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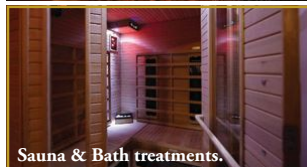
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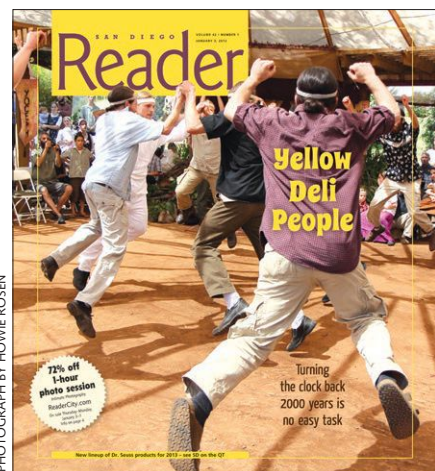
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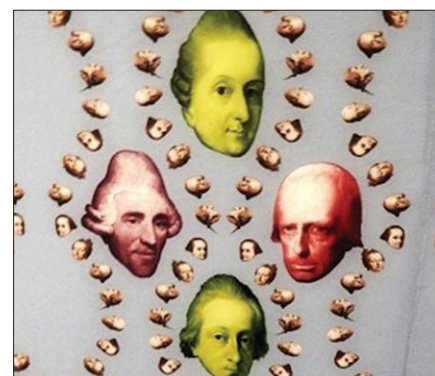
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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Insta-suit

Firm files lawsuit over new Instagram policy despite company's backtracking
Beyond SD — San Diego's Finkelstein & Krinsk has filed a proposed class-action lawsuit in San Francisco against Instagram, which was purchased by Facebook earlier this year for \$715 million. According to the publication *Business Insider*, the suit charges breach of contract, among other claims.

In announcing revised terms of service last week, Instagram stirred up a hornet's nest: users feared that the site would sell photos without compensation. Instagram brass immediately backtracked, saying, "Instagram has no intention of selling your photos, and we never did." But the company retained language giving it the ability to place ads in conjunction with user content.

Finkelstein & Krinsk says customers who do not agree with Instagram's terms can cancel their profile but then forfeit rights to photos they had previously shared on the service, says *Business Insider*.

Don Bauder, December 25

Super-lobbyists prep for video billboards

Filner expected to make the final call as campaign ramps up for animated signs
Mission Valley — San Diego, which once pioneered the way for tough sign regulations across the country, can get ready for some really big billboards if some of the nation's largest outdoor advertising companies manage to have their way with city council and new Democratic mayor Bob Filner.

Based on recent filings by some of city



Static billboards around town may become digital if lobbying advertisers get their way.

hall's most influential lobbyists, a daunting array of high-tech, so-called off-premise signs may be about to decorate the great outdoors here.

In a lobbying disclosure statement filed November 30, Paul Robinson's Hecht, Solberg, Robinson & Bagley reported it has been retained by Washington, D.C.'s Capitol Outdoor, Inc., regarding "the inclusion of San Diego billboard properties in proposed San Diego Arts and Entertainment District (billboard addresses not yet available)."

Then there's the San Bernardino law firm

of Gresham Savage Nolan & Tilden PC, which played a central role in San Diego's great Walmart political money laundering scandal of 1996.

In a disclosure statement filed December 14, Gresham reports it is working for Lamar Advertising to "negotiate approval of billboard contract with the city" and to "advocate to amend city billboard ordinance," as well as to "seek approval to convert static billboards to digital" and obtain "approval of converting to digital billboards."

Matt Potter, December 24

Fake Jordans seller bust

Clothing-store owner admits to importing, selling counterfeit Nike Air Jordans
El Cajon — This year's holiday season isn't turning out so well for Steven Ray Holliday of El Cajon. Shortly after Thanksgiving, the owner of the Staxxs on Deck clothing store on El Cajon Boulevard was targeted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement for selling counterfeit merchandise online.

Now, Holliday has pleaded guilty to illegally importing and selling about \$1 million worth of fake Nike Air Jordan shoes from China.

Courthouse News Service reports that Holliday "knowingly" imported between \$800,000 and \$1.2 million worth of shoes in a scam dating back to 2009, selling the merchandise in his store and online.

Dave Rice, December 24

Flasher cuffed

Man exposed himself to at least five female hikers

Fallbrook — San Diego sheriff's deputies in Fallbrook have arrested 20-year-old Austin Harper after connecting him to a series of crimes in the area in recent weeks.

During the week of December 10–16, five reports were received of a white male adult who had been following females walking through the Los Jilgueros Preserve in Fallbrook and exposing his genitals. Deputies questioned several suspects and set up an unsuccessful decoy operation.

Last Friday, however, authorities picked up Harper on an unrelated trespassing offense. During questioning, Harper "made several specific statements which contained information that only the suspect or person involved in the incidents would have knowledge of."

Harper was also tied to an incident a week earlier, where he rode a bicycle up to a young female and grabbed her arm. She screamed, and Harper fled on the bike. He now faces two counts of sexual battery, four

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Does new UCAN board want reform?

By Don Bauder

Robert Fellmeth, the ethics expert and law professor at the University of San Diego, says he wants ailing Utility Consumers'

Action Network (UCAN) to survive. Fellmeth founded the once-iconic watchdog in 1983 and shortly put one of his students, Michael Shames, in charge. Now Fellmeth has returned to the board: "We're trying to do a restart with an independent board that nobody can question," he asserts.

on the payroll. The current board is trying to rejigger the bylaws to oust Lynch, who, according to inside sources, was the one board member sympathetic to the whistleblowers' revelations, while opposing dissolution. Malcolm now watches from the sidelines.

On March 4, 2011, Pef-

Lampe was close to Shames, who also taught ethics at the University of San Diego.

At that March 25 meeting, Paul Dostart, an adjunct professor at the University of San Diego School of Law, was appointed to investigate the allegations.

Before long, the majority of the board was agreeing with Shames that the best course was to dissolve. The whistleblowers saw that strategy as a way to jettison them. In early 2012, the board publicly stated its intention to go out of business — and also revealed that it was under federal investigation. Malcolm took over as executive director in May; the next month,



David Pepper



Charles Langley



Kim Malcolm



Michael Shames



Robert Fellmeth

The cast of players in the ongoing UCAN saga. Many wonder whether a new board is enough to save the scandal-plagued watchdog group.

But questions abound. Does the new board really want to save the watchdog? Beginning in early 2011 and well into 2012, the board majority wanted to dissolve UCAN. Three of the four people who tried valiantly to save the watchdog fear they will be bounced. The fourth person was brought in to run the organization, begged the board to help her clean up the mess, and finally resigned in frustration.

The four who put their necks in a noose to save the watchdog are whistleblowers David Pepper and Charles Langley, board member Niel Lynch, and former executive director Kim Malcolm.

Pepper and Langley, who initially came forward with the information that led to the long-running United States attorney investigation of UCAN, have no assurances they will remain

fer informed the board of several irregularities, such as that UCAN was illegally avoiding independent audits and that a number of suspicious bank accounts existed with the name of the organization misspelled. Later, many other questionable activities surfaced.

On March 17, Shames warned the staff that if there were any more complaints, he would disband the organization with the board's support. On March 25, four of the eight board members resigned and the chairman stepped down, remaining on the board for a brief time. "I think they felt that they did not have the time to look into the issues," says Kendall Squires, who became chairman.

"For private reasons, I didn't want to deal with this," says Marc Lampe, an ethics professor at the University of San Diego who resigned.

Shames was off the payroll. By August, a disgusted Malcolm had resigned and agreed to become a consultant — but that lasted only until August 30.

As all this was happening, more questions surfaced. Investigators looked into class action lawsuits that Shames had parceled out to non-UCAN lawyers, including William Lerach, who later served time in prison. UCAN groups such as the Fraud Squad would come up with consumer complaints that became fodder for outside lawyers. But settlement money would not go back to UCAN. One employee called the Fraud Squad a "lawsuit generating machine" for Shames, who says that he did not make money on the suits.

On August 10, Malcolm wrote the board, "The problems are too numerous to

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Oceanside gang member Luciano Velasquez's tattoos were used to identify him as the shooter in an attempted triple homicide in Carlsbad.

We don't bang

by Eva Knott

Three people left their Carlsbad home on a cool October evening in 2011 to take the dog for a walk. They all got shot.

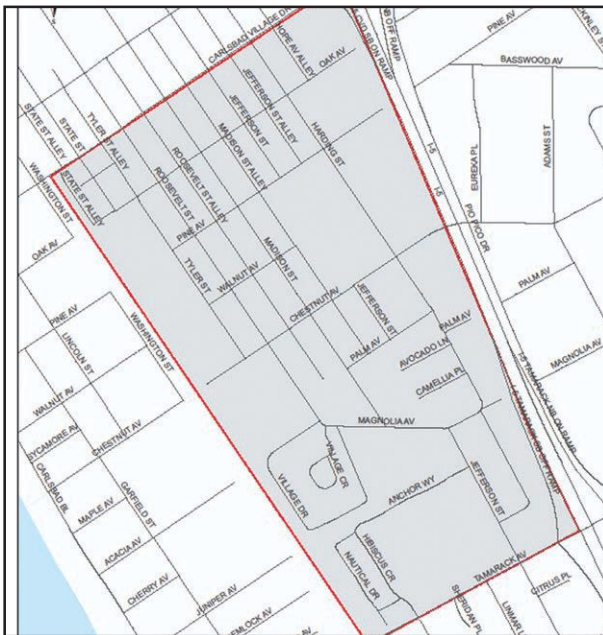
It was completely dark when David, Erik, and Alejandra left the house at about 8:00 p.m., but their residential street was lit by tall street lamps. David, a pharmacy technician and 15-year Carlsbad resident, had barely walked out of the driveway when a dark car pulled up and a man got out. "He looked directly at me and asked me where we were from," David said later.

Though not a gang member, 26-year-old David said

he knew that he'd just heard a gang challenge. "I said, 'I'm from nowhere.' I didn't want to say anything else. I just stared at him dumbly." David could see tattoos on his questioner's face and a blue bandana around his neck.

Erik had already crossed the street with the dog, but he walked back toward the stranger who had stopped. He assumed the man was asking directions.

"Erik came up and he



A map of gang turf — "Barrio Carlsbad," where, police say, a million-dollar home can be found next door to "shanty."

said, 'What's up, man?'" David remembered, "He didn't realize it was a hostile situation at that point."

The gangster repeated his challenge. Erik replied, "We don't bang." The gangster then demanded, "What you got on you?" Now it sounded like a robbery. Erik said, "I got nothing. We're going for a walk."

The gangster answered, "Oh, yeah?" and pulled a handgun from his waistband.

Erik caught the first four bullets. David got one. Alejandra was struck by one bullet. Carlsbad police never recovered a weapon. They speculated the gun was probably a revolver because they didn't find any spent cartridges in the street.

All three victims survived to testify at trial one year later.

In October 2012, Luciano Velasquez was charged with three attempted murders. He was 24 when the trial began in the North County Superior Court in

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UNDER THE RADAR

Happy new city council stipends

San Diego mayor **Bob Filner** makes an annual salary of \$100,464, and city council members are each paid

\$75,386. Their relatively modest remuneration is unlikely to increase soon, but municipal leaders have discovered another, not-often-discussed back-door way of padding their paychecks.

As it turns out, once the officials take their seats on the council, they are each appointed by their fellow mem-

bers to other taxpayer-financed boards and commissions, each of which carries a stipend for meeting attendance.

With multiple appointments and regular meeting attendance, the extra taxpayer-provided cash can pile up in a hurry. The basic requirement to claim the money is showing up for the sessions.

Take, for example, Democrat **David Alvarez**, whose term on the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Sys-

tem board began January 1, 2013, according to an "agency report of public official appointments," filed December 13 by city clerk **Elizabeth Maland**. It is estimated Alva-

rez could pick up an extra \$3600 in 2013 for his service, the filing says, the same he was reported to have been eligible to receive in 2012. Board fees are \$150 a meeting. (Most of the appointments include an alternate or two, so if one council mem-

ber can't make the meeting, another can step in and pick up the fee. Republican councilman **Kevin Faulconer** is Alvarez's alternate on the transit board, the disclosure says. Aide **Matt Awbrey** said in a phone interview last week that Faulconer "has not and will not accept those fees." Of the council offices on the clerk's list returning our calls, Faulconer's was the only one to say that. Other council members may do the same, but the compensation remains on the books to be used at will.)

Alvarez's fellow Democrat **Tony Young** — who departed the council last year to take command of the local Red

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Will Mayor Filner (above) follow the example of his fellow politicians and pad his income by serving on boards that pay members to attend meetings?



Jerry Sanders



Kevin Faulconer



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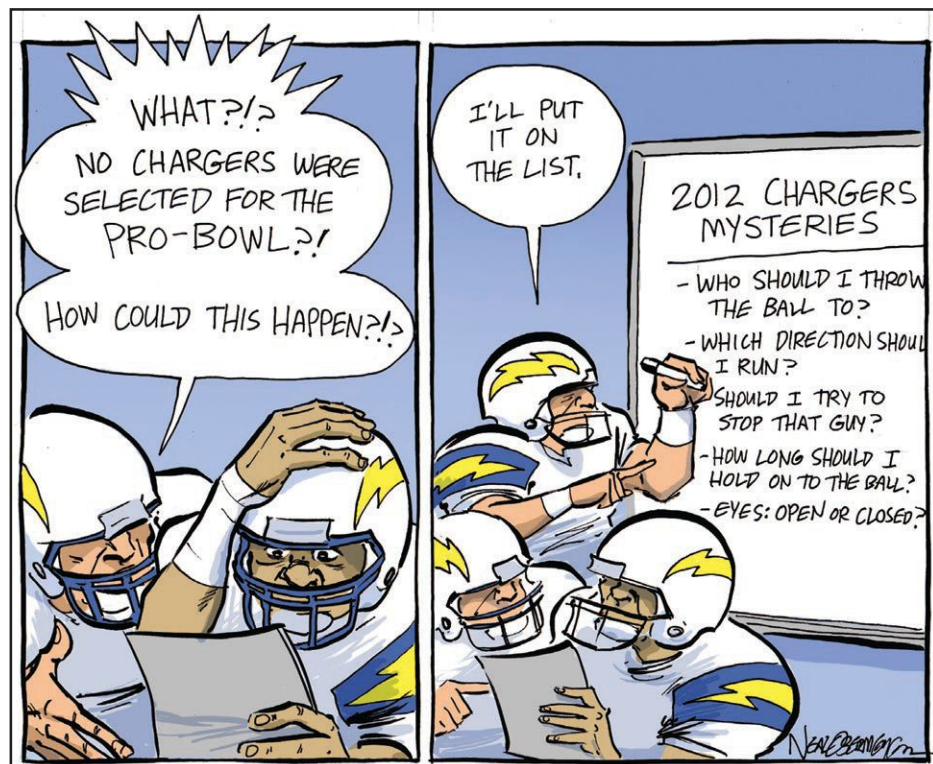


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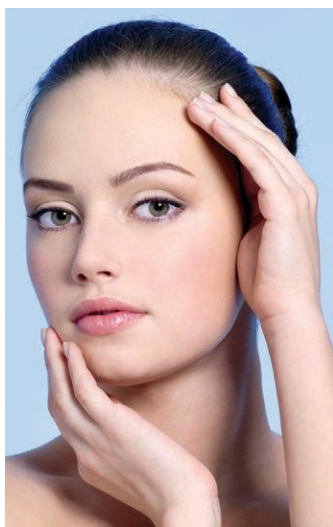


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Not SEALs — EODT
I'm calling about the Yukon story in the December 20 issue (City Lights: "Why the Yukon will Continue to Kill Divers,") and how it kept referencing that the SEALs were the ones who placed the explosives on there. It wasn't SEALs — it was Explosive

Ordnance Disposal Technicians from San Diego.

Nathan Parker
Carlsbad

Socialist Objections

Don Bauder is right to be disturbed by "corporate socialism," but is apparently confused as to when it occurs (City Lights: "ResMed: Please Refuse to Play the Subsidy Game," December 20). He lists "cash grants, loans, tax breaks, property tax abatements, income tax credits and/or exemptions, and free services." Well, grants and free services indeed constitute a redistribution, as do state-sponsored loans and loan guarantees in the real world. But tax breaks, listed once or thrice, do not.

Under a sort of economic analysis that utterly disregards the question of who has legitimate claim to a property, a subsidy and a tax cut function equivalently. But one cannot coherently both disregard and make such claims at the same time, and socialism is a structure of ownership (or the advocacy thereof).

A tax cut only constitutes a redistribution on the presumption that the state has a prior claim to the property in question; that presumption is

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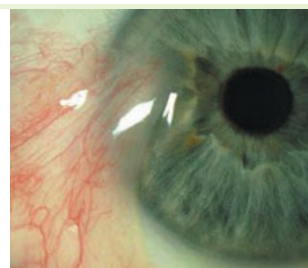
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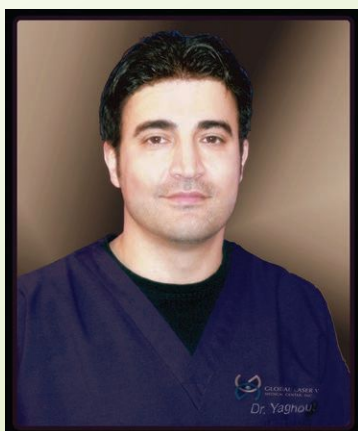
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By Reader stringers

CARDIFF

When the lights go out SDG&E customers lose power in 20-minute blackout

About 2000 SDG&E customers in Cardiff were without power for a short time on Saturday night, December 22. The east-of-the-freeway neighborhoods of Park Place, Poinsettia Heights, and Sea Village were affected



After the power failure, a club member in the parking lot jokingly said, "We're not leaving our booze on the table."

by the 8:30 p.m. outage.

The Cardiff Chevron and Valero gas stations at the I-5/Birmingham off-ramp locked their doors for the duration of the 20-minute outage. Customers at the El Pueblo taco shop had to go home without the food they'd ordered.

On Windsor Road, a performance of *The Nutcracker* had just ended in the Ada Harris Elementary School's auditorium. School custodian Randy Brown said the group cleaning up probably thought he was pushing them out by turning off the lights.

Across the street at the Elks Lodge, their regular Saturday dance was in full swing. One of the security guards said the lodge had a back-up generator. "Everyone just stayed inside," the guard said. One club member in the parking lot jokingly said, "We're not leaving our booze on the table."

KEN HARRISON, DECEMBER 23

MORENA

Wheels for a steal Stolen Corvette surfaces from storage unit 24 years later; cops okay eBay auction

A 1989 Chevrolet Corvette that was stolen from a Morena car dealership when new for sale on an eBay Motors auction this week.

The Corvette was reportedly taken off the C&M Chevrolet lot and kept inside a nearby storage locker for 24 years. Still completely original, the car's odometer reads 67 miles, and the original sales sticker remains affixed to the glass.

The thief recently came forward, reportedly through an attorney, and was cleared by the San Diego police to sell the car (whether this was due to a statute of limitations expiring is unclear). The thief allegedly paid an estimated \$70,000 in storage costs over the years. Comparable used models of the same year vehicle are now valued at less than \$10,000.

The "truly amazing find" is now owned by a Sherman Oaks dealer, Corky Rice. Following extensive detailing work to remove a quarter century's worth of dust, the red ragtop is in cherry condition once again and described as "a collector's dream."

The eBay no-reserve auction for the car closed at noon on Sunday, receiving over 70 bids. The winner's closing bid of \$39,471 was noted as equal to the car's original retail sale price.

GARY CORNAGLIA, DECEMBER 24

OCEAN BEACH

Handicapped hit Man's wheelchair struck by car in crosswalk next to fire station

An elderly man in a wheelchair was clipped by a car in an Ocean Beach crosswalk on Tuesday, December 19, at around 11:00 a.m.

As the man crossed Voltaire Street at the Ebers Street intersection, a middle-aged blonde female motorist driving a dark, late-model domestic car came into contact with the man's wheelchair.

The street corner where the accident occurred is directly in front of Fire Station #15.

Almost immediately after the incident, the fire truck and ambulance went into action. Several San Diego police cruisers blocked traffic and the man was attended to by medics.

According to Peter of Ebers Street Garage, the elderly man, wearing a bright yellow sweater, "was only tapped by the motorist," who stopped immediately. She was seen giving her statement to the police as the victim was loaded into an ambulance for a trip to the hospital for observation.

JUSTIN POWELL, DECEMBER 21

CARLSBAD

Rent check robbery Check thieves target apartment complexes

Four apartment complexes in Carlsbad have recently experienced thefts of checks and money orders totaling nearly \$50,000 from rental payment boxes. Police have notified local property managers of the thefts. National City, Vista, and Oceanside have also reportedly been hit by rent-check thieves.

In Carlsbad, it is mostly the money orders that are being manipulated and cashed, according to Jodee Sasway, public information officer for the Carlsbad Police Department. Sasway says many apartment managers have an inked stamp with the apartment complex name on it; because of this, some tenants



Thieves have been stealing, manipulating, and cashing rent checks.

leave the "pay to" line blank, making it easy for thieves to cash the checks. Sasway warns that tenants should always fill out checks and money orders completely.

The Carlsbad Police Department continues to investigate the cases, but no arrests have been made.

MARY A. LAWLER, DECEMBER 22

POINT LOMA

Holiday blaze House fire above garage; firefighters save ocean-view home

Christmas Eve was not a festive time for residents of a Sunset Cliffs home in Point Loma. A smoky fire was reported just after 2 a.m. on December 24 at a home located on the corner of Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and Guizot Street.

Firefighters made quick work and "had the flames knocked down by 2:25 a.m.," said a dispatcher with the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department. 10News reported they had camera footage of police handcuffing a

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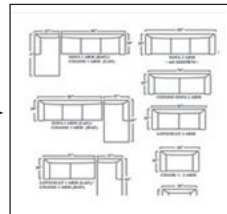
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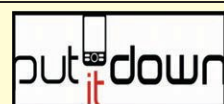


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Minglewise

'So, what do you do at — "I stole a glance at the name badge on the chest in front of me. "San Diego Story?"

"I review music," said Christian, the man behind the badge.

"And you?" I asked Kris, the woman standing beside Christian. I recognized her from previous events, but I only knew her as one of the directors on the board of the San Diego Press Club.

"I'm a dance critic," Kris said.

"Right. Very cool." My knowledge of the classical music scene was weak, so I directed the conversation toward dance. "Have you seen Rayna Stohl's new show, *The Echo of Dracula*? It just opened. She cowrote the story, which I read, but I'm hoping to get out to see the performance in person."

"Um..." The one who spoke giggled, and the other two followed suit. It was slightly unnerving, but I kept up the smile. Then he turned to me and said, "We were talking about vasectomies."

"No, I haven't heard about that yet, but I love Rayna," Kris said. As she told us interesting information about the local dancer and choreographer, I relaxed and sipped wine from the glass in my hand. Conversation started. Mission accomplished.

The nametags at these sorts of parties definitely help, minglewise. This one — the Press Club's annual holiday mixer — was easier to navigate than most. Conversations have no choice but to be struck up in a room full of reporters. When everyone is wearing a nametag at a "mixer," people expect you to intro-

duce yourself. But a house party is a completely different beast. It's hard to tell — even for a social butterfly such as myself — when it's okay to step up and insinuate yourself into a conversation with strangers.

I've been to a handful of parties this holiday season that were held by acquaintances with whom I shared few, if any, contacts. This meant I was often walking into a room full of people I didn't know. Rather than, "Hey, good to see you," directed at someone I recognized, I was left to scan unfamiliar faces above unlabeled chests and decide who looked the most approachable.

At one party, I cringed as I heard myself using the old cliché, "So, how do you know [insert host's name here]." But I couldn't think of any other port from which to launch my conversation. At least at the Slow Food Urban San Diego event (technically a mixer, but without nametags) I could begin with something interesting and sure to be familiar to everyone there: "Have you been down to the

new Public Market yet?"

As the end of December drew near, I'd grown tired of telling my own stories. I knew how they all ended — I'd seen this show a thousand times; I wanted something new. The reason I dragged my ass out of my house almost every night for three weeks was to find out what's going on in town beyond my usual orbit.

I knew I'd fizzled when, at a friend's annual holiday open-house (a daytime affair featuring dozens of pastries the hostess had spent days preparing), someone asked me what I was working on these days and I yawned. I caught myself and stood up straighter, but I only managed a weary, truncated update about my projects before I punctuated it all with a sigh and a tone of self-mockery when I said, "You know, blah blah blah... What's up with you?"

That same night, after just a few hours' break, I again found myself standing, back against a wall, in a room full of people talking excitedly to one another. David had braved the crowded kitchen to work on creating a cocktail for me. I surveyed the room looking for a potential conversant, but it seemed everyone was already engaged.

Rather than stand there like a lamp, I headed to the backyard for a change of scenery. I sighed at the familiar party landscape: clusters of people seemingly deep in conversation. If I wanted to interact, I would have to interrupt someone. I approached the closest group — three men — and, when they paused to open their circle a bit and acknowledge my

presence, I jumped right in.

"So, what are you guys talking about?" It felt good to get right to the meat of things, to not bother with the whole, "Hi, I'm Barbarella, what are your names?" boring bullshit. I smiled and waited.

"Um..." The one who spoke giggled, and the other two followed suit. It was slightly unnerving, but I kept up the smile and expectant stare. The guy shrugged, seemed to come to some silent consensus with the others, and then turned to me and said, "We were talking about vasectomies."

"Oh," I said, briefly destabilized. Still, I'd come this far — I wasn't going to give up now. They'd revealed the subject, which meant they must be cool talking about it, and this was the furthest topic from my tired material, so I was all in. "And? Where are you at with them?" I looked first to the guy directly to my right. "What's your story?"

Over the next several minutes, I learned that one of the trio was happy capping his family at four children, hence his interest in the procedure. The man in the middle — an older gentleman — had gotten his tubes snipped long ago but now found himself in the interesting and not unpleasant position of having a partner with grandchildren. "I got to skip fatherhood and go straight to being a grandpa," he said with a smile.

The last — the youngest and the only one of the trio not currently in a relationship — said a vasectomy was his Christmas gift to himself. Here, I could

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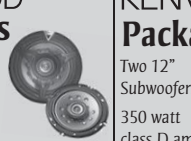
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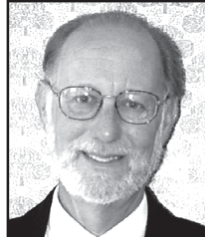
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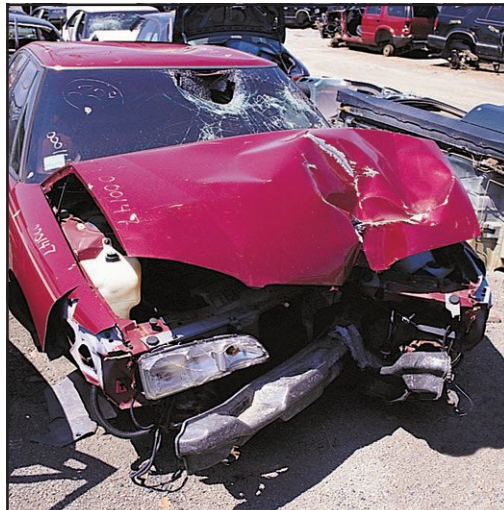
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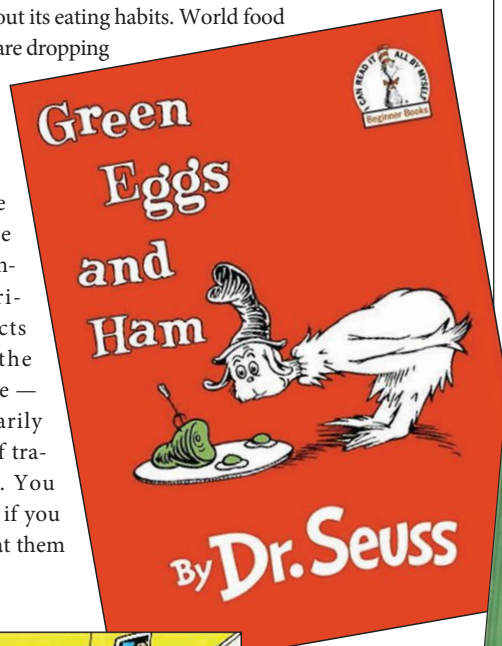
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LA JOLLA, CA — Audrey Weasel, spokeswoman for Seuss Products, Incorporated's Newly Generated Revenue through Added-Value Enterprises (SPINGRAVE) Division, today held a press conference announcing a bold new lineup of products and services for 2013. Weasel began by addressing those present, saying, "We're glad that you came/ we're glad you stopped by/ to see the Seuss name/ slapped on stuff you can buy," before unveiling the good Doctor's new line of "Pharmaseussicals" and other items "inspired by" the author's classic books. A few of the highlights, along with Weasel's comments on each:

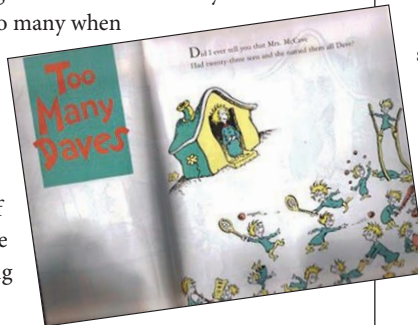
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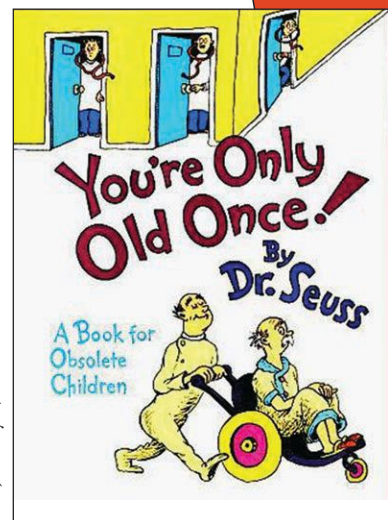
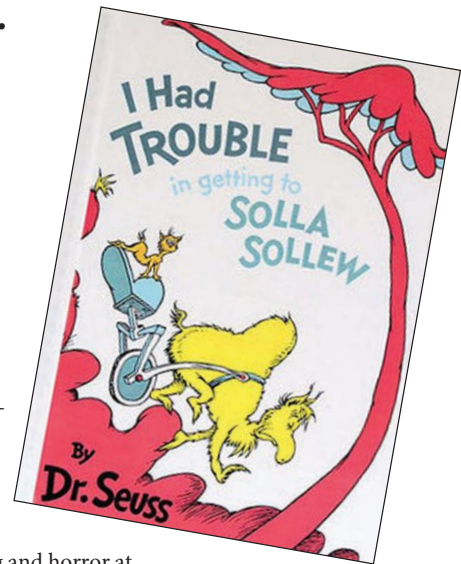


At the other end of the age spectrum, there is the awful problem of overbreeding. We have far too many Daves in the world — we had too many when

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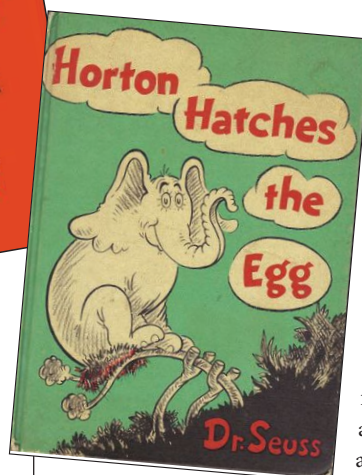


But sometimes, no amount of sleep or silliness is enough to obscure the awful suffering and horror at the very heart of existence; Seuss's nightmarish travelogue *I Had Trouble in Getting to Solla Sollew* serves as a fine illustration of that. Which is why we offer our patented Solla Sollew Suicide Kits — once you 'get there,' all your troubles will be over."



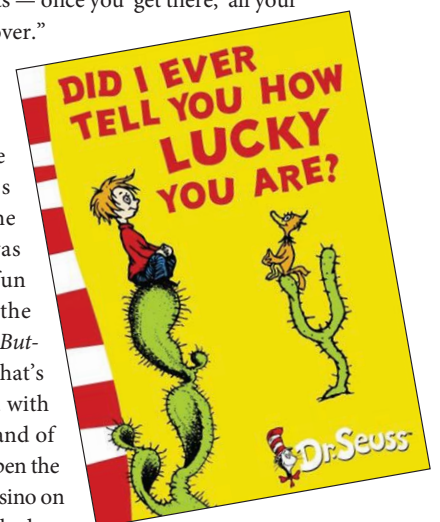
There is no question that America's rapidly aging population is about to trigger a massive economic crisis. The Baby Boom generation is beginning to retire, and there just isn't going to be enough money to support their constant demands for better meds to help them forget what a

drag it is getting old. The good Doctor's prescription is clear from the cover illustration and subtitle: euthanasia, optional or otherwise. Dr. Seuss's 'Oh Don't You Know It's Time to Go?' senior centers will help make the transition easier on everybody."

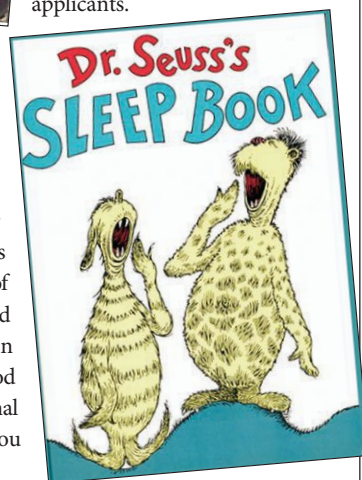
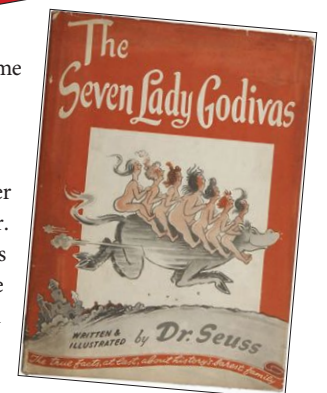


On the other hand, we cannot ignore the very real desire that some people have for a responsible number of offspring — say, one. Even though the Doctor never had any use for children himself, he understood their intrinsic value. Alas, some people are unable to produce them. For those people, we are proud to offer Horton's Egg Hatchery, a full-service clinic providing IVF and surrogacy services to qualified applicants."

But all these efforts to cure societal ills should not obscure the fact that Dr. Seuss was just as interested in fun as he was in ending the arms race through *The Butter Battle Book*. And that's why we've contracted with the Yippie-Kai-Yay band of Native Americans to open the How Lucky You Are casino on the tribe's newly established reservation in the heart of Rancho Santa Fe. You'll have a wonderful time there — you can bet on it!"



And, finally, we should never forget the real glory of Dr. Seuss's legacy: the stories he left us and the lucrative movie adaptations that can be made from those stories. Which is why we are proud to announce that we are partnering with Vivid Video to produce a hardcore adaptation of his early masterwork, *The Seven Lady Godivas*. I'm not going to say any more about that one; just let your imagination wander, the way Dr. Seuss always wanted it to."



However, we don't mean to give the impression that we are interested only in major medical issues. Dr. Seuss always highlighted the small pleasures of life — fishing in a tiny, polluted puddle, or running around on stilts, or even just getting a good night's sleep. Dr. Seuss's Second Sleep Supplements will have you snoozily snoring in seconds!"



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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Heymatt:

I use a bicycle a lot to get around San Diego, often avoiding hills and apparently clueless car drivers. Now, I see sharrows on some roads. What are people supposed to do when we see them? Oh, and that green paint across lanes on Montezuma Road, what's up with that?

— Jim, via email

Sharrows are showing up everywhere and nobody bothered to tell us all what to do about them! Tut tut and for shame, public information channels. At least it's an easy answer. Sharrows (sometimes called "bike in a house" since the double arrow looks like a roof over the bike) indicate that there's no bike lane and bikes should "take the lane" to ride safely. They have a legal right to do so, after all. The reason being that it's maximally dangerous for cyclists to try and squish themselves to the extreme right-hand portion of a lane. Cars will pick you off from the left, doors will hit you, or cars pulling out into traffic will T-bone you because you were blocked from view. It's safer to ride three feet out from the parked cars and be seen by the traffic behind you.

Motorists shouldn't begrudge bikers in the lane, either. There's almost always a clear lane to the left, in which people *should* be driving unless they're making right-hand turns *anyway*, and it's not like the bikes are really slowing traffic down by more than a few seconds.

As for the green paint, cities across America are experimenting with it to make bike lanes more visible. It's showing up on some of San Diego's more notoriously "dangerous" sections of road, like Montezuma and Kearny Villa Road. Weirdly, the shade of green is standardized nationwide.

Yo Matt:

I have a question about some weird concrete patches in some of the slow lanes on our interstates. They're rectangular cutouts, in two rows of four, very neatly patched. They seem to run right underneath cars' tires. I have seen them in several places, like along westbound I-8 in La Mesa and a longer stretch on northbound I-5 as you enter San Clemente. But, again, there are these patches in several other sections as well. Are these patches covering up some sort of magnets to power experimental electrical cars along our freeways or was Jimmie Hoffa buried in thousands of tiny rectangles and covered in concrete along the interstates?

— Gotta Wonder, Clairemont

Hoffa? Preposterous! Everyone knows those patches are where CALTRANS buries pirate gold and blood diamonds to stockpile for the post-apocalyptic world in which municipal highway authorities rule the nation with an iron fist, dispensing justice as they see fit and fighting brutal

turf wars over the right to command the interstates....

Oh, no, wait, those are patches over the spots where steel dowels were inserted to strengthen the concrete slabs that make up the roadway. It doesn't show to the naked eye, but the huge slabs of concrete ripple and roll like waves as vehicles come along. The steel dowels are an inexpensive way to strengthen and prolong the life of the freeway by helping to transfer

loads smoothly from one slab to another. As older roads are retrofitted, the bars are installed underneath the rightmost lanes because that's where heavy trucks drive, hence the patches. Newer sections of freeway are being built with the dowels in place from the beginning.

Heymatt:

How come San Diego is the only city on the entire West Coast that does not allow sex offenders to enter a homeless shelter? Don't believe it? Check out [at] www.lawsuit.tk.

— Anonymous

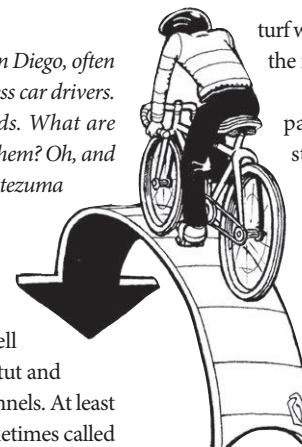
Well, I didn't believe it, so I checked out the website in question and found it to be amateurish and filled with equal parts broken links and dubious information. From what I can gather, the group that built the website mounts a disorganized campaign against Megan's Law, the catch-all term for federal and state rulings that have led to the creation and maintenance of sex-offender registries. Admittedly, registries have become increasingly controversial since their enactment.

This whole thing about homeless shelters seems more relevant in light of California Proposition 83 (aka Jessica's Law), which put strict restrictions on where registered sex offenders could live. While the law has been criticized for pushing a large number of people into homelessness, there's nothing in the law that specifically prevents sex offenders from checking into homeless shelters. San Diego's municipal code is likewise silent on the issue. Popular sentiments and attitudes within law enforcement have begun to turn against Jessica's Law and important court battles have been won on behalf of sex offenders claiming their homelessness was caused by the law. Its immediate future is uncertain.

Homeless shelters *have* been criticized for denying entry to registered sex offenders, but that only happened based on the prerogative of the individual shelters, not as the result of a state or local mandate. Registered sex offenders (or anyone else) are more likely to be denied access to a shelter because of lack of space than for any other reason.

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As a school kid in England, I used to love drama. By A level (graduation) English Literature time, my schoolmaster used to call me “Sir Larry” (we did *Henry V* at A level). But it sort of...well, wore off. I haven’t done any amateur dramatics for over 30 years.

SoCal seems to offer the soul the sort of freedom that no other place can. A few months back, after emailing the Coronado Playhouse, I received an invite to audition for their current production of *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*.

However, two problems arose from the contents of the email. Firstly, the director stated, “Just to confirm, all speaking roles will need to use a Southern accent.” More about that later. In addition, the show is a musical, so even more disarming than the Southern accent was this: “Speaking-only roles — some of the roles for men are ‘speaking only,’ and actors only need to be able carry a tune in the chorus ensemble number.” (I underlined the ONLY).

I spent the day of the auditions watching and listening to YouTube clips of the 1982 film version, starring Burt Reynolds and Dolly Parton. Mostly song and dance but also some dialogue. I reckoned that if I listened long enough, I would be able to recreate the accent that evening.

When 6 p.m. arrived, I was the first to enter the theater. I filled out the forms, presented my photograph, and was asked for my résumé. Now my C.V. consists of 26 years as Financial Controller, CFO, Plant Director, qualified Accountant, fluent Hebrew speaker, and God knows what else. But there isn’t any mention of acting, singing, dancing, or even sweeping the stage floor. (My mother used to tell me that “one day you will be on the stage — sweeping it.”) “I thought it best not to bring my résumé,” I informed the clerk. “I just have a picture.” The other auditioners all had résumés and CDs of themselves. One was a baritone, another a something-else tone, while I was just an OUT OF TONE!

I entered the audition hall, and at least half a dozen sullen faces greeted me from behind desks. I had to break the ice. “I bet this is the first time that you have auditioned a Brit for a part where a Southern accent is needed,” I joked and, thankfully, they all laughed. “Well,

I seem to have made a stupid mistake: you said a Southern accent; I thought you meant a southern English accent, not an American one.” They laughed out loud, and for a nanosecond, I was at ease.

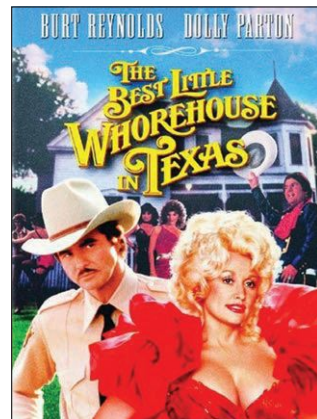
The director asked me what I had brought, and the nanosecond passed. “I thought you were providing me with an unseen passage.” He looked very queerly at me and explained how the others had brought CDs or DVDs of themselves. I just had me and my stupid over-confidence. One of the panel suggested to him that he

provide me with the show’s script. He brought out a little red book, opened it to a medium-length passage, gave me a few moments and...

Well, the passage was one of the damned YouTube clips that had given me a headache just three hours earlier. I ripped right into it. I have no idea where that Texas accent came from, but, boy, did they enjoy the Brit taking the piss out of those Confederates!

But remember the bit above, about singing in the chorus? No? Neither did I! The director blindsided me with the request to sing them something. I wanted to make for the door, but then that SoCal overconfidence grabbed me again, and I humbly pointed out that I was very aware of my musical IN-abilities. Another of the panel suggested I sing “Happy Birthday.” Unsure whether they were pulling my leg, I replied by suggesting that he sing with me. He started me off, and again, that Texas boy buried deep deep down inside me came to the fore. I sang with a deep Southern drawl, to the applause of the panel.

Exhilarated, I left the room, only to be called the next day and told I would not get a callback. I am still not sure whether they were laughing with me or at me, but the adrenalin was racing through my body and I enjoyed every moment of it, even if they didn’t.



A plethora of YouTube clips of the movie were not enough to help this English blogger prepare to audition for the Coronado Playhouse's Best Little Whorehouse in Texas.

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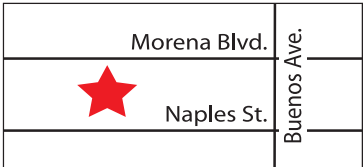
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Suzy Favor-Hamilton, one-time track star, now the third-most popular prostitute in Las Vegas

How did Suzy Favor-Hamilton spend New Year's Eve? You'll recall, back in 2012, Ms. Favor-Hamilton, 44, a former Olympian, was outed as a \$600-an-hour prostitute.

Favor-Hamilton has some notice in that tiny, tiny portion of the general population that follows women's track-and-field. She was a middle-distance runner. In high school, she became Wisconsin's first four-time state champion in girls' cross-country. Went on to be the Big Ten Conference's three-time female athlete of the year. Was a nine-time NCAA champion at Wisconsin-Madison and won seven U.S. national titles. Also a three-time Olympian, but never medaled.

She is a partner in the Favor Hamilton Realty Group. The Hamilton of Favor Hamilton Realty is her husband, Mark. They sell high-end homes in the Madison area. The couple owns a \$600,000 house in Shorewood Hills, a fashionable community bordering the University of Wisconsin.

Besides real estate, Favor-Hamilton worked as a motivational speaker, served as a spokeswoman for runDisney running series, Foot Locker, Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, and Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association. Big fish, little pond.

There is the problem with her seven-year-old daughter, who will never, for the rest of her life, be free of this story. But daughter could wind up being proud of mom's grit. You can't predict how these things turn out.

When busted, Favor-Hamilton responded with the generic celebrity response: "I cannot emphasize enough how sorry I am to anyone I have hurt as a result of my actions and greatly appreciate the support from family.... I have been seeking the help of a psychologist for the past few weeks and will continue to do so after I have put things together."

They are always seeing a psychologist, they

are always taking full responsibility, they are always thanking their family. Follows are some quotes from the immediately dismantled escort service once known as Haley Heston's Private Collection. This is from the Favor-Hamilton/Kelly Lundy escort bio page:

"Hi, I am Kelly and proud to be a part of HHPC, and I absolutely LOVE it! I started this adventure in December of 2011 when I met Haley with the idea of fulfilling a fantasy and doing it only for the short term. Well, after my first date, I was hooked and have been doing my best to visit Las Vegas as often as my schedule allows (I run my own business in my real-world life). I look forward to my visits with great anticipation!

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"For dates, I prefer San Pellegrino or a nice Pinot Noir. (Occasionally, I like to enjoy a lemon drop martini :) I never expect gifts, but if you ever want to provide a special treat for me, I have a liking for Louis Vuitton, Agent Provocateur, Herve Leger, and Christian Louboutin. Expensive tastes I know :) I wear size 2 in dress and panties, a U.S. size 8 shoe, and 34B bra.

"I hope to see you soon! xoxoxoxoxo, Kelly."

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Favor-Hamilton said her husband was aware of her work and "tried to get me to stop. He wasn't supportive of this at all." The couple ran the Disney Half-Marathon in September. She tweeted, "So proud of my husband for running his first half-marathon! He did great!" Bottom line, she didn't lie to him, and he put up with it.

But, why? How about this: maybe she liked it. Doesn't seem like she needed money, doesn't seem like a fling; she was hooking for a year, didn't quit until she had to. Maybe she liked being 44 years old and getting paid \$600 an hour for sex, liked being the third most popular prostitute on Erotic Review's Las Vegas "provider" list. Maybe that's all there is.

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BestBuys

—EVE KELLY

A cough is like the angel of death for a singer. After days of hacking, the voice box is left in shambles, even after the cold goes away. My man Patrick sings professionally, and a few times each year, he starts coughing like his lungs will explode. "When I was a kid, I coughed as if I was trying to bring up everything in my lungs all at once," he admitted to me one evening. "That's a hard habit to break," he added.

"Really? I like my lungs, want to keep 'em," I joked. "And I want to keep yours also. I couldn't live without hearing you sing 'Bésame Mucho.'"

"Then find me a cough remedy, baby," Patrick pleaded.

The next day, I put out a social-media call for help, and my people came through with loads of suggestions. The first few offered hot drinks.

"Hot toddy with ginger, honey, and whiskey," stated Kathleen. "Sometimes lemon instead of ginger. My mom would give it to me when I was older than ten years old and had bronchitis."

Cherie's hot toddy used tea. "Strong black tea, brandy, lemon, and honey."

"Honey and whiskey are superb," said Nick, "served up just hot enough not to hurt."

"A teapot full of lemon and honey with boiling water," suggested Meg. "Drink the whole teapot; it works every time for me. It even worked for strep with my daughter."

Three friends suggested Delsym. "Delsym is the best," Marla stated. Sophie agreed and added, "and use a humidifier." (Delsym Cough 12-hour relief costs **\$9.44** for three ounces at Target.)

"Halls Mentholyptus honey cough drops work best for me," suggested Patrick's cousin Rick (**\$1.19** for a 40-count at Target).

"I use the Nature's Way Sambucol," explained Bernice. "Elderberry is an immune booster and helps fight off viruses. If I give it at the first sign of sniffles, I can usually keep a cold at bay. If they're already sick, it can help knock out a cold in three days with intensive use: one teaspoon four times a day. I sometimes buy the tablets but have found that the elderberry syrup is more effective." (Sambucol Black Elderberry Original Formula costs **\$14.99** for four ounces at Sprouts.)

"Lots of people come in looking for Singer's Saving Grace," offered the saleslady at Sprouts. "It's very popular [**\$11.99** for a one-ounce pump spray]."



"Elderberry is an immune booster and helps fight off viruses."

"B&T Cough & Bronchial Syrup," said Adrienne. "It's as good as the codeine but no drugs in it, though the adult nighttime version does have alcohol in it. Children's versions are excellent, too [**\$13.49** for eight ounces at Sprouts]."

"I learned the vitamin C trick from a news-anchor friend," offered Adam.

"Suck on a nonchewable vitamin C tablet. It's an industry secret for when you absolutely must have a clear throat, but it's only symptom relief, not a cure. Also, constantly sucking on them will burn the enamel right off your teeth, so use sparingly."

"SinuCleanse isn't a cough suppressant, per se," explained John,

"but indirectly as a preventative...in my experience it's more effective." SinuCleanse is a saline solution rinse for the nasal passageways (SinuCleanse Neti Pot All Natural Nasal Wash System costs **\$9.98** on Amazon).

"Unfortunately, I have too much experience with this because my youngest has severe asthma issues," explained Christine. "Vaporizers are good; the cool mist with pure distilled water can help if airways are swollen and irritated."

"When my kids have a cold, I sprinkle a washcloth with five drops of essential oils and leave it next to my children in their beds," explained Mary. "I use lavender oil, eucalyptus oil, and tea tree oil. The tea tree oil is antiviral and the lavender and eucalyptus oils are antibacterial."

Bethanne makes her own cough syrup. "I use a few sources to make this medicine —

Practical Herbalism and *The Green Pharmacy Herbal Handbook*. And I also use the Bulk Herb Store website [bulkherbstore.com] for inspiration. In the syrup I use dried elderberries, wild cherry bark, red clover, Siberian ginseng, and clover honey. I also use cherry-flavored brandy to help it last longer and taste better. My kids like it, and I do think it helps. Herbal remedies take time to work, in my opinion, but I know exactly what I'm putting into my body — my family's bodies — and for me this is important with all the chemicals and additives out there."

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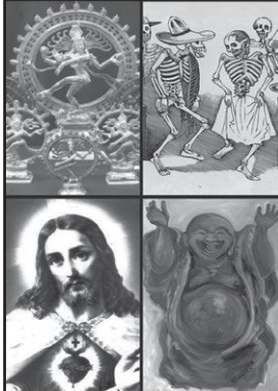
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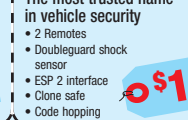
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Members of the Twelve Tribes dedicate their lives

and their possessions to the group. They live together, work side-by-side, and eat and pray together.

North County resident Gary Zuber, a former member who has considered rejoining the group, spent four months with them in 2009. Zuber attended weekly dinners and helped at a daily farm stand.

“If you join,” he says, “you give up all possessions. It’s a big step, but everybody there has done the same thing. They are such a community, in the true sense of the word. It’s like a real family. Everyone works for the benefit of the whole group.”

In trying to recreate biblical life, Twelve Tribes conforms

Walking through the front gates of the Yellow Deli in Vista, you hear gentle hymns streaming from wall-mounted speakers.

to a patriarchal society, where older males are considered elders capable of making decisions for the group. In addition to turning the clock back on gender roles, the group also rejects multiculturalism. Members abhor today's "I, me, my, mine" culture. They disagree with current Christian doctrine, which puts so much emphasis on personal salvation instead of focusing efforts on improving the entire nation, and on the search for the royal priesthood, as preached in the Bible. Nation-building, according to the Twelve Tribes, starts with them.

There are nearly a dozen chapters of the Twelve Tribes scattered throughout the

U.S.; among them are groups in New York, Vermont, Tennessee, Colorado, and Florida.

In San Diego County, members are concentrated in the hills of Vista at a sprawling compound two miles from downtown. The "Community in Vista," as it is called, has a two-story house on a large plot of land. The house is covered in vines and blocked by trees. Blinds cover the windows, preventing any glimpse into the house. Single men and single women stay in yurts on the property. Families live together.

Members keep busy when away from the house. They pass out religious newsletters at farmers' markets or work long hours at one of three businesses:

BOJ Construction, Morning Star Ranch, or two popular cafés, both called the Yellow Deli, in downtown Vista and in Valley Center.

The group follows three basic tenets:

"They are such a community, in the true sense of the word. It's like a real family."

"leave, enter, become." Before becoming a member, applicants must quit their job and give up all possessions, including houses, cars, and any cash in the bank. After being stripped of earthly possessions, they enter into a sacred covenant,

similar to marriage, dedicating their lives to the entire community. Only then can they become a new person. The men adopt a new name and modify their appearance to resemble the

Messiah, Yashua, the Hebrew term for the Savior.

Once the three tenets have been effected, members work at one of the businesses, do chores at the house, or watch and homeschool the children.

All work is per-

formed in exchange for food, shelter, and clothing, much as was done in the mid-'70s, when the group's leader, Eugene Spriggs — known as Yoneq by his followers — branched off from the Jesus Movement in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to start his own community.

After obtaining a psychology degree from the University of Chattanooga, and after three failed marriages, Spriggs, along with his future wife Martha and 50 other members of the Jesus People, moved into a house in Chattanooga in 1974. Shortly thereafter, they opened their first Yellow Deli. Within a few years, Spriggs and the others operated six cafés in the city.

Two years later, the

Internal Revenue Service granted Spriggs and "T.H.E. Community Apostolic Order" 501(d) status. The designation, according to the IRS, is reserved for religious and apostolic organizations or corporations with a common treasury, "even if such associations or corporations engage in business for the common benefit of the members."

In 1979, Spriggs and his followers sold their properties in Chattanooga and moved to Island Pond, Vermont, marking the birth of the Twelve Tribes.

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In 40 years, the Twelve Tribes has grown. Today, the man known as Yoneq oversees ten communities, seven farms in the United States (and one in Germany, three in Canada, and one in Australia), and eight Yellow Delis. The

growth of the Yellow Deli has caused some to accuse Yoneq of preying on the weak and then reaping what

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embroiled in a four-year battle with the California Division of Labor Standards, after labor commissioners fined each of the three businesses for failing to pay minimum wage and for not providing workers' compensation. After a judge upheld the fines in March of last year, the group filed an appeal in superior court.

The Twelve Tribes has other problems. Residents in North County have called them a cult and accused them of indoctrinating forlorn youth, keeping them from reading certain material, from owning

computers, and from forming individual identities. But others say the organization saves lives and allows members to open their hearts and embrace their faith.

All is on display at the two-story yellow building located at 315 East Broadway in downtown Vista.

The first sounds you hear when entering the Yellow Deli are gentle hymns streaming from wall-mounted speakers. The first items you see are bright yellow walls with large, colorful murals painted on them. One wall features people smiling. Another depicts fertile

land with the words "Morning Star Ranch" written in large letters. Vines weave through

"It is just not reasonable to expect people to live contentedly alongside of others who are culturally and racially different."

a lattice above an outside patio. Patrons sit at darkly stained tables. A few feet from

the entrance stands a middle-aged man with a beard, a ponytail, and a smile.

The dozen employees working the café all appear to be from a different time and

place. The men, young and old, look like 1960s hippies: they have beards and their hair is tied back into ponytails. The women resemble the Amish. They're bare-faced. Their hair is long, tied back in ponytails. They wear homemade long-sleeved blouses with dresses that flow to their ankles. Most wear sandals with socks covering their feet. An exposed forearm is a rare sight.

Workers range from late teens and early-20s to mid-60s. All move at a relatively slow pace, regardless of the bustling lunch crowd. Workers don't

rely on tips to put food on their own tables. They don't rely on paychecks, either. The tribe provides all that for them.

In February 2008, a deputy labor commissioner conducted an inspection of BOJ Construction and found that the sole worker onsite did not receive wages, thus violating the state's minimum-wage requirement. Elders in the tribe refused to pay the fine.

In June 2010, labor commissioners inspected the Yellow Deli in Vista. The commissioner asked to see evidence of work-

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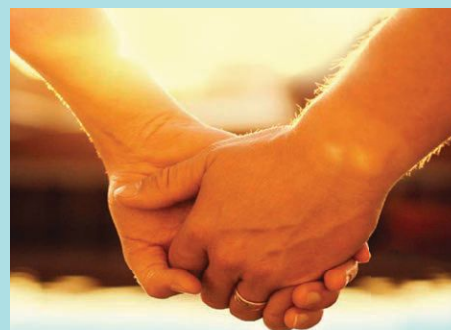
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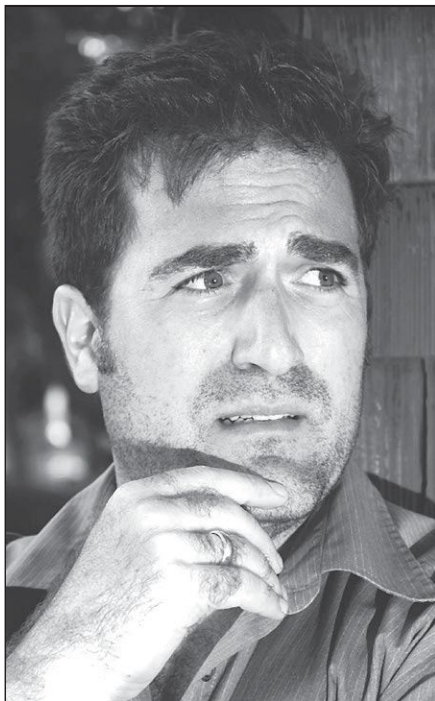
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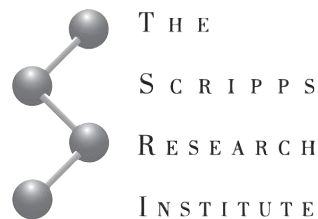
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ers' compensation. Todd Thiessen, the host that day, said that there was no workers' compensation because there were no employees; everyone was a volunteer. The commissioner issued the Yellow Deli a \$10,000 citation, \$1000 for each of the ten workers present.

Two weeks later, commissioners inspected the Morning Star Ranch in Valley Center. There they found three workers present without evidence of workers' compensation. The tribe was fined an additional \$4000.

In the appeal, the tribe argues that state labor laws do not apply, that 501(d) status designates the group a "tax exempt religious community... allowed to operate business ventures."

The appeal reads: "[The] communities support themselves by operating businesses in various industries. The individual members do not receive any kind of remuneration, wages

or the like for their work. No outsiders are employed in any operations in an employee capacity. There are no employees because everyone is a volunteer. Every member

through similar cases in other states. In 1994, a workers' compensation director in Vermont determined that, because of the 501(d) status, the group is exempt from

"It bothers me to see these companies make so much money off of people who are clueless about their beliefs."

working for the Yellow Deli and Morning Star Ranch live, in their way, according [to] the early teachings of the Book of Acts — the way Christ did in the early days, all in a communal fashion."

The court case is currently open and, says a spokesperson for the state labor division, no additional inspections will occur until the appeal is heard.

The tribe has been

workers' compensation law.

A letter from director Charles Bond, dated November 30, 1994, reads: "T.H.E. Community Apostolic Order provides for its members the protection called for in the statute and that it is, in the eyes of the State of Vermont and of the Internal Revenue Service, a partnership which does not constitute an employer of the members."

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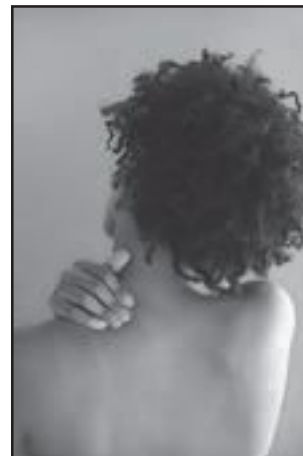
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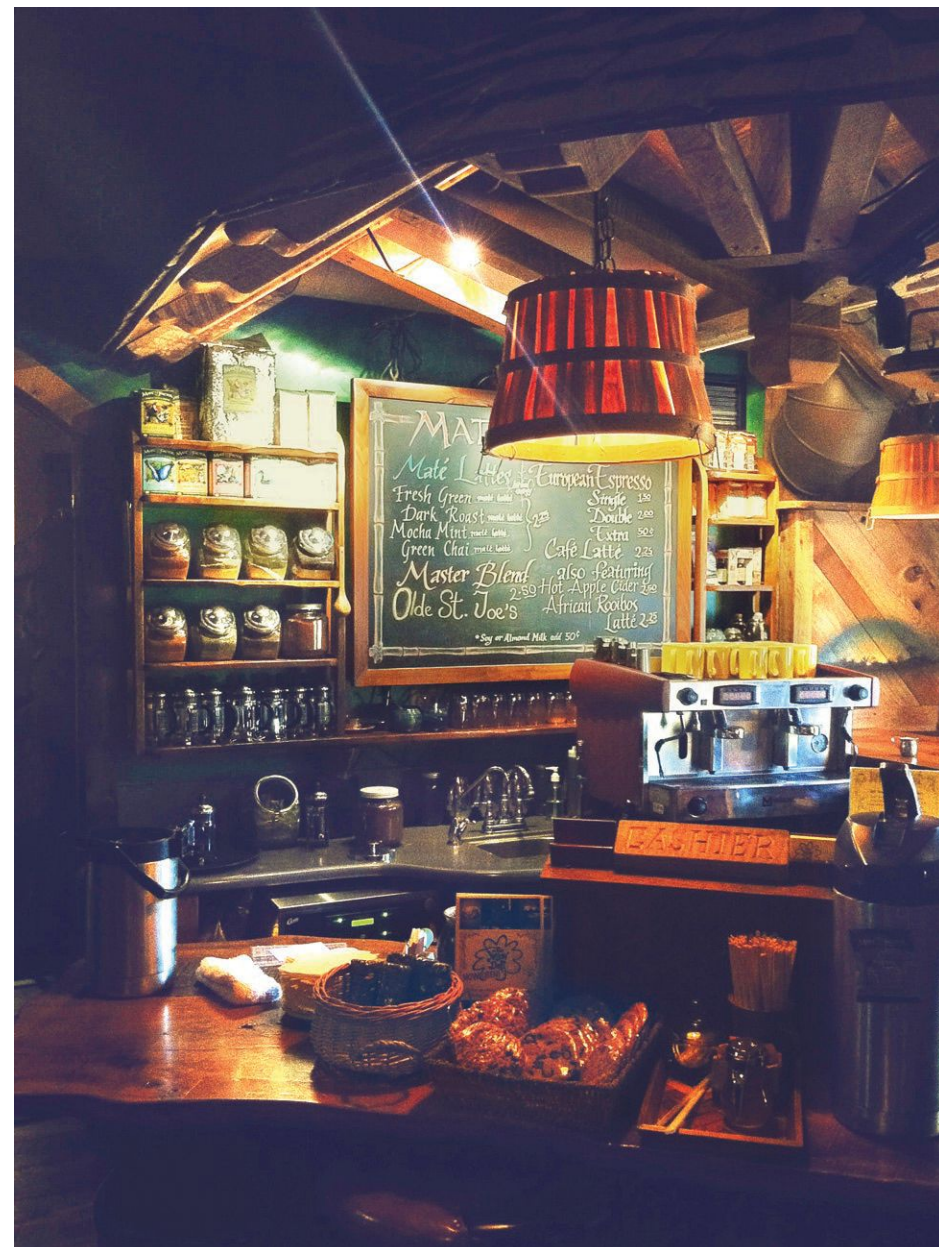
This exemption, however, is moot for some former members. They say that the tribe profits from those afraid to fend for themselves in the outside world.

Cheryl Lewczyk runs the website *twelve-tribes-ex.com*. Lewczyk claims she was kicked out of the Twelve Tribes in Lakeview, New York, for being unable to work the 16–18 hour-days required by the group.

"I couldn't work as hard or as long as all the other slaves," says Lewczyk during a phone interview. "They put me to work in the kitchen right after joining. I did that for two and a half years, despite having herniated discs. My hurt back was never an issue for them, and I hardly ever received any medical treatment."

Asked why she endured the work for so long, despite the pain, Lewczyk says, "We had no other choice but to work, because they teach that the community is protected by God, and if you leave, then bad things will happen."

Elders in San Diego County's group won't



Work practices at the cozy and popular Yellow Deli are the subject of a four-year labor law case.

admit to such conditions — in fact, they won't admit to anything.

In Vista, elder Wade Skinner, known by tribe members as Mev-

aser, stands at the host table upstairs, holding a small notebook and a pencil. In his 60s, Mevaser is short and thin. A white, wiry beard covers his gaunt face. A cap covers his long, stringy white hair.

When handed a card and asked to comment for this story, Mevaser gives a deep, penetrating glare, as if seeking signs of malice. He says he will talk to other members before he decides.

Three days later, in an email, Mevaser writes: "We talked about your interest in doing the story on us. As you indicated,

you are planning on doing a story regardless of our wishes or participation. As I told you, we have not had favorable press from the San Diego Reader, so there is a little bit of a bad taste there for us. Regardless, we have never sought publicity, but always welcomed outsiders who are sincerely interested in our faith to get to know us. We do not think we have anything to add to what we have already said in the past to reporters — and have often been quoted out of context. So we do not see any value in inviting more into our homes. So we hope you

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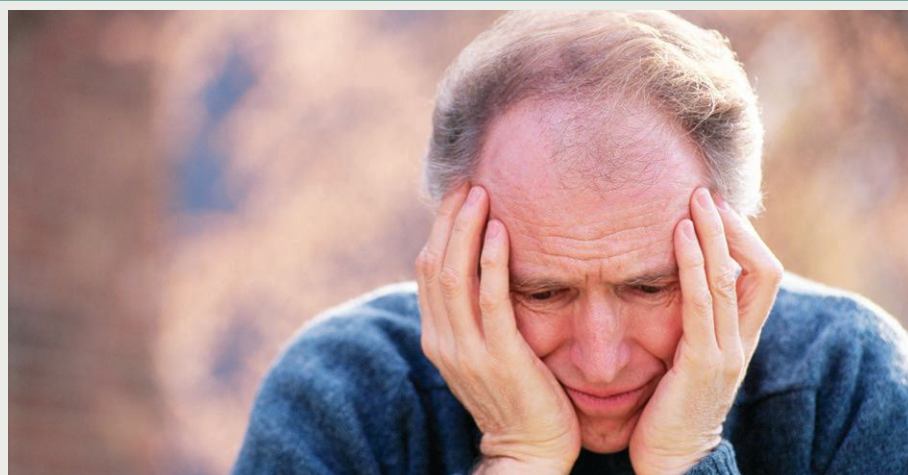
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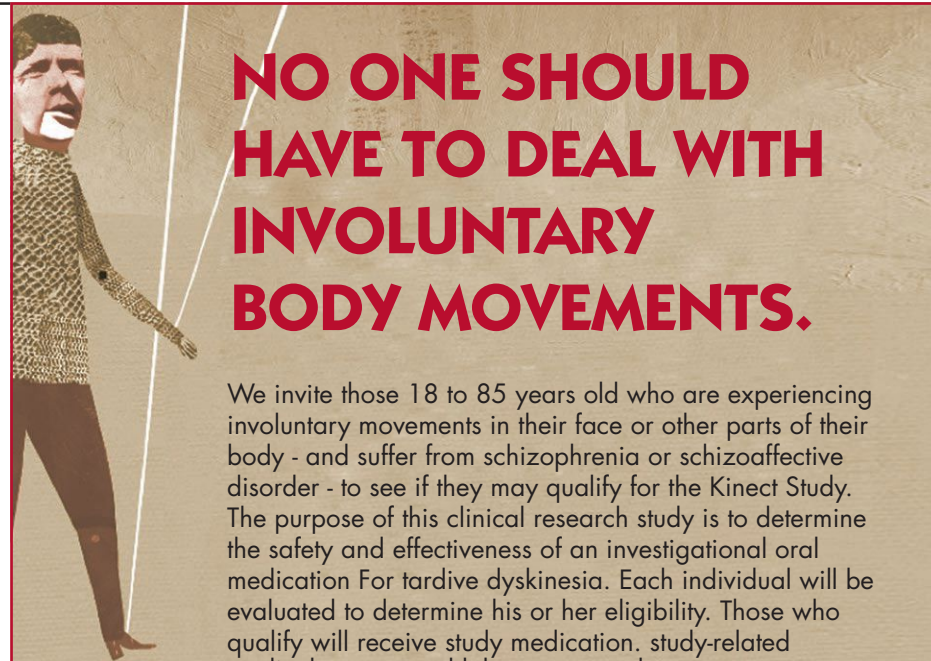
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can be led by your conscience and your heart to write a balanced piece, but we will not be participating with interviews or opening our homes and gatherings for this purpose at this time.”

When I asked to view the Internal Revenue Service form 1065, which should be available for public inspection, Mevaser responded via email. “This is not something we have on file here in California. We file our taxes with all of the other communities in the United States as one legal entity.” He then provided an address for a post

office box in Hiddenite, North Carolina, and gave the name of the treasurer, Caleb Long.

Labor issues aren’t the only problem for the Twelve Tribes in San Diego County. Some North County residents are offended by the group’s radical newsletters and by racism expressed on the *twelvetribes.com* website.

Many refer to the group as a cult.

The associated stigma is evident at the Yellow Deli in Valley Center on a mid-August day. An older man in baggy jeans and a worn

T-shirt, with a salt-and-pepper beard and ponytail, brings food to an outside table, where three women and a young boy sit.

“They are living the life that they believe will have people ready when Jesus returns.”

After the man leaves, the boy, prompted by his mother, bows his head and says grace. Moments later, two cyclists — one an older man in a bright fluorescent-yellow jersey,

the other a middle-aged woman in matching gear — pedal past the deli.

“You know that place is run by a cult,”

shouts the man to his fellow cyclist.

She murmurs something inaudible. The man repeats himself.

“That yellow café is run by a cult.”

The group is also accused of racist attitudes toward other cultures.

An essay on *twelvetribes.com* states: “Let’s

face it. It is just not reasonable to expect people to live contentedly alongside of others who are culturally and racially different. This is unnatural, and sometimes forces people to go against what they instinctively know in their conscience.”

“Trent,” a 34-year-old who wishes to remain anonymous, urges people to refrain from dining at the Yellow Deli and from buying other products from the Twelve Tribes.

“It bothers me to see these companies, this deli and ranch, make so much money off of people who are clueless about their beliefs,” Trent said during a meeting at a local coffee shop.

“They take money from people from all cultures, but they don’t believe cultures should mix. It’s total hypocrisy, false advertisement.”

Trent accuses the group of preying on young people struggling with drugs or depression. He slides two newsletters across the table.

“Forever 27” is one title. On the cover are pictures of dead rock stars Kurt Cobain, Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison, and Jimi Hendrix. The stories attempt to connect heavy-metal music to a selfish way of life, and, as was the case with the Nirvana front man, it to suicide.

The second newsletter, aimed at hopeless youth, has a photo of

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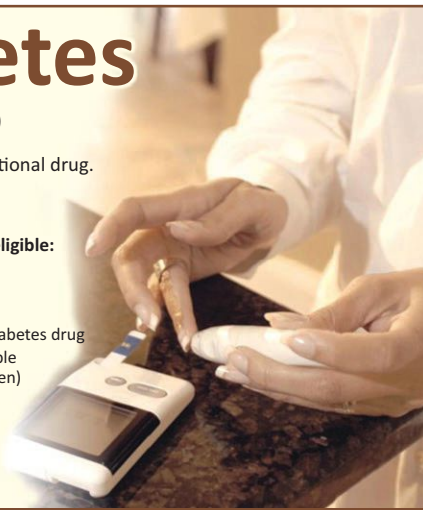
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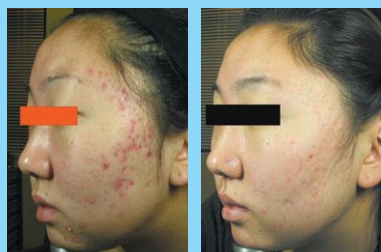
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the Clash's breakout album *London Calling* on the bottom of the front page. At the top is a photo of a top-hatted punk, the emblem for the popular ska-punk band Operation Ivy.

One of the articles says: "It's either that we get our friends together and smoke ourselves into a little stupor and cynically joke about anything containing even a notion of sincerity. Or we buy into the system and sit in misery through four or five years of college, hoping one day at the end of it, that somehow

we'll be happy, and if not happy, at least secure." The article claims that salvation can only be reached when communal life is restored.

Despite being labeled a cult and called racists, some former members have only positive things to say about the tribe.

"A lot of people want to call them a cult. Well, I think they are, but they are a good cult," says former member Gary Zuber. "I've only had positive experiences with them and do not feel like they are doing anything but good for one

another...nobody gets paid but everyone's needs are met."

Neither did Zuber see any racism during his time with the group. "They try to live biblically. I took a homeless guy, a black guy, off the street, and took him there, and he is still a member of the community. I just saw him the other day."

Rebecca Moore, PhD, professor of religious studies at San Diego State University, also believes the tribe has been treated unfairly. She says they are not much different than most fundamental religious groups.

"The Twelve Tribes are an apocalyptic Christian group. Most, if not all, of their beliefs are well within traditional Christian doctrine. They expect Jesus to return imminently. The difference between them and other evangelical Christians is that they take their belief to the next level. 'Live tomorrow's life today' is the way they approach life. They are living the life that they believe will have people ready when Jesus returns, so that they can be part of the anointed, or chosen, people. They take

their interpretation of the New Testament to a different level. They have to live it out, quite literally.

"This is America, and we have the principle of religious freedom. There are many fundamentalist Christians, or Muslims, or Mormons that share belief in a patriarchal society. Unfortunately, at least in my personal opinion, that is not unusual. We can say, 'This is not my cup of tea, but people can and will believe what they want.'

"I respect the people in the Twelve Tribes

because they made a commitment to their Lord and Savior that requires them to give up what the rest of the world thinks valuable. That's not a choice I would make. On the other hand, when you look at parts of the Bible, and Jesus says, 'Give all you can to help the poor,' or 'Give up everything to follow me....' There are all sorts of passages that people don't want to take literally. I feel that the members of the Twelve Tribes have done just that, and they see it as a good choice." ■

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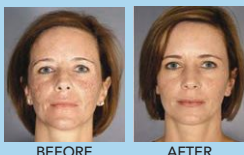
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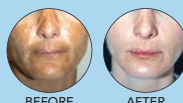


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It's a complicated place. Some people are born there, some die, others pass through. In my case, I was neither born nor died, at least not in the literal sense, but something happened beyond just passing through. And, for a time, I had the big corner room on the top floor, with the best view in the building.

The journey that brought my pen to this

paper is still evolving. But there is this *one* instance, the second time I went there — to *that* building, without an appointment — that feels trapped within me, its meaning seeping out only when I let my guard down. It weighs on me in a way I've never known.

We have all probably cheated death a time or two; in that regard, I am no different. Two times, death was at my

door, and I fled to *that* building. And it is undeniable: I would have died had nature been allowed to run its course. Twice, drastic medical intervention by surgeons saved me.

Here is my story:

February 2010, I'm making decent bank as a credit manager of a large manufacturer, raising a couple of teenage boys. Life's been better, and life's been worse. I seem to be existing more than living, but that's okay.

The previous November, my colon had ruptured. It was deadly serious, and I went to *that* building. I had a couple of surgeries. After a few months of difficult recovery, I was back to the grind. I had shaken off that brush with death and its

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ass-kicking recovery like a dog shaking off water after a bath. My resilience and perseverance had been confirmed. It was not such a big deal, after all. That ugly shit was over. Now: *next*.

It's my third day back from the colon-rupture mess, people at the office still welcoming me, congratulating me on my recovery and asking questions about the experience. In the meantime, I'm trying to get back into the work groove. I still don't feel so hot. By the end of the day, people are asking if I am okay. I am, sort of. But the happy face I've put on is getting heavy, and that best foot forward, well, it's not as steady as I'd like. But that's all I've got, so I figure that if I can just make it through today, tomorrow will be better.

It isn't. Day four rolls in, and I'm feeling sick, like I have the flu, and sore in my stomach, big time. But the economy is in the tank, I just took three months off, and I'm no pussy. I'm going to make it through this day, just like I make it through everything else. This is what I tell myself as I head off to work.

I'm not there long before I notice that this whole working thing feels like a

huge burden. People notice that I look pale and say I should go to the doctor. I blow it off, at first, but then I start thinking that this seems a lot like the last time my colon ruptured. Something serious is happening to me, and it's happening fast.

To chill out my coworkers, I tell them I'm going to see the doctor. One thinks I should go in an ambulance. When I say, "No way," she pulls my truck up to the front of the building, so I don't have to walk far. I tell her that I'm fine, I'm going to the doctor straight away, and I will see everyone tomorrow.

Alone in my truck, I don't have to pretend. I'm sick. OMG, I'm really sick. I need to do something. I feel so weird. It dawns on me that I'm dying — I've begun a journey that will end in my death. It's unreal, a feeling like what you see in the movies, when someone knows they're about to die, and then they do. Suddenly, that's me. I get to script my own ending.

It hurts so bad as I drive, and with that odd feeling creeping on me, I'm not sure what to do. I don't want to go to the hospital. Been there, done that. I think of cowboys and

Indians. I think of dogs and pyres. I embrace myself, realizing with the clarity of reading a fortune cookie that if I take no action: *all that I had ever done, everything I ever thought I was, was everything I would ever*

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be. For the first time in my life, I accept myself, in my entirety. All the good of me, all the bad of me. Forty-six years of living life my way is over. Regrets, forget about it. Soon I'll be forgotten, too; that's how life works. I need to go home and hold my children before I leave Earth. *Yes, I tell myself, man up. It's the final hour. No time to punk out. Stay strong. Tell those boys you love them. Lie down and die in your own bed. It's been a good life.*

When I get home, the kids are scared. I don't look good, and they know something is wrong. I tell them I'm fine and that if can just hold them, I will be even better. I need to kiss their

heads, to feel them in my arms so I can remember what love feels like. I hold them, tell them I love them, assure them I'm fine. Then I lie down on my bed, feeling at peace, if not for the incredible pain. But my

story that I am fine is not holding up. The boys call my sister, and she rushes over.

She drives me to *that* building. We don't have an appointment. I won't get out in front. I insist that I will walk from the parking lot. I have a sense of dread looking at *that* building. My plan had been to ride out

the pain and die, but I know now that that is over. As soon as I enter *that* building, a fight will begin. I will at least walk to the fight like everyone else.

It is a long and painful walk to the lobby — that was a bigger parking garage than it looked. Right away, they want me in the back, and they want me to take a wheelchair to the bed. "No, I'll walk," I tell them. I need to. Scared, is what I am. I know I am about to surrender myself, but not to my Maker as seems natural. I am going to surrender myself to my fellow man, place my fate in their hands, as they battle the natural order of life. Surrendering my fate to others goes against my nature, but after signing a few forms, that's what I've done. It's surreal. The stakes are so high, like a mountain in front of me.

Yes, I'm walking to the

bed. They get a young orderly, a big kid — in some way he reminds me of my oldest boy. He hovers like a hawk as we go, my sister on one side, him on the other. Me swaggering in the middle. This is the hardest walk of my life. It hurts so bad. I hate where we are going, I hate why we are going there, I hate what I think they are going to do. I want to curl up and have it just go away.

When we make it to the bed, I begin to disassociate myself from the totality of my situation and lie there quietly. Soon, I'm in a gown under warm blankets, my ID now a bracelet on my wrist that's constantly checked, an IV dripping in my arm, and everyone talking to me is wearing a uniform. They all look at me like they are sorry I'm lying there like I am, and I can tell I'm screwed. But it's clear they are rallying

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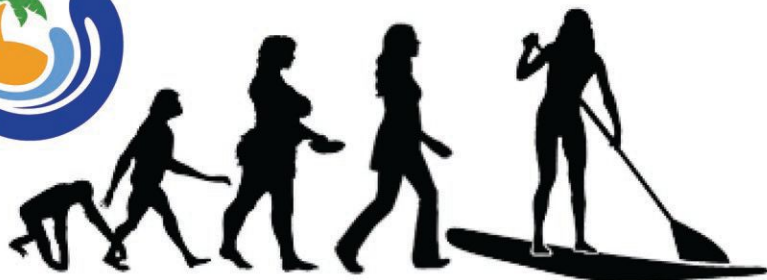


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The tests indicate that my intestines have ruptured again. Now, they are planning the next course of action. This includes major surgery, or else I will die. Wow, all these decisions. The possibilities and uncertainty of it all spin as I lie here, thinking.

I'm spending the night, so my sister makes arrangements for my kids. She calls the rest of the family to tell them I'm at the emergency room, waiting to be admitted to the hospital. A nurse comes in and apologizes to me. A man in cardiac arrest is coming in to the next space, and she warns me that it might be loud. She is concerned I won't rest with the commotion. WTF? Is this for real?

They wheel the guy in, and an army of people descend on him. An

immensely organized effort is launched to save this man's life. It is loud, so many people working in tandem, as if choreographed, as they try every method they can to revive him. After the defibrillator is used and all else seems to fail, they bring in that strapping kid who escorted me to my bed to do chest compressions. He works at it until the man's heart starts again. Suddenly, there is hope in the air, as the monitor beeps the rhythm of his heart. The team congratulates the kid on his effort. And now begins the task of keeping the man's heart beating.

My head is swimming... this is surreal. Suddenly, I don't have a good feeling anymore. It all seems too serious, so for-keeps, while being forgiving in an unforgiving kind of way. When that machine stops beep-

ing the sounds of the man's heart, everyone again goes into overdrive. But he dies anyway.

I am stunned at this turn of events, at how quickly what happened, happened.

When that machine stops beeping the sounds of the man's heart, everyone again goes into overdrive.

Me and my sister look at each other; no words need to be said. As I wait my turn, I pray for the man's soul. What went on in that 20 minutes has been eye-opening. What happened was that the man had collapsed at the gym. Now his daughter is on the way. She doesn't know yet that he's

died. They begin cleaning up the area so she won't see a mess. They clean him up, too, and then I can hear the daughter crying. OMG, how I want to cry, too, not from my eyes but

from deep within. That man was *here*. They fought to save him. He died. And now they are already working on the next person. Never missing a beat, never showing indifference or weakness. They are continuing the urgent tasks at hand. I wonder if I am next. Will they clean

my body and comfort my family before they move on? I promise myself that I will remember that man and what they did for him. And this is the first time I believe I will live, the first time I realize that I want to remember.

Soon, I enter a blur of medications, pain, and emotional funk. I understand that they are going to cut me open, with somewhere in the neighborhood of a 12-inch cut on my stomach, so they can see what's doing in there. Not sure what they will do about it, but it's serious and has to be dealt with immediately. I sign the papers and am carted down the long halls leading to the surgery area. It's been a whirlwind...and I'm getting sicker and sicker. It's harder and harder to care about what happens next. My instinct to cooperate is

going away.

As I roll into the bright white of the operating room, a team of people snaps into action, a choreographed effort like what I saw them do with the man from the gym. I feel a surrendering come over me. Whatever will be is now in their hands, whoever they are, those people in hairnets and masks. They reassure me that all will be okay. I look around the room, thoughts about life swirling through my head, and I feel a bizarre indifference, a *c'est la vie* moment as I drift off, surrounded by the sounds of clamoring people busy at work, on me.

Later, I drift awake, in great distress. This is way worse than I imagined. I can't breathe. I can't move. I am in unfamiliar surroundings that seem lab-like. A woman sits out-

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side a sliding-glass door, working on a computer. She looks at me in a curious way, seeing that I have stirred. I can tell she's thinking that everything is fine. I'm not sure why I can't breathe or move, or why she doesn't seem to get that I'm having an issue here. It's like a bad dream. Can't she tell that I'm on the verge of drowning? Life seems so heavy on me.

The totality of everything comes rushing in. I am not drowning. I am at the hospital. They were going to operate on me — if I remember correctly — so...*what happened?* For a while, I felt as if I'd been transported to some twilight zone and found myself at a crossroads. I felt God communicating to me that it was okay, everything was going to be okay. I instinctively understood that to mean that I had fought enough, I had done enough, I would be forgiven if I wanted to go with Him now, that everyone would be fine if I didn't return from this.

Then His voice becomes my sister's. I can't see her, but I feel like she is reassuring me, saying that it's okay. In fact, she is saying exactly that. She appears from behind me. I'm surprised that she's here, but my real concern is that I need her to shut up. I'm trying to make up my mind here *alone*. But she won't stop with the *it's okay* stuff, and it's not okay, I'm fairly certain. I do the only thing I can, under the circumstances. I flip her the bird. I'm weak, and it's more of a curled finger on a slightly waving hand, but she notices. The nurse thinks it can't be, until I rotate the hand toward her. I become focused on shutting them both up, before I buy the farm, before I make up my mind whether I am even a farmer or not.

The nurse tells my sister

that I am too sedated to be communicating and not to worry about me. But my sister is worrying, I can tell. Worse, she is still telling me that it's going to be okay, when I know it isn't. Somewhere in here, with no fanfare or warning, God withdraws His offer. Maybe it's my hesitation, the need for more time to decide that has decided *for* me. I don't know.

What I do know is that I need my right hand unbound. I need a pen and paper so I can convey a message. My sister makes that happen while the nurse ups my dose of meds. I'm too sedated to be this aware, the nurse insists. And, holy shit, the Dilaudid is hitting me hard. But I've been loaded before a time or two, I must admit, so I start writing what I can't say. I'm not sure what I write on the pages — although my sister shows me the pages later, and I don't know how she even read them, as my writing is so sloppy — but it's clear I need that breathing machine out of my throat, and pronto. I am going to fight to live, not fight against *that* thing.

A couple of hours later, I am cleared to have the tube removed, and they pull it out. It is like I have won a war. I am now in charge of my breathing again. Finally, a breath when I want it, not when that machine pushes one into me. All that other stuff is still hooked up, those three IVs, but they are child's play as far as I'm concerned. I can move a bit more, but *ohh*, does it hurt everywhere.

Yeah...what's up with that? What happened with the surgery? I remember to think about that now that I have caught my breath. It's hard to tell what's going on, but it looks like my intestine is sticking out of my side into a clear plastic

bag. I have all these bandages on my stomach, and I feel so strange. I'm horrified yet somehow indifferent. It all seems unreal. I want to panic but realize I already must have done that because I just can't anymore. It's as if I am on a boat, floating between wanting to overcome what is happening and wanting to pretend it isn't happening, with neither offering safe harbor. It takes two or three days before I can accept my situation, before I realize that overcoming it is the only option left. No matter how much I sleep, I'm going to wake up from this. It looks as if I am going to stay alive.

Unbeknownst to me, during those first few days, there were two versions of the same event unfolding: mine and everyone else's. On my end, I was busy contemplating life-and-death issues, drifting between denial and acceptance, while lying there in a suspended state. I was alternately in tremendous pain and deep in the haze of heavy-duty narcotics. This was a time of reflection, so much was weighing on me, about me. I really didn't consider anything beyond myself. I just was lying there, trying not to move, think, or feel. But there was a hustle and bustle going on around me. I wasn't the only one who knew I was sick. The doctor had told my family the seriousness of my situation. My sister, who had taken me to the hospital, vowed to stay with me until I recovered enough to tell her to go home to her husband and family. People who knew of my situation told others, and they collectively prayed for me, however they saw fit. My family agonized to see me like this again and endured the drama of this kind of event. The medical team hovered over me,



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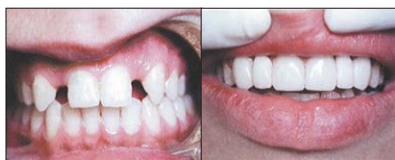
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Meanwhile, back at the pad, mail was piling up in my locked mailbox, dishes remained in my sink, and the milk in the fridge turned into cottage cheese. Mold, it grew. I had left some lights on — *chaching*. All the plants on my patio were dying, and my fish tank was all lights, no food. Not to mention, the trash can in the kitchen was ripening.

That's all while I had that big corner room on the *that* building's top floor. A peaceful place with a roomy floor plan, so they can bring the equipment to you when you're too sick to go to the equipment. At close to \$35,000 a night, they were very attentive. Many of the staff in the ward knew me. I had been there before. Some of the nurses and caregivers stopped by to see me when they heard I was back. The hard work by my medical team insured my recovery, and a couple of weeks later, I left *that* building and went home, again.

My insurance company was probably glad to hear I was headed home — I racked up medical bills in excess of a million dollars. I hope I was worth it.

Now, as I drive by, looking in from outside, I wonder how many people are lying there in need of

myself. The old me is distant, and the new me is so challenging, I still surprise myself with myself. I suppose that's better than surrounding myself with myself. I don't want to move back to square one. I just want to move on, and I am, sometimes

I need my sister to shut up. I do the only thing I can, under the circumstances. I flip her the bird.

prayers. How many people will start life in there? How many will leave life? How many are just passing through? I look at the cars around me and wonder if they notice *that* building. Are they aware of the battles being waged inside it? Not like the petty battles waged in the office buildings down the road, but the kind of battles that define our mortality. Battles that turn who you were into memories, who you are into question, and who you will become into one of the greatest challenges you will ever get a chance to redefine.

I'm still redefining

in leaps, in bounds, and sometimes in baby steps and flip-flops. But I'm still moving, headed to where I want to be, making trails in uncharted territories within. And, sometimes, I cry when I think back or when I see *that* building. It's a strange kind of sorrow that I'm sure is draped in self-pity, but it is also burdened with a humbleness that my ego finds heavy to carry. I put up the fight of a lifetime, and I'm the prize. Fuck me. I didn't see it coming. I would have tried to be a better person sooner. Oh, well. ■

— Kevin Culhane

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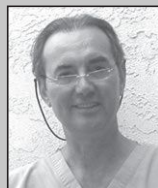


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UCAN reform?

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consider them isolated instances.” Consultants have worked without contracts, she complained. The board had spent \$700,000 on outside lawyers and consultants to address whistleblower complaints; some of the work was of little benefit and expenses could have been avoided. “UCAN engaged seven law firms that have charged UCAN \$350-500 an hour,” she noted. Like most nonprofits, the watchdog could have used local lawyers at no charge or at discounted rates.

“UCAN engaged Mr. Dostart to investigate allegations against Michael Shames,” she wrote. Yet Dostart, his law partner, and Shames “are part of a close community of professionals at [the University of San Diego] School of Law.” At Dostart’s suggestion, UCAN hired Robert Ames, a bankruptcy specialist, as chief operating officer. “Subsequently Mr. Ames paid Mr. Dostart three times the \$100,000 limit authorized by the UCAN board.” Dostart billed the watchdog \$495 an hour for services that could have been done by junior employees for \$15 or \$20 an hour.

Moreover, Dostart had told Peffer that the misspelled accounts were inadvertent errors, but there was no way to know that because UCAN did not have the records. It still does not have the bank records, Squires, the board chair, who is stepping down, acknowledges. Dostart also explained away other apparent UCAN transactions when there were no records to make such judgments, Malcolm told the board.

I asked Dostart to comment on Malcolm’s statements and heard nothing.

On August 30, Malcolm resigned as a consultant, stating, “I am no longer willing to put myself on the line

for an agency that cannot withstand normal amounts of scrutiny [and] appears unable to comply with state and federal laws.” In early September, she listed the unaddressed problems once again to the board.

On November 19, Hallen Rosner, lawyer for Shames, complained that the board had harmed Shames’s reputation and never retracted some of its statements. Rosner studied under Fellmeth at the University of San Diego and upon graduation formed a firm with him.

One of Fellmeth’s former students has been named to the UCAN board; another is the new executive director. Both a University of San Diego law professor and a law school grad joined the board but left quickly. Says Squires, “Fellmeth is not taking over [UCAN], but I can understand how it looks that way.”

Fellmeth says he is not stacking the watchdog; it’s just that he has had many students. He blasts Shames’s critics but says of his former students, “When they screw up, like Michael Shames may have, they didn’t listen to me.” ■

Contact Don Bauder at 619-546-8529

We don’t bang

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Vista. He admitted to being a gang member but denied shooting David, Alejandra, and Erik.

His defense attorney said Luciano Velasquez only has one relative, a sister living somewhere in Mexico whom he has not seen for 20 years. The defender said Velasquez grew up in foster homes.

Prosecutor Geoff Allard said that Luciano Velasquez was raised by a gang.

Velasquez’s gang name is “Vago” which means “lazy.” He belongs to the Varrio Mesa Locos, one of many gangs in Oceanside. Their graffiti and tat-

toos often read VMLS or MESA. Velasquez has several tattoos, including one large MESA tattooed across the back of his head and another across his belly. There are three dots tattooed on his hand, the dots stand for “mi vida loca” or “my crazy life,” according to police.

Of particular note are the tattoos on his face, because the shooting victims all said they saw tattoos on the face of their attacker. Velasquez has the number 1 tattooed near one eye and the number 3 at the other eye. The number 13 stands for the 13th letter of the alphabet, M; this might refer to the Mesa gang or the Mexican Mafia.

At the time of the shooting, Velasquez was 23 years old, fresh out of prison, and anxious to prove his worth to the Mexican Mafia, according to a prosecutor. “Vago” was released from custody on October 5, 2011, and the triple shooting happened on October 10, 2011.

Velasquez’s prior convictions included being under the influence of meth, possession of drugs for sale, and resisting arrest.

According to the prosecutor, Velasquez left his home turf in Oceanside to invade the heart of Carlsbad gang territory that night. The “barrio” area in Carlsbad is described as “more densely populated” by local police. It’s an awkward mish-mash where one can find a million-dollar home right next to a “shanty,” they say. This barrio is claimed by the Carlos Malos gang. The police map of this barrio shows these boundaries: Carlsbad Village Drive on the north edge, Tamarack Way to the south, the railroad tracks to the west, and Interstate 5 is the east boundary.

During trial, Velasquez startled people in the courtroom when he rose from the defense table and took off his shirt. He seemed pleased to show the jury his large

tattoo, “SURENO,” across his back and shoulders. There is a crown atop the “N.” Sureño means “southerner”; it refers to a gangster from Southern California who gets his orders from the Mexican Mafia.

Velasquez’s attorney, Pamela Lasher, built a defense around the Sureño tattoo. Her contention was that a prison-hardened Mexican Mafia soldier would never shoot at three innocent persons out walking their dog. She had her own gang expert, Dennis Bammann, testify for the jury. Bammann said he used to work for the California Department of Corrections, and more recently he is a “private investigator.” He declared it would be “absurd” for a Sureño to attack these three innocents. He claimed the Mexican Mafia does not want to hurt innocents or women or children in gang violence, because they are trying to protect their own families while they are in prison.

The defense called an ophthalmologist as a witness. This doctor said he studied the defendant’s medical records from prison and gave his opinion that Velasquez was terribly near-sighted and even “legally blind.”

Prosecutor Geoff Allard told the jury, “He’s not legally blind enough to not know he was shooting at people.” The prosecutor added, “Everybody got shot.”

Jurors later said they spent hours discussing the defendant’s tattoos because the shooting victims all described tattoos on their attacker’s face but weren’t quite sure what those markings were. The jurors deliberated almost two full days, and then declared Velasquez guilty of three attempted murders. He could face 75 years to life in prison.

His sentencing is set for February 1. ■

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Under the radar

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Cross — was a member of the executive committee of the transit system's board in 2012. The spot paid between \$1001 and \$2000, at \$150 per meeting, according to a December 12 disclosure filed by city clerk Maland. Democrat **Todd Gloria** was Young's alternate. Besides cash from that role, Young was eligible for estimated remuneration of between \$2001 and \$3000 as a board member of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, which runs Lindbergh Field and oversees county airport planning. Board fees there are a hefty \$200 a meeting, and no alternate is listed.

Ex-mayor **Jerry Sanders** was not above making himself available for a little extra public funding in the form of an estimated \$3500 as a member of the board of the San Diego Association of

Governments, otherwise known as SANDAG. Republican councilwoman **Lorie Zapf** was his first alternate, and Alvarez his second. Each meeting netted \$150 for the official who attended. Along with Sanders, Young was also a member of the board, with fellow council Democrats Gloria first alternate and **Sherri Lightner** second. In addition, Sanders was on the association's executive committee, making him eligible for a fee of \$100 a meeting, for a total of between \$1001 and \$2000. Young was the mayor's first alternate; Alvarez was second. In addition, Sanders was on the government association's Regional Planning committee, where members are paid \$100 a meeting, for an estimated total of between \$1001 and \$2000. Lightner was the alternate.

The taxpayer-funded association of governments conducts hundreds of meetings of its boards and advisory committees each year, offering a significant source of extra income to the

elected officials. Democrat Alvarez was on the Borders committee, which pays up to \$1000 a year at \$100 a meeting, the disclosure says. Lightner was Alvarez's alternate. Another Democrat, **Marti Emerald**, served on the association's Public Safety committee, with total pay between \$1001 and \$2000. Democrat Todd Gloria was her alternate. Similarly, Lightner reportedly was eligible to get \$100 per meeting as a member of the Energy Working Group, for an estimated grand total of between \$1001 and \$2000. Alvarez was her alternate. The GOP's Laurie Zapf was a member of the Shoreline Preservation Working Group, where estimated annual fees totaled \$1001 to \$2001, according to Maland's disclosure. Zapf's alternate on that group was Faulconer. Over on SANDAG's transportation committee, Gloria was spelled by first alternate Young; Zapf was second. Meeting stipends were \$100, for a total of \$1001 to \$2000 over the course

of 2012.

The dawn of 2013 has brought new appointments and shifts of assignments. Zapf will be on the transit system's taxicab committee. Incoming councilman **Mark Kersey** has been named to the board of the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space joint powers authority, which pays \$100 a meeting. Alvarez takes over the Bayshore Bikeways seat, while Gloria gets Young's old \$150 per meeting spot on the transit board's executive committee, with Emerald as backup.

— Matt Potter

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counts of indecent exposure, and one count of molesting or annoying a child.

Dave Rice, December 24

Drunks not driving

Deputies check 2781 at DUI checkpoint, 2 arrests reported

San Marcos — Deputies conducted a driver's license and DUI checkpoint in San Marcos last night, according to a statement by the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

From 7 p.m. Friday night until 2 a.m. Saturday morning, a total of 2781 cars passed through a checkpoint on West San Marcos Boulevard. Out of ten persons "evaluated" for DUI, two were arrested, said spokeswoman Stephanie Guerra.

In addition, 31 citations were issued for various license violations and 9 vehicles were towed away during the same seven-hour period.

Eva Knott, December 22

Drunks not driving, part 2

DUI patrol yields few intoxicated drivers following Poinsettia Bowl

Mission Valley — Results are in for the initial DUI "saturation patrol" targeting a Qualcomm Stadium event this holiday season, and at first glance they seem underwhelming.

San Diego sheriff's deputies, along with officers from the National City, San Diego, Oceanside, Coronado, San Diego State University, and UC San Diego Police departments, conducted 155 traffic stops in the area around the stadium between 5 p.m. and 1 a.m. following last night's Poinsettia Bowl between the SDSU Aztecs and Brigham Young University Cougars.

Thirteen people were subjected to field sobriety tests, and two were arrested under suspicion of DUI. Numerous other citations were given, including several to unlicensed drivers or those driving on a suspended license. One stolen vehicle was also recovered.

Dave Rice, December 21

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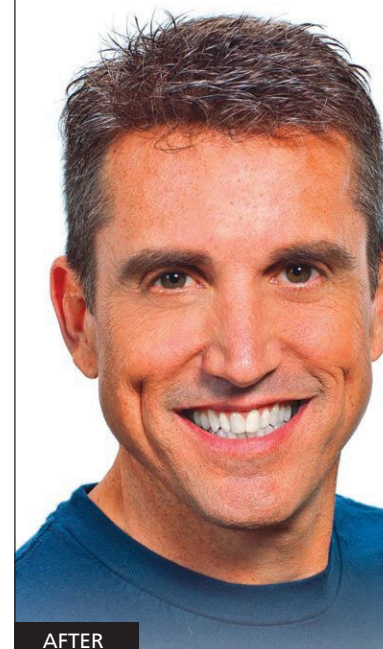
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Caving to "NIMBY"?

Mayor halts construction on transit-friendly project years after project was approved

North Park — For years, city planners have been pushing for a more pedestrian, bike, and transit-friendly city. During that time, North Park's busiest thoroughfare, University Avenue, became the number-one target to make that happen.

In early 2010, city planners held meetings on the University Avenue Mobility Plan, a proposal to reduce traffic on University Avenue (from Florida Avenue east to Boundary Street) in order to accommodate more bicyclists and pedestrians.

The mobility plan proposed landscaped medians, turn pockets, and dedicating two lanes for transit and cyclists.

Residents were concerned then. They voiced those concerns at a March

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2010 meeting.

Now, two years later, weeks after construction began, those concerns seem to have caused the new mayor to act. Today, during an afternoon press conference, Mayor Bob Filner called for an end to construction to give more time to find out why residents and business owners were not notified before work began on the street.

And while Filner's decision may have made some local residents happy, not everyone was satisfied.

"Newly elected Mayor Bob Filner, in an early test of leadership, quickly caved to complaints after CBS 8 Television broadcast a video of residents complaining about construction at University Avenue and Alabama Street," reads a post on the Great Streets San Diego website.

"What's next? Will Mayor Filner find his backbone and work to transform San Diego

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streets into walkable, bike-friendly, neighborhood-oriented places as he promised during the campaign?"

*Dorian Hargrove,
December 20*

More tourists in Baja

Numbers showing positive results overall for the state **Baja** — Tourism numbers have slowly risen during 2012 for the Mexican state of Baja California, showing a 5 percent increase over the year. Juan Tintos Funke, the secretary of tourism for the state, released the positive numbers on Thursday, December 20.

Results for hotel occupancy, cruise-passenger stops, and border crossings have all risen for the state. Social stability in Tijuana has been applauded for helping in the recovery, as Tijuana and Ensenada have had the most improvements in tourism throughout Baja.

K. Mennem, December 21



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very much one of state socialism. And, even if one accepts that socialistic presumption, the fact is that any tax cut represents a move, however slight, in the direction of a perfectly non-socialist order in which all property is held individually, rather than by any sort of community.

If Mr. Bauder or anyone else wishes to object to preferential tax treatment, the objection must be raised on some other basis.

Daniel Kian Mc Kiernan
via email

Voting with Their Feet

Don Bauder was spot-on in the December 20 issue (City Lights: "ResMed: Please Refuse to Play the Subsidy Game") in discouraging San Diego from subsidizing a business to stay. However, since most every city and state plays that game, we could lose the corporate headquarters and hundreds of high-paying ResMed workers and the taxes they pay if we don't. How pure do we want to be here?

The bigger picture is how the high-tax, anti-business attitude of California government is driving jobs and middle-income taxpayers to friendlier states. ResMed's CEO Peter Farrell pointed to the recent election results as a prime reason for considering the move, and who can blame him? We now will have a 13-percent state income tax (including even 2012 income) on the high-income entrepreneurs, aka job producers. Should we be surprised they are consider-

ing moving to a zero-income-tax state, like Nevada, Texas, or Washington?

When the employer adds in utility costs 50 percent higher than the national average, harassing state regulations, overpaid and over-pensioned unionized public sector workers, and wasteful projects like high-speed rail, staying in California looks downright irresponsible. So, taxpayers and businesses are voting with their feet. As a result, we are losing middle-class families and wealthier taxpayers, and attracting tax-users such as welfare recipients from other states. California now has 33 percent of all welfare recipients in America, but only 12 percent of the population.

Employers and high income individuals look at economic and demographic trends in their decision-making and, for California, the trends do not look good. The recent election pushed our state government even further to the left. As these taxpayers leave, our fiscal problems will only worsen, and public services will only deteriorate.

Mr. Bauder is usually on target in his columns, but here he missed the bigger picture of why an employer may exit California. By the way, Mr. Bauder, not to be snarky, but are taxes part of the reason you moved from San Diego to more business-friendly Colorado a few years ago?

Bob Spaulding
via email

Incomplete Diva

I started reading Diary of a Diva on page eight today ("She's Got the Goods," December 20), a good story about a neighbor being pos-

sibly involved in counterfeit money operations, and at the bottom of page 8 it says "continued on page 41." Well, there is no continuation on page 41, and now I want to know how this turns out.

What happened? A little eager to clothes shop for Christmas, resulting in an incomplete article? Will this be resolved in a future issue? We need to know.

Michael Scalise
via email

The article was continued on page 42. We regret the error.
— Editor

Reviewing the Reviewers

I'm calling regarding the restaurant reviews. I have to say that I really enjoy Ed Bedford's reviews. He's very informative. Without him I wouldn't have thought to save some money at happy hour, and I find his mention of the lovely Carla quite charming.

On the other hand, we have Mr. Pike. I can read just a few paragraphs and know that it's him. He comes across as a bloated, pompous, arrogant buffoon. Every place he goes is beneath him. I could go into detail, but everybody who reads his articles knows exactly what I am talking about. He mentions that he takes friends with him. I can't even imagine being in the same room with him! Going out to dinner should be a pleasurable experience, without pointing out everything that's wrong. Mr. Pike is just so nasty, constantly.

Now, Mr. Hernandez. I just hope he has a designated driver.

J. Butler
via voicemail

DIARY OF A DIVA

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contribute something to the conversation. "My husband had selected self-sterilization before I'd met him," I said. "And I have a friend who I drove to get his — it's really no big deal. You walk right

out of there. He said if he ever changed his mind and wanted kids with his wife, he'd adopt."

"There you are."

David came up behind me and handed me my cocktail.

"Ah, here he is now," I said to the vasectomy triplets. I realized I couldn't properly introduce my man, as I

hadn't gotten any of their names. David said he wanted to introduce me to a few people he'd been chatting with while making our drinks, so instead I said, "Well, guys, enjoy the rest of your night, and good luck with your man bits." ■

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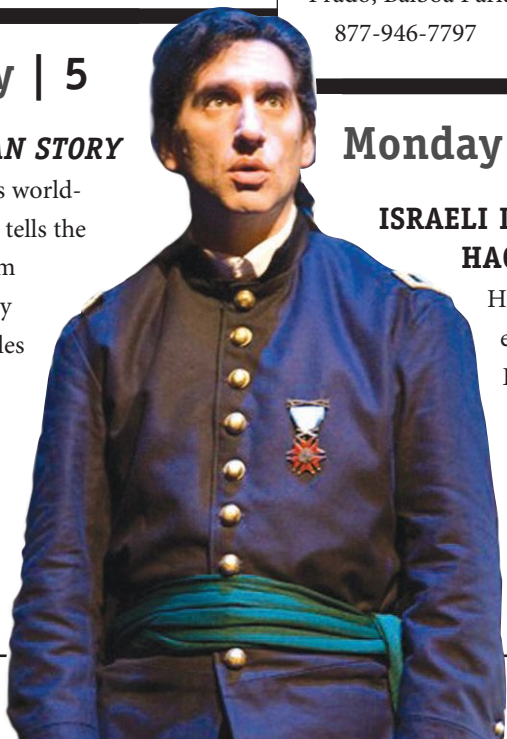
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box at Ford's Theatre. \$58.

WHEN: 2:00 and 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue, North Park. 619-239-8836; birchnorthparktheatre.net

Sunday | 6

BOLD: THE ART OF DNA BARCODING

Interactive exhibit of biodiversity art, science, and technology, featuring the works of tropical ecologist Dr. Dan Janzen and creative artist Joseph Rossano. Rossano's multimedia art employs glass, wood, precious metals, composites, and plastics to create sculptures and displays. *BOLD* brings these environments together with depictions of DNA barcoding technology developed by Canada's International Barcode of Life Project.

WHEN: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado, Balboa Park. 877-946-7797



Tuesday | 8

MAKE CHEESE, NOT WAR

Chef Jack Fisher demonstrates the ease and joy of making fresh ricotta and mozzarella. You'll

learn all the secrets to make it work every time, plus the many ways to use these cheeses. Nibble on goodies and sip complimentary wine. \$50.

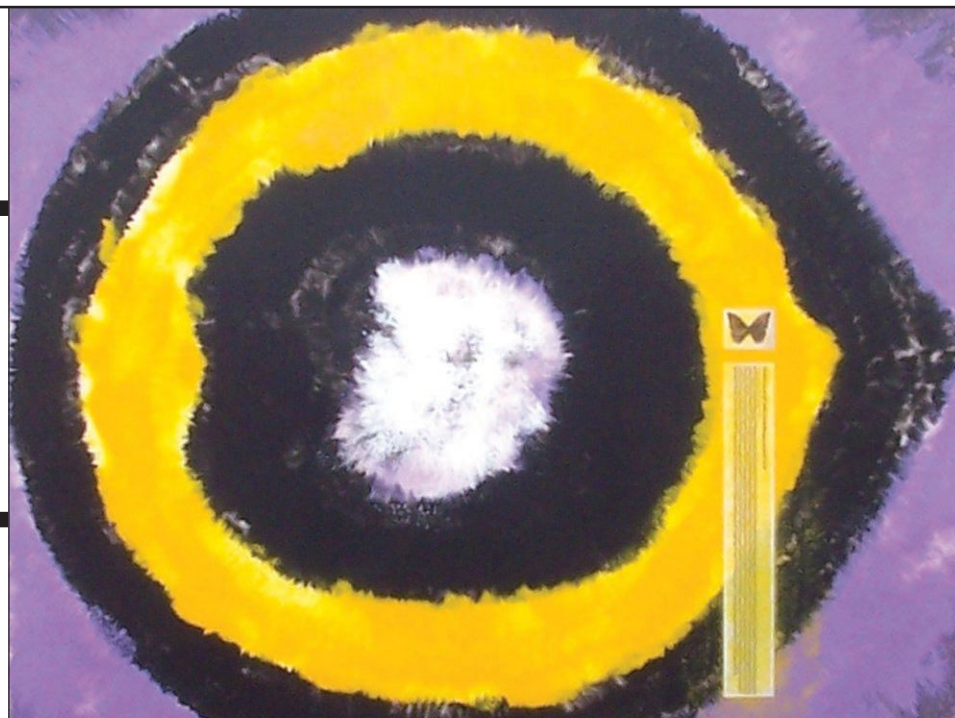
WHEN: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

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

Monday | 7

ISRAELI IDOL HAGIT YASO

Hagit Yaso's parents emigrated from Ethiopia through the Sudan to Israel in the 1980s, and Yaso was born in Sderot, Israel. In 2011, Yaso participated in the



SUNDAY, JANUARY 6: BOLD

Kokhav Nolad 9, Israel's version of *American Idol*. She won and became Israel's Cinderella story. Tickets free. RSVP to reserve seats.

WHEN: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla. 619-362-1348; jnf.org/sdconcert

Wednesday | 9

SOUL FOOD JUNKIES

Filmmaker Byron Hurt explores the upsides and downsides of soul food, a quintessential American cuisine. *Soul Food Junkies* explores the history and social significance of soul food to black cultural identity and its effect on African-American health. Soul food will also be used as the lens to investigate the dark side of the food industry and the growing food-justice movement born in its wake. Refreshments, cooking demonstrations, and complimentary cookbooks after the film. Free.

WHEN: 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

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



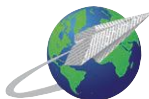
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Pop-art wallpaper of Haydn and Prince Esterhazy in the Esterhazy Palace's "Haydn Explosiv" exhibit

Land of Haydn: Burgenland, Austria

By Tamar Fleishman

Many people are unfamiliar with how important Franz Joseph Haydn was to classical music. He is called the "Father of the Symphony" and "Father of the String Quartet," yet he is not as well known in popular culture as his friend Mozart or his student Beethoven.

Haydn lived and worked in the Burgenland region of Austria, a beautiful part of the planet that at times belonged to Hungary. Since he was isolated from places like Vienna, his musical style evolved without outside

influence.

The composer spent most of his career employed as a court musician for the noble Esterhazy family. Prince Esterhazy had two palaces, one of which is in Eisenstadt. Eisenstadt hosts the Haydn Festival, which is a perfect time to immerse oneself in all things Haydn.

Haydn's Eisenstadt home is now a museum. He lost some art in a house fire; he then had the place decorated in framed manuscripts of his music. He commissioned trompe l'oeil murals to mimic the look of the carved marble and wainscoting in his employer's home.

There are guided tours through the Esterhazy Palace, including the specially created organ for Haydn and the chapel and auditorium where his music was first heard. The spectacular "Haydn Explosiv" exhibit is also on the palace grounds: holograms, light shows, the Warholesque wallpaper of Franz West, carpeting by artist Roy Lichtenstein, interactive music, and more.

You can't just watch Haydn in a museum. You have to hear his music in concert! The Haydn Festival takes place every September, with each year revolving around a different theme. However,

Haydn concerts take place throughout the year. The performances are in the gorgeously decorated Haydn Hall, just as they were during his lifetime.

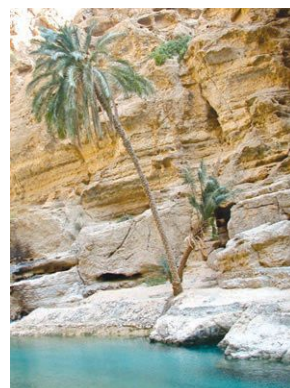
Haydn not only enjoyed wine, he accepted some of the Prince's Blaufrankische wines as part of his annual payment. Vinatrium is a wine shop that focuses on the region's wines: for ten euros, you can taste as many as you like of the hundreds of wines for as long as you like! I saw the local television studio personnel doing a leisurely team-building workshop there.

One of the participating vintners has a wonderful vineyard worth visiting on its own: K+K Kirnbauer. Their wines are luscious, the views from the tasting room's porch are stunning, and they put out gourmet snacks.

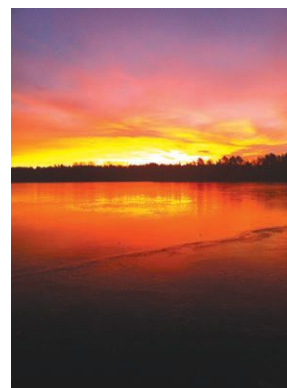
Velich is one of the wineries taking advantage of the latest in "wine architecture" to offer a delightful tasting experience. They're in the Seewinkel area of Burgenland, and the salty air gives fabulous local flair and flavor to their wines.

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Other Adventures



jcpoynter: While trekking up this wadi outside of the city of Muscat, Oman, there were several instances where I had to dive under rocks and through water caves to get through to the other side.



RobertTubbs: Fire and ice: sunrise on frozen Lake Kimball, Minong, WI



adamcstuart: From Mather Point in the Grand Canyon National Park



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Explore the wild side of this much-loved neighborhood park with beautiful views and a wide array of native and exotic plants

Distance from downtown San Diego: 10 miles. Allow 20 minutes driving time. From I-5, exit west on Garnet Ave. then turn right (north) onto Lamont St. Shortly after Lamont becomes Soledad Rd., turn right on Park Dr. into the parking lot. Restrooms and water fountains are available

Hiking length: 1-mile loop. **Difficulty:** Easy hike that starts near the playground; 50-foot change in elevation with some steep areas where traction may be needed. Trail is narrow at times.



In many ways, Kate O. Sessions Memorial Park, situated in the hills bordering Pacific Beach and La Jolla, is a perfect reflection of its namesake.

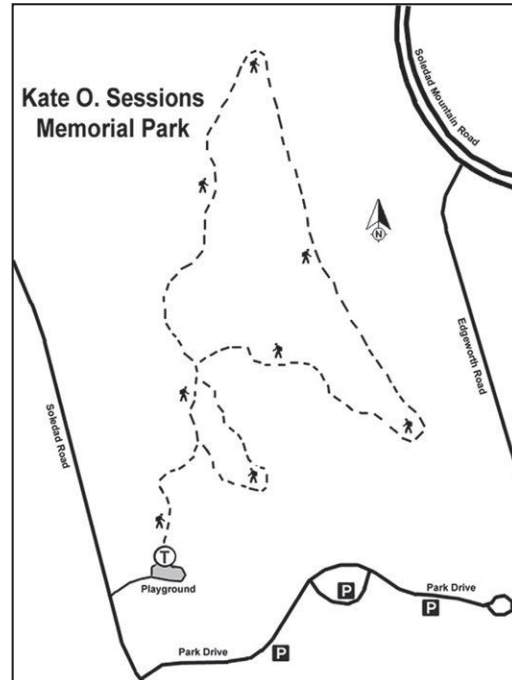
Named after a renowned San Diego horticulturist and landscape architect, this 139-acre park is located on a hilltop between the communities of La Jolla

and Pacific Beach. The high perch leads to some spectacular views. On a clear day, one can see all the way to the hills of Mexico, and even with the marine layer coming

in, Mission Bay and Fiesta Island can usually be seen. The manicured portion of the park contains a playground, a large grassy area for picnicking, frisbee, or soccer,

and barbecue pits for cookouts. These features (plus a bathroom and water fountain) are what make this park such an establishment in the surrounding neighborhoods, not to mention the workout one gets if bicycling up the hill to get there!

Nevertheless, there is a whole other side to Kate O. Sessions Memorial Park. Outside of the 79-acre portion most people are familiar with, there are 60 additional acres of land preserved in a more natural state. This area contains a mile-long loop through the sage scrub, with many offshoots created by both hikers and wildlife. The trail can be quite narrow at times as it is not officially maintained, affording close-up looks at the native plants and animals. Ground squirrels, rabbits, rattlesnakes, and a wide variety of birds and insects make good use of this "island" of preserved habitat. When hiking through, it is easy to see how important urban parks can be for wildlife in an otherwise urban/



suburban area.

In many ways, this park is a perfect reflection of its namesake, Kate Sessions. Ms. Sessions was an avid horticulturist, known as the "Mother of Balboa Park" for importing and planting many of the exotic trees found there. She often started these trees in her gardens from seeds she collected all around the world. Many of the ornamental trees in the landscaped

well as preserved natural space to explore.

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)

“Getting to Know You” Opening reception for group art exhibition featuring San Diego-based artists. Show closes Sunday, January 6, with closing reception on Friday, January 4, 7pm; **free**. Brokers Building Gallery, 402 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

“The Kazoo: More than Just an Annoying Party Favor” Exhibit showcases the kazoo’s African and African-American roots, plots its place in Americana, reveals its role in the early jazz age, catalogs its classical repertoire, and peeks at its popular music successes. A collection of kazoos on display through January 30, 2013, on the lower level, west wing of Geisel Library at UC San Diego. 858-822-5758. **Free**. UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

“The Times” Pulse Gallery presents Madeline Sherry’s exhibition of new painted works featuring the cultural, socio-political, and even psychological aspects of the mass advertising propaganda of the 1940s and ’50s. Images serve to remind us of the story we have been told, and how in so many ways we still cling to this old perception of ourselves and society. Friday, January 4, 5pm; **free**. Pulse Gallery at NTC Promenade, 2825 Dewey Rd. #103. (POINT LOMA)

“What Comes To Mind: Nature/ Human Nature and Visual Translation” by Joyce Cutler-Shaw is about “the artist’s role as visual translator across disciplines of art and medical science and art and our endangered global environment.” **Free**. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

ArtStop: Ana Mendieta Alexander Jarman discusses Ana Mendieta. ArtStops are 15-minute, staffed tours of one to three works on view. Free after Museum admission. Thursday, January 3, 12pm;

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Rhyme & Verse
The Second Day of the Year
A poem by Clint Margrave

No one ever talks about it.

The parties have ended.
Confetti has been swept up and thrown away.
Headaches have disappeared.

And maybe that’s why I’ve always preferred
the second day of the year.

Because it’s ordinary, unassuming.

The streets are quiet.
Stores are open.
There are no parades or football games.

You can walk without feeling lonely.

Nobody wants to quit smoking
or propose,
or make promises they can’t keep.

On the second day of the year,
nobody expects anything.

Plans are struck down,
couples go on fighting,
bigger and better resolutions get made.



Clint Margrave was born in 1974. He is the author most recently of *The Early Death of Men*, a collection of poems from NYQ Books (nyqbooks.org), which also publishes the *New York Quarterly* literary journal. Once an aspiring musician, Clint set down his guitar in his early 20s to commit himself entirely to writing. He has worked construction, waited tables, been a bookseller and a shipping clerk, and now teaches English at Cal State University, Long Beach, and El Camino College. He lives in Long Beach, California. Clint will be giving a reading from his work at Open Door Books, at 4761 Cass Street in Pacific Beach, on Sunday, January 13, at 3 in the afternoon. The event is free. “The Second Day of the Year” is from *The Early Death of Man* and is reprinted by permission.

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Beginning the Memoir Part 1
In the first of this two-part course, Tom Larson discusses strategies for beginning a memoir. The four-week workshop includes short readings of memoir openings; several writing assignments about significant people, places, events, emotions, and intimate moments; and drafting the first five

to ten pages of a memoir. Saturday, January 5, 10am; \$150-\$180. 18 and up. Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Drawing in the Galleries: Composition A trained drawing instructor guides participants and focuses on organizing composition, taking inspiration from *Behold, America!* during this informal workshop. Class fee includes all supplies. Friday, January 4, 2pm; \$10-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Hormonal Health and Gettin’ Busy Meals Boost sex hormones and master meals that support sexual health. Special guest Mary Cay will help redefine “sexy.” Gluten-free chef (Joann Stabile) will show how to make flourless dark chocolate and almond cupcakes with vegan icing. Saturday, January 5, 11am; \$55. Cups Lounge and Culinary, 7857 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Three Keys to Happiness Meditation workshop exploring techniques to find and maintain your inner joy. Available on two dates. The Saturday class will be followed by a showing of *The Spirit of the Runner*, a 30-minute film about one woman’s spiritual odyssey through running. 619-281-8945. Saturday, January 5, 2pm; Sunday, January 6, 2pm; **free**. Jyoti Bihanga Meditation Annex, 3351 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

COMEDY

Brandon T. Jackson from BET, *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, and *Conan*. Thursday, January 3, 8pm; Friday, January 4, 7:30pm; Saturday, January 5, 9:30pm; \$20. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Comedy with Graig Salerno Performing: Bobby Stauts, Steven Briggs, and Graig Salerno. Hosted by Tyler Jolley. Saturday, January 5, 8:30pm; \$12-\$15. 21 and up. Til-Two, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard. (KENSINGTON)

Sidestage Improv Comedy Each month, Sidestage invites four San Diego-based improv groups to strut their stuff in front of a live audience. This time, they’re celebrating their 18-month anniversary. Free beer. Free soda and water for the under-21 crowd. Saturday, January 5, 8pm; \$5. Swedenborg Hall, 1531 Tyler Avenue. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Austria continued from page 44

The Imperial wines of Schloss Halbturn are still produced by Austrian nobility on their estate. They offer overnight accommodations and event space, too.

The Heinrich family has been making wines for hundreds of years. The daughter of the family is taking things into the future with sparkling varietals for fun days, drinkable reds, and more. They have a little shed on top of their vineyard where you can drink, as well as unusual overnight accommodations inside the winery itself.

Tschida has won the Sweet Winemaker of Austria award, and any visit to their winery is an education that will transform your idea of how sophisticated the drink can be.

Across the road from the Esterhazy palace entrance, in what used to be the prince’s riding stables, is Weinwerk, an exclusively Burgenland wine bar with over 40 changing wines available by the glass; and Henrici, an upscale bistro with outdoor seating amid ancient

columns.

Paprikawirten in Frauenkirchen is located in what was the Esterhazy hunting lodge. They serve local beers, wines, housemade jams, pepper jellies, seasonal local fish and game. It’s a casual, tavern atmosphere with delicious Hungarian-style recipes.

Where to stay: Bleim’s Wohn Reich is a family-run, chic, and sleek boutique hotel crafted out of a 150-year-old wine house. Wild herbs grow in the courtyard, where at night the rooms are lit up with a rainbow of neon window lights. Rooms have a fun white futuristic design but with all the comforts of home.

At breakfast (which they have the sophistication to serve later into the day), you’ll find a wonderful buffet of the neighbor’s eggs, house-made jams, locally produced meats and cheeses, and organic juices.

I also learned about a nice Burgenland tradition: wine at breakfast! They like a clean, crisp, light white wine at a leisurely breakfast, much like our brunch Mimosa tradition.

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Club Crescendo Club Crescendo opens at 9pm, featuring DJs, V.I.P. booths, bottle service, and party packages. Art installations, dance performances, video DJ, and theme nights. \$5 before 9pm. Complimentary dance class at 8:30pm — styles vary. No partner is ever necessary to participate, the students will be in a constant rotation. Fridays, 8:30pm; through Friday, February 22, \$5-\$10. 18 and up. Four Points by Sheraton, 8110 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Contra Dance The Old Twine String Band makes music, Chris Page calls for contra dancing hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop 7:30pm; dances taught and called to live music 8-11pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. No partners or experience needed. 619-283-8550. Pay at the door. Friday, January 4, 7:30pm; \$8. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Tribal Baroque Miniature operas based on love and devotion, accompanied by ritual theater, foot-percussion, and violins, and choreographed tribal dancing. Performance is described as, "A combination of opposites: raw, howling singing, feet stomping rhythm, faces painted, breasts flopping, wild original costumes, ecstatic spiritual dancing combined with highly developed musical phrases, perfect pitch, Bulgarian-style operatic soprano, countertenor vocals, and classically influenced violin." Friday, January 4, 7pm; ArtLab, 3536 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Elektrofi '80s, new wave, dark wave, electro, new alt. Live art, music, and performances, drink specials "for queers and their peers." Tarot card readings by

Bianca Waxlax. Saturday, January 5, 9pm; \$5. 21 and up. Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard. (HILLCREST)

Tango Dinner Show Tango dinner show with live dancers. Reservations: pampasgrill@gmail.com or 858-278-5971. Fridays, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; free. Pampas Argentine Grill, 8690 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

FOOD & DRINK

Drink Yourself Blind Guess the grape in each of eight brown-bagged wines. Correctly guess four or more and win a prize. Friday, January 4, 4pm; Saturday, January 5, 2pm; \$49. 21 and up. Bacchus Wine Market, 647 G Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Modern Steakhouse Classics Learn how to create a steakhouse experience at home. You'll learn to grill sirloin and whip up updated versions of a classic spinach salad and baked potato, plus dessert. Friday, January 4, 6:30pm; \$85. 18

and up. Sur la Table, 1905 Calle Barcelona. (CARLSBAD)

Stone IPA with Ghost Scorpion Peppers Try a unique version of Stone beer and meet Steve Gonzalez, the brewer who made it. Cask will be poured from the beer engine at the outside bar. Thursday, January 3, 4pm; Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Stone Ruination Cask! The deliciously hoppy, mildly spicy Stone Habanero Ruination fresh from the cask. Thursday, January 3, 5pm; Small Bar, 4628 Park Boulevard. 619-795-7998. smallbarsd.com. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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mighty God, spreading
illusion, slayeth the creatures
by the instrumentality of his
creatures, as one may break
a piece of inert and senseless
wood with wood, or stone
with stone, or iron with iron!
And the Supreme Lord,

according to his pleasure,
sporteth with his creatures,
creating and destroying them,
like a child with his toy. O
King, it doth seem to me
that God behaveth towards
his creatures like a father or
mother unto them. Like a
vicious person, He seemeth
to bear himself towards them
in anger! Beholding superior

and well-behaved and modest
persons persecuted, while the
sinful are happy, I am sorely
troubled.
— from *The Mahabharata* (trans.
Pratrap Chandra Roy), 3.30.

The Mahabharata (circa 400 B.C.)
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is also one of the primary texts of
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FOR KIDS

Family Drop-In Day Take part in art projects inspired by the permanent collection, enjoy family-friendly, docent-led tours, and play Museum-generated gallery games. For all ages and skill levels. Recommended for children ages 6-12. Included in museum admission. 619-232-7931. Sunday, January 6, 1pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Science Saturdays: Circuits & Electricity Flip a switch or push a button and things turn on. But how does it work inside? Shed some light on the subject by exploring the fundamentals of making electric circuits. Play with lights, batteries, buzzers, and discover ways to make them all work together. Activities included with admission. 619-238-1233. Saturdays, 1pm; through Saturday, January 26, **free**. Reuben H. Fleet

Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Winter Camp: “Grosssss!” Discover the not-so-glamorous science behind your bodily functions. Follow your gut feelings, simulate the digestion process, make some fake blood and participate in a cow chip-throwing contest! For Grades 1-4. Registration: 619-238-1233, x806. Thursday, January 3, 9am; \$43-\$48. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

“The Beauty in the Beast: Crafting Creatures” Artist Neville Page leads exhibition tour and offers live demonstration of creature development (2-4pm). Closing reception follows (5-7pm). Required reservations: 760-435-3721. Saturday, January 5, 2pm and 5pm; \$15-\$20. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

“Travel the World with Road Scholar” Jill Swaim discusses the Elder Hostel program, considered “the largest educational travel organization for adults.” 619-475-4642. Saturday, January 5, 2pm; **free**. 21 and up. Bonita-Sunnyside Library, 4375 Bonita Road. (BONITA)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Courtly Noyse The San Diego Early Music Society presents Courtly Noyse, performing at the 3rd Annual Three Kings and Twelfth Night Revelry and Concert, to be held at the Junipero Serra Museum, in Presidio Park. Sunday, January 6, 5:30pm; Presidio Park, 2811 Jackson Street. (OLD TOWN)

Pablo Sáinz Villegas Villegas plays Spanish guitar for Intimate Classics series. Sunday, January 6, 3pm; \$30-\$47. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

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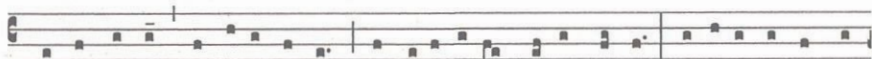
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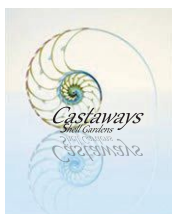


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Hula for moolah

“That’s the thing about Hawaii,” she says. “It’s out there in the middle of the ocean.”

Kelia swings her butt as only Hawaiians can.

“That’s called ‘hula for moolah,’” says her mom, Kealani.

They burst out laughing.

“I used to have all the staff do it,” Kealani says. “Every time a girl got a tip, she’d come to the jar, drop it in, yell, ‘Hula for moolah!’ and do that little hula, like dii-da-da-da-da...and the cooks out back would grab a wooden spoon and go *bong, bong!* against a pot to finish it off. That got so many tips for them. My daughter has the record for the most tips.”

We’re in Kealani’s in Encinitas. “Dine in. Take out. Fresh flower leis,” it says.

This is on West D Street, on its way down to the D Street steps and the ocean stretching out to Hawaii.

It was a wooden hula dancer that stopped me. She was leaning on a sandwich board. “Daily Special: Pork Adobo \$6.50.”

Sounds like a pretty good deal. Far as I remember, pork adobo’s basically meat steeped in a garlic-and-vinegar marinade, so you know the flavor’s gonna be good.

Besides, Hawaiian music’s pumping out through the door.

Inside, it feels just like you think Hawaii must: rattan walls, bamboo posts, lots of palapas, and a big mural of your dream beach-and-waterfall scene painted on the wall beside the counter. A sign advertises ukulele lessons, starting in January.

This family is at a table, chowing away at teriyaki chicken (\$6.99).

“Good?” I ask the daddy, Nate.

“No, great,” says Nate. “We’re Thai and Filipino at this table, so we know Asian food. This really tastes good. And you get a lot for the money.”

“Aloha,” says the guy behind the counter. Adrian. He hands me a menu.

I get a Hawaiian Sun guava drink (\$1.50, non-fizzy), and without even looking at the menu, I order the pork adobo. I

hand over the \$7 for the adobo (including tax) — so, \$8.62 in all.

While I’m waiting, I look around. Notice that they have Hawaiian shirts, tees, and ties for sale.

Pretty quick, Adrian comes up with my pork adobo. Ooh... There’s plenty of it, maybe a dozen chunks of meat, two scoops of rice, a bowl of soy, and a bowl of macaroni salad, all sitting in a puddle of marinade.

I chew into a chunk of the adobo. Garlicky, slightly sweet taste. Rich. Even richer when you dip it in the soy.

“Adrian,” I say, “is this stuff Hawaiian or Filipino?”

“It’s Filipino,” says this voice. Not Adrian’s, but a woman’s.

Turns out, it’s Kealani herself. Actual owner. Actual Hawaiian. She says she started this place back in 1999. “That’s the thing about Hawaii,” she says. “It’s out there in the middle of the ocean. It has picked up food and cooking ideas from all over the Pacific.”

She sits down with a bag of, uh, *li hing mui*. “From China. Everybody eats this in Hawaii. It’s, like, the island snack.”

Turns out *li hing* means “traveling,” and *mui* means plum. “Traveling plum.” Huh. Talk about crossroads.

Kealani offers me one.



“Daily Special: Pork Adobo \$6.50.”

Wow. Sweet, sour, salty. Dried plum. I could take to these things.

Then it’s back to the adobo. Also sweet and savory, all at the same time. And now we’re talking dogs. Because Kealani’s a dog whisperer when she’s not here. She has dog kennels, a canine behavioral clinic, and, till recently, another restaurant in Oceanside.

“It just got too much,” she says. “But I’ll never give this up. My mother spoke this into my life. Forever, she said, ‘You’ve got to open a *kau-kau* corner.’ She meant a plate-lunch place, like we have in Hawaii on every corner. So I opened here.”

The more we talk, the more incredible this woman becomes.

“We always close early on Wednesdays to give hula lessons,” she says. “And, also, on Wednesdays, we have a free hot meal for the homeless. At Thanksgiving, a hot meal for 400 homeless, inside here. And at Christmas. And you can always come ’round the back if you’re hungry.”

This is when a bright-faced gal plops down beside Kealani.

“This is her, my daughter, Kelia, the champion hula dancer! Adrian, Kelia’s here!”

Soon Adrian has brought over a *loco moco*, which is two ground-beef patties, grilled onions, gravy smothering everything, with two eggs sunny-side up on top, two scoops of rice, and one of macaroni salad (\$7.75). Except, Kelia has the mini size, with one patty and one scoop of rice (\$6.25, if she was paying).

Then Adrian brings another plate. Deep-fried breaded chicken, looks like, cut into a



From right, owner Kealani, server Adrian, and Kealani’s daughter Kelia, who “swings her butt as only Hawaiians can.”

half-dozen slices, with a side of katsu sauce (\$5.50 for mini size).

Kelia eats both. And here’s the thing I notice: she mixes everything in the *loco moco* together. Burger meat, gravy, rice, macaroni. “Oh, yes!” she says as she scoops it up. “I dream of this up in L.A.”

L.A.’s where she works as a producer for a TV production company. And, guess what? The company produces famous shows, like *Master Chef*, Paula Abdul’s *Live to Dance*, and *The Biggest Loser*, which now has productions in 27 countries.

The irony? Right now, she’s eating like there’s no tomorrow, yet she’s as svelte as any *Biggest Loser* winner. “I just don’t eat Mom’s home-cooking every day,” she says.

“She’s also a great dancer,” says Kealani. “Kelia: Get up and do the ‘hula for moolah.’ I’ll clap the rhythm.”

Kelia does, arms up, facing us and weaving, then turning her back for the last two beats and wiggling her butt at us.

You have to laugh. Anywhere else they’d have the religious police on us. But this is Little Hawaii. Butt-waggle central.

I swear, we need more Hawaii. ■

The Place: Kealani’s, 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA (760-942-5642).

Prices: *Loco moco* (two ground-beef patties, grilled onions, gravy, two eggs sunny-side up, two scoops rice, one scoop macaroni salad, \$7.75 (mini size, \$6.25); chicken katsu (deep-fried breaded chicken, katsu sauce, \$6.99, \$5.50 mini size); kalua pig sandwich, \$4.50; daily specials, e.g., pork adobo (Tuesday) with rice, mac salad, \$6.50

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Whisked to Wafflonia

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All hail the waffle king!

I had no idea. How could I have known? I just saw the little pictogram of an anthropomorphic waffle king on the sign for the King's Inn and that was enough to pique my interest.

In the lobby, where a statue of the waffle potentate guards the entrance to the smallish diner, I fell into instantaneous love with the sincere and quirky *awesomeness* of the Waffle Spot. It was like stepping into another world, and I don't say that because the restaurant walls are painted with scenes from a breakfast kingdom where characters like Sir Robin of Flapjack and the Court Eggster make merry beneath the rule of the benevolent monarch Sir Wafflelot. The experience was otherworldly because the Waffle Spot felt so far away from normal, yet strangely comfortable at the same time.

Crayon-powered fan art lined the walls, some of it pretty amazing. Characters from the breakfast kingdom had been decorated to look like players from movies and TV. Waffle Batman and egg Joker, anyone?

By the time the life-sized Sir Wafflelot mascot paraded through the dining room, I was giggling like a *Glee* cast member and hi-fiving the giant foam waffle man. Yes, I did eventually have my picture taken with "his majesty."

I kid you not. This is the breakfast experience I had the morning I saw *The Hobbit*.

And, hey, the breakfast was both cheap and tasty! Waffle plates start under \$5 and my bacon

waffle (\$8.25) was studded with chewy bits of bacon and served alongside two scrambled eggs and a cup of fruit salad. Neither too crispy nor too soggy, the waffle was generous in size and scrumptious in flavor.

Likewise, a chocolate chip-waffle (\$6.75) had been riddled with chips, white and dark chocolate both, melted under the heat of the waffle iron.

Enterprising souls might try waffle eggs benedict or the self-explanatory "waffles rancheros," both of which come served on miniature waffles the size of English muffins. Those mini waffles, incidentally, are available for children.

There were other breakfast foods on the menu — omelets, sandwiches, cereals, etc. But I think there's some royal edict in the kingdom of Wafflonia about eating too many non-waffle breakfasts, so tread with care.

The Waffle Spot, 1333 Hotel Circle South.

by Ian Pike



A statue of the waffle potentate guards the entrance and adds to the sincere and quirky awesomeness of The Waffle Spot.

Soup Shoppe

As cold and rainy and all around nasty as it's been lately, soup seems like a fantastic idea, right? Nothing warms the bones better and wards off torpidity like a piping-hot bowl of soup, chowder, bisque, stew, pottage, bouillon, consomme, broth, or whatever moniker fits.

The recently opened San Diego Soup Shoppe (superfluous "pe" and everything) on El Cajon Boulevard can rise to the challenge of battling those wintry blues.

It's a "soup and sandwich" affair with little more than handcrafted soup and panini on the menu, but I appreciate a little specialization as there's something to be said for doing better by doing less.

I tried a few of the soups and found them



Faded polaroids of customers past hang on the walls of Philly Frank's in San Marcos.

all very agreeable. Clam chowder hadn't been overdone to the point where the simplicity of the briny clams and creamy base were overshadowed by extraneous details. Lobster bisque was rich, salty, and laced with the inimitable taste of sherry. Roasted red pepper and gouda, despite lacking any meatiness, was both rich and satisfying.

Really, there was nothing wrong with the soups at all. The price felt a bit steep at \$6 per bowl, though adding the crusty, sourdough bread bowl for \$2 transformed the cup of soup from a snack to a meal. It was a little more expensive than grabbing a burrito, but the change of pace and hearty, warming powers of the soup make the extra couple of dollars seem a pittance.

Regrettably, I dined sans camera, so there's no eye-catching evidence of the meal, but trust me on one thing: it looked like soup.

San Diego Soup Shoppe, 2850 El Cajon Boulevard.

by Ian Pike

Inheriting the Lion's Share

Come 2013, the owners of the Lion's Share (629 Kettner Boulevard, downtown) will be playing the part of Mufasa, hoisting up the new heir to their kitchen's throne among the colorful wildlife adorning their Marina District restaurant's dining room. Filling the role of Simba in this scenario

will be Scott Mickelson, a chef with experience working at the Grand Del Mar who some will remember as the toque who opened PrepKitchen's Little Italy location. He has been absent from the scene since suffering a foot injury but is eager to get back in the game.

Mickelson's arrival comes on the heels of former executive chef Jacob Rodriguez (formerly of Café Chloe and El Take It Easy) who decided to leave the Lion's Share after a few months at the helm.

Rodriguez was part of the restaurant's opening crew, serving as the right hand to original exec Lhasa Landry. Together, they composed a menu that made them fast darlings among San Diego foodies. When Landry parted ways with the Lion's Share's ownership, Rodriguez took over and, for the most part, maintained the upscale game-centric bar bill of fare they put in place.

The fact that they are both gone means, essentially, the Lion's Share will be a whole new restaurant. Or at least it has the opportunity to be, should that be what Mickelson and his bosses decide. The menu is a work-in-progress at present, but this will for sure be a place to keep an eye on in the new year.

by Brandon Hernández

It's a Proper pity

Sad to say: Proper Gastro Pub, right in the ballpark park area in the East Village, is gone. Walked past the other day, and the big arched stone-and-brick portico with "Simon Levi Company" etched into it has its wrought-iron gates closed.

Proper Pub was a lavishly outfitted London-style pub, one of the coolest go-to's for the East Village crowd.

"We're looking for a buyer," says a gent from behind the window, like I may be that buyer.

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The 1912 building suits the pub, and Petco Park's luminous green lawn outside looks like the village green in some Jane Austen novel.

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Maybe that lack of traffic and visibility was the place's Achilles' heel. You can see how the owners fell in love with this restored historic building, and they thought of being right beside the ballpark crowds. But ballpark crowds have been deceptive sirens for other places, too. Great when they're there, but then they're gone until the next home game or the next season.

Bottom line: maybe this beautiful place needs someone with deeper pockets to keep it going until it becomes part of the new downtown's fabric.

Till then, we'll just have to drink improperly.

by Ed Bedford

Port Brewing calls Board Meeting

Breweries put out new beers all the time, rendering news about

a new brew a bit ho-hum most of the time. Usually, it's specialty releases — beers made using interesting ingredients, beers registering high in alcohol, or beers made collaboratively by brewers from multiple companies — that are deemed the most pressworthy. But when a brewing company with as set a lineup as North County's Port Brewing (155 Mata Way, suite 104, San Marcos) announces an addition to their portfolio, that's cause for a call-out.

Port Brewing currently distributes four year-round beers — Wipeout IPA, Mongo Double IPA, Shark Attack Imperial Red Ale, and Old Viscosity Imperial Stout. Of those, Mongo was the most recent inductee, having been added in early 2010. Over two years later, the commercial production arm of the Pizza Port empire is adding a fifth brew to that lineup, an imperial brown ale called Board Meeting.

Named after sessions spent riding waves, the beer's an 8.5% alcohol-by-volume beer that, unlike most brown ales, is hop-forward. Even more West Coast character is provided by the addition of coffee sourced from Ryan Brothers Coffee, as well as cocoa nibs from popu-

lar San Francisco chocolatier TCHO.

Few would have figured Port Brewing would go the dark route with their next year-round brew, but the SoCal customization they've employed should help it fit in nicely with its siblings. Board Meeting will be available in 22-ounce bottles and on draft beginning, most likely, around February.

by Brandon Hernández


Soup Shoppe

As cold and rainy and all around nasty as it's been lately, soup seems like a fantastic idea, right? Nothing warms the bones better and wards off torpidity like a hot bowl of soup, chowder, bisque, stew, pottage, bouillon, consomme, broth, or whatever moniker fits. The recently opened San Diego Soup Shoppe on El Cajon Boulevard can rise to the challenge of battling those wintry blues.



It's a "soup and sandwich" affair with little more than soup and panini on the menu, but I appreciate a little specialization as there's something to be said for doing better by doing less.

I tried a few of the soups

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and found them all agreeable. Clam chowder hadn't been overdone to the point where the simplicity of the briny clams and creamy base were overshadowed by extraneous details. Lobster bisque was rich, salty, and laced with the inimitable taste of sherry. Roasted red pepper and gouda, despite lacking meatiness, was both rich and satisfying.

There was nothing wrong with the soups. The price felt a bit steep at \$6 per bowl, though adding the crusty sourdough bread bowl for \$2 transformed the cup of soup from a snack to a meal. It was a little more expensive than grabbing a burrito, but the change of pace and hearty, warming powers of the soup make the extra couple of dollars seem a pittance.

Regrettably, I dined sans camera so there's no eye-catching evidence of the meal, but trust me on one thing: it looked like soup.

San Diego Soup Shoppe,
2850 El Cajon Boulevard.

by Ian Pike

Slow Food at Saltbox

I don't know what it is about that little strip of Fifth Avenue by the trolley tracks that keeps me away — perhaps it's the fact that whenever I'm visiting the area, I'm in a car and frustrated about the downtown parking drama. It takes a lot to drag me downtown. Recently, I was given two good reasons to go to one place, located at the Palomar Hotel, which is next door to the House of Blues on the impossible-to-find-parking strip. If I were a believer in supernatural shit, I'd say some force wanted me to be there that night because I nabbed a spot on the street only half a block away.

I was there for an event and a meal. The event was Slow Food Urban San Diego's holiday mixer. There, I mingled with farmers, restaurateurs, and slow-food advocates such as coleader Candice Woo.

The mixer was held on a patio by the pool. There were drink specials and pass-arounds. I avoided most of the food because I wanted to stay hungry for dinner downstairs, at Saltbox. So I sipped a cocktail and made the rounds, catching

up with old friends and making new ones. One chef, Jenn, commented on the raspberry-and-cucumber cocktails, "I hate to say it, but as a foodie at a slow-food mixer, your cocktails are so out of season."

Fortunately, the food was in line with what's going around at the farmers' markets. For example, butternut squash ravioli with pomegranate and curried walnuts.

Before David and I could get a table downstairs, we had to check out the restroom we'd been hearing so much about. It was a major gripe on online reviews, and even slow foodies at the mixer were trying to explain the difficulty and quirkiness of the mixed-sex bathroom. "The stalls are like light-cancelling vaults, and if you accidentally step on the one small, dim light in the floor, you'll be in complete darkness." David agreed that it was dark in his stall, but I had no trouble seeing what I needed to. And as I'm typing this, I realize just how gross it is to reference the restroom in a food blog, but you know what? I'm not taking it out. That bathroom is weird, and some people hate it, but I thought it was cool.

Finally, seated in the quiet,

dark dining room, I ordered a real cocktail in a real glass (they can only serve in plastic by the pool). I got the Old Fashioned, with Maker's Mark bourbon and Luxardo cherries. It was so good I got another one later in lieu of dessert.

Because we wanted to try a few things and graze rather than gorge, we ordered three small plates to share. When David went for the bone marrow, I assumed I'd be having none of it — I've got texture issues, and bone marrow seems slimy. I'd tried it a few times in the past, and each time I was not impressed. But David insisted I try this one, and I'm happy I did. I liked it. Kudos to chef Simon Dolinky for helping me overcome my aversion. My world is that much bigger. The warm marrow was like salty, savory butter, spread on the lightly sweet grilled brown bread.

I went a little outside of my usual comfort zone and ordered the bay-scallop ceviche, which was served in a glass jar atop creamy blended avocado and beneath cucumber and jalapeño granita. It was refreshing, and I loved the textures and flavors in each spoonful.

Finally, despite our server's

attempts to steer us away from it because we'd said we didn't want anything too heavy, we ordered the "slow cooked brisket grilled cheese" rather than two additional items. The brisket and manchego with sauce piquant between slices of grilled bread was a comforting and satisfying way to end the evening. Well, that and my "dessert."

by Barbarella Fokos

Avenue Liquor's BLT...in Chaldean?

Passing Avenue Liquor last night. Decided to stop in and get the BLT, right here on Coronado's main avenue, where the median's perfect fir trees are lit up for a mile.

But every time I pass by 9th, (Avenue Liquor, Wine Sub Shoppe, 878 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4663), I hanker for their BLT sub.

Also, always liked the two brothers working here, Wasim and Wissam. What gets me is the language they speak. It's Chaldean, which means basically Aramaic. Which is supposed to be the language Jesus spoke.

So, Jesus may have said exactly these words the guys have taught me (this is how

they sound...no official spelling here):

"Dichiwood?" ("How are you?")

"Randa! Dichilébetha?" ("Good. How is your family?")

"Randa! Bassima raba." ("Good. Thank you so much.")

"A b s h é n a ." (You're welcome.)

I mean, is that incredible or what? Carla doesn't think it's a big deal. For me, the words Wissam uses zap you back to the time, place, people, 2000 years ago. This is how Jesus, Joseph, all of them, actually spoke. The words they used. Not Greek, not Latin, for sure not English...and now the words you hear in a liquor store on Orange Avenue in 2012.

Okay, so I order up a BLT for Carla and me to share (\$7.53, including tax). Wissam sets to, making my sandwich. On wheat, with mayo, peppers, avo, tomato, lettuce, a fine mess.

Only thing is the bacon — he's put tons of it in there — doesn't have the same salty bite or thickness I remember. Could just be me. I'll ask the lovely Carla when I give her her half. Just lacks the heft I remember. Maybe the bacon's cut too thin. Maybe I asked for too much other stuff. Jesus

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would probably say, "Quit your belly-aching. Be grateful you've got food at all." In Aramaic, of course.

by Ed Bedford

Cafe Bleu is stuck

It's been more than a year since Barbarella took a first look at Cafe Bleu in Mission Hills. Her assessment — that the place was "French-ish" and lacking in polish — seemed spot-on at the time, and I thought it might be telling to pop in there and see for myself how the menu had evolved (or not) in 2012.

To my surprise, little has changed there. Even the *amuse bouche* is still the same braised beef in puff pastry with a rich aioli. The vegetarian entrée is still the same "pile o' stuff" on top of polenta, though the presentation has improved to the point that it's not outright terrifying to behold. The menu, as far as I could tell, had not been altered. I found the *coq au vin*, which is supposedly the house specialty, to be good but not great. Its greatest strength was the generosity of the portion. The already lean chicken had a dry, boiled texture. There's some irony in the fact that it's hard to get a good *coq au vin*

because the available chicken is of too high a quality. Had the restaurant submerged a tough, sinewy old rooster in wine and braised it for an eternity, the rich broth and silky flesh would have been an improvement for the old bird. Fresh, young, American farm chickens just get all dried out.

Looking back, I want to say, "What's with the Roger Clemens approach to menu design, guys?"

Seriously, throw a changeup! Shake things up. Cafe Bleu is mostly adorable inside (it's a little dark) and the service was above average. It must be the bistro aprons that make servers step up their game, I don't know. My compliments go out to the young guy who attended my table with silent precision and competency. I would just like to see the kitchen move past the follies that Barb identified and do something more to honor the good location, cute dining room, and sharp wine selection. Next time I come in for half-priced wine bottles (Monday during dinner), how about you let me see something new?

Cafe Bleu, 807 West Washington Street.

by Ian Pike

Jewish Penicillin

Last week, it was cold and rainy when I visited the KPBS studios to talk about fun events in town on *Midday Edition*. The station is located at San Diego State University, just an exit away from San Diego's best Jewish deli, D.Z. Akin's. Don't agree or know of a contender for best Jewish deli? Let me know; I'd love to check it out. For now, though, when anyone's craving latkes, knishes, or challah, D.Z. Akin's is where I send them. Though that's not what I order when I go there.

The menu is gigantic, but I never look at it. I know that I'll be getting a bowl of "Jewish Penicillin," which is chicken broth (that often overflows onto the plate below) with matzo balls, noodles, and carrots.

David enjoys the bucket of pickles (there's one on every table). He says they remind him of the ones his father makes. I find them a little too bitter.

We each get our own bowl of comforting goodness and then share grilled knackwurst served on a grilled bun and sauerkraut.

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the potato salad (my favorite potato salad in the world — usually, I can't do anything with mayo). The potato salad is lightly sweet, and the veggies within are fresh, making it an ideal complement to the vinegar of the kraut.

One of the things D.Z. Akins is most famous for is its bakery and deli area, where you can get imported goods. I never have room for dessert, but I love perusing the colorful sweets in the case, which change with the seasons.

by Barbarella Fokos

ming! The only spot I could find was at the bar, where I was graced with some conversation from the obviously busy staff. It's easy to ignore a solo diner since we don't spend a lot of money, but I'm always pleased when somebody goes out of his or her way to make me feel welcome as a singleton.

When Bruno opened, I prophesied a short tenure. The pizza was good, but the dark, cracked-out sidewalks on Park Boulevard didn't bode well. Plus, they opened right at the time when businesses were failing by the truckload. I gave it less than a year.

It's been three, and Bruno is still going strong. I counted two servers, two busers, and two cooks working dinner, which is not the skeleton-crew of a struggling restaurant! I struck up a conversation, and I gather that a lot of devoted customers are keeping the place busy. Indeed, the dressed-up clientele that are taking their time and noshing on Naples-style pizza looked liked a solid, dependable customer base. There were a lot of guys in pointy Italian shoes and women in expensive jeans, which are exactly the kind of people you want coming in for Euro-chic pizza.

Little, if anything, has changed for Bruno in the past three years. Rather than castigate the restaurant for that, I want to hold it up as a counter-example to what I was talking about yesterday. I had a salsicce pizza topped with fennel sausage, mozzarella cheese, and a touch of broccoli rabe. The soft, chewy crust had been blistered by the blazing oven, so the dough was just barely cooked. Splashed with a little of the house "spicy oil" (which is truly spicy and deserves a moderate touch), it was as fine a pizza as I've had.

In light of the world's refusal to end today, I'd like to point to Pizzeria Bruno as a rare success story in the restaurant game, where the odds are seldom in anyone's favor and making a crappy location work is a great accomplishment. If anybody out there has yet to try Bruno's pizza, do yourselves a favor and go have some in case the world does come to a smoldering conclusion sometime in the near future.

Pizzeria Bruno, 4207 Park Boulevard.

by Ian Pike

giant candles...

"Oh, sure, we're in happy hour till nine," says this gal, Christina, when I ask. "Half off everything on the bar menu."

I'm sitting at this clubby bar with a couple of totally glam ladies on the left and a *suavecito* guy on the right. Thing I notice about the bottles of wine filling the backboard...a lot are L.A. Cetto, from Baja California. Huh. Normally, you never see Mexican wines up here.

So, the bar menu has eight items on it, starting with guacamole and chips (\$10). Must be some guac.

But it gets more interesting. They have a cheese platter for \$18, tuna carnitas tacos (\$12), Tacos Gobernadores (three shrimp-and-cheese fried tacos, \$12), three fish tacos for \$12, a little casserole of cheese fondue with Spanish chorizo (\$12), a small pizza with eggplant, artichoke, crabmeat, tomato sauce, blue cheese and mozzarella (which sounds delicious at \$12), and a burger for \$13.

Now, of course, we cut all these prices in half for happy hour. While I'm thinking I ask Christina about that bottle right in front of me: L.A. Cetto. Cabernet Sauvignon 2008.

"Is that in happy hour?" I ask.

"Of course," says Christina.

So, great. Get a \$10 glass for \$5. It's what you'd call robust. Guadalupe Valley. You can taste the earth in it.

Christina says the tacos are pretty famous here. But, for me, it's down to the pizza or the fondue.

Fondue wins out, this being a cold night and all. And it comes in a cool little dish, bubbling away.

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"This fondue with chorizo is a dish all Mexico eats," he says. "The rich, the poor, everyone. It's great for cold weather like this."

I like it. And the two salsa dips that come with it, green and red. Fresh. And how the wine fits right in. "But Mexican wine?" I say. "I thought you couldn't get it here. You never see it."

"Oh, you can get it here," says Chef Martin. "In fact, it's 40 percent cheaper than if you buy it in Mexico."

What?
"The Mexican government slaps a 40 percent tax on its own wines. Down there, good, French imported wines are the same price or cheaper than our own wines. It's crazy."

Governments making it difficult to produce home-grown wines seems to be a tradition, ever since, like, 400 years ago, when some Spanish king made Mexican wine-growers pull up their vines so Spain would have a guaranteed export market for their wine.

Total price for this beautiful little meal: \$11.47, including tax.

by Ed Bedford

Gettin' cozy at Bootlegger

Bootlegger claims the "allure of a 1920s speakeasy," which is a dubious proposition unless you're doing business without a liquor license. Something tells me that it would be easier to get an "illegal bar" vibe without big windows, bright TVs, and loud music playing. Don't unlicensed entertainment venues make a point of keeping a low profile?

I quibble only halfheartedly because I think the intentions came from a good place. Most of the bar is open space — the better for packing people in on weekend nights — but the booths and plush chairs along the back wall are ripe for sitting. The house policy is 21+

at night, so the full menu of food and the comfy chairs are off limits to some.

Thinking the bar would mix an artful cocktail, I tried the "Real McCoy," which tasted like a glass of cold, wet whiskey with vague hints of orange. It was rather amateur, and I would have preferred a glass of good bourbon without the adulteration. Similarly, the rest of the specialty cocktails looked to have been slapped together in a faux-crafty fashion. It would be better to stick with the reasonable list of bottled and draft beers, some of which are available in big buckets full of ice if you want to get the party started.

Much of the menu is sandwiches and appetizers, which implies drinking is priority number one at Bootlegger.

Not that that's bad, per se, it's just important to know.

The best foods seem to be the ones that go friendly with beer. Pretzels (two for \$7) were almost excellent despite the forgettable, white-trashy jalapeño-cheese sauce served for dunking. Somebody in the organization is a fan of Alabama college football, and the riblets (\$10) that bore the 'Bama name were scrump-

tious, albeit pitiful in size. The succulent meat fell easily from the bone and the plentiful barbecue sauce was good for enrobing the soft, salty fries.

A chicken Caesar salad (\$12) disappointed with care-less prep, lackluster chicken, and imperceptible dressing. Similarly, a "TJ dog" could claim only advantageous pricing (\$4), as the spirit of the hot dog was all wrong — too much dog and not enough bacon, peppers, onions, and wonderful, wonderful toppings.

I went to Bootlegger expecting more of a high-concept cocktails lounge with creative takes on classic comfort foods. My assumption is that it may have begun that way on paper, and that's how it's marketed, but reality has given us a club with mediocre food and beer in buckets.

Still, the chairs were cozy. Bootlegger, 804 Market Street.

by Ian Pike

Fancy holiday time

The strong women that make up most of my family like to play at being dainty every once in a while, especially when playing "lady" means getting to enjoy tasty treats. So, every now and then, we break from our frantic ambitions and get together for high tea at Tea Upon Chatsworth in Point Loma.

This time, we brought along my sister Jane's two young daughters, Bella and Olivia, to celebrate my mother's birthday over tea. The small British-style room was decked out for the holidays. Owner and "culinary artist" Joy Walsh keeps the menu ever-changing, to reflect the food of the season.

The high tea is \$24.95 per person, but for children it's \$22.95 — not much of a difference. The kids didn't get the first course of soup or any warm savories (there were three kinds), and they barely drink any tea. Certainly that's

more than a \$2 difference. But, wrinkled noses at the price for kids aside, we recognized how great it was that the restaurant keeps a collection of feather boas and hats on hand for the children to select from and wear for the duration of their tea experience.

A tower of food arrives shortly after the first pot of tea. Savories on the bottom (such as cucumber and chicken sandwiches and the warm pastry savories), scones and fruit in the middle, and sweets on top.

My favorite part of the meal is always the scone with the cream and seasonal homemade preserves.

We had an extra treat this time — once we'd filled ourselves with tea and dainty finger food, our server brought an éclair for each of us. As always, we began the meal thinking, *There's no way this will be enough food*, but we left with a box of bites to take home and share with the guys.

by Barbarella Fokos

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Rinse and repeat for *SDMTV*. “I noticed the music community here was kind of lacking in terms of overall support within itself,” Joseph Stevens, a singer/songwriter and general contractor, thought he could cure that perceived ill with a television show.

in clubs for me during our phone conversation. “Musicians don’t stay for each other’s sets. I’d like to blame it on the economy, but I think it’s more a personality-based thing.”

A Chicago native now living in Ocean Beach, Stevens, 38, has in the past showcased

ently airing reruns from last year, Stevens started the show in January 2012 as *So-Cal Showcase* and produced 37 episodes before changing the name.

Stevens began his videographer gig in 2009 at the Cox Cable public access station. “That’s where I cut my teeth, learned the studio equipment, and how to run a crew.” That said, he wears all the hats at *SD Music TV*. Meaning, he works alone. Stevens is show host, interviewer, cameraman, director, and post-production supervisor. He designs the show posters, and he puts together the band showcases.

“I boiled it down to just me so I wouldn’t have to rely on anyone. I don’t want to have to rely on flaky people.”

Does the show make any money? “None. Zero.” Stevens has been self-funded from day one. “I’ve never had a sponsor.” And, there’s been no venue love, either. “They’re not paying me for the cross-promotion. But,” he says, “it wasn’t supposed to be a money-making thing.” He alludes to outside pressures to take the show to profit, a direction he found distasteful. He is loath to give me details and instead settles on this: “It got ugly. I had to do some rinse and repeat.”

Stevens has been flooded with requests from bands that would like to be on the show. “I do my research. I look at everybody’s submissions. But

if they have a big ego and they put off negative energy, I don’t mess with them.”

— Dave Good

Studio hermit. “The album title is indicative of the bent of the material,” says soulful troubadour Simeon Flick of his upcoming full-length *Sub Rosa*. “It’s Latin for ‘under the rose,’ so all the songs reveal something of my seamy underbelly. It’s also a tribute to my favorite Pixies album, *Surfer Rosa*, and, if you say the words together, it sounds a bit like the Spanish word ‘sabrosa,’ which means tasty, flavorful, and delicious.”

DIY is the new order of the day for this, his fifth studio album. “I wrote, performed, engineered, and produced the record myself. It’ll be self-released and only available digitally since CDs, with the exception of their lingering utility at live shows, are now obsolete. I’m also designing the album cover myself this time. That’s the main newness.”

Recorded at his own Blue Chair Studio, Flick says, “Paul Abbott handled the mastering at his ZenMastering facility, putting the final sonic polish on what I honestly feel is my best work to date in all its DIY facets: tighter songs, better production, and more proficient engineering with a clearer result that should inspire a stronger emotional response. Unless you’re a zombie. And, hopefully, it’ll garner

some more lucrative career developments on the interwebs and other media.”

Fifteen songs were recorded for the album (with one pos-

is that people know what they like, and they like what they know, so it’s been a wonderful change of pace to have the easy connection and instant



Soulful troubadour Flick says *Sub Rosa* is his “best work to date.”

sibility carried over from the sessions for his previous release *Piquant*), 11 of which made the final cut. “Of the five outtakes,” says Flick, “there were two I felt could still go out in some capacity, namely as free [preview] downloads, as they struck me as strong aural statements, albeit on the rawer side of my genre spectrum.” The two free outtakes, “Manifesto” and “The Dark Side,” can be downloaded from SoundCloud.

Flick says there probably won’t be a local release party. “I’ve been a studio hermit, and I’ve been gigging a lot with my cover band, Scratch.” That group, formed in early 2010 and featuring Eric Oberschmidt and Mike Strawbridge, has supplanted most public performances of Flick’s own music. “The truth

gratification of an approving crowd through playing well-established covers.

“It’s also nice to actually get paid for the pleasure.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

A 2012 rock-roll run-down. The *Reader* asked musicians and music-industry locals to name their favorite hometown CD releases of the year. Here’s what they had to say.

Diana Death (musician/Rock ‘n’ Roll Preservation Society DJ): The New Kinetics, *In Stereo*. “I’m stoked they put out their second album on vinyl, and the last track on side one, ‘Reverie,’ is a haunting doo-wop number you just gotta hear.”

Michael Kinsman (San Diego Blues Festival): Red Lotus

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Hence, *SD Music TV*, a weekly 30-minute cable program featuring a live performance and interview with a hometown band.

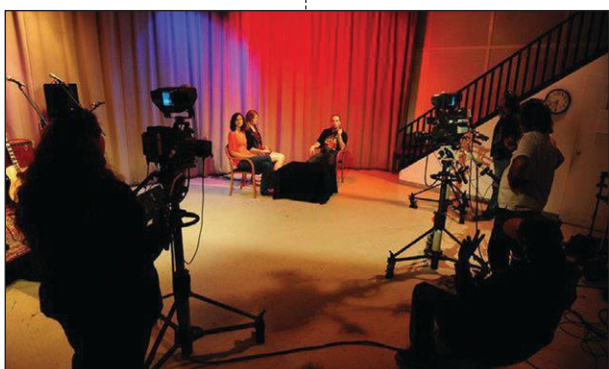
“The local music communi-

ty seemed like a dog-and-pony show. I wanted it to be more about the love. That’s what I inject into it,” says Stevens, who identifies some of the troubling musicians’ behaviors he sees

such artists as Robin Henkel and Billy Watson, guitarist Roni Lee, Ease Up, Trailerpark Rockstar, and Black Market III. Of the Lakeside trio, he says this: “I’m gonna do a live episode with them. I’m kicking off the new series on January 30 with them at the Ruby Room.”

SD Music TV airs on Time Warner cable channel 19 on Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. Pres-

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SD Music TV is Joseph Stevens’s one-man operation that eschews ego, money: “I wanted it to be more about the love.”

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Larry Dent (percussionist): Styletones, *The*

Styletones. “Jake Najor is one of my favorite drummers who, like his brother Zak, is pushing the funk envelope into 2013 in a new and youthful way.”

Liz Abbott (troubadour):



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Mike Keneally, *Wing Beat Fantastic*. “It’s moody, quirky, dreamy, melodious, surprising, engaging, and it has me absolutely riveted.”

Catfish Comstock (Dive Bomber): Sunny Rude, *Rudimentary*. “Like Zakk Wylde says, you can’t be pissed off all the time, and this CD will put you in a chill frame of mind.”

Ron Bo-cian (Red Fox Tails, Euphoria Brass Band): Matt-son 2, *Feeling Hands*. “These guys glide from burning high-minded riffs from heaven to very primary, if confidently awkward Casio-inspired peckings. More importantly, they

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Does this mean Satan is now booking Linda Vista’s Brick by Brick?

By Jay Allen Sanford — Dec. 28, 11:30 a.m.

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By Jay Allen Sanford — Dec. 27, 11:37 p.m.

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By Garrett Harris — Dec. 25, 9:18 p.m.

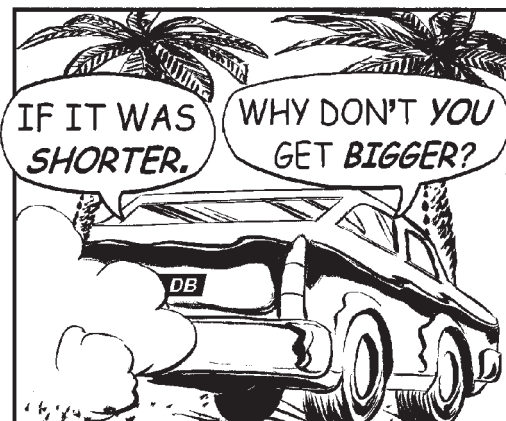
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are really nice guys.”

Nena Anderson (singer/songwriter): Golden Beaches, *Golden Beaches*. “This record sounds like summer in Southern California. Its lo-fi garage sound is the perfect beach-barbecue soundtrack. The catchy songs make me want to sing along while I shimmy in a bikini *Beach Blanket Bingo* style.”

Clay Hackett (Suicide Chords): The Palace Ballroom, *This is the Plan*. “They have a rock sound that borders on eclectic, as they use unconventional instrumentation. I love the catchy hooks and easy digestion of the music.”

More 2012 notables from Dave Good:

The Burning of Rome, *With Us*: crafty death-pop from an O.B. band that is slowly drifting to Los Angeles. This is the same music that was played day after day into a vat of beer during the brewing process.

Am told the brew was memorable. Never got any.

Josh Damigo, *Hope*: Who is this guy, and what exactly is his gig? Country? Rock? Roots? I dunno, but every song on this disc is a keeper.



High schoolers Big Bad Buffalo pricked up some ears in 2012.

Pierce the Veil, *Collide with the Sky*: San Diego’s Mexi-core rockers. Their best and most adventurous collection yet. Oddly snubbed by SDMA in favor of other locals that likewise went national, but unlike Pierce the Veil, long ago ditched San Diego.

Skid Roper, *Rock and Roll Part 3*: I don’t know if I got this record in 2012, or if it was released in 2012, or both. But Skid, well, Skid just gets better and better at doing the eclectic-with-a-groove-and-

bump thing.

Picus Maximus, *Lullabies for the Cursed*: this may be as close to a Montezuma’s Revenge reunion as you’re gonna get... Jim Soldi and Rick Sparhawk team up on this brilliant parody of B-monster movie tuneage.

Ian Tordella, *Tragic Comedy*: this collection of jazz sax material from a hometown young lion spends much time in my car stereo CD player.

Big Bad Buffalo, *Big Bad Buffalo*: Jordan Krinston is still in high school, and he’s already making music this good. You know who gave me a copy? Mike Bengé, teacher of band class at Jordan’s school and ’bone player in the B-Side Players. He’s a fan.

Taryn Donath, *Gardenia*: a seasoned and engaging performer, Donath has laid out the songs on this disc in the manner that it should be done. She builds moments that result in pure listening entertainment. Taryn Donath is school for other musicians.

— Dave Good

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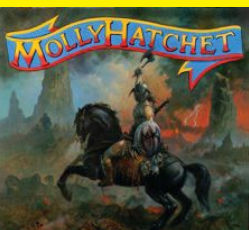
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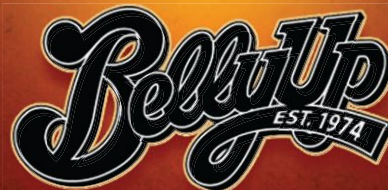
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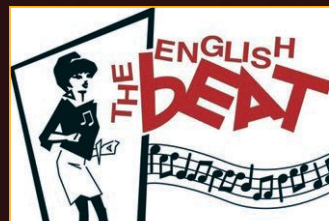
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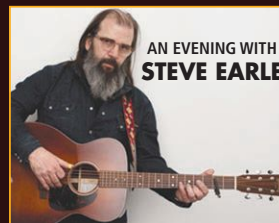


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| 1/23 Beer Fest w/ The Tilt - craft beer tasting | 2/10 Tony Saruci as The Highwayman - tribute to Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, more | 3/3 David Lindley w/ Carrie Rodriguez |
| 1/24 Nicki Bluhm and the Gramblers | 2/11 Dirty Dozen Brass Band | 3/6 Mickey Hart Band |
| 1/25 & 26 Ozomatli | 2/14 The Hives | 3/7 Toad the Wet Sprocket |
| 1/27 An Evening w/ Jorma Kaukonen of Hot Tuna - seated show | 2/15 Ra Ra Riot | 3/12 Frightened Rabbit |
| 1/28 Chef Bands feat. Sam the Cooking Guy and Josh Kopelman of Dining Out SD | 2/16 Steve Poltz's Annual 50th Birthday Party w/ the Rugburns and Glen Phillips of Toad the Wet Sprocket | 3/17 Emancipator - Do Lab Presents |
| 1/31 The Wood Brothers | 2/17 Blackalicious | 3/18 Josh Ritter |
| 2/1 & 2 Tristan Prettyman | 2/20 B.B. King | 3/21 Kenny Rogers |
| 2/4 ZZ Ward and Delta Rae | 2/22 An Evening with Leftover Salmon | 3/22 Bob Schneider |
| 2/6 North Mississippi Allstars | 2/24 Reckless Kelly | 3/23 Atomic Punks |
| 2/7 Old Man Markley | | 3/24 An Evening with Gordon Lightfoot |
| | | 3/30 Who's Bad |
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Ode to My Hair

"I used to be able to do one side of a Rubik's cube with my feet."

Lizzie Wann began producing local events that mixed poetry and music in 1996. "As a poet who wanted to expose more people to the spoken word, I paired local poets with local singer/songwriters in a series I called 'Live Out Loud,'" she says. "I also hosted poetry readings and the occasional slam." In 2000, she decided to focus on producing house concerts and founded Meeting Grace, hosting shows in her Golden Hill home that featured both local and touring artists.

During this time, Wann also became the "house concert guru" for local folk duo Berkley Hart, helping them spread their music through intimate in-home performances and creating a multitude of concert and spoken-word series all over San Diego. She also hosted an all-night gathering of poets called Thee Word Rave, the brainchild of poet Lob, of Thee Instagon Foundation.

After moving out of Golden Hill and taking a year off from show promotion, some friends offered up their home in Normal Heights to continue Meeting Grace. The first event in the new space was in February 2004 and shows continued through most of 2008. Since then, she's been booking countless concerts at Swedenborg Hall,

hosting benefits to raise money and awareness for ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), revived her Live Out Loud series, and can be seen every now and then reading her own poetry at venues around town.

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Wann's CD *A Wing and a Prayer* includes spoken-word passages with musical accompaniment by local talents such as

Gregory Page, Berkley Hart, and John Katchur, all of whom have performed at her various house concert events around town. Its 17 tracks include "The Kind of Smoker I Would Be," "Fire and Fiddle," "Blues Drop," "Ode to My Hair," and "For Jeff Buckley," concerning the cult singer/songwriter who passed away in 1997.

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. John Mayer, *Born and Raised*. "Finally, a John Mayer record I can get behind! I love the melodies and the tip of the cap to the California scene of the 1970s."
2. Tim & Nicki Bluhm, *Duets*. "I love their harmonies, and Nicki's high, sweet voice is like honey in my ears."
3. Janis Joplin, *Pearl*. "There's rarely a time when there isn't some Janis playing around me."
4. The Lovebirds, *Nutsy Pants*. "I may never tire

of this record from Veronica May and Lindsay White. Each of their voices is breathtaking, especially when these ladies harmonize."

5. Ray LaMontagne, *God Willin' and the Creek Don't Rise*. "The opening lines of 'New York City's Killing Me' are beautifully devastating."

ANYTHING YOU WERE EMBARRASSED TO MENTION?

"I'm not embarrassed by it, but I have quite a number of Disney tunes."

IN WHAT FICTIONAL UNIVERSE WOULD YOU WANT TO LIVE?

"The *Friends* TV show."

PROMOTER'S NIGHTMARE?

"One time, I set up Paypal to accept presale tickets for a Berkley Hart show. I'm not sure what happened, but I had people who had paid and had printouts that I didn't have on my list, and folks who paid but never showed up."

WHERE DO YOU HANG OUT?

"The D.G. Wills bookstore in La Jolla."

FAVORITE USELESS TRIVIA?

"Human ears never stop growing."

WHAT WOULD YOU TELL THE YOUNGER YOU?

"Don't stop playing tennis."

SOMETHING YOU NEVER RUN OUT OF?

"Deodorant."

UNFULFILLED AMBITION?

"Fly first class."



PHOTOGRAPH BY DAN CHUSID

Lizzie Wann once opened for Jewel at San Diego State's Open Air Theatre.

SONG THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR LIFE?

"'Every Day I Write the Book,' by Elvis Costello: '...Even in a perfect world where everyone was equal, I'd still own the film rights and be working on the sequel.'"

FEARS OR PHOBIAS?

"I fear dropping something from a great height, like my sunglasses falling off the top of my head while I'm looking down into the Grand Canyon."

BEST THING ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

"I currently live in Clairemont near Bay Park, and I like it because it's quiet, it gets the ocean breezes, and it has some cool spots like the Off-shore Tavern and Siesel's Old Fashioned Meats."

THREE THINGS WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

1. "I once opened for Jewel at San Diego State Open Air Theatre."
2. "I have 500 hours of massage therapy training but never got my license."
3. "I used to be able to do one side of a Rubik's cube with my feet." ■

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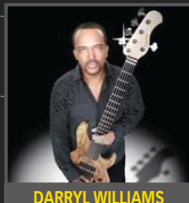
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Saturday, 8pm — The Afrojazziacs. \$8-\$10.

Across the Street at Mueller College:
Saturday, 8pm — Vicious Phishes, the Shallow End, Happy Ron Hill.

ArtLab:
Friday, 7pm — Tribal Baroque.
Saturday, 7pm — End of the Beginning with Dave Persue.
Wednesday, 8pm — Robin Henkel Band, Whitney Shay, Billy Watson. **Free.**

Auditorium at the Scripps Research Institute:
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Viviane and Nicole Hagner Perform Schubert. \$30.

Balboa Theatre:
Wednesday, 8pm — Gregg Allman. \$32-\$51.

Beaumont's:
Thursday — Brent Curtis. **Free.**

Belly Up:
Thursday, 8pm — Rhythm and the Method, Tori Rogg, Aaron Kimball. \$8.
Friday, 9pm — Pato Banton. \$18-\$20.
Saturday, 8:30pm — Beat Farmers Hootenany. \$20-\$22.
Sunday, 6:30pm — Superstorm Sandy Benefit with the PettyBreakers. \$24-\$40.
Wednesday, 9pm — Lucinda Williams. \$35-\$37.

Boar Cross'n:
Thursday, 9pm — Inberst (final show). **Free.**
Saturday, 9pm — New Shoes Old Socks. **Free.**

Brick by Brick:
Saturday, 7pm — The Cured. \$12-\$15.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido:
Sunday, 3pm — Pablo Sáinz Villegas. \$30-\$47.

Carmel Valley Library:
Wednesday, 7pm — The Life

and Music of Robert Schumann. **Free.**

Casbah:
Thursday, 8pm — Gone Baby Gone, the Schizophonics, Hocus.
Friday — Uncle Joe's Big Ol' Driver, Fluf, Black Hondo. \$10.
Sunday — Mrs. Henry, Spero, Badabing. \$6.
Monday — Family Wagon, Hyena, Boy King. \$5.
Tuesday — Vampire, Collision Creation, Aimon. \$6.
Wednesday, 8:30pm — The Beautiful View, Machines Learning, Octa#grape. \$6.

Ché Café:
Saturday, 7:30pm — Tan Sister Radio. \$6.

Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant:
Saturday — Bruce Cameron, Mark Augustin, Ted Williams.

David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre:
Monday, 7pm — Israeli Idol Hagit Naso. **Free.**

El Tigre Bar:
Friday, 8pm — Batwings, Calafia Puta, Deer Dear, Walle, Parche de Ira.

Encinitas Library:
Sunday, 2pm — Peter Sprague and Camarada. **Free.**

Flame:
Saturday, 9pm — Elektrofie. \$5.

Griffin:
Saturday — Jamar Rogers.

House of Blues:
Thursday, Friday, Saturday — Social Distortion.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Sum 41. \$20-\$60.
Tuesday, 8pm — ListenLocalSD.com Showcase with Wookie Garcia. **Free.**

Humphreys Backstage Music Club:
Sunday, 10am — Brunch with Blues. \$43.

Kon Tiki Ballroom, Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Blvd:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Songs of the Soul. **Free.**

La Costa Coffee Roasting:
Friday, 7pm — Tony Taravella. **Free.**

La Jolla Farmer's Market, 7300 Girard Ave. La Jolla, CA 92037:
Sunday, 10am — Cowboy Jack. **Free.**

ONOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

"We've all got friends on the East Coast."
Guitarist John McAllister talks about the benefit gig to help the Red Cross effort for Hurricane Sandy victims that he and his band, the PettyBreakers, are spearheading. "We have a lot of friends who are touring musicians and who are off tour during the winter months. We'd been talking about doing something good, you know, and then we became aware of the hurricane." One thing led to another. A concert was planned with some of the band's friends, including Jesse Valenzuela from the Gin Blossoms, guitarist Keith Scott from the Bryan Adams band, blues guitar rising star Joe Bonamassa, and Ron Blair, bassist from

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers.

"We felt Ron's addition would make the perfect addition to this group," says Oceanside rock photographer Rick Gould, who is helping the PettyBreakers organize the show, "since the PettyBreakers are a Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers tribute band and Blair already knows the material." He laughs.

The PettyBreakers were San Diego Music Award nominees in 2012. They launched in 2009, says McAllister, 48, of Solana Beach, who covers the Mike Campbell guitar parts. Ozzie Mancinelli is Tom Petty in the band. The problem with running such a group, McAllister says, is that "the songs sound deceptively simple. When you try to re-create the sound that is on the record, you hear all these little subtle things happening." He explains that understanding the way that Petty's arrangements work is the key to a Heartbreaker tribute band's



success. Gould says the show's review-style format will have each of the guests performing with the PettyBreakers and showcasing their individual favorite Heartbreakers material as well as playing a song or two of their own. Gould says to expect more surprise guests and merch raffles. For those who can't attend, donations will be accepted at [pettybreakers.com](#).

THE PETTYBREAKERS: Hurricane Sandy benefit at Belly Up, Sunday, January 6, 7:30 p.m. 858-481-8140, \$25 advance/\$27 door

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New Village Arts Theatre:
Friday, 8pm, *Saturday*, 8pm — Berkley Hart and Eve Selis & Marc Twang.

Pacific Beach Library:
Wednesday, 7pm — Martin Luther King Community Choir Gospel Concert. **Free.**

Pechanga Resort & Casino:
Saturday, 8pm — Creedence Clearwater Revisited. \$45-\$55.

Presidio Park:
Sunday, 5:30pm — Courtly Noyse.

Rancho Bernardo Library :
Wednesday, 6:30pm — Gilbert Castellanos. **Free.**

San Diego Civic Theatre:
Friday, 8pm, *Saturday*, 2pm, *Sunday*, 1pm, *Sunday*, 6pm — Rain — A Tribute To The Beatles.

Second Wind (Santee):
Saturday, 8pm — Symbolic, Trailerpark Rockstars, Sickstring Outlaws. \$5.

Soda Bar:
Thursday — The Midwinters (EP release party).

Soma:
Friday, 6pm — Impending Doom, The Browning, Hearts & Hands. \$13.
Saturday, 6:30pm — Oceans. \$10.

Stage Rock Bar & Grill:
Thursday, 8:30pm — Van Roth. **Free.**

Friday, 10:30pm — The Disco Pimps.
Saturday — Fingerbang.

Wine Steals:
Saturday, 7pm — Robin Henkel. **Free.**

Winstons:
Friday, 10pm — High Tide.

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January 12 — Latanya Lockett.

AMSDconcerts: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
January 12 — PF Sloan & Creed Bratton.
January 13 CANCELED: — Kapsalis and Ivanovic Guitar Duo.
January 26 — The John Jorgenson Quintet.
February 1 — Ray Wylie Hubbard.

February 9 — Spider John Koerner.

ArtLab: 3536 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-283-1151.
January 18 — Hargo.
January 23 — Robin Henkel Band, Whitney Shay, Billy Watson.
January 28 — Hausmann String Quartet.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall St., La Jolla, 858-454-5872.
January 20 — Joshua Roman.
February 2 — Violinist Jennifer Koh.

The Auditorium at the Scripps Research Institute: 10640 John Jay Hopkins Dr., La Jolla, 858-626-2000.
January 11 — Mainly Mozart Winter Spotlight Series.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
January 15 — Pony Death Ride.

Belly Up: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
January 11, January 12 — The English Beat.
January 13 — Steve Earle.
January 15 — Tycho.
January 16 — Simpkin Project and Beyond I Sight.
January 17 — Femi Kuti and the Positive Force.
January 18 — Dead Man's Party.

January 19 — Tower of Power.
January 23 — Beer Fest with the Tilt.
January 24 — Nicki Bluhm and the Gramblers.
January 25, January 26 — Ozomatli.
January 27 — Jorma Kaukonen.
January 28 — Battle of the Chef Bands rock & roll benefit to fight domestic violence.
January 31 — The Wood Brothers.
February 1, February 2 — Tristan Prettyman.
February 4 — Delta Rae and ZZ Ward.
February 6 — North Mississippi Allstars.
February 8 — Tommy Castro and the Painkillers.
February 9 — The Wailers.
February 10 — Tony Suraci as the Highwayman and Lee Koch.

Bird Rock Coffee Roasters: 5627 La Jolla Bl., La Jolla, 858-551-1707.

January 12 — Robin Henkel.

Block 16 Union & Spirits: 334 7th Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-501-4600.
January 31 — Josh Abbott Band.

Boar Cross'n: 390 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-2989.
January 10 — Camp Lo performs Uptown Saturday Night.
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January 31 — Shake Before Us.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
January 11 — The Upbeats, Loxy, Garva, MK Ultra.
January 13 — Big Yogi Bear, the Yes Team, Josh Taylor.
January 18 — Badd Co.
January 19 — Days to Change, Fire in the Hamptons, Claudio.
January 25 — Midge Ure.
January 26 — Back to Black and Hellbent.
January 27 — Uli Jon Roth.
January 28 — Frank Hannon & Trailerpark Rockstar.
January 29 — The Aristocrats and Travis Larson Band.
January 31 — The Cro-Mags.
February 1 — Roni Lee, Jennifer Batton, Sara Groban.
February 2 — The Dumest Animals, On Decent, Daemos.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-839-4138.
January 12, January 13 — Handel's Messiah.
January 26 — Best of Doo Wop.
February 6, February 6 — Billy Lee & the Swamp Critters.
February 7, February 8 — 1st Marine Division Band.

Carlsbad Marathon, 901 Palomar Airport Rd., Carlsbad, CA 92011: .
January 20 — Cowboy Jack & the North County Cowboys.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
January 11 — Big Sandy & his

Flyrite Boys and Roy Rapid.
January 14 — Family Wagon, Strange Vine, Bruin.
January 15 — We Are Sirens, Pool Party, Church Hustlers.
January 16 — The London Souls.
January 17 — He's My Brother She's My Sister and Kera & the Lesbians.
January 19 — Cadillac Tramps, Creepy Creeps, Widow.
January 21 — Family Wagon, Rusty Maples, Schizophonics.
January 22 — Coda Reactor, the Fuzz Bombs, Oddball.
January 24 — Shake Before Us and Social Club.
January 26 — Dead Meadow, Dahga Bloom, Harsh Toke.
January 27 — Cody Chesnutt.
January 28 — Family Wagon, Great White Buffalo, Jupiter.
January 29 — Niki & the Dove and Vacationer.
January 30 — Geographer and On An On.
January 31 — Nashville Pussy, Low Volts, Marsupials.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311.
January 12 — Wild Wild Wets.
January 16 — Raein.
January 19 — Raindance.

Coffee Corner, 9608 Carlton Hills Blvd., Santee: .
January 19 — Robin Henkel with MC "Shotgun" Tom Kelly.

Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD: Russell Lane at Gilman Dr., La Jolla.
January 15 — Camera Lucida #4.
January 23 — Takae Ohnishi.
January 27 — 17th Annual Lytle Scholarship Concert Presents

Beethoven.
February 10 — Emerson String Quartet.

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B St., Downtown San Diego, 619-235-0804.
January 11, January 12, January 13 — Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto.
January 18, January 19 — Brian Stokes Mitchell.
January 26 — Jackson Browne.
January 27 — The Magic of Mozart.
January 31 — The Magic of Scheherazade.
February 7 — Gil Shaham Recital.
February 8, February 9, February 10 — Scheherazade.

Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant: 2600 Calhoun St., Old Town, 619-297-1869.
January 12 — Bruce Cameron, Mark Augustin, Ted Williams.

Eastbound Bar & Grill: 10053 Maine Ave., Lakeside, 619-334-2566.
January 19 — The Drinking Cowboy Band.

El Cajon Brewing Company: 110 N. Magnolia, El Cajon, 619-873-0221.
January 16 — Robin Henkel Blues Trio.

Escondido Public Library: .
January 12 — The Orvieto Piano Trio (2nd Saturday Concert Series).

First Christian Church of Oceanside: 204 South Freeman St., Oceanside, 760-722-8522.
January 13 — Jazz Tribute to Joe Pass with Frank Potenza, Mundell Lowe, Rob Thorsen.

Flame: 3780 Park Bl., Hillcrest, 619-546-4642.
January 19 — MayStar's Diamond Dust.
January 26 — Deeply Rooted.
February 2 — Elektrofie.

Gallagher's Pub & Grill: 5046 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300.
January 10 — The Drinking Cowboy Band.

The Griffin: 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-684-1816.
January 10 — Red Wanting Blue and the Darrows.
January 19 — Tumbleweed Wanderers.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-299-2583.
January 12 — 91X 30th Birthday Bash with Slightly Stoopid and P.O.D.
January 13 — Keane.
January 15 — Social Distortion.
January 16 — Social Distortion.
January 18 — DSB (Journey tribute) and the Pettybreakers (Tom Petty tribute).
January 20 — theBREAX.
January 25 — Quicksand and Title Fight.
January 26 — Stranger.
January 27 — Ben Folds Five.
January 29 — Jon Foreman (Switchfoot), Christina Perri, Now Now, Noah Gunderson.
January 31 — Pentatonix.
February 1 — Pinback and Judgement Day.
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Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
January 27 — Robin Henkel Band with Whitney Shay.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497.
January 25 — Terry Bozzio with Alex Machacek and Jimmy Johnson.

Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD.
February 9, February 10 — La Jolla Symphony: Inside/Outside.

Manhattan Cocktail Lounge: 400 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-6641.
January 11, January 12, February 8, February 9 — Windy City.

Mission Trails Regional Park: One Father Junipero Serra Trail, San Carlos, 619-688-3281.
January 20 — Zene Strings.

Museum of Making Music: 5790 Armada Dr., Carlsbad, 760-438-5996.
January 12 — David Borgo Quartet.
January 18 — The Good Lovelies.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252.
January 12 — Arrival from Sweden: The Music of ABBA.
February 1 — Earth, Wind & Fire.

Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819.
January 11, January 12 — The Fab Four.
January 18, January 19 — Sharon Cuneta.
February 1 — Jackson Browne.

Point Loma Nazarene University: 3900 Lomaland Dr., Point Loma, 619-849-2433.
January 11 — Sleepless Pacific (CD Release Party).

EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

Bish Bosch Scott Walker

By Andrew Hamlin

Seventeen years ago I put on Scott Walker's album *Tilt* for the first time; the real-life Phantom of the Opera began to sing as I watched a storm overtake a city center, from my picture window halfway up a hill. Seventeen years later and many miles away I put on Scott Walker's new album and it's raining again. It's raining in Scott Walker's world, period. Though you can sometimes find a ruined, lichened church for shivering shelter.

"It's Raining Today," Scott warned us in one of his early solo songs. That was before he'd per-

fected (t)his new internal universe. He was brilliant at orchestral pop, but that didn't stop him. His destinations remain obscure. He's just there. Like the Joker. Like the Phantom of the Opera.

2006's *The Drift* turned around *Tilt*'s two-parts orchestral to one-part industrial; *Bosch* turns back to *Tilt* proportions, and that ticket wins, in my book. You'll hear a lot about Walker's lyrics; I'll stick with a sampler from "Corps De Blah": "Boiling owls shriek/ Arab window flayed/ Cadenzas."

Music? Orchestral pop meets industrial, sure, fine. But, as my friendly sage Rufus puts it, "Bauhaus' Peter Murphy meets Blue Hawaii." With a ukulele. With horns. With doo-wop finger snaps. It all rolls perfectly organic, though. Provided that you remember Walker's from another planet. His organics.

So, Walker could be for goths, could be for industrial-heads, could be for people who like strings, but everyone has to put up with the otherness of the summing-up. The Phantom. Alone. Home? Where? In this rain?



"Boiling owls shriek. Arab window flayed. Cadenzas."

Rush has few equals

By Michael Caldwell

Bassist/vocalist Geddy Lee struggled to hit the high notes on the opener, keyboard-centric "Subdivisions," which was no surprise, considering the studio version's helium-high voice. However, Lee, guitarist Alex Lifeson, and drummer Neil Peart were so tight, their musicianship of such high caliber, that the vocal foibles presented a passing observation, not a complaint.

Largely eschewing the deep, radio-ready catalog of Terry Brown—produced, 1970s and

early '80s progressive rock, the 60-something-year-old musicians focused on mid-tempo cuts from their late '80s

and '90s output, such as "Big Money," from *Power Windows*; "Force Ten," from *Hold Your Fire*; and "Bravado," from *Roll the Bones*.

Lee declared, "Since we're a thousand years old, we have to take a break." And when they returned, they had an eight-piece string section in tow. Rush then played half the songs from their latest album *Clockwork Angels*. The driving "Headlong Flight" was a highlight, harkening back to their heavier heydays.

The encores were all old-school glory: "YYZ," "Spirit of Radio," "Tom Sawyer," and "2112." A climax that for Rush fans has few equals.

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January 18 — Clint Black.

Qualcomm Hall: 5775 Morehouse Dr., Sorrento Valley, 858-259-5508.
January 12 — The Hutchins Consort plays Bach and rock.

Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center: 3925 Ohio St., North Park, 619-255-5147.
January 24 — The Jim Ryan Project and Unpaved Highway.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.
January 12 — Jack Russell's Great White.
January 18 — Paul Di'Anno.
January 19 — Michael Sweet of Stryper.
February 1 — Guitar Shorty.
February 2 — Stu Hamm.
February 7 — The Tubes and the Scott West Band.

February 8 — Bobby Rock's Purple Planet.

Rancho Bernardo Library: 17110 Bernardo Center Dr., Rancho Bernardo, 858-538-8163.

January 10 — The Orvieto Trio.
January 23 — Free Classical Concert with Erin Breene, Ines Irawati, Robert Schumitzky.

Robbie's Roadhouse: 530 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-634-2365.
January 30 — Cowboy Jack.

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100 Third Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-570-1100.
January 26, January 29, February 1, February 3 — *The Daughter of the Regiment*.

San Diego History Center: 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-232-6203.
February 8 — Bach Collegium San Diego "When Cupid Strikes."

San Dieguito United Methodist Church: 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas.
January 26 — John McCutcheon.

Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library: 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad.
January 22 — International Guitar Night 2013.

The Shakedown Bar: 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-487-0373.
January 12 — Grease Punk Night With Black Market III and Blackwater Jukebox.
January 13 — The Repercussions.
January 19 — Stealth By Starlight and Cantina Renegades.
January 25 — Mods vs. Rockers with Personal Conflict and Arab Spring Radar.
January 26 — Idols Plague.

Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego: 700 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-454-3541.
January 12 — Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra.

Smokey's Lake Wohlford Cafe: 25484 Lake Wohlford Rd., Escondido, 760-749-6585.
January 12 — The Drinking Cowboy Band.
February 9 — The Drinking Cowboy Band.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.
January 13 — Jennifer O'Connor.
January 19 — Subsurfer, the Atomic Age, Grand Tarantula.
Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
January 11 — Digital Jammer, 2B, Joshthebear.
January 19 — Of Mice & Men.
January 24 — Action Item, Max Schneider, Before You Exit.
January 25 — Nova Fest.

Southwestern College: 900 Otay Lakes Rd., Chula Vista, 619-482-6367.
January 15 — "The Art of Mariachi."

Space 4 Art: 325 15th St., East Village, 619-269-7230.
January 10 — Duo ICP (Han Bennink & Mary Oliver) with Mark Dresser.

January 20 — Erik Deutsch Band.

Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre: 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002.
January 11 — The Spinners.
January 24 — Neal McCoy.
February 1 — Great White and Slaughter.
February 10, February 10 — Oak Ridge Boys.

Templar's Hall at Old Poway Park: 14134 Midland Rd., Poway.
February 9 — Claudia Nygaard.

Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-955-8525.
January 22 — Aly Tadros.

UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library: 9500 Gilman Dr., La Jolla, 858-534-3336.
January 28 — National Kazoo Day.

UCSD Price Center: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-6467.
February 8 — Simon Shaheen.

Valley View Casino Center: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171.
January 21 — Muse.
February 5 — The Who: Quadrophonia and More.

Villa Musica: 10373 Roselle Street Suite 170, Sorrento Valley, 858-550-8100.
January 12 — Steve Swallow & Carla Bley Tribute Concert.

Winstons: 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.
January 29 — Battle of the Bands.
Zel's Del Mar: 1247 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-0076.
January 12, January 26 — Robin Henkel.

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BALBOA PARK

The Prado: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$4.50 wells, wine, draft ale, margaritas, mixed drinks.

BANKERS HILL

Tin Can Ale House: Daily, 4-8pm: \$1 off drinks.

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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.

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Villa Capri: Wednesday, 4-7pm: Half-off bottles of wine.

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Chart House: Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$4 wells, drafts. \$5 cocktails, wine. \$6 martinis. \$4 spinach & artichoke dip, \$5 firecracker shrimp, \$6 wood-fired pizzas.

CARLSBAD

The Alley: Daily, 11am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestics.

On the Tracks Brewery and Tasting Room: Thursday, 5-7pm: Ladies, \$3 pints.

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Conway's Irish Pub: Daily, 10am-8pm: \$2.75 domestic drafts and bottles; \$2.75 and \$3.75 wells.

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CORONADO

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 chardonnay, \$1 off featured wine. Discounted fish tacos.

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Gaslamp Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells; \$4 house margaritas.

La Gran Tapa: *Daily*, 5-6:30pm: \$3 artisan drafts, \$4 wines. \$3 marinated

mushrooms, bread/dipping sauces; \$4 salad, frittata.

House of Blues: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wines, \$3 wells, \$4 martinis. Killer happy hour menu.

Patricks 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.

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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

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GRANTVILLE

Camel's Breath Inn: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: Discounted drinks. 11pm-1am: Discounted drinks, hot wings, lumpia.

Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints; \$4 house margaritas, wells; \$5 quesadillas, hot dogs, tacos.

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Clem's Tap House: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off all beer and wine flights.

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Su Casa: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

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Tapenade: *Monday-Thursday, Saturday-Sunday*, 5:30-close: \$2 off premium wine; \$7 Irony pinot noir, Paul Mas chardonnay; \$8 cocktails. \$8

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LAKESIDE

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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.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

The Shakedown Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 2-8pm: \$2.50 domestic drafts, \$3 tall boys, wells, \$3.50 Jack & Cokes. 5-7pm: \$1.50 tacos, \$2 burgers. *Sunday*, 5-7pm: \$1.50 tacos, \$2 burgers.

MIRA MESA

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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 Aero Club: *Daily*, 2pm-2am: \$.50 off beer and wells.

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More hurt from Kathryn Bigelow in this docudrama-style (read: handheld) account of the hunt for Osama bin Laden. You can't preach due process without practicing it. Remember the good old days when war criminals like Hermann Göring and Rudolf Hess were brought to trial? From its conception to execution, the American government's "Yippee-ki-yay!" murder of bin Laden had Hollywood blockbuster written all over it.

A near-patriotic feeling in my gut indicating that the facts in the case might be a violation of "the American way" clouded my initial viewing. A second look was essential in order to separate fact from narrative filmmaking. For its first 30 minutes, *Zero Dark Thirty* plays like torture porn; Jigsaw waterboards Jihadists in *Saw VIII*.

Jessica Chastain stars as Maya, a prototypical Bigelow heroine, initially reserved but quick to grow an icy set of balls when needed to cut it

in a man's world. (Oddly enough, the pimp-slapping of a detainee is left to one of Maya's brutish male underlings.) She is a "Hawksian" professional of the highest order: the real-life person upon whom the character is based spent 12 years — her entire career with the CIA — doggedly pursuing the mission at hand. The Agency accuses the film of

taking "significant artistic license, while portraying itself as being historically accurate" in its depiction of the government-sanctioned waterboarding of a messenger as a means of obtaining the vital clue needed to pinpoint the exact location of bin Laden.

Is Bigelow juggling the facts or exposing truths many hold to be self-evident? When it comes to establishing and maintaining tension, there wasn't a better American genre picture released this year. Refrain from viewing it as historical record and you won't leave disappointed. With Jason Clarke, Reda Kateb, James Gandolfini, and Mark Duplass.

— Scott Marks

MOVIES



Zero Dark Thirty's Jessica Chastain plays a CIA operative doggedly pursuing the world's most wanted man.

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She was a full-grown Calico who couldn't have weighed more than four or five pounds. Aria was adorable: shy, but not so timid that she'd hide the second company came over. She became

mine when her owners realized they could no longer give her the love and attention needed for the cat to have a good home.

Aria was a year old when she became my master. She was the only cat I ever met who — with the exception of a *purrrrrrrrrrr* and an occasional squeaky *mew* — never uttered a sound. Her favorite game was to stretch out on

my chest and use it to simulate nursing. The technical term for it is kneading, when a cat alternately pushes out and pulls in their front paws to produce mother's milk. I loved her and gladly played along.

Did it hurt? Aria had claws — only a Dr. Mengele would have a kitten's nails surgically removed. It's what I envision getting a tattoo must feel like.

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Standing shirtless before the mirror, I looked like a goalie for a dart team, but you never once heard me squawk.

If you raise a cat like a dog, you'll have a cat that fetches and greets you at the door. Aria sat at the front door, frequently with a ball in her mouth, waiting to rub up against my shins every time I walked through it. Every time, that is, with the exception of December 25, 1995.

I spent Christmas Eve at my girlfriend's house and saw to it that I arrived home early the next morning to feed my frisky lil' pal. Not only wasn't she at the door to mew a hello, there was no response when I called her name.

(What the hell is wrong with me, writing this on Christmas morn? The tears are flowing at such a rate that I need windshield wipers to see the keyboard.)

Under the bed, in the closet, behind the TV...I looked everywhere. The poor little thing was in the kitchen, her head wedged between a table leg and the wall. In trying to extricate herself, she cut off oxygen to her brain. Her heart was still beating when I brought her to the emergency room, but it wasn't meant to be, and I had to put her down.

I spent the early part of the afternoon digging a hole for Aria in a nearby forest preserve.

The apartment felt empty and I sat in silence absorbing the shock. The quiet finally got to me and I reached for the TV remote. The set popped on mid-story, the news anchor reciting the following copy off their teleprompter: "One-half of a legendary comedy team has died..."

"Oh, no," I trembled. "Please, dear God, not Jerry. Not today."

Dean Martin was 78 when he died that Christmas Day. Aria was 4. Sadly, I don't have any photos of Aria to share, just beautiful memories. All except the

one that's haunted me for the past 17 Christmases.

— Scott Marks

WOULD CHARACTER ACTORS PLEASE REFRAIN FROM DYING LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO UNWRAP MY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?

First Jack Klugman and now Charles Durning.

Charles Durning, the man who played Santa Claus five times (*It Nearly Wasn't Christmas*, *Mrs. Santa Claus*, *Elmo Saves Christmas*, *Mr. St. Nick*, and *A Boyfriend for Christmas*) died on Christmas Eve of natural causes at his home in New York City. He was 89.

Durning was a powerhouse, a compact, barrel-chested dynamo who, quietly or otherwise, commanded every scrap of film he graced. He even showed he could be light on his tootsies when the former dance instructor appeared as the side-stepping governor of Texas — and the only bright ray — in the otherwise slow-footed big-screen adaptation of *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*.

His talent as a dancer is even more amazing when you take into consideration the fact that at age 21 he took a bullet to the hip — which he carried to his dying day — at Omaha Beach. Durning was the only member of his platoon to survive the D-Day invasion of Normandy.

In addition to finding work as a dance instructor, Durning was a pro-

fessional boxer before the acting bug nipped him. Long after he began his career in television, Durning would turn to the Fred Astaire Dance Studios when acting jobs became hard to find. His daughter, Jeanine Durning, is a respected New York-based modern dance performer and choreographer.

Durning was in no hurry to become a movie star. His origins were on the New York stage, where he would continue to return once or twice a decade. With but a few big-screen credits to his name (bit roles in *The Password Is Courage* and *Hi, Mom!*), Durning didn't begin leaving celluloid fingerprints of any significance until *The Sting* (1973). He was 50 at the time of its release.

For a period in the '70s, it was virtually impossible to find a film that didn't feature Durning. *Sisters*, *Dog Day Afternoon*, *Twilight's Last Gleaming*, and *Starting Over* are a few of the many memorable films to which Durning added weight.

His last performance — retired firefighter Michael Gavin on the tele-drama *Rescue Me* — earned the actor an Emmy Award for Outstanding Guest Actor in a Drama Series.

— Scott Marks

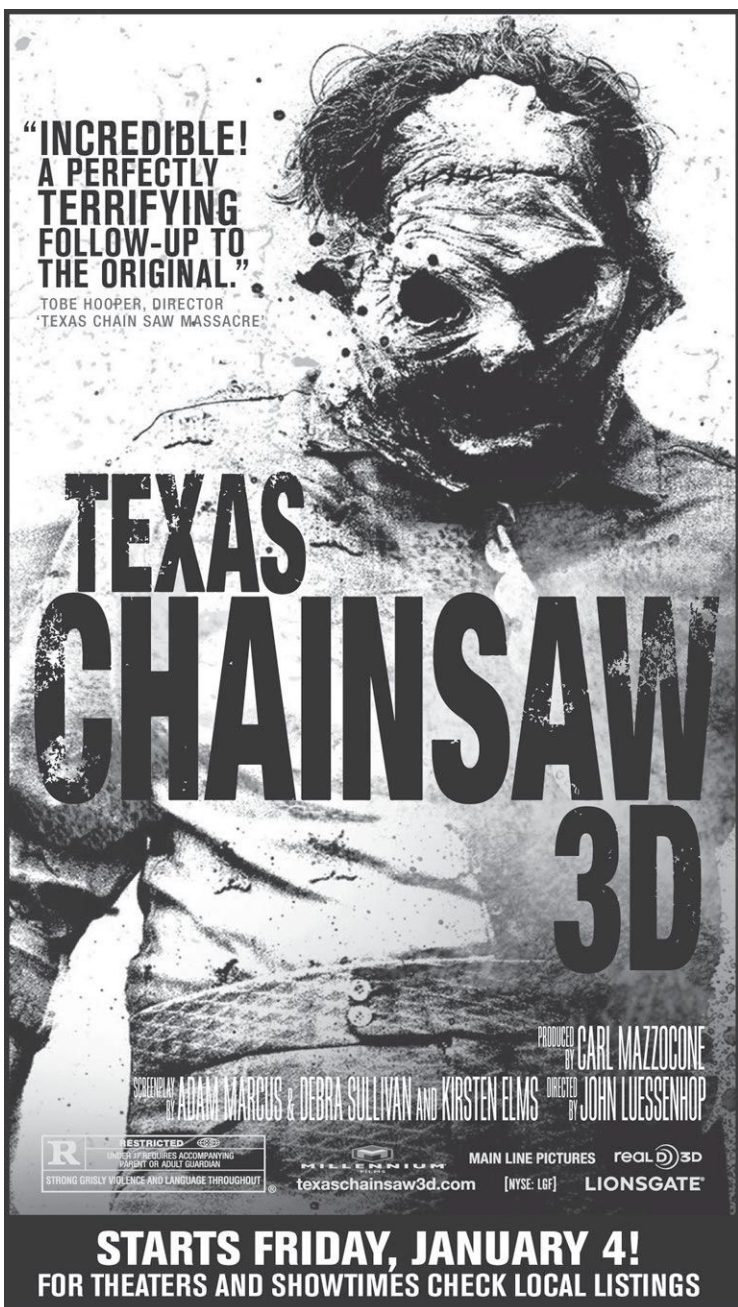
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sorted alphabetically, by year of release, and by rating are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

Any Day Now — West Hollywood, 1979. A carefree female impersonator (Alan Cumming) and a closeted D.A. (Garret Dillahunt) engage in a one-night stand, and in no time they're a couple immersed in a custody battle to adopt a 14-year-old (Isaac Leyva) with Down Syndrome. (The boy's mother is serving time for drug possession.) One can only blame a paltry budget and 23-day shooting schedule for so much. Director and co-writer Travis Fine had all the material resources needed to make a solid low-budget film. But. Saddled with an unsteady Brooklyn accent and asked to spew dialog steeped in goo ("Don't ever call my boy a retard!"), even the generally reliable Cumming appears to be bucking for a permanent slot on the Lifetime Channel. Given how little the unashamedly sentimental script has to say about its watery characters, *Any Day Now* might just as well have been about a gay couple struggling to take in a stray cat. Beyond horrifying. It makes *Forrest Gump* look like *The Titicut Follies*. With Frances Fisher, Gregg Henry, and Chris Mulkey. 2012. — S.M.

California Solo — A fine performance — and a good character — in search of a story. Silken-maned Robert Carlyle plays an aging former rocker, haunted by the death of his brother (his old band's frontman) and living in self-imposed exile on a farm in California. It's a tolerable, static, hidden sort of life, the kind that just begs for some small misstep to start the machinery that will bring everything to light and force a reckoning. The trouble is, the machinery takes over; our man is moved rather than moving, and the reckoning feels more like a shift in circumstance than any kind of victory. Still, despite a couple of flat attempts at pathos, the feeling is right: the crushing weight of the mundane on a man who flirted with greatness in the past and who must now make peace with the present. If you don't burn out, you fade away. 2012. — M.L.



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Django Unchained — Quentin Tarantino fails to do for slave owners what he did for Nazis in this, his long-awaited western (southern?) follow-up to the epic war comedy *Inglourious Basterds*. Oscar-winner Christoph Waltz returns to the Tarantino fold as Dr. King, a German dentist-cum-bounty hunter hot on the trail of a pair of nefarious outlaws. Once again, the connivingly charismatic Waltz is well mannered to the point of achieving a near-Oliver Hardy sense of nirvana. He also offers a crash course in mentorship to uppity slave Jamie Foxx, eager to save his wife from ruthless plantation lord, Leonardo DiCaprio. For its first third, *Django Unchained* plays like an agreeable cross between *Blazing Saddles* and *Mandingo*. (There is a hilarious bit about proper eyehole placement in KKK cowls.) Once they reach Leo's Candyland, however, the film becomes talky and set-bound, and the third act is little more than an excuse for bloodletting. Still, politically speaking, there's more truth told here about money and its ability to buy miscegenation than anything on display in *Lincoln*. Worth seeing, but not a good enough romp to justify its 165-minute running time. With Kerry Washington, Don Johnson, Franco Nero, and Samuel L. Jackson as the spitting image of cotton-haired Woody Strode in Ford's *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*. — S.M.

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Flight — What is *Flight*? Is it a tough-minded look into the dangers of making heroes out of men who do amazing things? (Denzel Washington, an airline pilot who pulls off a miracle landing in a malfunctioning plane, but oh dear, it turns out he was drunk and high while he did it.) Or is it a searing attack on the inhuman world of corporate legal maneuvering, where certain lives count less than others and the main thing is to pass the buck? (Don Cheadle almost steals the show from the paunchy Washington as the oily Chicago lawyer hired to defend him during the ensuing investigation.) Or is it a raised-stakes addiction movie? (Washington has a shattered family, drinks like a fish, and hooks up with a recovery-minded heroin addict.) Surprise, it's none of the above! This here is a religious picture; you get your first tip when Washington's co-pilot cries out to God in a moment of panic, and Denzel coolly replies, "He can't help you here." God is a little like Chekhov's gun that way — you can't introduce Him at the outset, and then have Him not show up by the end. Director Robert Zemeckis does his best to hide the providential machinery, though — making sure that Cheadle's attempt to get "act of God" added to the list of accident causes is a thoroughly cynical move, that a prophet who proclaims God's hand in everything is a cancer patient suffering from "chemo-head," and that a husband who does the same is backed by a wife bleating out "Bless Jesus!" like a madwoman. Alas, Zemeckis can't keep himself from playing the Rolling Stones' "Sympathy for the Devil" when vice-peddler John Goodman comes on the scene. And that sort of indulgence plagues the picture, or rather, bloats it. 2012. — M.L.

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The Guilt Trip — Babs dearest. Barbra Streisand could write her own first-class ticket on any project in Tinseltown, but instead chooses to ride shotgun for Seth Rogen in this terminally cute justification for matricide. Rogen — an uptight organic chemist shopping around a new environmentally safe cleaning product — decides to play Cupid by dragging Yentl the yente along on a cross-country business trip. (Mom's lost love now resides in San Francisco.) Streisand and Rogen have

what it takes to pull it off, but the material and execution quickly reduce what little potential this joyride had to a humiliation derby. Their car just happens to break down in front of a PG-13 gentlemen's club where mommy is exposed to strippers who wear more clothes than their patrons. At least Jane Fonda knew that *Monster-In-Law* was crap; Streisand looks to be trying for another Oscar. The posters and print ads proudly boast, "From the director of *The Proposal*," and if you check the fine print, you'll find Lorne Michaels' name attached as producer. Don't say they didn't give you advance warning. With Kathy Najimy, Miriam Margolyes, and 30 seconds of Ari Graynor as Streisand's vindication. 2012. — S.M.

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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 Scarlett Johansson, Toni Colette, Michael

Stuhlberg, and the beautifully blank Jessica Biel perfectly cast in the Vera Miles role. 2012. — S.M.

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The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey — More of the same from director Peter Jackson, here pulling a proper Lucas and giving us the first installment of a prequel trilogy to his earlier three-parter, *The Lord of the Rings*. (Then, he was adapting three books; now, he's stretching just one, packing a straightforward quest with all manner of history and political intrigue.) And like Lucas, he has fallen in love with technology; in this case, High Frame Rate visuals that highlight every pore and strip-mine the magic from a movie that should be laden with it. (Do yourself a favor and stick to plain old 2D here.) The story involves 13 dwarfs (plus a helpful wizard) who hire a diminutive burglar to help them take back their mountain kingdom and its treasures from an invading dragon. Again, Jackson manages the creation of a believable fantasy world through well-pitched performances (Martin Freeman makes a fine homebody hobbit, and Andy Serkis' Gollum gets to mix comedy with his menacing pathos), resonant themes (the dwarfs are seeking to regain their homeland after a diaspora), and really fine costumes. And again, he indulges his taste for overlong action set pieces, special effects that lean heavily on cartoon physics, and weepy-eyed alpha males. With Ian McKellan, Hugo Weaving. 2012. — M.L.

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Hyde Park on Hudson — Bill Murray goes fishing for Oscar in shallow water. In the Spring of 1939, Franklin D. Roosevelt (Murray) was the first-ever president to host to 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 lolling in a jaw-stretching drawl than 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 somnambulist 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.

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Jack Reacher — "A Tom Cruise Production" — it's the first thing you see on the screen, and it's all there is to know. Here, he plays Jack Reacher, an invincible, invisible genius who appears out of the mists of cliché to investigate a rogue sniper's shooting spree. (The opening scene, in which a rifle scope follows first one pedestrian and then another and then another, is both chilling and promising, as is the dialogue-free investigation that follows. Then suddenly, we're deep in TV procedural territory.) Reacher teams up with the sniper's lawyer (Rosamund Pike) who we're told is a smart crusader-type out to beat her dad the death-penalty DA, but whose real job is to have boobs and listen, open-mouthed with both desire and amazement, as our hero tells her what's what. The only parts that aren't formula are just weird — most notably, a Stooges-style attempt on Reacher's life by a couple of clumsy thugs. You might find some joy in Robert Duvall as a crusty gun range owner, or in Cruise's gradual demolition of a beautiful muscle

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car during a drawn-out chase scene. And there are a couple of jokes. But not much else. 2012. — M.L.

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Les Misérables — Sincere story of answered prayers, mostly those of one Jean Valjean (Hugh Jackman), an ex-con who tastes mercy and tries to break free from his criminal past (he stole a loaf of bread). But the reformed man is pursued by Javert (Russell Crowe), a lawman who does not believe reform is possible. Jackman and Crowe are both game, but when almost every line is sung, the voice must do the work, and neither is quite up to the task. Crowe lacks the requisite menace, and Jackman can't quite manage the controlled vocal acrobatics. So it's up to Sacha Baron Cohen and Helena Bonham Carter to steal the show as a couple of naughty, bawdy scallywags. (The story is set in France, but the culture it portrays smells English, except there are more nuns about.) They have the show stolen from *them* by Eddie Redmayne's Marius, a young nobleman with a head full of populist ideals and a heart full of love for Valjean's adopted daughter. (In general, the kids carry the day here.) Director Tom Hooper (*The King's Speech*) builds a rich world, full of muck and majesty, but can't resist prolonged closeups come solo time. And solo time comes often. With Anne Hathaway, Amanda Seyfried. 2012. — M.L.

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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 about where we find consolation during our own adventure in the lifeboat. With Irrfan Khan, Suraj Sharma. 2012. — M.L.

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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 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 assassinates this *Lincoln*. 2012. — S.M.

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North Sea Texas (Noordzee, Texas) — Or, "Why Must I Be a Teenager in Love — the Gay Remix." Two beautiful adolescent boys with no fathers and lousy mothers — blonde Pim's is a floozy who'd rather be touring on the accordion circuit, while dark-haired Gino's is neurotic and frail — find comfort in each other's pubescent arms. (The camera spends plenty of time gazing at their gently shadowed torsos.) Director Bruno Defurne draws you into Pim's secret world of schoolboy love — never before has a crusty sock become such an icon of devotion — and the spare world of the Belgian coast gives new resonance to cutaway shots of swaying grasses and shifting sands. But after Gino turns 18 and decides to go straight, the fever subsides, and we can only mope along with Pim toward a questionable conclusion. 2011. — M.L.

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Parental Guidance — A non-stop joke machine (Billy Crystal) and his equally overbearing wife (Bette Midler) are forced to spend time with their work-obsessed daughter (Marisa Tomei), son-in-law (Tom Everett Scott), and a trio of estranged grandchildren, all of whom have Dr. Kevorkian on speed-dial. The set-up seemed idiot-proof: stick a pair of technologically inept oldsters in a voice-controlled prototypical "Smart House" (it's a Type-A A-frame) and watch the gags begin. But how far the mighty have fallen: Crystal, the self-appointed corporate spokesperson for American comedy, vomiting on a child for laughs. By the time it's over, Billy and Bette have the kids buzzing on sugar, watching *Saw* films, and playing with guns. The tykes would have stood a better shot at life had they been raised by wild dingos. Bonus: when was the last time you laughed at a score? It's not fun, it's not funny, and the fact that this thing is bankrolled by the family-friendly folks at Walden Media makes it even moreso. A motherlode of awful, destined to delight even the most

jaded bad-film connoisseurs among us. As for the four-star rating, it's there to punish those who only look at the numbers without reading the review. 2012.

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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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Promised Land — A natural gas salesman (Matt Damon, not director Gus Van Sant) uses the economy as a bully stick to convince a small town into accepting his company's offer for drilling rights to their properties. He is opposed by a charismatic stranger (John Krasinski) who takes advantage of an open-mic night to sell the locals on his side of the story. For 30 minutes there was a glimmer, a promise that Gus Van Sant had finally returned to serious filmmaking, the likes of which audiences have not seen since *Drugstore Cowboy*. As with *Good Will Hunting*, this quickly descends into textbook example territory, proof positive of the pitfalls inherent when movie stars produce and write a message picture. (The leads share screenwriting

credit, and Damon was originally slated to direct.) There's an unexpected plot twist to admire, but — with apologies to Chuck Berry — swing low, chariot, if this *Promised Land* doesn't come down easy as it taxis to a terminally predictable conclusion. With Frances McDormand, Rosemarie DeWitt (acting circles around all of them as Damon's love interest), and Hal Holbrook, once again lending credence as the voice of reason. 2012. — S.M.

★

Rust & Bone Searching for Sugar Man — Documentary about two South Africans who go searching for Rodriguez, a '70s rocker who fell off the map. 2012.

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.

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This Is 40 — This is 134 minutes! Paul Rudd and Leslie Mann star as the now-married couple Judd Apatow first introduced us to in *Knocked Up*. (Katherine Heigl, who told *Vanity Fair* that the original "paints the women as shrews, as humorless and uptight, and it paints the men as lovable, goofy, fun-loving guys" was not invited back for the sequel.) Rudd has a dream of introducing a new generation to Graham Parker, while Mann is desperately clinging to 39. The largely improvised marital skit-com marks Apatow's fourth jaunt in the director's chair; at least this time, he has the good sense to feature Albert Brooks in a meaty supporting role as Rudd's dependent father. There are the usual amount of gross-out jokes one associates with the Apatow factory, along with the usual featherweight observational material — he sneaks cupcakes, she hides cigarettes — sprinkled with topical references. And what would a Viagra opener be without a subsequent stream of penis jokes? As much as I enjoy watching Albert on screen, in this case, his comedic timing would have been put to better use if he'd been hired as an editorial consultant to whittle away a half-hour. With Jason Segal, Robert Smigel, and Megan Fox. 2012. — S.M.

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Zero Dark Thirty — Reviewed this issue. 2012. — S.M.

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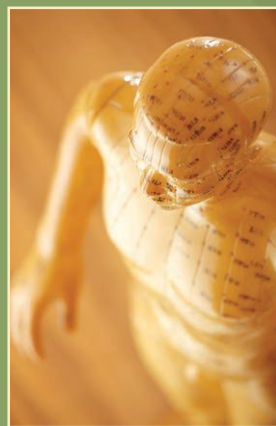


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woman and putting her in a patrol car at the scene. "Investigators would not say if she was connected to the fire," according to 10News.

Two people were rescued from the blaze that left a room above the garage badly burned. The *U-T* said "damage was estimated at \$400,000 to the property and \$100,000 to the contents."

Curious neighbors and dog-walkers gawked at the ocean-view residence with its burned contents piled neatly on the rain-soaked driveway.

GAIL POWELL, DECEMBER 25

HARBOR DISTRICT

Windy times at Big Bay Balloon Parade

Woody Woodpecker kisses pavement

Despite Wednesday's rain, the streets of downtown dried up in time for the Big Bay Balloon Parade on Thursday, December 27,

but high winds made it hard to control some of the giant balloons.

Moderate sustained winds blew inland from the coast, but there were gusts up to 25 mph. Many of the balloons were pulled sideways during the lineup for the start of the parade, which caused some handlers to scramble for control.

Most of the balloons were safely guided back to position after each strong gust, but the Woody Woodpecker balloon seemed out of control. Several times, the giant balloon smashed into the ground; one time it looked like the giant woodpecker kissed the pavement.

BY JEB HAUGHT, DECEMBER 27

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Palm Patrol gathers downed fronds

Road hazard eliminated

What many locals refer to as the "Palm Patrol" was out in force on Thursday morning, December 27, scouring the streets of the Midway District and Ocean Beach for palm

fronds that litter the streets after rain and windstorms.

Since West Point Loma Boulevard is so heavily traveled and also lined with tall palm trees, that street becomes a hot zone for fallen fronds that can become road hazards for unwary drivers and bike riders.

A large city maintenance truck with a cargo of browned fronds blocked a lane of West Point Loma Boulevard near Sunset Cliffs Boulevard at around 10 a.m. Nearby, a city worker directed a Bobcat that was gathering fronds and loading them into the dump truck. Car drivers waiting at the traffic light seemed to give the workers plenty of space.

GAIL POWELL, DECEMBER 27

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Down in the flood

Two water-pipe breaks in two days, but early morning and Sunday traffic lessen impact

The weekend before Christmas was not kind to water pipes (or traffic) in the Midway District. Two incidents of burst pipes and

localized flooding occurred: one along Sports Arena Boulevard on Saturday, December 22, and the other near the Midway Post Office on Midway Drive on Sunday.

Early Saturday at around 5:15 a.m., water started gushing along northbound Sports Arena Boulevard near the Interstate 8 east exit, where a 16-inch cast-iron water main broke. A sinkhole soon developed, and police blocked traffic while city crews worked to repair it. Soon after daylight's arrival, repairs had been made and all that was left of the break were traffic cones placed along the Sports Arena Boulevard sidewalk and a layer of mud and dirt coating the interstate entrance ramp.

The next morning, a "corroded, 18-inch, cast-iron water main broke just before 6 a.m. in the 2800 block of Midway Drive," according to local NBC News affiliate. The Midway Post Office and a few other businesses were left without water service while work crews scurried to repair the break and clean the mess.

GAIL POWELL, DECEMBER 24

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- And now for the really small print:
- 1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 2) Late entries will not be considered.
- 3) We will draw 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.
- 4) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 5) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

1. Easy ____
6. Lack muscle tone, perhaps
9. Results of most 100-yd. returns
12. Mongol invader
13. Newsstand offering
15. Bemoan
16. What a nonmoderate politician heard from voters after a failed reelection bid?
18. "But then again..."
19. Peruvian pronoun
20. Old AT&T rival
21. They often create scenes
23. Cozy
25. Poison counteractor
27. ____ pole
29. Word sung on 12/31
30. Con game
33. Conservatory subj.
35. Woody Allen-esque
37. Completed
40. Isl. in the French West Indies
42. Title in S. America
43. Full attention
45. Time period on a financial stmt.
47. ____-Cola
48. Fats Domino's "It's ____ Love"
50. Wed
54. Like a cute face
57. Zenith
58. Tethered
60. Thin woman in shorts?
62. "Some ____ meat and canna eat": Burns
63. Sheller's discard

64. Shape of a female sheep's midleg?
67. "____ Maria"
68. Fan frenzy
69. Daybreak
70. ____ Cruces
71. Handbag monogram
72. Went undercover?

Down

1. If all goes well
2. Refuses
3. Avoided doing dishes, say
4. Protestant denom.
5. Squeeze
6. Govt. assistance program
7. Attacker
8. Nighttime assignment, often
9. Advice to someone disappointed with the world's major religions?
10. Simon and Garfunkel song, e.g.
11. Filming locations
13. 1986 rock autobiography whose first chapter is titled "Nut Bush"
14. Opposite of exo-
17. Elvis' label
22. "Don't take ____ seriously!"
24. Absolute beauty
26. Deli order
28. Ruminant
31. Broadcast
32. Beastie Boys bandmate of Ad-Rock and Mike D
34. Keeps one's distance
36. Queue after Q

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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37. Bespectacled dwarf
38. Co. milestone
39. Punch some punches?
41. Makes wider
44. It gets hammered
46. Paternity suit evidence
49. Massey of "Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man"
51. Time's 2007 Invention of the Year
52. Get a bit misty
53. Released (from)
55. Look
56. A patch may cover one
58. Fall birthstone
59. Bossa ____
61. Amount to make do with
65. About .62 mi.
66. Suffix with ear or arm

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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.

- Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 8.
- Carolyn Clark, Lakeside, 8.
- Maria Coda, Oceanside, 8.
- Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 8.
- Mary Arana, Encinitas, 6.

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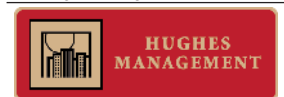
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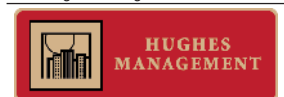
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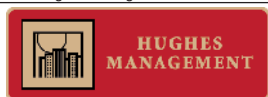
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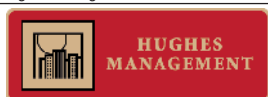
DOWNTOWN, \$500 & UP.
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RULES OF THE GAME

- 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. 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. 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.
- 3) We will draw 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.

EASY:								
		1			2	9		
		4	1				7	
		8		3			1	
	9	5	4	2		1		
2		3	9	1	6	5		7
		6		8	7	2	9	
	6			5		7		
	3				4	8		
		2	8			3		

HARD:								
		9			2			
2			3		1	9		
		6	4		8	2		
						7	4	
				1	9	5		
	3	8						
		7		1		4	6	
		6	7		8			2
			6				7	

- 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. 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.

MEDIUM:								
				5	9			
						2		1
		4	3	2			8	5
				7	1		6	2
4		7		6		9		3
2	6		9	3				
6	7			1	5	3		
5		2						
			4	8				

EVIL:								
2	6	5	1					4
7		1						
				2	7			
					2	1		7
	8						6	
6		4	9					
			6	3				
						5		9
3					4	2	1	6

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK’S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:								
7	1	4	9	3	2	8	5	6
5	2	8	4	1	6	9	3	7
3	9	6	5	8	7	2	4	1
2	8	5	7	9	4	6	1	3
4	6	9	1	5	3	7	8	2
1	3	7	6	2	8	4	9	5
8	4	2	3	6	1	5	7	9
6	5	3	8	7	9	1	2	4
9	7	1	2	4	5	3	6	8

HARD:								
2	4	5	7	1	6	8	9	3
1	8	9	2	4	3	5	6	7
3	6	7	9	8	5	4	1	2
7	3	8	4	5	1	9	2	6
5	2	4	3	6	9	1	7	8
9	1	6	8	2	7	3	5	4
4	7	2	1	9	8	6	3	5
8	5	1	6	3	2	7	4	9
6	9	3	5	7	4	2	8	1

MEDIUM:								
5	6	8	2	3	7	9	4	1
2	4	3	6	1	9	5	8	7
9	1	7	8	5	4	2	3	6
1	8	2	3	9	5	7	6	4
4	3	9	7	2	6	8	1	5
6	7	5	1	4	8	3	9	2
7	2	1	4	8	3	6	5	9
3	9	6	5	7	1	4	2	8
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EVIL:								
5	6	9	3	1	4	2	8	7
4	1	7	8	5	2	3	6	9
3	8	2	7	6	9	5	4	1
7	2	6	9	4	5	1	3	8
9	4	1	2	8	3	6	7	5
8	3	5	6	7	1	9	2	4
1	9	8	4	3	6	7	5	2
6	5	4	1	2	7	8	9	3
2	7	3	5	9	8	4	1	6

SEE YOUR RANKING ONLINE!

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THIS WEEK’S WINNERS:

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.

- Greydon Koellmann, San Diego, 4.
- Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 8.
- Carl Baltrunas, Milpitas, 6.
- Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 4.
- Tkachuk Serafime, San Diego, 5.

EL CAJON, \$950.
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