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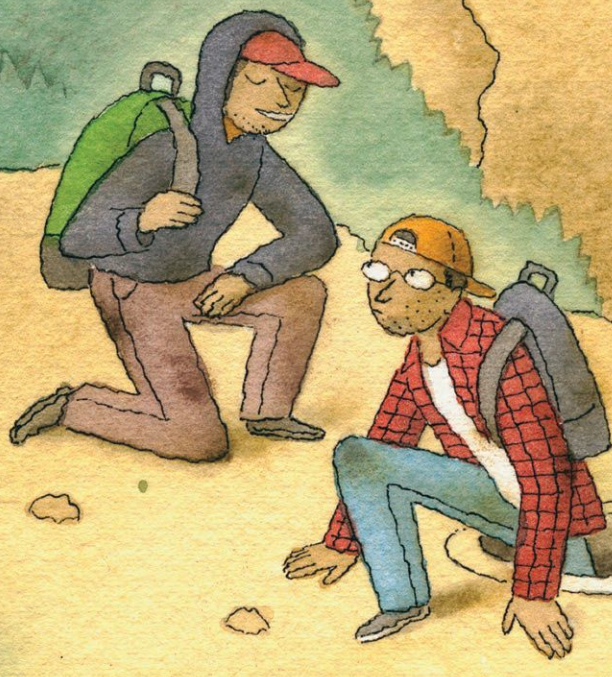
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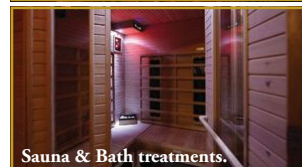
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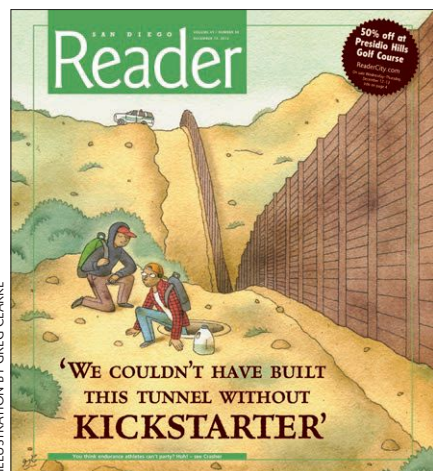
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## NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

## Cops will be watching

List of upcoming anti-DUI activities include post-football crackdowns.

*San Diego* — Law-enforcement groups around San Diego have announced a schedule of DUI crackdown efforts they'll be engaging in over the holiday season as part of the ongoing "Avoid the 15" campaign, so named for the 15 law-enforcement agencies participating. The name, along with the strategy of releasing general information on planned actions, is to encourage would-be drunk drivers to plan ahead for safe transportation while partying.

Interestingly enough, as readers have often questioned the lack of DUI controls following football games, two such events are listed as targets on the holiday list.

**December 14:** Sobriety/driver's license checkpoints in Vista and Santee from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. **December 15:** DUI warrant sweep in the South Bay area, plus sobriety/driver's license checkpoints in Lemon Grove and Encinitas from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. **December 20:** DUI saturation patrol around Qualcomm Stadium following the Poinsettia Bowl, 5 p.m. to midnight. **December 21:** Sobriety/driver's license checkpoint in Encinitas from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. **December 22:** Sobriety/driver's license checkpoint in Rancho San Diego (unincorporated El Cajon) from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. **December 28:** Sobriety/driver's license checkpoints in Poway and Imperial Beach from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. **December 29:** Sobriety/driver's license checkpoint in Chula Vista from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. **December 30:** DUI saturation patrol around Qualcomm Stadium following the Chargers/Raiders game, 5 p.m. to midnight. **December 31:** DUI saturation patrols countywide

"Don't let a DUI ruin your holidays," reminds Sheriff Bill Gore. "We will be watching."

*Dave Rice, December 7*

## Nonprofits non-permitted

City proposal could kill entertainment permit exemptions for nonprofits

*San Diego* — The police department hopes to raise some extra cash by eliminating the exemption that allows nonprofit organizations to throw fundraisers and other entertainment events without having to pay for a city permit.

To boost their argument, San Diego Police Department officials say the exemptions provided to nonprofits violates state Proposition 26 — claiming that those paying for permits are subsidizing those nonprofit organizations because of the need to provide police presence.

But some community nonprofits disagree. One such organization, the WorldBeat Cultural Center in Balboa Park, looks to defeat

that proposal.

Today, the nonprofit posted an online petition at [signon.org](http://signon.org) looking for help.

Makeda Cheatom, from WorldBeat, also appeared at a council hearing on December 4 and urged city councilmembers to reconsider doing away with the exemption.

"Most nonprofits didn't know about this," Cheatom said. "We didn't know until we received a notice on our door on Friday [December 1]. We are struggling right now. We can't take out permits. You have to protect your nonprofits that are here to serve the community."

*Dorian Hargrove, December 6*

## Murders down

Mexico seeing its first drop in drug war murders since 2006

*Baja* — Mexico is on pace to see a drop in drug-war-related murders for the first time since the campaign against organized crime began in 2006. The *Economist* reported earlier this month, based on statistics kept by *Grupo Reforma*, that by the end of November, Mexico had 22 percent less gangland murders as opposed to the same time period in 2011.

Tijuana has made great progress in reducing overall crime, while once much-more dangerous cities, like Ciudad Juárez, are beginning to follow the same trend. Murders have been pushed to rural areas.

The new president of Mexico, Enrique Peña Nieto, has vowed to continue the war on organized crime despite doubts by critics.

*K. Mennem, December 6*

## CHP fires 33 shots

Incident may have been "suicide by cop"

*El Cajon* — Anthony Osorio, a 27-year-old resident of the unincorporated El Cajon community of Crest, shot and killed by California Highway Patrol officers over the weekend, had over 30 bullets fired at him after refusing orders to stop and advancing upon officers, the sheriff's department confirmed yesterday.

Officers involved in the shooting were officer David Bigalk, officer Ryan Harrison, and sergeant Phillip Jones.

After a high-speed pursuit that began on Interstate 8, Osorio eventually rolled his 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe near the 1900 block of La Cresta Drive, with the vehicle coming to rest back on its wheels. A CHP video camera shows that Osorio refused orders to put his hands up and instead exited the vehicle, screaming profanities and advancing toward the three patrolmen.

According to a police statement, officers were unable to see Osorio's right side and

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San Diego's Jack in the Box bought Qdoba in 2003. The Mexican chain isn't doing as well as the hamburger/sandwich chain is.



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## Should Jack stay in Mexican foods?

By Don Bauder

**G**ulp. An American icon, fast food, has a bellyache. In October, once-invincible McDonald's reported that monthly sales

in United States units open for a year (called same-store sales) declined for the first time since 2003. November same-store sales rebounded, but Wall Street is still nervous. Chipotle Mexican Grill, whose same-store sales once routinely zoomed more than 10 percent, reported only a 5 percent gain in the third quarter. Chipotle's stock, which soared close to \$450 in halcyon days, has dropped back into the \$270s, where it still appears a mite bubbly.

The National Restaurant Association has a restaurant performance index that monitors the pulse of the industry. The survey released November 30 was the worst in 14 months. Only 40 percent of restaurants said their same-store sales had grown the previous month. Most restaurants said traffic had declined in October. Fast-food restaurants were particularly vulnerable.

San Diego's iconic Jack in the Box reflects industry indigestion. In its fourth quarter, earnings per share dropped to 39 cents from 50 cents in the same period a year earlier. Revenue fell 2.5 percent from the comparable quarter last year. "Jack in the Box whiffed on revenues and missed [Wall Street analysts'] estimates on

earnings per share," says Seth Jayson of the Motley Fool, and other analysts exhibited signs of unhappiness. However, the company's actual performance was much better than earnings, which were affected by complicated technical factors.

Jack in the Box has 2200 fast-food sandwich/hamburger shops in 21 states.



Jack — dabbling in Mexican food.



Jack chief executive Linda Lang: price hikes deflated Qdoba's performance.



Jack vice president Jerry Rebel expects 2 to 3 percent same-store sales increases.

That business started in 1951 with a drive-through operation on El Cajon Boulevard. One current problem has been that 42 percent of Jack outlets are in California, whose economy has been anemic (although some say it is now picking up). Jack also owns 600 Qdoba Mexican Grill fast casual restaurants in 42 states. That business was purchased in 2003. (There is one Qdoba in Temecula and will likely be one at the San Diego International Airport next year.) This is Jack's sec-

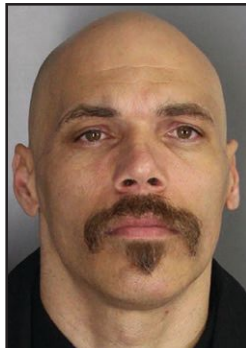
ond try at Mexican restaurants. It bought Chi-Chi's in 1988 but eventually got rid of it. Jack is committed to Qdoba, but recent results have not been impressive. Same-store sales rose only 0.4 percent in the fourth quarter — less than the company had predicted. Qdoba's chief executive, who had been on the job for 14 years, is on the way out the door, and the corporate parent is aggressively looking for a new big

The average ticket at

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Fernando Arellano was stabbed to death in one of these Escondido townhomes.



Christopher Selena, in his mug shot and in court, stands accused of killing Arellano.



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Shaquita Martinez (right), the meth user in whose townhome Arellano was killed, was given immunity by the district attorney's office in exchange for testimony.

## Ex-boyfriend, meth, a knife, a death

by Eva Knott

**I** got mad, and we were having pizza, and I threw pizza at him.” Shaquita said she threw the pizza at Fernando. She had been mad at him for some days, since she had loaned him \$300.

On the evening of Friday, May 4, 2012, they were in her apartment together on Fig Street in Escondido.

Shaquita gets her money from the government. Her “public assistance” arrives on the first of the month. She said she had used an elec-

tronic benefits card at an ATM to withdraw the cash that she gave to Fernando. “We didn’t talk about why; I just gave it to him.”

She assumed Fernando would use the money to buy methamphetamine. They both used meth.

That Friday, Shaquita told Fernando she wanted her money back. But, “He wasn’t

hearing me. Well, I got mad because he wasn’t taking me seriously.”

They weren’t really arguing, according to Shaquita. Instead, she says, Fernando was responding to her demands with “the silent treatment.”

Tired of his silent treat-

ment, Shaquita grew irate and threw pizza at Fernando. “Then he got mad,” she says, “and he got on the phone, and he called someone, I believe a female, to come. And he said, ‘Come slap this girl.’ He said to come slap me.”

Shaquita said she told Fernando to leave, but he didn’t. He had a habit of not leaving when asked, Shaquita explained. “I mean, I would always [ask him to leave,] and it didn’t matter.” Fernando wanted to spend nights with her, Shaquita explained, because he was a jealous person. He thought that if he were there then she couldn’t be with someone else.

It was after 3:00 a.m., Saturday, May 5, when Shaquita decided to make a phone call. While Fernando was upstairs, Shaquita went downstairs, to the kitchen. She used her cell phone to call Chris, who is her former boyfriend and the father of two of her children.

What made her decide to make that call?

“Anger. Stupidity.”

What did she tell Chris?

“I told him that Fernando

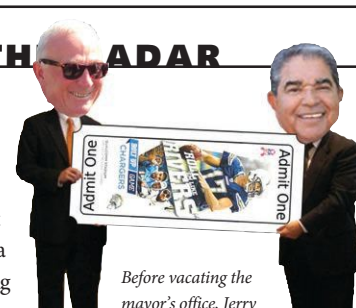
## UNDER THE RADAR

### The last gift report.

Former San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders** left office last week in a familiar way, reporting the gift of a free Chargers ticket he made to a fellow pol. The final disclosed recipient of Sanders’s largesse: **Rudy Castruita**, retired superintendent of the San Diego County Office of Education. According to a gift-report form posted online on Sunday, December 2 — the day before new mayor **Bob Filner** took the oath of office — Castruita got a single admission valued at \$98 to a game on November 6. Because Sanders has been fast and loose with the city’s inventory of Chargers tickets, the gift to Castruita might not seem noteworthy, except that it was for a game played last year. Castruita, presumably, watched the Chargers lose to Green Bay, 45-38. Why it took Sanders so long to post his gratuity to the retired school administrator is unknown; neither Sanders nor Castruita returned phone calls. Castruita is most famous for getting an annual pension of \$281,034, which is 107 percent of his salary, according to a December 2010 report in the *Union-Tribune*.

### Buzz, not static.

La Jolla millionaire **R.B. “Buzz” Woolley**, the charter-school advocate and founder of the *Voice of San Diego* online news site, didn’t exactly have a great political year. The labor-union foe and hotel investor was one of the first financial backers of Proposition 32, the ultimately defeated measure to ban withholding of union political dues,



Before vacating the mayor’s office, Jerry Sanders gave Chargers tickets to fellow retired pol Rudy Castruita.

giving \$10,000 in March. Then Woolley gave \$950 to the bid of Republican **Ray Ellis** to defeat Democratic city councilwoman **Sherri Lightner**; she won easily. The philanthropist also kicked in \$15,000 for a political action committee backing **Bill Ponder** for San Diego school board. Ponder lost to teachers’ union candidate **Marne Foster**. And Woolley spent \$10,000 in a futile attempt to defeat Proposition Z, the measure to raise property taxes and float a \$2.8 billion San Diego school-bond issue.

But if Woolley didn’t exactly run the table in his political endeavors this year, he can still fall back on his non-profit Girard Foundation to curry a fair amount of influence, though it, too, has suffered a few stumbles. According to its most recent federal disclosure, covering last

calendar year, the foundation had total assets of \$14,535,971 and made grants and contributions of \$896,088.

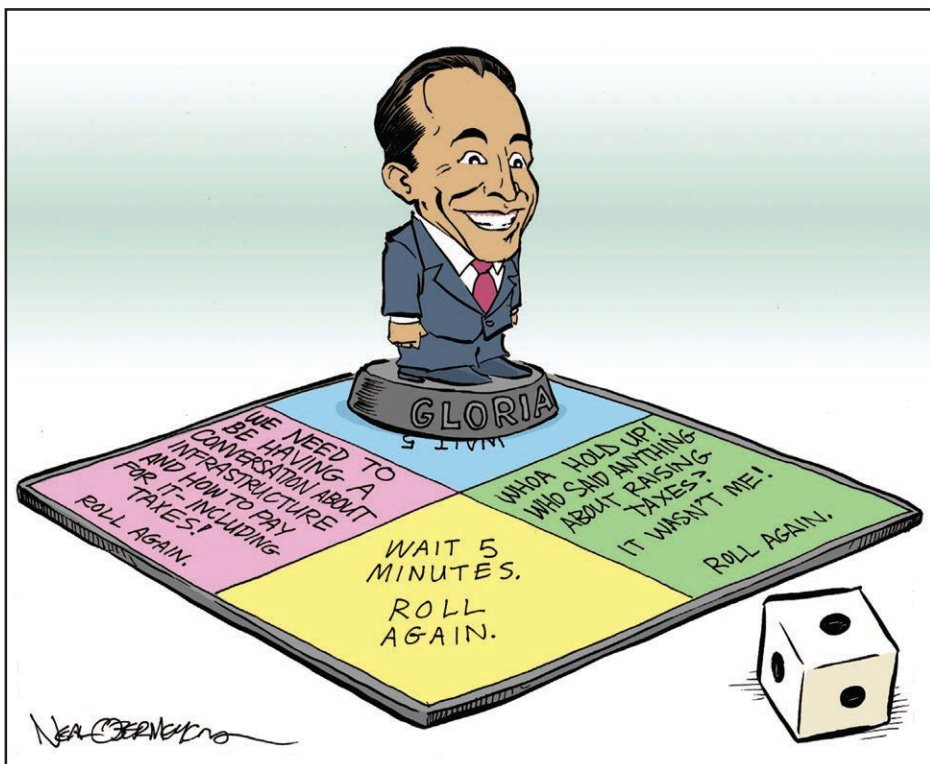
No contributions were received, but \$553,429 came in from dividends and interest.

Overhead amounted to a relatively high \$199,929, with long-time program director **Susan Wolking** getting

\$103,000 in salary and benefits. Woolley’s pals and board

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### Neal Obermeyer



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### Enough of Apple Pie

Don Bauder's November 21 article, "Hispanic vote calls shots in San Diego (City Lights)," regarding changes to voting demographics, was definitely a factor in the recent election. However, I believe that there is another important factor. The Republicans have become old and boring, and most people are aware of their true intentions. Their message is reactionary, and their primary purpose is to create conditions that allow the wealthy to retain their influence and suck money out of the government, e.g. football stadium.

Mom, apple pie, baseball, and religion are not enough to get one elected. People are looking for new ideas to help improve our ability to compete in a global economy. They are searching for candidates who can implement new ideas that

will improve living standards for everyone, not just the wealthy.

The Democrats need to take note of this. They need to come up with better ideas than simply raising taxes and handing out money. Everyone who can work, should work. Everyone should contribute something to the government.

As a strong mayor, Bob Filner will have the opportunity to present and implement new ideas in San Diego. It's critical for him to be pragmatic and fiscally responsible. I suggest his first act be a comprehensive audit of the city's financial condition. This is especially important considering that Jerry Sanders projected a \$4.9 million surplus for fiscal year 2014 before the election, while the SD Independent Budget Analyst predicted a \$84.2 million deficit after the election. We must not allow our public officials to lie to us, and we must make them accountable when they do lie.

Ron Harris  
Scripps Ranch

### Got Your Back

I am actually writing in response to a response. One of the first things that I came across, after picking up the latest Reader today, was a comment written by Marco Alvarez in your Letters section November 21. Alvarez, for whatever reason, felt such contempt for Tomás Gayton's "terrible" poetry (published in the October 18 issue) that he felt compelled to write you. And now, I do too.

As a barista at a local coffeeshop that hosted a poetry night including Gayton for several years, I have heard my fair share of his stuff. While I don't feel that my opinion of his stuff is relevant to why I

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LA MESA

## Insult to injury

### Billboard image of Bonnie Dumanis defaced

On December 3, drivers on Interstate 8 west saw an addition to the picture of district attorney Bonnie Dumanis on the 14-foot-tall, 48-foot-wide billboard near the El Cajon Boulevard exit.



Dumanis defacement: anti-authority expression or high-school prank?

On the billboard warning that “Workers’ Comp Fraud Is a Felony,” a vandal or vandals defaced the DA’s face, adding a black mustache and goatee and blacking out a tooth. The billboard sits atop the roof of Jejjoni Sign Manufacturer, a business located on Center Street in La Mesa’s industrial section.

The vandalism occurred during the weekend, probably on Sunday, December 2, according to business owner Hoss Jejjoni. “I don’t know if this was an anti-authority expression or a high-school prank,” Jejjoni said.

LIZ SWAIN, DECEMBER 7

OCEAN BEACH

## Guard salute

### O.B. plans for commemorative statue outside lifeguard station

A project to enhance and upgrade O.B.’s main lifeguard station with a bronze statue is being suggested for the lawn adjacent to the tower on Abbott Street.

At the December 5 Ocean Beach Planning Board meeting, former San Diego city councilman Byron Wear spoke before the board regarding the life-size 6’3” statue of a lifeguard to be put in place on the corner of the Veteran’s Plaza lawn, 29 feet south of the tower at the foot of Santa Monica Avenue.

The board viewed a picture of the statue that was made to resemble Skeeter Malcolm, a local surfer who died in 1993 at 70 years old. The sculpture will also memorialize 13 WWI soldiers from Camp Kearny who drowned in O.B. in 1918. It was after this tragic incident that a lifeguard program was initiated in O.B.

Wear stated that the cost of the project would be \$38,000 and that \$15,000 had already been raised by community groups.

The statue is slated to make its appearance in late spring of 2013.

MERCY BARON, DECEMBER 7

TIJUANA

### Border upgrade en route New pedestrian inspection station under construction at Tijuana border

New rectangular columns of steel rebar sprout into space from a plot of land on the Mexican side of the border at San Ysidro. The columns, reaching the height of the multistoried office building it is planned to be and covering an expanse of roughly a quarter of a football field, mark the parameters of a new addition to the border complex.

Customs inspectors and Mexican border agents are ensconced inside a small room that was once home to the last Caliente betting parlor a gambler could find while waiting in line to cross into the U.S. This former slot and sports-book joint is not working out as

a pedestrian border-inspection station, so the new station is being built right behind it.

T.B. BEAUDEAU, DECEMBER 6

NORTH PARK

## Not hip enough

### The staple antique and collectible shop Pat’s Corner falls to “hipsters” and “gentrification”

“It’s a mom-and-pop operation with just mom,” says Pat (last name withheld) of North Park antique and collectible shop Pat’s Corner.



Pat has less than a month to move

The staple boutique has been at its current location on 30th and Upas for eight years, offering an anachronistic assortment of furniture, crafts, clothing, and knickknacks.

Now, Pat has until January 1 to clear out by order of the property owner or else face a \$600 fine.

“The property was leased to some supposedly high-end architecture guy,” says Pat, who is currently looking for a new location. “It was a month-to-month lease, so she can do that....”

“I’ve been here eight years and the owner has not done a single thing,” says Pat. “The roof leaks, there’s asbestos in the back, there’s mold. I haven’t complained at all to her. I even had the building painted myself because it looked awful.”

In response, musician and Pat’s Corner regular Cervantes Magaña started a Facebook event to rally supporters, writing:

“She isn’t being evicted because of a lack of business, but instead big business has decided North Park is San Diego’s ‘it’ spot....”

The thread has sparked a long discussion pointing fingers at primarily “hipsters”

(whatever that means) and gentrification — accusations that have been lurking on the lips of North Park advocates for some time now.

CHAD DEAL, DECEMBER 5

## COMMENTS

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Think very soon there will be a very large, very tall 4 or 5+ story building on that corner which will tower over everything as far as the eye can see! Density is coming to NP, as the City is pushing NP to “accept” ever more density, while the more affluent neighborhoods wink and nod....

Many want NP to become very dense, like Little Italy, while for current home owners that spells doom to all those that enjoy NP as it is.... How many more La Boheme’s do we need on 30th Street?

CARLSBAD

## Shocked

### Power outage prompts a personal memory

Last Friday, November 30, I was reminded of the dangers of electricity as I ignored orange safety cones and approached SDG&E workers at an open transformer box at Melrose Drive and Rancho Santa Fe Road.

At 5 p.m. the previous day, a car had crashed into the green box, likely due to the rain. The driver was neither injured nor cited, according to Carlsbad police. But the power was interrupted, darkening the homes of about 6000 residents for several hours. A few hundred houses were still without electricity the following day.

The two workers I attempted to interview were both friendly, but as I was asking questions, one of the men interrupted and said I should leave the area.

“We’re in the process of energizing right now, so don’t get too close — anything can happen,” he said.

A soft drizzle was coming down, and as I looked down at my feet I saw I was standing on moist grass near the open utility box. With a start, I was gone.

In 1988, I survived being electrocuted when lightning struck a water puddle I had

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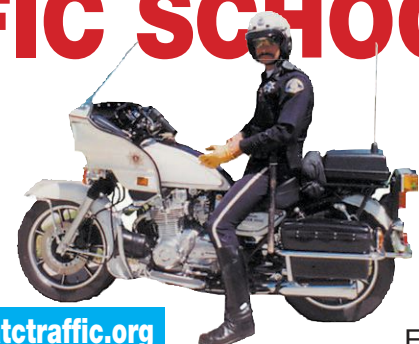
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# Ornament Brigade

**M**y nephew Brian greeted us just inside the door to my mother's house. On his head was a fuzzy Santa hat, and in his hands he held a black plastic camera. "Say, 'Cheese,'" he said through an adorable smile. I flashed my teeth and leaned in close, thinking to bring him in for a hug after he played picture-time or whatever, but once my face was a few inches from the "camera," a cold stream of water gushed from the fake lens and onto my face.

"Oh, come on," I said, trying not to smear my lipstick as I patted my nose and lips dry. "Okay, fine. You got me. But I'm going to get you back." And I did — about an hour later, when I lifted him under my arm like a handbag, carried him to the kitchen sink, and turned the faucet on his head as he laughed and squirmed. But for now, revenge could wait, as I had other matters to attend to; namely, the delivery of gifts.

**"This... I don't know what this is, some kind of pirate game. Liam, you're the oldest, figure it out and explain it to the others, will you? Brian, you and Bella are in charge of the fake tattoos."**

The gifts David and I came bearing were not Christmas gifts. I assumed that, by now, my sisters had come up with some kind of story to explain why Aunt Barb and Uncle David were never seen on Christmas day. The actual reason is boring — my man and I prefer to do our own thing: we start with champagne and then move on to whatever we feel like doing for a day while the rest of the world is busy. We also have a "no gift" rule. No religion, no obligation, no stress, no email or phone calls to contend with; it's a wonderful day.

And, anyway, it was only the first of December.

The reason for the gifts was we'd just gotten home from visiting with David's parents on Martha's Vineyard, and every time we're on the island we hit up two stores known for their fun gifts (Rainy Day in Vineyard Haven and Alley's General Store in West Tisbury) and select a few things to bring back to our niephlings. I like to give the kids presents outside the traditional gift-giving occasions — mostly because I don't want to compete with other gift-givers for the recipient's acknowledgment and appreciation.

It just so happened that the day we were able to deliver our bag of goodies, the family was gathered at Mom's to decorate her Christmas tree. Each year, my sister Heather and her husband Sean help Mom pick out a tree, and then they haul it home and make it vertical in her living room. Once the pine is in place, my mother chooses a seat on the sofa that gives her the best full-tree vantage point, and it is from there that she directs the decorating like a New York Italian Tarantino.

When David and I

arrived, the tree was already standing, but the evidence showed it had just gone up — pine needles littered the carpet and the boxes of ornaments had yet to be opened. Sean took care of the lights — all white, to match the white lace bows (which go on last) that my crafty mother made the year she decided to forego the red-and-white checked bows and colored lights of my early childhood for a more "Victorian" look.

My brother-in-law Simon was there with Bella and Olivia. Before the kids broke into the boxes, I had them gather 'round so I could explain each bestowal. "These rocks are actually geodes — you use a sock to bash them open to find the crystals inside. But wait for your dad to help. When you put together the puzzle pieces from this 'floating bottle,' it'll form a treasure map. This...I don't know what this is, some kind of pirate game. Liam, you're the oldest, figure it out and explain it to the others, will you? Brian, you and Bella are in charge of the fake tattoos."

Heather ensured that each child thanked us properly, and I reveled in the gratitude, but only for a few minutes, because now it was tree time. An eight-foot-tall tree has never been dressed so quickly. The children formed an ornament brigade, advancing on the tree with the determination of Patton's Army.

I sat on the couch beside Heather and Mom. "It's so much more fun when we don't have to be the ones taking direction," I said to Heather. She smiled and nodded. I wondered if my niephlings would ever reach the same point of irritation we did with the

whole tree-decorating thing; if they would ever snap at their Nana, *You think it needs to be a little higher and to the right? Then put it on yourself.* I cringed at the memory of what petulant little bitches my sisters and I had been at times.

Ornaments flashed by like memories. The weird nylon granny heads Mom sewed had long since lost their little wire glasses. There were the driftwood pieces painted to look like freakish elves — Mom bought a new one (or two) every year from the holiday craft fair in Coronado. The nutcracker soldier made of construction paper that Jenny created in kindergarten — how had that survived?

"You got me this one," Mom said, holding up a Patience Brewster "Six Geese a-Laying" sculpture, complete with white, downy feathers. "And this." Mom handed me a glass hummingbird.

"I have damn good taste in ornaments," I said. "That reminds me, I have something for you, too." I returned to the bag of gifts and retrieved a blob of bubble wrap, from which I unearthed a glass dome containing a red glittery cardinal and little balls of snow.

"It's not a chicken," Mom said, showing her disappointment.

"You have enough chickens," I snapped. "It's time to branch out into other birds."

"I'm just kidding," Mom said unconvincingly.

"Hey, Brian," I said. "Where did you put that camera? I think your Nana wants you to take her picture." ■

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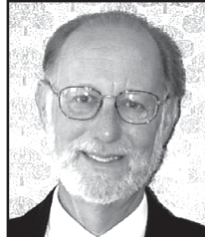
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## Nuclear Regulatory Commission Offers Public Virtual Tour of San Onofre Plant

*Virtual Guide: "At the NRC, we're committed to transparency and accountability, even if weEEARRGH!"*

RELOADING AT SONGS — Ever since the San Onofre nuclear power plant's sudden shutdown over this year, controversy and uncertainty has hung in the air around the facility like a blanket of deadly radioactive fallout. Now, in an effort to dispel the persistent rumors about flesh-eating mutants and other safety hazards involved with a possible restart of operations, the Nuclear Regulatory Committee has constructed a virtual tour of the plant, viewable online at [ohgodthezombiesrun.gov](http://ohgodthezombiesrun.gov).

"We understand that many

members of the public are concerned about the safety and stability of SONGS," said NRC chief of containment Blade Hammer. "We want to give them every assurance that the United States government is looking out for their safety and keeping their children from becoming kiddie tartare for some radioactive nasty. Lock and load, people, and step right this way!"

Asked whether she felt safer as a result of having visited the virtual tour site, Carlsbad resident Susan McCreedy paused before answering, "Yes?"



Bob the virtual tour guide leads visitors into the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station's main control room

## Rewriting Pop Music History?

*Newly Discovered Artifact Points to Alternate, Original Version of San Diego-Scribbled Song*

If you believe the history — and up until now, you would have had no reason to doubt it — then you think that songwriter Jack Tempchin penned the last verse of "Peaceful, Easy Feeling" (which was later recorded by the Eagles and became one of the band's biggest-selling singles) at the Hillcrest Wienerschnitzel on Washington Street while waiting for his order.

So accepted and enshrined is this bit of pop-cultural mythology that mayor Jerry Sanders issued a proclamation — mere days before leaving office — designating December 1 as "Peaceful, Easy Feeling Day" in San Diego.

But a recent discovery in the archives at the San Diego Museum of Trash (formerly known as the Mira Mesa Landfill) has cast doubt on the historical record. "What we have found may change everything we know about the history of this important song," attests Dr. David Dumpster-Diver, who acquired the artifact in a complicated gray-market deal involving a half-eaten Big Mac and a swallow of Popov-brand vodka.

The item in question appears to be a Wienerschnitzel paper placemat/menu, heavily stained and deeply crumpled. "But the typography and pricing are correct for the time period," observes Dumpster-Diver. "And the oily residue, which apparently acted as a preservative,



is consistent with the fries Tempchin claims to have ordered."

What is not consistent (and this is the really amazing part) is the collection of lyrics scribbled onto the back of the placemat, lyrics that, if they prove to be authentic, could be the original words to "Peaceful, Easy Feeling." And if that's

the case, then that's not even the real name of the song. "Rather, the title reflects something much more germane to the moment in which Tempchin was writing. In this version, it's 'Greaseful, Queasy Feeling.' It's our contention that Tempchin was originally writing about his lunch."

Most of the placemat has, unfortunately, been eaten by rats. But Dumpster-Diver points to one faded scrap showing a chorus that may have predated the famous lines, 'Cause I got a peaceful easy feeling/ And I know you won't let me down/ 'cause I'm already standing on the ground. They read, 'Cause I got a greaseful, queasy feeling/ way down deep inside my gut/ 'cause it's already heading toward my butt.'

"I mean, sure, it's poetry," concluded Dumpster-Diver. "You could even argue that it's better than the version that eventually made it into the studio with the Eagles. But that's not the point. The point is that the public deserves to know the truth about its pop songs."

## Dueling Poop Groups

RECONSIDERING OUR ORDER, BROCKTON VILLA, LA JOLLA — "It started with the seals," recalls Eloise McKinley-Braeburton, who famously spearheaded the La Jolla Women's Club effort to have Children's Beach renamed Sealshit Cove "in the interest of truth, justice, and, who knows, maybe even civic action on the part of America's Finest Shitty. Sorry — 'City.'"

But, notes McKinley-Braeburton, "as that horrid children's book that seems so popular with today's toddler set reminds us, everybody poops. And since everybody seems to be welcome along the shores of La Jolla Cove these days, that means that the seals aren't the only ones...how do you say it, 'stinking up the joint.'"

The new culprits are the many birds that alight and then eliminate on the rocky outcroppings that make La Jolla Cove an otherwise attractive tourist destination. "The very idea that there should be some sort of legal stink about cleaning up this mess is a crock of shit," complains McKinley-Braeburton. "I've read that there are multiple layers of regulations through which our duly elected pooplic officials have to dig before action can be taken. Well, the La Jolla Women's Club is also digging through multiple layers, if you take my meaning, and we have had quite enough. Area of Biological Significance, indeed."

To that end, she and her allies have formed POOP, which stands for Prohibit

Ornithological Olfactory Punishments. "POOP," she explains, "is presenting POOP [the Public Outhouse Outlaw Proposal] to the city council on Monday. And if we cannot get satisfaction and relief, we will consider partnering with the decidedly less dignified activist group POOP [People Outraged



Poop!

Over Poop], which subscribes to a policy of POOPSEA [Pelicans and Ospreys are Over-Populated, Shoot 'Em All]. It's a drastic option, but I mean, really... My grand-nephew Warwick Throckmorton III just paid \$2.3 million for a home overlooking the Cove, and he hasn't been able to open the windows for a month. You see how upset I am? I've gone and mentioned money!"

McKinley-Braeburton is not without her opponents, however. The same people who fought her on GROSS, the General Referendum On Seal Shit, are reportedly getting ready to drop a counter-proposal, known as POOPS [Protect Our Outdoor Poop Sanctuaries]. An operative speaking on condition of anonymity warned, "McKinley-Braeburton and her kind are species-specific elitists. They have got to learn: that shit ain't gonna fly."

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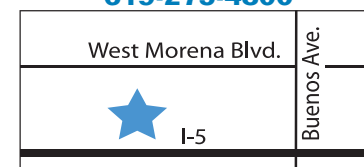
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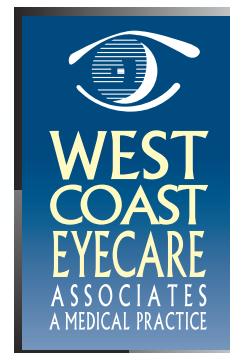
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## STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Heymatt:

*I was born and raised in San Diego County. Now I am living in North Carolina and I NEED an answer to my question. Back in the 1960s there was a late-night/early-morning television show. The host was a woman with white/pink hair, sitting in a pile of chiffon and lit by lots of christmas lights. She spoke about being in contact with visitors from another planet or galaxy. The aliens were all blondes. She showed cartoon-like pictures of these meetings, all very crudely drawn. I believe her son and she had a group of followers. I believe they built some sort of a "landing strip" somewhere in East County. Please, Matt...can you tell me her name? You are my last good hope...none of my sisters nor any of my old contacts seem to remember.*

— Carolyn



the Marine Corps air base, so the driveway that leads down to the trio of buildings doesn't have any signage or anything, which heightens the mystery. That little round-roofed building looks pretty cool, like some top-secret espionage stuff might be contained within...or maybe it's filled with weapons-grade Jiffy Pop. Turns out that it's nothing special. The three buildings are warehouses, mostly for equipment used in firefighter training that takes place in the eastern portion of the MCAS Miramar territory.

Heymatt:

*How can some people be so cruel? My neighbors got a pitbull puppy and have caged it in a tiny space with six-foot plywood walls so nobody can see in and the dog can't see out. She cries and yelps all day, but nobody ever does anything. I believe they*

*are raising it to fight or be bait for fighting dogs, and it breaks my heart. I've called the Pitbull Society and Animal Control many times, but nobody ever returns my calls. My veterinarian says that as long as the dog has food, water, and shelter the owners can do whatever they want with her. Is there anything I can do in this situation?*

— Roy, National City

The woman's name was Ruth E. Norman, and she used to cruise around East County in a Cadillac with a flying saucer on the roof. She, along with her husband Earnest, was one of the founders of the Unarius movement. Unarius promotes a complex, multi-dimensional cosmology and claimed to be in communication with extraterrestrial beings from different planets and planes of existence. The group claims an affinity for inventor Nikola Tesla, whom they consider the "elder brother," and they hope to bring his dreams of free energy to fruition. For the *Unarius Presents* show, Ruth Norman would put on the costume of "Queen Uriel" and deliver sermons, lectures, and prophecies of the coming "Space Brothers." You're also correct about the landing strip: Norman purchased over 60 acres in Jamul during the early '70s. *Unarius Presents* was broadcast sporadically on public-access stations nationwide for about 20 years until Norman's health prevented her from producing the shows. She died in 1993, but the Unarius Academy of Science still has its active headquarters in El Cajon. Occasionally, the members still produce public-access television programs, links to which can be found on their website.

Hey Matt:

*What's that odd building that is visible from the 52 between 163 and I-15? There's a small cluster of buildings, and one has something round on the roof.*

— Lisa

At first I thought you might have meant the sheriff's department pistol range, which is out in east Miramar, but then I studied the map. That area is still technically within the bounds of

I've always been under the impression that individual cases of animal abuse (like the one you refer to) are harder to do anything about than more "institutional" cases (like factory farming and puppy mills). However, according to the Animal Legal Defense Fund, hundreds of individual offenders go through the system every day under animal-cruelty laws. Statute 597t from the California penal code regards the confinement of animals and states that it's unlawful to keep an animal without sufficient exercise. If the situation is as you describe it, the owners could be in violation.

Of course, I don't know the exact specifics here, so I can't give you legal advice or anything, but I can advise persistence! You could check with San Diego County Animal Services and see if there is a report on file for the case you're talking about. I'm assuming that's who you complained to originally. They're the only ones with any real law enforcement powers. If they have a report on file, then you have somewhere to go. If you feel the issue isn't resolved, pressure them to go back out. Getting a person *on the phone* who can give you the answers you need is important. Rather than waiting for someone to call you, be active and pursue your own goals. That goes for just about everything in life, when you get right down to it.

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# BLOG

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Back home, I had gone to listen to a lecture by one of my favorite authors, Pete Hamill, and he had inspired me to do this study-abroad program at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. There was going to be a lot of writing involved, and that was okay with me. I have always known I could write my way out of hell. So, I took out the loan of \$5500, and next thing I knew I was in the Emerald Isle....

Then there was Orestes, an Italian boy around my age, a penpal through my *college.com* email server. Orestes decided he wanted to finally meet me in person. I had just had vocal-cord surgery, and my voice was like that of a male tranny. While talking on the phone one day, Orestes got a rise out of me by telling me that for all he knew, I was a man. I was so mad at his distrust that I didn't talk to him for days. Then he wrote that he was flying over to apologize in person, and bringing flowers for forgiveness. I didn't believe it until Cheryl and I were picking him up from the airport. I was so nervous, I was having a Harp at ten in the morning at the airport bar.

As the passengers from Italy streamed through the gate, we looked on, hopeful that every Marcello Mastroianni lookalike was Orestes. I don't know at which point a giant, smiling Quasimodo (sans hunchback) waved at us, but Cheryl and I just had to laugh. Had he looked like a movie star, he would have had me at "Hello," but Orestes was truly a freak of nature. I had imagined an Adonis, since he was part Greek and part Italian, but instead, he was more like Hephaestus, the ugly Greek god of blacksmiths. Orestes had exaggerated features that made him look like he belonged in the circus. He was seven feet tall, his head was oddly shaped, his eyes too big, his teeth a mess.

I was cranky with a cold and angry that my Prince Charming had turned out to be a toad, but I found that Orestes was — and

remains to this day — the most honest and loyal friend I've ever had. We became traveling companions, exploring Dublin together on daily excursions, driven by our desire to get out and be free and spontaneous. Our friendship was the purest I have ever had with another human being. No, we never had anything sexual; our hugs at the end of the day were acts of sincere fondness for each other, an expression of gratitude. The best times I had in Ireland were in the company of Cheryl and Orestes; and when I was with the both of them, I felt truly blessed.

Orestes left Dublin two days before my then-boyfriend Fulvio met up with me there. I didn't cry when we said our goodbyes; I just stared at him and was suddenly struck by his beauty. I hate goodbyes. One last hug, and as I turned away and walked in the direction of Trinity, the tears flooded my eyes with cheap mascara that should have stung, but the pain was all in my heart.

Orestes kept in touch with me for a while, but one day, past-dweller that I am, I nostalgically recalled, for the hundredth time, all the wonderful things we had seen and done in Dublin. We had both grown fond of Malahide and its magnificent castle. We must have done that tour about half a dozen times and eaten at all the restaurants in town. I dreamily said, "I left my heart in Ireland! I must go back." To this he replied, "I left my heart with you, so you **MUST** come back." I flinched. Why did things have to get so complicated?

I don't remember what I said. Knowing how I am, playing the tough girl all the time, I probably laughed nervously and told him he was delusional and being completely ridiculous at the moment. Humbled and humiliated, Orestes honorably retreated back to his engineering studies, motorcycles, and mean girls. I lost him, and I haven't been back to Ireland for 12 years.

[Post edited for length]



Marisa Siervo met her Greek god while attending Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. Unfortunately, he didn't turn out to be Adonis.

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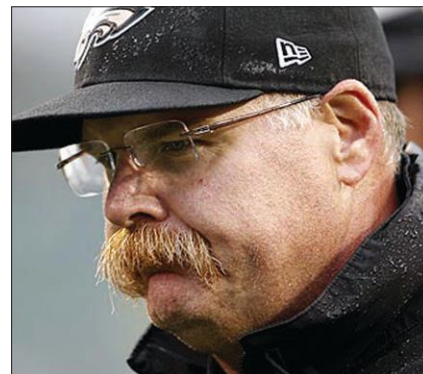
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## SportingBox

BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

### Who's Next?



Andy Reid doesn't need to coach the Chargers; the man and his mustache need a decade of quiet time.

Now comes the part where we speculate about the next head coach. This exercise may be more interesting than usual if, as is heard in the public square, general manager A.J. Smith is fired alongside Norv Turner. If true, this means the selection of the next pair of second-raters will rest entirely with Chargers CEO Dean Spanos.

I am not comforted.

Even the names that are bandied about cause an onset of stomach-churning queasiness. Published reports put Andy Reid, Philadelphia head coach, as a leading candidate. The sporting world rises as one and screams, "RETREAD!" Reid is burned out and it shows. Sure, the guy can coach, but not lately: 8-8 in 2011; 4-9 this year. Lately is all that counts in the NFL. Reid has family troubles, media troubles, locker-room troubles...the man needs a decade of quiet time. A good hire for San Diego.

Super-retread Mike Holmgren quit Green Bay, then had a good run in Seattle, making the playoffs six times and the Super Bowl once. Left after the 2008 season to become president of the Cleveland Browns. Four years later, Cleveland still sucks, but now sucks with a new owner who announced Holmgren will leave after the 2012 season.

Why not Mike Ditka?

And there's super-super-retread Wade Phillips. It's hard to believe this of anyone under the age of 117 years, but Phillips has been coaching in the NFL since Gerald Ford was president. The man can't be stopped. He's had three tries as head coach: two years at Denver, three years at Buffalo, and four years with Dallas. It hasn't worked out. But he was the defensive coordinator for the Chargers in 2004, 2005, and 2006. The team had a very good run, winning 35 games against 13 losses. Spanos loves promoting people above their level of competency, so why not bring Wade back? Go ahead, hand him

a ten-year contract.

Jon Gruden's name has been mentioned. A fool's dream. He's got a great gig now as the new John Madden of MNF. Even if he grows weary of that and wants to get back into coaching, he's not coming to San Diego. Ownership here is lame unto generations. Forget about winning — ownership can't get a new stadium built, hasn't figured out how to move to L.A., basically doesn't know what it wants. Jon Gruden always knows what he wants.

Okay, can't get the big brother, how about the little brother, Jay Gruden? He's the offensive coordinator for the Cincinnati Bengals. They're having a sort-of good year, 7-6, and could make the playoffs. Or not. I don't really care.

Why not Kevin Gilbride?

So far, we've been talking about professional NFL coaches, stout-hearted men every one, but they're all safe choices. Citizen, this is no time for safety. Dean Spanos must expand his vision, go wherever he needs to go in order to find the perfect fit.

How about the Italian cruise-ship captain Francesco Schettino? As you recall, he ran his cruise ship, the *Costa Concordia*, into the Italian coast last January. Thirty-two passengers and crew were killed. The good captain abandoned ship before crew, women, and children. Afterward, he explained that he "tripped" into a lifeboat.

But tripping is not the point. As the *Costa Concordia* was sinking, Captain Schettino called his wife, and according to an onboard black-box recording, said, "We hit a reef, the ship is listing, but I performed a great maneuver [and] everything is under control. Don't worry, let's forget all this sailing and we can start another job."

Bottom line: The man is available and knows how to make excuses.

How about the CEO of Goldman Sachs, Lloyd Blankfein? He's been CEO since May of 2006 and performed heroically during the Great Theft of 2008, guiding his company and company executives past the shallow reefs of federal prison and bankruptcy. As for the Goldman Sachs practice of selling worthless collateralized debt obligations to clients and then buying positions opposite the positions they had just sold, Blankfein testified before Congress, "Goldman Sachs had no moral or legal obligation to inform its clients it was betting against the product they were buying from Goldman Sachs, because they were acting in a fiduciary role." Blankfein could mealy-mouth his way past a Chargers loss better than any coach in the NFL.

There are plenty of people out there who could do the job. John McAfee, Oprah Winfrey, O.J. Simpson, Yoko Ono, Ric Flair, Lil Wayne, Lindsay Lohan, and Hugh Hefner, for openers.

And yet, and yet, the Chargers have begun their traditional December win streak with a magnificent 34-24 victory over the despised Pittsburgh Steelers. Maybe Norv deserves another year.

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## BestBuys

—EVE KELLY

Our Ugly Christmas Sweater Party is fast approaching. The sweaters have been purchased: sequined reindeer sweater for me, neon elf sweater for hubby Patrick. My man has pulled out our Charlie Brown Christmas tree, bought 200 feet of tinsel garland, and is hoping the *Christmas Story* “fragile” leg lamp he ordered gets here on time.

Now we need a tasty eggnog, so a few mornings ago my friend Bernice popped over for a taste test. We started with the Mountain Dairy Lowfat Egg Nog. “You can tell it’s lowfat. If I’m having eggnog, I want a creamy eggnog.”

Sipping the next offering, she said, “And this [Mountain Dairy Vanilla Egg Nog] tastes like a vanilla milkshake from In-N-Out, not eggnog [\$3.59 for a half gallon of both varieties at Ralphs].”

The sweetness in the Alta Dena Holiday Eggnog was overpowering. Its cousin, the Alta Dena Honey Sweetened Eggnog, tasted like honey and cinnamon but not eggnog (\$3.29 for a quart of each variety at Albertsons).

“Part of the interest with eggnog is the thick, whipped, frothiness of it,” stated Patrick, “and this Albertsons Light Egg Nog misses that. It’s watery. With this full-strength Albertsons variety, I’m just getting corn syrup [\$2.49 for one quart of each].”

“This bottle wins the advertising award,” announced Bernice, holding up the bottle of CM Christmas Milk (\$6.99 for a quart). “The elves’ favorite drink,” reads the bottle.

“Yeah, but the orange hue is a bit off-putting,” noticed Patrick, “and I’m getting no hint of egg nog — just flavored vanilla creamer.”

We finally hit a winner with the Trader Joe’s Egg Nog (\$2.69 for a quart). “This is the first one that I can actually see spice flecks,” said Bernice. “It would present itself nicely in a bowl, and it has a balanced sweet-and-spice flavor.”

The light version: Trader Joe’s Light Egg Nog did not pass the taste test. “Pours like milk,” offered Bernice, “and without the creamy, you get water flavor and then a clobbering of nutmeg [\$2.69 for a quart].”

Bernice’s eyes lit up when I handed her the Southern Comfort Traditional Egg Nog (\$3.49 for a quart at Albertsons). “Does it come pre-spiked?” she asked.



“This I could drink...with three parts bourbon and one part eggnog.”

“Sadly, no,” Patrick answered. “This tastes very different than the others. Sweeter than the Trader Joe’s Egg Nog, more egg flavor, fluffy and spicy. It would stand up nicely to some liquor.”

“But this [Southern Comfort Vanilla Spice Egg Nog] would not,” Bernice said (\$3.49 for a quart at Ralphs). “Too thin, tastes like french-toast batter — just egg and vanilla.”

“There are two egg nog essentials,” pronounced Patrick. “It has to be frothy, and it must have the spicy smell of the holidays. These two [Lucerne Holiday Eggnog and the Lucerne Light Eggnog] lack the frothiness [\$2.99 for a quart of each at Vons].”

“Ugh, I’m feeling a little queezy,” moaned Bernice. “Too much of a good thing.”

“But we must forge ahead,” encouraged Patrick.

Forge ahead, we did...to the organic selections. Clover Organic Farms Organic Eggnog (\$4.99 for a quart at Whole Foods) was the favorite. “There’s a freshness to the creamy flavor that is delightful,” offered Bernice.

Horizon Organic Lowfat Eggnog (\$4.99 for a quart at Albertsons) was just 140 calories per half-cup. “I would not know that was lowfat — by far the creamiest of the lowfat ones,” said Bernice.

“Too sweet,” grimaced Patrick, “and it smells like some kind of cleaning agent.”

Organics Valley Organic Egg Nog (\$4.99 a quart at Whole Foods) was “a little thin on the pour,” noted Bernice, “but the flavor is a perfect blend of sweet and nutmeg.”

For fun, I wanted to taste some flavored nogs: pumpkin spice, gingerbread, vanilla cinnamon. But my tasters weren’t happy. “I’m a little upset that people would mess with eggnog,” announced Bernice.

“I agree,” said Patrick. “Since when is straight eggnog not good enough? I blame Starbucks for starting this pumpkin-spice craze.”

Of the Hood brand and Lucerne specialty nogs, the best was the Hood Gingerbread Egg Nog (\$2.99 for a quart at Ralphs). “The others are horror shows, but this I could drink,” said Patrick, “with three parts bourbon and one part eggnog.”

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# Crasher

## DANCING IN THE BONES

by Ian Pike

**d**id you hear the one about the triathlete who crashed and broke her arm trying to ride her bike down the sidewalk? I did. Heard it straight from the bruised party's mouth at the third annual Hammer Festival this past weekend. She was still wearing a little mitten for a brace.

You want to know: What's a Hammer Festival? Is it a celebration of the carpenters' tool? Perhaps it's a retrospective on the glory days of parachute pants and being "too legit to quit"? A convention for Thor wannabes?

None of the above. Hammer Festival is a bash for the endurance-athlete community, with a twist of charity fundraiser. The name's a play on "hammer fest," which is a term cyclists and other endurance athletes use for intense workouts. Cute, huh? Way to take a grueling experience and turn it into fun! This year, the affair raised a bundle of cash for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation via silent auction and raffle. Other than the dude who had to dance Gangnam style when he won a new bike, everybody seemed to enjoy giving away their loot to help fight the terminal disease.



Hammer Festival at Hall of Champions

Even the horse-dancing guy was pretty into it.

I'll be the first to admit that charity galas can be lame, but the organizers let the Hammer Festival be a real party. There was plenty of food from a grip of local restaurants, so I got to pig out on curry, cupcakes, and these little deviled eggs that had pork belly and

**Girls in spandex cycling kits and three-inch stilettos is a must-see event**

poached lobster on top of them. This girl named "Marvi," which might very well be short for Marvelous (in which case her parents were *awesome*), took a clean plate up to the buffet to

speedily cheat her way to seconds, the sneaky little minx!

Before they let us party in earnest, there was a sportswear fashion show. Several lovely women had been hiding in the wings, wearing naught but lycra unitards and high heels, and they paraded across a makeshift catwalk to the furious strains of blaring house music. Girls in spandex cycling kits and three-inch stilettos is a must-see event, the awkward/sexy fabulousness of which is hard to convey and sound sincere about.

You wouldn't think the Hall of Champions would be a good party venue, but it was ideal, and not just because of the sweet sports memorabilia. I saw Ted Williams's old baseball jersey, an Olympic sailboat, and the architects' model of Qualcomm Stadium (complete with miniature trees, cars, and peo-



This architects' model of Qualcomm Stadium is one of the exhibits on view at the Hall of Champions

ple). At one point in the evening, I met a guy named Ted Williams, who was a graduate of Hoover High School. I think his dad might have been a baseball fan. I don't usually get all googly eyed over stick-and-ball stuff, but the sports museum is rad.

And it has killer acoustics. When DJ Bugz (the resident DJ at the Tippy Crow) got the okay to crank up the volume, it was as good as most nightclubs. Bugz' style was poppy, loud, and a touch Euro, which fit the crowd, since being an enduro involves a requisite degree of Europe adoration. Everyone was there with charity on the mind but dancing in the bones. I've seen some desolate dance floors at parties



Deviled eggs had pork belly and poached lobster on top

and galas, but the Hammer Festival wasn't one of them. Despite having to pay for drinks (*boo!*), partygoers emptied plenty of glasses and let the music move them. They didn't close the bar until almost midnight — pumpkin time for anyone who has to get up and ride a bike for five hours on Saturday morning. ■

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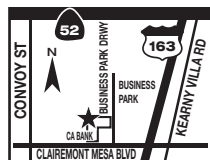
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**The San Diego Public Market used Kickstarter to raise \$150,000 of start-up money in 30 days.**

# Kickstarter

In early June 2012, Chris Cruz, guitar and keyboard player for the San Diego band Through the Roots, locked himself in his room for a weekend to study up on Kickstarter, a crowd-funding site for creative projects. He'd heard of Kickstarter in passing but didn't think much of it until a music-industry mentor told him it was gaining a lot of buzz in creative circles and might be worth looking into.

Cruz, 25, and his band of 20-somethings were on the brink of their fourth national tour, and their green bus ("Betsy") needed work. They also needed studio time to put together their first full-length album. If they were going to do it

all, they'd need more money than their various odd jobs (fast-food service, neighborhood handyman, screen-printing) could generate.

On its website, Kickstarter defines itself as "a funding platform for creative projects."

Users create fundraising campaigns for one-time projects in 13 categories: art, comics, dance, design, fashion, film and video, food, games, music, photography, publishing, technology, and the-

ater. Kickstarter processes pledges through Amazon Payments, which holds the money until a campaign's funding goal is reached. If the

goal is not reached, all funds are returned to those who pledged.

For the uninitiated and others who aren't familiar

with crowdfunding, it's not a hunt for investors; it's more like a KPBS pledge drive. Project creators offer incentives for your pledge. These rewards can be anything from your

name mentioned on Twitter to a private movie screening in your back yard.

"We realized Kickstarter was probably the best option to keep us on track for meeting all the goals we want to accomplish this year," Cruz tells me over the phone from somewhere near Cedar City, Utah.

On September 13, Through the Roots began their West Coast tour along with Tomorrow's Bad Seeds, another reggae/rock band out of Hermosa Beach. During our conversation, Cruz informs me that, tomorrow night, they'll play the 17th show of the tour in Vegas. Then, next week, they'll head to the East Coast for a tour with Rebelution and Passafire.

***"I asked myself, Would I donate to this project? Do I believe them?"***

For the moment, the band members are resting at the home of bassist Bryan Jackson's uncle. He's given them beds, showers, and biscuits and gravy for breakfast.

I can hear a bird in the background.

"I'm in the middle of a field right now," Cruz says. His voice sounds young, his manner easygoing. "It's kind of amazing. I'm not gonna lie."

The weekend Cruz locked himself in his room, the first thing he did was read Kickstarter's rules and guidelines. He also studied other campaigns (which the site leaves up even after they've ended).

"I asked myself every time, *Would I donate to this project? Do I believe*



**Local band Through the Roots needed \$10,000 to get their tour bus running. They raised \$11,160.**

*them?* Then I decided to turn the camera on us and asked, 'If I were

to see these guys' story on the website or see their video or listen to

their music, would I care? Would I want to help?'"

In the end, what the band came up with was a one-minute, fifty-sec-

ond video (including concert and pushing-the-broken-bus footage), a written 1000-word appeal, and prizes for every pledge level.

On September 4, just before they headed out for the tour, they launched a campaign asking for \$10,000.

"We put a lot of time into figuring out what to ask for, what's a good goal," Cruz says. "I was arguing for a little less. Ten thousand dollars is a lot of money for a start-up band, an up-and-coming band like us. It's a little out there. We just had confidence, and we knew that, even if this Kickstarter plan was unsuccessful, we were determined to find plan B."

After 25 days of what Cruz calls "a roller coaster" of a campaign,

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**“You should have something better to do than pick on a baby butterfly.”**

On the same day I speak to Chris Cruz, Connie Hines sits on the brown chenille loveseat in her small, Rancho Peñasquitos living room, hoping for magic. It’s Day 12 of her 30-day Kickstarter campaign and, so far, she has raised only \$55 — out of \$20,000.

“I don’t think it’s going so good,” she tells me from her perch. “I’m not sure why.”

A Shih Tzu named Max has squeezed himself under the love-seat. Only his nose and paws show. Sheba, an 11-week-old Rottweiler puppy, lounges in a large kennel against one wall of the living room.

In 2010, Hines, a 46-year-old under-employed registered nurse, conceptualized a children’s character she calls “Whisper the Baby Butterfly.” Her original plan, as stated in her



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Kickstarter video, was “to market the butterfly on clothes and bedding and towels, everything that is little-girl friendly — school supplies, shoes, hair accessories, glasses, costumes — you know, stuffed toys, everything.”

On the advice of an artist she hired to design the character, Hines

eventually decided to write a children’s book. It was, the artist said, the best way to get people interested in Whisper.

Hines searched for a self-publishing company that would allow her to use her chosen illustrator and eventually settled on Tate Publishing. The publishing package

she selected cost \$4000. The other \$16,000 she’s asking for is to create and produce the *everything* referred to in her campaign video: clothes, bedding, and so on.

“I’m trying to start a business and market it like Hello Kitty is marketed. It’s time for Hello Kitty to have some healthy competition.”

The first of three Kickstarter guidelines reads: “Funding for *projects only*... A project is not open-ended. Starting a business, for example, does not qualify as a project.”

But Hines’s project survived the application process. Now she’s hoping that something big will happen.

She tries to stay away from checking up on the campaign too much. “If you get any more backers, they’ll send you an email,” she says. “I don’t want to jinx it.”

Earlier in the campaign, she received an email from someone who criticized her for creating a baby butterfly character.

“He said, ‘Have you

ever thought that a baby butterfly is a caterpillar, so there’s actually no such thing?’” Hines says, her face distorted with disdain for the emailer. “I said, ‘Why would you even ask me that? You should have something better to do than pick on a baby butterfly.’”

Hines worries about the campaign, but she doesn’t quite know how to drive traffic to her Kickstarter page. Her best idea was to pay \$50 for business cards featuring the butterfly and to stick them in car windows in busy parking lots. So far, it hasn’t worked, but she has plenty of cards left for further distribution, and she’s hoping for the best.

To show me the possibilities, she picks up a laptop from the couch and pulls up someone else’s campaign on the Kickstarter site. It’s for a children’s book titled *What Makes a Baby*, a project that was successfully funded in March of this year.

“Look at this! They got \$65,516, which means it was 689 percent funded! They asked for \$9500.”

She pulls up another one. This project is also a children’s book, and it, too, exceeded its original goal. By a lot. The *Wollstonecraft* campaign made 2293 percent of its \$4000 goal.

Although the slow start of her campaign has caused Hines to question whether asking for \$20,000 was too ambitious, she says, “After I saw [these campaigns], I thought, *Maybe I’m not crazy*.”

Today, she has her fingers crossed that Kickstarter will provide the magic, putting \$20,000 in her pocket.

A week from now, Hines will cancel her campaign, three days short of its deadline, with only \$55 pledged. And in three weeks, she’ll write me an email: “I canceled my project on Kickstarter, because I was not getting any backers. I plan to put it up again in the next week or so, lowering the goal to \$5000.”

**“Kickstarter is not a magical source of money.”**

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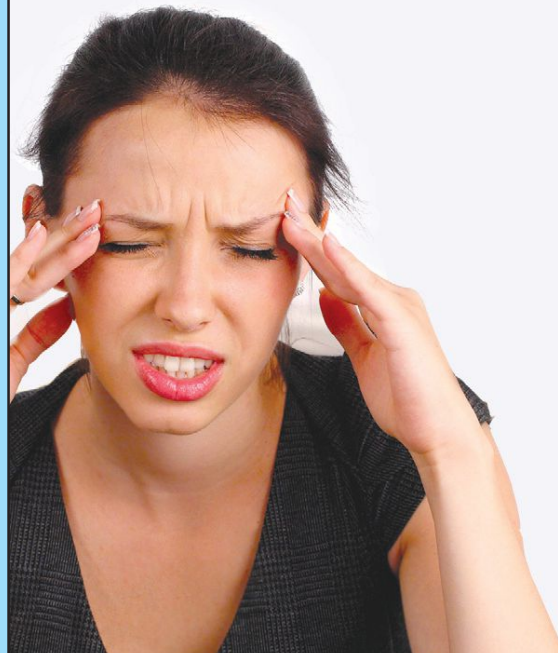
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over the place, Kickstarter seems to be a favorite among creative types in San Diego. At the time of this writing, there are 269 San Diego projects on the site, although that number changes as projects go up and come down.

Two months ago, the only thing I knew about Kickstarter was that, somehow, it was responsible for the sudden emergence of the San Diego Public Market on National Avenue. I found myself enthralled by their big numbers — \$150,000 in 30 days? 158 percent of their \$92,244 project goal? It did look like magic. After a bit of

research, I realized that my “knowledge” was built on a major misconception: that Kickstarter

ception: that the San Diego Public Market’s emergence was *sudden*. A closer look at the

**“I’m trying to start a business and market it like Hello Kitty is marketed. It’s time for Hello Kitty to have some healthy competition.”**

was responsible for the success of the campaign. (Another miscon-

market’s campaign page reveals that “Dale Steele has been chasing public properties and pitching politicians about a public market here for more than ten years.”)

At Kickstarter School, a section on the website that breaks down the how-to for fundraising on their site, one paragraph reads: “Kickstarter is not a magical source of money. Funding comes from a variety of sources — *your* audience, *your* friends and family, *your* broader social networks, and, if your project does well, strangers from around the web. *It’s up to you* to build

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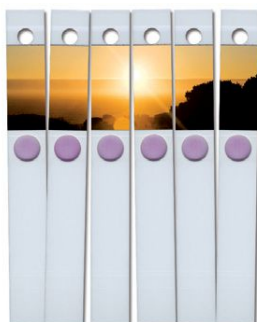
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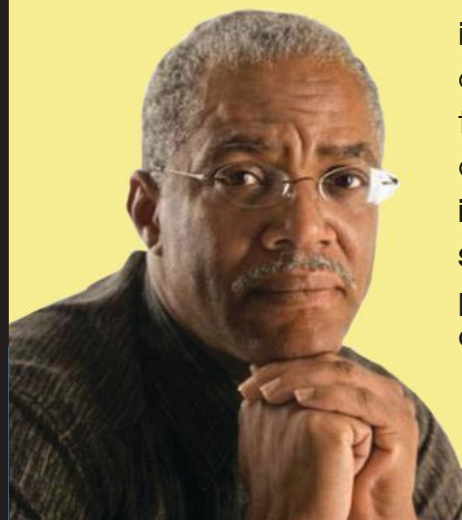


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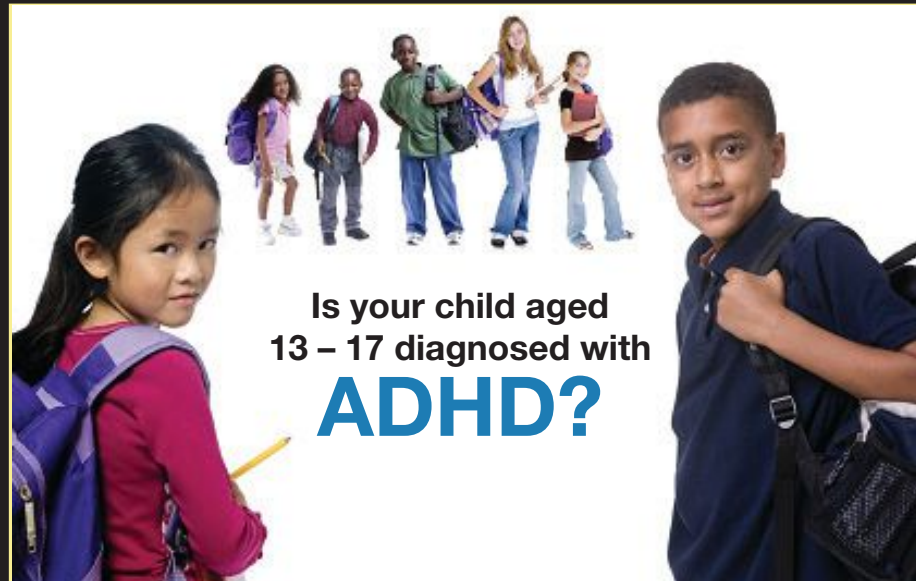
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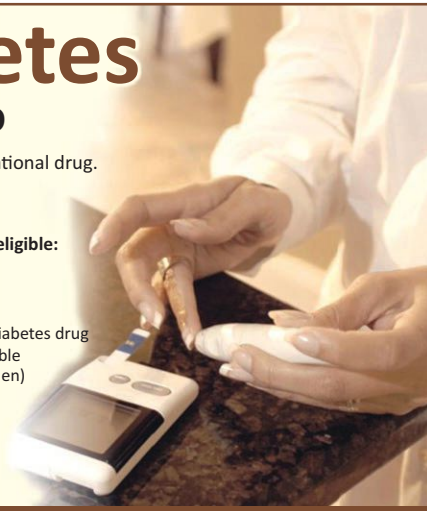
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that momentum for your project. [italics mine]"

Some project creators nonetheless blame Kickstarter for the failure of their projects.

On September 13, 2012, Mitch Wallis launched a campaign to raise \$150,000 to open a vegan co-op on El Cajon Boulevard at the I-15. Although he estimates that the whole project will take about \$650,000 to get under way, he chose his Kickstarter funding goal based on the amount that the San Diego Public Market had generated less than a month prior.

In his six-minute video plea, Wallis wears his hair in a floppy, curly ponytail. His black T-shirt reads "VEGAN." Wallis appeals to potential backers with a hand-drawn map that shows the convenient location of the future co-op, with brief appearances by his green builder and the owner of the alternative-fuel station next door. The video compelled 36 backers to pledge \$100 or more, and seven of those pledged upwards of \$500. But by the time



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**Connie Hines's Kickstarter campaign garnered less than 1 percent of the pledges she needed.**

I catch up with him via email, approximately two and a half weeks after the launch, his campaign has generated only about \$10,000.

When I ask why he thinks his campaign hasn't taken off the way some others do, he responds, "Kickstarter has not supported our campaign. They have not

highlighted us to their base of contributors. They seem to be focused mostly on artsy and whimsical products, and not on projects that can directly and drastically improve individual and community well-being."

Another section of Kickstarter School, dedicated to how to promote projects, does give spe-

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cific information on how to use social networks to generate interest in your project, but it assumes prior knowledge on how to make that work.

Wallis admits that his social-media plans didn't turn out the way he had hoped.

"Our plan was to align with organizations that share a common

vision and have those organizations announce our campaign to their membership," he writes. "This has proven to be problematic, and has not worked out very well so far, in terms of finding organizations willing to do this."

Given the timing of Wallis's launch and the similarity of the scope

and budget of both projects, he'd hoped to find potential backers among those already excited by the success of the San Diego Public Market.

business maintains a very active social-media presence, so we had a head start," White wrote in another email. "On the nuts-and-bolts

**"It's the getting it out there that we don't know how to do."**

That strategy may have backfired.

During their campaign for the public market, Catt White and Dale Steele used every avenue available to drum up backing. They had an advantage in that they didn't have to build a support network from scratch.

"Dale and I already had well-developed networks, and my farmers'-market management

side, everyone is overloaded with information nowadays, so to keep any endeavor at the top of people's minds requires an organized effort to get the word out and keep the updates coming. We updated our message almost daily. That reminded people to support us, and made it easy for them to spread the word about the opportunity to support the project and

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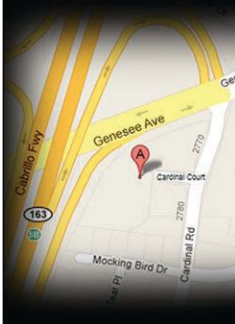
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how the campaign was progressing.”

Wallis updated his message twice.

One of Wallis’s backers, who’d also backed the public market, expressed her disappointment in his campaign via a comment on the project page.

“I am surprised at the lack of excitement, communication and encouragement to support this project from its creators. Why no cheerleading from the sidelines? Please get out there and encourage people to support this worthy project!!! Send us updates, ask us to share with our community! Be proactive!”

Despite a plea for celebrity supporters (“We’re hoping to attract a celebrity — a singer or performer that would appear at a benefit show for us,” writes Wallis. “Jessica Sanchez or Jason Mraz, for example, could easily provide enough ticket sales to push us to the finish line. We just need help reaching out to them”), and an article about his proposed vegan co-op in *CityBeat*, Wallis ended his campaign on October 13 with \$12,519 pledged, roughly 8 percent of his goal.

**“We’re the creative types.”**

In a quiet, glass-enclosed room at the public library in Rancho San Diego, 25-year-old Devon Duby has set up his invention on a conference table. He calls it the Pendulum Art Machine, and his Kickstarter page describes it as “a graphic art drawing machine which uses a pendulum to create crazy random drawings.” Made from four red anodized aluminum

tubes, two polished aluminum connectors, an aluminum plate, and some wires, the design is sleek and simple.

“It’s still in the prototyping stages,” Duby says while he slides a

green ultra-fine-point Sharpie through a brass ring suspended above the plate. Two magnets secure sheets of paper onto the plate, which is also suspended from an aluminum tube.

Once it’s all set up and adjusted, Duby swings the plate. We watch as the Sharpie creates designs on the paper.


All across the table, Duby has laid out other sheets of white paper

containing drawings he created with the machine. Red, blue, green, or black, some contain testing data lightly penciled in at the top right-hand corner. The whole set-up looks

like something one might find at a children’s museum.

Long and lanky at six-feet-four, Duby wears a black T-shirt with “FASTRAX” in red lettering down the length of

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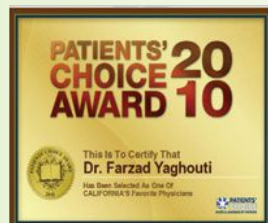
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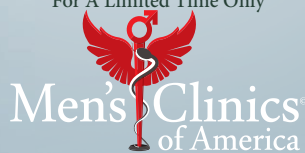
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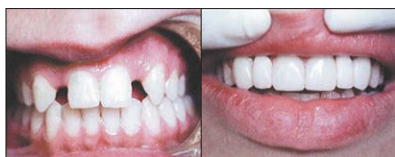
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one of the long sleeves: FASTRAX Sports (not to be confused with the Team Fastrax sky-diving team or the Fastrax RC company that sells radio-controlled race-car accessories) is the name of the company he and his family run out of their El Cajon living room. Previous inventions include the Power-Strap Glove for batting, golf, or tennis, and a Ball-Speed Indicator Batting Tee.

Duby's father, an engineer and inventor, helped start FASTRAX Sports but eventually went back to being a contract engineer. He now serves as a consultant for his son's projects.

"Pretty much my whole life, I've been helping my father with designs and prototypes," Duby says. "As of right now, [on my own] I've done [the Pendulum Art Machine], but if we fund, we'll all work on it."

By all, he means not only his father and mother, who handles the finances, but also his two sisters, Desiree and Denene. Both — young, blonde, and pretty — show up in Duby's Kickstarter video.

The demonstration over, Duby sits back in what could be mistaken for casual comfort, if not for the bouncing knee and hands folded tightly on his lap. With nervous, fleeting eye contact, he explains that Kickstarter was, in fact, the impetus for this new machine.

"Our other products aren't suited for the avenue. So we thought, *What's a good product?*" He explains that the family often throws ideas around. "This was one idea. We knew the successful ones are creative."

Duby launched his



**Mitch Wallis wanted to raise \$150,000 to start a vegan co-op. But he only generated \$12,500 in pledges.**

project on September 26 with a \$10,000 goal. It currently costs him approximately \$85 to make one machine. He sells them for \$179, which includes \$60 in labor. Funding would allow him to purchase his materials in volume, which he estimates would bring the cost down by as much as 30 percent. It would also decrease labor costs by allowing him to do the same step on multiple machines at once, which decreases set-up time.

"We're not trying to make a killing," he says. At the same time, he hopes to make some profit. While his sisters and his parents have other jobs, he doesn't. "*This is my job.*"

On October 18, with ten days to go, his campaign has generated only \$1269 in pledges. He has nine backers, zero comments, and zero updates.

"We're not marketing people. We're creative types, getting it ready to go. It's the getting it out

there that we don't know how to do."

He does know enough about social media to have posted his campaign on Facebook, sent out emails, and put a video on YouTube. These steps may have been what generated early interest, but he didn't keep it up.

"If one of us would just get a marketing degree, we would do a lot better," he says.

Divine intervention might have become the driving force of his project's success. In the middle of his campaign, Duby received an email from the producers of Steve Harvey's new television talk show, inviting him to the show. That's the kind of exposure that Mitch Wallis was praying for. But Duby failed to send the sample they'd asked for prior to taping.

"I spend a lot of my time trying to perfect the design instead of doing other things," he says. "That's my problem."

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"I've been collecting people. They've been collecting art."

Andrea Steorts greets me at the door of her Eastlake home with a hug. The vivacious 65-year-old artist has both the energy and the long, wavy blond hair of a woman 40 years her junior. Her silver wrist bangles clang as she reaches out to embrace

with the San Diego art scene. But she has gained a small, loyal following, including a couple of patrons who regularly buy her paintings.

"I've been collecting people, great people," she says. "They've been collecting art."

In 2011, two of those patrons paid for the creation of Steorts's first

**"We live well, we eat well, we laugh, we drink wine. Well, cheap wine."**

me. To the left and right of us, five 4-by-5-foot paintings crowd the living-room walls. Ahead hangs a larger painting, 6-by-7 feet. All are Steorts's work. All feature images of women and expansive landscapes in bright colors. I recognize two from her Kickstarter campaign page.

Steorts walks me through the living room, past the kitchen, and into another sitting room, where she introduces her elderly mother and her husband, a former lawyer and wood sculptor. The three live in this 1500-square-foot house on their combined Social Security incomes and the occasional sale of one of Steorts's paintings.

"We live well, we eat well, we laugh, we drink wine," she says. "Well, cheap wine. But it's good."

Steorts began painting around 17 years ago. Aside from a two-year stint as a gallery owner in the Gaslamp, from 2000 to 2002, she hasn't been much involved

website — as a Thanksgiving gift. In mid-May 2012, Agora Gallery in New York City found the website and contacted Steorts with an offer of representation. The site, they said, would substitute for the usual portfolio-submission requirement.

Steorts accepted, though she had no idea how she'd pull off the creation of a new body of work to show at the gallery. She loves to paint on 3-by-4-foot canvases and frames every one of the paintings in large, ornate frames, a hefty expense. Because finances were tight, she'd begun painting on smaller, 16-by-20-inch canvases. If she were going to have a show in New York, however, she wanted to return to the larger paintings. That would cost. So would the framing and the shipping and her travel to New York for the show. The way she was living, she didn't have the extra money.

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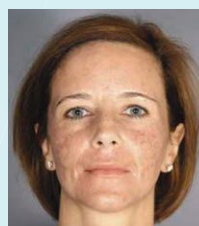


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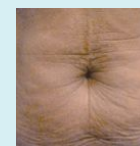
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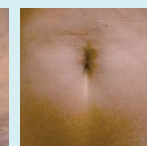
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When Steorts spoke with one of her patrons about the situation, he mentioned Kickstarter.

"I'd never heard of it," she says. "I'm not the sharpest tool in the shed when it comes to high tech."

It didn't matter. A group of friends came over one day in late August. Three hours later, they submitted Steorts's project to Kickstarter for review. Three or four days after that, they got the go-ahead.

Steorts launched on September 5 with a \$6500 goal.

According to statistics on the Kickstarter site, projects without videos succeed at a 30 percent rate, whereas those *with*

videos succeed at a rate of 50 percent. Steorts had no video. Neither did she have a huge Facebook or Twitter following. What she did have was a small, loyal group of friends

"The idea of asking people for money kind of made me squirrely," she says. "But then it just started happening."

After the initial email blast, donations quickly

**"The idea of asking people for money kind of made me squirrely. But then it just started happening."**

and one dedicated sister.

In the beginning, Steorts created an email list of about 70 people. She sent them all a link to her Kickstarter page. She believed that approximately 50 would donate. The number ended up closer to 20.

slowed down. Five days later, Steorts's sister Claudia, 16 years her junior, decided to send a personal appeal out to the people on Andrea's list, as well as to those she'd forwarded the message to from her own list.

Claudia's final para-

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graph read: "If you feel inspired, and I know you will, go online and support not just Andrea's journey to NYC, but support Art in general. Through all the noise of worthwhile causes that need our support, if we were to look for one that would make us feel surrounded by beauty, Andrea's fund would be the one we'd choose every time."

Four days after that, Claudia emailed one of Steorts's friends to discuss campaign strategies.

"Maybe we put it up on Andrea's Facebook again with a note that we are \$2500 from reaching her goal?" she wrote. "If you think another email push makes sense, I can do that. The other thing I thought about, though I'm still a novice, is Tweeting about it. I don't have a lot of followers, but Kickstarter does have a presence. It's a long shot. Any other ideas? I mean, if you look at Andrea's friend list, if 50 of them put in \$50 we'd be there."

From there, they decided on an email push, offering a new story about Andrea's artistic journey every few days.

"Claudia says you have to nudge people," Steorts says of her sister. "They forget in a day or two."

We're in her bedroom, where at the foot of her bed, two easels, a chair, and a collection of not-quite-finished paintings define her work area. Other paintings lean against the baseboards and hang on the walls.

"The minute her emails would hit, the money would come," Steorts says. "We were all pumped. It was so exciting. Everyone would get up and check [the campaign] first thing in

the morning."

On September 29, Claudia sent out a last email, pleading for donors to help close the final gap of \$275. At one point, Steorts received a check from an elderly couple who didn't want to send their banking information to Amazon. Steorts was afraid to make the deposit to the Kickstarter campaign herself.

"If you contribute [to your own campaign], you lose it all," she explains. "I didn't want to mess with that."

That last email was the longest so far, and the most pleading, with a personal story about Andrea being a caregiver for both her mother and her husband.

Steorts was fishing in Eastlake with her granddaughter that same afternoon, when she received the alert that her project had been successfully funded. A patron in Austin, who had already donated \$1000, upped the pledge to \$1275 and later told Steorts, "I couldn't take it any longer."

In the final five days of her campaign, Steorts received another \$265, putting her at 104 percent of her goal with \$6765. She closed with 46 backers, making her average donation \$147, almost twice that of the \$75 Kickstarter average.

And this with zero updates, zero comments, and no video on her project page.

A week later, over the phone, she says, "The thing I love about Kickstarter is everything, but the thing I love most is that when you make it, they send an email to congratulate you, and they sign it, 'Love, Kickstarter.'" ■

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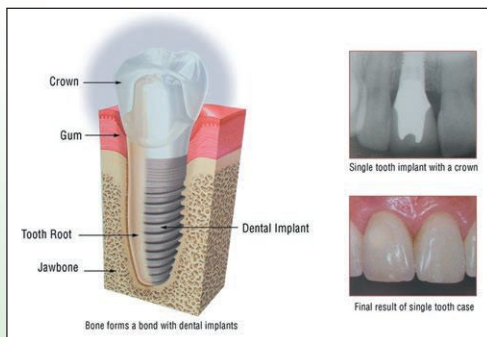
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### Should Jack stay?

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Qdoba is now \$10.28. As far as I can determine (the company won't talk), the average at Chipotle, Qdoba's primary competitor, is \$10.96. Some analysts say that Qdoba is "the poor man's Chipotle," but the price differential hardly seems that wide.

While Qdoba is stumbling along, Jack in the Box sandwich/hamburger restaurants are doing better than other fast-food operations. In the fourth quarter, same-store sales at company-owned Jack outlets were up 3.1 percent — the eighth straight quarter of such gains. This was during a period of a weak economy. Traffic was up 1.2 percent, and the average check was up 1.9 percent in the fourth quarter. So Jack has been whipping McDonald's on a same-store basis. Of course, the far larger McDonald's is hurt by its overseas operations, and Jack has no foreign exposure, but McDonald's is also suffering domestically. Boo-hoo.

On a two-year basis at company-owned Jack in the Box outlets, same-store sales are up 9 percent and traffic is up almost 10 percent. Such results make fast-food competitors green with envy.

Executive vice president Jerry Rebel expects same-store sales at both Jack and Qdoba to rise 2 to 3 percent next year. But some analysts wonder if Qdoba can achieve such results.

Sean Williams of Motley Fool is disturbed that the company will open 20 to 25 Jack outlets next year while it opens 70 to 85 Qdoba restaurants. "Personally, I feel this ratio should be reversed, as this could be [Jack's] chance to beat McDonald's at their own game with fresh menu items," says Williams.

Joseph Buckley of Bank of America Merrill Lynch is disappointed with Qdoba's performance. In fact, Buckley thinks Jack in the Box would be wiser to spend its capital

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buying back its own stock rather than pouring money into Qdoba.

(Jack spokesman Brian Luscomb points out that Jack's board authorized a \$100 million stock buyback program in November of last year and is only halfway through the program. Recently, the board okayed another \$100 million buyback plan that expires in November 2014.) Of course, Wall Street always wants more stock buybacks because they inflate earnings per share and, generally, the stock price.

Shawn Robinson of Motley Fool says that Chipotle's results top Qdoba's by a wide margin. He says that Chipotle's sales per restaurant are more than double Qdoba's, and return on investment is 65 percent versus 21 percent, respectively.

Jack's chief executive Lang is not dissuaded by Wall Street sniping. She told analysts in the November phone call that the company will employ the same approach to boosting sales and traffic that it has at Jack in the Box. Qdoba should jack up revenue by accelerating its catering business, such as providing food at graduations and Cinco de Mayo celebrations. Qdoba is now looking for a national catering director.

"The [Qdoba] brand is very, very strong, and it's just a matter of communicating the brand," Lang told the analysts. They didn't appear to be swallowing her story. ■

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### Ex, meth, knife, death

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was still there at my house. And he owed me money, and he wasn't giving it to me. And that he just wasn't acting right."

Shaquita also told Chris that Fernando had phoned someone to come over and harm her.

"He said, 'If I come over, will you tell?' I said, 'No.'" She had a restraining order

on Chris. "Whenever he had come over I would call the cops. So he was asking me if he came was I going to call the cops." It was a short conversation. "Not even a minute."

Then Shaquita went back upstairs. She ran a hot bath because she was feeling "restless" and she wanted to "relax." And she wanted to keep her "distance" from Fernando.

Shaquita said she fell asleep in the bath. "And then that's when I heard a scuffle or something going on." She turned her head and caught a glimpse of someone. "I assumed it was Chris." She heard noises. "Nobody spoke. I didn't hear any words. I just heard, like, shoving." The noise was over quickly. "Very fast, like, not even, like, a minute." She grabbed a towel and walked toward her bedroom.

Fernando was there in her room, on the floor with his back to her bed. "He was on the side of my bed. He was not laying down, but he was somewhat sitting up." He was still breathing then, but not moving. "He looked paralyzed to me."

Shaquita ran to her daughters' room. She crawled into bed with her girls, who are 11, 5, and 3 years old. "Then there's a knock on the door." It was Chris. "He told me to come out." She came out.

"He was saying that I should say someone came in there. He was saying, 'Say that one of his friends came in here. Say a black guy came in here.' And I told him, 'Okay.'"

Shaquita went downstairs, and Chris followed her. "Chris said, 'Do you want me to take him?' And I said, yes, take him to the hospital."

Shaquita said she waited for Chris to leave, and then she walked to a friend's home about a half mile away. It was also on Fig Street in Escondido. Somebody there phoned 911. Asked why didn't she just go next door, Shaquita answered, "I would never go to my neighbors for anything."

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Nobody took Fernando to the hospital that Cinco de Mayo morning. Authorities responding to the 911 call found him dead at Shaquita's apartment. According to the medical examiner's report, Fernando was likely dead before Shaquita and Chris ever left the apartment. He had suffered a cluster of five stab wounds in the chest. One of his main arteries had been severed, an "immediately life threatening" wound, according to Dr. Bethann Schaber. "It would have taken minutes for him to bleed out, or exsanguinate."

Schaber would not confirm that only one knife was used. "Not necessarily; there could be more than one type of weapon, more than one knife."

Toxicology tests found methamphetamine in the remains of 23-year-old Fernando Arellano.

Escondido police officers arrested Christopher James Selena later May 5 at his place of work in Vista. Chris was taken into custody "without incident." He is currently held in lieu of \$5 million bail. Selena, 41, pleaded not guilty to one charge of murder.

Shaquita Martinez, 28, was granted immunity by the district attorney's office in exchange for her testimony at a preliminary hearing October 18, 2012. ■

## Under the radar

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members **Deirdre Alpert**, an ex-Democratic state senator and friend of the downtown establishment, and **Mary Walshok**, the associate vice chancellor for public programs and dean of extension at UCSD prone to local social commentary, each picked up a quick \$5000, as did La Jolla **Robert A. Schroeder**, who was listed as the foundation's assistant treasurer. Each of the trio spent an average of 15 minutes a week on the charity's business, according to the disclosure.

The foundation's largest grant, \$414,500, was made to Girard Charter Schools, a Woolley-

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backed venture that failed to get a proposed La Jolla charter middle school off the ground and surrendered its charter last year, according to a report in the *La Jolla Light*. Other contributions included \$22,400 to the *Voice of San Diego*; \$27,000 to Gompers Academy, another charter school operation; \$25,500 to Junior Achievement; and \$15,000 to Reality Changers, which provides academic coaching to inner-city high school students. Program director Wolking didn't respond to a request for comment.

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— Matt Potter

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believed him to be motioning as if reaching for a gun. They then opened fire, combining to unleash 33 shots, 18 of which found their target.

A later investigation found that Osorio did not have a gun. Though a knife was found in his pocket, it does not appear that he attempted to retrieve it at any point during the confrontation.

Detectives have already made contact with a companion of Osorio's, who said he had talked earlier in the evening about committing suicide by enticing police to shoot him.

Dave Rice, December 6

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### Scathing report on U-T

A "corporate shill," says respected publication *San Diego* — "The Fall of the *San Diego Union-Tribune*" is the headline in a story today (December 6) in the publication *Media Matters for America*, a politically progressive media watchdog. Owner Doug Manchester and his chief executive John Lynch, who spent most of his career in sports radio, have transformed the paper "into a front for Manchester's 'cheerleading' for business interests and right-wing politics," says the story.

This is an observation few could disagree with. Manchester announced as soon as he took over that business coverage henceforth would be cheerleading (this, in one of the scam havens of the U.S.). The paper listed George W. Bush as one of America's greatest presidents, notes *Media Matters*. Front-page editorials pumped up Republican mayoral candidate Carl DeMaio, who went on to lose. His opponent, Democrat Bob Filner, the winner, used the U-T's snug relationship with

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**DeMaio in pro-Filner ads.** The paper has shamelessly touted downtown projects that would line Manchester's pockets indirectly.

Dean Nelson, director of journalism at Point Loma Nazarene University, is quoted as saying, "The only way the paper will survive is if people trust it to give the news of their community. If people get the sense it is just whoring for the leadership's business enterprises, they are done." *Media Matters* points out that the *U-T* not only touts its own projects but attacks institutions such as the port that express opposition to Manchester/Lynch ideas. *Media*

*Matters* stresses that Manchester has no background in the media business. "Doug Manchester Doesn't Know Anything About Running a Newspaper," says a subhead. Amen.

(Full disclosure: I am one of several journalists quoted in the piece. I am quoted saying the *U-T* is an embarrassment to San Diego. In retrospect, I should have expressed that more strongly.)

Don Bauder, December 6

### Tickets save lives, Part 2

Police P.R. touts its aggressive ticketing *La Mesa* — The La Mesa Police Department is once again comparing the issu-

ing of tickets to directly saving the lives of the drivers caught engaging in potentially deadly behaviors while behind the wheel.

Last Friday, officers engaged in the second "Traffic Safety Enforcement Program" campaign in as many weeks, this time focusing on distracted driving.

Officers wrote a total of 45 tickets, including 32 for talking or texting on a cell phone while driving and another 13 for unspecified "hazardous driving violations," plus issued 13 more warnings in a six-hour span — resulting in "32 lives saved," according to police chief Ed Aceves.

Dave Rice, December 5

### Citizens United must go

Council seeks to overturn Supreme Court decision *San Diego* — The city council voted 8-0 today (December 4) to ask Congress to get the ball rolling on amending the U.S. Constitution to overturn the Supreme Court's 2010 decision in the *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* case. The amendment would establish that corporations are not people and corporate spending on elections is not protected free speech. The measure was put forward by councilmember Marti Emerald and also backed by David Alvarez, Tony Young, Kevin Faulconer, Scott Sherman, Sherri Lightner, Todd Gloria, and Lorie Zapf.

Before the measure was passed by the Rules Committee on November 14, Emerald wrote that "the Citizens United case directly impacts state and local efforts to control the influence of corporate money in their own elections."

San Diego's council is one of several political bodies having voted for the overturn of Citizens United.

Don Bauder, December 4

### Smashed in the face

Woman will sue police officer for excessive force *La Mesa* — Resident Drendolyn Sims has the right to sue La Mesa Police officer Mike Stanton over injuries suffered as a result of Stanton's kicking in a gate on her property and striking her in the head, an appeals court ruled yesterday.

Stanton was responding to a call in La Mesa, "a high-crime neighborhood near San Diego," reports *Courthouse News Service*, regarding an "unknown disturbance...involving a baseball bat."

While Stanton and his partner observed nothing unusual upon arriving at the scene, they did notice Nicholas Patrick and two other men walking in

the street. The two men walked into a nearby apartment complex, but Patrick took off in another direction. He ignored officers' orders to stop and entered the front yard of another property, closing the gate behind him.

Stanton then gave pursuit and kicked in the gate, unaware that Sims, the homeowner, was standing behind it. She was rendered "temporarily unconscious, or at least incoherent," due to the officer's blow.

After U.S. district judge Jeffrey Miller dismissed a suit by Sims claiming illegal search and excessive force, a three-judge Ninth District Court of Appeals panel reversed the ruling yesterday, finding that Stanton had no justifiable reason to kick in Sims's gate.

Dave Rice, December 4

### Business as usual?

Filner says Chargers will stay, convention center will be expanded *San Diego* — Incoming mayor Bob Filner gave his inaugural speech today at the Balboa Club. According to sources who were there, Filner said, "We are going to make sure the Chargers stay in San Diego." He also said, "We are going to expand our convention center to strengthen our visitor industry."

Is Filner saying the City will subsidize a stadium for the Chargers? He has previously said that public funds would not go for that purpose. He can forget the Chargers or other private interests financing a stadium. It won't happen. The Coastal Commission still has to approve convention-center-expansion plans. Also, there is a pending lawsuit against the deal.

"[Filner] had previously said that he wanted it [the expansion] voted upon," says civic activist Mel Shapiro, who was at the speech. Shapiro is involved in a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of hotels increas-

ing taxes for the purpose of financing the expansion.

Don Bauder, December 3

### Safety meeting sabotage?

Buddhist monks march at nuclear station *San Onofre* — A Nuclear Regulatory Commission meeting to discuss the future of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating station went forward last Friday after being delayed when the originally contracted host hotel backed out over attendance concerns.

No concrete plans were laid out for either of the plant's two nuclear generators, idled since late January, to resume service, though plant operator Southern California Edison reaffirmed their assertion that, though similar damage was found in both the Unit 2 reactor and in Unit 3, Unit 2 remains safe to operate under lower-than-normal power-generating conditions.

But activity at the meeting was overshadowed by outside events, including reports of possible sabotage, a protest march led by Buddhist monks, and public dissent from the Utility Workers Union of America, which represents plant employees and has been a vocal backer of restart plans at recent meetings.

The monks, who had originally planned to march past the plant and begin a seven-day fast nearby, were rerouted when environmental activist Gene Stone discovered higher-than-normal levels of radiation emanating from old generator pieces being stored near the road in preparation for shipment.

Meanwhile, the plant's union questioned the wisdom of firing 700 workers while trying to restart the plant, especially given the unknown potential results of firing up the idled Unit 2, where hundreds of steam tubes were found to be damaged to some extent.

Dave Rice, December 3

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am writing, I will say that he's a stand-up guy.

The reason that I am writing is because I just feel like, even though everybody is entitled to their opinion, I just don't understand what somebody gains by attacking somebody's craft like Alvarez did. I actually paint a lot and have had to grapple with the idea that some of my best stuff might be disliked by people, and some of the stuff that I am initially hesitant to display are some of the pieces that garner the most attention and interest. People see things differently. People hear things differently (like poetry).

While Mr. Alvarez obviously didn't enjoy Tomás's poem, it moved him enough to take the time to write. So, it might just move somebody else to do some good in the world. Instead, Alvarez chose to further perpetuate the idea that it is alright to just put people down at random, when they are just trying to be true to who they are, because it isn't agreeable to you or align with what you can appreciate. And that is wrong.

I would side with somebody that is at least trying to say something over somebody that is just writing to be — not even critical — just mean, any day of the week. Having served Tomás for years, I know that he will keep writing and won't be deterred, so for that I am happy.

I just hope that this serves as a reminder to all of the poets and painters, all of the artists out there, that critics like Alvarez are the reason that — unfortunately, because a lot of artists are pretty sensitive! — you have to develop a thicker skin and take these comments with a grain of salt. But just in case you can't, maybe somebody out there will have your back.

C. Klos  
via email

### Blur Request

The "Spotted in San Diego!" Style Stalker section by Ms. Kendra Clark (November 21) featured a woman with

the caption "1 in 3 suffer from pattern blindness." The woman does not suffer from pattern blindness. She is an excellent EVS custodian for UCSD Medical Center who is required to wear that uniform, and was likely going to or from work. She is also the nicest person you will meet doing the hardest job you can.

Shame on you, San Diego Reader, for publicly embarrassing a woman for wearing her required uniform. I believe a public apology is in order. Also, do you not have the technology to blur people's faces? That would be a step in the right direction, in my opinion.

C.M.  
via email

### Hands On

I'm calling in regards to your November 15 issue. I just finished reading it. It took me about an hour. By the time I was done, I noticed my hand was covered in black, oily ink. The back cover of your magazine that week was an ad for Beauty and the Beast, and the entire back of it is black. However, now, on my copy, there are all kinds of hand prints and smears that were transferred from my hand.

I would hope that in the future you folks use a better ink or some kind of sealant so you don't spread that all over the place. I am now going to wash my hands, and I hope that never happens again. Thanks for the awful black mess.

Dennis Travers  
via voicemail

*According to the firm that prints the Reader, wet ink on the cover is rare, but from the letter to the editor it sounded as if the ovens were not hot enough to seal the ink on a small number of copies.*

— Editor

### Comment Worthly

I can't believe that nobody commented on the story by Curtis Howard, "That's Life, and Life's Not Easy" (November 7). I browsed through the comments in the November 15 issue and not one was about that interesting story. Curtis is trying to do right even though many things

are stacked up against him. I give the guy tons of credit, but that kind of credit does not pay his bills. I wish him the best of luck and hope that his story gets across to others who are following in his footsteps before it's too late.

Allen Stanko  
via email

### Not Enough Time

Please read my letter, since you clearly did not read the story "Deported," October 11, 2012, before it was published — or maybe that is not part of your job? The accounts of what happened to Elizabeth Gonzalez and Frank when they were here *illegally* is loathing and full of racist allegations, lies, and misinformation about immigration laws.

Elizabeth Gonzalez, at 17 years old, came from Acapulco and decided to cross illegally by paying \$3,000 to a smuggler. From where the smugglers abandoned her, it took 15 hours to drive to Oxnard. But, prior to that, when the border patrol stopped her and asked where she was going, they let her go when she said she was walking to Oxnard? In one month she learned English. I imagine that for most people it takes years to learn it, and some never do. She traveled to Utah where she was able to get an I.D. and even buy a car; then traveled to Washington and Atlanta where she started dating online and married the guy two months after meeting him. After roaming our country freely when it is time to face the fact that she has no papers then she wants a lawyer and knows the law — except, apparently, the federal law that she had been breaking since 2003.

She says for many reasons she does not want to come back to the United States, and that she can wait until her son is 21 and get citizenship. According to ICE, deported people cannot come back ever; they are not even allowed to be a certain distance from the border. If her son was going to be able to get her papers it is called a permanent resident card, commonly referred to as the green card, to become a legal resident; citizenship is obtained after five years of



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## LETTERS

living here *legally*. Her sister, who is a citizen, has provided for her by opening stores where she can work and support herself and her son, but it never occurred to the sister to apply to obtain a green card for Elizabeth? This tells me they all follow the same path — entering illegally into the United States.

In the second story, Frank saw a “white” man for the first time when his mother’s boyfriend showed up one day to smuggle him across the border. His mother worked harder than anyone with 14-hour days, and he, after taking care of his two brothers the mother also paid to smuggle across, instead of working hard like his mother was doing, decided to join the local gangs; choosing “brown pride” instead of becoming a naturalized citizen.

His hardworking mother became a drunk and had a drug-addict boyfriend after her white man left her; but she had the wisdom of apply-

ing for papers for her and his brothers when the opportunity came? He had no recollection of his mother because she left him behind and also left two more sons ages four and two? But at only six years old he has fond memories of growing up in Mexico? So, when she left the youngest one had just been born? And he remembers growing up, but not the language?

Frank learned perfect English in about three months. Not even joining the Navy made him love and appreciate our country. He decides to enter the smuggler business, and when he is caught, he was set up?

Whites will not be deported because they were born here. If someone smuggles a relative, I do not think they will just receive a fine. Smuggling is a federal crime. The government does not make money from jailing illegals. Local government receives money from the federal government for the expenses incurred from illegals in jails, and it does not cost \$100 for each. If you become a naturalized citizen, you can still

be deported if you commit a crime against our country. In his mind, he is a good person and life has done him wrong, but he accepts it like any good hero. Just imagine what would have happened to his now-wife if he did not “rescue” her from prostitution. I wonder if she knows he said this of her.

I do not see a point in printing stories like “Deported.” Most illegals do not read Spanish or English. Tijuana is full of deported immigrants, and they all have a story. If you plan to have someone write about them as well, there will not be time on this earth to read them all. There are millions of people from all over the world that want to come live in the United States of America too; imagine if they are all allowed to be here legally or illegally.

Maria  
via email

### A Life of Constant Worry

Regarding the October 11 cover story, “Deported.” Entering the United States of America without the proper documents is illegal.

People have crossed — and still continue to cross — the U.S. border illegally, risking their own lives and exposing themselves to dangers such as rape, abandonment by a coyote in the middle of nowhere, and/or starvation, similar to Elizabeth’s experience. Others may have to wait an extra week to see their loved ones that already crossed the border, simply because the coyote decided to increase the amount of the cost for having crossed them illegally, like in Frank’s case. This is heart-wrenching!

The feeling of hiding, or trying not to get caught by the police, such as when Elizabeth encountered cops at a checkpoint on her way to Athens, is unbearable to me. In the past, whenever I have done something I was not supposed to I would feel physically ill. To be willing to feel like this every day makes me wonder how bad it is at home that, however it is, to illegal immigrants it is worse than a life of constant hiding and worry.

I am happy to hear that both Elizabeth and Frank

have adapted to Bad Bunny “Bunny v. Bunny” (Blurt, October 11) = really bad article. I mean really bad.

Name Withheld their new lives. In addition, I agree with Frank. There should be more information in regards to crossing the border illegally into the United States of America in hopes of having people stop to think about doing so because the risks and legal consequences are major. However, awareness is not enough, work should be done towards helping the country of origin and helping improve the standard of life there in order to stop illegal immigration.

Diana Valencia  
via email

### Bad Bunny

“Bunny v. Bunny” (Blurt, October 11) = really bad article. I mean really bad.

Name Withheld  
via email

### Only Pretty at Night

Re “Hillcrest Twinkle Lights” (Neighborhood News, October 4). \$50,000 for what? Are you

kidding me? If the members of the Hillcrest Business Association think that this big project is going to help the problems Hillcrest has, they are so wrong.

The area needs a lot of TLC, starting with getting the owners of businesses to clean the walks in front of their buildings. The sidewalks are grimy, filthy with old gum, and smell like old urine. The buildings need a face-lift, power wash, paint, plants, flowers, and most of all, they need to deal with the so-called bums that one has to walk over or around because of all they stuff they carry around.

Hillcrest is a great area. I have lived here for three years and enjoy being in Hillcrest/Mission Hills. I truly hope the association reconsiders how to use this large amount of money. The lights will not solve the issue; they’ll just look pretty at night, that’s all. Hillcrest is starting to look very old and shabby and needs some zing. Please rethink this project.

Jan Alsgard  
Hillcrest

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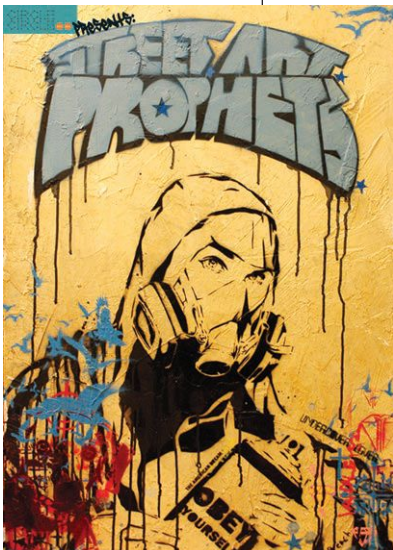
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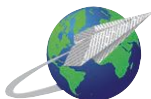
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*The sight of a foreigner buying his carved wooden spoons raised this ancient man's status among the locals of a remote western China town.*

### Giving Face in Kashgar

By James Michael Dorsey

It was my final day in Kashgar, China. I had all the photos I needed and was ready for a good meal before catching my flight out, when I noticed a tiny man sitting outside, alone on a street corner.

He had a face as rugged as the local

mountains and probably nearly as old. He had an old rag spread in front of him and was selling wooden spoons that he carved on the spot with an ancient pocket knife.

I watched as people stepped over his wares, sometimes kicking them out of the way or stepping directly on them. At one point, two young boys grabbed some of his spoons and ran off, taunting the old man who obviously could not chase them.

Located in the far western reaches of China, Kashgar is not yet a major tourist destination, although in my estimation it should be. My presence attracted attention — but when I knelt down to examine the old man's spoons it created quite a stir. A crowd gathered, and this immediately drew the police, who formed a barrier around us and were as curious about what was happening as the rest of the people.

I approached him and sat on the concrete opposite him, looking over his spoons, and found them to be exquisite. I chose several of his wares that I thought had a rugged elegance and paid him a bit more than he was asking. This sent a murmur through the crowd.

With a couple dozen onlookers, including two curious policemen, I took

the old man's photo and thanked him for selling me his spoons (even though he did not understand a word I said). I gave him a slight bow as I left.

After walking away, I watched from across the street and saw the crowd still surrounding the old man, but now they were buying his spoons, since they had obvious value, for me, a foreigner, to pay so much for them.

More importantly, my act gave the man great face — and in China that is beyond price.

manager created a little disturbance to throw us off balance. Sometimes, I think he felt it was his job.

"You know, this is the largest card-carrying KKK town in the United States right now."

Maybe the other guys were used to hearing stuff like that from him, but it shook me.

My first tour of the South with the band was spent mostly with my heart in my throat, anyway. The South of 1970 still had public toilets where the sign "White Men" had only recently been whitewashed over. I saw one as late as the spring of 1972. And here we were, a group of two blacks and three "long-haired Yankees," not to mention the two equally hairy roadies. Any stops we made

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### Breakfast in Macon, Georgia

By Kenneth L. Utterback

When the plane landed in Macon, our

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**Distance from downtown San Diego:** About 65 miles (Palomar Mountain State Park). Allow 1 hour and 45 minutes driving time. North on SR-163, merge onto I-15, turn right on exit 27 for Via Rancho Parkway. Continue on Bear Valley Pkwy S. After 6 miles, turn right on E. Valley Parkway/Valley Center Rd/SR6 for about 15 miles, until it ends, then turn right on SR-76 E. After 5 miles, take a slight left turn onto SR6/South Grade Road/Palomar Mtn. Rd for 6.8 miles to a stop sign on a winding road (take motion-sickness precautions as appropriate). Turn left and continue for a few yards. Ahead on the left is a general store and a restaurant; turn left onto the road just before the general store — that is State Park Road/SR7. Stop at the entrance to pay the day-fee, then make a sharp right turn onto Doane Valley Road, just past the ranger's house. Follow signs to Doane Pond. The park is open from dawn until dusk. There are no gas stations on the mountain.

**Hiking length:** 4-mile loop • **Difficulty:** Moderately strenuous because of the steep trail. Elevation gain/loss 900 feet. Trekking poles recommended. Carry water. Facilities at Doane Pond and Silvercrest parking lot.



Dozens of ladybugs cluster in a patch of bunch grass alongside the trail.

If you had mentally removed Palomar Mountain State Park from your list of hiking places to visit after the threat of park closures last year, you can confidently put

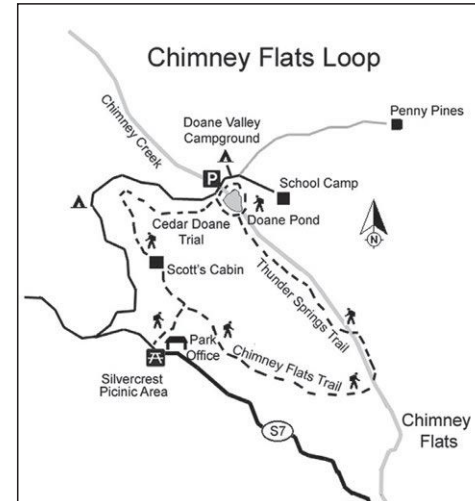
it back on the list of must-do hikes this year. Thanks to the efforts of volunteer organizations such as Friends of Palomar Mountain and the Palomar Mountain Trail Main-

tenance Unit (TMU), plus the dedicated state-park rangers, the park remains open with well-maintained trails, restrooms, and camping facilities. Simply put, Palomar is

beautiful. The old-growth cedars and oak trees might make you feel as if you were magically transported into the middle of a Northwest forest. Whether you visit the park on a warm, sunny day or on a misty, overcast one, stunning vistas abound.

A recommended route with great views is the steep Cedar-Doane Trail up to the Silvercrest picnic area and then along the Chimney Flats Trail until it loops back to Doane Pond via the Thunder Spring Trail.

The parking area near Doane Pond offers access to Cedar-Doane Trail once past the facilities and over the small bridge next to the pond's edge. The trail is steep, so come prepared with good footwear and trekking poles if you use them. Watch out for poison oak, which in October is surprisingly beautiful with brilliant red color that glows with light shining through the leaves. The contrast of red against yellow ferns, the green of the cedar, black oak and maul oak leaves, and the gray-greens of lichen and moss on the tree trunks create a perfect fall palette. New healthy growth or, in the winter, leafless twigs ring the base of old, fire-scarred tree trunks and line portions of the Cedar Trail.



great numbers in the "bunchgrass" or other low foliage. Many native plant species can be found, with a partial list including thimbleberry, honeysuckle, *Keckiella ternata*, *Ceanothus palmeri*, coffee berry, *Stephanomeria*, elderberry, and wand buckwheat.

Check the park website ([palomarsp.org/tmu](http://palomarsp.org/tmu)) for campsite reservations, maps, and other useful information. Day-use parking fees are \$8 per car, cash or check only. Dogs must be kept on

Early morning provides the best opportunity for viewing deer and wild turkeys making their way through the forest.

Turn left on Scott's Cabin Trail, walking past the site and crossing a road to Silvercrest for a short break at the picnic tables. Return on Scott's Cabin Trail only up to the Chimney Flats intersection, where a right turn is taken to Chimney Flats, then curve back on Thunder Spring Trail to close the loop at Doane Pond. In the cold winter days, ladybug beetles (beetles have a centerline down their back with true bugs' backs looking like an X) sometimes can be found in

a leash of six-foot maximum length and are not permitted on trails; however, leashed dogs are permitted on rustic Myer's Fire Road, east of the Doane Valley Campground. Keep your driving speed low in the park, checking for deer and hikers who sometimes favor the roads on misty days.

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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## 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. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

**“Charles Reiffel: An American Post-Impressionist”** San Diego Museum of Art and San Diego History Center present collaborative, two-museum retrospective of work of Charles Reiffel, celebrating

the 150th anniversary of his birth. “Charles Reiffel: An American Post-Impressionist.” View more than 90 of Reiffel’s works, primarily oils on canvas but also watercolors, gouaches, drawings in both pencil and crayon, through Sunday, March 10.

“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. San Diego Museum of Art hosts the “Figures” component of the exhibition, showcasing portraits by John Singleton Copley, Cindy Sherman, and John Currin. Closes Sunday, February 10. Thursdays, 10am; Fridays, 10am; Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 12pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Margaret Noble: 44th and Landis”** As part of museum’s ongoing “Cerca” series, which highlights the work of regional artists, Noble’s mixed-media installation and performance charts a psychological path through the City Heights neighborhood, where the artist grew up. Piece “takes the form of an intricate sculptural environment made up of hundreds of cut paper dolls and other forms.” The installation — on view through Sunday, January 20 — also incorporates an experiential soundtrack

emanating from 14 handmade paper speakers.

“The Very Large Array: San Diego/Tijuana Artists in the MCA Collection” continues through Sunday, June 1, 2014. Featuring more than 80 artists and representing five decades of collecting, the group show of museum acquisitions “highlights many of the region’s most beloved and accomplished artists.” Many of the two-dimensional works will be displayed in a dense, salon-style hanging covering the walls. A separate white cube space designed for the exhibition occupies the center of the room, presenting focused selections of works inside the cube, which will change seasonally. Thematic installations will rotate inside the cube every three to four months. Thursdays, 11am; Fridays, 11am; Saturdays, 11am; Sundays, 11am; **free**-\$10. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**“Pieces of Me/Self-Canvassed”** The Hill Street Country Club to introduce Corene Bussey’s premier solo exhibition. The artist blends abstract and expressionism techniques to create colorful acrylic works on canvas. Influenced heavily by music and language, Bussey often creates visual works that transform audible art into its visual form, and also uses art to explore her spiritual journey, posing the questions and answers critical to her personal growth. Light appetizers, beer and wine, \$5 beard and bang trims, raffle art auction. Saturday, December 15, 6pm; **free**. Rock Your Loxx, 530 S. Coast Hwy.

**“Small Works”** Opening reception for exhibition of work by in a range of media by seven artists. Closing reception: December 14. [info@EighteenFiveSD.com](mailto:info@EighteenFiveSD.com). Friday, December 14, 6pm; **free**. Eighteen o Five, 1805 Columbia Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

**“Strange Beauty”** Explore the world of Ruud van Empel in the artist’s first solo exhibition in an

American museum. The artist “builds vibrant photomontages of fascinatingly fabricated realities.” View more than 40 of van Empel’s digitally enhanced pieces through Saturday, February 3. Van Empel constructs his works through staged photography, digital enhancement, and collage.

Explore the power of photography to communicate important ideas about the environment and sustainability in “Photo|Synthesis: 7th Annual Youth Exhibition,” a juried selection of artwork showcasing creativity and artistic expression of SD’s youth. Closes Sunday, January 27.

“Soapbox! The Audience Speaks” is the museum’s “first crowd-sourced exhibition that uses engaging new technology and interactive processes to allow visitors the opportunity to rate images both online and in the gallery.” Visitors selected pieces from a random selection of 120 images from museum’s permanent collection. Through Sunday, September 22. Thursdays, 10am; Fridays, 10am; Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; **free**-\$8. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**“We Always Sleep Alone (Undaunted)”** Opening reception Friday, December 14, 6pm, for artist Dani Dodge. Show runs through January 20, 2013. **Free**-\$3. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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**Art-on-the-Green** COAL Gallery member artists display their artwork at Art-on-the-Green every weekend (good weather permitting) in front of the Carlsbad Inn Beach Resort. 760-434-8497. Sundays, 9am; through Sunday, December 30, **free**. Carlsbad Inn Beach Resort, 3075 Carlsbad Boulevard. (CARLSBAD)

**Christmas Holiday Artists Bazaar** Art showcase, painting, photography, sculpture, hand-crafted items, books and more at Pasaje Rodríguez. Info: [arttijuana@hotmail.com](mailto:arttijuana@hotmail.com). Friday, December 14, 4pm; **free**. Pasaje Rodríguez, Av. Revolución #710 between 35d and 4th

## BOOK SIGNINGS

**“Kellerman Family Presents”** Jonathan ( *Victims* ), Faye (Decker/ Lazarus mysteries), and Jesse ( *Pot-boiler!* ) Kellerman discuss their latest books and how their faith (they are practicing Orthodox Jews) drives the themes within their work

when 18th annual San Diego Jewish Book Fair wraps up with “family of writers” appearance. 858-362-1348. Sunday, December 16, 7:30pm; \$14-\$17. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Burning Man** Author Alan Russell reads from and discusses his new novel. His books include *Multiple Wounds*, *Shame*, *The Hotel Detective*. 760-753-7376. Thursday, December 13, 6:30pm; **free**. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**Toothless George’s Band Together** Book release party for Toothless George’s book, *Band Together: The Definitive Entry Level Guide to Forming a Rock Band*. Performances by DPI, Behind the Wagon, Castoff, and Toothless George Sunday, December 16, 8pm; Ruby Room, 1271 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Art in Books Day!** San Diego Writers, Ink celebrates visual arts, bookmaking, and writing. Day begins with hands-on bookmaking class promising writing prompts; students create, write, draw, and bind their own books (10am-2pm). Kevin Greeland and featured artist Blair Thornley answer questions about art in books (3pm). Gallery reception featuring Thornley’s

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in public places put me on edge.

It was still morning as we proceeded to the hotel, and someone decided that we should get breakfast. The place we stopped at looked non-threatening but had more than a little rustic charm. The seating was just end-to-end picnic tables. Luckily, for my jittery stomach’s sake, it was pretty much deserted. Also, the waitress seemed friendly enough.

Without looking at a menu, I ordered scrambled eggs, bacon, grits, toast, and coffee. The waitress slowly made her way around the table until she had gotten everyone’s order, and then she disappeared into the kitchen.

At that point, for me, time seemed to slow down. I watched the doors nervously. I just wanted to be in my hotel room. As I look back, I’m sure that the movie *Easy Rider*, which I had seen about a year before, had wormed its paranoid message deep into my psyche. I was probably shaking, had anyone looked closely enough.

The waitress came back fairly quickly, empty-handed except for a slip of paper. With no obvious sign



*Long-haired, mixed-race rock bands weren’t welcome in the Macon, Georgia, of 1970.*

of emotion, she placed it in front of me and left again. It was one of those little green-and-white meal checks, torn from her pad. I flipped it over and read the one word on the face of the check: “SCRAM.” My fear reached new heights.

I slowly showed it to the band member to my left, and we looked up at each other with wide eyes. We’d both received the same translation at the same time: “GET THE HELL OUT!” Time was now at a standstill.

Eventually, the waitress came back out of the kitchen with another slip in hand and placed it in front of my band buddy. I was watching intently when he turned it over. It had one word on it: “PAN.” He had ordered pancakes.

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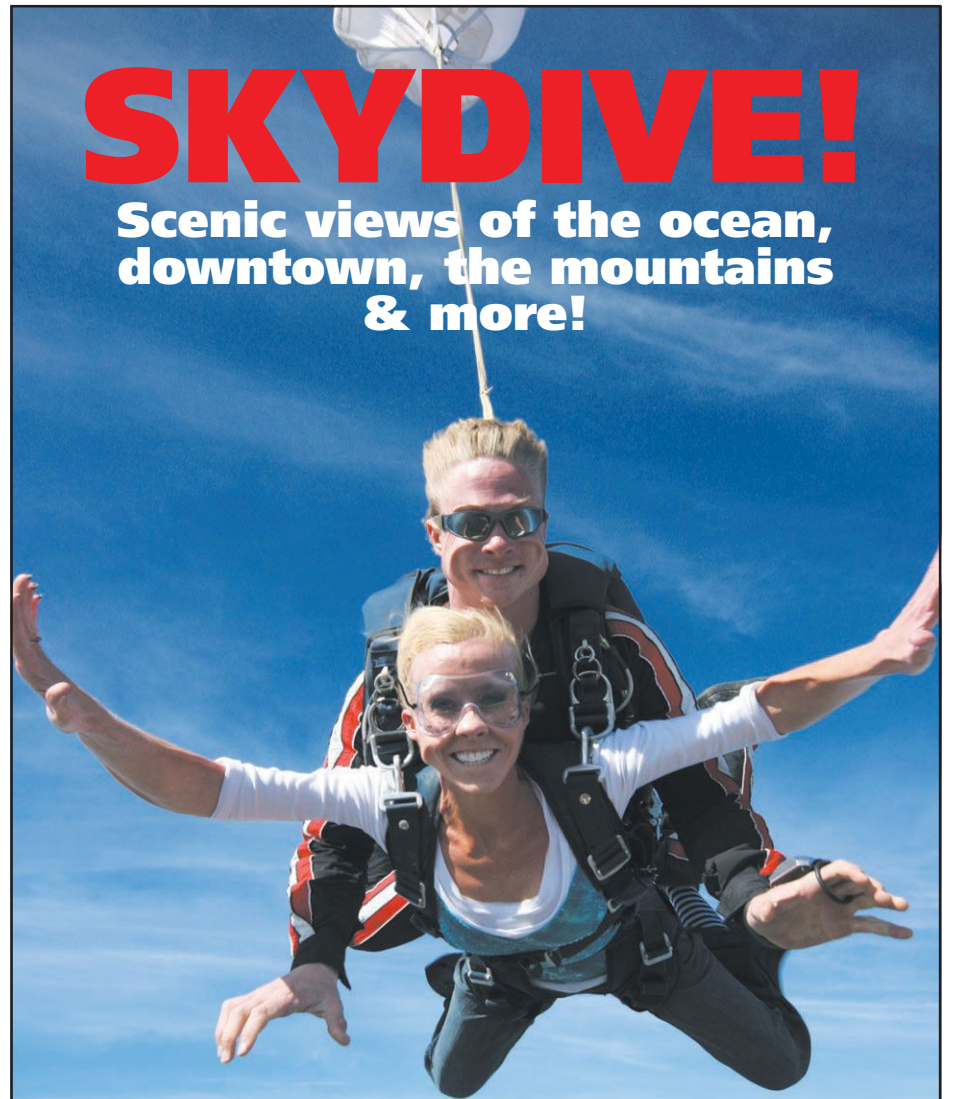
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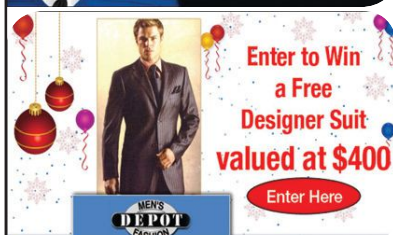
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## Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

work follows (4-7pm). Saturday, December 15; **free**-\$77. 18 and up. Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Care and Maintenance of a Piano** Learn how to protect your musical and financial investment with proper maintenance and what to look for, inside and outside. Reservations: 858-586-7000. Saturday, December 15, 11am; **free**. Greene Music Recital Hall, 7480 Miramar Rd., Suite 101. (MIRAMAR)

**Composting Workshop** Curious about compost? Heard about worms that can eat garbage? Solana Center hosts workshop covering the basics of backyard composting and vermicomposting (composting with worms) at a thriving community garden. Saturday, December 15, 10am; **free**. Town & Country Apartments Community Garden, 230 Messina Dr., San Diego

**Computer Basics** Instructor Sheila Shaw teaches computer classes for adults. Thursdays, 9:30am; through Friday, December 28, 18 and up. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA PARK)

**Edible Gifts in a Jar** "Home-grown goodies are easy when you provide most of the ingredients in a jar." Learn how during cooking class with edible ornaments, holiday cookies. Sunday, December 16, 1pm; **free**. City Farmers Nursery, 4832 Home Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

**Paint Your Sneakers** Bring a pair of clean canvas shoes and express yourself by decorating them with acrylic paint. Sneakers provide a great surface to cover with color, pattern, words and images. Transform your feet into an art gallery. 619-223-0058. Sunday, December 16, 9am; \$52-\$58. 8 and up. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

## COMEDY

**Charles Phoenix Retro Holiday Show** Retro pop culture humorist, author Charles Phoenix "roasts and toasts the classic and kitschy life and style of all the holidays" during festive live comedy performance. Phoenix "shares his latest eye-popping food crafting creations, frolicking road trip adventures across the USA," and guide to SD landmarks. "Fun holiday fashions are encouraged but not expected." Friday, December 14, 8pm; \$25-\$27. 18 and up. Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Comedian Tom McClain** 760-789-7008. Saturday, December 15, 7pm; Ramona Mainstage Nightclub, 626 Main Street. (RAMONA)

**Full Throttle Comedy** Sunday, December 16, 8pm; \$18. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Iliza Shlesinger** — from Last Comic Standing, Comedy Central, and Late Night with Jimmy Fallon! Thursday, December 13, 8pm; Friday, December 14, 7:30pm; Saturday, December 15, 9:30pm; American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

## DANCE

**Argentine Tango with Colette.** Learn tango now! Take a first class free this Monday, December 17, or on Wednesday, December 19, at 7pm, when another 6-week session starts (or any Monday or Wednesday at 7pm!) at Dance Place San Diego. No need for a partner. We will introduce you the passion and magic of Tango. Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Road Studio #106. (POINT LOMA)

**'Tis the Nutcracker Season** West Coast Ballet Theater's production of *The Nutcracker* in association with San Elijo Dance and Music Academy and 4S Dance

## Rhyme & Verse

In Defense

A poem by LoVerne Brown

Taking little notice of  
her womanly ambitions  
he captured her with words of love  
and all of the positions,  
explored her beauty bodily  
from lip to breast to bottom,  
but left her mind a mystery,  
and that is why she shot him!



LoVerne Brown (1912-2000) lived much of her life in sparsely peopled places — the Aleutian Islands, her grandparents' homestead in Wisconsin, and in lumber camps and iron-mine company towns along the Brule River in Upper Michigan. In Juneau, she worked as a reporter, and later, in Seldovia, she and her husband published a weekly newspaper, *The Westward Alaskan*. She subsequently taught creative writing for the VA at Fresno Junior College and for the community school system in San Diego, the city in which she spent the last decades of her life. LoVerne Brown was a central figure in the San Diego poetry world and a writer and mentor who was greatly loved. This year marked the centennial of her birth, and in July the Ocean Beach Historical Society held a celebration of LoVerne Brown's life. "In Defense" is from her collection *The Underside of Snow*, published by Tecolote Press. It is reprinted by permission.

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Academy. 800-988-4253. Saturday, December 15, 1pm and 7pm; \$12-\$39. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

**California Ballet's The Nutcracker** California Ballet Company presents *The Nutcracker* with the San Diego Symphony and Orchestra Nova. Join Clara and her prince as they embark on a magical Christmas journey. This year the performance will be accompanied by live music as follows: Orchestra Nova December 15-16, San Diego Symphony December 19-23. Tickets: 858-560-6741. Saturday, December 15, 2:30pm and 7pm; Sunday, December 16, 1pm and 5:30pm; \$25-\$90. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Club Crescendo** Complimentary dance class at 8:30pm — styles vary. No partner is ever necessary to participate, the students will be in a constant rotation. Club Crescendo opens at 9pm, featuring DJs, VIP booths, bottle service, and party packages. Art installations, dance performances, video DJ, and theme nights. \$5 before 9pm. Fridays,

8:30pm; through Friday, February 22. \$5-\$10. 18 and up. Four Points by Sheraton, 8110 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

**Jingle Jam 'n' Blues Dance Party** Dress up in red party dresses and suits ("or green if you're a non-conformist") for evening promising blues and swing dance lessons (8:30pm), dancing, gag gift exchange, holiday performances, swing and blues music by the Fremonts (9:30pm-12:30am). 619-291-3775. Friday, December 14, 8:30pm; \$13-\$22. 18 and up. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

**The Nutcracker Tea** Festive event includes live holiday music, opportunity drawings, tea, and exclusive photo opportunities with Clara, the Sugar Plum Fairy, and other lead performers from *The Nutcracker*. All proceeds benefit the San Diego Civic Youth Ballet Outreach Program, which brings the art of ballet to local San Diego elementary schools. 619-233-3060. Sunday, December 16, 4pm; \$20-\$40. Balboa Park Club, 2150 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

## FOOD & DRINK

**"Tea for Tiaras"** The Princess Project San Diego hosts this family-friendly afternoon lunch raising money to provide free prom dresses and accessories for local high school girls who cannot otherwise afford them. All ages welcome. Saturday, December 15, 11am; \$40-\$50. Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Malts, Hops, and Curds** The final Andaz Salon event of 2012: a craft beer and artisanal cheese pairing event held in Andaz' Ivy Wine Bar. This event intends to expose San Diegans to two local companies: Green Flash Brewing Co. and Venissimo Cheese. Guests will have the opportunity to sample at least six different beer and cheese pairings throughout the course of the evening. Representatives from both Green Flash Brewing Co. and Venissimo Cheese will be present to speak about the tastings and educate guests on local craft beers and artisanal cheeses. At the close of the event, guests are invited to stay for a complimentary experience at Ivy Nightclub, opening at 9pm Thursday, December 13, 7pm;

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**Celebration of Mead** Holiday-style party will celebrate Golden Coast Mead's newest batch with special mead-based cocktail list. Happy hour tacos and tapas available until 7pm, as well as a honey-sweetened bread pudding with mead whipped cream for dessert. Friday, December 14, 5pm; 21 and up. Sea Rocket Bistro, 3382 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

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**Parade of Lights Dinner Cruise** Three-hour yacht cruise on San Diego Bay includes glass of champagne or sparkling cider, holiday buffet dinner, and a dessert buffet. Music, dancing, and on-the-water views of the boat parade. Sunday, December 16, 6pm; \$50-\$84. Hornblower Cruises, 970 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Play with Your Food — Raw Food "Cooking" Class** Learn raw food recipes and techniques from Chef Perkunas, who has created hundreds of living raw and fusion menus. Bring any produce from home to play with and to create dishes for all ages. 619-200-5016. Thursday, December 13, 7pm; **free**. Lazy Hummingbird, 4876 Santa Monica Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Taste of Oceanside** Enjoy wine, food, and silent auction benefiting Star Theatre (prior to *Annie* production). 760-721-9983. Saturday, December 15, 5:30pm; \$10-\$20. Star Theatre, 402 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

**Santa Brunch** Have you been naughty or nice? Come enjoy a delicious holiday brunch with your family and then visit with Santa to find out. Adults \$39, kids 4-12 \$18 (free under 4), seniors \$30. Reservations required and must be made by 12/12. Call 619-780-0361 or email [events@lafayettehotelsd.com](mailto:events@lafayettehotelsd.com). Mississippi Ballroom. Sunday, December 16, 10am to 3pm. (NORTH PARK)

**End of Days** 12.21.12 | A Vertical Epic event. Stone Brewing Company is offering all 13 Vertical Epic Ales. 03.03.03, 04.04.04, 05.05.05, 06.06.06, 07.07.07 (Wine BA), 08.08.08, 09.09.09, 10.10.10, 10.10.10 (Oaked), 11.11.11, 12.12.12). 5 oz pour: \$3; Belgian pour: \$6.50, Commemorative glass: \$5 (first 100). Friday, December 21, 5pm. Hamilton's Tavern, 1521 30th Street. (SOUTH PARK)

## FOR KIDS

**"Sunny and Angel Save Christmas"** Enjoy tale of Sunny and Angel, twin foals born at the center. Help Santa Claus save Christmas when two of his reindeer are hurt. Meet Santa, play and learn with the barn animals, do holiday crafts. Holiday treats. Required reservations: 858-756-4117 x318. Saturday, December 15, 10am; Sunday, December 16, 10am; \$9-\$22. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

**"Whale of a Tail"** Get up close to real whale baleen. Learn why these mega marine mammals swim more than 10,000 miles each year. Scripps Oceanography scientists share stories of their current research. Included with admission. 858-534-7336. Saturday, December 15, 11am; **free**-\$14. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

**Annie Jr.** Star Theatre Company presents musical with cast of adults and children. For all ages. 760-721-9983. Thursday, December 13, 7:30pm; Friday, December 14, 7:30pm; Saturday, December 15, 2pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, December 16, 2pm; \$7-\$15. Star Theatre, 402 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

**Family Science Saturday: Zip Line Challenge** Zip over to the Tinkering Studio and take the challenge! Create a contraption to "slip

and slide down our zip line course to complete increasingly difficult challenges." Included in admission (free-\$11.75). 619-238-1233. Saturday, December 15, 1pm; Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Santa Claus Is Coming to Balboa Park!** Wear pajamas, "enter a magical world full of holiday treats and trains" during holiday family day festivities with fantasy train theme. Enjoy hot cocoa, take part in Ginger Train decorating party, visit Santa. 619-696-0199. Saturday, December 15, 11am; **free**-\$8. San Diego Model Railroad Museum, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Toddler Time: Ernie's Rain House** Sing and dance along to bilingual music and storytelling. Recommended for ages 3 and younger. Friday, December 14, 10:30am; New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

**Very Beary Nutcracker Puppet Show** Join the the enchantment of a one-woman, holiday production featuring puppet bears of all shapes and sizes dancing and frolicking to Tchaikovsky's music. Presented by San Diego Guild of Puppetry, and performed by Kathy Felker. Best for ages three and up. Saturday, December 15, 3:30pm; \$5-\$3. 3 and up. Expressive Arts Studio @ 32nd & Thorn, 3201 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)



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# SHEEP AND GOATS

## I ANSWERED THE CALL

### Temple Solel

**Contact:** 3575 Manchester Ave., Cardiff by the Sea; 760-436-0654 templesolel.net

**Membership:** 800

**Associate Rabbi:** Josh Burrows

**Age:** 37

**Born:** Columbia, Missouri

**Formation:** Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY; Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York City, NY

**Years Ordained:** 7

**San Diego Reader:** What is your main concern as a member of the clergy?

**Rabbi Josh Burrows:** On the one hand, what concerns me is what do my congregants need, what are they going through, and what can I do to help them to think about their lives and celebrate the good times and face the tribulations

all right. On the other hand, as rabbis we're also tasked with the job of teaching, inspiring, motivating, and challenging. In addition, we Generation X clergy have got to figure out — about 20–30 years from now — how to transition the Holocaust as an historical event from recent history to ancient history. It's going to be toward the latter part of our careers that the Holocaust is going to be approaching its 100-year anniversary. How will we mark the Holocaust without any survivors of the Holocaust around to share their stories?

**SDR:** Why did you become a rabbi?

**RB:** As a kid growing up, I wanted to be a teacher, a

writer, a counselor, and work with kids, adults, and the elderly.... I couldn't choose any one of them individually, so I chose all of them — and that's how I became a rabbi. It was not about God for me, even though I'm a faithful person, and it was not about a calling for me the same way as it was for my colleagues, who I greatly respect, but it was about how do I know myself and put myself in the position where I can make the biggest difference in this world.

**SDR:** Why Reformed Judaism?

**RB:** I was born into the reform movement — my parents and grandparents were both reformed Jews. It just so happens that the people I come from were big leaders

in the reform movement. My grandfather was chairman of the reform movement for a number of years and was a big player in the creation of certain things that defined what the reform movement is today. I grew up in the thick of it. Besides that, for my personal politics, theology, and what I see as the authentic Jewish life, I would say the reform movement matches these things the best.

**SDR:** Where do you go when you die?

**RB:** We don't really have a clear answer in the Jewish tradition. We give a number of possible different answers, but my personal view is that I have no idea. Until I go there, I won't really be able



Rabbi Josh Burrows: "We Generation X clergy have got to figure out how to transition the Holocaust from recent history to ancient history."

to say.... I don't really know, nor do I want to think about it too much. Rather, I'd like to focus on how I can make each day as worthwhile as I can make it.... I need to take the 15 hours in a day that I get to be awake and make the

best out of it.

**SDR:** What is your blessing for the New Year?

**RB:** How do you not say "world peace"? — especially right now? As corny and hack as it sounds, I'd much rather come up with something more creative, but I can't think of anything more pertinent. With the amount of incredible violence that is playing out in places like Syria and Israel, and all the things going on in Africa, especially the Congo and Rwanda, I can only think world peace, for heaven's sake.

— Joseph O'Brien

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## LECTURES

**ArtStop: Identity in Contemporary Photography** Alexander Jarman, manager of Public Programs, leads tour of one to three

works on view. Included in admission (\$12 general). 619-232-7931. Thursday, December 13, 12pm;

free-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Reiffel Roundtable** Exhibition curators Bram Dijkstra and Ariel Plotek speak with scholar Keith Colestock about artist

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Sunday Service, Dec. 16: Meditation/Auric Healings: 10:00am. Lecture Service/Messages: 11:00am. Guest Speaker: Rev. Doris Horvath followed with Potluck and Christmas gift exchange. Tuesday, Dec. 18: Tuesday Healing Circle 7:00-9:00pm. Wednesday, Dec. 19: Reiki Practice Group 7:00-9:00pm. CITY HEIGHTS 3777 42nd Street (619) 284-4646

### PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Advent Services: Wednesdays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19 at 7pm. Christmas Eve service Dec. 24 at 6pm. Christmas Day service Dec. 25 at 10am. Please join us for this celebration! New Year's Eve service Dec. 31 at 7pm. (619) 583-1436 or www.princeofpeacesd.net. ALLIED GARDENS 6801 Easton Court (619) 583-1436

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### PROJECT CHAZON

#### Jewish Teens!



Join 350 Jewish teens for an inspiring afternoon exploring the meaning of "greatness" and how it applies to our lives. Chazon is a Hebrew word which means vision; Project Chazon, powered by the Jewish Federation, uses mixed-media to create amazing visual performances which enhances conversations about Jewish issues. This Free event will take place on Friday, December 21 at 2:00pm. Facebook Event: http://is.gd/chazon, Email: SimonA@NCSY.org. LA JOLLA

ber 13, 7pm; \$7-\$10. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Reincarnation and Kabbalah** The Kabbalah Centre's Karen Berg discusses reincarnation. Each attendee will receive Karen's new book. 800-522 2252. Sunday, December 16, 4pm; \$36. Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Avenue, 3777 La Jolla Village Drive. (LA JOLLA)

## OUTDOORS

**Birding Winter Waters** Join MTRP birder Jeanne Raimond in search of resident and migratory water and land-lubber sage and chaparral species. Keep an eye out for the tri-colored blackbird found year-round only in California. Saturday, December 15, 8am; **free**. Lake Murray Reservoir, 5540 Kiowa Drive. (LA MESA)

**Miner's Loop Trail Walk** Naturalist Mike Kelly leads hike on north face of Black Mountain Park. 858-484-3219. Saturday, December 15, 9am; **free**. Black Mountain Open Space Park staging area, 14850 Carmel Valley Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**Shaman's Hike** Take short hike with Will Bowen to a power spot to "explore shamanic traditions of the Americas" and "do some healing work, sharing, and storytelling," then make some shamanic art. Bring blanket to sit on, drum or rattle. 858-484-3219. Sunday, December 16, 3pm; **free**. Peñasquitos west-end staging area, 4300 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

**Star Party** The Moon, two days past new phase, will set early behind the Fortuna Range, allowing for good viewing. With Jupiter high in the southern sky, views of Andromeda Galaxy (M31) and companion M32, Pleiades, Double Cluster in Perseus and open clusters will be targeted. Meet at far end of day use parking lot. 619-668-3281. Saturday, December 15, 5pm; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

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**Bicycle Warehouse Grand Re-Opening** Join Bicycle Warehouse at their new location! Free Grand Re-Opening Event. Bring the family to see Jeff Lenosky put on a Giant Bikes Stunt Show, test ride bikes from Liv Giant, enjoy a free barbeque and lots of giveaways and special deals. Saturday, December 15, noon to 3pm. Bicycle Warehouse 3513 Main Street. (CHULA VISTA)

**Christmas Holiday Artists Bazaar** Art showcase, painting, photography, sculpture, hand-crafted items, books, and more at Pasaje Rodríguez. [arttijuana.com](http://arttijuana.com)

[hotmail.com](mailto:hotmail.com). Friday, December 14, 4am; **free**. Pasaje Rodríguez, Avenida Revolución #710, Tijuana

**Garden of Lights** After the sun goes down, the San Diego Botanic Garden is transformed into a dazzling winter wonderland with over 100,000 sparkling lights. Live music nightly from 6-8pm, campfire for roasting marshmallows, additional food, wagon rides, crafts, and snow (weather permitting) — bring your own disc or sled (no metal runners please). Saturdays, 5pm; through Sunday, December 30, **free**-\$12. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**Holiday Nights** Visit Santa and Mrs. Claus, ride a carriage through the vineyards, listen to carolers singing in old fashioned costume, enjoy holiday entertainment. Arts and crafts vendors. Wine tasting room will be open. 858-487-1866. Thursday, December 13, 4pm; Friday, December 14, 4pm; Saturday, December 15, 4pm; Sunday, December 16, 4pm; **free**. Bernardo Winery, 13330 Paseo del Verano Norte. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

**Holiday Open House** The San Diego Elks Lodge will be opening its doors to the public Saturday, December 15 from 12-4pm for their first holiday open house. Come find out what we're all about! Bring the kids to see Santa Claus and join us in the festivities. 619-337-0168. Saturday, December 15, noon to 4pm. San Diego Elks Lodge #168, 7430 Jackson Drive. (Behind 7-Eleven). (SAN CARLOS)

**Holiday of Lights** More than 400 lighted, holiday-themed displays for viewing from visitors' cars. Holiday hayride December 14 (5:30-9:30pm). Admission: \$15

per vehicle (up to five people), \$20 per vehicle with six or more people, \$50 per bus. 858-793-5555. Thursdays, 5:30pm; Fridays, 5:30pm; Saturdays, 5:30pm; Sundays, 5:30pm; through Tuesday, January 1, Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**Holly Jolly Holiday Trolley Tours** Get into the holiday spirit, with candy canes and holiday music playing. Required reservations: 619-298-8687 or San Diego Tour. Friday, December 14, 7pm; Saturday, December 15, 7pm; Sunday, December 16, 7pm; \$10-\$18. Old Town Market, 4010 Twiggs St., San Diego

**Imig's Family Christmas — An Homage to the Griswolds** Enjoy "eggnog, ugly sweaters, drink specials, tacky decorations," and a screening of *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*. Businesses along El Cajon Boulevard will showcase art, music, food and spirits, from the Lafayette to 30th Street. 619-780-0358. Friday, December 14, 5:30pm; Imig's Kitchen and Bar, 2223 El Cajon Bl., Lafayette Hotel. (NORTH PARK)

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

**Las Posadas** The 62nd annual Las Posadas is a walking reenactment of biblical story of Mary and Joseph's

search for a birthplace for Christ; participants invited to join candlelit procession, sing traditional holiday songs as players move "from inn to inn, asking for symbolic lodging." Event begins at 2pm with a musical pre-show in the state park, with the live theatrical procession starting at 5pm. Procession concludes at 6pm with bonfire and piñata party. Sunday, December 16, 2pm; **free**. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

**New Earth Expo** Shop for holistic and metaphysical gifts, products, services including sessions with holistic health practitioners and psychics, gemstone jewelry, aromatherapy products, massage sessions, healing music, more. Health and wellness and intuitive arts presentations. 831-239-6835. Sunday, December 16, 10am; **free**-\$10. Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle South. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Parade of Lights Cruises** Three-course dinner, complimentary boarding champagne and DJ entertainment. What you get: 2.5-hour scenic cruise. Three-course served dinner. Complimentary boarding Champagne. DJ Entertainment Featuring J. Dean. Watch the bay light up in magnificent color. Sundays, 5pm; through Sunday, December 16, \$47-\$79. Flagship — San Diego Harbor Excursion, 1050 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Parade of Lights Spectator Cruise** Narrated passage will treat you to the illuminated magic of San Diego landmarks and the festively decorated vessels of the annual San Diego Parade of Lights. Candy canes, hot cocoa, and snack bar. Sunday, December 16, 5pm; \$17-\$35. Flagship — San Diego Harbor Excursion, 1050 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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**Santa's Naughty Variety Show** Pink Boombox Burlesque, Mimi Zulu and Friends, Gabriel Joseph, Soul Ablaze, Kim Thompson, Ryan Roots as Naughty Santa, host Ophelia Later. Friday, December 14, 9pm; \$10. 21 and up. Ruby Room, 1271 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**Skating by the Sea** Enjoy outdoor ice-skating on rink overlooking Pacific Ocean. Three-hour sessions (at 2pm and 6pm daily) cost \$25 for adults and \$20 for kids ages 10 and under. Two-hour matinee sessions (11am) are \$20 for adults

and \$15 for kids ages 10 and under (skate rentals are included in the price). Thursdays, 2pm and 6pm; Fridays, 2pm and 6pm; Saturdays, 11am, 2pm and 6pm; Sundays, 11am, 2pm and 6pm; through Saturday, January 5, \$15-\$25. Hotel del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

**Wanderlust Flea Market** Live music, food and shopping! "Rare, eclectic collections" from local vendors and artists includes jewelry, vintage dolls, clothing, furniture, decorations, tea, comics and more. While shopping, indulge yourself with yummy treats made by local food vendors such as Surely We, Often Wander, Chicken Doodle Soup, Black Velvet Creations, The Necklace Faerie, REplayeD 'n REmaDe, Toswerks, Cristy's Cookie Creations, Lana de Ana, Studio 110 Design, Kreation Factory, Tea Gallarie and more! Live performance by Linkletter (1:30-2:30pm), Chocolate Revolution (3-4:30pm), Heart Pharmacy

(4:30-5:30pm), and Sister Speak (5:45-6:45pm). \$2 door cover. Be sure to bring cash to support the local artisans. Sunday, December 16, 1pm; \$2. Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Wreaths Across America** Ceremony and wreath laying to honor those who serve. To volunteer to place the wreaths: [timocampion@yahoo.com](mailto:timocampion@yahoo.com). Saturday, December 15, 9am; **free**. Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, Cabrillo Memorial Drive. (POINT LOMA)

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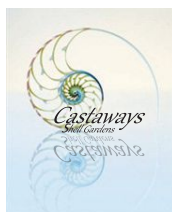
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# Carla wins again

*Amazing how childish you get when you're eating out, but I wanted to see the sizzle.*

**H**air day.  
Carla gives me that look, like, *Has Diane totally wrecked my hairdo? Tell me!*

'Course, I never would, not in a thousand years, not if I wanted to live.

"Great, great," I say.

"Don't lie to me, Bedford. She's made me look like a hurricane victim, right? Right!?"

Man, she nailed it.

"NO way," I say. "Well, okay...right now it is a bit wild, like, hair today, gone tomorrow. Heh-heh. Kidding!"

I look around, desperate for a distraction.

We're at the corner of Orange and B, in Coronado. It's a building with thick-walled arches, Spanish-style. Lots of potted trees and flowers outside.

"Hey!" I say. "Look where we are. Didn't you come here as a kid? When it was La Avenida?"

I've heard about this place. Famous landmark.

"Well, just a kid," she says. "La Avenida closed in 1990."

"So, let's go in," I say. "See if they have a lunch deal."

Carla hesitates. Maybe a few memories flashing by.

'Course, now this place is Bistro d'Asia. And not the cheapest. The menu on the wall by the door shows items like Open Sesame Chicken (\$13.95) and Dancing Scallops (\$18.95).

"Still," I say, "they're bound to have lunch specials."

I lead the way under the arch of the corner door.

"Welcome," says this gal at the reception desk.

"For two?"

"Do you have any, like, lunch specials?" I ask.

"Yes! We have a lunch-special menu," says the gal, Mariana. "It's \$11.75. That includes soup, salad, an entrée, rice, and a drink."

"How many choices are there?"

Mariana checks her menu.

"About 20."

Well, now. Paydirt. That doesn't sound bad at all.

She leads us to a window seat, where we can catch winter sunbeams. The decor is woody, dark carpet, black tabletops, but with sky-blue walls, lots of mirrors, and purple-ish chairs.

"Guess who sat in this very spot?" Carla asks.

"Got me. Bill Clinton?"

"Marilyn Monroe and Errol Flynn. I never saw them, but my parents talked about it. These very seats! They'd come here from the

Hotel Del. For lunch."

"Wow."

"And that's not all. Every time we'd sit down, my dad would say, 'Guess who stood outside right there on the sidewalk, recruiting pilots for the Flying Tigers? Chiang Kai-shek, the generalissimo who ruled China.' I'd look out the window, hoping to see him. I wanted to know what a Chinese generalissimo looked like."

Carla's all amped up now. "And Mom would tell us to have the Jack Salad because it was originally made by Jack Clapp, the maitre-d'. He helped develop the Caesar salad down at Caesar's in Tijuana..."

This is when Mariana appears to take our order. We're talking Asian food now, of course. For the past 11 years, Mariana says.

First up, I get a pot of Chinese tea. Carla gets a pink lemonade. It's included in the deal.

She orders the hot-and-sour soup, and I go for the velvet egg-drop soup. She has a coleslaw appetizer salad. Me, I get the Caesar, though it's probably not Jack Clapp's no mo'. She decides on the Saigon kung pao chicken, while I ask for Firecracker Shrimp, only because I see one go by, sizzling on a black iron plate.

In our never-ending competition over who orders the best stuff, Carla wins round one. Her hot-and-sour is really good, dark and tangy. Mine's, well, egg soup. Fine when you add some soy to it, but no contest. She wins on the salad front, too. That coleslaw has crispy wontons and a "secret" peanutty sauce with a vinegary tang. Real refreshing, the one bite I'm able to sneak.

"And guess who painted murals all around



My egg-drop soup was not as good as Carla's hot-and-sour soup.



Neighbor's cheesecake: we're having this next time!

these walls when it was La Avenida?" Carla says.

"Picasso? No, wait, wait, La Avenida...Mexican...Diego Rivera, Frida Kahlo's main squeeze?"

"Close," Carla says. "It was Rivera's teacher, Ramos Martinez. He taught at the National Art Academy in Mexico City. It was started in 1785 — can you believe it? The murals he painted here were some of his greatest works."

Did I mention? Carla knows art. Pretty dab hand with the brush herself.

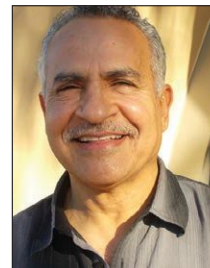
Mariana brings the main plates. Dang! Carla wins again. The lunch-special-size Firecracker Shrimp doesn't come on the sizzling plate. Just a regular one, with sautéed onions and green peppers and red-pepper sauce. Amazing how childish you get when you're eating out, but I wanted to see the sizzle.

They taste great, though, chili-hot.

You need the ball of rice they give you. And the red-pepper sauce is great.

But Carla's kung pao, man... Chicken, peanuts, veggies, chili peppers, garlic, onion, green peppers. Shake a bit of soy on it, and you've got yourself a wicked meal.

"What is this?" I ask Carla while I'm borrowing a chopstick-full from her plate. "Cantonese-style?"



Owner Alaaeldin Elsadek kept the Asian food after his Hong Kongese business partner left.



Our server, Mariana

"No way," she says. She knows quite a bit about Asian food, too. "Sch-ezuan. They're the ones who like their food hot. 'Kung pao' means 'palatial guardian.'"

"Well. Palatial guardian chicken. I'm impressed," I say. And I am.

The owner comes up to see how we're doing. Alaaeldin Elsadek. Turns out he's Egyptian-American. "I had a partner from Hong Kong when we first opened," he says. "We parted ways, but I kept with the Asian food."

Alaaeldin was a champion soccer player. "The only reason I didn't play for Chelsea, in the English League, was I came from Egypt. Back then, you had to be English or from the British Commonwealth. Now, it wouldn't matter."

Carla and I come outta here \$25.33 poorer, including tax. About \$13 each, for everything. Not a bad deal, and plenty good. And, hey, sitting where Marilyn and Errol sat? Priceless.

"So, the La Avenida murals?" I ask. "What happened to them, if they were so important?"

"Saved," she says. "In the Coronado library. Huge. Beautiful. Last little bit of Mexico left in Coronado."

Her family's been here since Mexican days. Touchy subject, still. I don't argue. ■

**The Place:** *Bistro d'Asia, 1301 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-6677*

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# Egg cream and tongue

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## Wish for knish

Confession: I had always assumed that City Delicatessen in Hillcrest would suck. The internal system of hints and warnings, which is usually reliable to me, sounded the alarm every time I traveled past on University Ave. *Keep going*, the voice of reason said, *there's nothing for you there*. It turns out that I was wrong and that my love of Jewish comfort food has been inches from satisfaction this whole time.

The place is modeled, more or less, after venerable institutions like the Carnegie Deli in NYC and other bastions of corned-beef-and-bagel consumption. When I finally went into City Deli, I was thrilled to see a menu replete with knishes, noodle kugel, matzoh, whitefish, and pastrami.

I dove straight into the vat of pickles at the center of the table.

"But...sanitation?" my companions wanted to know.

"They're pickles," I said. "The most sanitary food there is. Eat them."

Delicious.

The matzoh-ball soup featured an enormous dumpling afloat in a briny sea of chicken consomme and aromatic veggies. Perfect to ward off the chill of a cooler evening.

A plate of brisket and smoked tongue, in no uncertain terms, was a heroic portion of food. Half a pound of meat lurked beneath a ladle-full of brown gravy, and a few steamed veggies hung out at the periphery. The secret star of the show, not just a mere side dish, was the huge latke (potato pancake) that came with ramekins of sour cream

and applesauce. Very much in the Polish style, the latke was studded with onion, garlic, and bits of shredded potato.

I even managed to get an egg cream. It looks like a chocolate milkshake, but the egg cream is made with soda water and the frothiness comes from beaten egg whites, so it's much lighter than an ice cream drink.

## FEAST!

For the sake of objectivity, City Delicatessen gets a little pricey for what it is. Entrées broach the \$20 mark and, while the portions are generous, the fare is neither fancy nor artful. It's certainly best to stick to the deli stuff — the corned beef and kugel — and maybe end with a slice of cheesecake.

City Delicatessen, 535 University Avenue.

by Ian Pike

## 25Forty: A la famiglia!



I dove straight into the vat of pickles at the center of the table at City Deli in Hillcrest.

How can you make a sausage look like a million bucks? Come to Old Town.

I did, the other night. Right across from the late, lamented Wine Cabana, I spotted 25Forty Bistro and Bakehouse (2540 Congress Street, Old Town, 619-294-2540). Then I noticed a clump of people at the entrance to that chic black-and-

white bistro.

So I cross Congress and jump up the steps that lead to the fire-pit patio and the li'l ol' white house that this bistro occupies.

Big clump of folks at the entrance, all talking at once, in Italian.

"My family," says Mark. Oh, yeah. I remember him from two years back. Came in when he was just starting.

"We're very proud of our boy," says Maria. "I'm



It's a family affair at Old Town's 25Forty Bistro. From left, Uncle Joe, cousin Gisella and her husband Lou, Aunt Yolanda, owner/chef Mark, Maria (Mark's mom), and Luigi (his dad).

his mom. His *madre orgogliosa*."

"He's turned out good, real good," says Joe. "I'm his uncle."

"And I'm his dad," says Luigi. "We come from Calabria. His food is as good as home."

"We've made it to two years," Mark says. "That wasn't always easy."

I understand. Heck, there's Wine Cabana closing down right across the road. Congress Street ain't San Diego Avenue, where all the business is.

This is when I see the banner outside: "Happy Hour, 5:00-6:30. Fifty percent off all drinks and listed food items."

It's 6:15. Who wouldn't investigate?

So, a moment later, I'm sitting inside this clean, mainly black-and-white interior with the kitchen on one side and a big chalk-drawn map of the world on the other. Oh, I get it: It's showing where all the house wines come from. "We've been starting to get African wines," Mark says. "They're really interesting."

Wow. African. From Mauritania, Morocco.

I see they also have an \$8 lunch buffet and a cooking-class schedule.

Merissa the waitress brings the menu. Items you can have at happy hour include kale (with sugar-coated cashews, raisins, and soy) for \$10. So, that'd be \$5; pork chops and spinach (\$17/\$8.50), and, hey, bangers and mash with gravy and onions

for \$9. Which'd be \$4.50.

So I ask for that and a glass of the house red — getting off on wine right now — normally \$6, so \$3...deal!

And here's a nice touch: the black-cloth table tops are overlaid with paper. And they have a jar of crayons so you can doodle while you wait. I've just about completed a *Mona Lisa* that beats the heck outa Leonardo's when Merissa arrives with my sausage and wine. It's beautifully presented like I was the king of da world, not some cheap-

skate always looking for a deal. And this guy Mark sure knows how to make a humble sausage look and taste good.

Yes, you're gonna get lash-burn on your cheek from onion-flick as you suck them babies in, but \$7.50 for food and wine (\$8.66 after tax), who's complaining?

I'd ask Mark more about it, but he's tied up with his doting parents and uncles and aunts and cousins. Half of them are on vacation, out from Italy. I tell you. Everybody's talkin'.

by Ed Bedford

## White: Out

Chefing is a transient line of work. It's common for culinary professionals from exec chef on down to prep cook to have lengthy résumés populated by a plethora of bullet-points denoting previous employers. It's just the nature of the biz and nobody bats an eye when they hear a kitchen worker has left their post. Well, unless they are a part of the small sect of San Diego chefs that qualify as household names. They garner the attention of the dining public who, when they hear of a transition of any kind beg the questions: what, where, and, inevitably, why?

In most cases, the *why* part is, frankly, nobody's business but those who are part of the businesses in question. When everybody else in town is talking

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# Calendar RESTAURANT

about the *why*, I feel inclined to as well, but prefer when I can stick to the *what* and the *where*. That's what I'll be covering here when talking about a recent chef move.

It was less than a month ago that I headed to South Park with some friends to get a second extensive taste of the cuisine being put out by the new chef to take over neighborhood epicenter for food and socializing, Counterpoint (830 25th Street). That chef was Chad White, most recently of Point Loma's Gabardine and Sea Rocket Bistro in North Park. We ordered nearly a dozen dishes. I photographed them all, took notes, and was pleased that all that effort was worth it. The food was both delicious and creative; indeed, worthy of being written about.

This weekend, as I sat down to write, my iPhone buzzed. A text message had come through from White. As we thumbed our way through a conversation, he shared with me that he was no longer at Counterpoint. Considering I'd interviewed him less than two months prior, then spoken with him more during my

last visit and both times he'd been extremely pleased with his job and the food he was putting out, this came as a shock.

Turns out, he wasn't as ecstatic as he'd seemed and was jonesing to do something far different than the standard restaurant chef nine-to-five (make that eight-in-the-a.m.-to-midnight). Freshly severed from Counterpoint, he's already working on his new venture, a pop-up operation called Plancha Baja Med. White's new mission is to celebrate Mexican cuisine — not gringo-Mex, but the food he's fallen in love with since taking a huge interest (like most of the foodie world, it would seem) in the authentic and cutting-edge farm-to-table cuisine, both rustic and refined, being put out south of the border.

Starting on December 4, he'll be posting up at North Park's Carnitas' Snack Shack (2632 University Avenue) on Tuesday evenings, presenting multi-course menus. Plancha is in its earliest stages. There aren't many details, but surely there will be in the near future. A good way to stay on top of it is by following White on Twitter (@PlancaBajaMed).

by Brandon Hernández

## Cheesy Italian

*Seriously?* That was the gist of my thoughts when I was outside Sanfilippo's in Bankers Hill, about to walk in and join friends for dinner. Let's just say my expectations were minimal and falling. "We're, like, *right* down the street from the Tractor Room," I wanted to say, as my inner foodie hipster kid desired craft cocktails and game meat instead of noodles and red sauce.

But then I scoped out the menu and it turns out you can get a pitcher of Sanfilippo's pale ale for under \$10...whenver you want. Not just for happy hour. And it was good, too. Smooth. Drinkable, like an English-style ESB. I could've stopped and declared victory for Sanfilippo's right there, but I didn't. I gave the food a chance.

The front of the menu proclaimed the restaurant was the "home of the casserole." And the house specialty commanded its own section, sans descriptions on what, exactly, the casserole contained. The "meatball, cheese, and bell pepper" casserole contained exactly that. The constituent elements laid in an oblate soufflé dish with a smothering of red sauce and

cheese. A few minutes in a hot oven gave everything a chance to melt together. The shape of the plate evoked images of some that my mother had when I was just a little dude eating mac and cheese from a box. The same dishes also showed up at the mom 'n' pop family restaurants we would go to in the years of little Ian. Seeing one in front of me the other day was a tad spooky, but also kind of cool.

The casserole itself was just a meatball covered in *stuff*, which is actually okay. It's definitely the height of unpretentiousness. The meatball was of average deliciousness, making up for subtlety with excessive size. I ordered the small portion (\$7.85), and it was more than adequate to my needs. It wasn't much to look at, but there was plenty of it.

In fact, much of the food is under \$10. It would've been an act of gluttony for me to try and eat the plates that featured, for example, lasagna AND meatballs AND sausage. The only things on the menu with bigger price tags were dinner specials such as chicken parmesan and linguine with clams. Some of them were almost \$19, and I think it would be hard to justify the 50 percent price increase. A

simple pasta plate is enough to feed two light eaters.

Sanfilippo's also managed to boggle my mind with a touch of good service, too. I can only assume that their service must be lightning-fast on any given day, because my waiter was apologetic over the "delays" we were experiencing. As an act of expiation, he rushed an extra order of free garlic bread to the table, apologizing the whole time.

I couldn't have waited more than ten minutes for my food.

I'd like to see that kind of professional courtesy from most of the "nice" restaurants I go to.

Sanfilippo's, 2949 Fifth Avenue.

by Ian Pike

## RakiRaki

I was en route to one of my favorite lunch spots on Convoy (I'm talking about Tofu House), when I spotted RakiRaki: Ramen and Tsukemen, a new noodle joint in the same strip mall, sharing one of the more frustrating parking lots in San Diego.

David and I are particular about our ramen. Lately, we've been torn between Tajima and Yakyudori, so we were game to

see how this place measured up to the Convoy Ramen Gods.

From the iron railing and weathered wood platform outside to the driftwood panel, tungsten lightbulbs and brick walls inside, the decor is rustic urban chic.

It was a cool day, so though the tsukemen looked interesting (dipping noodles — the broth is hot, but the noodles on the side are cold until you dip them) both of us opted for a simple bowl of spicy ramen. Each table included a bottle of "Enagic Kangen Water" water (misspelled twice on the menu). The water is not only served for drinking but is the only water used in the kitchen, which meant I'd be drinking it from both my cup and my bowl.

Unlike ramen at most other places, the broth at RakiRaki is chicken-based (not pork or fish). The broth itself was light and clean, but not too watery. The flavor was balanced, not too salty, just the right amount of umami, and when I stirred in my little ball of red pepper, it had a pleasant kick. The pork was tender and tasty.

On the downside, the egg (ordered as an extra) was overcooked and underflavored, and the gyoza David and I shared

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was also overcooked, and bland.

The service was great, the ambiance was hip and comfortable, so we'll be back soon to try out the tsukemen. But it'll be hard to drive there and not end up at Tofu House.

by Barbarella

### Manj kreyol

I have been eyeballing the new Haitian restaurant in City Heights for a little while now. They've been open about two months, and I had a chance to pop in the other night. I liked the way the restaurant was put together. It was bright inside, with jazzy world-beat tunes playing loudly from the PA. Dining area was scrupulously clean, too, which is no surprise in such a new place but inspires confidence nonetheless.

"Have you ever had Haitian food?" asked the girl behind the counter.

No, I had not. But I was willing to try. I didn't say that it looked a lot like Jamaican food or other Caribbean cuisines I've had. I figured it would be different in small ways, signature flourishes, if you will.

"It's the best!" the girl said with enthusiasm. Her service style proved a touch slipshod

at times, with the forgetting of orders and an inability to run my credit card later so that I had to go across the street to an ATM to pay for my meal. The whole place was a little bit chaotic, but at least everybody was super friendly.

I ordered some "akra malanga" (fried yucca and malanga root for \$3) to start. It came out looking almost like starchy, fried quenelles with a pile of cole slaw in the middle. They weren't super flavorful, but the texture was fun to sink the teeth into. I really wanted some sauce to dip them in, but there was apparently nothing available.

The best part was the cole slaw. The creole term is *pikliz* and it was a simple mixture of shredded carrot and cabbage in a vinegar dressing. What made it special was the scotch bonnet peppers. They're *kind of* habanero flavored, but different. Very smooth and spicy. The Haitian slaw seriously topped the best slaw I've ever had from good BBQ places. Even a small portion is sufficient since it packs a wallop.

Goat stew (\$9.99) came with a huge plate of rice and beans (more than one guy could ever eat), a few tasty slices of fried plantain, and more of that amazing slaw. The gamey goat

meat had been boiled roughly in a thin, oily stew with onions. I think it could have benefitted from a slower braising because the meat was still rife with connective tissue and difficult to eat.

Perhaps this is the "correct" way to prepare a Haitian-style goat stew. If so, it's not for me. The meat hadn't been fully skinned, either, so there were a few thick pieces of skin (with a little hair) attached to some of the goat nuggets. Those joints could have produced a lovely sort of *pot au feu* if prepared a bit differently, but as it was they were hard to handle. The best part of the stew was spooning the oily, flavorful broth over the rice and eating that with a spoon. I think that if I had it to do all over again, I would go with fried pork or chicken, especially if there was some sauce I could add.

For a drink, *malta* is the way to go with Haitian food. The syrupy, unfermented barley malt soda has the perfect taste to go along with Caribbean cuisine. It's kind of weird, but if people keep an open mind, it turns out pretty satisfying; which I guess you could say about anything.

Haitian Cuisine, 3695 University Avenue.

by Ian Pike

### Nibbles & Sips at 100 Wines

I knew 100 Wines — the latest bistro to pop up in the heart of Hillcrest — was the newborn of Cohn Restaurant Group, but it wasn't until I entered the space that I realized the similarities with another Cohn restaurant, one of my favorites — BO-beau — went beyond the cozy old-world decor and right into the kitchen. Both restaurants share chef Katherine Humphus.

Of course, once I realized this, I couldn't help but compare the two from the moment I sat down. *Wouldn't it be fantastic to have another BO-beau a few miles closer to me?* My party of three arrived just as the doors were opening, and learned of the "5-7 with Friends" happy-hour special, which included \$7 sharable snacks and \$7 martinis.

We skipped the hard liquor and ordered a bottle of rosé. On the wine front: I love how 100 Wines chooses to break down wine on the menu by price range and offers tasting notes. I chose a \$30 bottle of a granache rosé from Provence called Clos Clementine. The description here was more about region than taste: "Provence is the land of rosé, taste this and see why rosé is the

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next big thing.” It was one of the few on the list without any helpful description, but fortunately I was already familiar with this type of wine from that region.

We ordered the lamb meatballs (from the happy-hour menu) and a daily special of pork belly, which we’d seen written in chalk on a board above the bar. While we were waiting for our food, we were given a bowl of roasted chickpeas flavored with red pepper and lemon. I joked that they should have been called “chickTEASE.” The seasoning was delicious, and we were hungry, but unlike edamame, a snack that these were clearly mirroring, there was no satisfying pop of bean to chew — just very tasty, inedible skins to suck on. After trying to get some kind of discernible nub from the goodies in the bowl, each of us grew frustrated and gave up.

When the real food arrived, our exasperation with the chickpeas was soon forgotten. The lamb meatballs had a caramelized sear, and the yogurt sauce complemented them nicely.

The pork belly was served atop a thick slice of rosemary bread.

We got two pizzas for the table, served rectangular on a board (as it is at BO-beau). The prosciutto pizza had a bit too much of the house-made mozzarella on top, but once a piece was adjusted for ratios, the combination of green grapes, prosciutto, cheese, and balsamic port reduction was delicious. The other pizza was another special

from the board — fig, cheese, bacon, and sun-dried tomato, all coming together for a moan-inducing mouthful.

We didn’t make it to dessert... at least, not this time.

by Barbarella

## Heritage-infused brewing

Once upon a time, beer in San Diego consisted mainly of but a few styles: hefeweizens, amber ales, brown ales, porters, stouts, pale ales and, of course, the India pale ale. But, as brewing has taken hold across the county, brewers have gone on to tackle all sorts of styles. Nowadays, it seems pretty much every type of ale and lager the world has ever seen — and then some — are available in America’s Finest City. A recent interview with an upcoming brewing company, ChuckAlek Independent Brewers (2330 Main Street, Suite C, Ramona) disproved that theory. There are a number of Old World styles currently unavailable in

San Diego...but not for long.

Ever had a Grodziskie ale? How about a Kentucky common? To the best of my knowledge, neither are being produced locally, and one would be hard pressed to find them on shelves anywhere in the country. In the case of Grodziskie, it’d be extremely tough to find even in its country of origin, Poland, where the ChuckAlek team says it is no longer produced except among homebrewers. This is why they’re producing it. It doesn’t exist, but they feel it should. That same thought process is why they’re basing their operation in Ramona. No brewery exists there, but they feel one should.

I first wrote about ChuckAlek two weeks ago when talking about some of my new brewery leads. Shortly after, the company’s CEO Marta Jankowska shared some details about her business, which is aiming for a soft open in late December and a grand opening in January of next year.

ChuckAlek is named after Jankowska’s grandfather, Alek. The other half, Chuck, is the name of the grandfather of ChuckAlek’s brewer, Grant Fraley. Fraley, a mapping and aerial photography software developer, has been homebrewing for a number of years. He started with IPAs but, inspired by time spent studying the history of beer and visiting breweries during stretches spent living in Germany and Austria, he switched to reviving lesser-seen and in some cases defunct European styles. He and Jankowska refer to this style of beer-making as “heritage-infused brewing.”

Fraley’s Grodziskie, a smoky wheat ale with hop bitterness that was inspired by a Polish ancestor who fought against the Ottoman Empire in the Battle of Vienna, will be named the Hussar. His light-bodied Kentucky common ale, which will be brewed with hops grown in Julian, is named Fiddler after another ancestor, legendary Kentucky fiddler, J.P. Fraley. ChuckAlek will also

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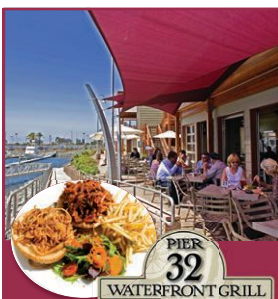
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produce a Dusseldorf-style alt-bier called Dowser, a porter fermented in part with wild yeast (*Brettanomyces*), and a Berliner weisse (a low ABV, slightly sour wheat beer).

Once ChuckAlek is open, those beers will be available almost exclusively from their combo tap room, public house, and brewhouse. The tap room will be a typical tasting room where visitors can order taster samples of what ChuckAlek has to offer, while the public house (which will include a view of the one-barrel brewhouse, from which Jankowska and Fraley plan to produce between 250 and 300 barrels of beer in 2013) will be the place to enjoy full pints of their heritage-infused creations.

by Brandon Hernández

## Bad ass: badass?

Franchises and chains always tip their hand early. I actually think it has something to do with the way the design is free of error. It always seems like the place is laid out with an overarching vision that makes everything sync up perfectly, from the menu boards to the tables to the little caddies that hold condiments and stuff. It looks tailor-made. Curiously, the same could

be said of very nice restaurants, where chic design firms plan out every detail of the dining room before construction begins and everything looks one-of-a-kind, but I'm pretty sure Bad Ass Coffee fits into the former category.

I had never seen the store before, probably because it is up in Rancho Peñasquitos where I seldom find myself, but I'm always into checking out a new coffee shop, franchise or otherwise. I learned that the next nearest one in California is in Rancho Cucamonga. There are franchises all over the country, but they are *very* spread out. It has a cute, Hawaiian theme, allegedly paying homage to the bellowing donkeys of the Big Island's coffee industry. Evoking the legends of some bad asses to imply that your coffee is truly badass.

I see what you did there!

Snark aside, Bad Ass Coffee is legit. The java is good. It's strongly brewed, bold in flavor, but still very smooth. Better than 'Bucks or low-grade indie-coffeehouse brew, but not as good as the rad places like the Collective or the Art of Espresso. It's also cheap. I bought a cup of coffee and a couple (okay, but not great) cookies for under \$3. It doesn't take a mathematician

to figure out that paying less for your daily coffee generates savings in a short time. Don't go expecting a cup of Kona coffee, however, because even the "Hawaiian blend" has only 10 percent Hawaiian coffee in it. The company doesn't hide the fact; I just don't want to raise any false hopes.

I'm not super into sugary, iced-coffee drinks, but I had to give it up for the extensive set of flavors and combos that Bad Ass offered.

Another admirable gesture was the little sink by the cream and sugar station. "Liquids," read the label. It was obviously for pouring off excess coffee, rather than into the trash or a pan, and I have to say that it appealed to my sense of "doing things properly." Kudos.

Last point of advantage for Bad Ass: they have a drive-thru window. Quite the godsend for people on the go, I'm sure.

Bad Ass Coffee, 9878 Carmel Mountain Road.

by Ian Pike

## Ramen quest continues

As winter approaches in San Diego, my endless quest for the perfect bowl of ramen continues.

Right now, my favorite can be found at Yakyudori (most San Diegans call it Yakitori Yakyudori, but the sign above the door simply reads "Yakyudori," so I'm sticking with the single word).

Most recently, I enjoyed the "spicy miso." The noodles are perfectly chewy, the ground pork is tender and cooked separately so that it retains its own flavor, the *hanjuku* (soft-boiled) egg is bathed in a delectable and well-balanced marinade of sweet mirin and salty soy sauce, the broth is rich but not oily with just the right kick... well, see for yourself. It was a satisfying meal. This particular bowl was enjoyed as brunch on a recent weekday.

Whereas I'm all about the flavor bombs (Spice! Sweet corn! Savory pork!), David often opts for food in its purest form. For example, he likes vanilla ice cream. So when it comes to ramen, he orders the standard. In this case, he got a simple bowl with shoyu (soy) broth.

As they say in Japan, *itadakimasu!*

by Barbarella

## Grabbing a (Healthy?) Bite at the Mall

When I heard about a "great new healthy restaurant" from

a friend who is a proponent of "cleanses," I thought, *Awesome, I'm off to spend an hour politely nibbling on an alfalfa and flaxseed dish with the texture and flavor of cardboard*. Even the restaurant's name — the new-age-y, imperious True Food Kitchen — exuded a sort of yoga-pants-wearing pretension.

At first I was surprised to find the huge, mostly outdoor restaurant in the middle of the Fashion Valley shopping mall, just a crosswalk away from the Cheesecake Factory. But after a moment's consideration, this made a lot of sense — when did you ever see a yoganista take a break between Nordstrom and Nieman Marcus to "grab a bite" at the *Cheesecake Factory*? Or any of the usual shopping-mall food-court fare, for that matter?

I met up with my friend and we grabbed a table outside. I was ecstatic to find alcohol on the menu. Before looking at the food options, I ordered a cocktail called Flower Child (Juniper Green Organic Gin, St. Germain, fennel, mint, pineapple). Most of the cocktail names — Peacemaker, Spontaneous Happiness — seemed overwrought, as though someone was trying a little too hard to convey a tranquil, SoCal spa resort aura.

By the second sip, my opinion began to change, and not just because I was enjoying an adult beverage — the drink was

*good*, it was well-balanced, flavor-wise, and beautiful to look at. I scanned the menu and was amazed to find more than a few dishes that caught my interest. In the end, I settled on the street tacos (grass-fed-of-course steak, avocado, cotija cheese, sour cream, with a side of beans). Everything on my plate was delectable and so well seasoned that I didn't need to add the salt I'd already had in hand when the food was set before me.

My friend ordered something with cauliflower in it. That's all I could see, because I really don't like cauliflower. But later, after a second cocktail (this one with a house-made cinnamon soda and vodka), I finally gave in and had a bite of brussels sprouts and squash from her dish, and I admit it was pretty tasty. It was the "Autumn Ingredient Salad," with roasted cauliflower, the sprouts and squash, mulberries, pomegranate, and a horseradish vinaigrette.

By the time we left, I was sold. "I would totally come here for lunch and shopping," I said. "I might walk around and browse right now, just because I'm already here." We parted ways to hit up the stores that filled our respective needs, and for the first time ever, I left a mall restaurant without feeling even the slightest bit gross.

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## NOT HANDEL

Tired of the *Messiah*? Me, too. So I plan hear Respighi in Point Loma this Christmas season. Respighi’s *Laud to the Nativity* has long been a favorite piece of Christmas music. However, it has always been overshadowed by Handel’s Christmas oratorio thingy — you know what I’m talking about.

On Sunday, December 16, there is an excellent opportunity to hear Respighi’s masterpiece. Yes, I said it, *masterpiece*.

Why is this an excellent opportunity? It is excellent because the performance is by Musica Vitale.

Musica Vitale was founded in 2005 by Elena Vizuet and has been giving top-shelf performances ever since. Respighi’s music is complex and challenging on every level, and Musica Vitale is a professional level group.

I asked Elena what her take on *Laud* was.

“What I love about *Laud* is its fluid, spontaneous, and fast-changing musical elements.

Respighi closely follows and illustrates the story of the Nativity.

“The fabric of this work is like a quilt which contains numerous episodes of different style, texture, and color. The composer blends luscious romantic harmonies, church modes, elements of Gregorian chant, and madrigals into exciting musical episodes.

“The choral writing is demanding and varies from unison to seven-part *divisi*. The finale of the *cantata* is absolutely thrilling and is one of the most challenging in all of choral literature. I really cannot point to a single episode that I like more than others.

“Angelo, Maria, and *pastore* solos; larger-than-life choral writing, beautiful in its simplicity; the central episode of the work with men’s a cappella choir — it’s all part of a beautiful, timeless Christmas story that Respighi tells us in music.”

The performance takes place at 4:00 p.m. (December 16) at All Souls’ Episcopal in Point Loma.

## BRAINS AND RESONANCE

Singing the part of the shepherd, or *pastore*, in the upcoming performance of *Laud to the Nativity* is local tenor Nick Munson. Nick possesses



Musica Vitale was founded by Elena Vizuet (middle row, second from left) in 2005, and has been giving top-shelf performances ever since.

a beautiful and pleasing tenor voice that fits the shepherd’s solo like a glove.

Tenors are often said to have extra open spaces for resonance where their brains should be. In other words, tenors are shallow and flighty. I asked Nick what he thinks about *Laud*. His answer was anything but shallow. Brains and resonance? Look out.

“Its main challenge is also its most interesting, motivating asset — it moves through contrasting styles quickly and often. This demands a degree of concentration that prevents the performer from mentally dropping out of the piece, which, let’s be honest, is common for a work of this length [25–30 minutes].

“When I think about what Respighi’s done by combining six or seven different styles here, it seems that it should have turned out piecemeal, almost frantic. But it works. He reveals what he wants to communicate in each section without pontificating.

“Just when you get comfortable with the music, it refreshes itself by traveling in an entirely new direction, but in a way that manages to be a delightful invitation rather than a jarring rush that leaves the performer and audience stammering to keep up.

“I’m glad you asked us about all of this, because it’s given me a chance to reflect a little. There’s something to be said here about sampling musical

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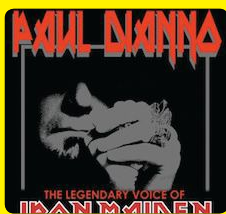


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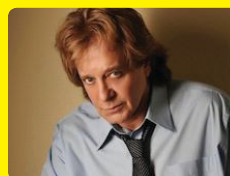


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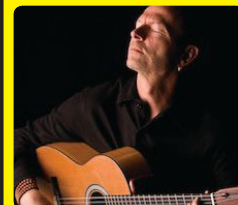
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styles spanning centuries for a Nativity piece. I mean, the story is 2000 years old, and it has been written and performed to death despite its immutable message of ultimate redemption. However, *Laud* is alive; it's fresh. Being a part of this music reminds me that despite the vast differences between the generations upon generations of people that have heard this story, despite the antagonism and strain between all of us today trying to come to terms with both the losses and the possibilities of globalization and cultural conflict, this message is just as relevant today as it's always been."

Gloria in excelsis Deo. ■

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

**"Born is the King" Christmas Concert** The LJPC Chancel Choir and professional orchestra under the direction of Dr. Keith Pedersen celebrate Christ's birth with a program featuring Bach's masterwork, *Magnificat*. In music that juxtaposes jubilation, wonder, and awe, Bach reflects on Mary's response to the news that she will bear the Messiah. This annual Christmas concert for the community will also showcase the Handbell, Chancel, Youth and Children's Choirs performing traditional carols and Christmas favorites. No tickets are required; a free-will offering will be received. Free parking in underground garage accessed from Kline Street. 858-729-5511. Sunday, December 16, 4pm and 7pm; **free**. La Jolla Presbyterian Church, 7715 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**"Christmas Around the World"** Fair trade holiday fair supporting artisans around the world; free admission (1-5pm). Holiday a cappella concert features Daughters of Norway, Sugartime Quartet, Fabulous Earrings, Pacific Belles, and Sing-chronicity; \$15 donation (2-4pm). 760-434-8080. Sunday, December 16, 1pm; **free**-\$15. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

**"Holiday Sparkler"** The North Coast Symphony performs includes Mendelssohn's "The Hebrides (Overture)," "Fantasia on Greensleeves" by Vaughan-Williams, and other holiday favorites, concluding with a carol sing-along. 760-753-3003. Sunday, December 16, 2:30pm; \$8-\$10. Seacoast Community Church, 1050 Regal Road. (ENCINITAS)

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**"Messiah" Sing** Join La Jolla Symphony and Chorus and guest soloists for annual sing-along of the Christmas portion of the "Messiah." Attend to sing or simply enjoy. Music scores available for rent. 858-534-4637. Sunday, December 16, 4pm; \$8-\$15. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 6628 Santa Isabel Street. (CARLSBAD)

**"Messiah" Sing-Along and Play-Along** Head to USD's Founders Chapel to join soloists Wei Fung (soprano), Christine Tripp (alto), Jim Boydston (tenor), and Wan-Tin Yeung (bass), along with the Greater San Diego Community Chorus using Mozart's orchestration of Handel's "Messiah." Sing along with choruses from Part I plus "Hallelujah" chorus. Bring a "Messiah" score or rent one at the door (\$5). Instrument parts available for audience members who bring instruments to the concert and play along the chorus movements or rent one at the door (\$5). [ayeung@sandiego.edu](mailto:ayeung@sandiego.edu) or 619-260-4106. Friday, December 14, 7:30pm; Saturday, December 15, 2pm; \$5-\$10. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

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**A Celebration of Carols** Annual Christmas concert features Chancel and Dorian Bell Choirs performing selections from Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols," John Rutter, Don Forrest, Howard Hebey, and Craig Courtney. Offering. 858-454-7108. Sunday, December 16, 4pm; La Jolla United Methodist Church, 6063 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

**L'Obsession Fantastique** Berlioz was brilliant, but he was a tortured soul. The object of Berlioz's desire was the beautiful actress Harriet Smithson. Desperate for Harriet's love, Berlioz's brilliance inspired him to write *Symphonie Fantastique*. Jahja Ling, conductor; Nuvi Mehta as Francois Habeneck. Thursday, December 13, 7:30pm; \$20. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Symphonie Fantastique** Jahja Ling, conductor; Jeremy Denk, piano. Program: Verdi's Overture to *La forza del destino*, Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 21, and Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique*. Friday, December 14, 8pm; Saturday, December 15, 8pm; Sunday, December 16, 2pm; \$20-\$96. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)





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## Pardon our dust.

Anthology, the high-end restaurant/music venue in Little Italy, is temporarily postponing its concert schedule. No national acts have been booked for 2013, says co-owner Howard Berkson.

"We're spending a few

date. He says if the repairs took longer than planned, he would not get those deposits back.

Known for its superior acoustics and attractive interior, the five-year-old India Street music venue is known for presenting R&B, jazz,

\$15–\$185 range. That is the last show booked at Anthology this year.

Dinner shows have a 300-plus capacity. Without tables the room can hold 650.

Meanwhile, the abrupt closure of 4th&B following a court-ordered eviction of owners Vince and Judy Puma, who owed \$125,000 to landlord Crown Investments LLC, has agents scrambling to move their artists who were booked at 4th&B to new venues. Barrington Levy (December 14) will now be at the World Beat Center, and Soulfly (February 14) has moved to Brick by Brick.

Roger LeBlanc, who books the Coach House in Orange County and the Canyon Club in Agora Hills, says 4th&B with its \$32,000 monthly rent may be a challenge for an independent owner/operator who is not connected with a major entertainment company such as Live Nation/House of Blues or AEG/GoldenVoice. "That's a big nut in a tough market. You've got the casinos, Humphreys, the Belly Up, and the Del Mar Fair. There's a lot of competition for entertainment down there."

— Ken Leighton

## Feral Elephants.

Indie-soul outfit Hills Like Elephants have made a quick climb to the limelight since their debut album, *The Endless Charade*, dropped in

February 2012.

Playing a danceable crossover of indie rock, lo-fi disco, and what singer/keyboardsist Sean Davenport calls "Mottown with drum machines," Hills Like Elephants were crowned Best New Artist at the 2012 San Diego Music Awards, scored several favorable local and blogland reviews, and went on to play a series of hometown gigs before hitting the studio with vintage aficionado Christopher Hoffee at CHAOS Recorders in Escondido.

Now, having grown from a solo project of Davenport's into a fully integrated quintet (including Andrew Armerding of alt-folk outlaws River City, Greg Theilmann of darkwave five-piece Dark Shapes, and drummer Carlos Ortiz of Davenport's previous lineup, Gun Runner), Hills Like Elephants are gearing up for a nationwide tour — first stop, SXSW 2013 — to support their pending sophomore release, *Feral Flocks*, due to drop via Requieme Records/BMG Chrysalis on February 12, 2013.

The title comes from a prerecorded zoo segment that Davenport overheard while interviewing with FM 94/9 host Tim Pyles and refers to lost birds of prey forming feral flocks to migrate home.

There's a metaphor in there somewhere, Davenport

agrees, disclaiming: "I'm not trying to be profound. Like, if I wouldn't say it to you at a bar, I won't say it lyrically. I'm not going to start spout-



Indie-soul act Hills Like Elephants gearing up for round two of recording and touring. First stop: SXSW 2013.

ing poetry."

Davenport says *Feral Flocks* strikes an upbeat contrast to the laments of his debut.

"On *Endless Charade*, I was harping on the idea of past relationships, but I was also trying to move on," Davenport says. "*Feral Flocks* is more about noticing the subtleties of life."

— Chad Deal

## Adventurous music by the beach.

"One of the presidential candidates was talking about defunding the National Endowment for the Arts," Matt McBane, founder and director of the Carlsbad Music Festival, doesn't have to say which candidate. His annual festival is supported in part by the NEA. McBane

checks in by phone from Brooklyn, where he resides and works when not at home in San Diego's North County. Such defunding, had

it happened, would have put a serious crimp in McBane's creation. "Some of the grant sources that have been available to us in the past no longer have any money."

This year, the festival received its second NEA grant. "The first was for 7500 dollars. This one was for 10,000 dollars." Of the more than 800 such NEA arts endowments awarded across the country, a total of nine local groups scored, including the Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company, Media Art Center (they produce the San Diego Latin Film Festival), and the Cygnet Theatre Company.

In 2010, the Carlsbad festival won an ASCAP Chamber Music America Award for Adventurous Program-

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days in January to close to assess the scope of work and cost of refurbishment upgrades and repairs. As soon as we do that we will reopen."

Berkson says that no

and blues artists, such as Dr. John, the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Richie Havens, and Al DiMeola. Anthology is known for paying top dollar to secure headliners such as



Downtown loses another venue as Anthology closes for repairs.

shows are booked after December, in case the repairs take longer than necessary. Berkson explains that he pays his artists a 50 percent nonrefundable deposit to secure them for a certain

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ming. “Our slogan,” McBane says, “is adventurous music by the beach.” A violinist/composer by trade, McBane, too, has appeared on the Carlsbad stage; he started the festival in 2002. He curates the music for the three-day event and says the scope includes new music for classical instruments, jazz, indie rock, and folk. “We like cross-genre collaborations.”

The three-day festival can stage as many as 30 different



**Surf-jazz duo Mattson 2 hit the beach at this year's Carlsbad Music Festival.**

performers and groups in a broad range. For example, this September the lineup included UC San Diego's Red Fish Blue Fish, Chinese lute virtuoso Wu Man, the Calder Quartet, and San Diego surf-jazz pioneers Mattson

2. McBane says it costs upward of \$80,000 to produce the event, “but that includes paying people year-round.” Additional funding trickles down to the festival from both the City of Carlsbad and the City of San Diego.

In a weaker economy, McBane says avenues available

## daily blogs

### Reinventing Christmas music with the Matt Wilson Trio

By Robert Bush — Dec. 8, 2:52 p.m.

### RIP Spirit drummer Ed Cassidy: w/ Spirit in San Diego concert archive

By Jay Allen Sanford — Dec. 7, 3:56 p.m.

### Jessica Crosby Is In her cups

By Dave Good — Dec. 6, 8:06 p.m.

### Eddie Vedder gets Sirius

By Jay Allen Sanford — Dec. 6, 6:01 p.m.

### Divine Skin in Tijuana

By Chad Deal — Dec. 6, 2:17 p.m.

### Matt Wilson's Christmas Tree-O: Dec. 7, Jazz at The Studio

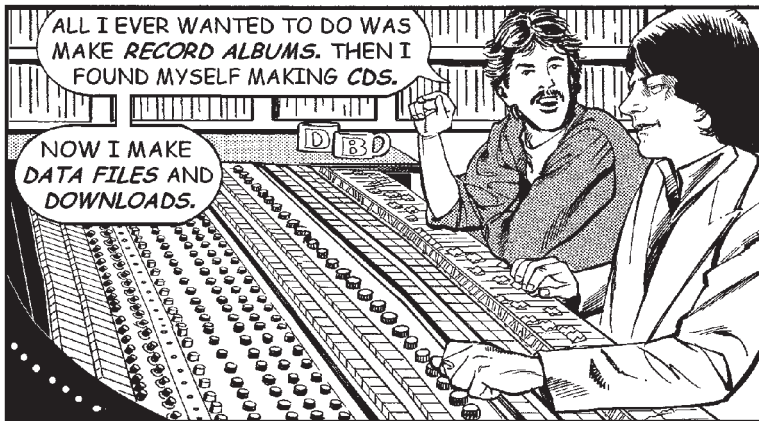
By Robert Bush — Dec. 4, 6:55 p.m.

### John Williams

By Garrett Harris — Dec. 3, 11:57 p.m.

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## OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: RECORDING STUDIO JAY ALLEN SANFORD



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to musicians of eras past no longer exist.

“You have to make your own opportunities,” he says.  
— Dave Good

**Tuned to teach.** “The kids are playing everything from Sleeping with Sirens to Taylor Swift,” says guitarist Wayne Riker, who just launched a new guitar curriculum at Coleman Tech High School in Kearny Mesa. “I’m there five days a week all year-round [and] will be bringing in esteemed local guest artists each month for workshops and a concert series. Nothing makes me happier than seeing these kids on a daily basis, beaming with excitement, provided with the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, particularly in this age of vanishing music programs.”

The full-time paid position finds Riker teaching

several 45-minute classes each day, made up equally of boys and girls. “The students, a dozen or so in each class, all have guitars, mostly acoustics, some donated, some acquired by the school,



**Six-string schoolmaster: Wayne Riker's teaching all age groups, from high schoolers to baby boomers.**

and some hand-me-downs from their households.”

Riker has been teaching guitar around town for over a decade, including a recent stint at Rick's Guitar Shop. “My teaching philosophy has always been the

same, whether in a group or one-on-one, which is to teach students songs and styles that they want to learn. Hence, I’m transcribing six to eight songs a week, from classic and alternative rock

to metal, reggae, pop, country, rap, blues, and Mexican pop tunes.”

The school will soon move into a new building on Aero Court, with Riker performing at a ribbon-cutting ceremony slated for

December 29. “The larger facility will give me the opportunity to bring in guest players once a month, in an assembly-like setting, exposing students to some of San Diego’s top-shelf pros from all different musical arenas.” Alternating male and female guitarists, guest players will include Robin Henkel, Steph Johnson, Jimmy Patton, Roni Lee, Fred Benedetti, and Veronica May.

“Conveniently, my teaching studio is a few minutes away from the school, so I’m teaching the other end of the spectrum as well, with private lessons to a couple dozen baby boomers each week.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

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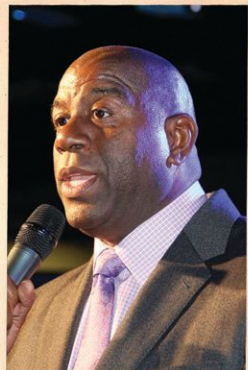


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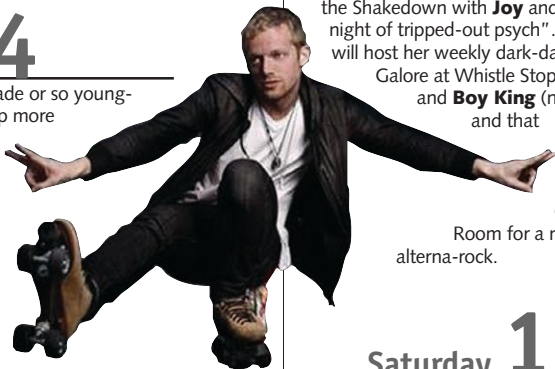
This Week In Music

## Thursday 13

Need some art? Want to save some tail? Well, look no further than El Dorado downtown, where lo-fi electro-pop duo **Lion Cut** is hosting an art auction slash benefit for big kitties. The pair will purrrform in their TM feline attire while a silent auction featuring the work of 30 local artists raises funds for all the big jungle cats under the scope of the World Wildlife Fund's "Save Tigers Now." The video for the teaser tune, "Tiger Bomb," is pretty awesome: [vimeo.com/42500587](http://vimeo.com/42500587).... Miss the door there, right down the street at House of Blues, surfer/shredder **Gary Hoey**'s out to tout his new joint, *De Ja Blues*, the hard-rockers' first foray into trad blues.... Uptown, Bay Area band **Soft Moon** waxes on the Soda Bar stage. The synthpunk five-piece is touring in support of this year's "less song-based, more sound-based" Zeros, a fuzzed-out Goth-er, if ever there was. Read Will Crain's take in this week's Of Notes. **Group Rhoda** and **Tropical Popsicle** open the show.... And over in Bay Park, Brick by Brick unsheaths the **Sword**. The doom-metal band's latest, *Apocryphon*, is full of Sabbath-flavored riffs, "summoning you to bang your head and celebrate the apocalypse." For all you Mayan apocalypses, I guess. **Gypsyhawk** lands first.

## Friday 14

"If Beck were a decade or so younger and had grown up more heavily immersed in hip-hop..." Cribbed that from *Wikipedia* because I wasn't hip to who **Astronautalis** was — is. He is Charles Andrew Bothwell of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and apparently he's got a gifted gabber, riff-rapping about any damn thing you throw at him. He also makes records, like last year's *This Is Our Science*, which despite no budget beat it up the *Billboard* charts by interweb word-of-mouth. Check this out: [youtube.com/watch?v=4N4YeNYbU5I](http://youtube.com/watch?v=4N4YeNYbU5I). Catchy. He looks like Mitchell, the gay gingerballs from *Modern Family*. Astronautalis lands at Eleven Friday night after **Busdriver**, **Jel**, and **Mystery Cave**. **DJ Psychopop** (Skrabez?) spins 'round sets. Recommend you hip-hop online right away for them advanced tix, yo.... O.C. psych-rockers and Casbah faves the **Growlers** are in town for two this weekend. The quintet's got a new disc of drug-bent ditties in the hopper, *Hung at Heart*,



ASTRONAUTALIS AT ELEVEN



THE GROWLERS AT CASBAH

due to drop in January, so expect a healthy dose of those new tunes. **TRMRS** and **Barbarian** share the bill Friday night. On Saturday you'll see **Tomorrow's Tulips** and **Wild Wild Wets**.... Daydream Nation's bringing another doozie to the Griffin, featuring a wicked listenable threeway with the pop-punk **Soft Pack**, lo-fi locals the **Plateaus**, and Cali-pop sextet **Ale Mania**. Still spinning Soft Pack's September release *Strapped*. It's a grower.... Else: right around the bend at Brick by Brick, **Metalachi** and **Mex Zeppelin** will play some heavy-metal mariachi for you...the dudes who do Operation: Mindblow apparently have a band called **California666**, and they'll be playing the Shakedown with **Joy** and **Harsh Toke** for "a night of tripped-out psych".... **DJ Robin Roth** will host her weekly dark-dance jam Club Pussy Galore at Whistle Stop, after **River City** and **Boy King** (née Bunny Gang)... and that "curatorial" covers band, **Rio Peligroso**, returns to the Riviera Supper Club's Turquoise Room for a night of country-fried alterna-rock.

## Saturday 15

Couple of anniversary celebrations will pop the cork Uptown Saturday night, as local Lurkville USA drops in on their third year in the biz of building skateboards. They're staging Kyle Thomas, aka **King Tuff**, who was the frontman of J Mascis's Witch and Sub Pop psych-poppers Happy Birthday. Dude's got the Midas touch. With like-minded locals the **Kabbs** and **Chango Rey** setting the stage, this is a kill triple bill at Til-Two in City Heights... and the Thrill Jockey 20th Anniversary tour rolls



KING TUFF AT TIL-TWO

into nearby Soda Bar with DC post-rock trio **Trans Am**, **High Places**, **Man Forever**, and Trans Am Phil Manley's solo show, **Life Coach**.... Ssstaying Uptown, **Sssnake** slithers into Tower Bar after **Hobotorch**. Noah Tabakin, the man behind Ssssnake, has been likened to a hip-hop Jeff Buckley. I can see that.... **Dead Animal Mod**, **Stupid Man Suit**, the **Vaginals**, and **Penis Hickey** fill a noise-rock bill in Bankers Hill at the Tin Can Alehouse.... While northa town, jazz guitarist **Peter Sprague** joins pianoman **Irving Flores** at Dizzy's new digs in P.B....and Oak-town trip-hop duo **Zion I** pops the mic at Porter's Pub behind this year's punchy *Shadowboxing*.

## Sunday 16

Grammy-winning Tex-Mex rock-rollers **Los Lobos** take the stage at Belly Up after Southwestern College's mariachi ensemble **Mariachi Garibaldi**.... SanFran blues-rock man **Tommy Castro** and his band visit the multiple-award-winning Fender bender *Hard Believer* on the

Ramona Mainstage.... And heavy-metal vocalist **Don Dokken** (Dokken, doy) plays Brick by Brick after L.A. glam-metal band **Bullet Boys**.



BOOTSY COLLINS AT BELLY UP

## Monday 17

Soda Bar sets up psych-rock Seattleites **Night Beats** Monday Night. I picked up the Beats' s/t debut on their previous swing through town and haven't ejected it from the truck's carousel since that night. Their retro hoodoo has me, and with Portland psych-pop trio the **Woolen Men** and like-minded locals **Wild Wild Wets** opening the show, this is, imho, the gig to get to this week.... Uthawise: L.A. trip-hop two-some **Eligh & the Grouch** (Living Legends) bring their *How the Grouch Stole Christmas* show to Porter's Pub at UCSD.



NIGHT BEATS AT SODA BAR

## Tuesday 18

It's time for SanDago staple **Gary Shuffler**'s (Honey Glaze) birthday bash, when Shuffl dons his screwed-up eyes and screwed-down hairdo as **Ziggy Shuffledust & the Spiders from Mars**. If you've never seen a Shuffler trib, which includes Bauhaus, Queen, and GNR, then you're in for a treat, Bowie fan, as the performer and his all-star band rock the Thin White Duke right over the top. **DJ Diana Death** will deck the halls with her deep-crate faves.... The rest of you: Blackberry shill **Diplo**'s worrying earholes with his brand of electro-gaga at Voyeur. Wait for that beat to drop...

## Wednesday 19

From *Tha Funk Capital of the World*, that bass-slapping badass and Rock and Roll Hall of Famer **Bootsy Collins** takes the stage at Belly Up Wednesday night. *Funk Capital*, a phunky foray into hip-hop beats, is Bootsy's 13th solo studio set (y'know, to go along with the hundred or so Parliament records he's on), and features vocal takes by Cube, Snoop, Chuck D, Dr. Cornel West, and Samuel "Bad Muthafuckah" Jackson. Bootsy can play some drums, now, so be ready for that if he's so inspired.... Else: Bay Park's going to get loud, as Brick by Brick brings in heavy metallurgists **High on Fire**, **Corrosion of Conformity**, and **Goatwhore**, yes, Goatwhore. Maa-aa-aa.

— Barnaby Monk

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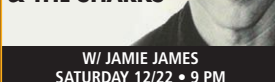
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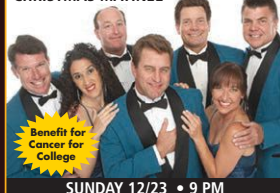
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*Sunday*, 8pm — Slower (acoustic Mower).

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*Saturday*, 7:30pm — A Hawaiian Slack Key Christmas. \$22.

**All Souls' Church:**  
*Sunday*, 4pm — Music on the Point. Musica Vitale Chorus, directed by Elena Vizuet, presents “Music of the Season.” \$5 donation. Complimentary reception follows. 619-223-6394, x13, [allsouls.music@gmail.com](mailto:allsouls.music@gmail.com). All Souls' Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Boulevard, Point Loma.

**Anthology:**  
*Sunday*, 7pm — Anthology House Band. \$5.  
*Wednesday*, 7:30pm — Trevor Davis. \$10-\$25.

**Balboa Theatre:**  
*Saturday*, 8pm, *Sunday*, 3pm — Ice & Spice. \$25-\$43.

**Bar Pink:**  
*Friday*, 9pm — Pocket.  
*Saturday*, 9pm — Neon Beat.  
*Sunday*, 9pm — Happy Endings.  
*Monday*, 9pm — The Husky Boy All-Stars.  
*Wednesday*, 9pm — Stevie & the Hi-Stax.

**Belly Up:**  
*Friday*, 9pm — Jonny Lang. \$48-\$50.  
*Sunday*, 8pm — Los Lobos. \$35-\$37.  
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McQueen, Vasoline, Legal Tender. \$12-\$15.  
*Wednesday*, 9pm — Bootsy Collins. \$35-\$37.

**Bird Rock Coffee Roasters:**  
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**Block 16 Union & Spirits:**  
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**Bonita-Sunnyside Library:**  
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**Brick by Brick:**  
*Thursday*, 8pm — The Sword and American Sharks. \$16-\$18.  
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*Friday*, 7pm — Metalachi, Mexican Zeppelin, Jimmy & Enrique. \$12-\$15.  
*Saturday*, 7pm — Concord, Ultimate Sin, Deathriders. \$12-\$15.  
*Sunday*, 7pm — Don Dokken. \$20-\$25.  
*Wednesday*, 7pm — High on Fire, Corrosion of Conformity, Goat Whore. \$20-\$22.

**Casbah:**  
*Friday*, 8:30pm — The Growlers. \$14.  
*Saturday*, 8:30pm — The Growlers. \$14.  
*Sunday*, 8:30pm — Poor Moon. \$8-\$10.  
*Tuesday*, 8:30pm — Ziggy Shuffledust & the Spiders from Mars. \$10.  
*Wednesday*, 8:30pm — Low Volts | Grand Tarantula. \$10-\$12.

**Ché Café:**  
*Friday*, 7pm — A Better Hope Foundation. \$7.  
*Saturday*, 6:30pm — Sociopathic. \$7.  
*Wednesday*, 7:30pm — Your Heart Breaks. \$7.

**Copley Symphony Hall:**  
*Thursday*, 7:30pm — L'Obsession Fantastique. \$20.  
*Friday*, 8pm, *Saturday*, 8pm, *Sunday*, 2pm — Symphonie Fantastique. \$20-\$96.

**Coyote Bar & Grill:**  
*Thursday*, 6pm, *Friday*, 6pm — Clay Colton Band.  
*Saturday*, 6pm — Not Katie. Free.

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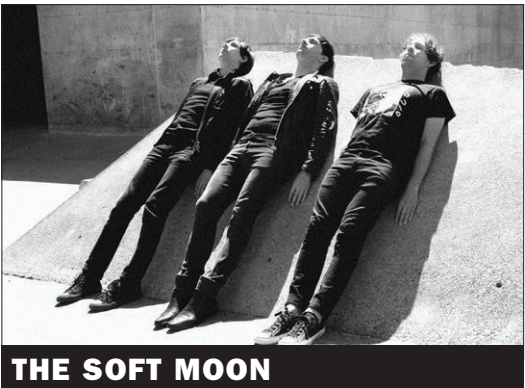
BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The video for “Into the Depths” by the Soft Moon is filmed in grainy black-and-white, with claustrophobia-inducing camera work. It shows a woman who keeps looking over her shoulder in fear as she runs through a dark tunnel. Soon, these images are intercut with scenes of her nose bleeding, of hands grabbing her face, of extreme close-ups of her eyes, of her falling, of other images that are no less unsettling for being more abstract. I'll leave it to other critics to discuss the misogynistic implications of all this. I'll just say that the music may be even more disturbing than the video.

The Soft Moon began as a solo project by

San Francisco's Luis Vasquez, who recorded his 2010 debut at home by himself. He must have had a gloomy apartment. Inspired by krautrock and lesser-known post-punk acts such as Chrome and the Danse Society, the Soft Moon features huge drums pounding away relentlessly, an insistent bass guitar twisted by effects pedals into something alien, and squealing synthesizers that sound like robots screaming. Vocals appear only rarely, and when they do they're usually in the form of wordless breaths or grunts. Are these sounds of pleasure or pain? Both? It's just too creepy to think about.

Vasquez put together a band to tour behind his first record, and his solo work is now supplemented onstage by a bassist, a drummer, a synth player, and even a guy who just supplies the freaky visuals. While on tour, Vasquez began writing the material that would make up



THE SOFT MOON

the recent full-length follow-up, Zeros, and the result was very much like the debut but even more intense and scary.

**THE SOFT MOON: Soda Bar, Thursday, December 13, 8:30 p.m. 619-255-7224. \$8 advance/\$10 door.**

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*Sunday*, 5pm — Jerome Dawson. Free.

**Dirk's Niteclub:**  
*Friday*, 9pm, *Saturday*, 9pm — FX5. Free.

**Dizzy's:**  
*Saturday*, 8pm — Peter Sprague & Irving Flores. \$10-\$15.

**Eleven:**  
*Friday*, 9pm — Astronautilus. \$12.

*Saturday*, 5pm — Interrobang, Casy & Brian, Rebuilder (matinee). \$4.  
*Saturday*, 9pm — Buffalo Picnic, East of Sweden, Jack's Last Bullet. \$6.  
*Monday*, 9pm — Le Ra, Volks, the Mud Howlers. \$5.  
*Wednesday*, 9pm — The Lusitania and Hopeless Jack & the Handsome Devil. \$6.

**Flame:**  
*Saturday*, 9pm — MayStar's Diamond Dust. \$3-\$5.

**Flying Elephant:**  
*Friday*, 8pm — Nihilist and Slut Machine.  
*Saturday*, 8pm — Loser Machine Party.

**Gallagher's Pub & Grill:**  
*Thursday*, 8pm — Kahilofa. Free.  
*Friday* — Chi Club.  
*Saturday* — Moonshiner.  
*Sunday*, 9pm — Tribal Theory. Free.  
*Wednesdays*, 9pm — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.

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*Thursday*, 8pm — Roger! Free.

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*Thursday* — We Are Sirens and Dr. Seahorse.  
*Friday*, 8pm — The Soft Pack, Plateaus, Ale Mania. \$12-\$15.  
*Saturday* — Diego's Umbrella.  
*Sunday*, 7pm — Electric Lucie, Koru, Vibe, Champagne Leader. \$7.  
*Tuesday*, 8pm — Pleasure Fix.  
*Wednesday*, 8pm — The Nothingful Band, Castor & Pollux, the No Know.

**House of Blues:**  
*Thursday*, 8:30pm — Gary Hoey. \$20-\$37.  
*Sunday*, 9pm — Boys Noize.  
*Tuesday*, 7pm — Brad Perry, Michael J. Dwyer, Patrick Mitchell, Jazz Avenue. Free.

**Humphreys Backstage Music Club:**  
*Thursday*, 7pm — Bill Magee. \$5.  
*Friday*, 5pm — Plato Soul. Free.  
*Friday*, 9pm — The Farmers. \$12.  
*Saturday*, 9pm — PopRx.  
*Sunday*, 8pm — Reggie Smith. \$12.  
*Monday*, 7pm — Chet Cannon.  
*Tuesday*, 7pm — Backwater Blues Band.  
*Wednesday*, 7pm — Blue Fever. \$5.

**Irenic:**  
*Saturday* — People Under the Stairs.

**Lestat's Coffee House:**  
*Sunday*, 8pm — Robin Henkel Band with guest Whitney Shay. \$8.

**Molly Malone's:**  
*Friday*, 9pm — Stone the Giant. Free.

**O'Sullivan's Irish Pub of Carlsbad:**  
*Friday*, 9pm — David Lally and Patric Petrie.

**Pala Casino:**  
*Friday*, 9pm — Sandbox. Free.

*Saturday*, 8pm — Thunder Road. Free.

**Patrick's Gaslamp Pub:**  
*Friday*, 9pm — Mystique Element of Soul.  
*Saturday*, 9pm, *Monday*, 9pm — Missy Andersen.  
*Tuesday*, 9pm — Walter Gentry's Chicken Jam.  
*Wednesday*, 9pm — Mystique Element of Soul.

**Pechanga Resort & Casino:**  
*Thursday*, 8pm, *Friday*, 8pm — Celtic Woman — A Christmas Celebration. \$70-\$100.

**Porter's Pub at UCSD:**  
*Saturday*, 8pm — Zion I and Minnesota.  
*Sunday*, 8pm — Kreyashawn. \$20.  
*Monday*, 8pm — How the Grouch Stole Christmas. \$20-\$50.

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Thursday, 8pm — Bart Mendoza  
& True Stories.  
Friday, 8pm — Rio Peligroso.  
Saturday, 8pm — Bedbreakers.  
Tuesday, 8pm — Supertasty.  
Wednesday, 8pm — Kice Simko  
and Friends.

**Ruby Room:**  
Thursday, 8pm — MC Ohm-I,  
Dez Thrill, Chalkskin, El Gum  
Legro, Broken Pixels. \$5.  
Saturday, 8pm — Slogun & IOH  
and Austin Speed.  
Sunday, 8pm — Toothless  
George's Band Together.  
Tuesday, 8pm — The Tighen  
Ups and Runhoney.  
Wednesday, 8pm — Veiled  
Butterfly.

**Shakedown Bar:**  
Saturday — Last 2 Know and  
Convalescents.  
Wednesday — The Blood,  
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*Saturday*, 8pm — Trans Am.  
*Sunday*, 8pm — Holy Fever, Oddball, One I Red. \$7.  
*Monday*, 8pm — Night Beats. \$8.  
*Tuesday*, 8pm — Atlashouse, Kinetic, Hanging From the Rafters. **Free.**  
*Wednesday*, 8pm — Project Analogue, Little Fowl, the Darrows. **Free.**

**Soma:**  
*Friday* — Blood on the Dancefloor, Jeffree Star, Davey Suicide.  
*Saturday*, 6:30pm — Undead Garden, Soundbored, A Truth Betrayed. \$8.

**Stage Rock Bar & Grill:**  
*Thursday*, 8:30pm — Van Roth. **Free.**  
*Friday*, 10:30pm — The Disco Pimps.  
*Saturday* — Fingerbang.  
*Monday*, 10pm — Reggae Party.  
*Tuesday* — Alan Clark, Khan Artest, DJ Von Kiss.  
*Wednesday*, 7pm — Mark Fisher & Gaslamp Guitars and Bl3ndr.

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*Tuesday*, 6:30pm — Let Your Hearts Be Light. \$20.

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*Friday*, 8pm — The Temptations Review. \$45-\$55.

**Tiki House:**  
*Saturday*, 9pm — Jonathan Warren & The Billy Goats. **Free.**

**Tin Can Ale House:**  
*Thursday*, 8pm — The Treaties, Scatter Gather, Landis. \$5.  
*Friday*, 8pm — Translation Audio, Lexington Field, Arms Away. \$5.  
*Saturday*, 8pm — Dead Animal Mod, Vaginals, Penis Hickey. \$5.  
*Monday*, 8pm — The Tin Can Country Club.  
*Tuesday*, 8pm — Butler and Ninja Love. \$5.  
*Wednesday*, 8pm — Midnight Pine and Jupiter. \$5.

**Tio Leo's:**  
*Thursday*, 8pm — Mercedes Moore Band.  
*Friday*, 9pm — The Jones

Revival.  
*Saturday*, 9pm — Rising Star.  
*Wednesday*, 7pm — Zydeco Patrol.

**Trattoria Tiramisu:**  
*Friday*, 8pm — Patrizia the Sultry Lady of Jazz. **Free.**

**Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House:**  
*Saturday*, 7pm — Teagan Taylor Trio. **Free.**

**Winstons:**  
*Thursday*, 9:30pm — King Schascha & Irusalem, Soulective, Lion Path. **Free.**  
*Friday*, 9:30pm — The Simpkin Project and the Expanders. \$10.  
*Saturday*, 9pm — RealEyes: A Night of Electro DJs. \$7.  
*Sunday*, 10pm — Jose Sinatra presents OB-o-ke. \$1.  
*Monday*, 9pm — The Electric Waste Band. \$5.  
*Tuesday*, 9pm — Soul Ablaze and Mad Traffic. **Free.**  
*Wednesday*, 9pm — Tommy Dubs, Seismic Levelers, DJ Carlos Culture. **Free.**

**Zel's Del Mar:**  
*Saturday*, 8pm — Robin Henkel. **Free.**

UPCOMING SHOWS

**710 Beach Club:** 710 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.  
*December 21* — Boomsnap's End of the World Party.  
*December 22* — Arden Park Roots, Natural Heights, the Originalites.  
*December 23* — Slower (acoustic Mower).

**98 Bottles:** 2400 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-255-7885.  
*December 20* — Ian Tordella.  
*December 21* — End of the World Acoustic Show.

**AMSDeconcerts:** 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.  
*December 29* — Peter Rowan.

**Anthology:** 1337 India St., Little Italy, 877-828-0891.  
*December 20-22* — Deck the Halls.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

**Colin Smith emails from London that when the Blood plays San Diego, they plan to open with "Megalomania."** That was the band's first single, a short little blast that ridiculed the Pope. It almost sounds comical to say that, considering today's lax media standards, but back in the early 1980s when the Blood was new, public ridicule of the Pope was considered insurrection.

Formed in 1982, the Blood's Smith was Cardinal Jesus Hate. Cofounder Jamie Cantwell called himself J.J. Bedsore. Smith and I email back and forth. I ask him why he thinks fame came to rest on lesser bands, but not the Blood so much. "We never compromised our lifestyle," he writes, "which was a

Tequila Sunrise, followed by a liquid cider lunch, and night-capped with a Southern Comfort. The nuances of the day were narcotic moments that allowed us to keep writing Blood songs." Cantwell died in 2004 from the effects of chronic alcoholism.

The Blood crafted hardcore punk songs known for social criticism couched in shock-value terms. Smith is the single original member. "This is the first big tour that I have done in a long time, and I am doing it because so many people of all ages from the USA and Canada have asked me to please come over and play." He says he'd like to make it a regular thing, touring America, and to expect a new CD next year. I ask if he knew how good the Blood was back in the day. He writes: "Both J.J. and myself were well aware that we were potentially as good as it gets musically, lyrically, and theatrically as a punk-rock band." What kept them chained to obscurity was their self-destruction. "The Blood's lifestyle meant that we were unmanageable. The record companies knew this, and so, too, did J.J. and myself, and yet we didn't give a flying fuck."



THE BLOOD

PSO, Evacuate, and Rat City Riot also perform.

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*December 23* — Hiroshima.  
*December 26* — Beatles vs. Stones — A Musical Shoot Out.  
*December 27* — Lee DeWyze.  
*December 28* — Wizards of the Harp.  
*December 28* — The Manny Cepeda Orchestra.  
*December 29* — Dazz Band.

**Belly Up:** 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.  
*December 20* — The Venice Christmas Show.  
*December 21* — Dead Feather Moon.  
*December 22* — Dennis Quaid and the Sharks.  
*December 23* — A Cash'd Out Christmas.  
*December 23* — The Mar Dels.  
*December 26* — Kut U Up.  
*December 27* — Cracker and Camper Van Beethoven.  
*December 28* — The Aggrolites.  
*December 29* — Vokab Kompany.

**Brick by Brick:** 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.  
*December 20* — Joe Troutman & Midnight Starr's EDM.  
*December 21* — "End of the World Party 2012."

*December 29* — Mandy Lion, Rammoth, Sinner's Rage.

**The Casbah:** 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.  
*December 20* — Dublin Mob Holiday Party.  
*December 22* — El Vez for Prez.  
*December 23* — X.  
*December 24* — Exile on Kettner Boulevard.  
*December 26* — Turquoise Jeep.  
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*December 28* — The Donkeys, Cuckoo Chaos, Teenage Burritos.  
*December 29* — Sweet & Tender Hooligans.

**Ché Café:** 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311.  
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**Copley Symphony Hall:** 750 B St., Downtown San Diego, 619-235-0804.  
*December 21-23* — Holiday Pops: A Celtic Celebration.

**The Coyote Bar & Grill:** 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.  
*December 20* — Clay Colton Band.  
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*December 23* — Smoketet.  
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*December 28* — Slower.  
*December 29* — Zydeco Blues Patrol.

**Dirk's Niteclub:** 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.  
*December 21* — Nemesis.  
*December 22* — Zone 4.  
*December 28* — Rhythm Red.

**Dizzy's:** 4275 Mission Bay Drive (in the showroom at San Diego Jet Ski Rentals), Pacific Beach, 858-270-7467.  
*December 22* — Besos de Coco.  
*December 28* — David Negrete Quartet.

**Eleven:** 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-450-4292.  
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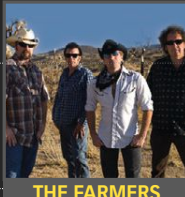
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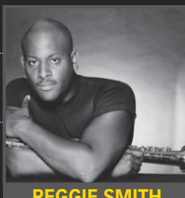
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**Flying Elephant:** 850 Tamarack Ave., Carlsbad, 760-434-2660.  
 December 21 — Shake Before Us.  
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**Gallagher's Pub & Grill:** 5046 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300.  
 December 20 — JAM Kwest.  
 December 21 — End of the World Party.  
 December 22 — The Drinking Cowboy Band.  
 December 26s — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.  
 December 27 — Hazmatt.  
 December 28 — Melly Frances.

**The Griffin:** 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-684-1816.  
 December 20 — Red Matter.  
 December 21 — Knights of Neon.  
 December 22 — Oceanside Sound System.  
 December 23 — Days to Change and Black Water Soul.  
 December 26 — Cherub.  
 December 28 — Spawnbreezie.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-299-2583.  
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**Allelujah! Don't Bend! Ascend! Godspeed You! Black Emperor**  
 By Richard Dotson

Since 1997, Godspeed has sounded like a prodigious teen's imagination: splaying the guts of the world with youthful abandon. The band had painted the sounds of life with a better view. Godspeed explored great heights and their influence could not have been anticipated.

After ten long years, fans will be pleased that *Allelujah! Don't Bend! Ascend!* holds

up within Godspeed's discography. Godspeed has released perhaps their most realized album to date — the boy is now the maestro he once imagined himself to be.

The 20-minute levitan "Mladic" is the heavier of the album's epics, blasting holes in the earth with a tasty Middle-Eastern flavor. The song is entrancing to the point of disorientation. You don't remember how this happened, but it would be ungrateful to argue.

Conversely, "We Drift Like Worried Fire" is grand and tender. With gorgeous texture and tonality, the song sweeps through density and sparsity without exposing its seams. If the world outside is on fire, it was inconsequential, anyway.

The album's two "drones" are apt. Acting more as interludes, the two pieces make for a necessary foil.

In a word, this is transcendent. Godspeed is F#. Godspeed is A#. Godspeed is infinite.



Blasts holes in the earth

### Music Reviews from Our Readers

**Diamond Rings glitters at Soda Bar**

By Marcus Perez

John O'Regan, who has sanctioned the stage name Diamond Rings, brought his '80s pop show to Soda Bar. In support of his sophomore release, *Free Dimensional*, the Canadian artist had been opening for the band Stars before venturing on his current headlining tour.

Backed by a four-piece band, O'Regan is infatuated with glitz and glamour, circa early David Bowie with a slice of Gary Numan on the side. Standing six feet,

four, the lanky O'Regan possesses a surprising baritone that intensifies the glam-rock songs he belts out. O'Regan's bright eye shadow surrounded piercing blue eyes, and his black leather vest was bedazzled with glitter and spikes.

There seems to be a plan embedded in O'Regan's stage show: to make attendees remember not only what they hear but also what he was wearing.

Starting the show with the pop song "Day & Night," followed by the guitar-heavy track "Runaway Love," O'Regan was in high spirits as he danced flamboyantly upon the speakers and among the crowd. Other than the unattractive rap verses in a couple of songs, Diamond Rings' music is engaging and his performance entertaining.

**Concert:** Diamond Rings

**Date:** November 5

**Venue:** Soda Bar

**Seats:** General



Possesses a surprising baritone

December 28 — The Steely Damned.

**Molly Malone's:** 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.  
 December 21 — Outta Line.  
 December 28 — Safety Orange.

**Pala Casino:** 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252.  
 December 21 — Siren's Crush.  
 December 22 — Steven Ma and Peggy Liu Chinese Christmas Show.  
 December 22 — Moving Pictures: A Tribute to Rush.

**Patrick's Gaslamp Pub:** 428 F St., Downtown San Diego, 619-233-3077.  
 December 20 — Bill Magee Blues Band.  
 December 22 — 145th Street.  
 December 23 — Mystique Element of Soul.  
 December 26 — Bill Magee Blues Band.  
 December 27 — Missy Andersen.  
 December 28 — Myron & the Kynptionz.

**Pechanga Resort & Casino:** 45000 Pechanga Parkway,

Temecula, 951-693-1819.  
 December 29 — Air Supply.

**Ramona Mainstage Nightclub:** 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.  
 December 21 — Malaki.

**Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room:** 7777 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-713-6777.  
 December 21 — Robert Edwards & Cottonmouth.  
 December 22 — Fire Eaters.  
 December 25 — Supertasty.  
 December 26 — Kice Simko and Friends.  
 December 27 — Adams & Eves.  
 December 28 — Devil's Due.

**Ruby Room:** 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.  
 December 20 — The Brothers Gow, Superunloader, Chill Clinton.  
 December 21 — End of the World Party.  
 December 22 — Christmas Chaos XI.  
 December 23 — Ed Ghost Tucker, LeAnna May & the Matadors.  
 December 27 — Pyrate Punx.

**Soda Bar:** 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.  
 December 20 — Gloomday, Wha?, Black Hondo, Ana.

December 21 — The Burning of Rome, Short Eyes, Rum For Your Life.  
 December 22 — Japandi, Cuckoo Chaos, Gothic Tropic.  
 December 23 — Mini Death, Dream Buddies, Shiva Trash.  
 December 26 — San Pedro El Cortez, Sixties Guns, Legs.

**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.  
 December 20 — Winds of Plague, As Blood Runs Black, XIBALBA.  
 December 21 — Carnifex, Adestria, Oh, Guardian.

**The Stage Rock Bar & Grill:** 762 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-696-9436.  
 December 20 — Van Roth.  
 December 21 — The Disco Pimps.  
 December 22 — Fingerbang.  
 December 24 — Reggae Party.  
 December 25 — Thorn on a Rose.  
 December 25 — DJ Von Kiss.  
 December 26 — Mark Fisher & Gaslamp Guitars and Bl3ndr.  
 December 27 — Van Roth.  
 December 28 — The Disco Pimps.

**Sunshine Brooks Theatre:** 217 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside, 760-529-9140.  
 December 22 — "Blue Christmas: An Evening of Jazz and Art."

**Tango Del Rey:** 3567 Del Rey St., Pacific Beach, 858-794-9044.  
 December 28 — Afrojazzziacs, Dornob, Los Bandaritos.

**Tin Can Ale House:** 1863 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-955-8525.  
 December 20 — Gift Curse, Elektrik Monk, Pleasure Fix.  
 December 21 — Sleep Lady, Spirit Vine, Dignitary Loss.  
 December 22 — Grampadrew.  
 December 26 — Jarrett Killen and Atlas House.  
 December 27 — Lozen and Tacos!

**Tio Leo's:** 5302 Napa St., Linda Vista, 619-542-1462.  
 December 20 — Roni Lee.  
 December 21 — The Ballad Mongers.  
 December 22 — The Silver Spurs.  
 December 26 — Zydeco Patrol.  
 December 27 — Nathan James & the Rhythm Scratchers.  
 December 28 — Pleazure.

**Winstons:** 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.  
 December 20 — Destructo Bunny, Neo Pangea, the Jefferson Jay Band.  
 December 21 — Natural Vibrations and Ezrah.  
 December 22 — Cubensis.  
 December 23 — Jose Sinatra presents OB-o-ke.  
 December 24 — The Electric Waste Band.



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## ALLIED GARDENS

**San Diego Brewing Company:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$3 select house & domestic beers, house wine, well drinks. 1/2-off appetizers.

## ALPINE

**Donato's Italian Restaurant:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 glass Bud Light, \$6 pitcher; \$3.50 house wine.

## BALBOA PARK

**The Prado:** *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$4.50 wells, wine, draft ale, margaritas, mixed drinks.

## BANKERS HILL

**Bertrand at Mister A's:** *Monday-Friday*, 2:30-6pm: \$5 wells, \$6 wine, \$13.50 cocktails, \$6 nonalcoholic drinks, \$7 appetizers. Bar or patio only. No Happy Hour in December.

## BAY PARK

**The High Dive:** *Monday-Wednesday, Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 off Local San Diego Craft Beers. \$1 off House Wine by the Glass. *Thursday*, 3-6pm: \$2 off Local San Diego Craft Beers. \$1 off House Wine by the Glass..

## BONITA

**Villa Capri:** *Wednesday*, 4-7pm: Half-off bottles of wine.

## CARDIFF

**Chart House:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-6:30pm: \$4 wells, drafts. \$5 cock-tails, wine. \$6 martinis. \$4 spinach & artichoke dip, \$5 firecracker shrimp, \$6 wood-fired pizzas.

## CARLSBAD

**The Alley:** *Daily*, 11am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestics.

**On the Tracks Brewery and Tasting Room:** *Thursday*, 5-7pm: Ladies, \$3 pints.

## CARMEL MOUNTAIN

**Conway's Irish Pub:** *Daily*, 10am-8pm: \$2.75 domestic drafts and bottles; \$2.75 and \$3.75 wells.

## CARMEL VALLEY

**Twenty/20 Grill & Wine Bar:** *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$2 off drinks. 1/2-off seasonal spreads and pizzas. Excludes special events and promotional nights.

## CHULA VISTA

**BJ's Brewhouse:** *Monday-Thursday*, 3pm-7pm: \$1 off draft and cock-tails. 10pm-close: 1/2-price mini pizzas, \$2 off appetizers (snacks and small bites not included). *Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off beer and cocktails.

## CITY HEIGHTS

**Eleven:** *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local draughts and drinks.

**The Tower Bar:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and import drafts.

## CLAIREMONT

**Blarney Stone Pub:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

## COLLEGE AREA

**Casa Machado:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 and \$3.50 drafts. \$3.50 wells, margaritas. Free chips & salsa.

## CORONADO

**Bistro d'Asia:** *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, \$3.50 Gekkeikan sake, \$4 wells, wine, \$5 sake-tini. Sushi specials. \$5 chicken sliders, vegetable spring rolls, wings.

**Leroy's Kitchen + Lounge:** *Monday-Saturday*, 3-6pm: Drink specials & bar bites, including sweet-potato fries and Bavarian pretzel. *Sunday*, 3-6pm & 10pm-midnight: \$5 bloody marys & mimosas, featured skinny cocktail.

## DEL MAR

**Brigantine:** *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$4 Brig brew, \$4.75 margarita, \$5.50 chardon-nay, \$1 off featured wine. Discounted fish tacos.

**Zel's Del Mar:** *Daily*, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off drafts & premium drinks, \$2 off wines by glass, \$3.50 wells. \$4 fried calamari, \$5 fish tacos, \$10 burger & beer.

## DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

**Altitude Sky Lounge:** *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$5 premium wells. 1/2-off artisan flat breads.

**Analog:** *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$5 house wines, \$6 specialty drinks. 1/2-off loaded skins, hummus, sweet-potato fries.

**House of Blues:** *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wines, \$3 wells, \$4 martinis. Killer happy hour menu.

**Patrick's Gaslamp Pub:** *Daily*, 10am-8pm; 11pm-close: domestics from \$2.50, wells from \$3.25.

**The Stage Rock Bar & Grill:** *Daily*, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

**Yard House:** *Monday-Wednesday*, 3-6pm & 10pm-close: \$3.50 domestic pints; \$6.25 martinis. 1/2-off select pizza, appetizers, and more. *Thursday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3.50 domestic pints; \$6.25 martinis. 1/2-off select pizza, appetizers, and more. *Sunday*, 10pm-close: \$3.50 domestic pints; \$6.25 martinis. 1/2-off select pizza, appetizers, and more.

## EAST VILLAGE

**Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 keg beers; \$5 liquor, house wine. Free pizza samples.

**Monkey Paw:** *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local draughts and drinks.

## EASTLAKE

**Chili's:** *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 3pm-close: \$1 off drafts, discounted margaritas. Discounted nachos, fried cheese.

## EL CAJON

**Blarney Stone Pub:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$1-\$2 off liquor.

**Main Tap Tavern:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off 16-oz. pints, \$2 off pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

## ENCINITAS

**Encinitas Ale House:** *Monday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off drafts, \$5 glass wine, \$8 off bottle wine. 1/2-off crab cakes, calamari, veggie caprese bruschetta. *Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 off drafts, \$5 glass wine, \$8 off bottle wine. 1/2-off crab cakes, calamari, veggie caprese bruschetta.

**Union Kitchen & Tap:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 off craft cocktails;

\$4 drafts, \$6 select wine glasses. \$9 flatbreads.

## ESCONDIDO

**Brigantine:** *Monday*, 11:30am-close: \$6 vodka cosmo, merlot, chardonnay. *Saturday*, 11:30am-7pm: \$6 vodka cosmo, merlot, chardonnay. *Sunday*, 3:30-7pm: \$6 vodka cosmo, merlot, chardonnay.

## FALLBROOK

**Aqua Terra:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$3 domestic, \$9 pitcher; \$4 imported, \$12 pitcher; 1/2-off sushi rolls (no sushi on Monday).

## GOLDEN HILL

**Turf Supper Club:** *Friday-Sunday*, noon-4pm: \$1 off beer/wine/spirits. \$5 burger, chicken sandwich, hot links + chips.

## GRANTVILLE

**Tio Leo's:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints; \$4 house margaritas, wells; \$5 quesadillas, hot dogs, tacos.

## HARBOR ISLAND

**C-Level:** *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-5:30pm: \$4 brews, \$5 specialty drinks.

## HILLCREST

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## KEARNY MESA

**94th Aero Squadron:** *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2.75 glass wine, draft beer; \$3.25 most domestic bottled beer; \$3.50 margaritas. Free buffet: pizza, quesadillas, veggies.

## KENSINGTON

**Clem's Tap House:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off all beer and wine flights.

**Til-Two:** *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and imported drafts.

## LA JOLLA

**Bird Rock Pizza & Sports:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$3 pint, \$12 pitcher; \$7.50 pint with appetizer, \$15 pitcher with appetizer. *Saturday-Sunday*, all day: \$3 pint, \$12 pitcher; \$7.50 pint with appetizer, \$15 pitcher with appetizer.

**La Jolla Brew House:** *Friday-Saturday*, 10pm-1am: \$2 Off Pints; \$3 Wells & Wines; Buy Any Pizza Get One Free.

**Roppongi:** *Monday, Sunday*, 3-9:30pm: half-price tapas; \$8 hand-crafted drinks including skinny cock-tails. *Tuesday-Wednesday*, 3-6pm: half-price tapas; \$8 hand-crafted drinks including skinny cocktails.

**The Shores Restaurant:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$6 blood-orange martini, wine, margaritas, Julian hard cider. \$6 fish tacos, deviled eggs, flatbread.

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If you're not ready to make the leap across the border, get your feet wet at **El Uno Bar** on University, just east of the 805. This bar actually sketches me out way more than anywhere I've been in Tijuana.

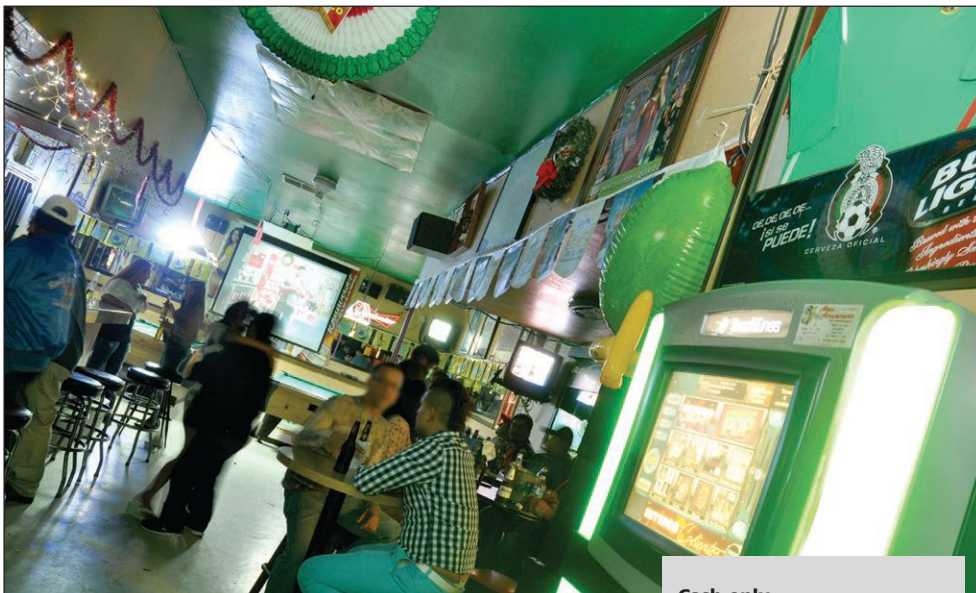
Never have a pair of laminated Chargers curtains felt so foreboding as those that separate the volatile cosmos of El Uno Bar from the outside world. Once you go in, there is no turning back. There are things you will see that you cannot unsee. Seriously, just go to TJ.

For starters, the bar offers nothing on tap,

overpriced tequila that is always the last shot in the bottle, and cans of Tecate for a brazen \$3.75 a pop. The menu operates on a haphazard pricing structure that once resulted in a bill of something like \$9.67 for a couple of beers and a shot, so I suppose that could work in your favor if you're in the mood for barter (Spanish only, *güero*).

On the bright side, I recently got a bottle of Victoria that was so cold, I thought I'd gotten a bunch of pulp in with the lime, but then realized it was simply frozen. The traditional salt took on a whole new meaning as I shoveled it into my beer, slowly melting the ice until the beer dislodged itself from the bottle.

Speaking of ice, the bathrooms offer a chance to enjoy the near-obsolete



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*There are things you will see at El Uno that you cannot unsee.*

sport of ice-cube pissing in the urinal troughs.

The usual clientele is a grim assortment of *vaqueros* and transvestites — which really is the best crowd for karaoke Wednesdays.

El Uno is a welcoming venue once you get

past your own inhibitions (though one Google reviewer asserts that their phone was stolen here — by the bartender!).

There is a saying south of the border that the best part of TJ is San Diego. But as El Uno Bar so unabashedly

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demonstrates, the best part of San Diego may, in fact, be TJ.

— Chad Deal

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**Casa de Pico:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: Discounted margaritas, beer, cocktails. Complimentary chicken wings, mini burritos.

**Tarroz Sports Bar:** Monday, Wednesday-Sunday, 2-7pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, tequila shots, \$3 imported beer, \$4 premium drafts.

LAKESIDE

**Coo Coo Club:** Monday-Friday, 6-8pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

LEMON GROVE

**Dirk's Niteclub:** Monday-Saturday, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks \$4.50 or less. Sunday, 6am-2pm: \$1 off bloody marys.

LEUCADIA

**Bar Leucadian:** 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

**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.

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**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.

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**Abbey's Real Texas Bar-B-Q:** Daily, 3-6pm: \$2.99 draft, \$9.99 pitcher draft. \$1.49 hot link, \$2.49 small brisket, pork, ham, or sausage sandwich.

**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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**The Amigo Spot at Kings Inn:** Daily, 4-7pm: Margaritas.

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**NESTOR**

**Baja Oyster Bar:** *Monday-Thursday*, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS**

**The Air Conditioned Lounge:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$3 draft, bloody marys; \$5 you-call-it; \$6 Jayne's Gastropub fare.

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**Lips Restaurant:** *Sunday*, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

**The Office:** *Daily*, 5-8pm: Two-for-one price on all drinks.

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**Splash:** *Tuesday*, all day: 1/2-price wine. *Wednesday, Sunday*, all day: \$3 select wine and beer. *Thursday-Saturday*, 4-6pm: \$3 select wine and beer.

**Toronado:** *Daily*, 11:30am-5pm: \$1 off drafts.

**OCEAN BEACH**

**The Arizona Bar:** *Daily*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3 house wines, 20-oz. domestics, microbrew pints, wells, 1/2-off all pitchers.

**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.

**OB Noodle House:** *Daily*, Noon-5pm: \$1 beer. \$5 sake after 6pm.

**Raglan Public House:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: 1/2 off Munchies, select drafts, house reds, house whites, and sangria.

**Sunshine Co.:** *Daily*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all pitchers.

**Winstons:** *Monday-Saturday*, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.

**OCEANSIDE**

**Firewater Saloon:** *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm; 10pm-midnight: \$5 Jäger bombs, Long Islands, Jameson. \$2 off all pitchers, \$1 off drafts & wells.

**Tremont Street Bar & Grill:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

**OLD TOWN**

**Barra Barra:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts, house wine, \$3 house margaritas, \$2 off absinthe specials. \$2 flat-bread tacos.

**Old Town Mexican Café:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials. \$2 Taco Tuesday (chicken, beef, fish, carnitas); \$2.50 margaritas, Tecate, tequila.

**PACIFIC BEACH**

**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.

**The Dog:** *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, \$6 pitchers.

**Good Time Charlie's:** *Daily*, 4-6pm & 9-11pm: Crushes \$2.50, wells \$3, drafts \$3-\$5, domestic bottles \$2.50, select wines by the glass \$4.

**Johnny V:** *Tuesday*, 4pm-close: \$3 wells, drafts, selected wines. \$1.95 street tacos, \$3 off appetizers. *Wednesday*, all day: \$3 wells, drafts, selected wines. *Friday*, 4-9pm: \$2 drinks. Complimentary appetizers. *Saturday*, all day: \$2.50 Bud Light bottles, Absolut, \$3 margarita.

**Miller's Field:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 wells. \$2 street tacos.

**Sinbad Café:** *Daily*, 4-8pm: \$1.50 drafts, \$2 wells, shots, \$2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

**Tony Roma's:** *Daily*, 1-4pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$3 off appetizers.

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**Jimmy's Famous American Tavern:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: 1/2-off all appetizers, drafts, wells, and select house wine.

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**POWAY**

**Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar:** *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$1 off all wells, drafts, bottles, wine.

**RAMONA**

**Boll Weevil Restaurant:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2 off all pitchers.

**RANCHO BERNARDO**

**Bernard'O Restaurant:** *Monday-Saturday*, 4:30-7pm: \$4 wells, \$2.75 domestic, \$3.50 imported/specialty, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 house wine.

**Café on the Park:** *Monday-Friday*, 5-6:30pm: \$3 wells, \$4 house margaritas, 1/2-off house wine by the glass, \$1 off beer. Complimentary cheese & crackers, 1/2-off appetizers.

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**Deli Stop Sports Pub:** *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all beer; \$3 Corona or glass of wine. \$1 off all appetizers.

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**Press Box Sports Lounge:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Half-off appetizers, \$1 off drafts, house wine, and wells.

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**Delicias:** *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$5 draft beers, house wines, wells.

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**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.

**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.

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**Stone Flats:** *Daily*, 3-5pm, 7-9pm: \$1 Bud/Bud Light; 1/2-off all other beer/wine.

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**Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill:** *Sunday*, \$2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. \$3.50 mimosas, bloody marys.

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**Chief's Burgers and Brew:** *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2.50 domestic, \$3.50 microbrew. 1/2-off appetizers.

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**Hamilton's Tavern:** *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.

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**Whistle Stop Bar:** *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints. *Saturday-Sunday*, 2-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints.

**SPRING VALLEY**

**Fannie's Nightclub:** *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

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**JP's Pub:** *Monday-Friday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25 house wine.

**UCSD**

**Porter's Pub at UCSD:** *Daily*, 11am-7pm \$3 Menu; 4pm-7pm \$1 off all beer.

**UNIVERSITY CITY**

**Apollonia Greek Bistro:** *Daily*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 ouzo apéritif, \$2 bottled beers, \$3 wine by the glass.

**Cozymel's Mexican Grill:** *Monday-Saturday*, 4pm-close: \$2.25 Coors Light draft, \$3.25 Dos Equis draft; discounted appetizers. (All day Sunday.)

**Donovan's Steak and Chop House:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$8 martinis (complimentary steak sandwiches and burritos 4-6pm).

**Michael's Lounge in the Hyatt Regency:** *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts and well cocktails.

**UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS**

**Babbo's Bar and Grille:** *Daily*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3.95 wells, drafts, wine.

**Cheers:** *Monday-Friday*, 11am-7pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles. \$3 single wells. \$3.50 domestic drafts.

**Small Bar:** *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local draughts and drinks.

**VALLEY CENTER**

**Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant:** *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: \$2 domestic. \$3 imports, wells. Discounted appetizers.

**VISTA**

**Chili Coast Burgers:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$.50-\$.75 off tap beer.

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# Two Hours Traffic

At 27, Anne is “past the bloom of youth,” and far too old for a romantic lead.

Jane Austen’s characters read each other like novels. They inspect qualities, every human chapter and verse, and sum them up in lists of checks and balances. In *Persuasion*, Austen writes, “Her manners were open, easy, and decided, like one who had no distrust of herself, and no doubts what to do; without any approach to coarseness, or any want of good humor.” This, along with four more lines, describes Mrs. Croft, a minor figure.

They read each other, but since few dare reveal feelings openly, must often base impressions on scant evidence, a gesture, the hint of a blush. As landed aristocrats often obsessed with rank and decorum, they exist from the neck up, with appearances thick as marble masks, which is why they spend so much time trying to sound each other’s depths.

Anne Elliot, the heroine of *Persuasion*, seeks the truth in flaws. “She felt she could so much more depend upon the sincerity of those who sometimes looked or said a careless or hasty thing, than those whose presence of mind never varied, whose tongue never slipped.”

Some of Austen’s best writing works this way. It starts with a close-up, then peers even closer: What did that look, held a split second too long,

mean? Will eyes meet? Fingers touch? Into these questions, Austen packs tension and drama.

*Persuasion* begins with a misreading. Much against Anne Elliot’s instincts, her father, older sister Elizabeth, and guardian Lady Russell persuaded 19-year-old Anne to break off her engagement

with Frederick Wentworth. Why? He had everything but lucrative prospects. On hearing the news, he exploded. And she

spun inward, becoming a spinster-in-waiting and a marginal figure in her eccentric family. Now she’s 27, and Captain Wentworth, decorated officer of the Royal Navy and man of nouveau means, suddenly returns. But will he woo one of the flighty Musgrove sisters or cross the gulf and renew with Anne what never went away?

In the process, Austen asks: who suffers more, or longer, men or women? No matter which you choose, the book will “persuade” a more balanced view. (The title was posthumous: Austen died tragically of Addison’s Disease in 1816, age 41. Her fourth brother, Harry, chose it.)

Jon Jory’s new adaptation, at OnStage Playhouse, feels more like an early draft than a world premiere. The script shows the difficulties of converting a novel to the stage. How do you take a story, told by one of English literature’s most

## THEATER

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Her older sister and guardian persuade Anne to break off her engagement.

*Persuasion*, by John Jory, based on the novel by Jane Austen

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engaging narrators, and transpose it into “two hours traffic on a stage”? Jory’s answer is “traffic.” Scenelets, at least 25 in the first act, snippet

out information. It’s clear he knows and loves the novel, since he tries to honor so much of it. But, overall, the story unfolds like a Cliff’s Notes,

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condensed version. Some scenes take longer to set up — loading in chairs and tables, clustering actors, changing the lights — than to play.

Austen's characters exist almost exclusively in leisure time (and in "a long, uneventful residence in one country circle"). Few work, and even fewer move with anything resembling haste: their top speed maxes out at a stroll. Presenting them in quick, cinematic takes cuts against their way of life. (In future productions, a revolving stage might solve some, though not all, of these problems.) Also missing, along with Austen's engaging narration, are the brief, heightened moments that charge a nuance with drama.

OnStage's technical elements are an uneven mix. Though Chad Oakley's lighting is a mite too somber, Carol Whaley's period costumes are quite good. And Mark Robertson's stone-walled set has its uses, in particular for the famous Cobb fiasco, where Louisa (a nicely giddy Laura Bohlin) leaps into Wentworth's unsuspecting arms (though the fall itself takes place offstage).

Austen asks us to lean forward, attend to microclues. But instead of subtlety, many in the cast opt for overbroad portrayals — Larry E. Fox's hypereccentric Sir Walter, for example, and Holly Stephenson's Mary Elliot — that leave no room for close inspection. Though his final scene with Anne is touching, Chris Renda's Captain Wentworth is too young and hardly a naval hero in the Napoleonic Wars. Others play obviously for laughs, which could be funnier if done with more restraint.

While most of the cast prefer the surface, Kym Pappas's excellent Anne begins deep within. Austin took a risk with this character. At 27, Anne is "past the bloom of youth" and far too old for a romantic lead. Plus, she violates the first rule of fiction: she doesn't change. She's "constant." Pappas deftly portrays Anne's intelligence, extreme sensitivity, and emotional blooming. Along the way, her eyes give a master class on suggesting minute details and feelings she fights to repress. ■

## THEATER LISTINGS

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# Tricksy Orcs

It would be easy, and it is certainly tempting, to use a review of *The Hobbit* as the occasion for an all-out assault on High Frame Rate (HFR) digital cinema. HFR is, after all, the Big New Thing about director Peter Jackson's return to Middle Earth after the enormous effort and even more enormous success of *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, bigger even than the dragon Smaug (glimpsed but not beheld in this first installment). And this

Big New Thing is, to my eyes, a very bad thing: a technology so bent on making things look clear that it forgets about making things look good. (Has anyone ever thought that the *Mona Lisa* would be improved if we could make out her pores?)

I could go on. But HFR is not the whole story of *The Hobbit*, especially when it is also available in IMAX, ordinary 3D, and (best of all) plain ol' 2D. So I will launch only a couple of additional salvos and then move on. First, there is the mangling of light. Every outdoor scene looks like a Thomas Kinkade painting; every indoor scene seems to glow from within. (When the wizard Gandalf asks the hobbit Bilbo Baggins for a little more light so that he can display a map during an after-dinner conference, Bilbo fetches a candle, a candle that makes absolutely no difference at all.) Second, it strips movies of whatever magic they might have left, reducing Ian McKellan's "wandering wizard overlooking the Elven city of Rivendell" to a guy with a fake nose and a big beard, wearing a funny hat and standing on a stone platform.

Still, one wonders if the Big New Thing wasn't what finally brought Jackson onboard for this second trilogy. It doesn't seem to have been the prospect of writing another Tolkien-based script; this one begins and ends with a clunk.

Early on, an elderly Bilbo writes to his nephew Frodo that "quite by chance, and by the will of a wizard, fate had decided" to involve him in this particular adventure. Well, which is it: chance, will, or fate? And it wasn't the prospect of telling a different sort of story than *The Lord of the Rings* — say, the lighter, more straightforward sort of adventure found in *The Hobbit*, the

book. Jackson pauses for flashbacks to horrible wars between orcs and dwarves, side trips exploring the rise of malevolent forces in the larger world, and bouts of petty personal drama on the part of ostensible heroes: in this case, exiled dwarf-king Thorin Oakenshield. It wasn't even the chance to show his chops as a director; I spotted not one but two glaring breaks in continuity: a sudden shift from forest to plains during an orc ambush, and a sudden shift from daylight to nighttime during another orc ambush. Tricksy orcs.

For better and for worse, apart from the Big New Thing, *The Hobbit* is more of the same, a prequel that sets the stage for *The Lord of the Rings* as it tells the story of 13 dwarves who hire a burglar to help them take back their mountain kingdom (and its treasures) from an invading dragon. For better: the creation of a believable fantasy world through well-pitched performances (Martin Freeman makes a fine homebody hobbit, and Andy Serkis's Gollum gets to mix comedy with his menacing pathos), resonant themes (the dwarves are seeking to regain their homeland after a diaspora), and really fine costumes. For worse: overlong fight scenes, special effects that lean heavily on cartoon physics, and a tendency to overstuff.

— Matthew Lickona



*The Hobbit, or The Wandering Wizard and the 13 Dwarves, sets the stage for The Lord of the Rings.*

## COOLEST MAN ON EARTH

It's been almost 20 years since Walter Hill (*48 Hrs.*, *Streets of Fire*, *Southern Comfort*) has rewarded us with anything to look at. My head began spinning the second I saw his name attached to the trailer for Stallone's latest action flick, *Bullet to the Head*.

Exhale. It's not a remake of the John Woo classic, *Bullet in the Head*.

Jim Hemphill, former student and eternal teacher, arranged a visit to the 20th Century Fox editing room to watch Walter Hill cut a scene from *Wild Bill*. After a couple of hours, Mr. Hill invited us to the Fox commissary to join him for lunch.

Halfway through the meal, Mel Brooks walked up to the table to say hello to Walter.

"Hello, Mel," Hill said as he stood to shake Brooks's hand. Without missing a beat, Hill motioned toward the peanut gallery and asked, "You know Jim Hemphill and Scott Marks, don't you, Mel?"

If there is a cooler way for one to introduce commoners to royalty, let me know. Until that time, Hill wins the brass ring.

— Scott Marks

## A CLOSER LISTEN TO THE TEASER TRAILER FOR STAR TREK: INTO DARKNESS

What do we have to do to retire the Inception-style BRAAAAAAHM? Does *Saturday Night Live* need to have Adam Sandler host and make an entire sketch in which the BRAAAAAAHM is used over and over again as a fart noise? Would that do it?

— Matthew Lickona

## WHAT HAPPENED, ANTHONY HOPKINS?

My pal Scott was not impressed with Academy Award winner Sir Anthony Hopkins's performance as Alfred Hitchcock in *Hitchcock*. He charges the actor with having "an oscillating accent" and with being unconvincing in general. I'd argue that the one leads to the other. Playing a famous person is more than a simple matter of imitating speech, but imitating speech is a major first step — so much of the person is in the words and their delivery. That kind of adoption/imitation, when done without slipping into caricature, is a real achievement, one I thought Philip Seymour Hoffman and Meryl Streep managed rather

well in *Capote* and *Julie & Julia*. Alas, not so, dear Sir Tony.

The failure got me to wondering what happened to the man who so mesmerized the world as Hannibal Lecter in *The Silence of the Lambs*. And he didn't stop there. The early '90s were very good for Hopkins. I admired him in *Howard's End*, but I adored him in *The Remains of the Day*. The scene where Emma Thompson attempts to wrestle away his book has stayed with me over the years.

So, what started the slide? Was it *The Mask of Zorro*? Or the Lecter sequels? Difficult to say. But I'm trying to remember the last time I really enjoyed him in a film (which is not to say I've seen everything he's done). He was okay as Odin in *Thor*, I suppose. Maybe I'm just mad about his lazy portrayal of a Southern aristocrat in Sean Penn's disastrous *All the King's Men*. There, as much as anywhere else, I was reminded of this bit where he remembers receiving advice from Katharine Hepburn on the set of his first film, *The Lion in Winter*:

"I'm gonna give you a few tips," she said. 'Don't act. You don't need to act. You've got a good face, you've got a good voice, you've got a big body — don't act.... Watch Spencer Tracy; watch the great American actors who never act, they just do it, you know? Speak the lines and show up.' I took that advice as the best advice I've ever been given as a film actor."

Hmm... Rewatching *The Silence of the Lambs*, I'm not sure I buy that. It seems to me that there, Hopkins wriggled into his character's skin and played around for a while.

— Matthew Lickona

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**Hitchcock** — Instead of following author Stephen Rebello's fine *Alfred Hitchcock and the Making of Psycho* by turning out a procedural on the art of making a masterpiece, Sacha Gervasi (*Anvil: The Story of Anvil*) gives us a watered-down romcom directed in the style of an episode of *Hitchcock Presents*. (It's ostensibly about the production of the most influential horror film ever made, yet Anthony Perkins only appears in two scenes!?) Anthony Hopkins — encased in a Martin Lawrence fat suit, outfitted with a bad latex nose, and suffering from an oscillating dialect — is simply not convincing as Hitchcock, and Helen Mirren would never be confused, on her best day, with the mousy Mrs. H. *Hitchcock* purportedly wants to do nothing more than counter all the years that loudmouth "Tippi" Hedren spent publicly branding Hitch a pervert by playing fast and loose with the facts. Beyond that, screenwriter John J. McLaughlin attempts to give Alma her due by dredging up a zipless romantic fling she allegedly had with a screenwriter during the making of *The Paradine Case* (1947). A fantasy sequence wherein Hitchcock employs the services of Ed Gein, the monster upon whom Norman Bates was based, as a psychiatrist is downright unclear, as is the assertion that Cocky had a Bates-style peephole drilled in his office wall in order to spy on his leading ladies. Perverse as it sounds, the film was shot in 'Scope, a ratio Hitch despised and never used. Gervasi's talent did wonders when it came to revitalizing the careers of a pair of bird-brained heavy metal singers. Leave the Hitchcock legacy for the big boys, or not at all. Better yet, re-release all of Hitch's 54 films and let his artistry speak for itself. With

**The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey**  
— Reviewed this issue. — M.L.  
★

**Hyde Park on Hudson** — Bill Murray goes fishing for an Oscar in shallow water. In the Spring of 1939, Franklin D. Roosevelt (Murray) was the first-ever president to host British royalty on American soil. The weekend shindig was thrown at the title locale, F.D.R.'s home in upstate New York. Chin jutting, cigarette holder pointing northward, and voice loling in a jaw-stretching drawl that can only be described as Thurston Howell, III-ish, Murray's Roosevelt is more of a graphite rubbing than it is a completed portrait. What baubles of wisdom are to be gleaned from this shuddersome biopic? That the 32nd president loved his mother and behind-the-wheel hand jobs, though never at the same time. Laura Linney's sonnambulist performance as Frankie D's lover/distant cousin makes this feel more like *Dawn of the Dead* than *Sunrise at Campobello*. In 1995, director Roger Michell came out of the gate swinging with *Persuasion* and hasn't given us much worth looking at since. Hide or park yourself in another theater, anything but this. With Olivia Williams, Elizabeth Marvel, and Elizabeth Wilson. 2012. — S.M.

**Life of Pi 3D** — [*Nota Bene*: the 3D is probably worth it on this one.] If Ang Lee's

adaptation of Yann Martel's novel had been nothing more than the story of a teenaged boy who survives a shipwreck only to find he must share his lifeboat with a Bengal tiger, it might have been a very fine — and often visually astonishing — adventure movie. But for better or for worse, *Life of Pi* aspires to be much more than that. For better: the adventure is strong enough to bear the weight of some larger meaning. For worse: that meaning is spelled out and hammered home in a pair of talky bookends. This isn't a film about a boy lost at sea; this is a film about humanity adrift, about the importance and significance of storytelling, about religion and God him/her/itself. That doesn't have to be a bad thing; it doesn't take much to see the tiger as death itself, an immutable and inescapable fact that nature imposes on every person. The boy struggles against it. He tries to trick it. Eventually, he realizes he must make peace with it. And somewhere along the line, he realizes that the certainty of death is what has helped him cling to life. Storytelling! Significance! Ditto the boy's struggle with faith: he prays, and things happen. Are those things answer to prayer or just things that happen? Don't worry about answering; the film is happy to do that for you. The viewer does get to make a choice at the end, but it's not a choice about anything as exalted as the existence of God. It's more

**Lincoln** — Four score and 150 minutes ago, Steven Spielberg shifted into his John Ford mode with this giant, myth-bolstering Golden Book of a movie. As the Civil War rages on, we open with a moment lifted from *Saving Private Ryan*: a shorter, but equally anonymous massacre. Inasmuch as it fails to properly set the mood and tone of this otherwise setbound gabfest, the scene is as spectacularly executed as it is worthless. (As my friend Jim Hemphill said once the initial bloodbath was over, "The closest thing to an action sequence is Tommy Lee Jones taking off his hairpiece.") Moving on, we find Lincoln's ear being bent by a returning black soldier while The Great Emancipator is seated at a railway station. The soldier, after spelling out the future of African-American relations for both the audience and Honest Abe, is conveniently bounced from the proceedings. In his place, comic relief appears in the form of James Spader, Tim Blake Nelson, and John Hawkes. Their schtick feels like a reprise of Sneak, Snoop, and Snitch from Fleischer's animated version of *Gulliver's Travels*. And what of the rest of the cast, you ask? For the first time in his

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career, Daniel Day-Lewis lets the costume and the adenoidal voice do much of the acting for him; he needed a little more Bill the Butcher here, and a little less *Left Foot*. Sally Field performs as if she *really* wants the Academy to like her again. The good news is that scenarist Tony Kushner’s authentic-sounding period dialog flows in abundance, helping to make this the closest I’ve come to not wanting to walk out on an Amblin production since *Catch Me if You Can*. You’ll want to cheer when, as Number 16 is getting set to spit out yet another platitude, Bruce McGill turns on him with, “No! Not another speech.” If the real Lincoln was this dull, can you really blame the South for seceding from the Union? Ultimately, it’s Spielberg, with his lumbering pace and “Hall of Presidents” anamorphic tableaux, who assassinate this *Lincoln*. 2012. — S.M.

★

**Playing for Keeps** — Play keep-away! Jessica Biel’s reward for her brief, vanilla-flavored performance as Vera Miles in *Hitchcock* is a lousy dye-job and a starring role opposite a wrong man in this feculent rom-com. Gerard Butler stars as Biel’s ex, a once-mighty sports figure whose recent run of bad luck finds him coaching their son’s soccer team. The result is more bad news than anyone can bear. Butler wants nothing

more than to reunite with his family — but Biel has already set the date with her replacement beau. What better way for Butler to show his new-found sense of commitment than by sleeping with any soccer mom who rattles his zipper? Catherine Zeta-Jones plays a common tramp (what else is new?), but it’s Uma Thurman and Dennis Quaid who sink to the bottom in what can only be described as career low points. Short of finding uranium in their backyard, this thing couldn’t have wrapped in a more forced and sappy manner. Not to be the spoiler in your Christmas stocking, but if given a choice between the hunky, charismatic Butler and the no-name they cast in the Ralph Bellamy role, who do you think Mrs. Timberlake will choose? Better an eternity spent in hell with the scuzzy scoundrels of *Killing Them Softly* than five minutes in heaven with the creeps Biel plays opposite. Professional sap-slinger Gabriele Muccino (*The Pursuit of Happiness*, *Seven Pounds*) directs. 2012. — S.M.

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**Rise of the Guardians** — Review forthcoming. In the meantime, you can begin musing on what *other* superhero team-ups the movie people will come up with in the wake of *The Avengers*! Our money is on the sugary cereal mascots. Big Tony: “My guys aren’t just good; they’re great!” 2012.

**A Royal Affair (En kongelig affaere)** — It ain’t easy out there for an Enlightenment physician in medieval-minded 18th-century Denmark. You have the people — so in need of your tender regard for the masses,

yet so easily led astray by monsters who play on their fear and superstition! You have the king — such a trusting and influential ally, yet so simpleminded and erratic! And you most definitely have the queen — such a deliciously progressive soul mate, yet so unfortunately married! And then, to top it off, the story goes and makes *her* the central figure! Why, it’s almost as if she possesses some secret, hidden power that makes her more important than all of your beautiful ideas. But what could it be? Mads Mikkelsen stars as the physician who struggles to operate on the body politic while the court struggles to put him into exile, or worse. *A Royal Affair* is a handsome, stately film that isn’t afraid to go hard to its liberal message even as it marches toward its inevitable conclusion (high-minded love affairs, like all other love affairs, can get messy). It is not, however, without some dashes of warm humanity and wit — the queen’s giddiness over an approving note from Voltaire is a hoot, as if she had nabbed a Twitter shout-out from her favorite Disney heartthrob. With Alicia Vikander. 2012. — M.L.

★★

**The Sessions** — Did you hear the one about the 38-year-old virgin in the iron lung who hired a sex surrogate to take the cherry off the sundae? The trailer unspooled like a checklist of everything culpable in American cinema: a cute, fact-based, feel-good “disease of the week” romcom equipped with an endless supply of close-ups, plus William H. Macy as a cuddly Father Flanagan type. But instead of the handful of mean-spirited

snickers (or an early exit) the trailer promises, *The Sessions* rewards its viewers with an extraordinarily moving emotional experience. (I admit it: I cried. The last time I cried during a movie was when I glanced at my watch and realized there were still two hours left to go in *Schindler’s List*.) Instead of resigning himself to playing a talking head, John Hawkes shatters the built-in limitations of his character, pulling off what could amount to the most challenging role of his career. And those who want to see more of Helen Hunt — she plays the therapist with the can opener to Hawkes’s heart — will have their chance. This is the first time in eons where onscreen nudity is not only justified, it’s essential to the script. What helps to elevate the story above your average Lifetime Channel presentation is writer-director Ben Lewin’s (*Paperback Romance*) sensitive attention to detail. This isn’t a one-character/one-trait affair; Lewin endows even the most seemingly insignificant role with depth and dignity. A love story with an iron lung at its core is a definite hard sell, but Lewin proves that there’s no such thing as a bad story, only bad storytellers. Don’t let the subject matter keep you away from this remarkable movie. With Moon Bloodgood, Adam Arkin, Ming Lo, and Rhea Perlman. 2012. — S.M.

★★★★

**Silver Linings Playbook** — David O. Russell needs to leave Philadelphia almost as much as John Woo needs to stay in Hong Kong. For his follow-up to *The Fighter*, Russell once again takes the low road in

search of truth and beauty amidst a group of boorish louts with personalities akin to the cast of *Here Comes Honey Boo Boo*. A former schoolteacher (Bradley Cooper) — undiagnosed bipolar, borderline delusional, violent, and fresh out of the state mental institution — decides to move back home with his parents (Jacki Weaver and Robert DeNiro, both phoning it in). Not since *Do the Right Thing* have so many characters in one movie spoken with the same identical voice. Close your eyes during one of the film’s numerous screaming matches and you won’t be able to distinguish between Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence. To add injury to the insults, Russell’s camera covers the action either in constipated close-up, as a “walk and talk” (traveling shots of characters delivering dialog as they stroll), or both. Even a musical number is photographed from the waist up. The third-act combination of *Dancing with the Stars* and repugnant behavior on the part of violent football fans should make this a bit hit with Monday night TV viewers. Apart from Ms. Lawrence’s electrifying turn as the tough-talking dame who plans on mending Cooper’s heart by putting him back in touch with his ex, this couldn’t have ended soon enough for me. With incessant jabbering from Chris Tucker, a welcome, albeit brief appearance by Julia Stiles, and brilliant background work by Paul Herman. 2012. — S.M.

★

**Skyfall** — James Bond lumbers back to his roots. A Bond film is supposed to deliver mayhem and eye candy in exotic locales; Skyfall offers memorable set pieces in Shanghai,

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**San Diego Natural History Museum**

**Flying Monsters 3D** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 11:00, 2:00; **Ocean Oasis** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 12:00p.m.; **Such is the Real Nature of Horses** (Not Rated) Fri. 4:00p.m.; **The Last Reef 3D: Cities Beneath the Sea** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 1:00, 3:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

**Reading Carmel Mountain**

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)  
**Anna Karenina** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:25) 4:30, 7:30, 10:25; **Argo** (R) Fri-Sun 9:40p.m.; **Flight** (R) Fri-Sun (10:20a.m.); **Hitchcock** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; **Life of Pi** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:25, 1:20) 4:15, 7:05, 9:55; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:05, 1:05) 4:05, 7:10, 10:10; **Playing for Keeps** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:10, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50, 10:05; **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:15, 12:40, 2:55) 5:10, 7:25, 9:45; **Skyfall** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:10, 1:15) 4:10, 7:20, 10:15; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:45) 4:35, 7:35, 10:20; **Wreck-It Ralph** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:50, 2:15) 4:40, 7:15

CLAIREMONT

**Reading Town Square**

4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)  
Call theater for program information.

CORONADO

**Vintage La Costa**

820 Orange Avenue (619-437-6161)  
**Life of Pi 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (12:45) 4:30, 8:15; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:45) 4:30, 8:15; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:45) 4:30, 8:15

DOWNTOWN

**Reading Gaslamp**

701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)  
**A Christmas Story** (PG) Sat. 7:00p.m.; **Cloud Atlas** (R) Fri-Sun (1:00) 4:30; **Dragon** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 8:00, 10:35; **The Intouchables** (R) Fri-Sat. (12:10, 2:40) 5:15, 7:45, 10:20 Sun (12:10) 10:20; **Killing Them Softly** (R) Fri-Sun (10:40, 1:05, 3:25) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30; **Life of Pi** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:40, 2:20) 5:05, 7:50, 10:35; **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:55, 12:35, 1:40, 3:20) 4:25, 6:10, 7:10, 8:50, 9:55; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:30, 12:40, 2:50, 3:50) 6:05, 7:00, 9:15, 10:10; **Looper** (R) Fri-Sun 6:30, 9:10; **Pitch Perfect** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:35) 4:05; **Playing for Keeps** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 1:00, 3:30) 5:45, 8:05, 10:25 **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) Fri. (11:10, 12:25, 1:30, 2:45, 3:55) 5:10, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45 Sat. (11:10, 12:25, 1:30, 2:45, 3:55) 6:15, 8:30, 9:45 Sun (11:10, 12:25, 1:30, 2:45, 3:55) 5:10, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45; **The Master** (R) Fri-Sun (12:30, 3:40) 7:05, 10:05; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:35, 11:35, 1:10, 2:10, 3:45) 4:45, 6:20, 7:20, 8:55, 9:50

**Regal Horton Plaza**

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)  
**Argo** (R) Fri-Sun (10:20, 1:00) 7:05; **Flight** (R) Fri. (1:15) 7:15 Sat. 7:15p.m. Sun (1:15) 7:15; **In the Family** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun (12:00p.m.); **Khiladi 786** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 9:40p.m.; **Red Dawn** (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 4:15) 10:15 Sat. 4:15, 10:15 Sun (10:45, 4:15, 10:15) **Skyfall** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 1:35, 4:40) 7:45, 10:50 Sat-Sun (10:30, 1:35) 4:40, 7:45, 10:50; **Talaash** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun (3:40) 9:45; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 2:00, 4:00) 8:00, 11:50 Sat. (10:15, 2:00) 4:00, 8:00, 11:50 Sun (10:15, 2:00) 4:00, 8:00; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00, 3:00) 6:00, 7:00, 10:00, 10:50

Fri-Sat. (11:30, 3:30) 7:30, 11:20 Sun (11:30, 3:30) 7:30; **The Metropolitan Opera: Aida** (Not Rated) Sat. 9:55a.m.; **Wreck-It Ralph** (PG) Fri. (11:15, 1:45, 4:30) 7:10 Sat-Sun (11:15, 1:45) 4:30, 7:10

**Full Moon Drive-In**

1500 Felspar Street (888-211-0404)  
**Christmas Vacation (1989)** (PG-13) Fri 12/14 (7:30); **The Notebook** (PG-13) Sat 12/15 (7:30)

KENSINGTON

**Landmark Ken**

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)  
**Deadfall** (R) Fri: (1:30), (3:30), 5:30, 7:30, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (1:30), 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30, Mon-Thu: (5:30), 7:30, 9:30; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) With “Crazed Imaginations” Shadow Cast, Sat: 12:00 Mid-night, Discount Shows at Landmark’s Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets “( )”; **California Solo** (NR) Opens Friday, December 21

LA JOLLA

**AMC La Jolla**

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)  
Call theater for program information.

**Landmark La Jolla Village**

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)  
**The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri, Mon-Thu: (2:30), 6:00, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 2:30, 6:00, 9:30; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri, Mon-Thu: (1:00), (4:30), 8:00, Sat & Sun: 1:00, 4:30, 8:00; **The Other Son** (PG-13) Fri, Mon-Thu: (1:40), (4:10), 6:45, 9:10, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 1:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:10; **The Sessions** (R) Fri, Mon-Thu: (1:50), (4:20), 7:00, 9:15, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:15, Discount Shows at Landmark’s La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “( )”; **Les Misérables** (PG-13) Opens Friday, December 25

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)  
**The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (10:30 AM), (2:15), 6:00, 9:45, Sun-Tue: (10:30 AM), (2:15), 6:00; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:30 AM), (3:15), 7:00, 10:45, Sun-Tue: (11:30 AM), (3:15), 7:00; **Playing for Keeps** (PG-13) Fri: (10:00 AM), (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sat: (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun: (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, Mon & Tue: (10:00 AM), (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **Kidtoons: Barbie: The Princess & The Popstar** (NR) Sat & Sun: (10:30 AM); **Life of Pi** (PG) Fri-Tue: (10:15 AM), 4:15; **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) Fri & Sat: (1:15), 7:30, 10:30, Sun-Tue: (1:15), 7:30; **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) Fri & Sat: (10:30 AM), 5:15, 10:00, Sun-Tue: (10:30 AM), 5:15; **Rise of the Guardians 3D** (PG) Fri-Tue: (12:45), (3:00), 7:45; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri-Tue: (10:15 AM), (1:30), 5:00, 8:15; **Skyfall** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (10:00 AM), (1:00), (4:00), 7:15, 10:15, Sun-Tue: (10:00 AM), (1:00), (4:00), 7:15

UPTOWN

**Landmark Hillcrest**

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)  
**Hyde Park On Hudson** (R) Fri, Mon-Thu: (1:40), (4:20), 7:00, 9:20, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20; **Hitchcock** (PG-13) Fri, Mon-Thu: (2:10), (4:40), 7:20, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:40), 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:35; **Hyde Park On Hudson** (R) Fri, Mon-Thu: (2:30), (5:15), 8:00, Sat & Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00; **Anna Karenina** (R) Fri, Mon-Thu: (2:00), (5:00), 7:50, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 2:00, 5:00, 7:50; **The Sessions** (R) Fri, Mon-Thu: (1:50), (4:30), 7:10, 9:30 Sat(15) & Sun(16): (11:30), 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30, Discount Shows at Landmark’s Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “( )”; **Any Day Now** (R) Opens Friday, December

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

**Regal Parkway Plaza**

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)  
Call theater for program information.

LA MESA

**Reading Grossmont**

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)  
**Flight** (R) Fri-Sun 9:40p.m.; **Life of Pi** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:30) 5:10, 10:45; **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (2:20) 8:00; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:20, 1:25) 4:30, 7:35, 10:40; **Playing for Keeps** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 8:10, 10:25; **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:40, 12:50, 3:00) 5:10, 7:20; **Skyfall** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:35, 1:40) 4:45, 7:50, 10:50; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:55, 12:40, 3:30) 7:00, 7:40, 10:30; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (10:15, 11:00, 1:45, 2:30) 4:10, 5:15, 6:00, 8:50, 9:30, 11:15 Sun (10:15, 11:00, 1:45, 2:30) 4:10, 5:15, 6:00, 8:50, 9:30; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:25, 2:00) 4:35, 7:10, 9:45

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

**Regal Rancho San Diego**

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)  
**Argo** (R) Fri-Sun (1:30) 7:45; **End of Watch** (R) Fri-Sun (11:15a.m.); **Flight** (R) Fri. (4:30) 10:40 Sat-Sun 4:30, 10:40; **Killing Them Softly** (R) Fri-Sun (10:30a.m.); **Life of Pi** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:45a.m.); **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (3:20) 6:35, 9:50; **Lincoln**

Scotland, and an abandoned island factory compound. A Bond film needs gadgets; Skyfall knowingly gives us a personalized Walther and a radio transmitter. (Honoring the brand, but not indulging it.) A Bond film should feature a menacing villain who's also just a touch daffy; Javier Bardem has more fun than anybody else onscreen as a rogue agent with a mommy complex and a come-hither leer. But most of all, a Bond film needs a proper Englishman who can do his bit for crown and country while dazzling the ladies and wearing a tuxedo like it's a second skin. Here and there, Daniel Craig manages the trick, but too often, he comes off like a canny street tough, a musclebound Steve McQueen with a posh accent. Along the way, his boss M notes that "orphans always make the best agents," but that shouldn't mean they get to skip out on charm school. (Craig's delivery on the trademark Bond banter labors harder than the seams on his trousers, which is saying something.) But it's not all his fault: he's not the one who blends Mother and the Mother Country in a story that takes much too long to say much too little beyond, "Spies – like the one in this old-timey franchise — are still relevant!" With Judi Dench, Ralph Fiennes. 2012. — M.L.

★★

**Starlet** — Pretty young Jane (an endlessly appealing Dree Hemingway) wakes up one morning, surveys the sun-washed anonymity of her rented room in the Valley, and decides to do something about it. She goes garage-saling for some personal touches, and winds up buying a thermos from cranky widow Sadie (Besedka Johnson). Surprise! The thermos is packed with rolls of cash. Uncertain about what to do next, Jane decides to investigate the woman behind the thermos and figure things out from there. What follows is a triumph of small-scale filmmaking from director Sean Baker: intimate but not sentimental, revealing but not exploitative, and happy to keep its moral concerns

rooted in people and the way they treat each other. Most importantly, *Starlet* understands its leads — their points of communion and divergence, their disparate fears and desires, and ultimately, what each may offer the other. 2012. — M.L.

★★★

**Wreck-It Ralph** — What a concept: children's play-things with human neuroses. Oh, wait, this isn't *Toy Story*? Nope, just a Disney rehash of same, substituting video game characters for action figures. You know — it's what the kids are into these days, even if there is a hefty dose of Gen-X nostalgia to rope in the grownups. (Our heroes populate an arcade where kids go to dump quarters into the sort of 8-bit retro jobs you can play online for free.) And like an arcade game, it's laced with cheat codes. Professional bad guy Wreck-It Ralph knows that being a bad guy is just his job, the sort of thing he can leave behind at the end of the day. But the corresponding good guys aren't in on the secret, and treat him like he's *actually bad* — making him live in the dump, not inviting him to parties, etc. Alas, he can't point out this bit of flawed storytelling, so instead, he sets off to get a medal from some *other* game, just to prove his worth. Out in the wider gaming world, the arbitrary discrepancies persist: one heroine can't help being hard-hearted; she was programmed with a tragic backstory. Another...well, suffice it to say that Disney seems eager to take a break from princess culture, and remains comfortable with breaking the rules of its own universe. But quibbles aside, the whole thing is bright and slick and full of clever nods to the video game universe, and there are jokes and thrills aplenty to keep the kiddies entertained while their parents get misty-eyed over Q\*bert. With the voices of John C. Reilly, Jack McBrayer, Sarah Silverman, and Jane Lynch, among others. 2012. — M.L.

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# MOVIE SHOWTIMES

(PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:10, 2:35) 6:45, 10:10; **Playing for Keeps** (PG-13) Fri. (11:25, 2:05, 4:40) 7:25, 10:20 Sat-Sun (11:25, 2:05) 4:40, 7:25, 10:20; **Red Dawn** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:40, 5:05) 7:55, 10:15 Sat-Sun (12:15, 2:40) 5:05, 7:55, 10:15; **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) Fri. (11:20, 1:55, 4:25) 6:50, 9:45 Sat-Sun (11:20, 1:55) 4:25, 6:50, 9:45; **Skyfall** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:40) 3:10, 7:15, 10:35; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 12:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30) 8:00, 8:30, 11:50, 12:20 Sat. (12:00, 12:30, 2:00) 4:00, (4:30) 8:00, 8:30, 11:50 Sun (12:00, 12:30, 2:00) 4:00, (4:30) 8:00, 8:30; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:20, 11:00, 11:30, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30) 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30, 10:50, 11:30; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 2** (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 1:40, 4:35) 7:40, 10:45 Sat-Sun (10:45, 1:40) 4:35, 7:40, 10:45; **Wreck-It Ralph** (PG) Fri. (10:50, 1:35, 4:15) 7:10, 9:55 Sat-Sun (10:50, 1:35) 4:15, 7:10, 9:55

## SANTEE

### Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)  
Call theater for program information.

## SOUTH BAY

### CHULA VISTA

#### AMC Palm Promenade

770 Dennery Road (888-262-4386)  
Call theater for program information.

#### Regal Rancho Del Rey

1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street)  
(619-216-4707)  
Call theater for program information.

#### UltraStar Chula Vista

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)

**Kidtoons: Barbie: The Princess & The Popstar** (NR) Sat & Sun: (10:30 AM); **The Man with the Iron Fists** (R) Fri-Tue: (12:00), (2:30), 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, Wed & Thu: (10:15 AM), (12:45), (3:20), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Chasing Mavericks** (PG) Fri-Tue: (11:00 AM), (4:00), 9:30, Wed & Thu: (11:45 AM), 5:00, 10:15; **Cloud Atlas** (R) Fri-Tue: (12:00), (3:45), 7:30, Wed & Thu: (10:00 AM), (1:45), 5:30, 9:15; **Fun Size** (PG-13) Fri-Tue: (11:15 AM), (1:30), (3:45), 6:00, 8:15, 10:30, Wed &

Thu: (10:45 AM), (1:00), (3:15), 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; **Silent Hill: Revelation** (R) Fri-Thur: 10:45 PM; **Paranormal Activity 4** (R) Fri-Tue: (1:45), 6:45, Wed & Thu: (2:30), 8:00; **Sinister** (R) Fri-Tue: (11:30 AM), (2:15), 5:00, 7:45, 10:30, Wed & Thu: (10:30 AM), (1:15), (4:00), 6:45, 9:30; **Frankenweenie** (PG) Fri-Thur: (11:45 AM), (2:15), 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; **Taken 2** (PG-13) Fri-Thur: (11:15 AM), (1:45), 4:15, 6:45, 9:15; **Looper** (R) Fri-Tue: (11:45 AM), (2:30), 5:15, 8:00, 10:45, Wed & Thu: (11:30 AM), (2:15), 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; **ParaNorman** (PG) Fri-Tue: (2:00), 7:00, Wed & Thu: (12:30), 5:15, 10:00; **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Fri-Tue: (11:30 AM), 4:30, 9:15, Wed & Thu: (10:00 AM), (2:45), 7:30; **Brave** (PG) Fri-Tue: (12:45), (3:15), 5:45, 8:15, Wed & Thu: (10:15 AM), (12:45), (3:15), 5:45, 8:15

## EASTLAKE

### AMC Otay Ranch

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)  
**Flight** (R) Fri-Sat. 4:45p.m. Sun 4:40p.m.; **Life of Pi** (PG) Fri-Sun 10:10, 4:00; **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun 1:05, 7:00, 10:00; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:10, 2:45, 6:20, 9:50; **Playing for Keeps** (PG-13) Fri. 11:15, 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55 Sat. 4:40, 7:20, 10:00 Sun 11:15, 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55; **Red Dawn** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. 11:40, 2:15, 8:00, 10:30 Sun 11:40, 2:15, 7:50, 10:15; **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) Fri-Sun 10:15, 3:15, 6:05, 8:40; **Rise of the Guardians 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45p.m.; **Skyfall** (PG-13) Fri. 11:50, 3:10, 6:45, 10:20 Sat. 10:05, 1:25, 3:15, 6:45, 10:20 Sun 11:50, 3:10, 6:45, 10:10; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:00, 1:50, 2:30, 5:45, 9:15, 9:45, 10:15; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:25, 7:30, 8:30; **The Metropolitan Opera: Aida** (Not Rated) Sat. 9:55a.m.; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 9:55, 12:40, 3:25, 6:15, 9:00; **Wreck-It Ralph** (PG) Fri-Sun 9:55, 12:35, 3:20, 6:10

## 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)  
**The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:45, 3:15, 5:30, 7:00, 9:00, 10:45, Sun-Tue: 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:45, 3:15, 5:30, 7:00, Wed & Thu: 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:45, 3:15, 5:30, 7:00, 9:00, 10:45; **Playing for Keeps** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 2:00, 4:30, 7:45, 10:15, Sun-Tue: 10:45 AM, 2:00, 4:30, 7:45, Wed & Thu: 10:45 AM, 2:00, 4:30, 7:45, 10:15; **Kidtoons: Barbie: The Princess & The Popstar** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Life of Pi** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:45, 8:00, 10:45, Sun-Tue: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:45, 8:00, Wed & Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:45, 8:00, 10:45; **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) Fri & Sat: 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30, Sun-Tue: 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, Wed & Thu: 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Skyfall** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:30, 10:30, Sun-Tue: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:30, Wed & Thu: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:30, 10:30

## POWAY

### UltraStar Poway

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

**The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:30, 4:15, 8:00, 11:30, Sun-Tue: 12:30, 4:15, 8:00; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 3:15, 7:00, 10:45, Sun-Tue: 11:30 AM, 3:15, 7:00; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 3:15, 6:00, 7:00, 10:45, Sun-Tue: 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 2:15, 3:15, 6:00, 7:00; **Playing for Keeps** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:50, 10:15, Sun-Tue: 12:15,

2:45, 5:15, 7:50; **Kidtoons: Barbie: The Princess & The Popstar** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Life of Pi** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:10 AM, 1:00, 3:50, 7:10, 10:00, Sun-Tue: 10:10 AM, 1:00, 3:50, 7:10; **Red Dawn** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 3:30, 9:35; **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45, Sun-Tue: 11:00 AM, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 1:15, 4:25, 7:40, 10:50, Sun-Tue: 10:00 AM, 1:15, 4:25, 7:40; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 2** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 10:20, Sun-Tue: 10:45 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:25; **Skyfall** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 1:25, 4:30, 7:30, 10:35, Sun-Tue: 10:15 AM, 1:25, 4:30, 7:30; **Wreck-It Ralph** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 3:00, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40, Sun-Tue: 11:15 AM, 3:00, 5:45, 8:15

## SAN MARCOS

### Regal San Marcos

1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)  
Call theater for program information.

## TEMECULA

### Ultrastar Temecula Tower Cinemas

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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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been running through, barefoot, in the midst of escaping a sudden summer thunderstorm in the high desert of Lucerne Valley, California. The doctors told my parents that the bottoms of my feet had burn marks on them, but I mainly remember the massive headache and entire-body tingling that lasted several days.

SHELLY DEROBERTIS, DECEMBER 5

## IMPERIAL BEACH

### Border bounty

#### Federal government settles border land lawsuit with county and state

On Tuesday, December 4, the federal government agreed to pay \$7 million to the county parks, state parks, and California Coastal Conservancy for land that was condemned in order to build additional layers of border fencing between the International Boundary Water Commission sewage-treatment plant and Goat Canyon.

Federal court records show that the \$7 million payment will be split three ways: about \$2.1 million to the state parks for land leased to the county, \$2.5 million to the county, and \$2.4 to the California Coastal Conservancy. The money is payment for land taken and is

not earmarked for any specific use.

The court fight over the land does not include additional land taken from Border Field State Park, including part of the top of Bunker Hill; that court battle continues.

Neither the state nor county have stated what they will do with the money.

LUCY D. BARKER, DECEMBER 5

## LA MESA

### Magician marvels motorists

#### Police chief suggests median magic show requires business license

Wearing a gray fedora and dressed in a white T-shirt, vest, shorts, and black shoes with bright white laces, Joe Spelton performed magic tricks on Thursday, November 29, for a temporarily captive audience. The spectators were drivers waiting for the light to change at the intersection of Baltimore Drive and El Cajon Boulevard.

At his feet was a brown case holding a sign that proclaimed "MAGIC SHOW." As drivers waited at the red light, Spelton produced a royal-blue piece of silk cloth and then made it vanish. The fingers of his empty hands moved as if he spoke a secret sign language, and then the blue silk reappeared.

A motorist responded with a honk. With a flourish, Spelton changed the color of the cloth to shamrock-green. He then turned the

silk to its original color and transformed it into a coin. Some spectators tipped the magician.

Spelton said he performs on medians in La Mesa, usually around Fletcher Parkway, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday or Thursday. On the weekends, Spelton works his magic in San Diego, generally at Seaport Village. On the median, Spelton is a one-trick magician who performs the "vanishing silk" routine during the two to five minutes when the stoplight is red.

La Mesa councilwoman Ruth Sterling brought up Spelton's act at the November 13 city-council meeting, asking police chief Ed Aceves about ending the performances. Aceves explained that the vehicle code regulated how far from freeway on-ramps and off-ramps that people could stand. The police chief said that the City could "suggest the magic guy needs a permit for a business license."

LIZ SWAIN, DECEMBER 3

## NORTH COUNTY

### I-5 mess coming?

#### SANDAG polls residents on the planned I-5 widening

Last week, North County coastal residents started receiving live telephone survey calls from the San Diego County Association of Governments (SANDAG) regarding the upcoming I-5 expansion.

Officially known as the North Coast Corridor Project, from La Jolla Village Drive through Oceanside, SANDAG is coordinating the joint effort and funding for Caltrans' plans.

Residents are being polled on how they currently use the I-5. After a few minutes into the survey, (paraphrased) questions included: "Do you find riding your bike safe?" and "What form of alternative transportation would you consider if the freeway were clogged?"

According to SANDAG's Colleen Windsor, the survey is being conducted to find out what residents are willing to do during the construction phase of the freeway, which is sure to cause more traffic congestion than already experienced by commuters.

The expansion plans for I-5 have commuters and property owners concerned. Caltrans proposed numerous options over the past few years, from doing nothing to widening the freeway 75 feet on each side and adding eight lanes (two additional lanes and two car-pool lanes on each side).

The expanded I-5 project will probably not be completed until the 2020s. The project will also coordinate and expand area bus service, with major off-ramps connecting with several planned transit centers.

KEN HARRISON, DECEMBER 4  
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- 1. Garten of the Food Network
- 4. Bigwig
- 9. " \_\_\_\_ of God" (1985 film)
- 14. Boxer's wear
- 16. Took the wheel
- 17. Drunkard
- 18. Target of October ads
- 19. What the employee said she was to her boss after hitting the lottery jackpot?
- 21. Hike: Abbr.
- 22. Roof application
- 23. Play (with)
- 24. A child's worst nightmare?
- 32. Mr. T's TV gang
- 33. Lena of "Chocolat"
- 34. Mediterranean relative of a star of "The Sopranos"?

- 40. "This Is How \_\_\_\_ It" (1995 #1 hit)
- 41. Was sick
- 42. Walt Disney biopic that focuses heavily on the creation of Mickey and Minnie?
- 46. RR stop
- 49. Military branches: Abbr.
- 50. " \_\_\_\_ calling?"
- 51. "Cutting to the chase ... " (or a hint at solving 19-, 24-, 34- or 42-Across)
- 58. Make a pass at
- 59. Kentucky's northern border
- 60. O3
- 61. Pink Floyd's "The Wall," e.g.
- 62. "Lost" actor Jeff
- 63. Chases away
- 64. \_\_\_\_ milk

Down

- 1. "Gotcha, bro"
- 2. "Stop! That's totally wrong!"
- 3. Bureau
- 4. Where kroner are spent: Abbr.
- 5. Others, to Octavian
- 6. Beginning trumpeter's sound
- 7. Promise
- 8. QB Favre and others
- 9. Daily or weekly
- 10. Mushroom
- 11. "Me? Impossible!"
- 12. Deadlocked
- 13. Rev.'s address
- 15. "Good buddy"
- 20. Japanese "yes"
- 24. Call \_\_\_\_ day
- 25. "Tutte \_\_\_\_ cor vi sento" (Mozart aria)
- 26. Industrial container
- 27. "Um ... er ..."
- 28. Washerful
- 29. Building annex
- 30. 2002 Nas hit "One \_\_\_\_"
- 31. Diciembre ends it
- 32. Mine, in Marseille
- 34. Toddler's age
- 35. Publisher often seen in PJs
- 36. Teacher's deg.

- 37. Caesar who quipped "The guy who invented the first wheel was an idiot. The guy who invented the other three, he was a genius"
- 38. Dutch \_\_\_\_ disease
- 39. ATM charge
- 43. "Yankee Doodle Dandy" Oscar winner
- 44. 40% of fifty?
- 45. Rich couple on the Titanic
- 46. Starts of some brawls
- 47. Bullfighter
- 48. Bad way to be lead
- 50. Beat to a froth
- 51. " \_\_\_\_ With a 'Z'" (1972 TV concert)
- 52. Texter's "From a different viewpoint ..."
- 53. What the fourth little piggy had
- 54. "Call on me! I know the answer!"
- 55. Puerto \_\_\_\_
- 56. "The Ballad of John and \_\_\_\_"
- 57. B'way signs of success
- 58. Cooperstown attraction: Abbr.

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

- Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 5.

There's a spy from across the pond,  
His short locks are now very blond,  
He's tougher and hotter,  
Than a boy named Potter,  
It is 007 — Bond, James Bond.
- Larry Johnsgard, Escondido, 5.

It seems to me, Mr. Boetiner,  
that your deal is a "no-gainer."  
It is time for a finite resolution,  
The only reasonable solution,  
Is this not a "no-brainer?"
- Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 5.

A limerick was not coming easy  
So I did one real quick that was cheezy  
But my wife gave me grief  
"Do another that's Brief.  
Because submitting the first one is sleazy."
- Martin Soblick, Del Mar, 5.

Is the end of times almost here?  
As the Mayans and others may fear?  
We're really not done,  
There are prizes to be won,  
and more Reader T-shirts to wear!
- Joe Shea, Ramona, 3.

To the Saudis we'll always be loyal  
on behalf of Kuwait we will toil  
But when you say Syria  
It's "Sorry can't hear ya"  
It's that place over there without oil.

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## TIJUANA

### Fútbol fans flip

#### Los Xolos give T.J. its first-ever first-division soccer championship

The Tijuana Xoloitzcuintles (or “Xolos”) made history on Sunday, December 2, by beating the favored Toluca Red Devils in Toluca, 2-0.

The Xolos, only three seasons into the first division of Mexican soccer, became the quickest team to win the title after ascending into the big leagues.

As expected, fútbol fans went nuts after the victory, but they only went nuts and not crazy: there were zero reports of vandalism or injuries in the mass celebrations, culminating in a parade on Monday afternoon.

In Tijuana, it didn’t take but moments for

the folks here to start celebrating. The revelry included massive hugs and kisses and screaming and fist-pumping in the streets. News services in Mexico are reporting about how well-behaved *tijuanenses* have been throughout the celebrations.

DAVID ALTON DODD, DECEMBER 4

## CHULA VISTA

### Change of (zone) plans...

#### Developer gets cracking on unapproved Otay project, residents not happy

Chula Vista residents who have been battling the city and the developer about a proposed 284-condo/apartment complex in eastern Chula Vista were alarmed last week when earth-movers appeared on the scene.

Barney Reed, a spokesperson for the Eastlake Action Group, said the project has not yet been approved by the city council, so “Why is the developer grading and

compacting?”

In September, the Chula Vista City Council approved a general-plan zone change for the 12.2 acres — from commercial zoning to mixed-use. The change made way for Integral Communities’ Lake Pointe project.

Even though it was the weekend, construction workers were hard at work at Olympic Pointe condos, directly adjacent to the proposed project. Olympic Pointe, also an Integral Communities development, will include 427 units. The target market, according to Olympic’s website, is “move-up renters and displaced homeowners.”

The website describes the location as “nestled on a hill...[with] panoramic lake and mountain views.” But some neighborhood residents say that the scenic quality and commercial opportunities are being wiped out by the concentration of development.

Residents have many concerns — unre-

solved parking overflow is at the top of the list. Reed said, “The condo developments that already exist — Graystone and Summer Hill — clearly don’t have enough parking spaces per unit; the streets inside are painted red, so the excess cars bleed into the surrounding residential and city park areas.”

SUSAN LUZZARO, DECEMBER 5

## COMMENTS

JOHN DEWEY, DEC. 5, 2012 @ 11:14 A.M.

...getting involved in the city’s “community outreach” is a waste of time. Many people spent a lot of time and energy meeting, discussing, compromising, and finally agreeing on a general plan. Now, with an addendum, the city gives the developers what they want and ignores the residents. Everyone, especially long-time residents, should take a ride out to Otay Lake to see how it’s been tragically ruined by these greedy developers and our enabling city council. What a shame. Those hills beyond the lake are probably next.

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## THE READER SUDOKU PUZZLES:

### RULES OF THE GAME

1) Submit completed puzzle of any difficulty level (Easy, Medium, Hard or Evil) to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results and ranking are posted online at [SDReader.com/puzzle](http://SDReader.com/puzzle). But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.

2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name and a clean limerick.

Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are cut into pieces will be disqualified. You may submit a new limerick weekly. This is a great way to express yourself. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

3) We will award writers of the best limericks, among those who correctly solve the puzzle, one of the famous *Reader* baseball caps or T-shirts. And we will print the winning limericks – screened for plagiarism – in the paper and online.

4) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

5) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489**; or mailed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy; or scanned and e-mailed to [Sudoku@sdreader.com](mailto:Sudoku@sdreader.com). Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

7) Late entries will not be considered.

8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

### EASY:

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6		5		7		9		4
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### MEDIUM:

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### HARD:

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## SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

### EASY:

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### MEDIUM:

1	9	6	2	8	4	7	5	3
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### HARD:

2	5	7	8	4	9	3	1	6
6	4	1	3	5	7	9	8	2
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### EVIL:

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6	2	9	3	7	5	1	4	8
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7	4	6	8	5	1	9	3	2
9	1	2	7	3	6	8	5	4
3	5	8	4	2	9	6	1	7

## SEE YOUR RANKING ONLINE!

Now you can go online to check your ranking and communicate with each other! Simply visit: [www.SDReader.com/puzzle](http://www.SDReader.com/puzzle). The new ranking is posted each Wednesday. To use the "comments" feature, you must be a registered site member.

**THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:** (All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.) Prizes will be available for pickup at the Reader offices front desk from the Thursday your name appears in print to the following Thursday at 5 p.m.

### L. Barling, El Cajon, 4.

*Help, help, help! I've lost all of my drafts!  
Lest I drown, oh, I need a life raft.  
'Cos how can I compose  
something other than prose  
At the last minute? I'm going daft!*

### Roy Stone, Santa Monica, 3.

*It's already Christmas again  
Figuring out gifts is a pain  
Even with my list  
someone special will be missed  
and will only receive a candy cane*

### Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 5.

*The holidays are drawing near.  
The stores want to make it so clear.  
For Kwanzaa or Chanukah  
Christmas and others, duh  
We'll spend a lot, no need to fear.*

### Ric Witt, Clairemont, 4.

*There's a TV show on called Moonshiners  
from the hills of Virginia and the Carolinas.  
Them ol' boys know it's risky  
Makin' illegal whiskey,  
But it's better than dyin' young as coal miners.*

### Larry Clark, Clairemont, 3.

*I have never seen a player so shattered,  
As the Cadet who fumbled when it mattered.  
Conflict is a test of will,  
He'll display his mettle still.  
When in combat his foes will be scattered.*



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p.72 Pacific Air *repeated*

p.76 December 13 *entry duplicated*

p.77 January 6 *duplicated*

**Felix E. Charfauros (San Diego) \$30**

*You've reached the \$300 annual maximum.*

### Club Crawler

p.68 theologically *should be* theologically

p.68 Puppeteer *should be* Puppeteer

**Breanne Petre (City Heights) \$20**

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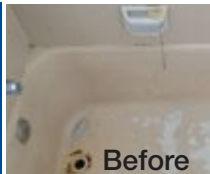
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North County Coastal

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### Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas

The Old Globe Theatre stages its traditional holiday show, in which a green meanie threatens festivities in Whoville. Originally conceived and directed by Jack O'Brien.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 7PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 11AM, 2PM & 5PM SATURDAY AND SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 29.

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### An Evening of Short Plays

Trinity Company, San Diego's newest theater group, presents an "untraditional holiday experience," including works by Tennessee Williams and D.H. Lawrence.

BODY ALCHEMIST, 1253 UNIVERSITY AVE., HILLCREST. 619-542-1321. 7PM FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY.

### Hickorydickory

Marisa Wegrzyn's "realistic fantasy" plays with time, and how much time our "mortal clocks" say we have. In her three-act, three generation play, some have seen theirs and know when they will die. So what to do? The play raises probing questions people don't often take time to ask. But it could use more signposts, since following the ornate superstructure takes mental effort away from the theme. Moxie's production, one of director Jennifer Eve Thorn's best efforts to date, is eminently watchable, even as one tries to figure out who's who. The five-person ensemble work sparkles. And Jennifer Brawn Gittings's appealing, clock-infested set may include the Center of Time in the Universe. *Worth a try.* MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 858-598-7620. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, AND SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 16.

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### Let Your Hearts Be Light

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SUNSHINE BROOKS THEATRE, 217 N. COAST HWY., OCEANSIDE. 760-529-9140. 6:30PM TUESDAY.

### The Messiah

Community Actors Theatre presents its annual Christmas show, "a story that can't be told too many times," adapted and directed by Jennie Hamilton, choreographed by Patty Fay. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH ST., COLLEGE AREA. 619-264-3391. 7PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 3PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 23.

### 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 & 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 15.

### Mr. Scrooge & Mr. Dickens

Park Avenue Community Center hosts an adaptation of Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*, including "dancers, singers, music, and, for little ones, a surprise visit by Santa." Proceeds benefit the Escondido Community Services Department. PARK AVENUE COMMUNITY CENTER, 210 PARK AVE., ESCONDIDO. 760-839-4688. 7PM FRIDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 22.

### Persuasion

OnStage Theatre — and this is a major coup! — is staging the world premiere of Jon Jory's adaptation of the Jane Austen novel, in which Anne Elliot abandons the persuasions of others and follows her own heart. Carla Nell directed.

ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, AND SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 22.

### Plaid Tidings

Bad news on the heaven front: for many, acceptance doesn't guarantee tenure. That's why the four singers of *Forever Plaid* fame return to earth for a "cosmic recertification test." Stuart Ross's frame tale is a mite much, as is some of his cloying shtick. The good news, once this yuletide sequel settles in, the four performers at New Village Arts take it from there, and these guys are good! They sing Ross's impressively orchestrated medleys and do tight harmonizing with aplomb. Credit to director Jason Heil, and

special mention to Nathan Riley, who sings in three different vocal ranges and makes each sound like his natural one [Note: due to popular demand, New Village Arts has extended the run of this show]. *Worth a try.* NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 3PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 24.

### Scrooge in Rouge

Diversions Theatre reprises its popular holiday show, in which four performers quick-change, and cross-dress, and tell the Dickens tale with 23 characters. Tony Houck directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 30.

### Silent Night, Lonely Night

A readers theater presentation of Sherwood Anderson's drama about a brief interlude between a man and a woman over the Christmas holiday. POWPAC, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 7PM SUNDAY.

### Sister's Christmas Catechism

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Sister Marypat Donovan: back in the classroom, ruler in hand, explaining the mysteries of the yuletide season. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 7:30PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM & 7:30PM SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 30.

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Circle Circle dot dot production is a collection of five short plays based on interviews with local graffiti artists. TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH

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### The Ultimate Christmas Show (abridged)

The Reduced Shakespeare Company presents its yuletide comedy show: "St. Everybody's Non-Denominational Universalist Church's annual Multicultural Interfaith Holiday Variety show...and Christmas Pageant." LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-544-1000. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, AND SATURDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 23.

### Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots

This may be the world's first social media musical. Technology abounds (San Diego's never seen such spectacular effects). But beneath the pyrotechnics and pseudo-profundity about living and dying, the story's as thin as a text message. The pink robots are Yoshimi's white cells before cancer struck the young Japanese American artist. She battles them literally and metaphorically. But we learn next to nothing about her — and how she turns herself "inside-out" — or the other characters, even though the cast, led by Kimiko Glenn's Yoshimi, is top-shelf. Though the book needs much rethinking, the visuals — Yoshimi doing aerial dogfights with robots, Basil Twist's 14-foot, Avatar-like being — are a sight to behold. *Worth a try.* LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 16.

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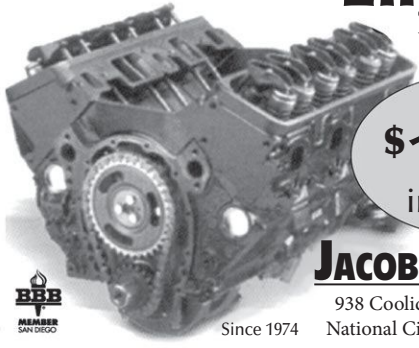
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