bags of water from the home’s swimming pool. (Ovalle told police his own home had no water supply.)

Critters’ World

— Scientists from Lund University’s Primate Research Station Furuvik in Sweden announced in May that they had evidence that chimpanzees are able to delay using weapons they encounter, hide them, and retrieve them later for use against “foes.” The weapons were stones and chunks of concrete, and the foes were visitors to the zoo who annoyed the chimps. According to the researchers, the 33-year-old chimp Santino also took pains to hide the weapons in locations where they could be accessed easily for the element of surprise against the visitors.  
— Bullfighting may be on the wane in some countries because of complaints about cruelty,

but in the village of Aproz, Switzerland, there is a replacement each May: cow-fighting contests. According to a *Wall Street Journal* dispatch, this is a serious business, especially for Alain Balet, whose cow Manathan has won the heavyweight title for three years running, and who “follow[s] training regimens worthy of professional athletes,” including engaging masseuses. The action, however, is mostly head-butting (plus “abundant slobber,” reported the *Journal*), and the “contest” is won when one of the cows loses interest and wanders away. Balet pointed out an obvious additional pleasure in raising championship cows: “It’s still a cow. I can eat her.”

Least Competent Criminals

— On June 8, sheriff’s deputies near Tampa, Fla., charged Robert Suggs, 36, and David Hall, 28, with taking a front-end loader and a dump truck from a construction site and using them to steal an ATM from a Bank of America drive-thru. The theft took place at 5 a.m., and deputies arrested the pair that afternoon when they were found near the bank, still trying to get the ATM open.  
— On the same day, in Albuquerque, Thomas Molina, 38, was arrested in the act of fleeing a burglary at Central New Mexico Community

College. As he tried to climb out a window, his getaway was hampered by having gotten his foot caught in the blinds.

Redneck Chronicles

— The Illinois Supreme Court affirmed a lower court ruling in June in which Marshall Hollins was sentenced to eight years in prison for taking cell-phone photographs of a 17-year-old girl with whom he was having sex. That sex was voluntary and, since Illinois’ age of consent is 16, legal. However, the court ruled, it is still illegal in Illinois to take sexual pictures of a child, and that particular law defines underage as under 18. (Hollins had claimed, unsuccessfully, that he surely ought to be able to take pictures of a legal event.)  
— Police in Decatur, Ala., were called to a home on South Locust Street in May on a report of a gunshot. They found that a 61-year-old man, who had been drinking beer to ease his toothache, had finally had enough and attempted to eliminate the tooth by shooting his jaw with a .25-caliber pistol. He was hospitalized.

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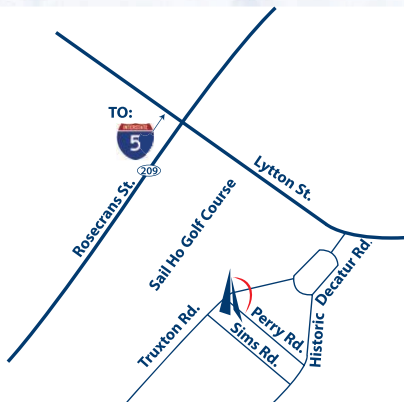
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