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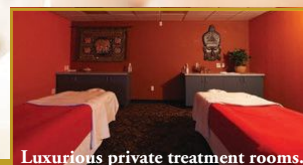
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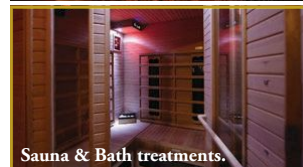
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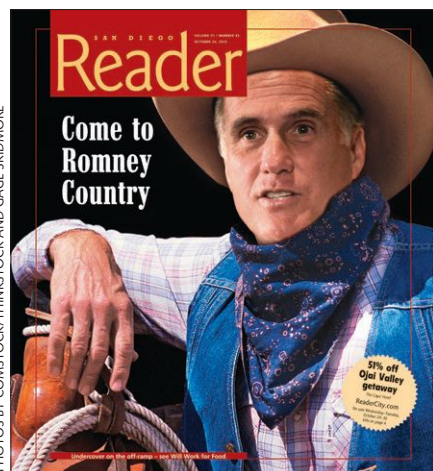
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By Reader staff writers

Grand Theft Goat

DNA evidence nabs would-be livestock stealer

Fallbrook/Temecula — Twenty-three-year-old Bryce Zubicki of Temecula has been sentenced to three years' probation and a six-month suspended jail term related to the June 2011 attempted theft of two goats from Fallbrook High School's agricultural department, *Valley News* is reporting. It took over a year to link Zubicki to the crime via DNA evidence — he was arrested in July and pleaded guilty to grand theft in the Vista courthouse last month.

Law enforcement officials say Zubicki duct-taped the legs and muzzles of the goats early on the morning of June 15, 2011, the last day of school. He was discovered during the theft by a security guard at around 5 a.m. and chased off. By the time the guard was able to attend to the goats, one had died from suffocation as a result of the tape.

Authorities believe alcohol may have been involved in the incident.

By Dave Rice, October 19

Terror Link Uncovered

Man arrested for child porn tied to N.Y. bomb plot

Beyond SD/San Diego — The *New York Times* has reported that Howard Willie Carter II, arrested for child porn in San Diego on Wednesday, has been linked to a Bangladeshi man accused of plotting to blow up the New York Federal Reserve in lower Manhattan.

Citing an unidentified law-enforcement official, the *Times* reported that Carter was an accomplice of Quazi Mohammad Rezwanul Ahsan Nafis. The alleged discovery was made through a search of Carter's computer, according to the *Times*. Nafis was arrested Wednesday after he attempted to detonate what he believed to be a 1000-pound bomb, according to *Bloomberg News*.

By Don Bauder, October 19

Nonprofit, Nonfunctional

UCAN head quits after ten days; Langley out, too

San Diego — Pat Zaharopoulos, who became temporary executive director of watchdog Utility Consumers' Action Network on October 8, resigned today (October 18), explaining that her knowledge of nonprofits was too limited. She succeeded Kim Malcolm, who lasted only a few months.

Charles Langley, who ran the gas-price program, public relations, and fundraising, among other things, will be out, Langley confirmed. He said that the job of fundraising has been eliminated, and hence his job has been axed. One would think that a nonprofit almost

devoid of funds would *not* stop fundraising. However, there is a widespread feeling among followers of the UCAN tragedy that driving the treasury down to zero is exactly what certain members of this board had in mind. UCAN has needlessly spent \$800,000 on lawyers and accountants since whistleblowers pointed out mysterious financial transactions last year.

Possibly the only way to save UCAN is for somebody to force the board to sue the attorneys, or replace that board with conscientious people who will file malfeasance suits against the hired attorneys to retrieve the funds.

By Don Bauder, October 18

Favor for Favor(s)

On heels of FBI deal, DeMaio catches a break from the Feds

San Diego/Sorrento Valley — GOP hotel mogul Doug Manchester's *U-T San Diego* reported this afternoon that U.S. Attorney Laura Duffy has jumped into San Diego's mayoral fray with both feet, calling Democratic congressman Bob Filner's behavior at a weekend forum

"uncivil."

"Our apologies that Filner had to be admonished about his uncivil 'debate-style' remarks," Duffy reportedly wrote in an email to the campaign of Filner's GOP rival, Carl DeMaio, following the event



U.S. Attorney Laura Duffy, jumping into mayoral fray with both feet

at her Reform Jewish synagogue, Temple Emanu-El.

The *U-T*, which said the email had been provided to reporters by the DeMaio camp, did not say whether the message had originated on a government email server or a private email account.

Duffy used a subsequent interview with the *U-T* to expand her criticism, saying that Filner had had an "unprofessional flare-up."

The Duffy dust-up in the *U-T* is only the latest indication that the federal law enforcement establishment here has unofficially thrown its weight behind Republican DeMaio.

As previously reported, DeMaio was a guest of honor at the groundbreaking for a new \$223 million FBI regional headquarters in Sorrento Valley being built by Las Vegas developer Irwin Molasky, a longtime associate of the late mobster Moe Dalitz.

According to city hall records obtained under the state public records act, DeMaio's office assisted Molasky in an attempt to has-

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Duke Cunningham: took bribes on a grandiose scale



John Moores: showered gifts on local politician



Bill Gore: looked the other way

Military bribes sometimes backfire

By Don Bauder

In an old *New Yorker* cartoon, a judge on a high bench peers down imperiously at a disheveled, scraggly-faced defendant.

Intones the judge, "Crime doesn't pay at your level." For decades, that mindset has epitomized San Diego law enforcement, which worked diligently to put little crooks away and just as diligently to get big crooks off the hook.

The four scam centers of the United States are Wall Street, South Florida, Las Vegas, and Southern California. But San Diego is known as a safe haven for white-collar thieves. When the new

owners of *U-T San Diego* declared that the paper would henceforth be cheerleaders for local business and the military, I envisioned p o m - p o m

girls rooting for a gang of cattle rustlers while the posse hunted down an Indian boy who had stolen a chicken.

But give credit where it is due. The U.S. attorney's office, aided by investigators

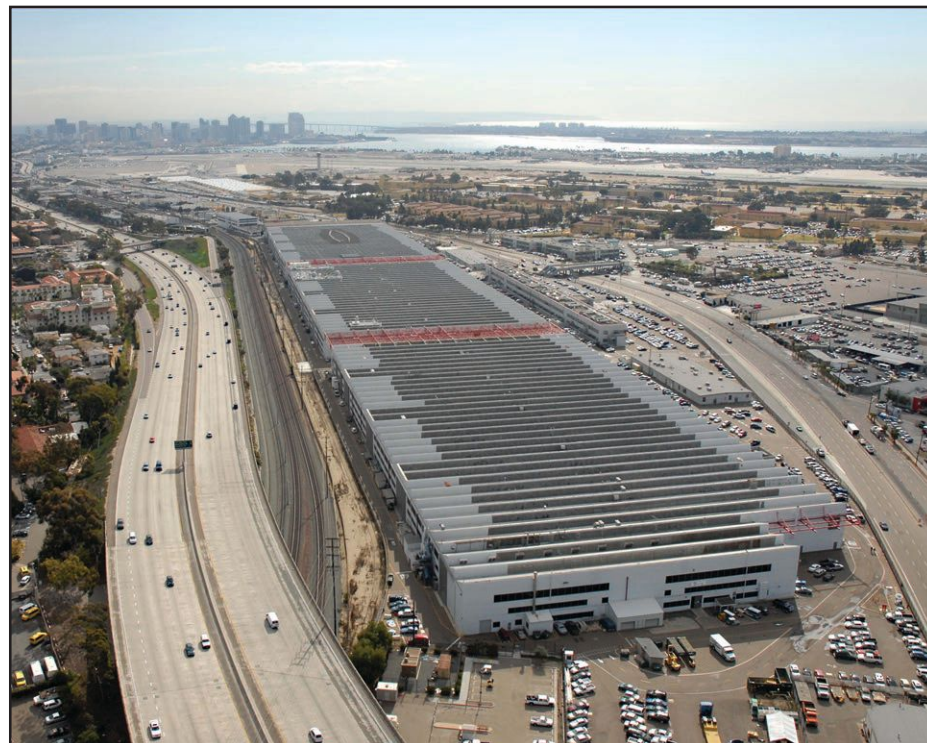
from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and other governmental bodies, has done much to clean up a corrupt relationship between local business and the military, the *U-T*'s two favorite untouchables.

In early 2006, former congressman Randy (Duke) Cunningham was sentenced to eight years and four months in prison for taking \$2.4 million in bribes and underreporting his income to tax authorities. Later, his partners in crime also got justice, thanks greatly to the U.S. attorney's office.

Two years ago, the last of seven defendants in a case of military contracting corruption at Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR), an operation expected to propel the local economy, was sentenced.

SPAWAR employees had accepted cash bribes and valuable items from subcontractors. The payoffs for companies passing the bribes were juicy contracts. Among

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Seven employees of Midtown's Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command were busted for accepting cash and gifts in exchange for subcontracts.



Some say that the Taxi Administration, headquartered at 1501 National Avenue, is unresponsive to complaints about drivers.



Taxis queue up at a holding lot near Lindbergh Field.

On the trail of a complaint

By Joe Deegan

Early this year, James Marshall filed a complaint with the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System's Taxi Administration about rude and negligent service he received from a cabdriver. The agency sent a copy of the complaint to the county sheriff's licensing division, which can take unspecified action "should the driver receive additional



Former city councilman Harry Mathis now chairs the Metropolitan Transit System's board of governors.

complaints." Only one problem. The redress took over five and a half months to put in place.

I met recently with Marshall to find out what started it all. He told me that at about 5:30 a.m. on February 5, he called Yellow Cab for a ride

from his downtown residence to Lindbergh Field. Yellow Cab in San Diego no longer owns taxicabs, but it operates a radio dispatch service. When Smooth Cab arrived and Marshall began loading his luggage, he noticed "a puddle of water in the bottom of the trunk." The driver tried to put "newspaper on top of the water," but Marshall didn't want his suitcase back there. So the driver put it on the backseat, next to where Marshall would sit.

After getting into the cab, Marshall saw that the flag on

the meter had already been dropped and that the meter reading was over three dollars. "I asked why," said Marshall, "and all the driver said was that the meter was correct. I then told him I would not give him what I had planned to tip when we got to the airport. He said he didn't need my tip and started to become very rude."

Marshall said he remained quiet during the ride. When they "arrived curbside at my airline," the driver dropped the portion of the fare that was "premature" due to the meter having started early. But he made the concession "with another rude remark. I then asked if he was going to help remove my bag from the backseat," said Marshall. When the driver said no, Marshall pulled out his cell phone and began dialing "the phone number posted in the cab. As soon as the driver saw that, he assisted in putting the bags on the curb."

From the airport, Marshall followed up by leaving a message on the transit system's Taxi Administration voicemail, whose number he had seen in the cab. After hearing nothing by February 15, he called Luis Cesena, a "regulatory analyst" at the agency. Cesena said that he had been unable to make out the phone number left in the voicemail but agreed to send Marshall



John Scott, the administration's manager, won't comment on hypothetical cabbie misconduct.

UNDER THE RADAR

A lobbyist job-seeker's guide to San Diego

As the election approaches, joblessness continues to bedevil America, but in San Diego an impressive number of lobbying gigs are up for grabs. Rady Children's Hospital

is currently on the prowl for a new vice president and executive director for its nonprofit foundation; judging by the job notice, the new hire will have to be a pretty sharp de facto lobbyist. The VP will handle "activities and relationships with political, governmental and legislative bodies and individuals," specifically "local, state and federal elected officials and their staff." Considerable industrial intelligence is expected, in the form of "active and on-going surveillance and information-gathering, concerning matters of current and proposed law and public policy." Plus, "development of strategies and tactics to enhance [Rady's] political and public policy agendas."

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its corporate subsidiaries." The successful candidate will be expected

to "Build and maintain relationships with legislators and government officials" and "Develop opportunities for meetings with elected and appointed state officials at Encore's headquarters and other domestic locations." Familiarity with political cash is also highly valued, as the ideal new hire will "Develop strategic opportunities for state campaign involvement, in coordination with [the] PAC chairperson, and represent [the] company at fundraisers and other election related events."

In a similar vein, the American Civil Liberties Union of San Diego and Imperial Counties wants to hire an associate director to "Ensure program staff's coordination and assistance with fundraising efforts" and direct the group's "process for determining positions on ballot initiatives and issues requiring board involvement."

Fund race: the ivy walls of green

San Diego State University is looking to close a slightly different kind of deal than that of the political variety. With

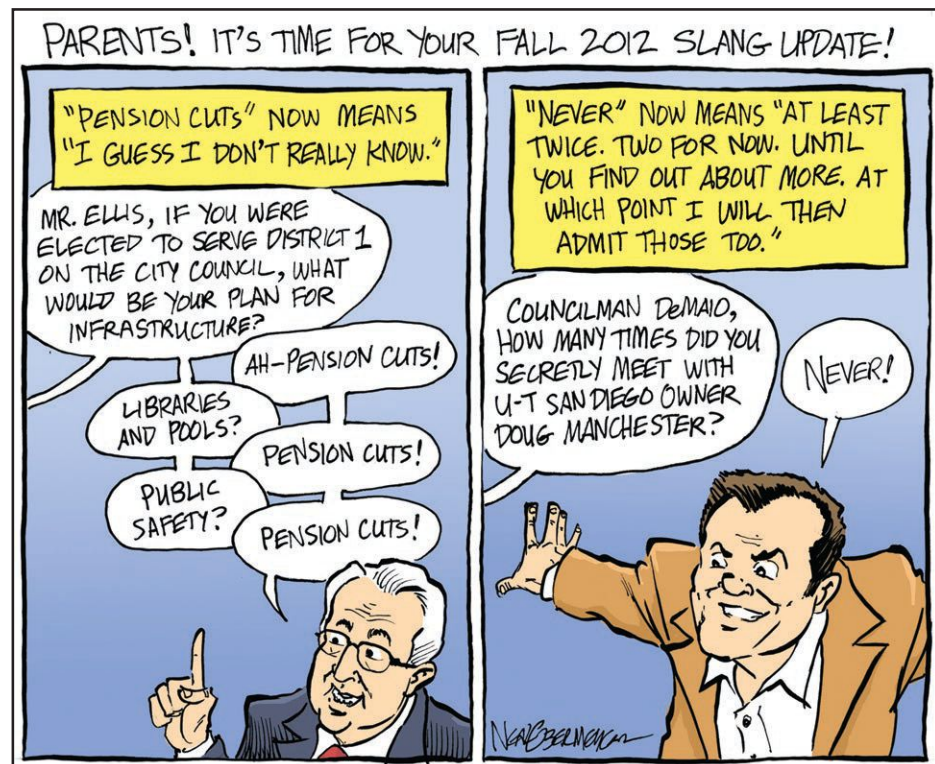
Democratic governor Jerry Brown

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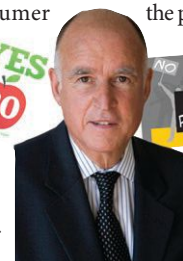
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Yun Tow or Tun Yow?

This concerns your Unforgettable feature in the October 18 issue ("The Trail of Torment on Gold Mountain"). This is about the Chinaman Ah Chee and his quest to save his girlfriend and bride, Yun Tow. What was her name? In the beginning of the feature she's Yun Tow, and then towards the end she's Tun Yow. So, which is it? It's a little bit confusing. If I spoke Chinese maybe I could figure it out.

Name Withheld
via voicemail

The correct name is Tun Yow. We regret the error.
— Editor

Words as Swimmers

I'm sorry to admit that I was one of those with a negative opinion of Barbarella. But after reading her "Like Rubber" entry in the October 18 issue of the Reader (Diary of a Diva), I might be changing that opinion. She claims that she was growing — developing and hardening her emotional armor; that her survival mechanism is to detach herself emotionally. Well, I'm glad she's not the cold fish she hates herself for not being. She's a little more reachable; a little more human, maybe? Words might be good swimmers, but I'm not. I'm hoping she wouldn't let me down in her vast ocean; that she would at least send out a rescue party, no matter what my perspective might be. Possibly a fresh new perspective?

When someone views you in an unflattering light, you really shouldn't let it get to you. After all, they

don't really know you. They can't see into your heart and soul. They don't know your motivations. Maybe you care somewhat how you're perceived, but when all is said and done, the only opinion you should care about is your own. How do you view yourself? That's what really matters. But, whatever you do, don't hate yourself for caring what others think about you. Don't be so high and mighty!

Laura Owen
Teralta

Beyond Imagination

I'm calling about a letter in your October 18 issue, "Oh, You White People." I just have to say that it was very ignorant, offensive, and obnoxious. I don't know where this woman got off. It's just beyond my imagination that anybody could be that ignorant.

Name Withheld
via voicemail

Armourers Aplenty?

Today, I came across an article titled "The Armourer of Ramona" written by Patrick Daugherty (Sporting Box, October 11). Based on the contents of the article, Mr. Daugherty did not research the topic or statements made by Mr. Hedgecock concerning armourers on the West Coast.

Mr. Hedgecock states, with regards to armourers, "I'm the only one on the West Coast. I have two colleagues on the East Coast." This statement is completely false. He is not even the only armourer in Ramona — James River Armory is another. There are numerous armourers in California alone, and many more on the West Coast. Some examples include James River Armory (mentioned earlier) and Anshelm Arms (who recently provided armour for the *Full Metal Jousting* TV show). There are many more.

I would suggest that Mr. Daugherty print a retraction article with corrections, including contacting the armourers listed in this article, to provide the correct information to your readership.

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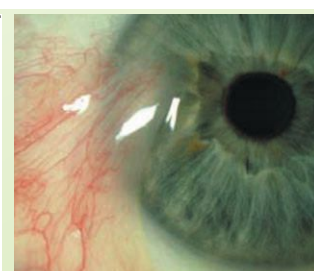
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CHULA VISTA

No Gifts AND No Donations? Sweetwater Board takes heat at meeting

The first meeting that Ed Brand presided over since being appointed superintendent of the Sweetwater Union High School District took place on October 15.

Brand sought board approval for a conflict-



Attorney Kevin Carlin served subpoenas to district board members.

of-interest bylaw change. His proffered analysis was: "This bylaw is being revised to include language regarding gifts, as recommend by Eric Hall & Associates in the Proposition O audit."

Community advocate Maty Adato brought it to the board's attention that the Eric Hall audit said, "The district should work with its legal counsel and develop a policy for board consideration restricting all gifts and donations from consultants [and] contractors."

District trustee Bertha Lopez asked if any board members would be willing to include "donations" in the language. Trustee Pearl

Quiñones said she was uncomfortable voting on it and wanted more time to review it. Brand urged the board to pass the resolution because it was "time sensitive." Lopez voted against it. Board members Quiñones and Arlie Ricasa — both under indictment for allegedly failing to report gifts — abstained. The resolution failed.

Board members were also served with subpoenas by Kevin Carlin of the Carlin Law Group. The subpoenas are seeking, among other things, information about board members' relationships with contractors in the past.

The subpoenas stem from a lawsuit filed by Sweetwater parent Stewart Payne and Davis Moreno Construction, Inc. It is in regard to a \$17.3 million construction contract the district entered into with Balfour Beatty Construction to build Montgomery Middle School's library, cafeteria, and other buildings.

The agreement uses the lease-leaseback method, which allows the company to lease district property for \$1 a year while constructing the building; it also allows the district to circumvent the bidding process.

The state allocation board has concerns that "significant numbers of projects and significant sums of public funding are not being subjected to the checks and balances of the competitive bid process."

BY SUSAN LUZZARO, OCTOBER 18

IMPERIAL BEACH

Words to Live By...

Murder suspect's Facebook page can't help

The San Diego woman identified by sheriff's deputies as a suspect in the death of 28-year-old Victor Saucedo — found shot to death at the Mariners Point apartments in Imperial Beach on October 16 — may want to take down her Facebook page. But she can't because she was booked into Las Colinas Women's Detention Facility following the

murder.

Vegas Bray, reportedly a waitress at Little Darlings strip club in Lemon Grove, has several favorite quotes posted on her Facebook page. Among them are: "You are destined for great and unfortunate things"; "I believe in opportunity. And the power of reason to seize



Vegas Bray image from Facebook

upon it"; "What's dead may never die but rises again harder & stronger"; "The morning sun may greet you with your last fucking day"; "KILL THEM ALL." Last, a quote from actress Salma Hayek: "I keep waiting to meet a man who has more balls than I do."

Reportedly, Bray had been stalking Saucedo since they ended a relationship last December. Saucedo had reported incidents of vandalism purportedly committed by Bray, but there was never enough evidence to implicate her, according to authorities.

BY GAIL POWELL, OCTOBER 18

CARDIFF

Having a Laugh

Park-N-Ride pranksters?

Sometime prior to Labor Day weekend (September 1-3), orange safety pylons, connected with yellow caution tape, were placed in the Cardiff Park-N-Ride lot on Birmingham Drive at I-5. The pylons blocked off 11 parking spaces in a lot that is usually full of weekday commuters' vehicles.

Some may have thought the blocked-off spaces were to accommodate the beginning

of the football season, to be used by the buses that pick up fans from the lot. Three Chargers home games were played, and the blocked-off spaces remained.

With no sign of pending construction, on September 27, two Cardiff folks who drive by the lot every day told me they called Caltrans offices in San Diego to ask what was going on. They were told someone would check into it and call them back.

On the evening of October 15, someone moved the taped pylons out of the way.

Speculation is that pranksters stole the pylons from the construction site of the new Cardiff fire station being built directly across the freeway from the Park-N-Ride lot and have been having a laugh every day on commuters.

BY KEN HARRISON, OCTOBER 17

TIJUANA

The Dandy Loses its Creator Drinking scene on la Sexta

Manuel Escobedo passed away last Tuesday, an event that might not have gone unnoticed except that the transition of Calle Sexta (or "La Sexta," as it is now known) occurred while Manuel was living the last years of his life with Alzheimer's disease as his wife, Aida, kept charge of the Dandy del Sur.

The Dandy has been a mainstay on Sixth Street in downtown Tijuana since 1980, when Manolo (his nickname) moved it there from Avenida Constitución. Almost every well-traveled Mexican has heard of the bar, but Manolo's influence was likely felt regardless of whether *tijuanenses* ever entered that cantina, as Manolo had his hand in the creation of many of Tijuana's drinking attractions.

From La Palapa, then to Rancho Grande, La Estrella, and El Tiburon, Manolo left his mark on Tijuana's drinking scene since the *continued on page 108*

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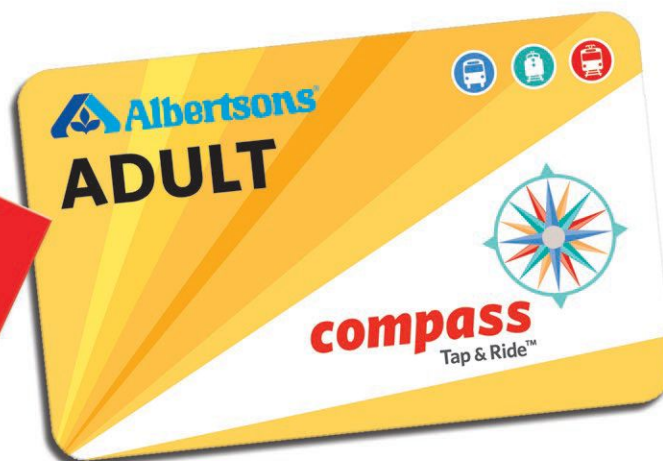
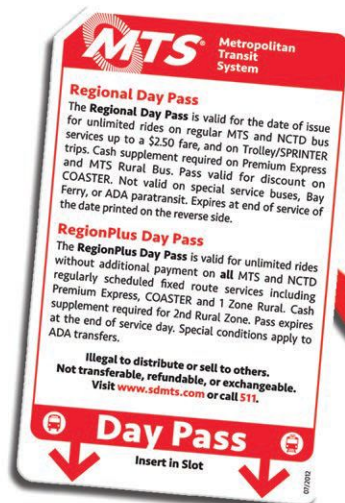


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by Barbarella

Sweet People

If I were asked to describe myself using ten adjectives, “tact” would not be among them. So it was that, upon being introduced to a young man at the opening reception for David’s latest photographic exhibition at a gallery in Dallas, I promptly inserted my foot in my mouth.

The woman doing the introducing was Emily, the young man’s mother and my second cousin by marriage (as it was explained to me, Emily’s husband Steve is David’s Dad’s cousin’s son). “This is William,” Emily said as I shook the hand of a bespectacled, curly-haired boy. “And this is his best friend.” I smiled and greeted the kid standing next to William. “They’ve been friends since kindergarten, and now they’re in the eighth grade, so you can imagine they’re pretty good friends,” Emily explained.

This is the part where I should have just smiled and busted out an Emerson quote about friendship. Instead, I

looked from William to his friend and back to William, and then, in a conspiratorial tone, I said, “In about a year or two, you’ll have a falling out and then hate each other for the rest of your lives.”

Emily gasped.

I’d expected a knowing giggle from the adults, but as I searched the faces around me, all I found were heads pulled back as far as they could go and faces crinkled in a mixture of confusion and horror. “Just kidding,” I said half-heartedly to the kids. I should have stopped there because I couldn’t keep the sarcasm out of my voice when I added, “I’m sure you’re going to be friends forever.”

It was my first time meet-

ing this faction of David’s family. When we made it back to our hotel later that night, I agonized over how I might have offended the weirdly nice people over the course of the evening. Was it when I’d said, “Shit! Oops, sorry I said ‘shit,’ but it came out before I realized it shouldn’t and now you’ll just have to deal with it,” to Sarah, Emily’s 11-year-old? Or was it when I was regaling the group with my detailed comparison between reality television and gruesome car wrecks?

I’m not used to sweet people. Emily, who, with her baby-blue eyes and blond ringlets of hair, exudes the innocence of an angel, showed sympathy even for Kim Kardashian. After I’d flip-pantly commented that the only thing I knew about K.K. was that she’d gotten famous because she bared her notorious caboose on a sex tape that made its way round the net, Emily’s face fell, and she looked truly sad for the celebrant. “Wow, you are nice,” I’d said, marveling at the reach of her compassion. The more I thought about it, the more anxious I became about our plans to spend the following day with the whole family.

David and I were collected from our hotel by the family of five. Steve drove the burgundy minivan, Emily rode shotgun, and the three kids — quiet, smiling, polite — were in the back, leaving the two seats in the middle to David and me. Because Texas is known for its barbecue, Steve had planned to take us to a few notable purveyors of smoked meats.

“See that one? Big Al’s? They put too much vinegar in their sauce,” Steve said as we passed by Big Al’s on our way to his personal favorite, the original location of Sonny Bryan’s Smokehouse. “Sonny Bryan’s uses a hundred percent wood smoke, and they only allow hickory in their smoker.”

While we waited for Steve to order some ribs and brisket (“Just a bit, for tasting and comparison. We’re really only here to get the sauce so we can use it when we get to Lockhart Smokehouse.”), I chatted with Emily and the kids. I’d imagined that with such nice parents, the teens and preteen would be sheltered or naive. But as I spoke with them, I discovered otherwise. Hannamae, the eldest, is an artist; William has the engineering mind of an inventor; and Sarah, the youngest, is more grounded and mature than a few 20-some-things I know.

The second barbecue joint was located in the ultra-hip Bishop Arts District. “Lockhart only uses post oak in their smoker,” Steve explained. After poking around a few of the stores (modern design and eclectic art), we got our brisket, ribs, and other fixin’s to go. The Lockhart dining room was closed for a private party, but we were happy enough to bring the food back to Steve’s home in Plano, a house into which you could comfortably fit 15-or-so San Diego bungalows.

We ate in the backyard, among the flow-ers and trees. I breathed in the greenery and smiled at the burbling sound of a waterfall (from the Jacuzzi to the pool). After reaching the consensus that Sonny Bryan’s ribs were better, Lockhart’s brisket was better, and everything was better with the sauce, the family went back into the house. William disappeared upstairs, Hannamae disappeared into her phone, and Sarah and Emily (who is a singer and songwriter) disappeared into the recording studio with a group of Girl Scouts who’d shown up to prep for leading camp songs.

Miraculously, I managed to not offend for the whole day. Either that or these people were getting used to me. Or maybe they just had a calming, normalizing effect on me.

I was disappointed when it was time to go, but David and I had a flight to catch. Steve drove us to the airport, and we insisted he bring the family to San Diego soon (they’ve never been to California).

“I hope they come visit, but I don’t think I’ll introduce them to my family,” I said to David as we were waiting for our group to be called for boarding. It’s true that — as my mother loves to say — we put the “fun” in “dysfunctional,” but not everybody shares our dark sense of humor, and the last thing I wanted to do was traumatize the newbies.

“They were just so...normal,” I said. “Hanging out with them was like being on the set of a sitcom. They made me want to play the role of the crazy, quirky distant relative.”

“I think you already do,” David said, showing his dimples. ■

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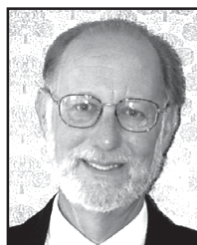
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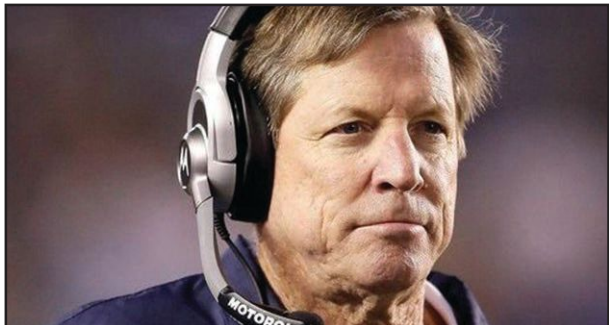
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Almost factual news



Coach-Provocateur Turner: “It’s all part of the plan.”

NBC reported recently that Chargers Coach-Provocateur Norv Turner was in no mood to complain about the officiating during the team’s recent loss to the New Orleans Saints. From the questionable call regarding Melvin Ingram’s helmet-tap of Saints quarterback Drew Brees (a call that erased a Chargers touchdown) to the comeback-killing calls on Antonio Gates (offensive pass interference) and Nick Hardwick (holding) in the fourth quarter, His Serene Middlingness remained sanguine and even, dare we say it, pleased.

“It shows that we’re where we ought to be,” smiled Turner. “Bad calls are clearly this season’s narrative, and now we have a place in that narrative. Normally, I don’t like working with someone else’s idea for a story, but to ignore the zeitgeist on this one would be the worst sort of prima donna tantruming, akin to sending my men out to play football while dressed as bullfighters. You have to work within the confines of what’s given to you.

“The obvious, clumsy mistakes made by the replacement referees — mistakes which reached their apotheosis in the confusion of touchdown and interception at the Packers-Seahawks game, a confusion not unlike mistaking life for death or football for European football — reminded me of the primitive accounts that ancient cultures created to explain the world around them. Thunder and lightning as signs of an angry sky-god, that sort of thing.

“But as every schoolboy knows, the ancient Greeks took those myths and turned them to far more sophisticated ends. No longer did man imagine gods to explain their creation; rather, he created gods to explain himself. So, yes, there were blatant bad calls in earlier games, made by blundering pseudo-referees. But that’s not art, not unless you call a child’s finger-painting art. And I am interested in art. Calls that are questionable, made by newly reinstated (and perhaps rusty) professional referees, calls that leave room for ambiguity, interpretation — those are what I’m interested in. And those are what I got on Sunday.

“Those are the calls that serve my ends, my ultimate goal to end my final season at precisely .500, thus stifling all the obvious, extreme emotions that a great success or great failure would engender. Because only in this state — frustrated but not enraged, unclouded by elation — can a fan become reflective and consider whether or not it is really worthwhile to keep the Chargers in San Diego at any cost. The team began in Los Angeles; perhaps the time has come to let them return? Perhaps the time has come for an honest assessment of what you give to them and what they give or do not give back to you in return....

“Ultimately,” concluded Turner, “this season is not about football. It’s about you, the fan. Football is just the myth I’m using to help you understand yourself. Please, think about it.”

Bug Mutilates Whale

Plush Toy Designer’s Programming Glitch Leads to Creation of 3.2 Million Defective Whale Souvenirs for Sea World; Company Decides to “Alter” Killer Whale Nakai to Fit Product

“What were we gonna do, throw out 3 million stuffed animals?”

DISAPPOINTED IT WASN’T FROM A TRIAL RUN OF LONG-AWAITED “SHAMU VS.” WHALE-FIGHT EXHIBIT, SEA WORLD — At first, Sea World officials suggested that the missing chunk of flesh on killer whale Nakai’s lower jaw, first spotted in late September, was the result of a collision with a pool barrier. Then a member of PETA suggested that the wound may have arisen from a fight, noting that Nakai is “20% blacker than the other whales held in captivity at Sea World, and may have been subjected to a form of sea-mammal ‘prison hazing.’”

But both theories were quickly dismissed, due to the clean lines along the edge of the wound. Deborah Giles of the UC Davis Dept. of Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology said that, “To me if it was a sheering sort of thing... It’s more possible in my mind that this injury occurred when the whale may have been going between pools and come in contact

with, not concrete, but something metal.”

SD on the QT has been on the case ever since the injury first came to light, and it turns out that Giles’s suspicion was correct. Nakai did indeed come in contact with something metal — a Sea World animal-care expert’s surgical saw. Emails obtained by our reporters between Sea World executives and the administration of the Gund-brand stuffed-animal factory in Xienxiao, China, which makes the plush killer whales sold at the park’s ubiquitous gift shops, reveal the grisly circumstances.

“Coding error discovered on computer design program for unit XB1298 ‘Nakai,’” reads one exchange. “Curvature of jawline reversed at tip — see attached photo. 3.214 million units produced during 24 hours before error detected. Please advise.” The chilling reply from Sea World: “Rectification and restart deemed financially impracticable. Proceed with production and shipment. Will make



Sea World staff say the gruesome wound is healing “in line with expectations and requirements.”

necessary adjustments at our end. Send us faulty coder so we can feed him to whale as compensation.”

As of press time, it was unclear whether the final line of the email was a joke.

Reached for comment, Sea World spokeswoman Brenda Nile was quick to note that “Sea World has just announced plans for an exciting new entrance area!”

Nuda Vista?

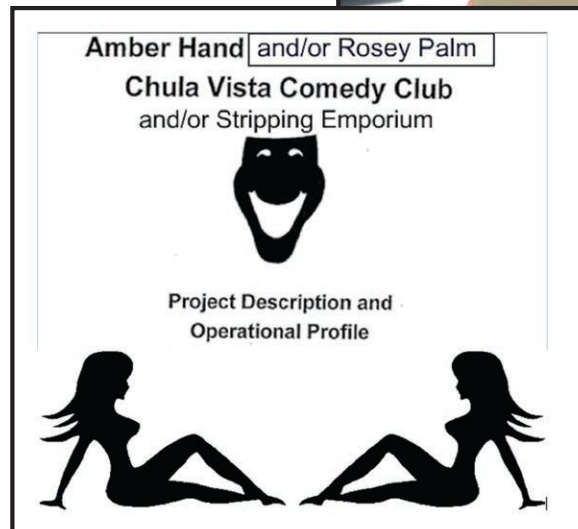
Chula Vista’s Bayfront Ups Its Attractiveness Quotient with Addition of Hoochie-Coochie Parlor

DELIGHTING IN THE LITERALNESS OF THE TERM “SHOW-GIRLS,” CHULA VISTA — Much has been made of the fact that the EyeCandy Showgirls Emporium slated to take up residence in Chula Vista’s former Anthony’s Fish Grotto submitted its business-license application for a cabaret, but its tenant-improvement application for a comedy club. *Which is it?* wonder the confused fans of both comedy and burlesque. *Will the girls tell jokes? Will the comedians work the pole? What does this mean for open-mic night? Will lap dances double as roasts?* Well, wonder no longer: *SD on the QT* has, through tireless investigation, dug up the original business plan for the place:



Fish house to cat house? Strip club opens in former Anthony’s restaurant.

From what we can tell from the proposal, which is hand-written in crayon, it looks like the comics will work the stage between acts — just like in the old days! The move, according to EyeCandy manager Randy Bumregard, should allow the business to dodge Chula Vista’s restrictive policy on nude entertainment venues. “We’re not employing strippers,” explained Bumregard, “we’re employing historical reenactors.”



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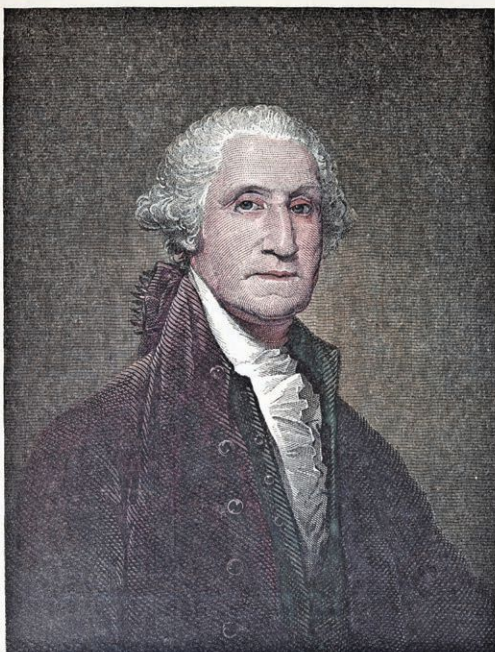
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our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

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G. Washington

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(an excerpt from George Washington’s speech before Congress on December 23rd, 1783)

Style Stalker

BY KENDRA CLARK

BLACK MAGIC

This fall's fashions could easily have been conjured by an enchantress. Leather is everywhere, "oxblood" is the new burgundy, and accessories are otherworldly. Check out these dark and daring discoveries.



After Rodarte adorned their models with custom falling-star barrettes for the fall runway, designers have been rushing to fill the demand for starry hair accessories. Most of the good ones can be found on Etsy. (Star Hair Pin, \$15, by Embellished Life)



Oxblood is brick with a bit of black. Get it in leather, with this Alexander McQueen leather mini pencil skirt (\$925 at Saks Fifth Avenue), which pairs perfectly with these oxblood "Jodhpur" boots (\$348 at Nordstrom).



A sleeveless leather shell is simultaneously elegant and menacing. (Vegan Leather Peplum Top, \$98, at piperlime.com)



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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Heymatt:

I just passed the Christ-of-the-Andes-sized sign that SDSU planted alongside I-8 and it was flashing an ad for an event at State's Viejas Arena. A minute to the east, I passed a series of outdoor boards advertising the Barona Casino. I thought that Ladybird Johnson's Highway Beautification Act prohibited advertising alongside interstates. Was the act buried along with Ladybird?

— John Mann

Curiously, those big signs by I-8 are subject to the same regulations as would be a 4x4-foot plywood sign for a mom-and-pop business. This may be cold comfort, since I gather you're not crazy about the billboards, but they're all inspected and legal. The Highway Beautification Act of 1965 has been amended and challenged more times than I care to count, but it remains in effect today. It never prohibited billboard advertising outright, it just established regulations. Any sign erected by a California highway that's not on the premises of the business it represents has to apply for a Caltrans permit. The Caltrans Outdoor Advertising Program monitors highway advertising for compliance to state and federal standards. And there are a lot of regulations.

There are regulations that govern the acceptable distance of a sign from the roadway and from other signs. There are rules that indicate the acceptable size of signs. Some words and phrases are prohibited — e.g., it's unlawful to imitate government highway signs or to direct traffic. There are laws that prohibit advertising on "landscaped freeways," and there are exceptions to those same laws that allow advertising on landscaped freeways in certain places provided, all in strict (or stricter) compliance with the HBA.

Heymatt:

We all know dogs, cats, and other animals get fleas, but how do they originate? Do they just hang around outside looking for a customer? How do they mate?

— Joseph Wayton

Fleas are persistent and annoying to get rid of because their life cycle helps them avoid eradication. They breed on the host animal, creeping around, sucking blood like little vampires, and getting up to acts of wanton hedonism with each other like they're starring in a Hieronymus Bosch painting. Their eggs aren't sticky, so the ova end up dropping off the host animal and landing wherever. The baby fleas hatch and slime around,

eating whatever organic material they can find. They pupate and hatch into regular fleas, which utilize their astounding jumping ability to bounce up onto a new host, be it you, me, or the nearest passing canine. That "on-the-dog-off-the-dog" lifestyle makes them harder to get rid of and it also explains how Fido, of whom you take the greatest care, gets fleas sometimes. All it takes is a few eggs dropping off a stray or wild animal and the fleas do the rest when Fido goes out for a walk.

Heymatt:

Since political season is coming up and we will soon be deluged with political advertisements, I was wondering if you could use your vast influence to tell us how much a typical TV ad costs.

— Peter J. Michael

Ads are sold in 30-second blocks, and a spot during the daytime, when potential voters are least likely to see the ad, can sell for a couple hundred dollars, even in a big city. As the day wears on, the prices go up. Afternoon spots can be twice what the daytimes are. Ads during

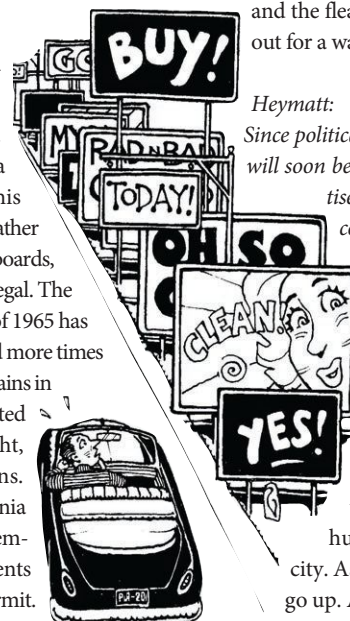
the local nightly news program can be up to \$5000. For a slot during a fairly popular TV show, the cost bumps up to eight, maybe even ten thousand. Regular-season football games, which have high viewership, sell ad slots for about \$13,000. The biggest charge I could find was during prime TV, where hugely popular shows like *Two and a Half Men* command whopping sums of \$30,000 or more for a half-minute of airtime. Yeah, that's a thousand dollars a second if you do the easy math. Take that, dentists, doctors, and BMW mechanics!

Right now, spending on the presidential campaign is only high in hotly contested swing states such as Ohio, Florida, and Colorado. The San Diego affiliates of the major networks don't even have campaign spending reports for the presidential candidates — but you can bet that Carl DeMaio and Bob Filner have been dropping lots of cash on local ads!

If you want all the information, and I mean ALL of it, cruise on over to <http://stations.fcc.gov> and have a look at the public records. Formerly, these records were all kept in paper files in the stations' brick-and-mortar buildings, but they've been digitized and uploaded to a central website for easy public access. It's a bit hard to navigate, but once you get the knack of it, the information's there. It's only for broadcast TV, not cable or satellite, but the data reflects overall trends as reported by the *Washington Post*.

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POST TITLE: **Salted Caramel Apple Galette with Pink Pearl and Cortland Heirloom Apples**

POST DATE: **October 10, 2012**

Fall makes me think of things like falling leaves and pumpkins and warm soups and apples. Apples! Sure, we can get apples year round, but we don't always get apples like these. I was recently given a few apples from Frieda's Produce Company: the Pink Pearl and the Cortland. Pink Pearls were developed in the 1940s by a Northern California breeder, while the Cortland was developed at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva in 1898. The Pink Pearl has pink overtones within the flesh of the apple. It's got a slightly tart taste, not like "Granny Smith OMG tart," but a bit more mild, with a touch of sweetness. The Cortland is very white and crisp and much sweeter than its counterpart. These unique heirloom apples will be available at local Sprouts stores starting October 17th, so you can get some of these beautiful apples for yourself!

I decided to take these apples to produce a salted caramel apple galette. Want to go on an apple galette-making journey with me? Of course you do!

First things first...we need salted caramel sauce. You could just cheat and buy a jar of sauce; they make a wonderful one at Trader Joe's. But I was feeling rather down in the dumps, and I wanted to do something therapeutic, like baking and making caramel sauce from scratch.

Caramel sauce is actually quite easy. Sugar and water into a pan, set it to simmer. And don't touch it! No stirring! Okay, maybe I swirl it around a little...but that's just to see how amber it's getting. You can definitely see when it's starting to get amber. It also starts to smoke just a little and smells a little burnt. This is about the time to move it away from the stove. Have your heavy cream and vanilla at the ready for this next step. Once you take it off the heat, you want to slowly pour in the heavy cream. If you don't do it slowly, you get a big old clump. But if you do get a clump, you can remedy it: just put the pan over low heat until the clump dissolves — but keep stirring! Stir, stir, and stir some more! Stir until your arm feels like it might come out of its socket. And don't turn up the heat too high — just enough so you can melt that sugar again and get it smooth.

I wanted to do something therapeutic, like baking and making caramel sauce from scratch.

I added a big pinchful of fleur de sel, patted myself on the back, and poured it into a lovely container to set up to room temperature. Then I proceeded to lick the spoon and get every last drop out of the pan.

Time to start on the apples! Peel and cut. Add the juice of one lemon (I used a Meyer lemon from our tree) and the zest of said lemon, too. In goes your sugar and spices and little cubes of butter. Mix until kind of goopy and weird looking.

A galette is pretty much just like a "free form" pie or tart. Since I cheated and used a Trader Joe's crust (seriously, you guys, they are the best for lazy crust makers), I just rolled it out onto the pan. Make sure your crust is pliable so it all stays together; otherwise, all the caramel oozes out.

Take your luscious caramel sauce and pour some in the middle. If you get any on your fingers...well then I guess you're just going to have to eat it. No sense in wasting sauce. Pile those lovely apples on top. You can get all fancy and arrange them...which I started to do, then, well...yeah. I stopped. Piling seemed faster. And...more caramel sauce. God, why not? Then you pull up the edges of the crust and tuck them over the apples. I didn't do a very good job of preventing rips and tears. You'll do better than me, won't you?

Beat up one egg and brush it over the edges of the crust. Sprinkle with vanilla sugar (if you have it!) or plain old white sugar for a pretty, pretty crust. Bake at 350 degrees for about 40 minutes, or until a devilish golden brown. And then have a slice. And put more salted caramel sauce on top...God, that stuff is so good.

[Full recipe online. Post edited for length.]

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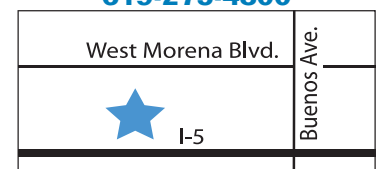
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Guns & Ammo Edition

In order to buy a handgun in California, one must meet California requirements.

I thought it might be worth a column, maybe two. Column 1: acquiring state-mandated handgun education. Column 2: acquiring a handgun. I should insert, right at the top, when it comes to guns, I'm on nobody's side.

In order to buy a handgun in California, one must meet California requirements. Despite my best efforts, I am not a felon, not a mentally disordered sex offender, or, as far as I know, been convicted of any one of a whole bunch of misdemeanors that I have not (and I'll wager no one else has) read. Plus, I am over 21. Good to go.

I decide step 1 is passing a Handgun Safety Certification exam, which is required before you buy a handgun and not a big deal. You can get the study booklet for free online or from any gun dealer. Seems to boil down to: When practicing at a target range, you should point your handgun at (a) the person next to you, (b) the snack bar, (c) the instructor, (d) in a safe direction with your finger off the trigger, (e) all of the above.

A journalist needs to fact-check everything, so I signed up for a four-hour course from what I'll call Potentate Protection Services. It was a Groupon deal, 59 bucks in exchange for "...hands-on instruction in operating a handgun, including proper handling, cleaning, storage, shooting, and *snacks* [italics mine]. The course includes gun rental, ammo, range time, eye and ear protection, and snacks. Upon completion, each student may receive an optional handgun-safety certificate."

Now, Potentate Protection Services is located in a part of town that counsels me to withdraw all the valuables from my truck before entering. Class is scheduled from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

There are four students tonight. Me and three women. The women are mid-40s, average everything, save for one who has a magnificent

tattoo — a pair of intertwining snakes, slithering shoulder to wrist.

The instructor arrives a half-hour late. He's 5'8", mid-50s, clean-shaven, wearing cop shoes, black trousers, and a black shirt. He has two big duffle bags slung around his shoulders and lugs a BIG transport case (handgun subdivision). Instructor introduces himself, gives a five-minute hi-ya spiel, starts a video, and leaves.

The video is produced by the California Department of Justice and repeats the same info found in their brochure. Followed by two more videos. Think DOJ/DMV/VA film festival that goes on a little shy of forever.

Finally, lights come on; it's time to take the Handgun Safety Certificate test. The instructor is still absent; his assistant is a Japanese woman, around 50, with a taped-up right foot, on crutches. She hands out the 30-question, three-page test.

The room is as quiet as any I've seen in college during finals. Test takes five minutes. We four set our papers on Japanese crutch lady's desk. But, wait, they are returned. We shall grade ourselves. Japanese crutch lady reads out the answers. We mark our tests. She leaves the room. One student walks up to her desk to look at her answer sheet — no, not to cheat — because Japanese crutch lady read the wrong answer, thusly causing us to get that answer wrong. Student reads off the right answer. We all change our scores. Harmony is restored.

After a passage of time, Japanese crutch lady returns and we await the instructor who is still missing. Magically, without looking at any tests, Japanese crutch lady announces we have passed our exam and begins a heroic monologue about her foot operations and, by god, her foot operations are worthy of a monologue. I quit counting after the first three.

Twenty minutes pass. The instructor returns, goes to work, and his work is pretty good. We practice how to insert and eject magazines, how to take a ready position, prepare to fire, dry fire. Over and over.

Finally, it's time to go to the firing range. Instructor calls out directions and gives us each a clear plastic baggie with 20 rounds of ammo inside.

It's a long honk out to the firing range. There are four of us driving four cars, accompanied by four plastic baggies filled with ammo. We arrive within five minutes of each other, all students and plastic baggies present and accounted for. The range is almost full at 8:30, Tuesday night. We four hover in the parking lot, use the restrooms, look at want-ads pinned to an outside bulletin board, slog back to our vehicles, and wait.

Forty minutes pass. Our instructor arrives, hands out ear and eye protection, and leads us into the office. On the way, I'm handed a Halloween-sized mini Hershey's bar.

Ah, yes, the snack.

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A pirate ship served as the centerpiece of Mission Bay's homecoming parade during halftime of its game against La Jolla.



Cathedral Catholic's student section cheers on the Dons against religious rival Cathedral Catholic.

Game of the Week: No. 3 Cathedral Catholic vs. No. 8 St. Augustine

CLAIREMONT MESA — Cathedral Catholic fell behind by two scores against St. Augustine in the Holy Bowl on Friday night, October 19, then dominated the second half to deliver a victory. The third-ranked Dons scored three third-quarter touchdowns and held on for a 28-20 victory over the eighth-ranked Saints before a sellout crowd at Mesa College.

St. Augustine (6-2, 1-1 Eastern) led 14-7 at halftime, an advantage that quickly vanished in the third quarter. On the first play from scrimmage in the second half, Cathedral Catholic senior running back Tony Johnson broke a 77-yard touchdown run to tie the game and set the tone for the remaining two quarters.

On the ensuing drive, St. Augustine had the ball deep in Cathedral Catholic territory and appeared poised to retake the lead. But when a host of Dons defenders slowed Saints freshman running back Francoise Sims II at the end of a run near the goal line, Price ripped the ball away and raced in the opposite direction for a 95-yard touchdown return that gave Cathedral a lead they would never surrender.

Santa Fe Christian routs La Jolla Country Day, takes control of Coastal League

SOLANA BEACH — Santa Fe Christian has turned the typically competitive Coastal League into a one-team race thus far this season. Against La Jolla Country Day on Saturday afternoon, October 20, the Eagles scored the first 17 points en route to a 37-6 blowout of the Torreyes.

Santa Fe junior running back Jerry Harper credited a new addition to the Eagles' playbook with helping them blow the game open after a defensive start. Late in the second quarter, they ran "29 Jet Kick," in which Harper took a hand-off running parallel to the line of scrimmage, made an abrupt cut upfield, and ran untouched for an 81-yard score that gave the Eagles a 17-0

lead with 2:02 left in the half.

"We have a play based off of that where we run all the way outside, but on that play we stop and cut up the middle — and the defense doesn't expect it," Harper said. "Every time we run that play, it happens to run perfectly."

Week 9 Top 10

1. Oceanside (7-1) – Travels to LCC for showdown between section's best
2. La Costa Canyon (7-1) – Oceanside game has section and state implications
3. Cathedral Catholic (6-2) – Overcame slow start for Holy Bowl victory
4. Helix (6-1) – Highlanders haven't allowed a point in three straight weeks
5. Mission Hills (6-2) – Shut out Fallbrook with Rancho Buena Vista up next
6. Poway (6-2) – Titans have won four straight since slow start
7. Olympian (8-0) – Eagles host Eastlake to decide Metro Mesa crown
8. St. Augustine (6-2) – Saints scored first 14 points in loss to rival Cathedral
9. Eastlake (6-2) – Looking to reclaim South Bay supremacy against Olympian
10. Madison (7-1) – Talented Warhawks riding six-game winning streak



La Jolla Country Day senior running back Sage Burmeister applies a stiff arm in an attempt to break free from Santa Fe Christian senior defensive back Nathan Ross.

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To heal the nation's divisions by healing the divisions of those around us," my man said. "Are you working on a campaign speech?" I asked.

"Nope. An invitation for the election-night party I'm going to throw," Patrick replied. "And since you're a cheapskate, it'll be a potluck."

"You are not entitled to your own facts," I announced in my best Romney voice.

"You didn't build that," Patrick retorted.

We set aside the rhetoric and got down to planning. "We'll vote for the best and worst dish," suggested Pat, "and worst dish has to wear a donkey or elephant disguise, depending on their party. [Democrat disguise kit: donkey-ear headband and nose and teeth, **\$9.37** on Amazon. Republican disguise kit: elephant-ear headband with trunk, **\$9.00** on Amazon.] Or we could have Obama and Romney masks [**\$19.99** at the Spirit Halloween-costume outlet]."

"I already have ice-cube trays and candy molds in elephants and donkeys," I added. (Set of two "Undecided Party" silicone ice-cube trays includes one Republican elephant and one Democratic donkey tray, **\$19.99** on Amazon.) "As the night rolls on, electoral votes will roll in, and as a state goes red or blue, you down a cocktail — preferably a red or a blue cocktail."

We asked some boozy friends to come up with Obama and Romney cocktails, blue and red, respectively.

"Obama's will be called the Kenyan," replied Margaret. "One ounce banana liqueur, one ounce Blue Curaçao, three ounces pineapple juice."

Frank had Romney's: "Call it 'the 47 Percent.' Elijah Craig Bourbon [94 proof, 47 percent alcohol], dash of Bob's Vanilla Bitters, and the drinks must be handed out free of charge."

"How about this," he looked up from his laptop. "For some therapy during the party, we need an Official Bullshit Button [**\$7.99** on Amazon]. A guest frustrated with the way things are going can press the red button and hear 'Bullshit!'"

"For the gamers," stated Patrick, "we can have Hail to the Chimp: The Presidential Party X-Box game going [**\$9.74** on Amazon at Discount Giant USA]."

"Or we could kick it old-school with some board games, such as Presidential Scrabble Board Game [**\$28.95** on Amazon], Race for the

"I have found a Chia Romney and a Chia Obama and they're already sprouting."

White House [**\$29.98** on Amazon], USAopoly Democrats vs. Republicans Stratego [**\$33.98** on Amazon], or Run Off: The Game of Presidential Campaigning [**\$21.99** on Amazon]."

"It's starting to sound expensive," I said. "Then we'll have a 'pay your fair share' jar," he said.

"Let's move on to decorations," I suggested. "I already have the toilet paper with Obama and Romney on the sheets. [Big Mouth Toys Funny Toilet Paper: Obama, **\$5.50** on Amazon; Mitt Romney toilet paper, **\$6.75** on Amazon]."

"That's rather potty-humored, Mrs. Kelly. I have found a Chia Romney and a Chia Obama and they're already sprouting [**\$17.99** on Amazon]," he smirked, "a bit more elevated."

"I prefer the Obama Punching Bag by Big Mouth Toys," I admitted. "Reminds me of the Bozo the Clown of my youth — but this has Obama dressed as a boxer in a ring [54-inch punching bag, **\$15.53** on Amazon]. For Romney, they sell a hand puppet that punches [**\$24.96** on Amazon]."

"A set of bobbleheads?" wondered Patrick. (Romney and Obama bobbleheads, **\$18.95** each on Amazon.)

"We've got the kitschy decorations covered," I said. "We need some nice stuff. I found donkey and elephant glass wine stoppers [**\$14.99** on Amazon]."

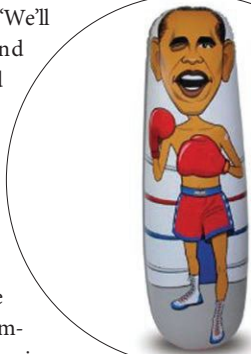
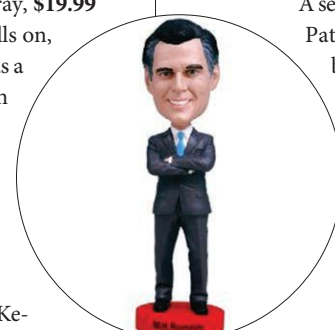
The next day I hit a few stores in search of more donkeys and elephants. "The world is full of elephants," I told Patrick later. "In an afternoon of perusing stores, I didn't find one donkey. Couldn't we start a campaign to change the Democratic symbol to an owl or a peacock — those abound."

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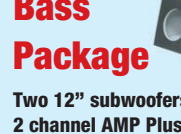
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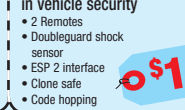
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As far as has been recorded, none of Mitt Romney's ancestors belonged to the weary band that straggled into the dusty Pueblo de San Diego at the end of their long desert trek. The journey had been personally sanctioned by Mormon president Brigham Young, who furnished the volunteers knowing they would be paid by the federal government for their mission into the vast new western spaces, where he counted on them to promulgate the faith of the church, founded just 16 years before in upstate New York.

Having arrived in San Diego, they fanned out from their small base to Orange County and Los Angeles, then north to Monterey and San Francisco. A few ended up at a place called Sutter's Mill near Sacramento. Other ex-brigadiers headed northeast to San Bernardino, cutting a wagon

road through the Cajon Pass and on to the Salt Lake Valley in Utah, where seven-year-old Miles Park Romney, the great-grandfather of Mitt Romney, arrived with his family in 1850, two years after gold was discovered in California.

Miles would eventually take five wives, conforming to the practice of polygamy dictated by the edict of church founder Joseph Smith and enforced by Brigham Young,

who himself had been "sealed" to 55 brides. "They were trying to build a generation out there in the desert," Mitt Romney has said, "and so he took additional wives as he was told to do. And I must admit I can't imagine anything more awful than polygamy."

Mitt Romney's great-grandmother, Hannah, Miles's first wife, apparently agreed. "I used to walk the floor and shed tears of sorrow," she wrote in a letter quoted by Romney biographers Michael Kranish and Scott Helman in their book *The Real Romney*. "If anything will make a

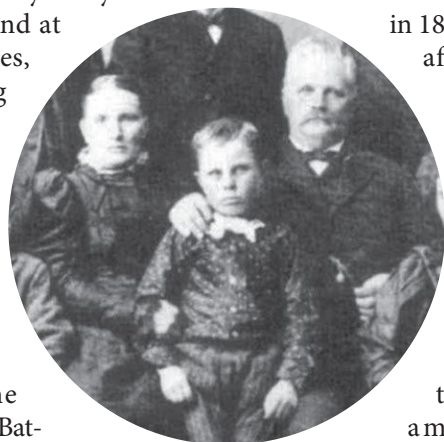
woman's heart ache, it is for her husband to take another wife, but I put my trust in my Heavenly Father and prayed and pled with him to give me strength to bear this trial."

In 1881, another order came down from the church. Miles and his family were instructed to move from Utah to Arizona. A slow and dangerous trip of 400 miles, write Kranish and Helman, landed them in a rough-and-tough town called St. Johns, where a newspaper railed against the Mormon men and their multiple wives. "Hang a few of their polygamist leaders such as . . . [Bishop David] Udall [and Miles] Romney . . . and a stop will be put to it."

The newspaper called Romney "a mass of putrid pus and rotten goose pimples; a skunk, with the face of a baboon, the character of a louse, the breath of a buzzard and the record of a perjurer and common drunkard."

Miles struck back with his own paper, the *Orion Era*, further inflaming an already volatile situation. One night in 1885, with a federal marshal in close pursuit, Romney headed for the Mexican border.

"The marshal had a gun in one hand and handcuffs in the other," recalled Hannah. "I told him Mr.



Hannah and Miles Romney with their son Leo, in Mexico around 1891.



Clyde Romney (left) campaigning for a seat on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors in 1986.



Matt Romney, Mitt's son, who currently lives in Rancho Bernardo, takes public credit for calling his part of the Romney clan to San Diego County.

Romney was not at home. He said he had better give himself up to save the country expense and himself more trouble."

Once into Mexico, Romney continued south 90 miles to the Piedras Verdes River valley, where he had been instructed by church leaders to help found a polygamist colony, which became known as Colonia Juárez. There polygamy would thrive beyond the authoritarian reach of the United States government and its intolerant citizenry. Mitt Romney's father, George, the future governor of Michigan, was born there in 1907 to Gaskell Romney, one of Miles's sons by his first wife Hannah.

Doug

On a calm, sweltering fall day in 2012, the phone rings in a Palm Springs condo; it is answered by the genial-sounding voice of Douglas Wayne Romney, age 67.

His grandfather was Orin

Romney, Sr., a son of Miles Park Romney and half-brother of Gaskell Romney, which makes Douglas a relatively distant cousin to Mitt (but still family, which counts for a lot among Romneys). Gaskell's mother was Miles Park Romney's first wife Hannah Hood Hill; Orin was born to Miles Park Romney's fourth wife, Alice Marie "Annie" Woodbury, a school teacher.

Douglas, or Doug as he is known, is well acquainted with the family's history in Mexico, how the Romneys prospered there for many years, cultivating vast tracts of idyllic farmland. Then, in July 1912, Mexican revolutionaries besieged the colony, causing Gaskell and his family, including his only wife and five-year-old son George, to hastily

pack their bags and flee north across the border to El Paso. They would never return.

Doug's clan remained in their Mexico colony throughout the most violent days of the revolution, later passing down stories of collecting the bullets left by marauding revolutionaries. Many Romneys are still there, though Doug's father and grandfather and their families eventually returned to the United States.

"My father came out of Mexico a year or two before World War II," Doug recalls. His parents, who met in Mexico, were married in the Salt Lake Temple in May 1941. It is a sacred place, which, to nonbelievers (known as "gentiles" by church members) is strictly off limits. His mother went to the University of Utah,

was a missionary in New York for two years, and was a member of the church's General Board of the Young Women's

tiful, Utah, of the 1950s. In 1961, the family moved to Orange County, where his father and mother owned and

"I personally am outraged that the Mormon Church, headquartered in Salt Lake City, spent millions of dollars to defeat marriage equality in this state."

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Doug was born in the hospital at Hill Air Force Base, Hillfield, Utah, in 1945, and grew up in the Salt Lake City and Boun-

operated 116 apartment units in several buildings near Disneyland. He graduated from Anaheim High School in 1963 and went on to get a degree from Cal State Fullerton.

He was a high-school teacher of English, German, and Latin, as well as drama, technical theater, and video production before retiring. (Doug's great grandfather, Miles Park Romney, also had a flair for drama, and was at one time president of the St. George Dramatic Association. It has been reported that he performed in plays at the St George Social Hall, a converted wine cellar.)

Besides Palm Springs, Doug has lived in San Diego — "I go to San Diego to get away from the desert heat" — owning a unit at 3200 Sixth Avenue, the iconic mid-century condominium complex across the street from Balboa Park. The four-story building was designed in 1959 by noted architect Henry H. Hester and was built by Colonel Irving Salomon,

the father of former city councilwoman Abbe Wolfsheimer.

Doug says he's never met his cousin Mitt, but as a child was introduced to Mitt's father George when he was head of American Motors in the 1950s. Doug's family went to pick up a new Rambler from the factory, where George Romney, chairman and president of the company, personally handed them the keys.

One other thing: Doug Romney is gay.

"If I sound bitter, I don't mean to," he says, not sounding bitter. "I left the church about 35 years ago, and I don't have much contact with my family." He goes on to explain that he is no longer a practicing Mormon because he doesn't see much point in hiding his sexual identity in

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order to attend a church that has long condemned homosexuality.

His decision was reinforced, he says, by the campaign for Proposition 8, the 2008 ballot measure that banned same-sex marriage in California. The Mormon Church was a key proponent of the ban, leaning heavily on its members to furnish cash for the multimillion-dollar TV-advertising campaign and waging its own fierce public-relations battle on the measure's behalf.

"Proposition Hate," says Doug Romney, who once sang in the San Diego Gay Men's Chorus during his time here. He sounds slightly bitter at the first mention of the measure, the legality of which is likely to be ultimately considered by the U.S. Supreme Court. The church's hardline position has been repeatedly endorsed by Mitt Romney, who this year has made opposition to gay marriage a key plank of the Republican Party's presidential platform.

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Although no longer a Mormon, Romney says he still adheres to some

conflict with the events described in the Book of Mormon."

Clyde

In October 1986, Clyde Romney was running for a seat on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

"I don't know that Mr. [Clyde] Romney has paid his dues to the community."

of the church's moral and ethical values. "I have tried to live my life with honesty and integrity, values that I was taught there." He adds, "As a teenager, I went into the basement of the temple and was baptized for the dead dozens of times. I also know that I am sealed to my parents to be reunited in the afterlife."

Notes Romney, "I have heard that archaeological research has revealed no

A *Los Angeles Times* reporter wrote: "Romney, a burly man with a receding hairline and a disarming smile, is described by those who know him well as a man of integrity, high morals, compassion and honesty."

His political foes weren't as charitable. "A snake-oil salesman who will say anything to anybody at any time to get a vote," one told the *Times* writer. "He's a nice guy; he's got a beautiful family, but you can be a nice guy and have a beautiful family and still be a political snake-in-the-grass."

Some of the antagonism was laid to the fact that Romney was new to the North County's fifth district, having moved in from just across the line immediately before he declared his candi-

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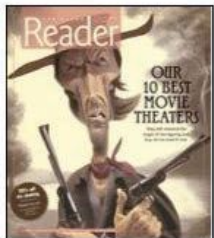
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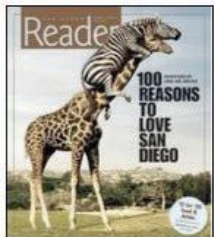
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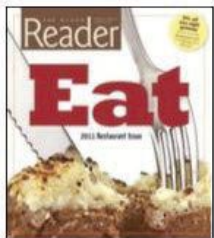
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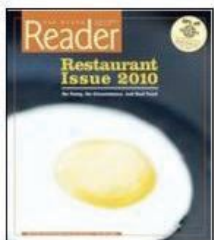
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dacy. Republican opponents complained that he was also a newcomer to their party. He'd been a lifelong Democrat but switched his registration in 1983, when he became chief of staff to GOP Congressman Ron Packard, a fellow Mormon whose popularity was not easily transferred to Romney, despite Packard's repeated endorsements.

A dentist who attended Brigham Young University, Packard had pulled off a remarkable 1982 congressional upset as a write-in candidate, soundly beating fellow Republican Johnnie Crean, a high-living, well-financed mobile-home scion from Corona. In the June primary, Crean edged Packard by 92 votes.

Many credited Packard's victory to the legions of smiling Mormons who flooded the

district, armed with apparently inexhaustible supplies of door hangers and golf pencils to remind voters to write



Miles Romney, the Dancin' CPA, is the life of the party at Petco Park.

Packard's name in on the ballot. It was only the third time in American history that a congressional seat had thus been won.

Roy "Pat" Archer, the Democrat in the contest, claimed dirty tricks were employed against him, asserting:

"There were more than 1600 felonies committed in this race." That December, the Palomar College political-science professor told an Associated Press reporter, "there were about 1500 defacements (of voting booklets) and another 100 or so other things, like poll workers [who were] soliciting people to vote for Packard not taking pencils out of voting booths that had 'Write-in Ron Packard' on them, and allowing Packard supporters to campaign within 50 feet of polling booths." But the Democrat's complaints came to naught.

Romney, who served almost five years as bishop of the church's Palomar Ward, Escondido South Stake — a position of high trust and honor also held by Mitt Romney in his own home ward of Boston — often bragged that his drive and organization of the county's Saints had made the difference

for Packard. His boasting stirred resentment among other members of the congressman's inner circle. One anonymous critic told the *Times* that Romney was "pushy and domineering," adding, "The first thing I saw of him, he was taking over

more than scratches the surface."

Oceanside City Councilman John MacDonald, Romney's opponent, sent a mailer to voters pointing out that Romney had been: "Elected to a local school board — quit after one year of a four-year

the other hand, is considerably younger and more representative of the types of families that have been moving into North County for the last decade or more."

It was Romney's campaign theme, the new replacing the old, but like his cousin Mitt, Clyde remained deeply rooted in his church, its rituals and values, no matter how mysterious and controversial they might seem to outsiders. Mitt and Clyde shared a great-great-grandfather, Miles A. Romney, the Mormon convert who as a young man sailed from Liverpool, England, to America in 1841 with his wife and small family, thus launching the Romney dynasty.

Mitt was descended from Miles A. Romney's son, Miles Park Romney, who was sent by the church to establish Colonia Juárez in Mexico, where Mitt's father George, the future governor of Michigan, was born. Clyde was descended from another

"People who knew me knew I was deeply hurt to be labeled a racist."

a meeting when in fact he was a stranger."

"My impression is that he is running for office to be elected on the coattails of Ron Packard's following," Al Diederich, manager of the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, said to the *Times* reporter. "I have a high regard for Congressman Packard. I don't know that Mr. Romney has paid his dues to the community. I think you ought to have a little record of some time of community service that

term. Appointed as aide and campaign manager to a congressman in Washington — quit in midterm to return to North County to run for office."

Romney attempted to counter this characterization in a 1986 interview with the *Los Angeles Times*: "John MacDonald resembles North County's [incumbent] elected officials. He is very much a product of the Establishment in the coastal communities. Clyde Romney, on

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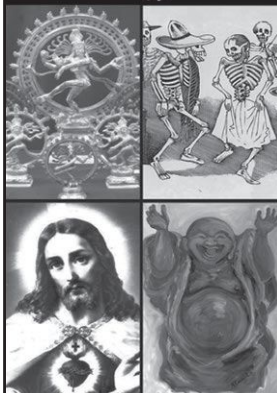


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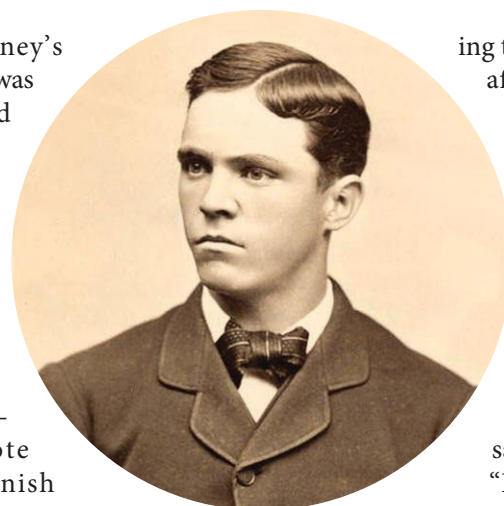
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of Miles A. Romney's sons, George, who was born in England six years before the family came to America. He was the namesake of a famous painter.

The Romneys of England already had a long and storied history, note biographers Kranish and Helman. "They came from the quiet village of Lower Penwortham, near Liverpool, England. For years Romneys had been moving out and on; one named George Romney had gone to London and become a celebrated eighteenth-century portrait painter. But most were of modest means." The George Romney who came to America would become a prosperous merchant and Mormon bishop, ultimately taking three brides and fathering 33 children before dying in 1920 at 89 in Salt Lake City.

However modern and progressive a candidate as Clyde tried to portray himself during the 1986 campaign, he would ultimately trip himself up. With a little more than two weeks until election day, he sent a telegram to the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service. In the wire, he called North County a "combat zone" infested by "huge gangs of illegal aliens that line our streets, shake down our schoolchildren, spread diseases like malaria, and roam our neighborhoods, looking for work or homes to rob."

Latino political groups, infuriated by the statement, went on the attack, and, despite the best door-hanging efforts of the now-familiar smiling Mormon legions, MacDonald beat Rom-



In the 1920s, Orson Douglas Romney and his wife were year-round regulars at the Hotel del Coronado.

ney by a wide margin. "I regretted the play that issue got," Romney told a *Los Angeles Times* reporter in an interview the following summer. "When that story broke it put me in a defensive position when I was try-

ing to come up with an affirmative solution to a serious problem. People who knew me knew I was deeply hurt to be labeled a racist."

He had subsequently apologized to his Latino critics, he said.

"I very deliberately waited until after the race to make a public apology, because I wanted no ulterior motives attached to it," he said. "It was your basic *mea culpa* statement."

Romney attempted a comeback by running for Palomar College's board of trustees in 1988, but placed at the back of the pack. A lawyer, he continued to practice. He set up a lobbying busi-

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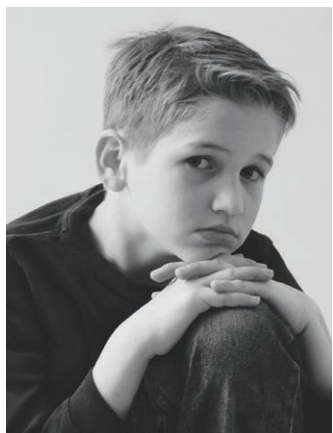


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ness with his former boss Ron Packard, known as Packard Government Affairs, when the Republican retired from Congress. Romney's already sizable role in local Mormon affairs grew even broader when he became San Diego Regional Public Affairs director for the church.

Reporters often asked him about the matter of the Saints' dictum against homosexuality. Interviewed for a lengthy September 1993 San Diego *Union-Tribune* piece about how local churches were dealing with the AIDS epidemic with outreach programs and charity, Romney said that Mormonism is "very specific in its condemnation of homosexual lifestyle and practices."



The Romneys of England produced a famous 18th-century portrait painter, George Romney.

There were no outreach programs. Mormons, he said, advised gays to "bring their lives into conformity with the teachings of the church."

In 1992, he proudly led curious reporters through the construction site of the faith's new \$24 mil-

lion San Diego temple as it was rising above Interstate 5 in University City. It would be crowned by a gleaming, gold-gilded statue of the trumpet-wielding Angel Moroni, who, Mormons believe, materialized in a New York forest in 1823 to give church founder Joseph Smith a set of golden plates containing tenets of the new faith. These would later be set down by Smith in the Book of Mormon.

Among other roles in the local church hierarchy, Romney was a chief fundraiser for the new temple. He was also chairman of its grand opening and sanctification festivities, a way of introducing nonbelievers, all regarded by the Mormons as potential

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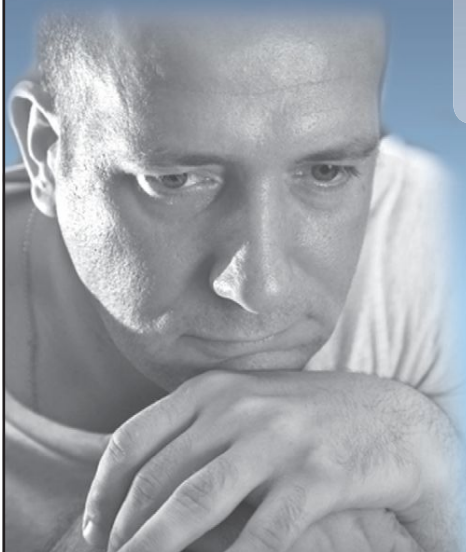
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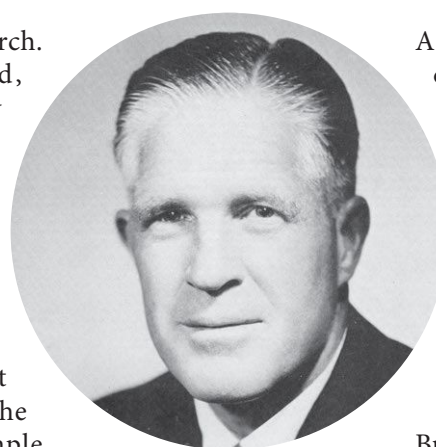
converts, to the church. "When completed, it will be as widely identified with San Diego as the Coronado Bay Bridge and the Convention Center," Romney predicted. Added an aide, "We believe families exist into eternity, and the function of the temple is to see that their marriages are sealed for eternity."

One sunny Saturday in late August 2006, two decades after his failed race for supervisor, Clyde Romney collapsed and died while working in his garden. He was 63. He left his wife, Deborah Dedekind Romney, and six children, one of whom was named Miles.

Miles

It was May 2009, three years after his father Clyde's passing, and Miles Romney, 32, a great-great-grandson of George Romney — brother of the original Miles Romney, who brought the family name to America — was playing a familiar role as Petco Park's life of the party.

"Wearing a Padres cap and a Padres jersey with the number '1040' on his back, Romney is a favorite to friends and other Padres fans who cheer



Mitt's father George W. Romney, eventual governor of Michigan, was born in Mexico in 1907.

his antics," said a news release from the University of San Diego, a Catholic school known for its ties to the local business establishment.

"On this night — and each time he attends a Padres game — Romney was 'transformed' into his alter ego, the Dancin' CPA. He was out of his seat and dancing around to celebrate key moments in the game — such as Scott Hairston's three-run home run to give the Padres a 6-5 lead in the fifth inning.

"I love it," exclaimed Romney, who has been a Padres fan since 1987."

Miles, the release went on to say, "is a 2005 graduate of the master's program in accounting. At USD, Romney teaches

Accounting 202: Principles of Managerial Accounting. Married to Amy Romney, a 2003 USD graduate, Miles is active in USD's Accounting Society, which made up 50 of USD's contingent at Monday's game."

A 2001 graduate of Brigham Young University, Romney worked for Deloitte & Touche before continuing his schooling in San Diego and becoming a professor. But even with graduate-level financial training, like many Americans, he was caught short by the country's hard economic times. In March 2011, Wells Fargo Bank filed a Notice of Default regarding the mortgage on a house he owned in San Marcos; the notice said that \$15,461.91 was overdue. The debt went unpaid, and a Notice of Trustees Sale was recorded June 28. The next day, records show, the house was sold and the mortgage paid off.

"That was about the home losing about 40 percent of its value and me deciding to go back to school," Romney said last week during a telephone interview.

Last year, he taught his final class at USD and moved to Lansing, Michigan, the state the late George Romney, Mitt's father, once governed, to pursue a PhD in accounting at Michigan State. That May, he was invited by the USD faculty to give the school's annual "last lecture," an honor bestowed on departing faculty members deemed especially worthy.

The student newspaper reported: "Romney began by satirically describing who he was and what his history at USD had been.



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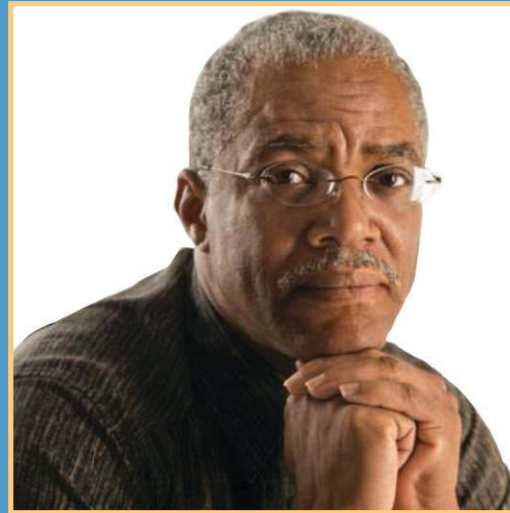
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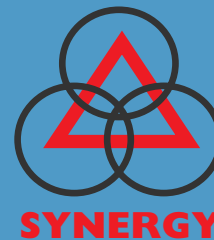


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Romney then continued to break down his lecture into three main themes, including the quest for excellence, 'you can't take it with you,' and 'life is short.'

"The lecture took a more serious turn when Romney shared the story of the three major losses he had experienced through the deaths of his father, his son Matthew at two weeks old, and his mother-in-law.

"You never know how much time we are going to have,' Romney said. 'Why waste it doing stupid stuff?'"

Melbourne, Jr.

Being a Romney in Salt Lake City has long meant

money, influence, and freedom to venture far beyond the valley of the Great Salt Lake. Brother Orson Douglas Romney was blessed with all three. One of 35 children fathered by Bishop George Romney (brother of the original Miles A. Romney), Orson, according to an early biographical sketch, had "holdings in the Co-operative Furniture Company, in which he is a director; the Oregon Lumber Company; and in the Amalgamated Sugar Company, in which he is a heavy stockholder."

In the 1920s and '30s, Orson and his wife, Emma Phillips Romney, became year-round

regulars at the Hotel del Coronado. No less an authority on San Diego history than Burl Stiff, the late society columnist

"You never know how much time we are going to have. Why waste it doing stupid stuff?"

for the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, wrote in April 2006 that the Romneys "maintained a two-bedroom suite at the hotel, traveling between Utah and California by train."

Orson died at 81 in 1941 in Salt Lake City, but his family often returned to Coronado.

"Their youngest son,

Melbourne Romney, and his wife, LaRue Peterson Romney, spent their wedding anniversaries there, sunning on the beach and dancing in the hotel's ballroom," wrote

Stiff.

"After World War II," he continued, "Melbourne Romney Jr. brought his bride, Janice McCune Romney, to the Hotel Del for their honeymoon. (The Romneys had given up their suite during the war, so Melbourne and his wife had a room 'above the kitchen.' The suite was off the hotel's courtyard, in the northwest corner.)"

The occasion for Stiff's take was a small wedding reception held at the Del's beachfront restaurant for Orson's great-great-granddaughter, Ashley Ann Romney Farr and her husband, Jesse Farnsworth Woodcox.

"Ashley Ann's grand-

mother and grandfather, Janice and Melbourne Romney Jr., were there — they have retired to The Shores in Coronado — and so were her mother and father, Paula and Hal Johnson Farr, and her brother, Taylor Romney Farr. They live in Salt Lake City."

"We were here for our honeymoon,' Jan Romney recalled. 'We took the ferry and came over. He had given me a little black Studebaker as a wedding gift. We only spent two nights here — it was too expensive!'

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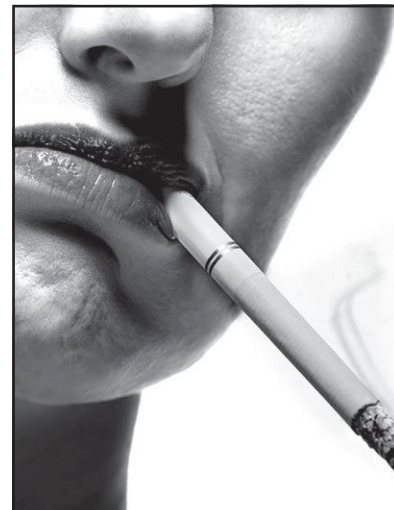
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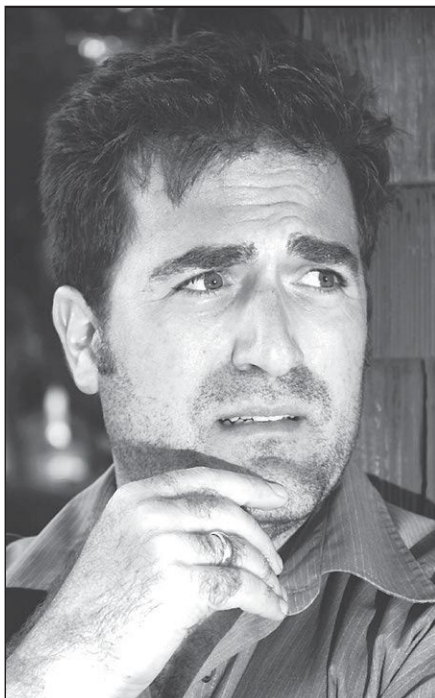
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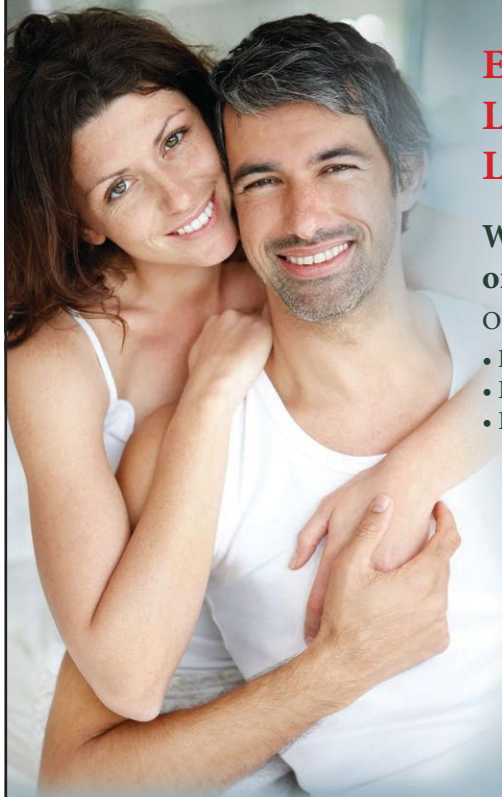
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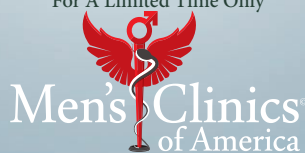
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company website, the Romney Lumber Company today owns strip malls in Phoenix, Salt Lake, and Lancaster, and a Burger King and billboards in Orange, California, among other investments.

Mitt's Kids

Three of Mitt Romney's five sons are well familiar with San Diego County and its real estate. In September 2007, the *North County Times* caught up with Matt, then 35, as his father was making his first bid for the presidency: "All of us are canvassing the country," he said outside a Mira Mesa office where volunteers made fundraising phone calls. He mentioned that his brothers were campaigning in Alaska and Florida. "We really try to get around and represent

my dad as best we can.'...

"Matt Romney said campaigning has not been easy as a working father with a pregnant wife," the story contin-

cho Bernardo two years ago and jumped into real estate full time. He is vice president of Excel Realty Holdings, a San Diego real estate firm. 'It's a

"My wife and I looked at a map, and we were looking at areas where my family lived, and we wanted to be near family."

ued. "We really wouldn't be doing this if he wasn't a good person," he said. 'I mean you can only get your kids to do so much. It's a labor of love.'

"A father of three children, [Matt Romney] moved his family to Ran-

little depressing up there (in Seattle),' he said smiling. 'And I started to get into real estate...I tried to figure out, 'Where do I want to be?' And San Diego was just the absolute perfect spot."

Matt, who lives in

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North City's 4S Ranch, has been senior vice president of capital markets at Excel, based in Rancho Bernardo, since 2009, according to the company website.

"We focus on outdoor shopping centers," he told the *North County Times* in a February 2012 interview. "My role is capital markets, so capital markets and investor relations. I deal with investment bankers and raising money."

Matt's brother Craig works in another company in the same building, the *North County Times* noted in the February interview. Craig is also in the real-estate business, and was a California delegate for his father at the Republican Convention in Tampa.

Mitt's oldest son, Tagg, is a partner in Solamere Capital, a Boston-based private-equity outfit bankrolled by John Miller, a native of Hyrum, Utah, who started out in the family's small slaughterhouse and ended up assembling a national meat-packing empire worth billions of dollars. Miller is Mitt's next-door neighbor in La Jolla's exclusive Barber Tract, where Miller has purchased late actor Cliff Robertson's sprawling oceanfront estate, which he is extensively remodeling.

But it is Matt Romney who takes public credit for calling his part of the Romney clan to San Diego County. "My wife and I looked at a map, and we were looking at areas where my family lived, and we wanted to be near family," Matt told the *North County Times*. "But not knowing where they'd end up, we decided that we'd pick a nice place where we could attract

them to come. My goal — and they know it — is to get as many family members as we can living near us as possible. My brother (Craig) just moved out here a year and a half ago, and my

folks ended up buying a place here. They're here, but not as much as we'd like. They're kind of busy right now."

In reality, those familiar with the local Mormon community say that San

Diego's suburban North County — both its high-end neighborhoods such as Rancho Santa Fe, and middle-class cities, including Escondido — has been a historic bastion of strength,

culturally, financially, and politically, for the Saints. That is what has drawn so many Romneys here. There are at least several hundred in the county, of different generations, lifestyles,

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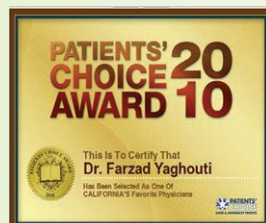
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munity. In 2000, Sabin told the *San Diego Union-Tribune* that he had contributed \$50,000 to Proposition 22, an early measure to ban same-sex marriage in California that was heavily backed by the Saints.

"I'm obviously pleased [with the outcome]," the paper quoted Sabin. "I just have a strong belief in the family."

Since the beginning of this year, Sabin has donated \$52,500 to Mitt Romney's campaign, and to a joint fundraising committee called the Romney Victory Fund.

This August, Sabin wrote an angry letter to the *San Diego Business Journal* berating *Bloomberg Business Week* for a cover story it ran under the headline "Inside the Mormon Empire." The piece was accompanied by an illustration, which, according to the church-owned *Deseret News* of Salt Lake City, portrayed "John the Baptist telling [Joseph] Smith and [fellow church leader Oliver] Cowdery to 'build a shopping mall, own stock in Burger King, and



Craig Romney, Mitt's youngest son, works in real estate in North County.

open a Polynesian theme park in Hawaii that shall be largely exempt from the frustrations of tax,' to which Joseph responds: 'Hallelujah.'"

"It's perhaps unsurprising that Mormonism, an indigenous American religion, would also adopt the country's secular faith in money," said the *Bloomberg* story. "What is remarkable is how varied the church's business interests are and that so little is known about its financial interests."

The story continued: "Although a former Mormon bishop is about to receive the Republican Party's presidential nomination, and despite a recent public-relations campaign aimed at com-

bating the perception that it is 'secretive,' the LDS Church remains tight-lipped about its holdings. It offers little financial transparency even to its members, who are required to tithe ten percent of their income to gain access to Mormon temples."

Sabin's letter to the editor countered that "The bulk of the Church's hold-

ings consist of thousands of meeting houses, welfare farms, missions, and temples throughout the world, which are capital-consuming, not capital-generating."

Sabin wrote, "Those who attempt to define the Church as an institution devoted to amassing monetary wealth miss the entire point. The key to understanding the Church is to see it not as a worldwide corporation, but as millions of faithful members in thousands of congregations across the world following Christ and caring for each other and their neighbors." ■

— Matt Potter

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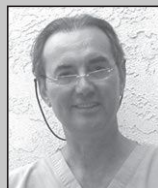


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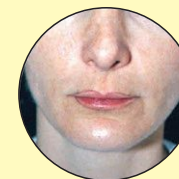
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In the late 1980s, a photo ran in *USA Today* showing a transient at a freeway off-ramp in Tucson, Arizona, holding a sign that read "Will work for food." Within a few years, the freeway-off-ramp sign-holding phenom-

enon had become part of the American landscape.

For years, on the way to my office, I've exited the same Highway 78 off-ramp, Jefferson Street in Oceanside. Almost daily, while I waited for the light to change, I noticed scruffy, sunburned, tattered-clothed, dazed, and confused-looking men (and sometimes women) standing at the end of the off-ramp, holding signs that asked for help. One or two motorists might roll down a window and hand

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"You'd be surprised how much money these guys make," said the California Highway Patrol's Jim Bettencourt, spokesperson for the Oceanside office. The highway patrol has jurisdiction over freeway off-ramps, and it's a violation of California Vehicle Code 22520.5(a) to solicit or sell anywhere on a freeway or within 500 feet of an on- or off-ramp.

"Sometimes [the homeless guys] have a sad story, and other times they are just average citizens," said Bettencourt. Officers will try to get a panhandler to do a "verbal move," meaning that they will attempt to get them to leave without a confrontation. They're usually successful. If an officer returns in an hour and finds the same person there, then that person will be cited.

Recently, I've noticed the same group of three guys and one woman at my exit, although each appears on a different day. Was this a well-organized group, rotating systematically to off-ramps within a few miles? Possibly.

I followed one of the guys as he left my off-ramp, to see where he ended up. I thought he probably was living in the eucalyptus-lined hills behind Plaza Camino Real shopping center.

Wrong! I followed him to a Walmart parking lot, where he joined up with other similar-looking men, and got inside an old RV.

Mary Robinson from the Brother Benno Foundation in Oceanside says that whatever money freeway panhandlers



Shawn M. (with his dog Boo) solicits money to replace his car's tires.

make, "it's not enough to truly help them. It will only be used for alcohol or drugs."

Brother Benno is one of many agencies that support the homeless with hot meals (they feed up to 150 per day), clothing, job training, shelter, and legal and medical services. Interfaith Ministries, Community Resource Center, Alpha Project, Father Joe's, and Casa de Amparo are just a few of the great organizations in San Diego County that help the homeless.

Of the chronic street person — 30 percent of the estimated 8000 homeless in the county — Robinson says, "The longer one stays on the streets, the harder it will be to get them to accept services and get out of the pit. They have a lot

of fear."

Before I went "undercover," I was warned by police, mental-health professionals, and those working with the homeless that most panhandlers would have substance-abuse or mental-health issues. They would be territorial if I were to stand at "their" off-ramp. No matter what their story was, I was instructed to never believe it.

But off-ramp panhandlers aren't dumb. They know enough to stand at one of two kinds of places: those near where people go to make money (workplaces); or those near where they go to spend money (shopping centers.) The homeless are also smart enough to calculate commute times. They know that one can

only panhandle from a left-hand corner, where they can more easily reach the driver's window.

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Stories from the street:

5:30 p.m., southbound I-5 at La Costa Avenue off-ramp, Leucadia: Shawn M's sign declared to motorists that he had two flat tires. Standing with his six-month-old Shih Tzu-Maltese named Boo, he said he wasn't homeless, but lived in Oceanside. He worked in the scrap-metal and recycling business. He claimed his car was across the freeway at the Park N Ride lot.

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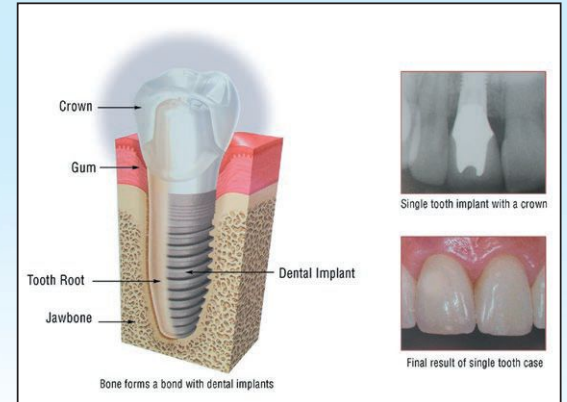
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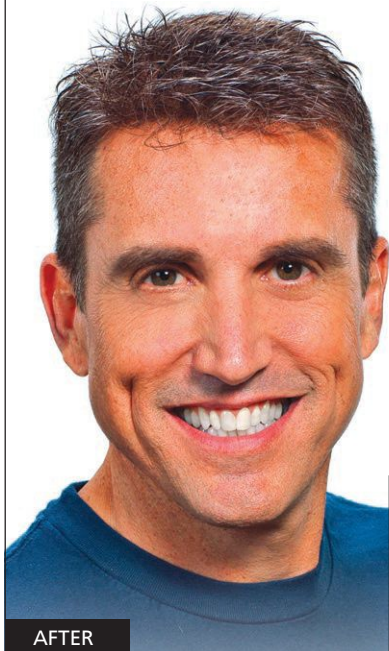
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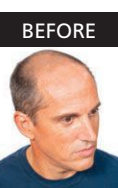
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to the tire shop.”

Shawn said it was his first day panhandling. (Other people had previously told me of the “two flat tires” guy being around on other days.) He excitedly told me he’d raised \$45 in less than an hour.

I checked the Park N Ride lot. Of the 65 cars parked there, none had flat tires.

5:00 p.m., eastbound Highway 78 at El Camino Real off-ramp, Carlsbad: Joe from Chicago didn’t appear to be your average freeway panhandler. He was young, 31, and spoke coherently. He said he’d moved to California in 2010 for a great job. He bought a brand-new Jeep and then was laid off from three companies; he’d worked with loan modifiers and bill collectors, and two of them had been raided by the FBI. His last job ended in May.

Joe claimed he lived in his Jeep; he hadn’t made a payment in a year. “If they [the finance company] knew where it was, it would be towed away.” He had his work clothes stored at a friend’s house in Poway. But with little gas money, if he does land a job interview, he can’t always get there to change his clothes.

His sign asked for a place to shower and shave. His last meal, he said, was french-toast sticks at a Carl’s Jr. the previous morning. He also claimed it was his first hour ever panhandling, as he didn’t know what else to do. He had earned \$7 so far.

6:00 p.m., exit of Target shopping center, El Camino Real, Encinitas: Corky’s sign read, “Please Help.” He said that he has been homeless for two years and is now sleeping in his car. Today, he made \$15 in the past hour. Christmastime last year, he made \$118 in



Jack Raymond Foster is running for president as a write-in candidate.

15 minutes.

Corky said he only panhandles to get what he needs for the next few days, and then he leaves. “I don’t want to abuse the situation. This stinks, having to do this, and I’d rather have a full-time job.” He’s smoked all his life and has lung disease but can’t afford to have it treated. He happily told me that his five-year sobriety birthday was October 19.

9:30 a.m., westbound Highway 78 at El Camino Real off-ramp, Oceanside: Jack Raymond Foster (he insisted I use his full name) has been on the streets for 15 years. He didn’t want to talk much about his panhandling. He did want to tell me about his run for the White House, as a write-in candidate.

He writes campaign-statement signs for passing motorists to read. His “Our Party International Independent” has one plank to its platform — legalizing all drugs. “We spend billions a year on illegal drugs. Imagine what it would do to our economy if drugs were legalized and cheaper? People would have much more money to spend on

other things.”

I kept asking, in different ways, how much he made in a day. He finally relented with “On a slow day, \$400.” I inquired if he had ever asked a social-service agency for help. He got agitated and said he doesn’t want to be part of any of those groups: he doesn’t need them.

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Now it was my turn. I planned out a five-day investigation, working two hours per day, at off-ramps in North County. I let a beard grow. I made a cardboard sign.

I put on my oldest jeans and shoes (no socks), a beanie cap, scratched-up sunglasses, and a faded San Diego Padres T-shirt. My kids said I still looked too clean to be a “hobo.”

At 7:30 a.m., I arrived at the busy off-ramp of southbound 805 at Mira Mesa Boulevard. After parking at a nearby office building, I grabbed my backpack stuffed with beach towels (for the all-my-posessions look) and rubbed handfuls of dirt into my jeans.

I assumed the role. I stood with a blank look on my face. I paced up



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and down the off-ramp. I looked into people's eyes and also peered off into the distance. I limped. I looked tired. Sometimes, I stared at the sky for no reason. I saw people I recognized — probably parents I've seen around my kids' schools for years. They didn't recognize me.

Cars would back up almost to the top of the off-ramp, both on a red light and a traffic-clogged green light. I had an audience of 30–40 cars per signal cycle. After 20 minutes of no contributions, I started to believe that maybe the whole basis of my story about all the money collected was crap.

Finally, however, the money started to flow. In less than two hours, I had made \$27 — generally more than one dollar at a time. Three people gave me five-dollar bills. I also got two granola bars. (The money I collected was given to Brother Bennos.)

While trying to pass the time, I noted that the more expensive the car, the greater the ability of the driver to completely ignore a person standing outside their window. I also observed a driving tip for the unlucky rat-racers who exit into Sorrento Mesa each day for work: the right lane of the two-lane off-ramp to east-bound Mira Mesa Boulevard empties twice as fast as the left lane.

At the end of my two hours, I had proven, thanks to the kindness of San Diegans, that freeway panhandlers, homeless or not, can make a lot of money — tax free — with the right location and wording on a sign. It's all about the marketing. However, the negative consequences of my limited experiences were far greater.

I felt exhausted, demeaned, degraded,

and nonexistent. I even told one driver, who was sitting at a very long light, "I'm not who you think I am." I explained what I was really doing, and he negated me with, "Sure, pal, whatever." Another driver stopped right in front of me in a convertible. "How you doing?" I asked. No response. I asked again. Nothing but a cold, expressionless face. But he wore a really nice suit.

Several times out there, I wanted to yell, "Look at me! I'm a human being!" At the end of the day, I couldn't wait to get home and take a shower. I was done. I couldn't do it again. My kids wanted to see me in action, after school. I said absolutely not. I never want to have to feel that way again.

I have been one of those people who won't let his eyes wander to the strange man out the window. I've become angry seeing a driver hand out money, knowing that I, being self-employed, some days don't even make minimum wage.

I continue to believe that a homeless person can get help if needed, and that giving them money doesn't help them at all. It's a chosen — and sometimes lucrative — lifestyle, potentially wasted on those unable or unwilling to seek out that help.

But the homeless do deserve our compassion. After interviewing Joe from Chicago — the guy who said he hadn't eaten in two days — I went to McDonald's and bought him some cheeseburgers, fries, and a vanilla shake. After handing the meal to him through my window, the light changed and I drove forward. I looked in my rearview mirror to see him gobbling down a burger. ■

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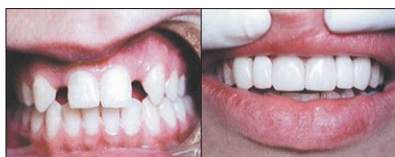
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Military bribes

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participants were employees of Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, a publicly held local company.

This year, another corruption scam broke at the Naval Air Station North Island. Defense contractors gave Navy civilian employees more than \$1 million in cash, checks, retail gift cards, household items, etc. In return, the contractors got millions of dollars in defense contracts.

On October 9, four Navy employees and three contractors got varying sentences. Their greed and book-juggling skills were eye-popping. Donald Vangundy, who had overseen tool control in the Navy's E2/C2 aircraft program, was sentenced to 41 months in custody. According to plea documents, Vangundy took in \$413,500 from contractors, including, in just one case, \$49,000 in cash; \$20,000 in gift cards; \$20,000 in electronics items; \$38,000 in bicycle shop goods; \$78,000 in hobby shop merchandise; \$35,000 in home remodeling services; \$15,000 in cabinets and countertops, and the like.

He also arranged to have more than \$33,000 in goods and services go to two different friends. Then, Vangundy excluded \$97,355.21 in taxable income from his 2009 tax returns. Navy employees Kiet Luc, David Lindsay, and Brian Delaney got varying sentences for similar but less serious behavior. On October 18, Kenneth Ramos pleaded guilty to bribery charges.

John Newman, former sales manager of L&N Industrial Tool & Supply of Poway, was sentenced to 18 months in custody. According to the plea documents, Newman was involved in \$759,937.50 of fraudulent billings. He provided \$325,000 in checks, \$96,000 in gift cards, \$21,900 in electronics items, and other wages of sin to the Navy personnel. These gifts were charged to the Navy but

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steered to its rogue employees. Then Newman turned around and billed the Navy \$151,987.50 for a 25 percent markup on the grease money. Two other contractor representatives, Michael Graven of X&D Supply of Carlsbad and Paul Grubiss of Centerline Industrial of Poway, also got 18 months.

Here's how it worked: the companies would pass the bribes to the Navy employees. Then those bribes would be disguised in documents submitted to the Navy. Requests for procurement, bids from contracts, sales orders, and invoices were doctored to make it appear that the contractors were furnishing tools and related items. Then would come the markup on the phony invoices.

All told, it was a good investigative job by the United States attorney's office, FBI, IRS, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, and General Services Administration. The investigation resulted from citizen complaints on a hotline that was set up after the indictments in the SPAWAR case. The number is 1-877-NO-BRIBE. Or information can be sent securely over the internet to tips.fbi.gov.

Contrast this case with one of the most egregious in the history of San Diego law enforcement. John Moores, then majority owner of the Padres, was pushing for a \$300 million subsidy from the City for construction of Petco Park. In the year 2000, the *Reader's* Matt Potter reported that then-councilmember Valerie Stallings had bought initial public offering shares in a hot new issue of a Texas-based stock, Neon Systems, controlled by Moores.

Local so-called law enforcement officials found numerous reasons they couldn't take on an investigation. So the United States attorney's office took the hot potato; the FBI handled the investigation. It came out that Stallings had been on the "friends and family" list of special people who could

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get cut in on the certain-to-be-sizzling stock at the offering price of \$15. The stock zoomed, as expected; Moores tipped her to sell within \$1.10 of the all-time high of \$50.25, and she dumped it for a nifty 267 percent profit in only 26 days.

It turned out that Moores had showered other gifts on her as well. But there were no charges of insider trading of Neon shares, on which Moores had shown such prescience. The then-United States attorney astoundingly said it is not a crime to give gifts to public officials, but of course it is when the giver expects something in return. Moores got Stallings's vote on the ballpark, as well as information from closed council sessions that she passed to him, according to a *Union-Tribune* story of the time. She got off with a light wrist slap and Moores walked completely.

FBI special agent William Gore could find no evidence of a quid pro quo. Gore is now sheriff of San Diego County. ■

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a complaint form. Cesena advised Marshall, however, to first call Smooth Cab's permit holder, Zeba Jan Enterprises, LLC, the company that leased the cab to the driver Marshall complained about. Perhaps the parties could work out their differences.

Marshall said he called the permit holder twice, but no agreement was reached. Meanwhile, he wondered what had happened to the complaint form he had requested from the Taxi Administration's Luis Cesena. Marshall told me it took three requests to get it. On April 19, he returned the complaint form, completely filled out, and waited for a response. On June 5, he sent Cesena an email asking when "I will hear back on your investigation." Cesena responded the

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same morning: "I'm sorry but from our last conversation I thought you had worked your concerns out directly with the permit holder of the taxicab, so I had filed your documents in our files." He then promised to send a letter to Zeba Jan Enterprises asking what "action(s) they took on this complaint and allow them to supply the documents they had collected.... Once I get my letter out next week they will have 30 days to respond." Cesena finished by saying he would then "have ten days to issue a decision/letter to the permit holder and you."

By this time, Marshall had concluded the worst about the process the Taxi Administration uses to handle complaints. "I don't want to tell a story about me or even about the taxi driver and owners," he told me. "It's all about a faulty complaint response process."

On June 21, Marshall sent a letter by certified mail to former San Diego city councilman Harry Mathis, now chairman of the Metropolitan Transit System board of directors. "It appears," wrote Marshall, "that the Taxicab Administration has set in motion a circular process to kill off my complaint (and probably others) through attrition." That same day, Marshall received an email from the administration's manager, John Scott, who promised to bring "the permit holder... in to discuss the matter with staff next week." Finally, on July 24, Scott announced the decision to send Marshall's complaint to the sheriff's department to be filed with its licensing division.

According to Rob Schupp, a spokesman for the transit district, 223 complaints about cabdrivers were sent to the Taxi Administration during fiscal year 2012. Some might argue that although good service and civility are important, Marshall's complaint hardly warranted all the rigmarole that followed. But suppose the Taxi Administration uses a similar process, "faulty" as Marshall depicts it, on a different kind of com-

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plaint. Suppose, for instance, that a passenger complains of a cabbie talking on a cell phone while driving (it happens routinely) and driving recklessly downtown. Or about a driver seeming ready to doze off while driving.

Remember the cab that crashed into the Gaslamp's Stingaree nightclub in February 2011, injuring numerous bystanders? The driver had dozed off before the crash. How long would it have taken the Taxi Administration to act had someone reported the driver dozing at the wheel a few weeks before the crash? It came out later that the agency failed to learn that police had ticketed the driver for several moving violations in the weeks prior to the accident. According to Channel 7 San Diego on February 15, 2011, "MTS told NBC San Diego there are no violations or complaints on record against either the taxi owner or the driver."

I called the agency's John Scott to ask if his department would tell a complainant who reported dozing at the wheel to call the permit owner to resolve the problem, the way it had done with James Marshall's complaint. Scott said he didn't remember the Marshall case and couldn't comment on hypotheticals. "It would all depend on the situation," said Scott. ■

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ten construction of the huge building over the objections of a neighboring property owner and some city employees. In turn, Molasky, his family, and employees of his Las Vegas-based development arm have been heavy donors to the DeMaio mayoral campaign.

Today's U-T report says Duffy has also personally contributed to DeMaio's cause.

More than a few local political observers also speculate that DeMaio's hard line on the regulation of medical marijuana versus Filner's more liberal position on the matter may be influencing behind-the-scenes involve-

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ment by federal law enforcement in the campaign here.

By Matt Potter, October 18

Con City

Man accused of \$3 million fraud admits 48 felonies

La Jolla/Rancho Santa Fe/ Downtown/Beyond SD —

A man accused of using the identities of his mother and stepfather to run up more than \$3 million in debt admitted all 48 felony counts in court yesterday. He could get up to 41 years in prison, according to plea-deal paperwork.

Tyler Adams, now 40, was acting as his own attorney yesterday when he signed the deal in San Diego's North County Superior Courthouse. Adams has been in custody for three years, and his case was set for trial this week.

Adams reportedly used the identities of his elderly parents to buy properties in Rancho Santa Fe, La Jolla, and downtown San Diego — while the retired couple lived modestly in a double-wide mobile home in Pennsylvania.

Prosecutor Winn said the stepson purchased multiple properties using the identity of both parents and collected more than \$180,000 just in commissions because he posed as both loan officer and real estate agent. Adams defaulted on at least five mortgages, collected rent from tenants at some of the properties, and pocketed that money, Winn alleged.

The prosecutor said Adams forged his stepfather's and mother's signatures on many documents. During a multi-day preliminary hearing in June 2011, the prosecutor showed the stepfather more than 30 documents. Each time, the man stated, "No, that is not my signature."

By 2007, the stepfather contacted authorities in California, trying to stop the fraudulent use of his identity to make purchases, he testified. The same year, Adams fled to Hawaii, according to published reports.

According to a local news-

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paper, a grand jury in Oahu eventually indicted the multinationed man for stealing \$130,000 from Hawaiian banks. A Hawaiian prosecutor reportedly described Adams as “a con man, a sociopath who had no regard for the victims’ property or those who might be affected by his criminal activity.”

By Eva Knott, October 18

A Biker-friendly Downtown

Enhanced bike parking coming soon

Downtown San Diego — Civic San Diego, the offshoot of the former Centre City Development Corporation, announced plans last week to install between 100 and 200 bike racks and 3–6 bicycle corrals, or repurposed street parking areas, around the downtown area in coming months, the website *BikeSD* is reporting.

Daniel Reeves, the associate project manager for Civic San Diego, is taking suggestions on where bike parking would be most beneficial for cyclists at reeves@civicsd.com.

Funds to pay for the improvements will come from parking revenue taken in by the organization.

By Dave Rice, October 17

We Didn't Break It...

Public Utilities Commission set to open probe

San Onofre — The California Public Utilities Commission is moving toward opening a formal investigation into the troubled San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, with a vote scheduled for Thursday, October 25. Such a probe has reportedly been in the works for nearly four months.

The move could result in reduced electrical bills for San Diego Gas & Electric customers, who have been footing part of the bill for maintaining and operating the nuclear plant, even though it hasn't generated electricity in nearly nine months. The commission first suggested in August that ratepayers shouldn't be on the hook for operations costs at a nonoperational power plant.

The inquiry, in addition to examining the original \$671 million cost of the four steam generators at the plant that prematurely failed and forced the reactors into emergency shutdown, would examine “causes of the outages, the utilities’ responses, the future of [San Onofre], and the resulting effects on the provision of safe and reliable electric service at just and

reasonable rates,” according to a *Los Angeles Times* report.

By Dave Rice, October 17

Not the Beautification They Meant

Controversy continues over EyeCandy

Chula Vista — Residents have been in an uproar since a strip club, EyeCandy, took up residence on Chula Vista's Bayfront Boulevard. On October 15, a council candidate, Linda Wagner, marched on city hall looking for answers to the myriad questions raised by the licensing of the establishment.

Wagner said, “I go door to door every day as part of my campaign. Many residents are outraged, and I am bringing their questions forward.”

According to Wagner, residents want to know: Why, for over a week, has the city said nothing more than “pending an investigation?” What can the city do to get the business moved? Will the issue come before the city council?

When asked if the march to city hall could be perceived as a political strategy, Wagner replied, “If this were part of my campaign, I would have campaign signs here. If people want to construe bringing attention to the legitimate concerns of residents as a

campaign ploy, well, then, I guess they will.”

Meanwhile, across the street at EyeCandy, a business representative who declined to give his name said the enterprise was experiencing a slow afternoon. When asked about the protest, he said, “You call that a protest?” However, he affirmed he was all for “freedom.”

By Susan Luzzaro, October 16

Employers Looking Elsewhere?

Local law school has one of worst employment records

San Diego — The publication *Business Insider* has published a list of American law schools with the worst employment records — that is, the percentage of 2011 grads that were unemployed or seeking employment nine months after graduation. The data are from the *Wall Street Journal*.

Fourth-worst is San Diego's Thomas Jefferson School of Law: 31.36 percent were unemployed or seeking employment in the period. Only 27 percent were employed in a job requiring a JD. Some 55 percent passed the bar the first time, versus the state average of 72 percent.

By Don Bauder, October 16

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30 tax-hike measure, the school is advertising for a “Director of Out-of-State and Specialized Recruitment.” The prospect of future boosts in resident tuition and drastic cuts to faculty has spawned a desire to import more non-California students, who cough up premium rates for their education. The university's new hire will be responsible for “implementing and leading recruitment plans for out-of-state applicants to increase the number of out-of-state enrolled students,” the job notice says.

Other tasks will be “managing the development of marketing campaigns to include print, advertising, direct mail, etc., for specialized recruitment unit; working with the Communications Unit to create successful marketing campaigns and communication plans for out-of-state and Presidential Scholars; [and] developing social media campaigns to effectively communicate information to prospective students.” Experience in developing “recruitment plans to increase the numbers of qualified applicants and overall admission yields for specialized groups” is preferred. The monthly salary range is between \$4373 and \$6238, with applicant evaluations starting this week.

Not to lose out in the fundraising derby, the University of California San Diego wants an “Associate Director of Development, Physical Sciences.” Applicants must furnish evidence of “Proven success as a development officer in a highly sophisticated donor-centered fundraising environment as a direct-line fundraiser with five years or more of experience.” Specifically, the school is looking for a “Proven record of writing proposals for a significant project/gift (\$25,000+) directed to individual and foundations/corporations” and “Knowledge of the principles and practices of public relations.”

Those who aren't skilled at schmoozing may want to head off in a different direction and apply to become treasurer and chief financial officer of the San Diego Unified Port District. “The incumbent is expected to make high-level decisions within general policy guidelines and utilize exemplary judgment, discretion and analytical skills on matters that are critical to the financial success of the District.” Given the high level of education and experience expected, the pay seems surprisingly low: between \$134,784 and \$183,643 a year.

— Matt Potter

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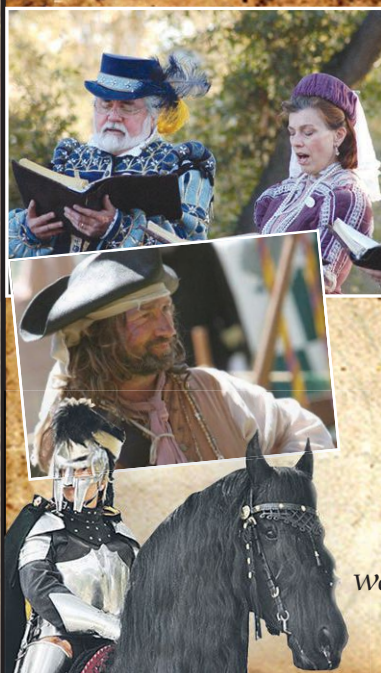
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Enjoy brats, beer, culture, and “spectacular performances by local artists” as the museum celebrates all things German. Tickets include entrance and tastings of both food and drink, provided by La Jolla Brew House. \$5-\$20.

WHEN: 6 to 8 p.m.

WHERE: San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-239-2001; museumofman.org

Friday | 26

READER FEAST!

Celebrate the culinary wonders of San Diego at this tasting party to commemorate our fourth annual Feast

issue. Join us for food and drinks from the city’s best neighborhood eateries, wineries, breweries, and food trucks, all overlooking the bay at the Port Pavilion.

\$25 for general admission;

\$50 VIP ticket gets you in an hour early (5 p.m.) and includes a souvenir wine glass and gift bag with goodies from our sponsors.

WHEN: 6 to 9 p.m.

WHERE: Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier, 1000 North Harbor Drive, Downtown. sandiegoreader.com/feast-event

Saturday | 27

SCARY MAZE

Make your way through a

10,000-square-foot maze made of hay bales stacked six-feet high. “The dead-ends in the maze are being designed with a purpose: to elicit screams.” Catch a scary movie on the outdoor screen (families encouraged to bring blankets, chairs) and enjoy the beer garden, food, live music, dancing, and kids’ “Halloween Hunts.” \$20-\$30.

WHEN: 6 p.m. to midnight (also Thursday and Friday)

WHERE: Cottonwood Golf Club Bar & Restaurant, 3121 Willow Glen Drive, Rancho San Diego. 619-442-9891 x3; cottonwoodgolf.com

Sunday | 28

RENAISSANCE FAIRE AND PIRATES IN THE PARK

See Queen Elizabeth I and her royal court and other Renaissance reenactors, pirates, entertainers, and merchants at this history-themed festival. Enjoy food, period music, battle pageants, Shakespearean theater, children’s activities, and more! Free-\$17.



WHEN: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (also Saturday and November 3, 4)

WHERE: Felicita Park, 742 Clarence Lane, Escondido. 805-496-6036; goldcoastfestivals.com

Monday | 29

BUBBLES AND CHEESE

Experience the best cheeses to pair with sparkling libations from Champagne to cava and prosecco. And, because it’s the season, wear your Halloween costume to win a prize! \$50 (10 percent discount off any in-store purchase the night of class).

WHEN: 6:30 to 8 p.m.

WHERE: Venissimo Cheese, 871 G Street, Downtown. 619-358-9081; venissimo.com

Tuesday | 30

BUSINESS OF BEING AN ARTIST

Lauren Becker Downey “offers valuable ideas about the business side of being a professional artist.” Learn how to become a legitimate business; organize income, expense deductions, and tax paperwork; create good portfolios, market yourself, and more. \$50-\$56.

WHEN: 6 to 9 p.m.

WHERE: Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Road, Studio 206, Point Loma. 619-223-0058; bravoschoolofart.com

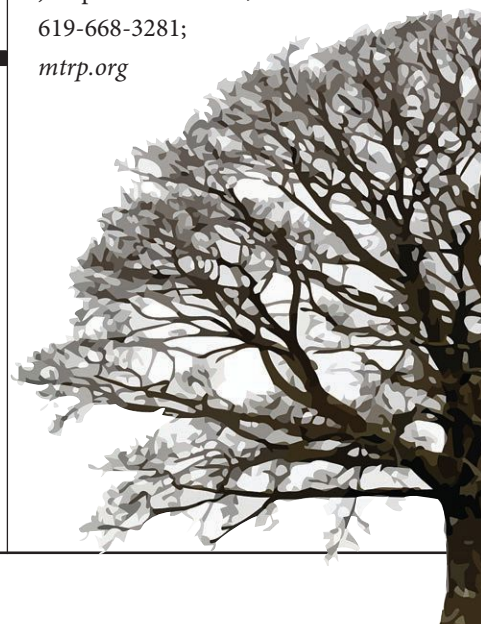
Wednesday | 31

GOBLINS AND SPIRITS OF MTRP

Kumeyaay folklore gives us clues. Evidence abounds. Learn about the Kwi-Kwi, the witch of Mission Trails Regional Park, on a guide-led walk through the natural lands she haunts.

WHEN: 9:30 to 11 a.m. (also October 27 and 28)

WHERE: Mission Trails Regional Park (meet at Visitor Center), One Father Junípero Serra Trail, San Carlos. 619-668-3281; mtrp.org



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TRAVEL STORIES AND TIPS FROM OUR READERS



An airplane tour of Ohio's Hocking Hills shows off the area's expansive forests and European-style castles.

Weird and Luxurious Hocking Hills, Ohio

By Tamar Fleishman

I wasn't expecting to find European-style castles and other luxurious things in Ohio's Hocking Hills, nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains.

Yes, they have some of the more expected things, like biker bars, ATV riding, and nature hikes. But for the area to have not one but two European nobility-style destinations is kind of mind-blowing. The Hocking Hills are an hour's drive southeast of Columbus.

Glenlaurel is a Scottish-style country inn manor located in Rockbridge, Ohio.

Their beautiful property and topography resemble the aristocracy-owned hunting lodges of Scotland. Accommodations options include suites, "crofts" (a Scottish word for smaller homes), and cottages. The cottages, with hot tubs and gas fireplaces, were built in a circle, yet at careful angles so that their vistas are private.

High-level executives and other members of society have met "neighbors" in the center of the circle, complete with grills and picnic benches, and subsequently vacation there on the same date each year.

The inn has Scottish links golf, a spa, and beautiful walking trails. They also have a fine dining restaurant in the main manor house, serving delicacies such as juicy stuffed pheasant and garden-fresh vegetable soups. Scottish touches abound, like water served in cold pewter Celtic vessels, Scottish poetry read at dinner, and bagpipe music. There's a fun-loving Scottish pub downstairs.

If a royal, Medieval British experience fires your imagination, you have to check out Ravenswood Castle and Medieval Villages. Dine or sip tea in the great hall, complete with heraldry-bedecked hearth. Stay in rooms fit for any palace in the castle. Much of the furniture

was purchased from some of Europe's finest homes.

Surrounding the castle are private little village cottages. For a funky, yet modestly priced option, they also have gypsy wagons to stay in.

To feel like royalty, get a private bird's eye view of the castle and surrounding region in a four-seater plane ride. The pilot has over 40 years' flying experience.

Travel with Your Dog in California

By Mary Spierling

With an estimated nine-million-plus dogs in California, it's no wonder there



Dog Beach in Ocean Beach is only one of many dog-friendly destinations in California.

are so many dogs at parks, beaches, and recreational areas throughout the state.

The mile-long Huntington Dog

continued on page 56.

Other Adventures



shelovesyounot: Heidelberg Castle, Heidelberg, Germany



jacobeva: Wave Hill in New York is an amazing place to observe wildlife, such as this butterfly.



digbyamb: Nova Scotia, Canada, near Digby, the scallop capital of the world. Tides rise and fall 33 feet within the Digby Basin every day. This lobster boat has 200 traps that need to be checked daily.

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San Diego Outdoors with the Canyoneers

SEVEN BRIDGE WALK

Cross seven access bridges to San Diego's historical streetcar routes on this downtown loop walk that blends the present with the past.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 2 miles. Allow 10 minutes. Take Broadway (east), then turn north on Park Blvd., parking close to the east end of El Prado, near the intersection of Village Place. Parking location and use of facilities is dependent on time of day and locations of stops. Bring water due to distance, temperature, and humidity. • **Hiking length:** Approximately a 5.5-mile loop. Elevation gain/loss, 200 feet. **Difficulty:** Easy, mostly flat with elevation changes along upper contours of canyons and steps for Spruce and Quince street bridges. Also, some sidewalks are narrow or buckled in places along the route.



The Quince Street bridge, the fourth bridge on the seven bridges walk, spans Maple Canyon between Second and Fourth avenues.

An early start is highly recommended for prime parking, less traffic, and lower temperatures for this interesting walk that is a blend of historic to current bridges and houses along former streetcar access routes. The tour starts on

the east side of Park Blvd. and Village Place at the Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden, one of only four U.S. gardens that has received the Award of Excellence from the World Federation of Rose Societies. For those with

allergies, there is also a xeriscape garden to view before crossing the first bridge toward the San Diego Natural History Museum (home of the Canyoneers!). Continue west along El Prado through the middle of Balboa Park, passing museums and the lily pond, continuing across the 1914 Laurel St. bridge, the first multiple-arched cantilever bridge built in California, which spanned a small lake during the 1915 Panama-California Exposition.

Remain on Laurel St., crossing Second Ave. to view one of the ten churches Irving Gill designed on the southwest corner. Follow Second Ave. north for one block, then turn left on Maple to Albatross St., where you will see a plaque commemorating Waldo Waterman's flight of a biplane hang-glider launched by auto-tow in 1909. Retrace your steps east for two blocks, turning north or left onto First Ave. for the third bridge.

The First Ave. bridge was built in 1931, shipped to San Diego to be reassembled in place. It is still the only steel-arch bridge in the city, reopened in 2010 after a 15-month refurbishment that included retrofitting to California earthquake standards and removal of lead paint. After viewing Maple Canyon, continue on First Ave., then turn right on Quince St. for two blocks to the Quince St. bridge entrance. The wooden-trestle bridge was built in 1905 at a cost of less than \$1000 to allow easier access to the Fourth Ave. trolley station. After crossing to Fourth Ave., retrace your steps to Second Ave. and turn right (north) for two blocks.

Turn left (west) on Spruce St., past the "Not a Through Street" sign to the 1912 Spruce St. suspension bridge. Enjoy the movement when crossing over Kate Sessions Canyon, turning right on both Brant and Upas streets. Turn left on Albatross St., right on Walnut Ave., then left on First Ave. for four blocks to a right turn on University Ave. Now would be a good time to pick out a place for a short break before continuing on University Ave. As you walk past Tenth Ave., notice on the southeast corner *The Loading Dock* mural created in 1999 by Linda Churchill. Turn left at Vermont St. to the end of the shopping center to the present 1995 Vermont St. bridge with its words of inspiration to read while



crossing Washington Street. It replaced the 1916 wooden-trestle bridge that eased usage of the University trolley line that was the primary transportation line in San Diego from 1888-1949.

After crossing the sixth bridge, turn right (east) on Lincoln Ave., then take a right (south) turn down Georgia St. one block to the seventh bridge on this tour. In 1907, a redwood-truss bridge was built after the ridge was cut to allow the streetcar line to extend eastward to Fairmont Ave., opening North Park and other surrounding areas

to development. In 1914, the current concrete bridge was built and is now designated as a local, state, and national landmark. Turn left/west on Robinson Ave., then again left (south) on Park Blvd. for a mile to return to the start.

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

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OUTDOORS

Goblins and Spirits of Mission Trails Regional Park Gnarled oaks are witnesses. Kumeyaay folklore gives us clues. Evidence abounds. Learn about mysterious Kwi-Kwi, witch of MTRP, on trail guide led walk through natural lands she haunts. Meet at Visitor Center. Saturday, October 27, 9:30am; Sunday, October 28, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Halloween Haunts! Learn where spooky critters like bats, rats, tarantulas, ravens, owls, and snakes make their homes in nature during trail guide led walk. Saturday, October 27, 8:30am; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Rescue a Nature Preserve! The Mission Valley Preserve has problems with trash and dumping, which degrade the special habitat and harm the San Diego River. Help “clean up the entire 51-acre

preserve in just three hours.” Supplies provided. Wear closed shoes and sturdy clothes that can get dirty. volunteer@sandiegoriver.org or 619-297-7380. Saturday, October 27, 9am; **free**. Mission Valley Preserve, 5505 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

SPECIAL EVENTS



“Dead Men Do Tell Tales” Or, “Not Your Grandma’s Paranormal Encounter.” Hear funny, upbeat stories of people who lived in early 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 26, and Saturday, October 27, 3pm and

4pm; \$1-\$5. 6 and up. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

Musician's Union — Open House! Become a local 325 Musician's Union member. Join now through December 31st. Initiation fees waived for new and former members (Minor restrictions, Dues \$40.75 payable with application). Open House. Free headshots and representatives available to answer your questions. Call 619-276-4324. Saturday, November 3, noon to 3pm. 1717 Morena Blvd. (BAY PARK)

“Wine, Women, and Song” Taste wines, sample a variety of cheeses, enjoy music by San Diego Chorus of Sweet Adelines International. Wine tasting: 4pm; performance: 5:30pm. 619-796-5162. Sunday, October 28, 4pm; \$20-\$25. San Diego Woman’s Club, 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

4th Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest Pumpkins and carving tools will be supplied, but if you are a master pumpkin carver, you may want to bring your own tools. Please RSVP: RSVP@the-pearlsd.com. Thursday, October 25, 8:30pm; **free**. Pearl Hotel, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

Borrego Days Desert Festival The 47th annual festival gets underway with parade of marching bands, floats, decorated golf carts, equestrian groups through town (10am). Take in artist and vendor booths, live entertainment, displays of classic cars and motorcycles,

children’s activities. 619-233-5008. Friday, October 26, 5pm; Saturday, October 27, 11am; Sunday, October 28, 9am; **free**. Christmas Circle, Palm Canyon Drive at Borrego Springs Road. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Boulevard BOO! Parade and Carnival The BOO! parade at 10am — replete with floats, vintage cars, horses, marching bands — proceeds from 59th Street to Rolando Carnival at Clay Park. Carnival (11am-5pm) promises rides, games, costume contests, trick or treating, food booths. 619-582-1093. Saturday, October 27, 10am; **free**. Clay Park, 4759 Seminole Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Climate Reality The Academy Award-winning film *Inconvenient Truth* made this multimedia presentation famous. See it live, presented by climate leader Rob Ryan, who was personally trained by Al Gore to educate the public about climate change. \$6 pre-purchase; \$10 at box office. Thursday, October 25, 7pm; \$6-\$10. 18 and up. La Paloma, 471 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

Day of the Dead workshops at Back from Tomboctou Sugar skull decorating, Skull Painting, Papel Picado Banners, Personalized Box Altar and Mosaic Stone workshops. Please go to www.backfromtomboctou.com for schedule, description and reservation info. Fee includes materials. Registration: 619-282-8708. Sunday, October 28, 10am-11:30am; \$15. Back

from Tomboctou, 3564 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Día de los Muertos The Historic Barrio District CDC presents the 18th Annual Día de los Muertos Celebration. A Free/Family-Friendly weekend festival will feature community altars, live music and mariachi/trio performances, food, art, vendors, and more. Saturday, October 27, and Sunday, October 28, 10am-6pm; Sherman Heights Community Center, 2258 Island Avenue. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

El Cajon Animal Shelter Open House Tours of the shelter, El Cajon Police Department K-9 Demonstration, and costume contest. Microchipping (\$24) and canine rabies vaccinations (\$6) available. Bring a new or gently used blanket or bath mat to donate to the shelter. Saturday, October 27, 11am; **free**. El Cajon Animal Shelter, 1275 N. Marshall Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Greetings all current and former KaiEluans! This year we are having our first ever Reunion Weekend. Meet the founders of KaiElua (Est. 1978). They will be “talking story”! Catch up with your coach! Catch up with current and former paddlers from KaiElua <http://kaieluaoutrigger.com/reunion/> Friday, October 26, 12pm; Saturday, October 27, 10am; Sunday, October 28, 11am; Check Website for location: <http://kaieluaoutrigger.com/reunion/>.

Halloween Bash on the Bay More than 50 shops open for trick-or-treating (5-8pm). Entertainment (3:30-8pm). Photos with a living scarecrow. Pets invited for pet costume contest. 619-235-4014. Saturday, October 27, 3:30pm; **free**. Seaport Village, 849 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Haunted Harbor Cruise Scary good time during Halloween dance party and San Diego harbor cruise with Halloween costume contest. Music provided by DJ Digital Opinion, Frankie Lektro, DJ Business. Reservations: 619-522-6155. Saturday, October 27, 9pm; \$40-\$60. 21 and up. Flagship — San Diego Harbor Excursion, 1050 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Haunted Hotel Boy Scout Troop 2000 presents 12th annual Haunted Hotel in two-story, 127-year-old Hotel Germania, built by Olivenhain’s original German settlers in 1885. Rooms “were designed and constructed by Boy Scouts, and all the house managers, actors, and guides are Scouts or family members.” Select from two different scare levels: tame and scary. Halloween cartoons screen on large outdoor movie screen. 760-754-8266. Friday and Saturday, 6:30pm; \$5. Olivenhain Meeting House, 423 Rancho Santa Fe Road. (ENCINITAS)

Hearts to You Craft Show Purchase fall and holiday gift items. Benefit for Hope Christian Preschool and Hope UMC Childrens Ministries. 858-485-5840. Thursday, October 25, 7pm; Fri-

Travel dog continued from page 54.

Beach, the epitome of a perfect dog beach, has an inviting expanse of sand for romping and splashing in the surf. This beach town is a strong contender for “Dog City, USA,” with its wide selection of canine-friendly venues.

The alpine town of Mammoth Lakes rolls out the welcome mat for dogs, who ride free in the summer on the gondola to the summit of Mammoth Mountain. Also, local buses and the shuttle to Red’s Meadow and Devil’s Postpile accommodate dogs. Mammoth is surrounded by national forest land, a dog’s best friend for off-leash romping. Dogs are allowed on the John Muir Trail around McLeod Lake, a perfect canine hiking trail.

Dog Fancy magazine chose Carmel as the most dog-friendly small town in America, as it gets 50,000 canine visitors a year. Everything about Carmel seems designed with dogs in mind, from Doris Day’s Cypress Inn to the town’s dazzling white leash-free beach to galleries that hang paintings at dog’s-eye level. Stroll down Ocean Avenue, where you’ll see jars of dog treats in most stores and

frequent signs of “All Dogs Welcome,” as well as hitching posts for dog leashes outside of shops and dog-waste bag dispensers on street corners.

At the dog-friendly Stanford Inn in Mendocino, you can bring your pet into Raven’s restaurant but you won’t find any animal products served on the all-vegan menu. With 20-plus pet-friendly accommodations, the town of Mendocino makes a great base for you and your dog(s) to explore this stretch of Northern California coast.

If your dog loves trees, he’ll enjoy a stroll among the tallest in the world in Humboldt County, where Fido can scamper off-leash among redwoods. And Humboldt has six dog beaches, one of which is at the end of a five-mile coastal trail.

Traveling with your pets requires some planning for a successful road trip. Before booking accommodations, *DogTrekker* advises that you first speak with someone for policies and fees, as some allow only certain breeds, sizes, or weights.

Make sure that the camping or hiking destination allows your dog on trails, as some restrict dogs to campsites.

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day, October 26, 9am; Saturday, October 27, 9am; **free.** Hope United Methodist Church, 16550 Bernardo Heights Parkway. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Lions, Tigers, and Bears Costume Contest Visit with center's animals, then compete in costume contest. Reservations: 619-659-8078. Saturday, October 27, 11am; **free**-\$20. Lions Tigers & Bears Big Cat Rescue, 24402 Martin Way. (ALPINE)

Monarch Butterfly Release Master Gardeners, electric cars, solar panels, and more will be at the "Sustain La Mesa" Environmental Festival. Environmental topics, innovative technologies and activities will be showcased, including an EDCO recycling zone. Visit cityoflafiesta.com/SustainLaMesa. Saturday, October 27, 10am to 2pm. Harry Griffen Regional Park, 9550 Mildred Street. (LA MESA)

OB Canine Carnival — Howl-o-Ween! Carnival for dogs and their people promises costume contest and parade, with prizes for the costumed canines; food, games, and a doggie-oriented craft fair. Costume parade registration: 11am-1pm; parade: 1:30-2:30 pm. Admission is free; parade fee is \$7 for a single dog, \$10 for a group of dogs or a float. 619-225-8705. Sunday, October 28, 10am; **free.** Dusty Rhodes Park, Nimitz Boulevard and Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. (OCEAN BEACH)

Pumpkin Chuckin' Party Bring a "gutted and carved pumpkin" to toss off the tenth floor of Hotel Solamar. Stay for the afterparty. 619-531-8744. Saturday, October 27, 5:30pm; LOUNGEsix, 616 J St., fourth floor. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Renaissance Faire and Pirates in the Park Queen Elizabeth I and her royal court, pirates, entertainers, food vendors, merchants, Renaissance reenactors gather for

Renaissance Faire. Enjoy period music, battle pageants, Shakespearean theater, continuous entertainment, vendors, children's activities. Weekend passes available. 805-496-6036. Saturday, October 27, 10am; Sunday, October 28, 10am; **free**-\$17. Felicita Park, 742 Clarence Lane. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Beatlefair 2012 Celebrate the legendary band when fair returns. Beatles legend Tony Sheridan shares "countless stories of his days playing with the Beatles in their earliest days in Hamburg, Germany." Entertainment by the Dave Humphries Band, the Baja Bugs, Bart Mendoza, True Stories, other bands. Vendors sell Beatles memorabilia, posters, records. Saturday, October 27, 2pm; \$15-\$20. Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

Scary Maze Hay bales have been used on Cottonwood's driving range to create a 10,000-square-foot maze, with bales stacked to height of six feet. "The dead-ends in the maze are being designed with a purpose: to elicit screams." Scary movies screened outdoors at night; families encouraged to bring blankets and chairs. Beer garden, food, live music, dancing. Kids' "Halloween Hunts" run noon-5pm on Saturday and Sunday. 619-442-9891 x3. Thursday and Friday, 6pm-midnight; Saturday and Sunday, noon-midnight; \$5-\$20. Cottonwood Golf Club Bar & Restaurant, 3121 Willow Glen Drive. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Tournament of the Phoenix 2012 WorldJoust Tournament Invitational includes jousting, foot combat with axes, armored combat, and mounted melee during three-day, six-event competition and Festival of History, wherein costumed interpreters inhabit fully outfitted period camps spanning Rome to the Renaissance. Live music, food, and demonstrations from blacksmithing and falconry to glassblowing and gladiator combat. Friday, October 26, 11am; Saturday, October 27, and Sunday, October 28, 10am; \$12-\$75. Poway Rodeo

Rhyme & Verse

The Common Woman Poems: Vera, from my childhood

A poem by Judy Grahn

Solemnly swearing, to swear as an oath to you who have somehow gotten to be a pale old woman; swearing, as if an oath could be wrapped around your shoulders like a new coat: For your 28 dollars a week and the bastard boss you never let yourself hate; and the work, all the work you did at home where you never got paid; For your mouth that got thinner and thinner until it disappeared as if you had choked on it, watching the hard liquor break your fine husband down into a dead joke. For the strange mole, like a third eye right in the middle of your forehead; for your religion which insisted that people are beautiful golden birds and must be preserved; for your persistent nerve and plain white talk — the common woman is as common

as good bread as common as when you couldn't go on but did. For all the world we didn't know we held in common all along the common woman is as common as the best of bread and will rise and will become strong — I swear it to you I swear it to you on my own head I swear it to you on my common woman's head



Judy Grahn is internationally known as a poet and cultural theorist. Her accessible, short poems are collected in *love belongs to those who do the feeling*, from Red Hen Press in Los Angeles. The book won a Lambda Literary Award for Lesbian Poetry in 2008. Judy Grahn's memoir, *A Simple Revolution*, has just been published by Aunt Lute Press. Grahn codirects the Women's Spirituality master's program at Sofia University in Palo Alto. The poem is reprinted by permission.

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Grounds, 14336 Tierra Bonita Road. (POWAY)

Tower After Hours: Germany Enjoy traditional food tastings, samplings from La Jolla Brew House, performing arts as showcased by local artists. 619-239-2001. Thursday, October 25, 6pm; \$5-\$20. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Zandra Rhodes Fashion Luncheon Designer Zandra Rhodes presents her new "Paris Extravaganza" collection. Tickets include three-course luncheon. Portion of proceeds benefits the American Friends of the Zandra Rhodes Museum of London. Thursday, October 25, 11:30am; \$79. 21 and up. Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Zombie Walk Zombies of all ages invited to gather at El Campo Santo Cemetery (on San Diego Avenue) at 5:15pm, then "begin to move at sundown" (6:06pm), making their

way along San Diego Avenue. Little zombies may gather "zombie treats" from participating restaurants and businesses along the route. Walk ends at Alamo Mexican Café with "official Zombie Walk afterparty." events@motorcult.com. Saturday, October 27, 5:15pm; free. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

Singles Masked Ball: Simply The Best Singles, an upscale singles organization for singles age 40-60ish seeking relationships, marriage and more, invites you to bring your own mask or receive a complimentary one at our "Singles Masked Ball." \$12 prepay, \$15 door. SimplyTheBestSingles.com, 818-577-6877. Saturday, November 3, 2012, 7:30-11:30pm. Sheraton Mission Valley, 1433 Camino Del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

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Kidney Health Screening Join us if you have diabetes, high blood pressure, or a family history of these conditions or kidney disease. Walk-ins are welcome, but prior registration is encouraged. Must be 18 years of age or over. To register, contact Natalie Kanooni at 800-747-5527 or email natalie.kanooni@kidney.org. Presented by: National Kidney Foundation. Saturday, November 10, 9am to 1pm. Jackie Robinson YMCA, 151 YMCA Way. (LINCOLN PARK)

Miracle Babies 5K Run/Walk for Hope Fourth annual fundraiser provides support for preemies

in NICU/neonatal intensive care unit and their families. Strollers welcome. Live music, kids' activities, food, drinks and more follow the walk/run. Registration: 8:30am; walk: 10am. Sunday, November 11, 8:30am. Mariner's Point, Mariners Way. (MISSION BEACH)

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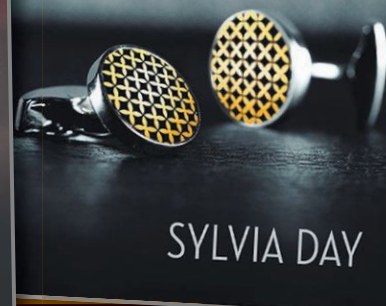
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ART

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

"Heart & Soul of Mexico" Enjoy "Mid 20th Century Drawings by Raúl Anguiano" through Sunday, December 2. Anguiano was one of the most prominent Mexican artists of the 20th Century and a member of the second generation school of mural painting embracing artistic traditions of Rivera, Orozco, Siqueiros. Exhibition boasts more than 130 pieces including sketches, pastels,

paintings, ceramic plates and vases. Concurrently, see display of photographs taken in various regions of Mexico by photographer Mario Castillo. 760-839-4120. California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

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

"Pre-Columbian and Mexican Miniatures" tantalizes viewers with "their stylized forms, their earthy colors and the histories they evoke." These unusual objects "offer further charm because of their tiny size." Also on view: contemporary Mexican folk art objects of daily life that carry into the present an ancient fascination with the miniature. Through November. **Free**-\$7. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Picking up the Pieces" Reception for artist Dani Dodge, who "brings to life figurative paintings and objects that were once part of people's homes and lives in her newest collection." Through December. 619-955-5285. Sunday, October 28, 2pm; **free**. Pimento

Fine Art at Olive PR Solutions, 350 West Ash Street #103. (LITTLE ITALY)

Artwear San Diego Fall Show Hand-crafted items including hand-woven clothing; hand-dyed silk and collage jackets of pieced fabric; jewelry of fused glass, melded metals and ethnic artifacts; and finely crafted items for the home created from wood, ceramic, glass and gourds. 760-436-4827. Sunday, October 28, 10am-3pm; **free**. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Thursdays on the Coast Art Walk Join the Carlsbad-Oceanside Art League and other downtown Carlsbad art venues for live music, refreshments, lots of art. 760-434-8497. Thursday, October 25, 5:30pm; **free**. Carlsbad Village, 2930 Roosevelt Street. (CARLSBAD)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Consent to Tyranny: Voting in the USA Local author Mark E. Smith discusses the essays "The Counterrevolutionary Constitution" and "You've Got to Stop Voting" from his work for "Searching for Democracy: A Public Conversation about the Constitution" project. 619-236-5800. Thursday, October 25, 4pm; **free**. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Life's Reflections: Poetry for the People Tommy Hawkins —

former Notre Dame and Los Angeles Lakers basketball star, former VP of the Los Angeles Dodgers, and radio and TV broadcaster — reads from and signs his new book, boasting illustrations by Leroy Neiman and other artists. 858-456-1800. Saturday, October 27, 7pm; **free**. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Living Roof Gardens and Green Roofs Learn what materials are needed and how to put together the components of a green roof. Participants will plant the roof of a gazebo in the South Bay Botanic Garden at Southwestern College. Participants are encouraged to bring tools that they are familiar with using, including ladders, work gloves, screwdrivers, and trowels. Saturday, October 27, 9am; \$30. 18 and up. South Bay Botanic Garden at Southwestern College, 900 Otay Lakes Road. (CHULA VISTA)

Communicating for Life Building and sustaining friendships, marriages, or family relationships is essential to feeling fulfilled and fully alive, yet we seldom are offered the vital skills needed to strengthen, deepen, or heal those relationships that are most precious to us. This is an opportunity to learn and practice communication tools that have been proven to be life giving, renewing, and at

times healing to established relationships. The workshop offers new skills for renewing relationships. Friday, October 26, 6pm; \$45-\$90. 21 and up. First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Day of the Dead Box Altar Dedicate a small shadow box altar, learn to prepare and set up a traditional altar for Mexican Day of the Dead. Fee includes materials and instruction to celebrate departed loved ones. 619-282-8708. Saturday, October 27, 1:30pm; \$20. Back from Tombocou, 3564 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Go Solar Breakfast presentation covers solar technology, rebates and incentives, case studies, county-wide San Diego Solar program. Learn how to "get paid to go solar" through participation. RSVP: 800-785-5482. Saturday, October 27, 11am; **free**. Sullivan Solar Power, 8949 Kenamar Dr., Suite 101. (MIRAMAR)

Increase Your Company's Triple Bottom Line "Integrating purposeful service programs (volunteering) into your organization may be just as essential as having a good product or service." Why is implementing volunteer programs "essential to stay competitive in today's evolving corporate culture"? traci@livewael.com or call 442-222-0724. Thursday, October 25, 7pm; **free**-\$20. Yoga Tropics West, 965 Second Street. (ENCINITAS)

Infused Herbal Vinegar Learn to make a variety of flavored vin-

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Merchandising to Sell: Farm Markets and Craft Fairs Learn to display merchandise "with style and flair" to attract even the most discriminating eye (8:30-11:30am). Later, the topic is "Building a Culture of Sales in Your Business" (12:30-3:30pm). 619-482-6391 Friday, October 26, 8:30am; \$25. Adams Avenue Business Association, 4649 Hawley Boulevard. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

CLASSICAL

Fall Concert Series Matthew Ennis (saxophone), Peter Walsh (piano), Xavier Larsson (saxophone) perform the Brahms "Sonata No. 1 for Clarinet and Piano in F Minor, as well as selections by Christian Lauba, Fernando Decruck, JS Bach. Sunday, October 28, 2:30pm; **free**. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

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Quatuor Modigliani The high-energy French foursome performs Schubert's "String Quartet No. 4 in C Major," "String Quartet No. 60 in G Major" by Haydn, the "String Quartet No. 3 in A Minor" by von Dohnányi. 858-534-8497. Saturday, October 27, 8pm; \$36-\$54. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Emerging Talent" Palomar Symphony Orchestra takes stage with Palomar College student soloists Rodrigo Arreola (baritone) and Adam Vickers (trombone). Program includes overture from *The Impresario* and "Non Siate Ritrosi" from *Così fan tutte* by Mozart; the Brahms "Symphony No. 4 in E Minor"; "Concertino for Trombone" by Ferdinand David. 760-744-1150 x2453. Friday, October 26, 8pm; \$8-\$12. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Bak/Vanstrum Violin/Piano Duo Pianist Glenn Vanstrum and violinist Roy Bak perform selections by Handel, Martinu, Schubert, Dvorak. 760-602-2049.

Sunday, October 28, 2pm; **free**. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Brahms's Fourth Jahja Ling, conductor; Ray Chen, violin. Program: Kernis's *Too Hot Toccata*, Sibelius's Violin Concerto, and Brahms's Symphony No. 4. Friday, October 26, 8pm; Saturday, October 27, 8pm; Sunday, October 28, 2pm; \$20-\$96. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

C.P.E. Bach "Magnificat" Soloists Therese Bulat (soprano), Pamela Laurent (alto), Jim Boydston (tenor), and Scott Gregory (bass) join San Rafael Festival Choir in concert, accompanied by Greater San Diego Community Orchestra. Offering. 858-487-4314. Sunday, October 28, 4pm; San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Cecilia String Quartet The all-woman string ensemble from Canada performs for Chamber Music Concert Series. 619-299-2890. Thursday, October 25, 7:30pm; \$10-\$15. Grace Lutheran Church, 3967 Park Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

Piano Recital for Outstanding Amateurs Eight pianists play works by composers from Bach to Beethoven for eighth Amateur Pianists San Diego recital. Series is "made up of performers and audience members who have a passion for classical music." Saturday, October 27, 2pm; **free**. City of Carlsbad Dove Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

"San Diego Dances" on Broadway New dance works in by contemporary choreographers Viviana Alcazar, Khamla Somphanh, Heather Dale Wentworth & Peter G. Kalivas in the Grand Lobby. Annual event produced by PGK Dance Project, sponsored by Spreckels Theater. *ThePGK DanceProject.org*. Friday, October 26, 7:30pm; Saturday, October 27, 7:30pm; \$10-\$25. Spreckels Theatre, 121 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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Dracula "Blood, fangs, and death...not a tutu in sight!" California Ballet presents the dance-drama, in which "waltzes, tangos, and Gypsy cymbalo blend with exquisitely acted drama to retell the haunting tale of fiction's most notorious vampire." 858-560-6741. Saturday, October 27, and Sunday, October 28, 8pm; \$25-\$60. 8 and up. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

African Night Performances by Malaikas West African Drum and Dance Troupe, Omo Ache, Lil 8, Malaika Drummers, Lamine Thiam, Judah Christ, others. Food from center's One World Cafe. Friday, October 26, 7pm; \$10. World-Beat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Belly Dancing Halloween Show Shey Nuwa and Madame Raine plan "spooky belly dance show with vampires, snakes, and fire implements." Live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble. Sunday, October 28, 8pm; \$10. 21 and up. Turquoise Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Concert of Philippine Dances and Music Samahan Filipino American Performing Arts and Education Center presents 37th annual showcase, including special presentation by the performers in tribute to the late Lolita Diñoso Carter. Reservations: samahanphildance@gmail.com, 619-286-8029, or 619-470-6024. Saturday, October 27, 8pm; Sunday, October 28, 2pm; \$12-\$15. Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre, 6611 University Avenue. (COLLEGE AREA)

Contra Dance with the Remnants Graham Hempel calls for San Diego Folk Heritage dance. Beginners' dance workshop 7:30pm; dances taught and called to live music 8-11pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, October 26, 7:30pm; \$8. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Tango Dinner Show Tango dinner show with live dancers. Recommended reservations: pampasgrill@gmail.com or 858-278-5971. Friday,

October 26, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; **free**. Pampas Argentine Grill, 8690 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Zumba Glow Party Wear white for party with multiple instructors. Ditch the workout! 858-449-5371. Saturday, October 27, 8pm; \$8. ZFitness Classes and Apparel, 6635 Flanders Dr., Suite G. (MIRA MESA)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

The Theory of the Leisure Class Join Del Mar Great Books to consider chapters one and four of Thorstein Veblen's work. New members welcome. 619-977-4360. Friday, October 26, 6:45pm; **free**. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Del Mar, 12835 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Bilingual Book Discussion Selected title is *El cementerio de Praga / The Prague Cemetery*, by Umberto Eco. Discussion led by literary guide, Miriam Ruvinskis. 760-839-4601. Saturday, October 27, 3:30pm; **free**. Escondido Library, 239 South Kalmia Street. (ESCONDIDO)

FOOD & DRINK

Costume Brunch and a Brewery Tour All aboard the BOOze bus! Dress up in a creative costume for day beginning with brunch at Sessions. Guests then board buses for visits to three local craft breweries (possible stops: Ballast Point, Port Lost Abbey, Alesmith, Society). Tickets include bus, brunch, booze. Reservations: 619-756-7115. Saturday, October 27, 11am; \$80. 21 and up. Sessions Public, 4204 Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Ferrari-Carano Wine Dinner Four-course wine dinner paired with Ferrari-Carano wines. 858-535-0078. Friday, October 26, 6:30pm; \$95. Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, 8970 University Center Lane. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Oktoberfest German beer on tap, food, Karl & Fritz in their Lederhosen playing traditional music, games, prizes, and more. Saturday, October 27, 11:30am; Sunday, October 28, 11:30am; **free**. Mount Palomar Winery, 33820 Rancho California Road. (TEMECULA)

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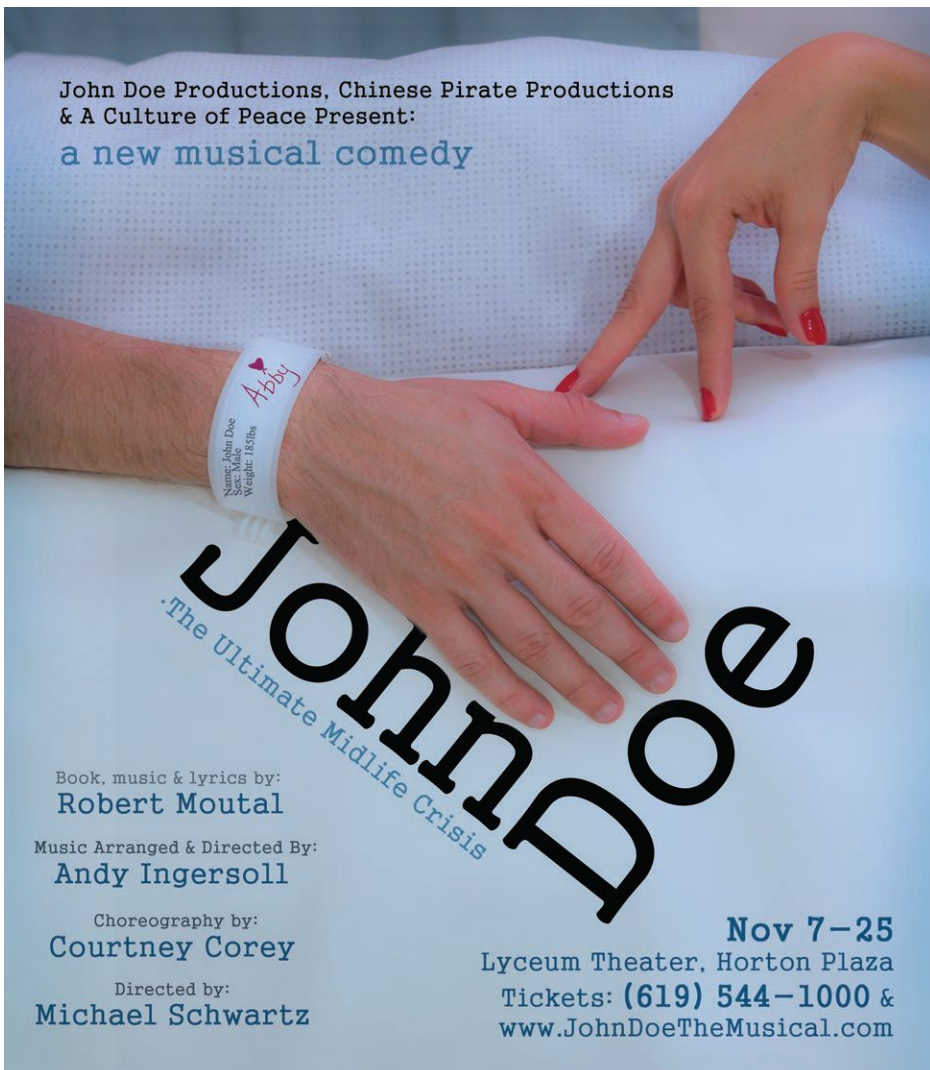
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My mother set the long slope
of her back against us
to interrogate the walls'

dampness
decipher saltpeter's crumbling
alphabet
translate the symbols carved
on the underside of the city
which she only knew in
profile
since she never ventured far-
ther than her shopping bag
rarely crossing the uncertain
borders of her lamp

city which sent us its rejected
rains
and sometimes a wheezy
snow which hooked its
flakes into the
pomegranate-tree's ears

The planet must be cleaned
up
God must be cleaned up!
My mother cried, tying her

apron.
— Venus Khoury-Ghata
(trans. Marilyn Hacker)

Venus Khoury-Ghata (b. 1937) is a Lebanese poet who writes in Arabic and French. Her work often explores the tension between Western and Eastern culture. In 1959, she

was named Miss Beirut and became the Arabic translator of Europe magazine. The award-winning poet has been living in Paris since 1972. In addition to her poetic output, she has written a number of novels and essays.

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adventurous with more than their food. This October, *San Diego Reader* feeds that hankering for culinary exploration in a whole new way, with the combustible combination of our 4th annual Feast Issue, October 18, 2012, and our first ever Feast Event, October 26, 2012. Join the *San Diego Reader* for Feast, an event featuring food and drinks from the city's best neighborhood eateries, wineries, breweries and food trucks on Friday, October 26th. The event will take place at the beautiful Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier on scenic San Diego Bay. The building embodies San Diego's rich maritime history, while featuring some of the most forward thinking elements of

modern environmental design. The General Admission ticket is valid from 6pm-9pm and includes food and drink samples from all vendors. The VIP ticket lets you arrive an hour early (5pm-9pm) to avoid the crowds and be the first to sample the food and drinks. Your VIP ticket includes a souvenir wine-glass and a gift bag with goodies from our sponsors. www.sdreader.com/feast-event Friday, October 26, 5pm; \$25-\$50. 21 and up. Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier, 1000 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

The Wedge 2012 Escondido honors its agricultural roots and showcases artisanal cheese, beer and wine downtown. Shop and

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FOR KIDS

"Haunting Melodies" Get in the mood for trick-or-treating with "spine-chilling musical revue" for all ages by Patio Playhouse Youtheatre. Reservations: reservations@patioplayhouse.com or

760-746-6669. Thursday, October 25, through Sunday, October 28, 2pm; \$7-\$10. Patio Playhouse, 201 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

"Kids Playing for Kids" FanFaire Foundation pianists Michael Chen, Ursula Hardianto, Clara Truong, Oksana Germain; violinist Kalvin Hibi; and French hornist Christine Chen play music by Mozart, J S Bach, Haydn, Elgar, Chopin, Brahms, and Kalus Badelt. The musicians are 9-17 years old. 858-552-1668. Saturday, October 27, 1pm; **free**. Carmel Valley Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

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Rogenes, such as muse-and-seek scavenger hunt, monster murals, pumpkin decorating, spooky sculptures, costume parades, Jason Rogenes "Mini Mega" workshop (for those 5 and older), "Glowing Cities" (for kids three and younger). Included in admission. 619-233-8792. Saturday, October 27, 10am; **free**-\$10. New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

The Jungle Book Join Mowgli, Baloo, King Louie, and the gang as they swing their way through madcap adventures and thwart tiger Shere Khan in this musical. 619-670-1627. Friday, October 26, 7pm; Saturday, October 27, 2pm and 7pm; Sunday, October 28,

2pm; \$10-\$15. Encore! Theater, 9620 Campo Road. (SPRING VALLEY)

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an inflatable slide, face painting, a cakewalk, and prizes. Sunday, October 28, 4pm; **free**. First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

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. Recommended for children ages 6-12. Free after museum admission. Sunday, October 28, 1pm; **free**-\$12. 6 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Pumpkin Patch and Fall Festival Fall series features family garden programs, pumpkin patch with a creative carving station, live music series, craft activities for kids. Pumpkins available for purchase and carving (in early October). Saturday, October 27, 10am; \$6-\$10. San Diego Children's Discovery Museum, 320 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

Finger Painting Friday: Hallo-Wings Explore shape and symmetry while painting baby bats and spiders. Recommended for ages three and under. Included in admission. 619-233-8792. Friday, October 26, 10:30am; **free**-\$10. New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Halloween Concert with Raggle Taggle Wear a Halloween costume to this family friendly concert. 858-581-9637. Saturday, October 27, 10:30am; **free**. North University Community Library, 8820 Judicial Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Haunted Aquarium — Shipwrecked! Discover what lurks beneath the surface. Enjoy close encounters of the fishy kind, "boogie" down with live music, explore "our wreckage for sunken treasures." Seek tricky treats, discover a sea of glowing creatures. Tickets: 858-534-7336. Friday, October 26, 6pm; Saturday, October 27, 6pm; \$12-\$17. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

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 onsite 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). Saturday, 10am, 12:15pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, 10am, 12:15pm and 2:30pm; \$5-\$15. Pacific Southwest Railway Museum, State Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road. (CAMPO)

Robots, Scribble Bots, and Jitter Bots Build a "whimsical motorized meandering mechanism or a jiggly jumpy chaotic drawing machine" during Family Science Saturday program. "Experience the satisfaction of watching your creations come to life." Included in admission. 619-238-1233. Saturday, October 27, 1pm; \$9-\$11. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Spooky Camp! Pitch a tent "amongst the big cats, roam the

sanctuary at your leisure, listen to the magnificent sounds of the big cats at night, stargaze," spend time with the keepers. Bring a pumpkin for the pumpkin carving contest (held on the morning of October 27). Guests must provide their camping/sleeping gear. Reservations: 619-659-8078. Friday, October 26, 3pm; \$35-\$60. 8 and up. Lions Tigers & Bears Big Cat Rescue, 24402 Martin Way. (ALPINE)

Stories of the Season As part of park-wide Halloween Family Festival, professional storyteller Harlynn Geisler shares lively tales inspired by museum's masterpieces. 619-239-5548 x105. Saturday, October 27, 11am; **free**. 5 and up. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"A Question of Rights and Marriage" Professors and legal scholars Bryan Wildenthal of Thomas Jefferson School of Law, Steven Smith of University of San Diego Law School, and independent scholar Pat Washington "explore the most prominent and contentious constitutional issue of our times" for "Searching for Democracy: A Public Conversation about the Constitution" series. 619-527-3405. Saturday, October 27, 1pm; **free**. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA PARK)

"America's Hegemonic Dilemmas" UCSD professor David A. Lake examines "the contemporary quandary of the United States and other international powers as they seek to build international order and effective states in an age of global insurgency" when Life at MiraCosta senior learning group meets in room 1068 (1pm). MiraCosta director Tracy Williams

considers "The Play *Oedipus Rex*," called "the greatest of the Greek tragedies" (2:30pm). 760-721-8124. Friday, October 26, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"In Aflaq's Tomb: Islam, the Culture of Arab Nationalism, and Ba'thist Politics of the Dead" University of Maryland associate professor Peter Wien speaks in Social Sciences Building room 107. "Wien will use various examples of politically charged public funerals involving Iraq and Syria during the 20th century to propose a new interpretation of the relationship between secular ideology and public piety in a culture of Arab nationalism." *iicas-events@ucsd.edu*. Thursday, October 25, 4pm; **free**. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Under the Influence" Delve deeper into the minds behind this show during panel discussion with guest curator Peter Frank, Group 4 mentor McLean Emenegger, and Group 4 artist Mentees. 619-758-0911. Thursday, October 25, 6:30pm; **free**. Pulse Gallery at NTC Promenade, 2825 Dewey Rd., Suite 103. (POINT LOMA)

Delirious Japan: Deco in War and Peace Kendall H. Brown, professor of Asian Art History at the Art Department of California State University at Long Beach, will draw on the recent exhibition he curated at the Japan Society of New York, *Deco Japan: Shaping Art and Culture, 1920-1945* for this lecture on Japanese deco art. Thursday, October 25, 1pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Empire of Death: A Cultural History of Ossuaries and Charnel Houses Paul Koudounaris, a Cal State Northridge art history professor, plans slide-illustrated

talk sharing "a brief history of the sites included in his book" peppered "with bizarre and curious anecdotes about them and his experiences within them, including stories of hauntings, superstitions, and folklore involving the dead." 619-692-4910. Thursday, October 25, 7pm; **free**. Mission Hills Library, 925 West Washington Street. (MISSION HILLS)

Quest for Flight: John J. Montgomery and the Dawn of Aviation in the West Based on his book, local author and glider historian Gary Fogel highlights "Montgomery's accomplishments in the San Diego area, experimenting with gliders in the 1880s." Thursday, October 25, 12pm; **free**. Qualcomm

Hall, 5775 Morehouse Drive. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Fascinating Facts About the Presidents Author, broadcaster Richard Lederer shares "facts about the feats, fates, families, foibles, and firsts of our American presidents" with the SD Association for Rational Inquiry. Sunday, October 28, 7pm; **free**. Joyce Beers Uptown Community Center, 3900 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Magee Park Poets Writing Workshop Author and instructor Brandon Cesmat leads workshop. Registration: 760-602-2400 x8149. Sunday, October 28, 1:30pm; **free**. Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

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Raising Chickens — And Beyond... Learn how to raise chickens, "what to expect from your lovely hens" from Farmer Bill. Second part of class covers "how to harvest a chicken for the dinner table" (optional). Sunday, October 28, 1pm; **free**. City Farmers Nursery, 4832 Home Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

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LOCAL EVENTS

Secrets of Steinway Seminar "Piano specialist" David Farkas shares "history behind the Steinway family legacy as well as the craftsmanship that goes into creating a handmade instrument." Reservations: 858-586-7000. Saturday, October 27, 11am; **free**. Greene Music Recital Hall, 7480 Miramar Rd., Suite 101. (MIRAMAR)

What Does Your Halloween Costume Say About You? Is it "a whimsical choice or are you expressing your alter ego (a person you'd really like to be)?" Making a social or political statement? Sally Foster, former dean of MiraCosta's San Elijo campus and faculty emeritus, talks "about one of her favorite topics" in room 201. Wear a costume! Friday, October 26, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. MiraCosta

College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

SPOKEN WORD

"Off the Grid" These days, "our friendships, our work, and our identities" are linked to technology. Tell stories "of living outside of the system" during candlelit Long Story Short Story Slam session in conjunction with So Say We All. Sunday, October 28, 7:30pm; **free**. \$5. Space 4 Art, 325 15th Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

4th Thursday Open Mike — Jihmye Open mike for spoken word, live music, dance. Feature: Rudy Francisco. Host: Jim Moreno. 619-461-7100. Thursday, October 25, 7:15pm; **free**. Spacebar Internet Cafe, 7454 University Ave., Suite A. (LA MESA)

Hear and Read Poetry Outdoors Join Poetry Grove Poets for reading open to enthusiasts and

poets in all styles, meeting under magnolia trees (five blocks north of Laurel Street). Sunday, October 28, 3pm; **free**. Poetry Grove in Balboa Park, Balboa Drive at Quince Street. (BALBOA PARK)

MOLA's Poetry & Art Poetry International welcomes Steve Kowit, Sandra Alcosser and Camille Dungy, who will read with select MFA students from SDSU. The Black Sands will make music; open mic follows. \$5 at the door or bring wine to share and get in free. 619-957-3264. Thursday, October 25, 6:30pm; **free**-\$5. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Fall Festival II Horse Show Equestrian competition. Olympian Rich Fellers and his Olympic and World Cup mount Flexible com-

pete on October 27. Admission is free except October 27 after 7pm, when tickets are \$15. 818-987-3336. Thursday, October 25, 8am; Friday, October 26, 8am; Saturday, October 27, 8am; Sunday, October 28, 8am; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Fright Night 2012 American Wrestling Alliance show with matches between Joey "The Bone" Barone and Iron Butterfly, many others. "The entire AWA roster will honor Halloween by dressing in the character of stars from past and present in the WWE, WCW, and ECW." Friday, October 26, 8pm; \$10. 21 and up. Sky Box Sports Grill, 4805 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

Lakers Preseason Basketball Los Angeles Lakers versus Sacramento Kings. Thursday, October 25, 7pm; \$14-\$305. Valley View Casino Center, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

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including Ben Henderson (UFC), Kyle Kingsbury (UFC), professional MMA Fighter Daniel Puder. Thirty supplement and MMA companies on hand with samples for visitors. The World Combat Series presents the 2012 Southern California Regional Championship. Tickets: 619-333-0153. Sunday, October 28, 11am; \$25-\$40. Palomar College, 1140 West Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Monster Mash Sports Dash Don running shoes and costumes for 5k walk-run through GHS campus, with fun fitness and sports challenges for all ages. Prizes for best costumes; food trucks and other refreshments; community resource fair. GHS athletics and the GHS Educational Foundation benefit. Saturday, October 27, 8am; \$15-\$25. Grossmont High School, 1100 Murray Drive. (EL CAJON)

Row for the Cure Get your paddles and oars ready for the 11th annual regatta in Mission Bay. This event is open to all human-pow-

ered craft and all levels and ages are invited. Registration begins at 5:30am with event starting at 7am. To register, please visit regattacentral.com. Sunday, October 28, 7am; **free**. Ski Beach, Ingraham Street and Vacation Island Road. (PACIFIC BEACH)

San Diego Walk to End Alzheimer's Alzheimer's Association fundraiser. 858-492-4400. Saturday, October 27, 8am; Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Trek'n'Treat Walkathon Join the third annual spooky procession to raise funds for Community Interface Services. Wear a Halloween costume and select between one- or three-mile routes. All ages and fitness levels welcome. Minimum donation: \$25 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and younger. Prizes for the best costumes and largest donations. Saturday, October 27, 9am; Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)



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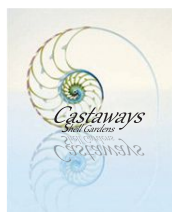


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New Riffs

I sat back and took a sip of my watermelon *agua fresca*, relaxing in the cool breeze that finally hit San Diego after a brutal, two-month-long heat wave. My friend Desi and I had just finished teaching across the street at City College and, on a lark, decided to have lunch at La Casita Mexican Diner before parting ways to grab our kids. We were enjoying the patio's transformation from a dingy, AstroTurfed sauna into an airy oasis.

La Casita has been an institution in the East Village for over 30 years. The city has changed, of course, while the diner has, in many respects, remained the same. This has its charms. Previous owners were themselves institutions, and the restaurant reflected their support of the downtown community. I spent many an afternoon there with my colleagues. I used to love the kitschy portraits of '70s film stars, the crumbling bullfighting posters and dusty sombreros adorning walls and ceiling. The food, however, was only so-so, and I stopped going a few years ago, especially once I began minding my health — an afternoon carne

asada burrito from the old Casita could lay you up for hours.

Recently, I heard that La Casita had new owners, and several friends suggested I give it a try. Which was why Desi and I were there.

The first change I noticed was a new paint job. Gone was the old sky-blue: the small, early 20th-century cottage is now a cheery gold with white trim. Inside, the diner has been scrubbed, repainted, and cleared of clutter, and the new kitchen is filled with gleaming appliances.

Funky art hangs on the walls, and a Día de los Muertos mariachi guitarist guards the doorway to the patio. Spaces inside and out are bright and inviting.

New owner Eddie Hernandez and his culinary team of Maria and Letty have completely renovated the menu. While standard Mexican items remain — carne asada tacos (\$3.30), shredded chicken burritos (\$5.75), shredded beef chimichangas (\$5.75), cheese enchiladas (\$3.30) — there is a host of new and interesting riffs. For example, you can have the usual chorizo and eggs for breakfast, but they also have “Soyrizo con Huevos” (\$6.65). There are lots of vegetarian options, including a breakfast burrito made with zucchini, carrots, eggs, and potatoes (\$4.95). On the meat side, there's the “Level 4 Burrito,” made with shrimp, chorizo, guava, and rice (\$6.50). You can get mole with meat or vegetables (\$7.25), and a *sopes* combination with either chicken or beef (\$6.95).

Paralyzed by the extensive menu, I decided to opt for the #10 combination plate (recommended by a colleague). It came with a *chile relleno* and a shrimp enchilada (\$7.35) and was served on two plates. The ingredients were incredibly fresh — the sauce draped over the giant *chile* and featured fresh (not canned) tomatoes, onions, garlic, and chilies. *Queso blanco* oozed from the battered and flash-fried poblano and melded with the sauce. The rice was house-made, fluffy, garlicky,



The salsa bar offers two reds (one spicy, the other less so but with more smoke), an earthy, bright-green tomatillo and jalapeño, and a pineapple-based salsa with a hint of sweetness.



East Village's La Casitas sports new owners, a new paint job, and a completely renovated menu.



The sauce over the *chile relleno* featured fresh, not canned, tomatoes. *Queso blanco* oozed from the battered and flash-fried poblano.

La Casita Mexican Diner

1247 C Street, East Village/City College,
619-531-0044; no website

Vibe: Mellow Mexican café with a breezy patio

Fare: Family-style Mexican with robust vegetarian offerings

Seating: 4 booths inside; 12 tables on the patio

Must Try: *Chiles rellenos*; *chilaquiles*; chicken *sopes*

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without that stale, clumpy aspect Mexican rice can sometimes have. The refried beans are made fresh all day long, and, in fact, as we were leaving, I saw the cook smashing up a fresh batch. The meal's sole jarring note was the shrimp in the enchilada, which tasted dry, although the vibrant red sauce, *queso fresco*, and *crema* on top mitigated the crustaceans' chewiness.

Desi ordered the *chilaquiles rojo* (\$6.90), thickly cut tortilla chips fried to order and doused with a smoky, chili-laden sauce. *Queso fresco* and *crema* balanced the spicy chips, which held their bite — there's nothing worse than soggy *chilaquiles*.

The *agua frescas* rotate daily. Desi's cucumber (\$1.50) was refreshing and not at all sweet. My *agua de sandia* contained just a dash of sugar.

The old Casita's salsa bar has been taken up

a notch, with four salsas to try: two reds (one spicy, the other less so but with more smoke); an earthy, bright-green tomatillo and jalapeño; and the Casita special, a pineapple-based salsa with a hint of sweetness. A giant platter of pico de gallo, spicy carrots and jalapeños, and pickled onions is served with complimentary red, green, and white tortilla chips, and while I'm not crazy about multicolored chips, they work here.

The staff is kind and generous. That's saying something, since there's usually only two or three people working the whole restaurant. It can get crowded.

On the way out, I noticed that La Casita now serves beer. Chowling down on fresh Mexican fare while hoisting a Corona — music wafting over the patio — that would be a great way to end a busy workweek. ■

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The shop is unchanged since he froze that first batch of ice cream 64 years ago.

It happens sometimes when Mary Ellen is here alone, late, making ice cream.

The ghost of Elmer Niederfrank appears. “I don’t see him; I just feel a presence,” she says.

She’s holding a white plastic bucket, leaning over the 100-year-old, belt-driven ice cream-making machine as it glugs out a giant tube of cream-colored ice cream.

We’re in the kitchen of Niederfrank’s, San Diego’s oldest ice creamery.

“Mr. Niederfrank was here from 1948, doing just what I’m doing,” Mary Ellen says. “I’ve been here since 1995. That’s when my partner Paddy Finnegan and I bought the place.”

This is a shop in the older part of National City, which, turns out, is the second-oldest city in the county, after San Diego. It’s where Mr. Niederfrank arrived in 1948 with the idea of making ice cream the way they did in Germany, where his family was from. He bought a secondhand belt-driven ice cream-making machine, a wood-lined freezer, a cone-making machine, and set up at 726 A Avenue. The shop is unchanged since he froze that first batch of ice cream 64 years ago. The machines are the same. Stainless-steel milk cans still fill the shelves. The method of making the stuff is the same, as is the back-breaking work of heaving giant tubs of ice cream around.

Only difference: it’s red-haired Mary Ellen Faught who is doing the work. She mixes up flavors — from mint to pistachio to Guinness stout with dark chocolate to fennel to licorice.

Pistachio, she says, is so good. “I mix it with pineapple and other extras. If I had to live on a desert island with only one flavor, that would be it.”

I’ve learned all this after noticing the Niederfrank’s sign and talking to a couple out on the sidewalk patio. “Have the vanilla float,” Jimmy Cucinotta says. He and his wife Barbara — she has a dish of “Cappuccino Crunch” — are up from Rosarito. “This is where we come, every

time,” Jimmy says.

I head in, past a big painting of National City back in the day. Inside, it’s mostly white, with a butter-yellow skirting board and a black-and-white-checkered tile floor.

I see about 50 buckets of ice cream laid out on the long freezer-counter. Pistachio, green tea, and — wow, French vanilla with Stone Brewery’s Smoked

Porter beer in it.

“I pour a growler and two liters of the porter into every five-gallon batch,” says Mary Ellen. The newly minted ice cream goes from Mr. Niederfrank’s ice-cream maker into five-gallon buckets, then she hauls them off to the freezer: a brass plaque on the door reads, “Mundet Cork Corporation.”

Mary Ellen claims that her ice cream is healthier; for the same reason, it’s a little expensive.

“Five gallons of mine is like ten gallons of the commercial stuff. That’s because they blow air into theirs — till it’s 80 percent air.”

So, if I’m eating that much more cream per slurp, how much more fatty is her ice cream?

“My butterfat content is 14 percent. Häagen-Dazs can be around 22 percent. But it’s all about moderation. Besides, chemicals are what the body can’t handle, not pure cream and sugar.”

She’s standing beside a huge bag of dried hibiscus flowers and another bag loaded with pistachio nuts. The real thing. Not crushed, powdered, or treated.

“We won’t touch chemicals or dyes. That’s why our ice cream isn’t colored electric green for mint or orange for orange. What’s bad for you is the chemical additives.”

I see what she means about more expensive: single’s \$3.25, double’s \$5.25, triple’s \$6.75.

Jessica, who’s looking after the front of the shop, gives me a sample of the French vanilla with porter.

Mmm...you get that malty taste. But the thing I notice most is how creamy it is.



Elmer Niederfrank



Mary Ellen in the kitchen



Mary Ellen pouring new-made ice cream

I look up and down at the 50 tubs. So much here that I’d like to taste. Like the champagne ice cream (“I pour seven bottles of champagne into it”). Or the merlot or the cabernet sauvignon (“I won’t sell those to kids”). Or the one with green tea, from Japan. Or the hibiscus-flavored one. “I steep the hibiscus flowers as I steep tea, to get the fragrances,” she says.

What about the ghost? Mr. Niederfrank?

“I feel him here sometimes, especially at night. But he’s not objecting. Not haunting. I think he’s pleased that Paddy and I are carrying on. That we haven’t changed a thing.”

Jessica’s waiting for me to order.

“I’ll have the small dish of that one.” I point to a caramelly mess at the end, the butter-rum pecan. It’s good, too, but instantly, I wish I’d been more adventurous. Tried the ginger or the Kahlua Krunch, or the one with the seven bottles of champagne. Guess it’s a childhood thing — caramel was always my go-to flavor.

I get some Mexican Spicy Chocolate to rush back to the lovely Carla. And, yes, she lets me grab a spoonful. And, hey, I’ve just eaten my first spicy ice cream.

“Woo-hoo!” Carla says. “Some like it hot.”

“Yeah,” I say. “Even when it’s cold.” ■

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Beer and wine to go

Bine and Vine in Normal Heights is right across the street from Lestat's in a former drugstore. The shop has the look of a convenience store, but it's almost entirely dedicated to beer and wine sales. The interesting word "bine" implies a climbing plant similar to a vine that's characterized by spiral shaped growth around a support.

Like Bottlecraft in little Italy or Clem's in Kensington, Bine and Vine's inventory is focused on "good stuff." Beers from European and American craft brewers fill the coolers, and the racks at the store's center cradle a short but compelling selection of wines. In some respects, the selection is breathtaking. One reach-in cooler has bottles of French cider that will boggle the mind of any Julian Hard Cider fan. Another shelf has bottles of mead in many flavors. The wines are a mix of New- and Old World stuff and it's no exaggeration to say that there's a little something for everyone.

As it is, the store has an under-stocked feel. Perhaps that's a good thing, as having too much inventory leads eventually to product decay, but curiosity wants to see what new and interesting things turn up.

The only real fault is that the majority of beer is confined to the coolers, so buying room temperature bottles for cellaring (or at least storing outside of a refrigerator) isn't much of an option. The wines don't have this problem, and there are plenty of whites in the chill chest for impromptu purchase as well.

Bine and Vine's inventory is narrow, but deep, like a chasm or a deep ocean rift. While the selections are limited to fine wines and beers, the variability within that slender definition is great and anyone looking to go beyond the immediate reach of the tap lists at Blind Lady Ale House or Small Bar would do well to pop in and refresh their personal holdings. The shop is implementing an

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online ordering system at bineandvine.com, which, despite cryptic shipping policies, could extend opportunities for others who are sadly estranged from a good beer-and-wine shop.

Bine and Vine, 3334 Adams Avenue.

by Ian Pike

Beer geek Q&A

Some upcoming brewing companies are easier to keep track of than others. Despite the fact the company has yet to even find a facility, Modern Times Beer is cemented on my radar screen. Not surprising when you consider the main guy working

to make that business a reality is Jacob McKean. The former social media coordinator for Stone Brewing Company, he knows a thing or two about communicating and has done a good job of keeping his future patrons informed via messages sent to his email list, which can be signed up for on Modern Times' website.

One of McKean's recent communiqués invited readers to email him back for the chance to come out to a special tasting of the beers he and brewing consultant Michael Tonsmeire (better known in beer circles as "The Mad Fermentationist") are developing. The first ten to respond were given the secret location and the chance to offer their feedback on a small array of prototypes. Not



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wanting to take an available space, but eager to report on this mode of consumer study, I asked McKean if I could be a fly on the wall. He kindly obliged and, before I knew it, I was on the back patio of Toronado in North Park, watching what, to me, is a very smart pre-open step; one I wish more aspiring brewing-company head honchos would employ.

Upon arrival, I was encouraged to see the friendly faces of a couple of beer fans I know from the scene. It is a tight-knit community, which is something that I enjoy about San Diego's suds subculture. It was nice to have good people to talk to, but more than that, I know that they are well versed where beer is concerned and uncompromising in their pursuit of good product. These were the exact individuals McKean was looking for, having shared with me beforehand that, when it comes to beer feedback, there's no faction he trusts more than beer geeks.

McKean served the group bottles pulled from an iced-down cooler, starting with a 5.5% oatmeal coffee stout. I wondered how vocal the group would be; if they'd really speak their mind or go easy on McKean's ego. To my great pleasure, they were completely honest, being blunt but not insulting; talking up the good points while making mention of any perceived shortcomings. While an okay beer everybody agreed showed promise, the stout was a bit low in carbonation and had a

short finish.

A hoppy wheat beer, to which McKean added "a crapload of Citra hops," garnered instantaneous feedback from a particularly outspoken critic who said, "I don't like it. It's bitter but like sour bitter. There's a spike of flavor, but that's it." One individual noted an imperial amber had a "numbing nasal quality." To which a tie-died-T-sporting attendee piped up, "I like that numbing nasal quality." (Everybody's familiar with the botanical hops are

related to, right?) Meanwhile, a brettanomyces-stoked IPA scored well with the group, getting high marks for everything except its carbonation. One person deemed it "world class," and several said they would buy it off the shelf right now, were it available.

It should be noted that McKean admits the beers he was serving were by no means of the quality they will be at when he makes them available to the public. Everything is small batch right now and prime for critiquing so he can come up with optimal final recipes once he has the full-scale brewhouse running.

These days, it seems like most new brewers are opening up without subjecting themselves to much qualified or useful criticism. Many new brewery owners say they've made multiple batches of their beers in order to fine-tune them, but typically the only people tasting them are friends, family, or sometimes, just them. Many of the first-run beers I've had from newly opened operations have fallen short of my most basic expectations. Coincidence? Probably not.

Taking knocks on something one pours their heart into is never easy. McKean deserves credit for his bravery, which can only help him as forges forward to make **Modern Times Beer** a reality. Power to the beer geeks!

by Brandon Hernández

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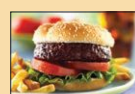
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This was an East Village surprise.

I'd walked up Market to the trolley at Park and Market, where that ancient, sprawling long-stay hotel, the Palms, stands. It's the place they say Wyatt Earp shackled up at in 1887, along with his third wife Josie (in the second floor corner rooms at Park and Island).

But across the road, I notice a new sign. "Infuzon Sushi Wine Lounge" (550 Park Boulevard, by the Park and Market trolley stop, 619-794-2421). Sandwich board says "Sushi, wine, beer." That's original, a sushi-and-wine combo.

Now I remember a previous wine bar here (Wine Cask?). Closed. Difficult location. East Village hadn't caught up yet. Still isn't totally cool.

So I go into this warm-feeling room that's also industrial, yet feels a bit Egyptian with roll-backed white naugahyde chairs

with black piping.

It's about six in the evening. Two guys here. One is Brandon, the owner, the other is Arturo, "Art," the chef.

"We've been open about three months," says Brandon, "and we came because of the neighborhood. You've got everybody who works around here and lives in East Village and then you've got institutions like Jefferson Law School, the New School of Architecture, and Petco Park, all nearby."

And he has deals to suit poor students and low-paid lecturers, plus their well-to-do families when they're visiting.

"My wines go from \$5 to \$300," he says.

I go for a glass of the house cab-sauv, \$5.

Foodwise, best deal I see is a California roll for \$4.50.

Art promises he can make it quick, which is good, because I'm trying to catch the 7:01 bus. That's 20 minutes from now.

I mean, they have beers, too, interesting ones, and a \$5 white

house-wine too. But Brandon gives me a taste of his cab-sauv, and it's floral, fruity, in a really good way. Maybe I have a sweet tooth, but it goes so great with the roll. Because Art's roll is packed with crab, avocado, and cucumber.

Get talking with Philippe, who's come in for a beer. He's a doctor from France who practices nearby. "This is my *petit coin*," he says.

Man, I could make it mine, too. This is a find. Price, place, and that take-it-easy atmosphere... Just like Humphrey Bogart says to Claude Rains: "Louis, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship."

Oh, Lord. Five minutes to seven.

"Gotta go," I say. "Scuse me while I gulp and gag."

"Dine and shine," says Brandon.

"Glug and go," I say.

by Ed Bedford

Morena 'Q with the pooches

Bay Park isn't on everybody's radar as a dining destination, but the neighborhood's been growing up a little in the past couple of years. Bull's Smokin' BBQ, originally opened by quasi-celebrity chef Franki "the Bull" Terzoli, is one of places that's changing the neighborhood's character. I plan to work my way through the area's staples and newcomers alike, but I'll start with Bull's because they have one big advantage. Dogs are welcomed, not just tolerated, on the patio. My roommate just got a little wiener dog, and the learning curve of dog ownership has been steep. Having a go-to dog-friendly place is cool. They gave the little sausage dog a bone nearly as big as he is to chew on and placed a bowl of water out for him. Plus, with the other dogs there, the under-socialized little goofball got a chance to mingle with the canine kind. For dog owners,

this is a quite the boon. That big patio, bigger than the inside of the restau itself, also has a monstrous projector screen for watching the football or (this really happened) viral videos of cats and honey badgers and the like.

Bull's barbecue style is very dry, by which I mean the meats don't come with a lot of sauce. While some places put a good coat of sauce on ribs as they're finished on the grill, Bull's elects to let the smoked meat stay dry. In order to get a feel for the different meats on the menu, I tried the "round-up" (\$21.95) with a beef rib, two pork ribs, four pieces of andouille sausage, two side dishes, and a piece of cornbread.

My preference is for pork ribs, but I can say that both varieties had the same merits. The minimal saucing of the meat allowed the smokiness to come through in a big way, and the char that had been imparted to the edges of the meat was just right. The andouille sausage

was plenty smoky but unremarkable in the big scheme of things. Not to be cute, but size matters in terms of sausage, and the petite hot links didn't have magnitude on their side. Unassuming bread on the pulled-pork sandwich (\$8.95) housed delectable pork, halfway between the sodden porky that usually plays the part and crispy carnitas. In this, perhaps more than the ribs, I enjoyed the restrained use of sauce. The pork itself was deeply flavored and didn't need to be drowned in sauce. Just a little splash of the sweet BBQ from the handy squeeze bottle was perfect.

Size was the biggest limiter for Bull's. It's a fine tradition of Southern eaters to indulge in large, satiating portions, and I find that barbecue joints often serve modest amounts of food, perhaps expecting delicate, Californian sensibilities to be offended by a large meal. The 20-dollar platter was advertised as being big enough for two people, but even with

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an auxiliary sandwich it was a tough sell as a two-person meal. I don't mind paying for a lot of food, especially when I sit down to grind some serious Q, but I want to be sure I get plenty.

Side dishes were a strong suit. The crispy cole slaw had been laced with candied almonds, and the baked beans, unfortunately served stone cold, were sweet and savory in all the right ways. Mac and cheese, which had received a Whiskey-Tango topping of crushed Cheez-Its, was a gooey pot of Mornay held together with minimal noodles. Win. The cornbread was miniature but delicious. A root beer float (who needs plain soda or beer?) went the extra mile with cookies and creamy ice cream, and lots of it, for a totally justified \$3.95.

Bull's Smokin' BBQ, 1127 West Morena Boulevard.

by Ian Pike

No small feat

It's that time of year again. San Diego's brewers just made their annual easterly migration toward the Rocky Mountains. Their destination: Denver, Colorado. Their mission: bring back as much hardware as possible from the largest annual craft-

brewing competition in the country — the Great American Beer Festival (GABF).

Each year, gold, silver, and bronze medals are handed out for the top three versions of 84 beer styles. The results of those individual competitions also dictate which companies are named the Large, Medium-sized, and Small Brewing Companies of the Year as well as the Large and Small Brewpubs of the year. This is a competition that San Diego brewing companies have fared well in historically.

Much of the region's recent success has come via the San Diego-based Pizza Port chain of brewpubs. Last year, Pizza Port's brewpubs accounted for a total of 13 medals, 5 of them gold. For the past three years, Pizza Port Carlsbad has won Large Brewpub of the Year, and last year, the chain's Ocean Beach location won Small Brewpub of the Year, making it a clean sweep for 2011. But since then, there's been some shake-up.

Jeff Bagby, who's possibly won more GABF medals than any individual brewer in history, has left the company to open his own North County coastal brewpub. On top of that, Pizza Port Ocean Beach head brewer Yiga Miyashiro has since shifted

his energies from the coast to establishment of the business' fourth location — a combination brewpub and production facility in Carlsbad's inland Bressi Ranch community (though, he almost certainly played a prominent role in brewing the beers sent to Denver for GABF judging). It will be interesting to see if Pizza Port can maintain its dominance this year.

In 2011, the bottled beers produced by Pizza Port's Lost Abbey and Port Brewing garnered a silver and bronze apiece, as well. Other San Diegans to medal included AleSmith, Karl Strauss Brewing Company, and Rock Bottom's La Jolla brewpub, bringing San Diego's total medal count to 20.

This year's GABF — the 31st iteration of this beer blow-out — will be the largest yet, with well over 4000 total entries from 676 breweries and brewpubs (including 154 first-time entrants). With over 50 operating brewhouses in San Diego, our region has a large number of horses in the race (not that all of them entered the competition) — but then again, so does everybody else as the number of breweries in America continues to rise at an astronomical rate.

Remaining as successful as

our county's brewers have been will be no small feat. It's a trend that's only going to get harder to maintain, but hope, like hoppy double IPAs from local tap handles, springs eternal.

by Brandon Hernández

Breakfast on the go!

Look out, mama, I'm on the road again...

Song buzzes through my mind as we rock north on the Amtrak Surfliner. Heading for Laguna Beach.

"Okay, this isn't the Orient Express," says Tuan, the guy in charge of this Sea View Cafe onboard the train. "But I can help you make this a little more gourmet."

He's talking about the Top Ramen chicken noodles I've just bought ("Cup O Noodle," \$2.25). He goes out of sight for a moment and comes back with a chilled wedge of lime, and a new bottle of Tabasco. And, you know what? It works.

There's nothing I like better than eating and traveling. At the same time.

I also got a breakfast sandwich with a sausage patty, eggs and cheese in a bun (\$4.25), and a coffee (\$1.75).

More songs drift through my

head. "Rollin' rollin' rollin', Keep them doggies rollin'..."

"Up the stairs, please," says Tuan for the 20th time. He has to say it to passengers getting on at each station we stop at. Folks have gotta have their tickets checked in their seats first.

And, wow: They also have Arrogant Bastard beer (\$8) and Smallish bottles of Coppola Merlot (\$15).

Is there any better reason to sell your car?

by Ed Bedford

San Diego winners

Held annually in Denver, the Great American Beer Festival is the largest brewing competition in the country. Gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded in 84 beer styles. The following is a list of 2012 GABF awards won by San Diego brewing companies:

American Belgo Style: Le Freak, Green Flash Brewing Company—San Diego, CA (gold)

Belgian Style Abbey Ale: Tripel, Green Flash Brewing Company—San Diego, CA (gold)

Session Beer: Twerp, Pizza Port Carlsbad—Carlsbad, CA (gold)

Classic Irish Style Dry Stout: Seaside Stout, Pizza Port Solana Beach—Solana Beach, CA (gold)

Oatmeal Stout: Oats, Pizza Port Solana Beach—Solana Beach, CA (gold)

Wood and Barrel Aged Strong Beer: Manhattan Project, The Beer Company—San Diego, CA (gold)

Belgian and French Style Ale: Saint's Devotion, The Lost Abbey—San Marcos, CA (gold)

American Style Stout: Order in the Port, Pizza Port, San Clemente—San Clemente, CA (gold) *

Scotch Ale: Way Heavy, Pizza Port San Clemente—San Clemente, CA (gold) *

Wood and Barrel Aged Strong Stout: Silva Stout, Green Flash Brewing Company—San Diego, CA (silver)

American Style Sour: Red Poppy, The Lost Abbey—San Marcos, CA (silver)

Belgian Style Strong: Grand Cru, AleSmith—San Diego, CA (bronze)

Old or Strong Ale: Decadence 2010 Old Ale, AleSmith—San Diego, CA (bronze)

American IPA: Duet, Alpine—Alpine, CA (bronze)

Imperial Red: 547 Haight, Pizza Port Carlsbad—Carlsbad, CA (bronze)

Indigenous Beer: Hot Rocks Lager, Port Brewing—San Marcos, CA (bronze)

Experimental Beer: Track 8, The Lost Abbey—San Marcos, CA (bronze)

San Diego brewers brought home 15 total awards (17, counting offshoots of San Diego-based companies that are located outside of the county, denoted by asterisks above). Though admirable, it is down five from last year's total of 20.

Pizza Port once again had a strong showing. This time around, it was its Solana Beach and San Clemente brewpubs that were most successful, earning two gold medals apiece. Last year's winners of the Large and Small Brewpub of the Year awards — Pizza Port Carlsbad and Ocean Beach — managed two medals, a gold and bronze earned by the Carlsbad brewing team. Meanwhile, Pizza Port's dual production brewery operations also took big honors, with the Lost Abbey nabbing a gold, silver, and bronze, and Port Brewing getting a bronze.

Mira Mesa's Green Flash Brewing Company did the best of anyone, earning two golds (the company's first first-place finishes ever) and a silver, while their Miramar neighbors at AleSmith took home a pair

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of bronzes. Alpine Beer Co. earned a bronze in American IPA, a category with 203 entries, while first-time winner the Beer Co. will be bringing back a shiny gold medal to the Gaslamp.

This year's winners of the non-beer category awards were:

Large Brewing Company of the Year: Pabst Brewing Company—Los Angeles, CA

Mid-Sized Brewing Company of the Year: Troegs Brewing Company—Hershey, PA

Small Brewing Company of the Year: Funkwerks—Fort Collins, CO

Brewpub Group of the Year: Great Dane Pub Brewing Company—Madison, WI

Large Brewpub of the Year: Church Brew Works—Pittsburgh, PA

Small Brewpub of the Year: Devil's Backbone Brewing Company—Basecamp, Roseland, VA
by Brandon Hernández

The 300-year-old happy hour

Here I am, sitting in a pub that's an exact copy of an Irish pub that dates back to 1702.

The original, Tynan's Pub in Kilkenny, Ireland, was refurbished about, oh, a century ago, and that's what they say we have

right here at **Dublin Square Irish Pub** (554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818), a board-for-board reproduction of the real thing.

Plus, they say this horseshoe bar I'm sitting at is a replica of what was known as the Tynan Bridge House Bar, from the 1800s. This bar was built in Ireland from Irish oak and shipped out. How great is that?

Actually, what is totally great is the happy-hour deal I'm eating: three sliders for just under \$4. They're decent-sized, and the closer is they come with a kind of curry mayonnaise you can pour on if you want to. Oh, man. I want. It gives the sliders a hint of India that's totally scrumbos.

Devaney pours me a Guinness (\$5, happy hour). Says there's a secret to pouring it: hold the glass at 45 degrees and stop at three-quarters full to let all the bubbles rise for a minute or two, then finish it off. It goes great with the sliders.

I've walked past this pub a zillion times. Friday nights, mostly. Just presumed it was a big-money tourist trap. But all the customers around me are locals. Devaney, a teacher, says he has been coming in for 12 years. Every day.

There's lots more happy-hour

food. And a bunch of characters, sitting in an Irish pub that's so near to the real thing, you find yourself talking in a brogue.

by Ed Bedford

Carlsbad favorite revisited

Like many families, we have a number of restaurants that fall into the "old favorites" category. These are restaurants that we've been going to for many years. Garcia's falls into this group. Despite the fact that we no longer live down the street from them, they still occasionally come around in the "we have a hankering for..." rotation.

Over the years, our "usual" selections have changed. Mark used to get the chicken burrito, which is so big; it must have had three chickens' worth of meat in it! After many years, he branched out and now orders a combo plate called "Chewy" (\$11.95) with a smaller chicken burrito, a beef taco, rice, and beans (whole, refried, or black). Our daughter has graduated from the quesadilla to taquitos (\$4.95), which at least includes guacamole, lettuce, and tomatoes (for those of us who count how many servings of vegetables our kids are getting each day).

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I ordered my new favorite, Verduras a la Parrilla (\$13.95). A vegetarian fajitas plate, it's described as having a "Blend of broccoli, sliced zucchini, carrots, bell pepper, mushrooms, onions, and tomatoes." This is probably the third or fourth time that I've ordered it over the past two years. The first couple of times, it called attention to itself with a noticeable sizzle as the server brought it to the table. The cast-iron plate nestled in a wooden trivet displayed seasoned vegetables with just enough charring to make my mouth water. The vegetables are served with tortillas (corn or flour), beans, rice, and guacamole. Interestingly enough, I have yet to order this dish and get any broccoli. And, sadly, the past couple of times that I've ordered it, there was no sizzle and no flecks of char. It was still tasty, but not quite as satisfying.

The long history of the Garcia family is available on their website, and we're clearly not the only family who are regulars, as evidenced by the opening of the twice-as-large Encinitas Garcia's in 2009. The homemade chips and salsa in the colorful, family-oriented setting and classic Mexican fare are sure to create new regulars at both locations,

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by Amy Davis

The longest bar

You can tour **Mission Brewery** (1441 L Street, 619-544-0555) with an expert and get a taster flight of their beers, all for \$12.

I discover this when I'm sitting at their brewery, at the longest bar in San Diego, I swear, indulging in a pint of what right now is my favorite brewski in all San Diego: Mission's Dark Seas Russian Imperial Stout. It's good, chocolatey, and, as you read in their description, velvety.

Also, it's way powerful, at nearly 10 percent alcohol. Till now I've contented myself with their three-ounce taster glasses (\$1 each). But tonight I went the whole hog and laid down \$7 for a pint.

That's when I heard the voice, the laughs. I look around from the way-long bar and see this clump of people weaving among the shiny vats and pipes of the brewing section in the space that used to be the Wonder Bread bakery. They end up at

a long table, sipping different beers while this guy tells them all about it.

Turns out it's Adrian Aguilar, leading his sixth tour of the day.

"That's how popular they are," he says. "You have to book 24 hours ahead. We hold them Friday, Saturday, Sunday from midday on through the day. It takes an hour. At the end, you get a flight of samples of the stuff you've been watching. And you know so much more about what you're tasting."

Wow. Think I'll do this sometime, specially if they can tell the story of this dastardly Dark Seas Russian Imperial Stout.

by Ed Bedford

Chicago invades East Village!

Chicago? Sure feels like it.

"Good morning! Welcome to **Lucky's!**" chirp the two gals at the cash registers. Miriam and Karina. The back of their T-shirts read, "At Lucky's, we love having you here."

So, no complaints on the cheeriness front. And you have to love the right-on-the-street openness of the place. It looks like they have lines a lot of the time, too, because the entryway has a tape with the message,

"Please form a line here."

Plus the retro music playin' ("Why must I be a teenager in love?") with you, as you waltz up to one of the cantilevered counter stools, all nine of them.

I order a basic "Two eggs any style." Poached. Come with hash browns and one side addition. Sides include toast, bacon ("thick-cut, smoked"), sausage. Plus I get coffee (\$2.50. Large is the only size. You get free refills, though).

I go for the bacon but end up paying \$2 extra for some rye toast. So we're talking \$12, \$13. Not totally cheap. But certainly cheery. Miriam says the old black-and-white photos on the wall come from Chicago — like the owner, Ty. "Lucky was one of the Chicago Cubs greets he admires," says Miriam. "That's him signing an autograph for the kid on the right wall."

Turns out these guys are open early (7:30 a.m.) till late (sometimes till 3:00 a.m.). They've only been here since April. But a definite plus for this neighborhood that's got upmarket places enough.

And the ultimate bonus: breakfast all day and all night!

by Ed Bedford

The long view

Few restaurants weathered the tough times of the past few years in more colorful fashion

than the Linkery. Most places either went belly up or buckled down and out-toughed the tough times. The Linkery and El Take It Easy, freshly opened when things went south for the industry, went berserk with menu changes, staff changes, and remodeling. By the end of it — this was in late 2010 — the restaurant was barely recognizable. Traces of the pre-recession Linkery started to creep back in. The menu got longer, sausages came back front-and-center, etc. This Harding-esque "return to normalcy" was in the best (and worst) tradition of a restaurant that has had its best (and worst) moments as the result of experimentation and a staunch refusal to sit down and just *do one thing for a little while and see if it sticks*.

Some say this is a good thing. Some don't like it. I say it's just the way it is.

The more things change, the more they stay the same. That's what they say, at least. Brandon recently reported that Max Bonacci, long-standing big hat at the Linkery and El Take It Easy, was going to be hands-off at the Link in order to focus on EZ. New kid in town Keith Adams is supposed to take the reins at North Park's premier sausage kitchen. This isn't the first such "shake-up" at Jay Porter's restaurants, and there's no doubt it won't be the last. For now,

at least, what's the state of the Linkery?

As of today, the Linkery hits and misses, just as it has always done. Fried cheese curds (\$6.50) were without flaw. Covered in bacon chorizo and tangy pickles, the airy batter surrounded molten cheese that was a super-charged version of mozzarella sticks. Some bites were herbed, others were spicy, all were perfect. Give me more of this, forever, and there will always be a place for you somewhere in my heart, Linkery.

In the same meal, a fish plate of sauteed sculpin came up shorthanded. The fish itself had been brushed with a tangy peach reduction — so far, so good — but the cold squash and tomato salad underneath couldn't distinguish itself. The saddest thing was that this was a near miss. Whole leaves of basil had been strewn about the dish. I pushed them aside at first, but when I finally went to the trouble of cutting them up and mixing them in with the vegetables, the effect was transformative. All of a sudden it was a late-summer ratatouille and the plate started to come together, although the cold vegetables still threw me off.

They are (still) trying.

The restaurant even has its own bottled vintage of Guadalupe Valley red wine. The "El Take It Easy" blend lacks refinement, however, tasting mostly hot and alcoholic.

I guess change and sameness do increase in proportion to each other. You still can't be 100 percent sure what you're going to get if you stray from the sausages, but it might be *great*. That's always been the rub with the Linkery, and it strikes me that the restaurant's capability for greatness might be irrevocably tied to its capacity for failure.

by Ian Pike



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Louise says Dee's is the bee's knees. Louise is sitting under a square black umbrella outside.

"Go in, but you'd better be quick. They're closing soon."

We're at the corner of First and G, not far from the back of Horton Plaza mall and across First Avenue from Ralphs. This black umbrella'd, kinda cool corner place has a great location, mainly because the sidewalk stretches out good and wide, so there's plenty of space for tables and umbrellas.

It's called **Dee's Newbreak Coffee Café** (690 First Avenue, downtown, 619-269-0580).

I head inside, looking for a coffee, basically. It's mostly decorated in black, with changes like a red wall with a modern-art splash painting and a stone tile wall with George Harrison, I swear, looking like he's picking up a surfboard for the first time in his life. They even have a wall of corrugated iron.

I mean, this late in the afternoon, everyone's supposed to be drooping, ready to get off shift. But Nathalia and Danielle, the baristas, are as eager as if it was the crack o' dawn.

And even though the kitchen's officially just closing, Danielle softens her heart and lets a poor wanderer choose something to eat.

"The most delicious?" says Nathalia when I ask her what sticks out among the raft of sandwiches. She picks out ones like "Under the Tuscan Sun (diced chicken, tomatoes, lettuce, Swiss cheese and a "zesty sauce," \$7.49), or "New-B-Ken-OB (turkey, bacon, avo, Swiss, mayo, lettuce, tomato, \$7.49).

"Actually, I was thinking breakfast," I say.

She doesn't skip a beat.

"Oh. Well I like the Greek Sunrise," she says, "because it's got that Greek taste: spinach, feta..."

"Done," I say. Don't want to miss the cook.

The menu reads, "Two eggs, scrambled, with feta cheese, spinach, and oregano, in pita bread, \$4.75."

What comes out is a thick pita tortilla wrapped around all that good stuff, cut in half and wafting out that Greek Mediterranean smell of goat cheese and pita bread. You think of that classic movie *Zorba the Greek*. "Dance... you said *dance*?" What a movie. That bouzouki plucking away. Mamma mia! (Uh okay, that's Italian.)

This little pita sandwich is kinda juicy, 'specially when you

swill it down with the huge paper cup of coffee they give you for \$1.75.

"So, what's with this name, 'Newbreak?'" I ask Nathalia. "Greeks breaking plates at weddings?"

"No, no," she says. "It's about the owner. Dee Harris. She's young, in her 20s. Into surfing. She took this location over from 'It's a Grind' coffee place."

Seems Dee and her mom started the first Newbreak coffee place in O.B. Have two there now. Named them after a "secret spot" with a right-breaking wave, great to surf when there's a north or northwest swell.

Ah. So, now all the food item names make sense. "Blacks Beach," (two eggs any style), "Down By the Sea," (albacore tuna wrap).

I don't hang around too long. These guys are closing. Tomorrow, crack of dawn, they'll have to be up, back, and at 'em.

Unless there's a swell from the northwest up at Newbreak itself, of course.

by Ed Bedford

Best danged corned beef hash in town?

Is there any breakfast more wicked and delicious than corned beef hash?

That great wad of salty, potatoey gunge, with a couple of eggs, English muffins, cuppa steaming joe: starts a morning off right.

Add to that the romantic surroundings of an expensive hotel courtyard with a moderate price,

and the world's suddenly a beautiful place.

Have to admit, I was totally astonished when I cruised by the historic Horton Grand Hotel and there in the window, a big sign: "The Cheese Shop, come on in!" Or words to that effect.

And where you come in to is this beautiful brick and tree-strewn courtyard. Hannah comes out in a kinda formal waitress dress, doesn't throw me out, and actually lets me order this breakfast. Costs me \$10.95 plus tax for the corned-beef hash.

And the thing I really like is this is home-made hash. The chunks of corned beef are pretty big.

I dunno. Somehow the Victorian window balconies, the white wrought-iron tables, the quiet rustling of the trees, the sky above, smack in the middle of the raucous Gaslamp. Just don't tell anyone, okay? Hate to spoil it.

by Ed Bedford

Rocker helming new Kearny Mesa brewery

Helm's Brewing Company (5640 Kearny Mesa Road) is a small, upcoming industrial-park brewery I've had on my radar for the past six months. When I heard a rumor that they would be holding their soft open last Saturday, I headed over earlier in the week to get some information about it.

When I arrived, I was able to chat for a bit and discovered that Saturday was not, in fact, the dawn of their soft-open period. It

was, however, the first time they sold their beer to the public. The tasting-room staff used a week-end concert held at the nearby Harley-Davidson dealership as an opportunity to conduct a dry run, offering up tastings of a single keg of their pale ale to get ready for their real soft open, which begins on October 28.

A grand opening is planned for November 17. Brewer Brian Mitchell says, by then, Helm's will have the pale ale on full-time along with a brown ale, red IPA, a coffee porter infused with black pepper and aged in almond wood, plus a seasonal called Samuin Harvest Pumpkin Ale brewed with cinnamon, ginger, and nutmeg.

Mitchell played guitar as a professional rock musician before getting into brewing. His last gig was working at La Jolla Brew House. All of his fermenters are filled with future product and, though he's been extremely busy, he's enjoying his time at Helm's. When asked how the new job measures up to rocking out, he says it's a natural artistic replacement that scratches his creative itch. Another plus: it takes an entire band to make music, but he likes the fact that, with brewing, he can do it all on his own.

by Brandon Hernández

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Bands Across the Border. Hailed by Spanish magazine *Plástica* as “one of the most important happenings in Latin American music [and] in general for Mexican music,” the third annual All My Friends Music Festival, set for November 17 this year, is extending

attendance. “[This year] we become an all-ages show and will invite bands from the United States, in this manner serving the rich cultural and musical exchange lived throughout the U.S.-Mexico border,” says Preciado. “We are striving to become a festival

Garcia. Highlights from the north include Brooklyn’s whimsical one-man Latin electro-folk innovator Helado Negro, Los Angeles occult drone-folk artist Chelsea Wolfe, Long Beach Touch and Go psychedelic act Crystal Antlers, San Diego sunny-day treats Tropical Popsicle, and El Centro/Mexicali *fronteracore* post punks Batwings.

Mexicali no-wave/dance-punk trio Maniqui Lazer will be out representing Baja’s capital along with the ambient desert soundscapes of Vampire Slayer, aka Valentin Torres of Maniqui Lazer and experimental/dance/punk/electronic label Indiangold Records.

Recently reunited post-rock outfit Ambiente will be flying the Tijuana banner in addition to, among many others, TJ/Chula Vista hardcore crusties Bumbklaatt, TJ/Vegas doom-folk troubadour Late Nite Howl, *ruidoso*n ambassadors Los Macuanos and Maria y Jose, powerviolence outfit Calafia Puta, and moody darkwave duo Dancing Strangers (members of the Electric Healing Sound and Shantelle).

Last year’s location — the tack-fabulous Millionaire’s Mansion in the hills overlooking downtown TJ — will be hard to beat, but the historic Casa de la Cultura looks to be a promising alternative.

One of Tijuana’s oldest buildings, Casa de la Cultura is a former World War II es-

pionage center that now serves as an art school capable of accommodating the expected 2500–3000 attendees.

With presale tickets (*amfmf.com*) at 100 pesos and the rest at 150 (that’s roughly \$8 and \$12 USD, respectively), you’ve got no excuse not to head south, rock out, and whoop it up.

— Chad Deal

Vegan Rock. “I recently finished my first solo record, and I’m going under the name A Veil,” says Chapter 14 singer/guitarist Chad Ackerman.

Ackerman was still attending San Marcos High School when he joined As I Lay Dying, playing rhythm guitar with the metal band until his departure in 2003. He went on to other hard-rock ensembles such as Destroy the Runner and Chapter 14, as well as the three-piece trip-hop/electro-rock group Count Your Curses. “Chapter 14 and Count Your Curses are still alive, but they’re on hold for awhile, being that all my time, passion, and effort is going into the solo project. Guitarist Tanner Sparks and bassist Edwin Peraza [both from Chapter 14] recorded the A Veil album alongside me.”

What differentiates A Veil from Chapter 14? “Being in the heavy-metal rock scene for so many years was a lot of fun, but I really feel that this album shows who I am as a songwriter and musician. I play acoustic guitar on all of the songs and

sing the backup vocals and harmonies.”

Also different, “The lyrical content is heavily vegan-themed.... I’ve been vegan

been self-funded, self-written, self-produced, and self-managed. A lot of artists focus on getting signed or getting spotted by an A&R scout for



Ackerman promotes veganism in his new band A Veil.

now for two years, and I feel better than I’ve ever felt. I’ve been able to help others with nutritional questions and fitness since becoming vegan, and I highly promote its health and environmental benefits.” To that end, the first A Veil song being filmed for a music video is “Tombs,” inspired by a Leonardo Da Vinci quote: “My body will not be a tomb for other creatures.”

“It’ll be a zombie video,” says Ackerman. “I hired Frank Ippolito from the SyFy TV show *Face Off* to do all of the creature effects and special makeup effects.”

Ackerman will self-release A Veil’s debut full-length, *The In Between*, on November 30. “I really wanted to show other musicians that you don’t need a label to be an artist anymore. Everything with A Veil has

some label....

“I worked four part-time jobs to save up for A Veil. It was hard and depressing at some points, but it paid off, and it helped me write some great material. I think when artists write from the heart, at their weakest points, songs emerge that other people can relate to.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

Your Guy Doesn’t Spit Fire. Jason Lee started doing Kiss tributes 36 years ago.

“I remember being six years old and putting the pillows in a semicircle around the couch like a stage. I would air drum with chop sticks to [live album] *Kiss Alive*. My older brother was really into Kiss.”

Since then, Lee has sung and played drums in sev-

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a hand across the border for the first time to include bands from sister city San Diego to as far away as Brooklyn.

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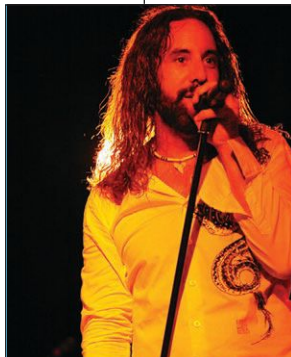
eral bands, including Loss of Control (for 12 years) and various tribute acts emulating Van Halen, Jimi Hendrix, Black Sabbath, and the Black Crowes.

Now Lee's immersed in his role of "Cat-man," the character of original Kiss drummer Peter Criss. He plays in the local Kiss tribute band Kissed Alive, which has a dream gig on Halloween. "Up at Lake Arrowhead the kids really can't trick-or-treat at houses, so all the businesses downtown hand

out candy. Then at about 6:30 they have a big free outdoor concert. They hired us this year."

Lee says the tribute racket has its drawbacks.

"You really have to be a fan



Lee: Kiss is cool, "as long as you don't make too much money."

of the band, otherwise you can get tired of it really quick. And people can get really picky over the details. Like, one Kiss tribute guy might say to another, 'Your guy doesn't spit

fire, so he's a big pussy."

But doesn't the original Kiss ever get upset over the use of their intellectual property? "I heard that as long as you don't make too much money, as long

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as you fly under the radar, they are cool with it."

Isn't Gene Simmons one of the most detested figures in rock? "I have no comment. I respect his business skills. I never met Gene, but I like his music."

Kissed Alive appears November 2 with Ratts at Brick by Brick.

— Ken Leighton

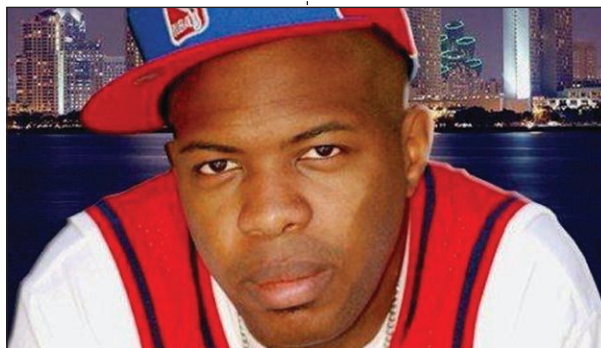
Record-Release Roundup.

Videos for new songs by Writer — "Hot Days" and a cover of Santigold's "Disparate Youth" — from their upcoming full-length *Brotherface* (due October 30), are streaming online, both directed by E. Lee Smith. The first was filmed in Joshua Tree National Park, while the second animates street graffiti from the band's new Brooklyn NYC neighborhood.

Hip-hop emcee Michael May, aka Meidai, will release

Tears of a Clown on November 8 on his Off Da Wall MusiQ label. "It'll be a digital download, with CDs soon to follow," says May. "The album title means someone who hides behind laughter, when in reality

Records and Killer Distribution. Produced by Barker, the EP features vocals from Tim Armstrong (Rancid) and Skinhead Rob (Transplants), and scratch FX by Mixmaster Mike (Beastie Boys).



Meidai says *Tears* is about "someone who hides behind laughter."

there's a lot more behind the scenes going on. In my case, I hide behind my music and instead of showing emotions I tell jokes."

Travis Barker's collaborative five-song EP with Yelowolf, *Psycho White*, drops November 13 via LaSalle

Chapter 14 frontman Chad Ackerman will release *The In Between*, the debut full-length from his new solo project A Veil, on November 30, his 29th birthday. "I wrote 32 songs and chose 8 of them to be on my first release," says Ackerman, who recorded at

the Spot, a Vista studio operated by Chapter 14 bandmate Tanner Sparks. Vocals, extra programming, percussion, and kazoo tracks were recorded with Brian Grider at SCM Recordings in Corona, where everything was mixed and mastered.

The Electric Healing Sound EP will debut in late November, courtesy of San Diego/Mexican label and art collective Cholo Punks.

Guitarist Johnny Vernazza is recording a new full-length, *Lions and Thieves*, with guest players such as his former employer Elvin Bishop, as well as Charlie Musselwhite, Albert Lee, Charlie Daniels, and famed L.A. Wrecking Crew producer Don Peake.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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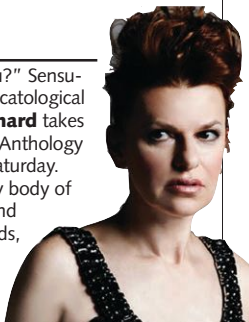
CALEXICO AT BELLY UP

Thursday 25

Southwest desert rockers **Calexico** import the brass, bap, and twang of mariachi, which informs sprawling, country-tuned guitar movements that are filmic, even without the film. Maybe especially without the film. I have seen them described as "desert noir," which worked fine until this year's *Algiers*. Recording in New Orleans, the Tucson duo explored more internal terrains and delivered what one reliable reviewer wrote off as "confessional pop." I have yet to give *Algiers* that headphone listen, but it doesn't matter, as the earlier records (*Black Light*, *Hot Rail*, *Feast of Wire*) make up the bulk of the Calexico experience, which is an engaging, entrancing experience. With a side of hot sauce. The always excellent SanFran indie-folk band the **Dodos** open the show, certifying this Belly Up bill as the gig to get to this week.... Else: House of Blues hosts Weezer teasers **Geezer** and Sub Pop hip-hop hits **Macklemore & Ryan Lewis** playing a Revenge of the Nerds costume party...while the Rock 'n' Roll Preservation Society, under the auspices of DJs **Heather Hardcore**, **Diana Death**, and **Kylee Mayer**, continues to (Triumph voice on) *fight the good fight every moment* (Triumph voice off) at Til-Two.

Friday 26

"I love being me. Don't you?" Sensual, sassy, sexy, scintillating, scatological comedienne **Sandra Bernhard** takes over Little Italy supper club Anthology for two nights Friday and Saturday. Ms. Bernhard's often bawdy body of work ranges from movies and television to books and bands, and she does it all with freaky confidence and skill. Her lounge singer lingers as her glam-rock diva devours our caffeinated culture of celebrity, politics, and celebrity politics. It's a rainy Sunday as I type this week's thing, and I can't think of anything I'd rather do when I'm done than watch her in *King of Comedy* and *Without You I'm Nothing*. Fortunately, I'm packing to move and these films



SANDRA BERNHARD AT ANTHOLOGY

are at hand. Unfortunately, I can't find my VHS player.... After Sandra B's 7:30 set, stroll on over to Casbah, which fills a locals-only bill with hard-rocking favorites **Blackout Party**, **Deadly Birds**, **Black Hondo**, and **Shaking Pyramid**.... Miss the door in Middletown, Oklahoma skate punks **They Stay Dead** will take down the Shakedown with "aggro riffs, fast beats, and yelling about stuff that sucks" ...Minneapolis "cosmic groovers" **Night Moves** deliver debut *Colored Emotions* to Soda Bar after **Ditches** and **Future You**....Soma sets up Irish indie-rock trio **Two Door Cinema Club**, touring in support of int'l chart topper *Beacon*... while Erik Francis Schrody aka Whitey Ford aka **Everlast** brings his acoustic-rap act to Belly Up after SD dirt-pop trio **Short Eyes**.

Saturday 27

Looks as if our desert-dwelling R&B-rapping **Gonjasufi**'s *finally* making his way home for a one-off at Kava Lounge. Since transporting to Vegas, Sufi's made a name dishing filthy grooves with psycho raps and a gravelly croon, backed by a couple other ex-Dago hits in Gaslamp Killer and Psychopop. Though this year's *MU.ZZ.LE* is the suggested "accessible inroad" to Sufi's work, you'd do well to start from *Sufi and a Killer* and take the *9th Inning* EP bridge to get there. (Love that Sufi-as-the-Padre-friar logo!) Please note: Kava Lounge has this posted as a "private event," but promoter [facebook.com/kill-quant/events](https://www.facebook.com/kill-quant/events) says it's happening and that, so far, 1291(!) guests are attending. Place holds, like, 125 people. Should be a scene.... Best of the rest: Ohio hip-hop vets **Bone Thugs-n-Harmony** are out to tout this year's *The Art of War III*, due to drop in November. They'll be at 4th&B...Grammy-nominated comedy rockers **Green Jelly** will play your RDA of *Musick to Insult Your Intelligence* By at Brick by Brick...round the bend, Steeltown's soul-rock sextet **Rusted Root** follow Canada band **Lauren Mann & the Fairly Odd Folk** into the Griffin...Gypsy jazz band **Gonzalo Bergara Quartet** plays the back room at 98 Bottles in support of this year's "Walking Home"...TJ gazers **Electric Healing Sound** plug in at Tin Can Alehouse after British psych-pop trio **Dignan Porch**...**Social Club**, **H.A. Perkins**, and **A Scribe Amidst the Lions** fill an indie-rock bill at the Ken Club...and if you're



CONJASUFI AT KAVA LOUNGE

up for a "Lyrical Ass Beating," that Bronx-born, Jamaican-made rapper **KRS-One** is up at Porter's Pub behind this year's *Just Like That*.

Sunday 28

Mars Volta's **Omar Rodríguez-López** lands at Casbah behind his 22nd set (his third in an electronica trilogy released this year), *Octopus Kool Aid*. The prog-rock multi-instrumentalist is an effects experimentalist of the wildest kind, so measure your head before ordering. **Crypts** and **Nina Dios** set it up.... Bay Park bar Brick by Brick will host its annual Halloween Horror Show on Sunday, screening classic horror films all night and staging spook-rock acts **Koffin Kats**, **Silver Shins**, **Hard Fall Hearts**, and **Oddball**.

Monday 29

Seattle-based psych-droners **Earth** will eclipse Soda Bar with the sonic squalls off of this year's *Angels of Darkness*, *Demons of Light II*, the softer side of last year's volume *I*. Earth's introduction of more blues-based metal has earned the band some critical love and broader appeal. Rock writers seem to agree it's because drummer Adrienne Davies is the shiznat. **Stebmo** and **Cult of Youth** are also on the bill.... Will Crain Of Noted the **Pil** gig at House of Blues, so flip or click there for more on that...and Swedish dance-pop duo **Niki & the Dove** alight at the Loft at UCSD behind this year's hit indietronica disc *Instinct*.

Tuesday 30

"Music that appeals to both the thinking and the banging head." Portland quartet **Red Fang's** *Murder the Mountains* record is one sludgest of heaviosity. Think Mastodon. Think Melvins. Fan of the brand? Cool. Now, forget all that, get yer mitts on *Murder*, pocket some ear plugs, and go to their show, which goes down at Casbah after **Black Tusk**, **Lord Dying**, and **Marsupials**.... Honorable mentionables: Belly Up books some greezy punk 'n' roll treats on Tuesday, as **Devil Makes Three**, **Jonny**



RED FANG AT CASBAH

"**Corndawg**" **Fritz**, and **Sean Wheeler & Zander Schloss** take the Solana Beach stage...while Dio tribute, **Dio Disciples**, bring their "highly regarded and officially sanctioned" thing to Brick by Brick.

Wednesday 31

Happy Halloween, Gotho McGotherson. That Bauhaus batman **Peter Murphy** will be at 4th&B. The "Godfather of Goth" returned with *Ninth* last year, a less droning return to form for the undead icon. That's for the Serious Halloweeners; let's call it "the trick".... And "the treats": hard-rocking hometown hits **Night Marchers** reunite for the night at Bar Pink, where they'll follow fuzz-pop four-piece **Mrs. Magician**...blues-rock band **Grace Potter & the Nocturnals** hits House of Blues behind this year's *Billboard* breakthrough *The Lion the Beast the Beat*...organ-grinding dance band the **Creepy Creeps** join **Cramp'd**, **Low Volts**, and **Stephen Rey & the Sex Trash** at Casbah...while Adam Gimbels **Blasphemous Guitars** will do a monster mash-up, covering all your cover-band needs up at Belly Up. *It's people!*



PETER MURPHY AT 4TH&B

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Originally from Colorado, Bailey was the youngest of three siblings, one of whom inspired her first musical aspirations. “My older sister played piano and violin, so those were the first instruments I learned on, when I was around eight. But I also wanted to sing, so I later picked up the guitar and started learning [to play] when I was in junior high. That seemed like the most efficient way to evolve into a solo singer/songwriter. I got a Fender Telecaster and then a Gibson Les Paul Studio, [and] I got a locally made Taylor that kept sounding better over time, the more I played it.”

Bailey attended Seattle Pacific University in Washington, where she began gigging at area venues, and she spent a short time plying her sonic trade in Nashville before landing in San Diego in 2002. Her self-released five-song EP *It Ain’t Rocket Surgery* was re-released in 2009 by local Blindspot Records, and her songs have appeared on the past three volumes of Blindspot’s San Diego music compilation series, *Staring at the Sun*.

In late 2011, Blindspot issued her *String Theory* CD, produced by Mike Kamoo (the Stereotypes, the Loons) and nominated for Best Pop Album at this year’s San Diego Music Awards (which also gave her Best Pop noms in

2009, 2010, and 2011). Featuring songs penned by Bailey and Bart Mendoza (the Shambles, Manual Scan), as well as lead vocals from both, guest performers on the album include

Lee Harding (Echo Revolution) and Ed Kornhauser (Purity of Essence).

Wendy Bailey appears on November 1 at Riviera Supper Club in La Mesa, as well as on November 13 on the House of Blues’ Voodoo Stage.

WHAT’S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

“Honestly, I’m listening to a lot of singles these days, as well as compilations I created from iTunes. They include artists like Black Rebel Motorcycle Club, Stevie Wonder, Earth, Wind & Fire, Muse, and the Goo Goo Dolls.”

EVER BEEN INJURED ONSTAGE?

“Yes. I was playing with one of my first bands here. We had a show at the San Diego Sports Bar, which is now the Ruby Room. I was trying to move my amp across the stage about three feet or so above the floor, and I missed my step and skinned my shin. I didn’t know until after the show that I was bleeding. I still have a scar from that.”

WHO IN YOUR FAMILY DO YOU TAKE AFTER?

“No one specifically. I’m a healthy balance between the white and black sheep of my family.”

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FAVORITE LOCAL SINGER?

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BEST AND WORST BAND NAMES?

“The best would probably be Black Rebel Motorcycle Club. The worst? Butt Trumpet.”

GREATEST CONCERT?

“U2, during their *Achtung Baby* tour in Tacoma, Washington. It was my first time seeing them in concert. That was 1992, and they were so far away from me, but I was in the same room with them, and that’s all that mattered. I cried.”

BIGGEST LIE YOU EVER TOLD?

“In high school, when I said, ‘Yes, I’m in love with him.’”

WHO MAKES OUT IN YOUR WILL?

“No will made yet, but, indeed, I’m not sure who will get my lovely guitars.”

IDEAL VACATION SPOT?

“Vacation? What’s that? Musicians don’t go on vacation...that’s what tours are for.”

EVER BEEN FIRED?

“Yes. A long time ago, I was working for a small studio in Seattle. I wasn’t very good at collecting funds for our invoices, so, alas, no money equals no job.”

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE DAY OF THE WEEK?

“I’m thankful for every day I wake.”



PHOTOGRAPH BY DAN CHUSID

Wendy Bailey bears the scar from one of her first live shows in San Diego.

LAST TIME YOU GOT YELLED AT?

“I think it was by my drummer for canceling a practice.”

FIRST TIME DRUNK?

“I can’t remember. It was that good.”

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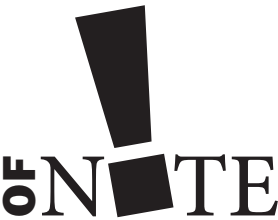
4th&B:
Saturday, 10pm — Rock the Bells presents Bone Thugs N Harmony. Performance with “all five original members: Layzie Bone, Flesh-n-Bone, Bizzy Bone, Krayzie Bone, and Wish Bone.” 21 and up.
Sunday, 8pm — Bruce Foxton. English rocker from the Jam. New wave. \$25-\$35. 21 and up.
Wednesday, 9pm — Peter Murphy. Halloween Bash 2012. \$20-\$30.

98 Bottles:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Kornél Fekete-Kovács and Friends. Dizzy’s presents Hungarian trumpet virtuoso Kornél Fekete-Kovács joined by pianist Mike Garson, bassist Bob Magnusson, drummer Kevin Koch, flautist Lori Bell. \$15. 21 and up.
Friday, 8pm — Steph Johnson Trio. Dizzy’s hosts “special birthday performance,” with Rob Thorsen and Fernando Gomez. \$15. 21 and up.
Saturday, 8pm — The Gonzalo Bergara Quartet. Quartet celebrates release of *Walking Home* during show presented by Dizzy’s. \$20. 21 and up.

Anthology:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Orquesta Aragón. Also known as La Madre

de las Charangas Cubanas (*the Mother of The Cuban Charangas*) as well as La Charanga Eterna (The Eternal Charanga)., the band’s long and successful career began on September 30th, 1939, in Cienfuegos, Cuba, under the leadership of Orestes Aragón. \$12-\$36. 21 and up.
Friday, 9:30pm — “Indie By Design”. Featuring Danielle LoPresti and the Masses. \$12.
Sunday, 7pm — Robert Glasper. Robert Glasper has long kept one foot planted firmly in jazz and the other in hip-hop and R&B. He’s worked extensively with Q-Tip, playing keyboards on the rapper’s 2008 album *The Renaissance*, and co-writing the album single “Life Is Better” which featured his label mate Norah Jones. Glasper also serves as the music director in Yasiin Bey’s touring band, and has toured with the multi-platinum R&B singer Maxwell. \$11-\$24. 21 and up.
Monday, 6pm — Cathryn Beeks Homegrown Showcase. Local rock by Zimbeat (6pm), Dawn Mitschele (6:30pm), Sister Speak (7pm), Christopher Dale (7:30pm), Sunday Hustle (8pm), Channel (8:30pm), County Fair (9pm), Todo Mundo (9:30pm). \$5.
Tuesday, 9:30am — Elvis Crespo. Radio Latina presents Elvis Crespo. Tickets only available through Radio Latina.

Bar Pink:
Thursday, 9pm — Fam Royal.
Friday, 9pm — Bonkers! EDM dance party.
Saturday, 9pm — Kata with Ana.
Sunday, 9pm — DJ Joemama



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

It has to be weird to be John Lydon. I once saw Public Image Ltd. play in San Francisco and after a few songs, Lydon stormed offstage because people in the front row were spitting at him. They had probably read that punks did that at the early Sex Pistols shows and were trying to re-create the moment. Lydon wasn’t going to let them.

More than anyone else, Lydon was responsible for the cultural explosion of U.K. punk. But that was when he was known as Johnny Rotten and was barely out of his teens. After the Sex Pistols’ inevitable demise, he returned to his given name and essentially created the

post-punk genre with the early releases by Public Image Ltd. Still, a big chunk of his audience wanted the Johnny Rotten act.

And it was an act, largely. Lydon has spent the past 20 years or so softening his public image. He broke up PiL, wrote an autobiography exposing himself as more of a prankster than an evil genius, cashed out his punk legacy with a couple of Sex Pistols reunion tours, and even appeared in a TV commercial and a reality TV show.

Now he has returned to the PiL name and more or less to the sound of its early music, heavily influenced by dub reggae and German art rock. And he’s done it without crucial original PiL members Keith Levene and Jah Wobble.

I guess this is not a very punk-rock thing for Lydon to do, but I don’t care. Walking offstage



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at that show was not a very punk-rock thing to do, but who in the world likes being spit on? He is just a man, after all.

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and DJ Tramlife. Happy Endings night.
Monday, 9pm — The Husky Boy All-Stars. Monday mass with DJs Buddha, Grimm, and Switch.
Tuesday, 9pm — Adrian Demain’s Exoticatronica. Tiki Tuesday.
Wednesday, 9pm — Night Marchers and Mrs. Magician.

Belly Up:
Thursday, 9pm — Calexico. With the Dodos. \$22-\$24.
Saturday, 9pm — Wild Child and Abbey Road. Doors and Sgt.

Pepper’s Lonely Heart Club tribute bands. \$20-\$22. 21 and up.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — The Devil Makes Three. Sean Wheeler and Zander Schloss with Jonny Fritz Corndawg. \$17-\$20. 21 and up.
Wednesday, 8pm — Halloween Heat! With Blasphemous Guitars, DJs, costume contest.

Brick by Brick:
Friday, 7pm — Junkyard, Local Reign, Future Villains.
Saturday, 7pm — Green Jelly, Strikefits, DIA. With Nilbog and Dead Serial Killers. \$10-\$12.

Sunday, 8pm — The Koffin Kats and Silver Shine. Psychobilly.
Tuesday, 7pm — Dio Disciples. Celebration of the life and music of Ronnie James Dio! \$20-\$25.

Casbah:
Thursday — The Bloodflowers, Shake Before Us, The Touchies. \$6.
Friday, 8:30pm — Blackout Party, Deadly Birds, Black Hondo. With Shaking Pyramid, DJ Mr. Mazee and DJ Claire. \$10-\$12. 21 and up.
Saturday, 8:30pm — Matthew

Dear and Light Asylum. Electro-pop. \$15-\$17. 21 and up.
Sunday, 8:30pm — Omar Rodriguez Lopez and Crypts. \$15. 21 and up.
Monday, 9pm — Gone Baby Gone, Schitzophonics, Stevie & the Hi-Stax. Anti-Monday League presents pre-Halloween bash, with Dark Thirty and the Love Lashes. \$3-\$10. 21 and up.
Tuesday, 8:30pm — Red Fang, Black Tusk, Lord Dying. \$13-\$15. 21 and up.
Wednesday, 8:30pm — Halloween with the Creepy

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Copley Symphony Hall:
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Eleven:
Thursday, 9pm — Olneyville Sound System and Street Buddy. \$4.

Friday, 9pm — Immobile Objects, Sleep Lady, Gypsy Blood. \$6.

Saturday, 9pm — The Gore Horsemen, The Green Almighty, Mark Mallman. With Alligator Republic. Psychobilly. \$6.

Sunday, 5pm — Baby Buffalo, Brainstorm, Keith Sweaty. \$5.

Monday, 9pm — Balloons, Rebuilder, Wes Ghost. Electronic night, with Californino. \$3.

Tuesday, 9pm — The Code 7's, Rock n Roll Suicides, The Last Centurion. \$4.

Wednesday, 9pm — Vampire, Maus Haus, Small Talk. With Erleen Nada. \$5.

Embarcadero Marina Park South:

Saturday, 11am — West Coast

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Epicentre:

Friday, 6pm — CrossWalk Heroes, Cordova, Adult Fiction. With Anchors Away and Reptile Dysfunction. \$8-\$10.

Saturday, 6pm — Fright Fest. Fine Tune Academy presents Breakdown, Emergency Shut Off, Fly By Night, Fractal Pterodactyl, The Redzone Flares.

Gallagher's Pub & Grill:

Friday, 9pm — Almost Islanders. With DJ R2.

Saturday, 9pm — Ottly Mercer. Halloween bash, with DJ Chelu.

Griffin:

Thursday — Church Hustlers, Jutty Ranx, Space Town Savior.

Friday — KNG MKR and Ease Up.

Saturday — Rusted Root and Lauren Mann.

Sunday — The Bastard Suns and Knockout. Reggae-infused punk rock.

Monday — Hunter Valentine and Queen Caveat.

Wednesday, 7pm — Phantom vs. Phantom! The Phantoms and Phantom Ratio play. Radys Children's Hospital benefit. \$5-\$10.

House of Blues:

Thursday, 8pm — Macklemore & Ryan Lewis. The Heist tour. With Dee-1 and Xperience. \$17-\$30.

Saturday, 9pm — House of Blues Halloween Block Party. Take-in the "freakish antics of the Technomania Circus" and music by DJ Skratchy, Tribe of Kings, AKA Dru, Rocky Dennisson, Sunday Sauce. Dance performance by Urban FX. Live green screen photo booth by Tommy B.

Halloween costume contests with cash prizes. \$20-\$35. 21 and up.

Sunday, 8pm — A\$AP Rocky. With Schoolboy Q, and Danny Brown. \$25-\$40.

Monday, 8:30pm — Public Image Ltd. featuring John Lydon of the Sex Pistols. \$25-\$75. 21 and up.

Wednesday, 8:30pm — Grace Potter & the Nocturnals. With RayLand Baxter. Folk rock/blues/roots. \$24-\$40. 21 and up.

Loft:
Thursday, 8pm — Iron Fist. Screening of campy Mexican 1927 drama accompanied by Nortec Collective, who will perform a live, self-styled version of



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Molly Malone's:

Friday, 9pm — Studio 6. **Free.** 21 and up. **CANCELED.**
Friday, 9pm — Stone the Giant. **Free.** 21 and up.

Onyx/Thin:

Tuesday, 9pm — Amerie. Neo Soul Tuesdays presents contemporary R&B/soul with the singer-songwriter, record producer, actress. With DJ Hektik. \$20-\$25. 21 and up.

Pal Joey's:

Friday, 9pm — Rhythm Red. **Free.**
Saturday, 9pm — Misty & the Mobys. **Free.**

Patrick's Gaslamp Pub:

Thursday, 9pm — Myron & the Knyptionz.
Monday, 9pm — Missy Andersen.
Tuesday, 9pm — Open Mic with Walter Gentry.
Wednesday, 9pm — The Bayou Brothers. Zydeco.

Porter's Pub at UCSD:

Saturday, 8pm — KRS-1 and Luckyiam. \$20-\$50.
Wednesday, 8pm — Ugly Boogie and Boomsnap. Haunted Pub Party with live music, DJs, costume contest, photo booth, merchandise, games, prizes. **Free.**

Ruby Room:

Thursday — One I Red, Starline Theory, The Elephant Project. **Free.**
Friday — Miss Holiday's House of Horrors Halloween Burlesque Show. With the House of Pink

Boombbox, Amigo the Devil, DJ ManCat. \$10.
Saturday — Skelator, Ritual Torture, Ultimate Sin. With Holy Tyrant. \$7.

Shakedown Bar:

Friday — They Stay Dead, D.P.I., Somali Pirates. With Making Incredible Time.
Saturday, 8pm — People Talk, Psychos in Love, the Dirtbag Surfers.

Soda Bar:

Thursday, 8:30pm — Gary War, Purple Pilgrims, Island Boy. \$7.
Friday, 8:30pm — Night Moves, Ditches, Future You. \$8.
Saturday, 9pm — Lost in the Trees, Midtown Dickens. Post-folk. \$12.
Sunday, 8:30pm — White Manna, Midday Veil, Los Loaded Saints. Psych-rock. \$5.
Monday, 8:30pm — Earth. Drone doom. With Stebmo, and Cult of Youth. \$12-\$14.
Tuesday, 8:30pm — Zammuto, Au, Rafter. \$10.
Wednesday, 8pm — Devin the Dude (by Roxy Jones). With Wu Tang (by Brendan B & the Breaks), Blondie (by Wild Wild Wets), NoFX (by Teddy Fantastico). \$5.

Soma:

Friday — Two Door Cinema Club.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Lights. With The Arkells. Electro-pop.

Spin Nightclub:

Wednesday, 10pm — Halloween 2012. DJ D Rock, DJ GiGi, DJ Dale the Dred entertain. Win \$500 cash prize for best costume. 21 and up.

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BY DAVE GOOD

Members of Calexico, who called themselves Spoke at first and put out an album of the same name in 1996, are, in truth, from Tucson. “To live here,” Arizona-based singer and Calexico collaborator Marianne Dissard once told me, “you have to be in tune with rocks and cactus.” Perhaps this explains Giant Sand, the band that Joey Burns and John Convertino were part of prior to starting up Spoke/Calexico out in the high desert, where a small art scene flourishes.

You may not have heard them — Calexico is one of those stealth bands with a broad fan base and much fellow-musician love that fly under the radar of the music industry. For lack of a better descriptor, music writers lump

bands like Calexico under the broad heading of “roots rock,” which can mean anything, really. Used in this case, roots rock describes an earthy blend of strangeness that fans of Calexico sometimes call “desert noir.”

In 1998, the *Wall Street Journal* stepped up and called Calexico's first official album, *The Black Light*, one of the year's best. They played a lot of indie arts festivals thereafter and lived up to dead-boring acts like Pavement as a tour opener. What Calexico did then, and still does now, is like no other: they toss traditional Latin-American music with 1950s American truck-driving rock amid structures on loan from the golden era of jazz.

Some pop critics have called Calexico subtle. Whatever. Calexico makes it work, more often than not, by going big. By 2000 and *Hot Rail*, Convertino and Burns had added horns and strings to the base rhythm section without losing the message of what their band was



CALEXICO

all about. Calexico is touring now in support of album number seven, *Algiers*, so named for the town in New Orleans in which it was recorded. Did I mention pedal steel? Yeah. They've got that, too.

The Dodos also perform.

CALEXICO: Belly Up, Thursday, October 25, 8 p.m., 858-481-8140. \$22 advance/\$24 day of show.

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Stingaree:

Friday, 9pm, *Saturday*, 9pm — Havana Brown. Brown will be performing the fan-favorite Pitbull collaboration “We Run the Night.” \$10-\$15. 21 and up.
Wednesday, 9pm — Halloweird. DJs from Identity Festival, iLL Gates and Stephen Jacobs, as well as beats by Jay Fray and DJ Carlo. R.O.B.O.T, Bonnie Walker and Kimbo will take the stage on the Rooftop Oasis while live performing stilt walkers, fire danc-

ers, burlesque shows and circus freaks roam the space. 619-544-1VIP. \$10-\$15. 21 and up.

Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre:

Saturday, 7pm, *Saturday*, 9:30pm — Pancho Barraza. \$45-\$55. 21 and up.

Til-Two:

Thursday, 9pm — Rock N Roll Preservation Society. DJs Heather Hardcore, Diana Death, and Kylee Mayer preserve the sound

and culture of rock and roll on vinyl. **Free.** 21 and up.

Friday, 9:30pm — Taboo. Hip-hop/dancehall/neo soul. \$5.
Saturday — Supa Koopa and Esqar. Homegrown Blends tenth anniversary with Freddie Joachim and Question, Kidragon, Bojo, Smoovgroovs, more.

Tin Can Ale House:

Thursday, 9pm — Big Penny, Chicago Talking Machine Co., The Palominos. Rock, folk, “dark

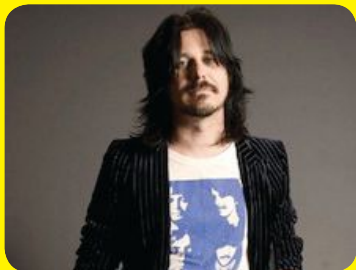
country.” \$5.

Friday, 9pm — Copyright Crashers, The Phantoms, Pharmacy. \$5.
Saturday, 9pm — Electric Healing Sound, Dignan Porch, Idyll Wild. \$5.
Tuesday, 9pm — Brother Nature, Bruin, A. Lowe. Devil's Night, with CA\$. \$6.
Wednesday, 9pm — Down Big, Flowerthief, Mrs. Henry. \$5.

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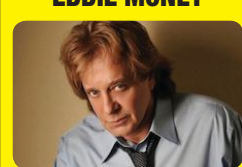
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Saturday, 9pm — Betamaxx.

Tower Bar:
Thursday — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.
Saturday — Shiva Trash and Midnight Eagle. Ojos Records Halloween show.
Tuesday — 2000 Tons of TNT, Prosthetic Arms, Left Coasters. With From Scars and DJs Sean Con and Sickness. Tickets: \$3 with costume, \$5 without.
Wednesday — Dog Shredder, Kodiak, California Bleeding. With DJ Mikey Ratt.

UCSD Price Center:
Thursday, 8pm — Nortec Collective: Bostich + Fussible. The timeless camp of *Reefer Madness* is balanced by mystery and drama in director Gabriel García Moreno's 1927 tale of a young couple locked in a damn-ing world of vice. In this live performance and film screening, Tijuana-based electronica spe-cialists Nortec Collective retool the soundtrack by blending traditional Mexican music with contemporary beats. Afterparty at the Loft. \$18.

Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House:
Saturday, 7pm — Teagan Taylor Trio. **Free.**

W Hotel:
Saturday, 8:30pm — Haunted W. Put on your costume and celebrate Halloween. DJs play house and top 40 tunes. \$40-\$79. 21 and up.

Whistle Stop Bar:
Saturday, 10pm — Booty Bassment.

Winstons:
Thursday, 9:30pm — Trevor Green. \$6.
Friday, 9:30pm — The Heavy Guilt and Dead Feather Moon.
Saturday, 9:30pm — Revival, Cumbia Machin, Shoreline Rootz. \$10.
Monday, 9pm — The Electric Waste Band.
Tuesday, 9:30pm — Rupa and the April Fishes.
Wednesday, 9:30pm — B-Side Players and Friends. Halloween party. \$10.

WorldBeat Cultural Center:
Friday, 7pm — African Night. Performances by Malaikas West African Drum and Dance Troupe, Omo Ache, Lil 8, Malaika Drummers, Lamine Thiam, Judah Christ, others.

Food from center's One World Cafe. \$10.

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November 7 — Musiq Soulchild.
November 8 — Jackyl.

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.
November 3 — Audio Addiction, Jon Goodhue, Strikes at One.

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November 3 — Wayne Shorter Tribute.

AMSDeconcerts: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
November 1 — Caravan of Thieves.

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.
November 1 — Tonic.
November 2 — Fourplay.
November 3, November 4 — Poncho Sanchez.
November 5 — The Fixx.
November 6 — Luscious Noise.
November 7 — Marc Broussard Trio.

November 7 — Carina Round & Rosi Golan.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall St., La Jolla, 858-454-5872.
November 2 — Acoustic Evenings with Jefferson Jay.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
November 1 — The Beautiful View and Standing Hawthorn.
November 2, November 2 — First Friday.
November 3 — River City and Boy King.
November 4 — DJ Joemama and DJ Tramlife.
November 5 — Audacity, Big Eyes, Teenage Burritos.
November 6 — Adrian Demain's Exoticatronica.
November 8 — Maren Parusel and Tic Tic Boom.

Belly Up: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
November 1 — Collie Buddz and New Kingston.
November 2 — Rome.
November 3 — Euphoria Brass Band, Old Tiger, Nena Anderson.
November 3 — Wayward Sons.
November 4 — Elite Elvis.
November 7 — The Paragraphs, The Palace Ballroom, Western Scene.
November 8 — Jens Lekman.

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November 4 — Steve Sibley Trio.

Bluefoot Bar and Lounge: 3404 30th St., North Park, 619-756-7891.
November 1 — Art in the Park.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
November 1 — Francesca Villa, Stix N Stones, Anonymous.
November 2 — Kissed Alive, Rattz, Groove Kitty.
November 3 — Spiral Out.

Buddha for You: 6145 El Cajon Blvd. Suite D, College Area, 619-582-1100.
November 3 — Free Singing Bowl Concert.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-839-4138.
November 7, November 7 — Michael Sanchez Trio.
November 8 — The Monkees.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
November 1 — Lord Huron and Pacific Air.
November 2 — Kid Koala & Adira Amram and the Experience.
November 3 — Com Truise, Poolside, Bonde do Role.
November 4 — Other Lives & Indians.
November 5 — Mike Watt & the Missingmen.
November 7 — Nick Waterhouse.
November 8 — Jon Spencer Blues Explosion.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311.
November 9 — Terror, Take Offense, Rotting Out.

Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD: Russell Lane at Gilman Dr., La Jolla.
November 3 — Soirée for Music Lovers.
November 5 — Camera Lucida

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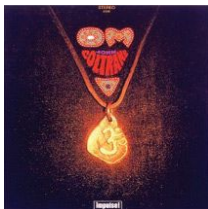
John Coltrane
By Andrew Hamlin

"It's very short, as
I recall," said the
resident jazz expert in
my life, about McCoy
Tyner's piano solo in
this half-hour spiritual
yearning — recorded
in 1965 but not
released until 1968, a
year after the leader's
death. But I spun this
reissue several times
to find that Tyner not
only goes on at some
length, but furnishes
the release after
many intense minutes
of striving. Coltrane
wanted more horns at
this point, and he got
them, most notably
acolyte Pharaoh
Sanders.

Om's courses
include classic free

spontaneous-counterpoint
all-hands-on-deck honk-
ing, especially right after
that Bhagavad Gita at the
starting line — but for
the through line, study
Pharaoh first. His noise,
certainly, but more to
the point the changing
shapes of Pharaoh's noise. A recently released
ESP disc set of early Pharaoh stresses how even
in his youth, he was not only working the line
between skronk and "conventional" lyricism,
but trying to introduce the two over that line.
This allows a deeper reading of his choices and
contextualizes his slow shift to more flowing
sounds, especially after Coltrane left him and
everyone else.

So, Pharaoh pushes and steams and stains
and sweats, and then Tyner (not fond of the
"new thing," one foot out the door all ready)
comes in with the blessing. The enlightenment.
The cool cloth to the sweaty brow. And every-
one else save the rhythm drops out, allows it,
because they know what they've got. And that
there, to borrow a line from another (occasion-
ally) Good Book, is wisdom.



All-hands-on-deck
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Music Reviews from Our Readers

**Fifty shades of
Adam Ant**
By Gail Powell

Eighties pop star
Adam Ant finally
made it to town
after his resched-
uled February date.
Brothers of Brazil
played an energetic
opening set of bossa
nova rock and then
"Ant music" hit the
stage with two drum
sets. Sauntering out
after his band played
an intro, Adam Ant
received a delirious
welcome, launching
into "Plastic Surgery."
"King of the Wild
Frontier," Ant told the
audience, was a song
that he "always looks
forward to singing."
The crowd sang along,

too — all night long.

"Wonderful," a love
song, was the recipient of
some sneering during the
singing of certain lyrics
about smiles, and then the
romance was killed dead by
the mention of *Fifty Shades*
of Grey and the next song:
"Whip in My Valise."

Adam Ant has had his problems with bipolar
disease, depression, and being locked up by
England's Mental Health Act, but now he's on
the road through October, promoting his new
album, *Adam Ant Is the Blueblack Hussar in*
Marrying the Gunner's Daughter. Through the
hit-filled 28-song set, the now-58-year-old bad
boy spoke sparingly, choosing instead to rock
the house. Closing the show with "Physical
(You're So)," a nearly sold-out house showed
Adam adoring Ant love.



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November 8 — Lindsey Stirling.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main
St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.
November 2 — Nemesis.

**Palomar College
Performance Lab (room
D-10):** 1140 W. Mission Rd.,
San Marcos, 760-744-1150.
November 1 — Palomar Chamber
Singers.
November 3 — "There and Back
Again."
November 8 — Trio Gentile.

Porter's Pub at UCSD: 9500
Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-587-
4828.
November 1 — Asher Roth and
G- Eazy.
November 2 — Timeflies.
November 4 — AER & Yonas.
November 8 — Casey Veggies.

The Shakedown Bar: 3048
Midway Dr., Midway District,
619-487-0373.
November 2 — Insentient,
Syrebris, Infinite Death.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl.,
City Heights, 619-255-7224.
November 1 — Con Bro Chill,
Dr. Seahorse, Chalkskin.
November 2 — The Donkeys,
Buxton, Octa#Grape.
November 3 — MV & EE.
November 4 — Two Cow Garage,
The Copyrights, Gypsy Blood.
November 5 — Diamond Rings,
Gold Fields, Keith Sweaty.
November 6 — Larry and His
Flask.
November 7 — The Octopus
Project, Bruin, Pal & Drome.
November 11 — Those Darlins
and Heavy Cream.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl.,
Midway District, 619-226-7662.
November 2 — Helsott,
Gravespell, Unicorn Death.
November 3 — Action Item,
Honor Society, Hello Highway.
November 8 — 1 Fight Dragons,
MC Lars, Skyfox.

Space 4 Art: 325 15th St., East
Village, 619-269-7230.
November 30 — Fresh Sound
Music: Crossovers.

Spin Nightclub: 2028 Hancock
St., Midway District, 619-294-
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November 4 — Beenie Man.

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Theatre:** 5469 Casino Way, El
Cajon, 619-445-6002.
November 8 — Foghat.

Thrusters Lounge: 4633
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November 8 — Art Showcase.

Til-Two: 4746 El Cajon Bl.,
Kensington, 619-516-4746.
November 8 — Nick Bone & the
Big Scene.
November 16 — Taboo.
November 22 — Rock N Roll
Preservation Society.

Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth
Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-955-8525.
November 1 — Run Luca, Hustle
and Drone, Balloons.
November 2 — Daniel
Kirkpatrick and the Bayonets.
November 6 — Children of Nova,
Rare Monk, Holy Hounds.
November 7 — Bagdad, New

Cassettes, Apollo Run.
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New Cassettes.
November 8 — Ghetto Blaster,
Innerds, Wha?

Tio Leo's: 5302 Napa St., Linda
Vista, 619-542-1462.
November 3 — Roy Rapid and
the Rhythm Rock Trio & The
SideWynders.

University of San Diego: 5998
Alcalá Park, USD, 619-260-4600.
November 17 — Quartet
Nouveau.

Unity Center: 8999 Activity
Rd., Mira Mesa.
November 9 — World Music
Festival.

VFW Post #3788: 7785
Othello Ave., Kearny Mesa, 858-
277-5510.
November 3 — Blueberry Jam
Blues Music Party.
November 10 — Willie Nelson
Tribute Band.
November 17s — Calico Ridge
Band.

December 1 — Blueberry Jam
Blues Music Party.

Valley View Casino Center:
3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway
District, 619-224-4171.
November 21 — Rush.
November 24 — Trey Songz.
November 30 — Trans-Siberian
Orchestra.

Viejas Arena: 5500 Canyon
Crest Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947.
November 17 — Enrique
Bunbury.

Wine Steals: 1953 San Elijo
Ave., Cardiff, 760-230-2657.
November 10, November 20 —
Robin Henkel.

Winstons: 1921 Bacon St.,
Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.
November 3 — Greensky
Bluegrass.
November 5, November 12 — The
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November 3, November 17 —
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When it comes to a good cocktail, according to Beaumont's Eatery bar manager Gavin McManes, the trick is in the treat.

"Anytime someone comes into my bar, I'm basically treating them as if they're in my living room," he says. "I like to treat my bar as their home away from home."

In fact, when tricks and treats matter most, McManes comes through for his customers, offering the Jack-O-Lantern again this year at Beaumont's.

"We were trying to come up with a Halloween drink last year," he says, explaining how he created the cocktail. "I try to get away from the more funky

stuff and sought a more culinary bent with this drink. The idea was to incorporate pumpkin, which is a fall flavor, with the Halloween theme. Since we use Jack Daniel's as the base, we thought the Jack-O-Lantern was a good name for it."

According to McManes, a taste for pumpkin is a must for anyone trying the drink, but even for those that think whiskey and pumpkin don't mix, beware! This story has an unexpected twist.

"Pumpkin is definitely an underlying flavor," he says. "But it's a very balanced drink. The citrus balances the sweetness from the pumpkin, and the whiskey has such a powerful flavor that it adds to the savory character. Whereas vodka, say, would only give you the blandness to compete with the orange and pumpkin, the whiskey balances out the citrus with the sweetness."

KITCHEN PROOF: The perfect elixir for bringing taste buds back from the dead, the drink's balancing trick of ingredients makes this treat worth a howl at the moon.

BEAUMONT'S JACK-O-LANTERN



In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, pour:

- 2 oz. Jack Daniel's
- 2 oz. Monin pumpkin spice syrup
- ½ oz. fresh orange juice
- 1 dash powdered cinnamon

Shake ingredients, pour into martini glass, dust top with cinnamon, and get ready to light your pumpkin.

Dirk's Niteclub: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: \$50 off all drinks \$4.50 or less. *Sunday*, 6am-2pm: \$1 off bloody marys.

LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: *Monday-Wednesday, Friday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2.75 wells, \$2.50 beer of the month. *Thursday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2.75 wells, \$2.50 beer of the month, Ladies U-Call-it \$2.75.

LINCOLN PARK

L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$1 off

appetizers. *Sunday*, all day: \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings.

LINDA VISTA

Padre Gold: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 domestic bottles, \$2.75 wells, \$3.50 small domestic pitchers, \$6.50 large. *Thursday*, 4-9pm: \$10 bucket of five domestic beers.

Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints; \$4 house margaritas, wells; \$5 quesadillas, hot dogs, tacos.

LITTLE ITALY

Puerto la Boca: *Daily*, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$2.50 French fries, \$4.50 chicken wings.

MIRA MESA

Bamboo Hut: *Daily*, 3-6pm: Buy large beer, get small house sake free. \$2.75 small beer, \$3.25 house wine. \$2.95 gyoza, \$4.95 lumpia, \$5.50 tempura crab roll.

MIRAMAR

The Filling Station: *Monday*, 7pm-close: \$4 margaritas. *Tuesday*, 7pm-close: \$2 kamikazes. *Wednesday*, 7pm-close: \$3.50 premium drafts. *Thursday*, 7pm-close: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers; \$7.50 domestic pitchers. *Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$3 mimosas. *Sunday*, noon-7pm: \$3 bloody marys.

MISSION BEACH

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4pm-close: 1/2-off beer, shots, cocktails. 25% off pot stickers, jumbo coco shrimp, nachos.

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MISSION VALLEY

The Amigo Spot at Kings Inn: *Daily*, 4-7pm: Margaritas.

Randy Jones All American Sports Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3.75 selected craft beers, \$5 specialty drinks, \$2 off wine by the glass and grazing menu.

NATIONAL CITY

Pier 32 Waterfront Grill: *Friday*, 3pm-sunset: \$2 domestic beer, \$3 import and local beer, \$5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys.

NESTOR

Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Live Wire: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off drafts and cocktails.

Rosie O'Grady's: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers (including Sam Adams). *Tuesday*, all day: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers (including Sam Adams).

NORTH PARK

Bar Pink: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$1 off drafts and calls.

Lips Restaurant: *Sunday*, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls,

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OCEAN BEACH

Blue Parrot: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: All drinks and appetizers 1/2-price (all day Monday).

Mother's Saloon: *Monday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: \$3 Jägermeister shots. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Tuesday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: \$3 Fireball shots; \$1.50 tacos. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Wednesday*, 7pm-close: \$5 Rolling Rock and shot; \$1.50 TJ dogs. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Thursday*, 9pm-close: \$3 you-call-its; \$1.50 sliders. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers; \$2.75 well. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts.

OCEANSIDE

P's & Q's Sports Pub & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$3 premium pints. \$3 chicken wings.

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OLD TOWN

Acapulco Mexican Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers, \$1 soft taco, \$3 draft beer, \$3.50 well, house wine, \$3.95 house margarita.

Old Town Mexican Café: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials. \$2 Taco Tuesday

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Wine Cabana: *Monday*, till close: \$5 off Malbec. *Tuesday*, till 7pm: 1/2-price appetizers. *Wednesday*, Girl's Night Out: complimentary chocolate fondue. *Thursday*, till 7pm: \$3 beers, 1/2-price appetizers. *Saturday*, till 7pm: \$3 beers, disco with DJ & PJ. *Sunday*, till close: \$4 Sangria; live jazz at 5pm.

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: *Daily*, 4-7:10pm: 1/2-off food & booze.

The Australian Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 7-9pm: \$3 Long Islands. *Saturday*, \$2.50 Karl Strauss. *Sunday*, \$3 bloody marys.

Bub's Dive Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$10 pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers.

Firehouse American Eatery and Lounge: *Monday*, 4pm-midnight: 1/2-off specialty drinks, \$2 mini-inferno burgers. *Tuesday*, 4pm-midnight: \$6 draft and a shot, 50-cent ribs. *Wednesday*, 4pm-midnight: 1/2-off bottle of wine, \$1 oysters. *Thursday*, 4pm-midnight: \$2 calls.

Miller's Field: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 wells. \$2 street tacos.

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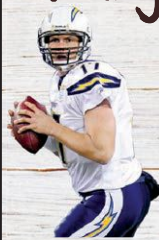
Sinbad Café: *Daily*, 4-8pm: \$1.50 drafts, \$2 wells, shots, \$2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

Tiki House: *Monday*, all day: \$1 off microbrews. *Tuesday*, all day: \$3 all pints. *Wednesday*, all day: \$3.75 "Tiki Coors" (22 oz). *Thursday*, all day: \$3-\$10 Wine of the Month. *Friday-Saturday*, all day: \$3 Miller High Life bottles. *Sunday*, all day: \$3 Coors pints.

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Old Venice: Daily, 4-6pm: \$5 glass of wine and wells, \$3.50 drafts; \$6-\$8 appetizers, including magic mushrooms, focaccia & bruschetta, walnut gorgonzola salad.

Paradise Lounge and Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2.50 well drinks, domestic bottles; \$6.50 domestic pitchers. 8-9:30am: 1/2-off breakfast.

The Pearl: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wells, \$5 wines.

Pete's Grill: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.50 Bud drafts, \$3 microbrew drafts, house wines. \$.99 sliders, \$1.99 fish tacos.

Red's Espresso and Wine Gallery: Friday-Sunday, all day: \$5 endless mimosas with food purchase.

Riley's Music Lounge: Monday, 4pm-1am: \$2 domestic drafts & wells. Tuesday, 4pm-1am: \$3 Hynys. Wednesday, 4pm-1am: \$3 Jacks. Thursday, 4pm-1am: \$2 kamikazes. Friday, 8pm-10pm: \$3 you-call-its (up to premium). Saturday, 4pm-1am: \$3 all flavors Smirnoff. Sunday, 4pm-1am: \$3 vodka cranberry.

Sail Ho Golf Club: Monday, Thursday-Saturday, 4pm-close: \$3 drafts, \$3.50 wines, \$4 wells. Tuesday, All day: \$2 wells. Wednesday, All day: \$3 Pacifico drafts. Sunday, All day: \$3 drafts, \$3.50 wines, \$4 wells.

POWAY

The Beach Grass Poway: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 microbrews, \$4 select wines. \$5 appetizers: panocrusted calamari, tempura avocado, veggies and hummus, more.

Blue Tattoo Sports Bar & Grill: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 3-7pm; \$5 appetizers, \$4 craft beer, \$3 domestic draft & bottle Tuesday, 3-7pm; \$5 appetizers, \$4 craft beer, \$3 domestic draft & bottle. Karaoke 8pm. Thursday, 3-7pm; \$5 appetizers, \$4 craft beer, \$3 domestic draft & bottle. Trivia 7-10pm, Video DJ 10pm-close.

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Bernard'O Restaurant: Monday-Saturday, 4:30-7pm: \$4 wells, \$2.75 domestic, \$3.50 imported/specialty, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 house wine.

Café on the Park: Monday-Friday, 5-6:30pm: \$3 wells, \$4 house margaritas, 1/2-off house wine by the glass, \$1 off beer. Complimentary cheese & crackers, 1/2-off appetizers.

Capri Blu: Daily, 3-7pm: 1/2-price drafts, wells, discounted bar-menu food.

Carvers Steak & Chops: Monday-Friday, 2-6:30pm: 1/2-off drinks. \$3-\$4 off appetizers.

Kelly's Public House: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$3.50 wells, house wines.

RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS

Deli Stop Sports Pub: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off all beer; \$3 Corona or glass of wine. \$1 off all appetizers.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Da Boyz Pizza & Pasta: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 2-6pm, 9pm-close: \$2 draft, \$3 glass select wine.

Press Box Sports Lounge: Monday, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: \$1 off wells, all drafts. \$4 martinis. Tuesday, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: \$1 off wells, all drafts. \$3 you-call-its. Wednesday, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: \$1 off wells, all drafts. 1/2-off wine bottles. Thursday-Friday, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: \$1 off wells, all drafts. Saturday, all day: \$3 mimosas & bloody marys.

RANCHO SANTA FE

Delicias: Daily, 4-6pm: \$5 draft beers, house wines, wells.

SAN MARCOS

Back Alley Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 11am-9pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$4.50 imports and house wines. \$1 Taco Tuesday, 50¢-a-Wing Wednesday, \$1 off pitchers Thirsty Thursday.

Cowshed Bar and Grill: Monday, Wednesday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$3 domestic. \$3.50-\$4 wells. Tuesday, 4pm-2am: \$3 domestic. \$3.50-\$4 wells.

Dalton's Road House: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 off house wines, wells. \$5 margaritas. 1/2-off appetizers: cheesy fries, potato skins, buffalo wings.

The Jumping Turtle: Monday, 11am-close: PBR \$2.75/pint, \$6.75/pitcher. Tuesday, 11am-close: \$2 Corona, Pacifico, margaritas. Wednesday, 11am-close: \$4 drop drinks. Thursday, 7pm-close: \$3 Jäger, \$2.50 Bud Lime. Friday, 5pm-midnight: \$5 Long Islands. Saturday, 11am-close: \$3 Orange Patrón, Tanqueray. Sunday, 11am-close: \$2.50 bloody marys.

SANTA YSABEL

Santa Ysabel Resort & Casino: Monday, Mojito Monday: \$4 Irish Mojito. Tuesday, Tropical Tuesday: \$4 Tropical Dream. Wednesday, Wicked Wednesday: \$5.50 Speedy Gonzalez. Thursday, Thirsty Thursday: \$2 bottled domestics. Friday, Fiesta Friday: \$4 classic margarita. Saturday, Sweet Saturday: \$5 pineapple-Midori martini. Sunday, Sunset Sunday: \$4 Amaretto Sunset.

SANTEE

Landre's Sports Bar & Grill: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. \$5 appetizers: potato skins, garlic/bacon fries, shrimp cocktail, more.

SCRIPPS RANCH

La Bastide: Monday, all night: \$2 off small bites menu. Tuesday, Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 off small bites menu. Wednesday, 4-6pm: 20% off bottled wines. \$2 off small bites menu. Thursday, all night: \$2 off specialty martinis. \$2 off small bites menu.

Stone Flats: Daily, 3-5pm, 7-9pm: \$1 Bud/Bud Light; 1/2-off all other beer/wine.

SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: Sunday, \$2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. \$3.50 mimosas, bloody marys.

SHELTER ISLAND

Blue Wave Bar & Grill: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off drinks; \$3-\$5 appetizers, including jumbo shrimp cocktail and crispy fried calamari.

Fiddler's Green Restaurant: Daily, 5-7pm: \$4 house wine and house beer, \$5 well drinks and margaritas.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: Daily, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

SOLANA BEACH

Chief's Burgers and Brew: Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2.50 domestic, \$3.50 microbrew. 1/2-off appetizers.

The Fish Market: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3.50 wells, \$3.95 drafts, domestic bottles, house wine. \$.95 oysters, \$4.25 smoked trout quesadillas, \$4.95 mahi mahi sliders. Saturday-Sunday, 11am-4pm: \$3.50 wells, \$3.95 drafts, domestic bottles, house wine. \$.95 oysters, \$4.25 smoked trout quesadillas, \$4.95 mahi mahi sliders.

The Saddle Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 off drinks and drafts.

SORRENTO VALLEY

Ali Baba's Cave: Daily, 3-7pm: 22-oz. beer \$4 (including tax). \$12 hookahs, \$5 refills.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$4 beers, wells, wines, flights. \$5 boneless wings, fries, spicy hummus.

SOUTH PARK

Alchemy: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 off wells, including Skyy, Seagram's, Jim Beam, Sauza Gold, \$2 off wines/glass, draft.

Hamilton's Tavern: Daily, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.

South Park Abbey: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 wells, beer specials.

Whistle Stop Bar: Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints.

Saturday-Sunday, 2-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints.

SPRING VALLEY

California Comfort: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wells, house wine.

Fannie's Nightclub: Daily, 4-6pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

TIERRASANTA

JP's Pub: Monday-Friday, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25 house wine.

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UNIVERSITY CITY

Apollonia Greek Bistro: Daily, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 ouzo aperitif, \$2 bottled beers, \$3 wine by the glass.

Cozymel's Mexican Grill: Monday-Saturday, 4pm-close: \$2.25 Coors Light draft, \$3.25 Dos Equis draft; discounted appetizers. (All day Sunday.)

Donovan's Steak and Chop House: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$8 martinis (complimentary steak sandwiches and burritos 4-6pm).

Michael's Lounge in the Hyatt Regency: Daily, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts and well cocktails.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Babbo's Bar and Grille: Daily, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3.95 wells, drafts, wine.

Cheers: Monday-Friday, 11am-7pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles. \$3 single wells. \$3.50 domestic drafts.

Small Bar: Daily, 5-8pm: \$1 off local draughts and drinks.

VALLEY CENTER

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$2 domestic. \$3 imports, wells. Discounted appetizers.

VISTA

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Through Pity and Terror

"Indeed his end was wonderful if mortal's ever was."

Sin and redemption. You're giving a sermon on the theme and want the most extreme case you can find: someone with nary a prayer for salvation. In Lee Breuer's *The Gospel at Colonus*, the Preacher at a Pentecostal church inserts a Greek myth into his text. He quotes "the Book of Oedipus" in the Bible ("Damned in his birth, in his marriage damned, damned in the blood he shed with his own hand") and cites lines 275 through 279 in Exodus, "where it speaks of his death in a place called Colonus."

The Preacher talks without flinching, as if Oedipus were an Old Testament book, even though Christianity and ancient Greece are poles apart. Before you can quibble about the differences between, say, Hades and heaven, the oratorio begins and, as the Preacher says, "You are no longer in command here."

From a Christian point of view, it's hard to imagine a greater sinner than Oedipus. He murdered his father, married his mother, and had four children. When he found out what he had done, Oedipus blinded himself with his mother's broaches and suffered a living hell for decades.

Less familiar is how he died. In Sophocles's final drama, *Oedipus at Colonus*, it's the last day of Oedipus's life. The withered old man finds sanctuary at Colonus, a sacred wood just north of Ath-

ens. Oedipus slowly transforms from a haggard, "evil" being to the Greek/Christian equivalent of a holy man — a spirit of the place. He either goes to heaven or the door of the Underworld opens "with love" (the script offers both). "Indeed his end was wonderful if mortal's ever was."

Breuer said he took the idea from Zora Neale Hurston (author of the required read: *Their Eyes Were Watching God*). She said that, as in a Pentecostal church, ancient Greek tragedies built to a catharsis. If these rituals work their wonders, "that catharsis can go right on through pity and terror to joy."

The Ira Aldridge Players' opening night was probably better than the audience heard. Persistent problems with hand-held and pinned-on microphones made some speeches and lyrics hard to follow. Important information didn't register. And it must, since the stage, with multiple quartets and quintets blazing gospel music, resembles a kaleidoscope in motion.

Two men play Oedipus (along with the "Oedipus's Quintet": four men in white tuxedos and wearing sunglasses, like the blind Oedipus); two women, Antigone. The script gives no explanation for the doubling, though it may be a sly means of keeping the audience off guard and "not in command here." *Gospel* doesn't come to you. It's there, swirling in mysteries and revelations.

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The Gospel at Colonus, with multiple quartets and quintets blazing gospel music, resembles a kaleidoscope in motion.

The Gospel at Colonus, adaptation by Lee Breuer, music composed and arranged by Bob Telson
Ira Aldridge Players, Educational Cultural Complex, 4343 Oceanview Boulevard, Mountain View
Directed by Calvin Manson; cast: Claude E. Cole, Jr., Marion George, Faatima Harley, Aaron Holland, Robin Logan, Carl Overstreet, Grandison Phelps III, Kalif Price, Larry Thompson, Eddie Baltrip; set, lights, and sound, Calvin Manson; costumes, Candace Davis; music director, Stephen Gooden
Playing through November 4; Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 3:00 p.m. 619-887-9260

The Sugar Witch, by Nathan Sanders
OnStage Playhouse, 291 Third Avenue, Chula Vista
Directed by Rob Conway; cast: Yolanda Franklin, Holly Stephenson, Anya Tuerk, Tony Bejerano, Ryan Casselman, Nick Young; scenic design, Bruce Wilde; costumes, Tony Bejerano; lighting, Chad Oakley; sound, Steve Murdock
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You must go to it and, if it grabs, surrender.

Even with repeated sound glitches and some missed lighting cues, the Ira Aldridge Players’ *Gospel* grabbed firmly on occasion. The singers made that happen, from Claude Bell’s acoustic, octave-leaping falsetto (“Fair Colonus”), to Carl Overstreet’s solos and interwoven musical asides, to booming choral numbers, and to every note Aaron Holland belted as Singer/Oedipus.

The production took off about five songs in. When Oedipus learns he’ll be safe at Colonus, Holland sang “A Voice Foretold.” After a slow introduction, Holland suddenly clapped his hands three times. The tight background band kicked the jubilant song up-tempo, and the whole stage came alive. Holland’s rendition of the lament, “Lift Me Up” (“I wish the wind would lift me/ So I could look with the eyes of angels/ For the child that I love”) was also deeply moving.

Until the end, male singers dominated *Gospel*. Then Angela Petty came downstage. She sang “Lift Him Up,” blew the EXIT signs off the walls, and corrected the gender-imbalance with one song.

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A rule I learned early: never, ever “type” an actor. Often they get cast because they do a certain thing well — and then become typed for that one “side.” For years, Yolanda Franklin has done quality work in supporting roles. To their credit, OnStage

Playhouse gave her the lead for *The Sugar Witch*, the mystical Annabelle, and Franklin unleashes a fully dimensional, engaging, and believable human being.

Nathan Sanders’s Gothic comedy-drama’s a good choice for Halloween. It’s set in Florida, on the edge of Buster’s Swamp, which has “snakes and gators and lots worse things” — like flying bobcats and possibly ghosts in the Beans’ rundown house. Sisser, a very large woman eating herself to death on the porch, points out these terrors. But when Lurlene, her pet palmetto bug, dies, Sisser — well, let’s say she has an axe to grind.

The script’s eerie, jolting, and funny. It also has lulls where the playwright settles for lengthy explanations. The OnStage Production has excesses as well. It turns out this is Rob Conway’s first directing assignment. Some actors scream too loud (too early and often, giving them no place to go); others could pick up the pace verbally. That said, Conway’s work has impressive plusses, especially for a first-timer.

The production has a terrific set (ancient weathered wood, sunset-streaked sky) and costumes. And Holly Stephenson’s Sisser is truly creepy. She never once hypes the part. The less she does, in fact, the creepier Sisser becomes.

Franklin mesmerizes throughout. Annabelle’s the last of the Sugar Witches. Part shaman, part battered being, she

must stop the family’s curse. Whether playing impish practical jokes, recalling unthinkable horrors, or suggesting flickers of kindness Annabelle’s unable to repress, Franklin shows that the play’s real monsters aren’t in the swamp or screeching overhead. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

A Day in My So-Called Life
PowPac stagies Elizabeth Blair Johnson’s “real look at the awkwardness of being a teen — from the pressures of doing well in school to the pressures of fitting in with societal norms.”
POWPAC, POWAY’S COMMUNITY THEATER, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

Allegiance: A New American Musical
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), and the amazing Lea Salonga, whose singing makes an underwritten role unforgettable. These and other performers fill in many a gap

and add serrations to Jay Kuo’s often predictable songs and a book that takes at least a half an hour to find its way. *Worth a try.*
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 28.

Around the World in 80 Days
Lamb’s Players had a “give it another week” opening night. The engine moved, but the gears needed oiling — and the threats to Phileas Fogg’s intrepid adventure needed more danger. Director Robert Smyth devised some spectacular images (an elephant made from patterned cotton cloth, a “sledge” swinging in a snowstorm), but the end was never in doubt. Lance Arthur Smith made Fogg a deft cross between Sean Connery and a metronome, but his unflappable certainty diffuses potential crises. Jon Lorenz plays Inspector Fix in a comedic vein, always funny, but the cartooning poses no palpable threat. The cue-rich, intricately demanding production opened October 13. It may have settled in by now. *Worth a try.*
LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 18.

Death at the Doo-Wop
The Murder Mystery Company presents a dinner-theater production about “one killer prom” in 1957.
SAN DIEGO HALL OF CHAMPIONS, 2131 PAN AMERICAN PLAZA, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-2544. 7PM FRIDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 9.

Good People
Margie just got laid off from her cashier job at a Dollar Store. She’s 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 spiffy roost on Chestnut Hil 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.**
SHERYL AND HARVEY WHITE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 28.

I Love a Piano
SDSU’s School of Theatre presents a tribute to the music of Irving Berlin, told in the form of a piano that “moves in and out of American lives

at the turn of the century.”
SDSU’S EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE, 5500 CAMPANILE DR., COLLEGE AREA. 619-594-6884. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 28.

Julia
Claudio Raygoza has written and directed a theatrical tinderbox. Inspired by Strindberg’s *Miss Julie*, the taut scenes appear ever about to catch fire. It’s 1975 in Coronado. Julia wants to forgive her philandering husband, who may become President of Mexico. But things fall apart, and then she tears shards to shreds. Catalina Maynard makes crazed Julia a scorpion ever about to strike (and subtly suggests that her controlling husband’s a dead ringer for the misogynistic Strindberg). New faces Jorge Rodriguez and Anyelid Meneses are first rate as the servants, Jacob (a student at UCSD) and Cristal. He projects a maze of conflicting motives; she goes way inside and becomes a stranger in a land growing stranger by the minute. **Critic’s Pick.**
ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 27.

Kevin Viner Halloween Magic
Kevin Viner blends magic, mentalism, and comedy. He began his interest in magic as a young child in San Diego, and by age 14 had been accepted into the Junior Program at the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood. He went on to become one of few magicians elected to perform an entire week at the nightclub before age 21.
ANTHOLOGY, 1337 INDIA ST., LITTLE ITALY. 877-828-0891. 7PM WEDNESDAY.

miXtape
Jon Lorenz and Colleen Kollar Smith, creators of this revue of 1980s music, say that favorite songs “mark your memories.” *miXtape* is performed with rampant energy and polish by an eight-person cast. Memory-triggers zip past: Pet Rocks, Pac-Man, Nelson Mandela, AIDS. Most of the songs are actually song-bites. But backed by Andy Ingersoll’s versatile band and under Kerry Meads’s feisty direction, *miXtape* is always entertaining — and memory-provoking. (Note: Lamb’s Players has extended the run several times.) 619-437-0600. *Worth a try.*
HORTON GRAND HOTEL, 311 ISLAND AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 800-542-1886. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 4PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 25.

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Night Stage to Big Shaft
Peggy Sue Productions presents a dinner-theater show set in 1853. “When a new mine and a dead lawyer are discovered, everyone becomes a suspect.”
MIKKI’S CAFE, 1639 EAST VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

North Park Playwright Festival
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Over the River and Through the Woods
Broadway Theatre stages Joe DiPietro’s tribute to family traditions, which has become one of the longest-running comedies in Broadway history. Randall Hickman directed.
BROADWAY THEATRE, 340 EAST BROADWAY, VISTA. 760-806-7905. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 1PM SATURDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 4.

Reckless
The Sullivan Players present a staged reading of Craig Lucas’s surreal comedy. Rachel always wanted to do something wild. Guess what? DJ Sullivan directed.
SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVE., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 10PM MONDAY.


Rent
Welk Resort Theatre presents the award-winning rock musical about impoverished young artists struggling to survive on New York’s Lower East Side. Dan Mojica directed.
WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1PM THURSDAYS, 8PM THURSDAYS, 1PM SATURDAYS, 6:30PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 28.

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The Gospel at Colonus
Ira Aldridge Repertory Players present Lee Breuer’s acclaimed gospel-influenced reimagination of Sophocles’ *Oedipus at Colonus*, Calvin Manson directed.
EDUCATIONAL CULTURAL COMPLEX, 4343 OCEAN VIEW BL., MOUNTAIN VIEW. 619-527-5256. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 3PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 4.



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Lights Against the Darkness

Let's begin with the what: *Cloud Atlas* is a film based on a David Mitchell novel, and like the novel, it weaves together six seemingly disparate stories with threads both thematic and particular. Thematic: in each, an individual must struggle against an opposing system: a gay young composer against a world that considers his behavior degenerate, a fabricated woman

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against the fabricators who regard her as subhuman, an aging publisher against an attempt to lock him away in a prison-like rest home, a reporter against a vicious conspiracy involving a nuclear power plant, a lawyer against an enslaving patriarchy, and a backwoods tribesman against both space invaders and cannibals. Particular: many of the same actors appear in each story, and the stories overlap. For instance, a film version of the publisher's story shows up as an inspiration in the fabricant's story, and the fabricant herself shows up in...well,

I don't want to give too much away. Watching the threads come together over the course of nearly three hours to form a single tapestry is one of the film's particular pleasures. (Just looking at the thing — with the exception of some iffy makeup work — is another. After the hot mess that was *Speed Racer*,

it's a pleasure to see the Wachowski siblings, who co-directed with Tom Tykwer, succeed with grand-scale visuals.)

The film emphasizes those connections further by cutting from one story to another at opportune moments, creating a feeling of recurrence, if not quite repetition. (Though the explicit references to recurrence are one of the script's weak points.) Not every story works as well as every other — I think everyone could have lived without listening to Halle Berry and Tom Hanks make conversation in syntactically mutilated English during the tribesman sequence, and casting Hugo Weaving as Nurse Ratched from



Cloud Atlas gives you six stories for the price of one, and ties 'em all together to boot!

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest never feels like more than a stunt. But, gosh all golly, if they haven't managed to imbue the whole with the scope and feeling of an old-fashioned epic — an earnest cry on behalf of the fragile individual seeking to live by his or her own lights and maybe to shine those lights into the darkness.

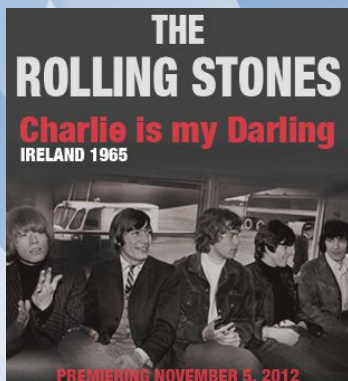
So much for the what. Moving on

to the why: the Wachowski siblings famously started their film career as the Wachowski brothers. But while Andy is still Andy, Larry is now Lana. Knowing this, and knowing that the journey to gender reassignment was a tortured one for Lana, it becomes impossible to hear lines about finding out "what we can change and what must remain inviolable" and about how "all bound-

aries are conventions" without feeling the twinge of the deeply personal amid all the grand universality. And knowing that the Wachowskis started out as Catholic boys from Chicago, the film can be seen as more personal still; it's not too difficult to read much of it as a sustained (but not rancorous) attack on the perceived tribalism, superstition, and crushing dogmatism of a

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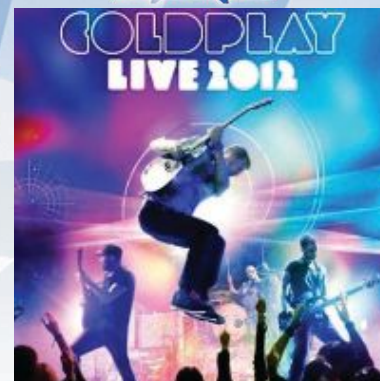
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rejected faith.

In the composer story, for starters, there is the threat of shame and ostracization because of unorthodox sexuality. Follow that with the two points in the film where baddie Weaving (as two different characters) warns that there is a natural order to things that must not be violated. (Shades of the Catholic Church's assertion of "natural law" against various modern practices.) The first time he says it, he's talking to a fabricant, a woman who has dared to assert her dignity and worth — contra what she learned in her catechism (!) — despite the fact that she was grown in a lab. (The Church, of course, opposes *in vitro* fertilization.) The second time he says it, he's playing a wicked patriarch bent on preserving slavery, and

the space behind him is practically filled with a super-Catholic depiction of the Virgin Mary holding the Infant Christ.

There's more, but again, I don't want to give too much away. I mention it only to suggest that the various stories may be united by more than merely theme and character and event. They may be the realization of a very singular vision: the Wachowski Apologia.

— Matthew Lickona

Married anti-Obama documentarian shows off fiancée at conference on Christian values

The winner of the this year's best "Gee, I didn't know it was loaded" excuse goes to born-againer Dinesh D'Souza, co-director of 2012's biggest grossing documentary, *2016: Obama's America*.

While attending a conference on Christian values in late September, D'Souza introduced his date, Denise Odie Joseph II, as his fiancée. The only problem is Dixie Brubaker, D'Souza's soon-to-be-divorced wife of 20 years.

"I had no idea that it is considered wrong in Christian circles to be engaged prior to being divorced, even though in a state of separation and in divorce proceedings," pants-on-fire D'Souza told *Christianity Today* magazine. "Obviously I would not have introduced Denise as my fiancée at a Christian apologetics conference if I had thought or known I was doing something wrong."

Of course not! You'd have pretended she was a fellow documentarian, sort of like Rielle Hunter.

Remember Isaiah 46:10, Dinesh? You know, the part about, "I make known the end from the beginning?" (Look at me quoting Scripture. I have

been hanging out with Lickona for too long.) You may find it easy to fool a bunch of conservative revelers, but do you really think the (wo)man upstairs is going to turn a blind eye to your philandering?

Even though he doesn't believe his actions are inappropriate, D'Souza still saw fit to resign as president of the King's College in New York City.

The conservative political commentator and author is no stranger to Republican tail. In the past, the poor guy has been romantically linked to human saltpeter Ann Coulter and talk-radio *yente* Laura Ingraham.

I never bothered with the film. In his one-star review, Mr. Lickona said, "What began as an intriguing assessment of a powerful, enigmatic man ends as a political ad for the party of Anyone But Obama." That was more than enough to keep me away.

[Source: *The Daily Mail*]

— Scott Marks

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.

Alex Cross — Alex Cross is a detective whose powers of deduction border on the clairvoyant; he can look at your shirt and tell you what you're having for dinner tomorrow night. But the third big-screen outing for novelist James Patterson's celebrated Washington D.C. crime solver will probably be best remembered as a routine cops-and-psycho drama that features Tyler Perry's first job as actor-for-hire. Matthew Fox plays an industrious serial killer who shows up as a "walk-in" at an unauthorized church boxing match. The point of entering the pugilistic display is to attract the attention of his next victim (Stephanie Jacobsen), who is sitting ringside. So taken by his powers is she that the young vixen can't help but invite Fox back to her home for some kinky sex. Torture and murder ensue. The killer later leaves a clue in the form of a sketch that only someone well-versed in the art of *Mad Magazine* fold-ins could divine. This type of intricate narrative may well serve Patterson's loyal readers, but it tends to set eyeballs a-rolling among multiplex wags. Rachel Nichols, Edward Burns, Giancarlo Esposito, John McGinley, Jean Reno, and Cicely Tyson (sporting the sparkliest damn wig I ever did see) round out the cast. 2012. — S.M.

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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 "blending traditional Mexican music with contemporary beats." Thursday, October 25, 8:00pm

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Solar Mamas Community Cinema screening. 619-527-3405. Wednesday, November 7, 6:30pm

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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

Il caimano Italian Film Festival screening of 2006 film by Nanni Moretti. Wednesday, October 31, 7:00pm

Terraferma Emanuele Crialese's 2011 film screens for Italian Film Festival. Thursday, November 1, 7:00pm

Io sono Li (Shun Li and the Poet) Andrea Segre's 2011 film screens for Italian Film Festival. Sunday, November 4, 8:00pm

Piano, solo Italian Film Festival showcases Riccardo Milani's 2007 work. Monday, November 5, 7:00pm

Tutta colpa di Giuda (Freedom) Italian Film Festival continues with 2009 film by Davide Ferrario. Tuesday, November 6, 7:00pm

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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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House of Ghosts Enjoy local premiere of the black and white horror movie from Midwest-based filmmaker Christopher Mihm. During screening, audience will assist with live over-scoring, providing additional horror sounds. Play on a real Theremin, if you dare! Screening is in Esperanto! spaulson@ucsd.edu or 858-822-5758. Wednesday, October 31, 10:00pm

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The timeless camp of *Reefer Madness* is balanced by mystery and drama in director Gabriel García Moreno's 1927 tale of a young couple locked in a damning world of vice. In this live performance and film screening, Tijuana-based electronica specialists Nortec Collective retool the soundtrack by blending traditional Mexican music with contemporary beats. Afterparty at the Loft. Thursday, October 25, 8:00pm

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO

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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

Tahrir A film written in the faces and voices of those who experienced the occupation of Tahrir Square. It is a day-to-day account of the revolution, capturing the anger, fear, resolve, and finally elation of those who made it happen. Screens in the Great Hall. ArtTalks! post-screening Skype conversation with filmmaker Stefano Savona. Monday, November 5, 7:00pm

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 ‘f’ 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 the 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. ★★

Chasing Mavericks — The inspirational true-life story of 15-year-old Jay Moriarty (newcomer Jonny Weston), whose dream it was to surf Mavericks, the biggest and most hazardous waves in Northern California. Gerald Butler plays Frosty Hesson, a seasoned pro whose initial reluctance to mentor the lad (“Untrained boys don’t step in the ring with Mike Tyson”) gradually gives way under gentle pressure from his thoughtful wife, Brenda (Abigail Spencer). With two veteran directors behind the camera, one would expect something more than just *Gidget Goes Walden Media*, but this appears to be an example of the studio as auteur. Michael Apter (7 to 56 Up, *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*) stepped in to complete the last 15 days of principle shooting after Curtis Hanson (*L.A. Confidential*, 8 Mile) withdrew from the project citing health complications from a recent heart surgery. Both men have had success working with younger actors, but even their combined talents can’t find a crest to ride in Kario Salem’s by-the-numbers script. Still, short of Frankie and Annette’s beach pictures, has there ever been a badly photographed surf movie? Happily, *Chasing Mavericks* is no exception, thanks to cinematographers Oliver Euclid and Bill Pope, who bring you a surfside seat for all the wave-crashing action, in addition to imbuing the landlocked scenes with a soft, burnished look. An okay family picture if you’re in

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the mood for a children’s primer on surf movies. Better yet, wait until the kid is old enough and s/he can watch *Big Wednesday*. Elisabeth Shue, costarring as Jay’s alcoholic mom, appears never to have left Las Vegas. 2012. — S.M. ★

Cloud Atlas — Reviewed this issue. 2012. ★★

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!

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. ★★★

Fun Size — *Reader* critic Scott Marks writes, “For some dumb reason, I laughed during the trailer the second the giant Captain Chicken mascot began humping the Volvo. Who can ask for better entertainment than this?” Who indeed? Review forthcoming! 2012.

Halloween (1978) — A spectacular opening: a circuitous single-take which travels, a little unsteadily, up the walkway of a modest Middle American home, all the way around the side of the building, through the kitchen door, briefly into the cutlery drawer where a hand reaches in from offscreen to select a fearsome butcher knife, up the staircase, into the bedroom of a teenage girl who is swiftly slashed to death at her vanity, back down the stairs and out the front door. Partway through this shot, just prior to the stabbing, the same hand that earlier selected the sturdy murder weapon reaches in to pick up a Halloween mask from the floor and fit it over the subjective eye of the camera, and then the shot continues with the entire screen blocked out except for an aperture in the center which is cut in the shape of the mask’s eyeholes. (As this device of blocking out part of a movie image is technically called a “mask,” the use of it here is quite a witty visual pun.) After the virtuoso

opening, though, the movie drops to a lower level. For a story set on Halloween night in a Midwestern smalltown, there’s a conspicuous thinness of atmosphere, Americana, sociology, or however you care to classify the peculiarly profane trappings of this religious holiday. Where are all the trick-or-treaters, the costumes, the candies, the pumpkins? Starring Donald Pleasence and Jamie Lee Curtis; directed by John Carpenter. 1978. — D.S. ★

Here Comes the Boom — Wanna have fun? Go see *Here Comes the Boom*, only pretend it’s called *The Passion of the Kevin James*. It’s as much a Christ parable as *Raging Bull*, only “director” Frank Coraci doesn’t know it. In order to raise the funds needed to save his school’s music program, the nutty redeemer becomes a glorified kickboxer, and before it’s over his students are in Vegas watching their favorite teacher get stomped into a bloody pulp. He wins in the end (SPOILER ALERT), but there is something to be said for getting to watch a group of muscled individuals take turns beating up on Kevin James. Besides, art and salvation through violence is a PG message we can all abide by. The third act pathos goes exactly as planned and an unexpected cutaway to the teary-eyed father of an

Asian kid brought tears of to my eyes. I’ll have to check the list, but I don’t think I’ve had more fun laughing at a movie all year. Hideous to behold, too. With a blue filter strapped on the camera throughout the entire production, Phil Meheux’s cinematography makes it look like a *Smurfs* sequel directed by Michael Mann. If you have a taste for the terrible, this one comes highly recommended. With Salma Hayek and Joe Rogan as “Himself.” 2012. — S.M. ●

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

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Genndy Tartakovsky (*The Powerpuff Girls*, *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*) succumbs to the pressures of a mainstream PG release by refusing to explore any of the subtleties to be found in a relationship between an overprotective blood-sucker and a virginal daughter 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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How to Survive a Plague — Documentary about the war on AIDS; review forthcoming on *The Big Screen* blog. 2012.

Jurassic Park — Spielberg. Dinosaurs. What more need be said? You get what you expect. Or in blurb-ese: “It delivers the goods.” But it nowhere exceeds or confounds expectations. The premise, from the Michael Crichton novel, is essentially that of Crichton’s *Westworld* with dinosaurs in lieu of robots: amusement park gone haywire. And the *kind* of sensation peddled in it, like the kind in the same director’s *Jaws*, is the rudimentary fear of sharp objects. Or more accurately, graphically, and literal-mindedly, fear of being punctured, severed, minced by same: *My, what big teeth you have, Grandma!* (Fear of blunt objects, or fear of being swiped, stomped, scrunched by same, hardly enters into it.) It is a sensation long on bodily discomfort, short on wonder — a questionable balance in a movie that bridges the sixty-five-million-year gap between man and dinosaur. With Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum, and Richard Attenborough. 1993. —D.S.

★★

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.

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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 rehash of the religious chicanery at the heart of Anderson’s *There Will Be Blood*. Rather, it is an exploration of broken humanity in need of repair, as represented by the deeply damaged WWII vet Freddie Quell. Played with dim, slurring ferocity by Joaquin Phoenix, Quell is a twisted man, from the scar on his lip and the hunch of his shoulders to his insatiable thirst and his rampant sexuality. (When we meet him, he is making moonshine on a beach before getting nastily intimate with a naked sand sculpture.) When he stumbles into the life of gregarious guru Lancaster Dodd (a blowsy, mustachioed Philip Seymour Hoffman), he is almost instantly converted — not because he’s seen the light, but because Dodd peers interestedly into his darkest corners and does not look away. Instead, Dodd embraces the animalistic Quell and seeks to bring him to spiritual enlightenment. Like Jesus Christ, the Master comes to cure the sick. (Unlike Jesus Christ, he also comes to solicit donations from the healthy.) What follows is a touch overlong and over-indulgent, but still full of memorable images

and formal excellences. And it’s a credit to Anderson’s skills as a filmmaker, rather than Dodd’s skills as a healer, that the film finds its way to an ending that is both humane and satisfying. — M.L.

★★★

Nobody Walks — ...in L.A., get it? New York artist-girl (a highly sexualized Olivia Thirlby) camps out in the Silverlake home of a sound engineer, his wife, and their kids (one bio, one step). Almost everyone proceeds to get the itch: hubby for artist, wife’s therapy patient for wife, daughter for hubby’s assistant, assistant for artist, Italian teacher for daughter, etc. A fine cast (John Krasinski, playing it straight; Rosemarie DeWitt playing it cool), a script blessed with some tart exchanges about sexual dynamics, and a pleasingly small scale are underserved by the story, which is thin, observational without being insightful, and awkwardly padded. 2012. — M.L.

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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, mixtapes, 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 ecosystem, and after the death of mainstream pop culture, that’s the best anyone can hope for. The solution: focus on college *girls* who sing *a capella* renditions of pop songs, but find themselves hampered by their inability to hit the bass notes that get *a capella* people excited. Then bring on the issues — body image, lesbianism, terminal shyness, domineering daddies, a tendency to vomit under pressure — and let the fun begin. At least, if you think relentless camp (sprinkled with sass and bitch-wit) is fun. But even if you don’t, it’s hard to resist star Anna Kendrick — she’s game, so you are. And there’s something Katharine Hepburny about the way she manages to bring bring intelligence to farce. With Rebel Wilson, Skylar Astin. 2012. — 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 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.

★★★

Silent Hill: Revelation — When someone paints “Come to Silent Hill” on your wall in drippy black paint, well, there’s only one thing to do! 2012.

Simon and the Oaks — The epic tale of a friendship between a young Swedish boy who thinks his aunt and uncle are his biological parents and the son of a wealthy Jewish bookseller who fled Nazi Germany. Shake a tree come awards season, and a Holocaust film is bound to fall out. Director Lisa Ohlin’s *Simon and the Oaks* has at least two things going for it. Set between 1939 and 1952, the film is magnificent to behold, thanks to the meticulous lenswork of cameraman Dan Laustsen and precise period re-creation by production designers Anders Engelbrecht and Lena Selander. It also houses a rare and shockingly unsentimental depiction of a concentration camp victim.

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Alex Cross (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:15) 5:30; **Argo** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 1:40) 4:15, 7:05, 9:35 Sun. (11:05, 1:40) 4:15, 7:05; **Chasing Mavericks** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:45)

4:20, 7:00, 9:35 Sun. (11:10, 1:45) 4:20, 7:00; **Cloud Atlas** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 3:00) 6:30, 9:55 Sun. (11:30, 3:00) 6:30; **Frankenweenie** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:55a.m.); **Fun Size** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:50, 1:05, 3:20) 5:25, 7:30, 9:40 Sun. (10:50, 1:05, 3:20) 5:25, 7:30; **Here Comes the Boom** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:35, 12:50, 3:05) 5:15, 7:35, 10:00 Sun. (10:35, 12:50, 3:05) 5:15, 7:35; **Hotel Transylvania** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 12:45, 2:55) 5:10, 7:20, 9:30 Sun. (10:30, 12:45, 2:55) 5:10, 7:20; **Paranormal Activity 4** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:10, 3:10) 5:10, 7:15, 9:45 Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:10) 5:10, 7:15; **Pitch Perfect** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:40, 1:30) 4:10, 7:25, 10:05 Sun. (10:40, 1:30) 4:10, 7:25; **Silent Hill: Revelation** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:20, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55, 10:10 Sun. (11:15, 1:20, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55; **Sinister** (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:50, 10:15 Sun. 7:50p.m.; **Taken 2** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35, 3:35) 5:35, 7:45, 9:50 Sat. (11:20, 1:35, 3:35) 5:35, 7:45, 9:50 Sun. (11:20, 1:35, 3:35) 5:35, 7:45; **The Perks of Being a Wallflower** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:25) 5:50, 8:00, 10:20 Sun. (12:55, 3:25) 5:50, 8:00

CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square

4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)
Alex Cross (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 1:05, 3:20) 5:45; **Argo** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:20,

2:20) 4:15, 5:15, 7:05, 8:05, 9:45, 10:45; **The Birds** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **Chasing Mavericks** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:40, 7:40, 10:20; **Cloud Atlas** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 3:15) 7:00, 10:30; **Frankenweenie** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:10a.m.); **Fun Size** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:20, 12:40, 3:15) 5:35, 7:55, 10:15; **Here Comes the Boom** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:45) 4:25, 7:10, 9:35; **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; **Paranormal Activity 4** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 1:40, 3:50) 6:15, 8:25, 10:35; **Seven Psychopaths** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:55; **Silent Hill: Revelation** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 10:25; **Silent Hill: Revelation 3D** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:40) 5:25, 8:10; **Sinister** (R) Fri.-Sun. 8:10, 10:30; **Taken 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:00, 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, 10:40

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)
Bigfoot: The Lost Coast Tapes (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 5:55, 8:10, 10:20; **Cloud Atlas** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 12:00, 2:30, 3:30) 6:00, 7:00, 9:30, 10:30; **Frankenweenie** (PG) Fri. (10:55, 3:20) 8:05, 10:10 Sat. (10:55, 3:20) Sun. (10:55, 3:20) 8:05, 10:10; **Fun Size** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:20, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00, 10:15; **Here Comes the Boom** (PG) Fri. (1:00) 5:05, 7:35, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:05, 7:35, 10:00; **The Intouchables** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 5:00; **Looper** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 1:00, 2:00, 3:35) 4:40, 6:15, 7:15, 8:55, 9:55 Sun. (11:20, 1:00, 3:35) 6:15, 7:15, 8:55, 9:55; **National Theatre Live: The Last of the Haussmans** (Not Rated) Sat.-Sun. (2:00p.m.); **Pitch Perfect** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; **Psycho** (R) Fri. Sat. 7:00, 10:30 Sun.; **Pusher** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 1:40, 3:45) 5:45, 7:50, 9:50; **Samsara** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05) 5:40 Sat. (1:05p.m.) Sun. (1:05) 5:40; **Searching for Sugar Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:10, 3:10) 5:25, 7:35, 9:45; **Silent Hill: Revelation** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:35) 6:05; **Silent Hill: Revelation 3D** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:25, 3:50) 8:20, 10:35 Sun. (11:25, 3:50) 8:20, 10:30; **Taken 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:00)

5:10, 7:25, 9:35, 10:25; **Trade of Innocents** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:10, 3:15) 5:30, 7:55; **Trouble with the Curve** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:30, 10:05

Regal Horton Plaza

Hortal Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Alex Cross (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 3:30) 7:05, 9:30 Sat. (3:30) 7:05, 9:30 Sun. (12:50, 3:30) 7:05, 9:30; **Argo** (R) Fri. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:00 Sat. (10:35, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:00; **Chasing Mavericks** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:45 Sat. (10:20, 1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 9:45 Sun. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; **Hotel Transylvania** (PG) Fri. (1:05, 3:20, 5:35) 7:50, 10:05 Sat. (10:40, 1:05, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50, 10:05 Sun. (1:05, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50, 10:05; **Paranormal Activity 4** (R) Fri. (12:45, 3:00, 5:15) 7:30, 10:05 Sat. (10:25, 12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 10:05 Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 10:05; **Seven Psychopaths** (R) Fri. (1:25, 4:45) 7:40, 10:10 Sat. (10:45, 1:25) 4:45, 7:40, 10:10 Sun. (1:25) 4:45, 7:40, 10:10; **Sinister** (R) Fri. (1:20, 4:30) 7:20, 9:50 Sat. (10:50, 1:20) 4:30, 7:20, 9:50 Sun. (1:20) 4:30, 7:20, 9:50; **The Metropolitan Opera: Otello** (Not Rated) Sat. 9:55a.m.; **This Guy's In Love with U Mare!** (Not Rated) Fri. (12:30, 3:15) 6:00, 9:00 Sat. (10:10, 12:30, 3:15) 6:00, 9:00 Sun. (12:30, 3:15) 6:00, 9:00

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
SOMEWHERE BETWEEN (NR) Fri: (2:40), 4:50, 7:00, 9:10, Sat & Sun: (2:40), 4:50, 7:00, 9:10, Mon - Thu: (4:50), 7:00, 9:10; **JURASSIC PARK** (PG-13) Sat & Sun: 12:00 NOON; **THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW** (R) With “Crazed Imaginations” Shadow Cast, Sat: 12:00 MIDNIGHT, Discount Shows at Landmark’s Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets “()”; **THE BIG PICTURE** (NR) Opens Friday November 2; **CHICAGO** (PG-13) Plays Saturday, November 3rd & Sunday, November 4

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)
SIMON AND THE OAKS (NR) Fri, Mon - Thu: (1:50), (4:30), 7:00, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **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; **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, Discount Shows at Landmark’s La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “()”; **THE OTHER SON** (PG-13) Opens Friday, November 2; **THE SESSIONS** (R) Opens Friday, November 2

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)
Cloud Atlas (R) Thu: (10:00 AM); **Cloud Atlas** (R) Fri & Sat: (11:00 AM), (3:00), 7:00, 10:45, Sun - Thu: (11:00 AM), (3:00), 7:00; **Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre: Much Ado About Nothing** (NR) Mon: 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; **Paranormal Activity 4** (R) Fri & Sat: (10:15 AM), (12:45), (3:15), 5:30, 7:45, 10:00, Sun - Thu: (10:15 AM), (12:45), (3:15), 5:30, 7:45; **Argo** (R) Fri & Sat: (10:15 AM), (1:15), 4:15, 7:15, 10:15, Sun - Thu: (10:15 AM), (1:15), 4:15, 7:15; **Sinister** (R) Fri & Sat: (10:45 AM), (1:30), 4:30, 7:30, 10:15, Sun: (10:45 AM), (1:30), 4:30, 7:30, Mon: (10:45 AM), (1:30), 4:30, Tue: (1:30), 4:30, Wed: (10:45 AM), (1:30), 4:30, Thu: (1:30), 4:30, 7:30; **Kidtoons: Chuggington: Traintastic Adventures** (NR) Sat & Sun: (10:30 AM); **Taken 2** (PG-13) Fri: (10:30 AM), (1:00), (3:30), 5:45, 8:15, 10:30, Sat: (1:00), (3:30), 5:45, 8:15, 10:30, Sun: (1:00), (3:30), 5:45, 8:15, Mon - Thu: (10:30 AM), (1:00), (3:30), 5:45, 8:15; **Hotel Transylvania** (PG) Fri & Sat: (10:00 AM), (2:30), 7:00, 9:45, Sun - Thu: (10:00 AM), (2:30), 7:00; **Hotel Transylvania 3D** (PG) Fri - Thu: (12:15), 4:45; **Halloween (1978)** (R) Tue: 8:00 PM, Wed: 9:00 PM

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:05), 4:30, 7:10, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:05, 4:30, 7:10, 9:35; **NOBODY WALKS** (R) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:15), 4:45, 7:25, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (11:40), 2:15, 4:45, 7:25, 9:45; **THE MASTER** (R) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:00), (5:00), *8:00, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, * No 8:00 PM Show Tuesday,

10/30/12; **THE ORANGES** (R) Fri, Mon - Thu: (4:40), 9:50, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 4:40, 9:50; **HOW TO SURVIVE A PLAGUE** (NR) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:10), 7:00, Sat & Sun: (2:10), 7:00; **ARBITRAGE** (R) Fri, Mon - Thu: (1:50), 4:35, *7:15, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 1:50, 4:35, 7:15, 9:40, * No 7:15 PM Show Tuesday, 10/30/12, Discount Shows at Landmark’s Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “()”; **THE SESSIONS** (R) Opens Friday, November 2

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Call theater for program information.

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Regal Parkway Plaza
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Alex Cross (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:45, 5:25) 8:05, 10:45 Sat,-Sun. (12:05, 2:45) 5:25, 8:05, 10:45; **Argo** (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30 Sat,-Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **Bad Blood... the Hunger** (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:35, 5:15) 7:55, 10:35 Sat,-Sun. (11:35, 2:35) 5:15, 7:55, 10:35; **Chasing Mavericks** (PG) Fri. (11:40, 2:20, 5:10) 7:50, 10:40 Sat,-Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:10, 7:50, 10:40; **Cloud Atlas** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:30, 3:10) 6:50, 10:30; **End of Watch** (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:25, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05 Sat,-Sun. (11:40, 2:25) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; **Frankenweenie** (PG) Fri. (12:15, 2:40, 5:10) 7:35, 9:55 Sat,-Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:10, 7:35, 9:55; **Fun Size** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:30, 4:55) 7:20, 9:40 Sat,-Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20, 9:40; **Here Comes the Boom** (PG) Fri. (12:15, 2:55, 5:25) 8:10, 10:45 Sat,-Sun. (12:15, 2:55) 5:25, 8:10, 10:45; **Hotel Transylvania** (PG) Fri. (11:45, 2:20, 4:35) 7:15, 9:35 Sat,-Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 4:35, 7:15, 9:35; **Looper** (R) Fri,-Sun. (12:20, 3:20) 6:55, 9:45; **Paranormal Activity 4** (R) Fri. (11:30, 2:15, 4:35) 7:00, 9:20 Sat,-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 4:35, 7:00, 9:20; **Paranormal Activity 4: The IMAX Experience** (R) Fri,-Sun. 12:10, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 10:00; **Pitch Perfect** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 10:00 Sat,-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 10:00; **Seven Psychopaths** (R) Fri. (11:55, 2:35, 5:15) 7:55, 10:40 Sat,-Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:15, 7:55, 10:40; **Silent Hill: Revelation** (R) Fri. (2:10, 4:30) 9:30 Sat,-Sun. (2:10) 4:30, 9:30; **Silent Hill: Revelation 3D** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:35) 7:10; **Sinister** (R) Fri. (11:50, 2:30, 5:20) 8:00, 10:40 Sat,-Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 5:20, 8:00, 10:40; **Taken 2** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:25, 4:50) 7:25, 9:55 Sat,-Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 4:50, 7:25, 9:55

LA MESA

Reading Grossmont
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)
Call theater for program information.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
Alex Cross (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 6:45, 9:35; **Argo** (R) Fri. (12:20, 4:15) 7:20, 10:15 Sat,-Sun. (12:20) 4:15, 7:20, 10:15; **Chasing Mavericks** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (11:50, 2:50) 7:00, 9:55; **Cloud Atlas** (R) Fri. (12:00, 4:10) 8:00 Sat,-Sun. (12:00) 4:10, 8:00; **Frankenweenie** (PG) Fri. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) Sat,-Sun. (11:45, 2:10) 4:35; **Fun Size** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:40, 5:05) 7:30, 10:00 Sat,-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:05, 7:30, 10:00; **Here Comes the Boom** (PG) Fri. (11:25, 2:05, 4:40) 7:15, 9:50 Sat,-Sun. (11:25, 2:05) 4:40, 7:15, 9:50; **Hotel Transylvania** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 4:25) 6:50, 9:30 Sat,-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:25, 6:50, 9:30; **Looper** (R) Fri,-Sun. 6:55, 9:45; **Paranormal Activity 4** (R) Fri. (12:05, 12:30, 2:35, 2:55, 4:55, 5:20) 7:40, 8:10, 10:10, 10:40 Sat,-Sun. (12:05, 12:30, 2:35, 2:55) 4:55, 5:20, 7:40, 8:10, 10:10, 10:40; **Pitch Perfect** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:20, 5:10) 7:55, 10:45 Sat,-Sun. (11:35, 2:20) 5:10, 7:55, 10:45; **Silent Hill: Revelation** (R) Fri. (2:30, 5:00) 10:20 Sat,-Sun. (2:30) 5:00, 10:20; **Silent Hill: Revelation 3D** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:55) 7:50; **Sinister** (R) Fri,-Sun. (12:15, 2:55) 6:40, 10:05; **Taken 2** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:25 Sat,-Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:25; **The Perks of Being a Wallflower**

(PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 6:35, 9:40

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)
Call theater for program information.

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)
Fun Size (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30, Sun: 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, Mon - Thu: 5:45, 8:00; **Silent Hill: Revelation** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00, Sun: 11:45 AM, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, Mon - Thu: 5:15, 7:45; **Paranormal Activity 4** (R) Fri & Sat: 12:00, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45, Sun: 12:00, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, Mon - Thu: 5:30, 8:15; **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; **Kidtoons: Chuggington: Traintastic Adventures** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Taken 2** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45, Sun: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, Mon - Thu: 4:30, 7:00; **Hotel Transylvania** (PG) Fri & Sat: 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30, Sun: 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, Mon - Thu: 5:00, 7:15

POWAY

UltraStar Poway
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Cloud Atlas (R) Fri - Sun: 10:00 AM, 1:30, 5:00, 8:30, Mon: 10:00 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 8:00, Tue: 10:00 AM, 1:30, 5:00, 8:30, Wed: 10:05 AM, 1:30, 5:00, 8:30, Thu: 10:00 AM, 1:30, 5:00, 8:30; **Cloud Atlas** (R) Wed: 10:00 AM; **Fun Size** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30, Sun - Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00; **Silent Hill: Revelation** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 3:00, 7:30, 10:15, Sun & Mon: 10:30 AM, 3:00, 7:30, Tue: 10:00 AM, 12:15, 7:30, Wed & Thu: 10:30 AM, 3:00, 7:30; **Silent Hill: Revelation 3D** (R) Fri & Sat: 1:00, 5:30, 10:45, Sun - Thu: 1:00, 5:30; **Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre: Much Ado About Nothing** (NR) Mon: 7:00 PM; **Alex Cross** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 10:10 AM, 12:35, 5:35, 8:05; **Paranormal Activity 4** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:05, 3:20, 5:45, 8:00, 10:25, Sun - Thu:

11:00 AM, 1:05, 3:20, 5:45, 8:00; **Argo** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:40 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00, Sun - Thu: 10:40 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00; **Here Comes the Boom** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:15, 10:45, Sun - Thu: 10:15 AM, 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:15; **Sinister** (R) Fri & Sat: 3:05, 10:35, Sun - Thu: 3:05 PM; **Kidtoons: Chuggington: Traintastic Adventures** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Frankenweenie** (PG) Fri - Sun: 4:40 PM, Mon: 1:50 PM, Tue - Thu: 4:40 PM; **Pitch Perfect** (PG-13) Fri: 10:40 AM, 1:50, 7:10, 10:20, Sat: 1:50, 7:10, 10:20, Sun: 1:50, 7:10, Mon: 10:40 AM, Tue: 10:40 AM, 1:50, 7:10, Wed: 1:50, 7:10, Thu: 10:40 AM, 1:50, 7:10; **Taken 2** (PG-13) Fri: 10:20 AM, 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 7:40, 10:10, Sat: 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 7:40, 10:10, Sun: 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 7:40, Mon & Tue: 10:20 AM, 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 7:40, Wed: 3:05, 5:25, 7:40, Thu: 10:20 AM, 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 7:40; **Hotel Transylvania** (PG) Fri - Mon: 12:45, 5:15, Tue: 2:30, 5:15, Wed & Thu: 12:45, 5:15; **Hotel Transylvania 3D** (PG) Fri - Thu: 10:50 AM, 3:20, 8:10; **Spookley the Square Pumpkin** (G) Sat & Sun: 11:00 AM, Wed: 11:00 AM

SAN MARCOS

Regal San Marcos
1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)
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TEMECULA

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Calendar

MOVIES

The first time we see Iza (Katharina Schüttler) with shoulder length hair, it's hard to believe she's the same clean shaven woman we were introduced to a scene earlier as she was being released from Auschwitz. Iza is one survivor who is angry, cynical, and eager to engage in some rough trade with her cousin. Normally, I'm the first to cry foul at the introduction of an unnecessary romantic subplot, but when Iza exits, the picture goes with her. What remains is a soap opera. With Bill Skarsgård, Karl Linnertorp, Jan Josef Leifers, and Helen Sjöholm.. 2012. — S.M.

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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 10 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.

★★

Smashed — A generational update of the 1994 Andy Garcia-Meg Ryan rehab drama *When a Man Loves a Woman*. The wife still has a drinking problem and the husband is still an enabler, but there are no kids involved this time (just a faked pregnancy), and hitting bottom involves smoking crack and waking up in a parking lot. Other differences: hubby Aaron Paul is a party-boy beta male living off his parents instead of a successful airline pilot, and the drinking isn't spoiling a seemingly perfect life, just a sustained attempt to feel better and get by in a crumbling world. The script offers some cringeworthy talk about sex and abortion, and few revelations in the addiction department, but maybe every generation needs one of these as they start to figure out the dangers of demon rum. For those who are already familiar, there is at least the pleasure of watching an able cast at work. Star Mary Elizabeth Winstead is believable, and sometimes even compelling, as the drunk wife. Only Octavia Spencer, in the thankless role of inspirational AA sponsor, seems wasted. With Nick Offerman, Megan Mullally. 2012. — M.L.

★

Somewhere Between — Documentary telling the stories of four Chinese girls born to families unable to keep them. Review forthcoming on The Big Screen blog. 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-making 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 various 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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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 sub-standard 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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Trouble with the Curve — There's trouble with the terminally cute script in this, Clint Eastwood's first actor-for-hire job since *In the Line of Fire* (1993). Clint stars as a corroded baseball scout with three months left on his contract. A severe case of macular degeneration forces him to make every day take-your-estranged-child-to-work day. Clint's voice has long taken on the timbre of wind whistling through an empty beer can; as his seeing-eye daughter, Amy Adams acts as a formidable correlate to the throaty grouch. A love story between father and daughter isn't enough of a well-born target for fledgling screenwriter Randy Brown to aim at, hence the unnecessary romantic subplot between Adams and Justin Timberlake. You'll be feeling around in the dark for a scan button during the couple's two dance routines, but alas. And a dismissive third act flashback aimed at explaining away decades of bad blood is as formulaic as it is tasteless. Robert Lorenz, Clint's regular second-unit man, receives sole director's credit, but one glance at the film's formal design and thematic obsessions makes it clear who called the shots. Clint's display of friendship and loyalty is highly commendable. The same can't be said for the finished product. A solid supporting cast — John Goodman, Ed Lauter, Robert Patrick — is sent to the showers. 2012. — S.M.

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SEEN ON DVD



The Shining

RANDY CONNER

Artist, [facebook.com/randy-connerpaintings](https://www.facebook.com/randy-connerpaintings)

I first saw *The Shining* when I was 15. My brother and I were trying to find a scary movie, and my mom suggested it. I remember being hesitant because I assumed it would be some corny movie my mom thought was scary "back in the day." To this day, I've never seen a creepier movie. I think the combination of Stephen King's writing and Stanley Kubrick's directing is all that was needed to create a cinematic masterpiece.

If you haven't seen *Fight Club*, I'm jealous. I wish I could re-experience it for the first time. This would probably be my stranded-on-a-desert-island movie. There's just too much to say about *Fight Club*. You have to see for yourself. Easily one of the best films of all time. Also, it's one of the only movies I can think of that is as good as or better than the book.

THE SHINING (USA/England) 1980, Warner Brothers
List price: \$19.98

FIGHT CLUB (USA) 1999, Twentieth Century Fox
List price: \$19.98

War of the Buttons — 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 Cabin in the Woods

MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ

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New on Blu-ray is Drew Goddard's supremely fun horror-comedy *The Cabin in the Woods*. Fans of Goddard and his producer Joss Whedon will enjoy their legendary cleverness as well as some beloved actors from the Whedonverse making appearances. Stealing the show are Bradley Whitford and Richard Jenkins as a couple of working stiff whose job isn't quite what it seems. People who can spot the genre conventions being played with will adore this film. Made for horror fans!

Going back in time and across the Pacific, the entire *Daimajin* trilogy just got a glorious Blu-ray treatment. Originally from Daiei, the company that gave us *Gamera*, *Daimajin* is a unique genre mash-up of period samurai and giant monster movie. Unlike the *Gamera* films from the same decade, the *Daimajin* films are more serious in tone, featuring a giant statue of a folk God affecting the lives of the people around it.

THE CABIN IN THE WOODS (USA) 2012, Lionsgate
List price: \$34.99

DAIMAJIN TRIPLE FEATURE COLLECTOR'S EDITION (Japan) 1966, Mill Creek
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Susperia

PHILLIP LORENZO

Filmmaker, [Vae Lacrimae, facebook.com/VaeLacrimae](https://www.facebook.com/VaeLacrimae)

As a filmmaker setting out to do a Giallo (a genre of Italian crime thrillers) short film, I only find it fitting that my picks for Halloween are two standards of this classic Italian film form. *Suspiria* is not only the best Giallo in cinema ever, it's one of the great horror films across the genre. It's expressionistic use of color, combined with its disconcerting kill scenes, make this Dario Argento exercise in artistic bloodletting a true masterpiece.

The other pick is also from the master of Giallo. Dario Argento's *Inferno* continues where *Suspiria* left off. Argento uses color and the arts (*Suspiria* uses ballet, *Inferno* uses music) as a background for terror that unsettles the audience while seducing it with beautiful design, music, and actresses. It's a tale that obsessed Argento: the tale of the three sisters of sorrow. This tale has captured me as well.

SUSPIRIA (Italy) 1977, Blue Underground
List price: \$19.98

INFERNO (Italy) 1980, Blue Underground
List price: \$29.98

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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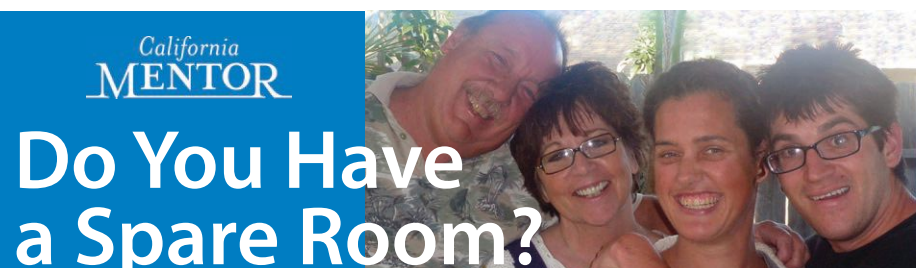
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early 1950s. In fact, El Tiburon was sold and then turned into “Manolo’s” in his honor. Dandy del Sur, however, stands as his landmark establishment.

“He had some engineers make it, but he didn’t like it so he threw it all away,” said Alexa, a longtime *cantinera* in the Dandy. Manolo then made the bar the way he wanted it. “I don’t want *ficheras* [girls who drink with guys for tips from the bar], I want people to come, locals, to have a nice time,” recounted Alex of Manolo’s wishes for the Dandy. “They told Manolo it wouldn’t work, but it worked,” she said. And it does.

Manolo’s wake was on Thursday evening.

La Sexta, once known only for a couple of small cantinas outside of the Dandy del Sur, now thrives with exuberance in a new era; the passing of Manolo marks a transition felt by Tijuana’s youth whether they know it or not.

BY DAVID ALTON DODD, OCT. 20, 2012

ENCINITAS

Epidemic?

Media coverage of Boy Scouts unfair

After the October 18 public release of child-abuse case files held by the national Boys Scouts of America, including cases here in

San Diego, I talked with adult volunteer scout leaders from the San Diego–Imperial Council’s Pacific Coast District (Carmel Valley to La Costa).

The local leaders point out a Fox 5 morning-news story on October 19. The reporter stated the BSA cases were “an epidemic” and “just the tip of the iceberg.”

The scout leaders explain that the files are old, from the 1960s through 1980s. They claim that in those days, youth organizations may have thought dealing with the matter internally was a way to protect the child and their family from an unjust stigma in the community. Child-abuse issues and discussion of how to improve a system with youth organizations didn’t come to light until the Catholic church cases in the late 1990s....

Each scout leader I spoke with said it is known by every scout unit leader that any suspected child abuse be reported to the local authorities. One scouter said, “It would be hard to turn in someone you thought was a good friend in scouting, but we all believe that protection and safety of our boys come first. It’s the police’s job to sort out the facts.”

Disclosure: I am an assistant scoutmaster in Troop 2000 in Olivenhain, with two sons in the program. I have eight years of service to scouting. I did not interview anyone from my troop for this story.

BY KEN HARRISON, OCT. 20, 2012

OCEAN BEACH

Restaurants Even Tougher than Fishing

Portugalia for sale

Portugalia, the now-closed Portuguese restaurant and pub located at 4839 Newport Avenue, is on the auction block. Signs promoting a “quiet auction” are posted in several places in front of the former business that was once “the only Portuguese eatery in all of San Diego County,” according to a 2007 Naomi Wise *Reader* article.

QuietAuction.com is taking phone and email bids on the 10,000-square-foot property, which boasts “13 garage parking spaces” and “a restaurant upstairs.” Touting the locale as a “rare property” that “much can be done with,” the signs say that offers are accepted 24 hours a day.

Jason Nascimento, the previous owner, is the scion of a local Portuguese fishing family. He folded the business after eight years and moved away. A May 2011 *Reader* story by Dave Good noted that Nascimento stated, “I couldn’t do it anymore.”

BY GAIL POWELL, OCT. 16, 2012

DESCANSO

Hike Airplane Ridge

See V12 from crash 90 years ago

On December 7, 1922, 26-year-old U.S. Army pilot Charles Webber, in a World War I De

Havilland biplane, flew out of Rockwell Field on North Island. His mission was to fly a U.S. Cavalry colonel for an inspection at Fort Haachuca, Arizona.

When no word was received that the two had arrived, the Army initiated an investigation. Due to the winter weather conditions, it was believed the aircraft had engine trouble or poor visibility in the thick clouds and the plane crashed. There was even a ground search, but the two men were not found.

In May 1923, rancher George McCain discovered the plane’s wreckage and burnt remains of the two Army officers in the melting snow. McCain guided a military team to the site. What remained of the V12 engine block was made into a memorial. The ridge above the site was named Airplane Ridge, and the trail leading to it was named Monument Trail.

The memorial is near Descanso, off Highway 79, and is accessible from either the Sweetwater Bridge parking area or Green Valley campground. The hike to see the monument is about two and half miles, almost entirely uphill with over 800 feet of altitude.

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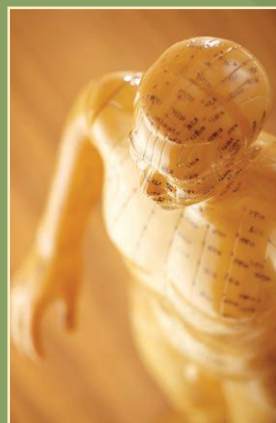
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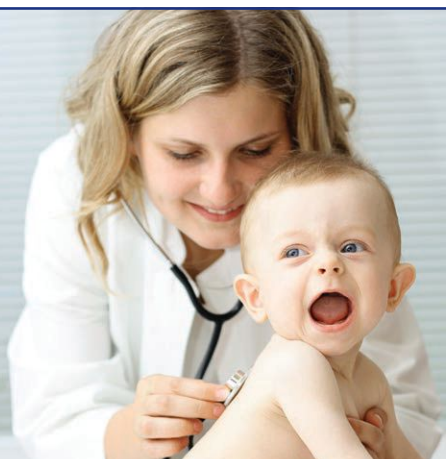
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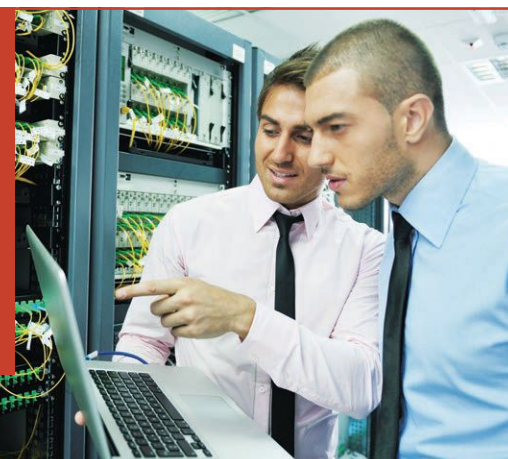
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Across

1. Much of the U.K.
5. Newspaper from 1912 to 1991
11. Massage reaction
14. Perlman of "Cheers"
15. Ducks for cover?
16. LAX calculation
17. Make ____ (get paid well)
18. Ace a test
19. Push (through)
20. Operatic malady?
23. Abovementioned
24. Went marching
26. Rubens painted her
30. Not a good thing to make in a restaurant
31. Goes off on
34. Nutritional fig.

35. Poetic malady?
38. Steamy place
40. Entangle
41. Morgen's opposite
44. Cannes Film Festival prize
48. "Mama Said Knock You Out" rapper
51. Online memo
52. Prosaic malady?
56. Gambling letters until 2010
57. Having no radiating processes, as nerve cells
58. Start of many prayers
59. ____ v. Wade
60. Nuevo Mexico, e.g.
61. Agitate
62. Gibbon, for one
63. Make unable to scratch
64. Gung-ho

Down

1. The old man's old man
2. Keep from happening
3. Grin's partner
4. Time before television
5. Ivy in Philly
6. Org. that combats illegal file sharing
7. Score after deuce
8. African grassland
9. Not as damp
10. Team that left the National League for the American League in 2013
11. Airline created in 1973 based in Lima
12. Finished
13. Easter entree
21. Assortment
22. Lib. arts major
25. Grp. with big busts
27. Onetime Spanish queen and namesakes
28. "South Park" boy
29. "It's ____!" ("Easy!")
32. Taj Mahal city
33. Divulge
35. Judah who led a famous revolt that began in 168 BC

36. "12 Angry Men" director
37. Embroidery characteristic
38. TV show that debuted the night Bill and Hillary Clinton got married
39. Handheld device
42. Not vert.
43. Ready for the frat party, maybe
45. '90s TV character played by the actor whose Twitter account is @ActuallyNPH
46. 2003 Lifetime Achievement Oscar winner Peter
47. Blush
49. Run out
50. High school military prog.
53. Tel Aviv lander
54. Magician's shout
55. "... pretty maids all in ____"
56. 60 minuti

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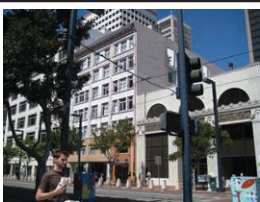
Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 10.
*This election be sure to vote,
Don't select a candidate just by rote,
Pick the one whom you can trust,
The time is crucial, it's a must,
A wrong choice now could mean a jolt.*

George Jackson, Oceanside, 10.
*The scariest thing that I've ever seen
Was a witch on a broom on a dark Halloween.
Framed by full moon, she projected pure fright
As she flew like the wind till she faded from sight
Later I learned she was a burkha-clad Mujahideen.*

Tommy Conroy, La Mesa, 8.
*We all need to go on a cruise
To eat well and take a long snooze
Let's slow everything down
no one wearing a frown
there'll be no excuse for the blues.*

Marvin A Brown, Clairemont, 2.
*"A cold day in hell" would be my prediction,
of winning a hat that has become an addiction.
The heat wave is here and no let up in sight,
But luck, like the weather, can change overnight.*

Marc Richard , Banker's Hill, 1.
*You must pay attention to meter
The limerick is not just repeater
The lines number five
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p.58 Gods' *should be* God's

Feast!

p.80 Najiya *should be* Nijiya

Ramie Tateishi (University City) \$50

Feast!

p.64 restaurants *should be* restaurant

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Charlene Chavoya (City Heights) \$20

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Marvin Wager (Linda Vista) \$10

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2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name and a clean limerick.

Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are cut into pieces will be disqualified. You may submit a new limerick weekly. This is a great way to express yourself. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

3) We will award writers of the best limericks, among those who correctly solve the puzzle, one of the famous *Reader* baseball caps or T-shirts. And we will print the winning limericks – screened for plagiarism – in the paper and online.

4) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

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6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

7) Late entries will not be considered.

8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

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HARD:

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L. Barling, El Cajon, 10.

If I think of all the foods I forsook
Then my interest wanes — I can't cook:
Freezer to microwave
Have calories to have:
To lose weight, best to just smell and look!

Marc Richard, Banker's Hill, 4.

It's so nice to live near downtown
entertainment is all around
I know you might say
Is it both night & day?
Of course, can't you see all the clowns.

Greydon Koellmann, San Diego, 2.

I always have plenty of time
to come up with some kind of rhyme
but on weekends I'm lax
and don't turn on my fax
Until Monday at 6:59.

Stephen Roycraft, San Diego, 1.

Pizza, beer, Sudoku:
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Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 10.

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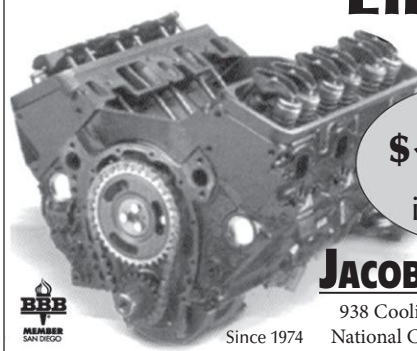
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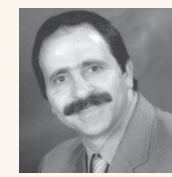
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