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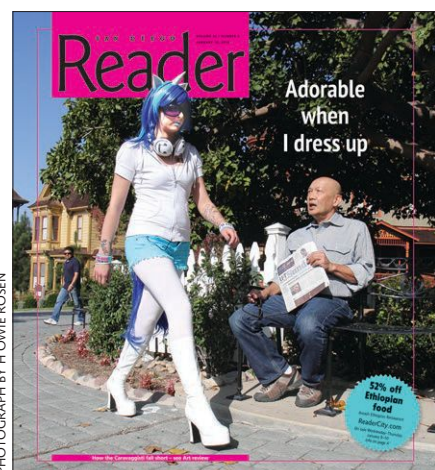
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## NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

**There's a body in there**

Family said they noticed the car of missing man parked at shopping center

*Fallbrook* — The family of a man reported missing two weeks ago found his gray Toyota 4Runner in a Fallbrook shopping center, and when deputies investigated last night, they noticed the body in the back.

San Diego County sheriff's deputies saw



a man “zipped up in a sleeping bag” in the “back seat area,” according to Lt. Glenn Giannantonio. He stated the body had “signs of trauma.”

The family of Alvin Bulaoro reported last seeing him on December 21, 2012. The body was found Thursday evening, January 3, 2013.

Giannantonio stated the case is being investigated as a homicide.

*Eva Knott, January 4*

**Still paying for cop criminal**

Council asked to approve spending up to \$250,000 in cases against Anthony Arevalos

*Downtown* — Former San Diego police officer Anthony Arevalos continues to cost the city for the sexual assault crimes he committed on women in San Diego's Gaslamp District over a two-year period from 2009 to 2011.

On Tuesday, city councilmembers will be asked to approve paying up to \$250,000 to legal outfit Haight, Brown & Bonesteel to defend the city in court. The city attorney's office has decided against representing Arevalos in court due to a conflict of interest.

The expenditure is just the latest in what has been a series of payments to Arevalos's victims. For more than a year, the city has settled five cases costing a total over \$1.25 million, excluding legal fees.

The latest came in November 2012, when the city agreed to pay one woman \$675,000 in damages.

*Dorian Hargrove, January 3*

**Homicide?**

Woman found on roadside with head injuries later succumbed to her wounds

*Lemon Grove* — Sheriff's deputies are search-

ing for information regarding an apparent homicide this morning.

Around 2 a.m., deputies were patrolling the 7600 block of Pacific Avenue when they found a woman lying on the side of the road. Stopping to check on the woman, they discovered injuries to her head. Paramedics were called to the scene, and the victim was transported to Scripps Mercy Hospital, where she was pronounced dead at 2:37 this morning.

A bullet casing was found at the scene, though it's unclear at this point whether or not the shell is related to the crime.

The victim was identified Thursday afternoon as 30-year-old Jennifer Rene Krajnak. The sheriff's department is encouraging anyone with information to contact their homicide detail at 858-974-2321 or submit an anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477.

*Dave Rice, January 3*

**Show us the \$\$ — or else**

Qualcomm hit with suit by N.Y. comptroller, who alleges San Diego cell-phone giant obscures its political spending

*Sorrento Valley/Beyond S.D.* — New York state comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli has announced that he is suing Qualcomm, the San Diego-based technology company founded by La Jolla billionaire Irwin Jacobs, in an effort “to inspect the company's books and records to determine how shareholder funds are being spent for political purposes.”

According to a news release that accompanied a copy of the lawsuit, DiNapoli's action on behalf of the New York State Common Retirement Fund came after Qualcomm refused to open its books “relating to the use of corporate resources for political activities.”

“Without disclosure, there is no way to know whether corporate funds are being used in ways that go against shareholder interests. The Fund has taken a leadership role in pressing the issue of disclosure of political spending since the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision.

“Shareholders have a right to know how Qualcomm spends money in the political arena.”

Qualcomm's public disclosure of its political spending is so deficient that the company received a score of 15 out of 72 on the 2012 CPA-Zicklin Index of Corporate Political Accountability and Disclosure (the “CPA-Zicklin Index”).

*Matt Potter, January 3*

**Engineers dislike H-1B; bosses gloat**

*By Don Bauder*

American engineers, scientists, and mathematicians can convincingly show that they are not in short supply, as

corporations claim. But increasingly, politicians are siding with big business, which wants the government to loosen restrictions on the H-1B visa program, by which low- to mid-level technologists come to the United States each year from foreign countries.

The H-1B visa recipients, who must have a bachelor's degree or equivalent experience, can stay for three years with an option to extend to six years. Now, the number permitted to enter is capped at 85,000 yearly. (This has changed through the years.) More than half of H-1B entrants are in computer-related fields, mostly from India.

San Diego's Qualcomm is the fifth-largest user of H-1B talent among major U.S. multinational companies. The other four, beginning with the largest, are Microsoft, Intel, IBM, and Oracle, according to a study published last year by the Brookings Institution. In the 2010-2011 years, San Diego County was the nation's 15th-largest user of H-1B employees.

Brookings interviewed numerous corporations for that study. The report stirred up a storm with such statements as “employers have a difficult time recruiting residents with the skills they need, largely blaming the weak foundation of secondary education in the United States...employers complain that there is a shortage of skilled workers...[some employers] mentioned that they must recruit at over

50 college campuses in the United States to find 100 [science, technology, engineering, and mathematics] employees.”

Gene Nelson of San Luis Obispo, a PhD in radiation biophysics and an opponent of H-1B, calls the Brookings study “pathetic baloney.” He and fellow anti-H-1B activ-

Barrales, former head of the local chamber, is a member of Partnership for a New American Economy, which is promoting similar goals. Co-chairs include Mayor Bloomberg, Microsoft chief executive Steven Ballmer, and publisher Rupert Murdoch. The partnership claims that 76 percent of all voters favor reform of the skilled worker visa laws, including 87 percent of Democrats, 72 percent of Republicans, and 68 percent of Tea Party supporters.

“The status quo is not working,” laments the United States Chamber of Commerce. “The H-1B cap should be significantly raised...so that companies are able to

**H-1B VISA OCCUPATIONS, 2010-2011**

Computer related	51.2%
Engineers	8.6%
Financial specialists	6.2%
Health practitioners	5.6%
Business operations specialists	4.4%

Source: Department of Labor, Brookings Institution

**The majority of H-1B visas are held by foreign technology workers and engineers working in computer-related fields.**

ists make a good case that the program is basically a scheme to lower the overall wage level in the engineering/computer profession, thus jacking up corporate profits and paving the way for absurdly high top-management pay.

But the opponents' point of view is coming against powerful obstacles. In the 2012 election, both President Obama and Mitt Romney favored a loosening of H-1B restrictions. Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York wants to eliminate the H-1B caps altogether.

Last month, 25 chambers of commerce from across the country announced a coalition named Business for Skilled Worker Immigration, which is pushing to increase availability of H-1B workers. The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce is one of the 25 founding members. Ruben

respond adequately to real-world demands.”

At year end 2012, the House of Representatives passed the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) Jobs Act of 2012, which would allocate 55,000 visas to high-skilled immigrants holding master's or doctoral degrees from U.S. institutions. (This program, dealing with highly educated visa holders — not the kind generally admitted through H-1B — is not opposed by some anti-H-1B activists.)

Last August, a federal judge in Alabama threw out a lawsuit filed by an American employee of an India-based company providing H-1B services. The employee claimed that the Indian outsourcer broke the H-1B immigration rules; when the employee tried to complain, he was harassed. The judge said his

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Bald eagles built this nest, four feet in diameter, in a eucalyptus tree on the Ramona grasslands. It houses the first nesting pair of bald eagles ever spotted in Ramona.

## Bald eagles have landed in Ramona

By Siobhan Braun

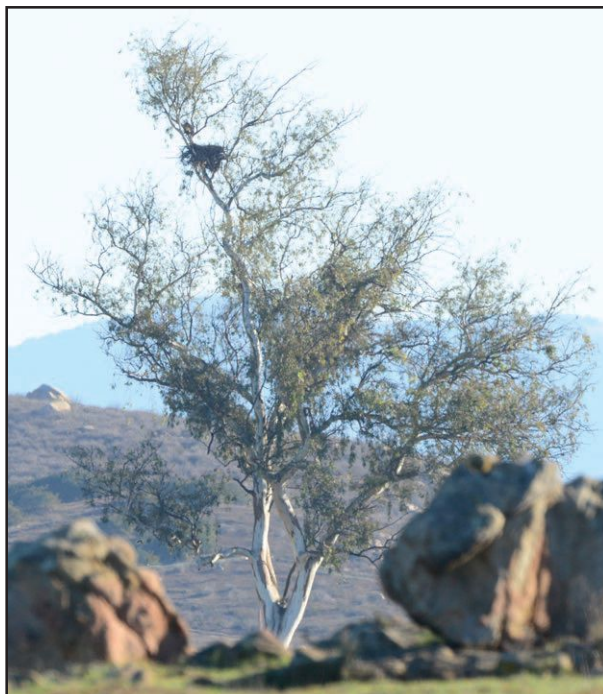
It's 11 a.m. on a rainy Monday morning. I am sitting in the passenger seat of biologist Dave Bittner's Toyota 4Runner as we drive

down Rangeland Road in Ramona. Wedged between us are a pair of binoculars, a 60x scope, and a camera bearing a lens so bulky that Bittner has to lug a tripod out of his backseat to use it.

"There is a great blue heron over there behind that rock," Bittner says, rolling down his window and point-

ing toward a minuscule dot in the distance. I squint and adjust my eyes. Still, I can't make out the form of the bird. Bittner slows his SUV and hands me his binoculars. I peer through and see the curved neck of the bird.

"There goes a red-tailed hawk," he says, motioning to my right.



A female bald eagle sits on her eggs for 42 days while her mate hunts for both of them.

In a matter of ten minutes we view 19 more raptors — five red-tailed hawks, three ferruginous hawks, seven turkey vultures, three kestrels, and one golden eagle. All are spotted on land maintained by the Wildlife Research Institute in Ramona, where Bittner serves as executive director.

Bittner is taking me to view a pair of nesting

bald eagles that have set up their territory a half mile off Rangeland Road. It's the first time in recorded history that bald eagles have nested in Ramona.

Bittner says, "We weren't shocked, but pleasantly surprised to see them. It's not unusual to see bald eagles this time of year. It was unusual to have them here for so long. They've been here since the summer. Three or four weeks ago our biologists spotted [the bald eagles] building a nest. It's exciting. It shows that all our efforts are paying off."

The efforts he refers to are the institute's research and the Nature Conservancy-brokered land purchases that have preserved more than 3500 acres of natural grassland in Ramona. Since that time, the Wildlife Institute has seen a resurgence of nesting owls, golden eagles, red-tailed hawks, and now bald eagles. The endangered fairy shrimp, which live in rain-fed pools within the grasslands, have also grown in numbers. They in turn attract migrating shore birds.

Pleased as he is, Bittner isn't quite satisfied. "We

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## UNDER THE RADAR



Among the important services provided to the public by E.W. Scripps Company's KGTV were stories about SeaWorld and the Chargers' charitable work.

**P.R. at eleven** The nation's TV and radio stations use the public airways — which are licensed by the Federal Communications Commission — to make a lot of money. The stations are required to file a quarterly "Issues and Program Report," in which they justify their free use of taxpayer-owned spectrum by listing what they regard as examples of their service to the public. Typical is the third quarter 2012 report filed late last month by KGTV, the San Diego television station owned by the E.W. Scripps Company, founded in the 19th Century by the famous newspaper mogul and onetime San Diego land baron **Edward Willis Scripps**. "The following is a list of problems, needs or issues of the San Diego community as determined by KGTV News management," the report says. "Under each category are brief examples of the news stories covered by KGTV that pertain to the various issues."

So, what are some of the stories that the station thinks exemplified its news-gathering efforts last year? Listed under "Children and Family": "The Chargers football

team handed out 1,000 pairs of shoes to underprivileged children at 4 different Payless Shoe stores around SD. It's part of the team's 22nd annual back to school shoe event." Another example of KGTV's children

and family coverage: "In an effort to battle childhood cancer, Hyundai is presenting a \$25,000 check to Rady Children's Hospital for childhood cancer research."

There was

also this hot item: "Twelve children who are cancer patients at Rady Children's Hospital will take part in a special interactive dolphin program hosted by SeaWorld. The children, ages 10 to 17, will have an opportunity to play with the dolphins." Another example: "Office Depot's Charitable Foundation is donating free backpacks to 4,000 San Diego children as they go back to school. This is the eleventh year Office Depot has been doing this, helping more than 3,000,000 children." Finally, in the "Border Issues" category: "Verizon is expanding its 4G network in Otay Mesa, Eastlake, and at the Border. Verizon's wireless 4G network already covers more than 75% of the U.S. population." Not all of the coverage was feel-good: "Seven year old boy died from flesh eating bacteria which he contracted at a remote camp site while he and his family were visiting SD for a

family reunion. He also

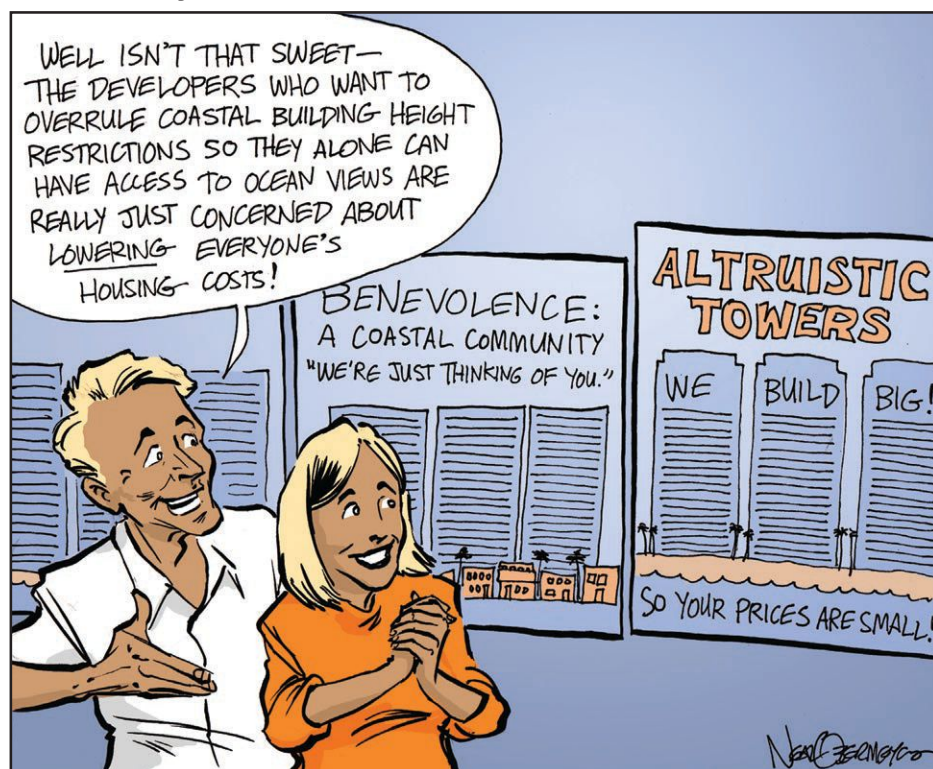
had a rare autoimmune deficiency." Reached by phone this week, KGTV general manager **Jeff Block** explained that the listings represented "a sampling of what we do," as

required by federal law.

**Buzz and Bob** Investigative Newsource, San Diego's smallest non-profit online-news operation, managed to

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## Neal Obermeyer





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### The L.A. Reader?

Last week you forgot the remaining part of Barbarel-la's column. This week you forgot the movie showtimes. I think you guys are drinking over there or something. You're really messing things up the last few months. Do you guys proofread this before you send it out? Somebody ought to because you're screwing shit up. You just lost another reader. I won't be reading your magazine anymore because you guys are out of control. You don't finish articles; you forget movie listings. You guys are sad. You should move to L.A.

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*The Diary of a Diva column finishes on page 42, as noted on page 8. Also, the*

*holidays fell in such a way that we could not get accurate movie times in time for publication.* — Editor

### Fish Wrap

What's become of the movie times? Now one has to go dig up the local fish wrap, otherwise known as the *San Diego Union-Tribune*.

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### No Reviews Necessary

Please continue to publish the movie guide, theaters, and showtimes. We can do without the reviews, but we do need the theater, address, phone number, and showtimes.

Helen Bourne  
via voicemail

*Christmas and New Year holidays fell in such a way that we could not get accurate movie times in time for publication.* — Editor

### Half Puzzled

Please go back to the larger crossword puzzle you used to have. For the past two weeks it has been on half of a page and is too small to read.

Ken Brennan  
via email

### Wasting Space on Pit Bulls

"When Pit Bulls Escape" (Neighborhood News, December 27) both saddened and sickened me. As the owner of a 15-pound Shih Tzu, my heart goes out to the owner, Nancy Linhardt. To witness your beloved pet being torn apart by three bloodthirsty, vicious pit bulls must have caused so much heartbreak that I tear up just thinking about it.

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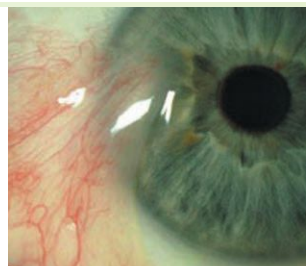
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### SPRING VALLEY

#### Worker rescued from trench Takes 20 minutes to free him from underneath 1400-pound concrete form

A 31-year-old construction worker in Spring Valley fell into a 5-by-15-foot trench and was subsequently pinned by a 1400-pound concrete form on the morning of January 4.

After being rescued by CalFire personnel, the worker was taken to Mercy Hospital, where he is in stable condition with chest and back injuries, according to San Miguel Fire Department spokesman Leonard Villareal. "It took nine firefighters and his crew and a crane to get him out," Villareal said.

The crew was working on a project for Pacific Hydrotech, near the intersection of Jamacha Road and Omega Street, when one of the forms fell on him and pushed him into the trench, Villareal said. "The extraction took about 20 minutes."

The worker was conscious at the scene and, though injured, is expected to recover.

LUCY D. BARKER, JAN. 5

### NORMAL HEIGHTS

#### No water Blocks without running water after water main breaks, neighbors share buckets

Hundreds of people in Normal Heights were without water Friday night, January 4, after a

water main broke at 32nd and Meade Avenue at around 4 p.m. Crews were still working to repair the main at 8:30 p.m. and estimated it would be finished by midnight.

Houses, apartments, and condos were all dry in the blocks from El Cajon Boulevard to Meade Avenue, from 32nd Street to 34th



Crews were still working to repair the main at 8:30 p.m.

(which is actually five blocks).

Neighbors north of Meade shared buckets of water for flushing toilets, and residents ran to neighborhood grocery stores to stock up on bottled water, worried that the repair would run into problems and not be finished by Saturday morning.

"I figure that buying the water means I won't need it," one resident said.

LUCY D. BARKER, JAN. 5

### LA JOLLA

#### Parking peeve

#### Shortage causes problems for patients and employees at VA Medical Center

The troublesome parking situation at the VA Medical Center in La Jolla began to percolate about a decade ago. It has now boiled over.

Most mornings, lines of employees' and patients' cars wind slowly up the hill from La Jolla Village Drive while drivers wait their turn to funnel into the lots. More than 6000 employees cannot park in the fewer than 3500 parking spaces.

Eddie, a third-floor nurse, told me, "I have to leave for work extra early from the South Bay or I don't know about getting a space.

And I can never leave work during the day for lunch or an appointment because, once I do, forget about ever getting another space."

Patient parking is no better. The medical center's patient population has grown over the past ten years, making the fewer than 2000 designated patients' spaces inadequate. For a 10 a.m. appointment this week, I knew to arrive by 9 a.m.; still, when I arrived, drivers were already circling the lot.

Allison, a counselor, finds it worthwhile on many workdays to take a southbound express bus from her home in Escondido to downtown San Diego, then another express bus back north to work in La Jolla instead of driving. She said any extra travel time spent on the bus is "much better than sitting in traffic backups. I really hate that. Plus, I get to read or use my phone."

Future multilevel parking structures still remain on the medical center's five-year plan; however, none are listed on the latest construction announcement.

Work is forecast to begin in February 2013 on a new administration building, situated within a current parking area — which will eliminate 100 or more spaces.

GARY CORNAGLIA, JAN. 4

### TIJUANA

#### Instant karma?

#### Alleged bus thief run over by bus after pistol-whipping driver

Minutes after pistol-whipping a bus driver unconscious, an alleged thief was run over by the same bus he had just robbed in the Nueva Tijuana neighborhood of the city, the Tijuana daily *Frontera* reports.

The incident occurred on January 2 at around 6:55 p.m., when two men boarded a city bus, pistol-whipped the driver, and stole 900 pesos (about \$72). The assault knocked the driver unconscious, causing him to lose control of the bus, which then ran over one

of the alleged thieves as he tried to run away from the scene of the crime.

The bus careened through a fence, hit three parked cars, and came to rest after slamming into the front of an apartment building. The alleged thief, Jorge Silva Murray, 21,



Jorge Silva Murray, 21, was hospitalized under police custody.

was hospitalized under police custody on charges of armed robbery, causing a traffic accident, and the resulting property damage, *Frontera* reported.

Silva Murray's alleged accomplice managed to escape with the pistol used in the crime and the 900 pesos.

BOB MCPHAIL, JAN. 4

### SAN CARLOS

#### Mayor to SDG&E: it's on Filner to address utility's undergrounding, collecting info from planning groups

Mayor Bob Filner announced at the January 2 San Carlos Area Council meeting that he will "take on" San Diego Gas & Electric. Filner also said that he was interviewing to hire an energy advocate to serve the public.

He made those statements while answering a resident's question about the progress of undergrounding, the burial of overhead utility lines.

The resident and the mayor also questioned the need for utility boxes in residential areas. Filner said he needed a memo about these issues. "SDG&E acts like a sovereign entity; they don't really support alternative

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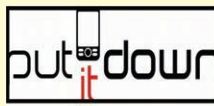
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# In the Lab

I squeezed the plastic dropper and watched the first tiny glob break away and plummet into the big bowl. The droplet was supposed to slip through the surface of the liquid and end up at the bottom of the bowl as a tiny, perfect sphere. Instead, the amber droplet smashed against the water's surface like a bug on a windshield and just floated there.

"Ugh. Why didn't it work? I bet it's the air bubbles from the hand-mixer. I read something about that being a problem," I said.

"Why don't you watch the DVD again?" asked David. "Your laptop is right here. Just pop it in and —"

"No. I just want to do it and have it work," I snapped. I squeezed again. This time, the droplet did what it was supposed to do. I had created an orb of peach schnapps liqueur inside a bowl of water. But I soon realized my perfect circle was a fluke. The next and

the next and the dozen or so droplets after that, all splattered on the surface of the water, just like the first. My experiment was a failure.

"Well, I guess I'll start cleaning up this huge mess I made," I said, my head hung low.

"Chemistry is an exact science," David said.

"Who said anything about chemistry? This is molecular gastronomy." I paused as I felt the epiphany burst like a bubble in my brain. I thought I had been playing with my food — but all those measurements and mixtures... "Oh," I said.

"Well, if I'd thought about

it that way, I wouldn't have even tried. I hate chemistry. The only reason I skated by with a C-minus in my high school chemistry class was because I made a deal with my lab partners that I would handle all the paperwork if they would take care of the boring stuff. I wanted to do this because it looked so pretty and easy in that video. And, you have to admit, my idea was innovative — they don't even have it in their recipe pamphlet — little red balls of Chambord floating around in a glass of champagne? Pretty and tasty."

David smiled a knowing smile. "This was not an unexpected outcome," he said.

"So, you knew as you were over there watching me all this time that I was going to eff it up? Why didn't you say anything?"

"I've never seen you so excited about a project," he said. "I didn't want to discourage you."

"I guess I should have realized this wasn't going to work out the moment I decided a 'pinch' of sodium alginate was probably 'close

enough' to 1.6 grams."

"Like I said, it's an exact science," David said. "You can't guess at chemistry. You know how I'm always saying there's room for error with cooking, but not with baking? That's because baking is more like chemistry. Well, cooking is also chemistry — however, with cooking, there's more flexibility; you can rescue things if they're going wrong. Whereas, with baking, once things are set in motion, it's all over. Certain ingredients react with other ingredients in a very specific way."

"Well, I'm happy I used the peach schnapps as a tester. Imagine if I'd just wasted a whole cup of Chambord — that stuff's not cheap. Okay, well, back to plan A. It's your job to take all this and create something magnificent both to look at and to taste."

"No pressure," David joked. But it was his own damn fault my expectations were so high. He's spent years demonstrating his aptitude for both cooking and baking. So of course when I learned about the artistic possibilities provided by the latest trend in food science, I wanted to see what kinds of avant-garde creations my live-in chef could devise. That was why I'd bought him the kits (one for cocktails, one for cuisine) — so that he'd come up with crazy and cool concoctions. For me.

Each kit included some tools, packets of strange powders, and a DVD with simple instructions about a process that is anything but. For my first and last stab at kitchen chemistry, I probably should have

chosen one of the recipes that had been provided, rather than attempting to wing it. As David continued to tell me, you can't "wing" chemistry. But I'd had no choice — our kitchen scale wasn't sensitive enough to parse out exactly 1.6 grams of sodium alginate, a binding chemical derived from seaweed.

If I'd done more studying, I could have created something beautiful. In my mind's eye, the Chambord caviar (balls of liquid floating around in a thin gel casing that dissolves in the mouth) would be vibrant, scarlet balls of the raspberry liqueur dancing on the bubbles of the golden champagne. Gorgeous, decadent; a way to surprise and delight cocktail-party guests or to enjoy ourselves.

"You have to make this happen," I said. My failed experiment couldn't be the end. David had to make things right. He was the only person who could — he's patient, experienced, and, most importantly, he would be willing to take the time to do all the necessary research. I'm the kind of person who bitches when something takes longer than four minutes to microwave.

As I rinsed the gelatinous peach schnapps from the giant glass bowl, I turned to catch David's eye over my shoulder. "Do you think I'm stupid? I mean, because I never really 'got' chemistry? Because I don't have the patience for this kind of thing? I mean...what I mean is, are you disappointed in me?"

"Look," David said (the way he always

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"I guess I should have realized this wasn't going to work out the moment I decided a 'pinch' of sodium alginate was probably 'close enough' to 1.6 grams."

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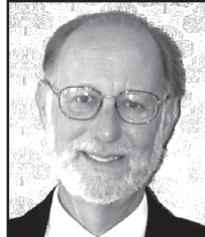
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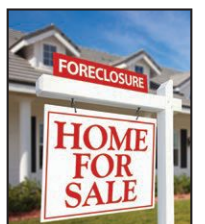
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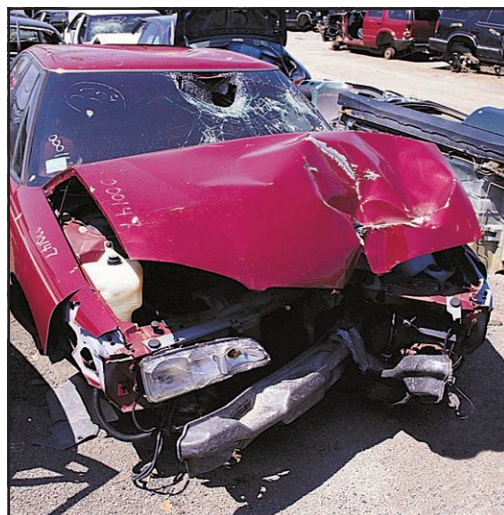
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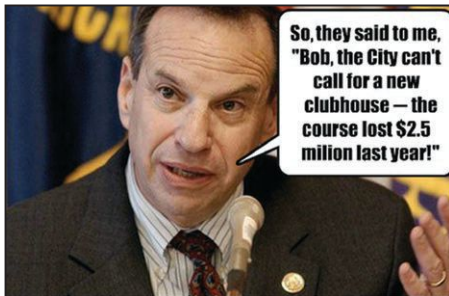
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## Introducing Bob Filner — Stand-Up Guy



So, I was talking to my guys about calling for plans to put in a new clubhouse at the Balboa Park Public Golf Course.



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I said, "2.5 million?"



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## Turner on Ryan: "Spoilsport!"

*Chargers' Coach-Provocateur slung slur at Jets' Jellicose General after Ryan benched hapless quarterback Mark Sanchez prior to late-December matchup. "You didn't see me benching hapless quarterback Philip Rivers, did you?"*

*UNLESS: Was there a hidden message of acceptance in overseeing a team that notched 11 sacks in a single game?*

**T**urner disappointed: "I worked very hard this season to turn a Pro Bowl quarterback into a bad joke. Ryan clearly did the same with Sanchez — though he needed to bring in a little Tebow drama to glam things up. That Sunday would have been the Big Showdown: Fumblebum vs. Fumblebee. But, instead, Ryan benched Sanchez and brought in some sort of basically competent backup. Where's the sport in that? It's not like either of us were going to the playoffs this year. Why not have a little fun, give the people a show?"

Fans irate: "I paid good money for what I fully and reasonably expected would be a comedy of errors," said longtime Chargers fan May Zokist. "Between Rivers's 15 fumbles and 15 interceptions this season and Sanchez's 12 fumbles and 17 interceptions, I had every right to look forward to a proper greased-pig chase, one where the ball went squirtin' out this way and that and everybody goes jumpin' after it, whoopin' and hollerin' and carryin' on. Dogpile! What'd I get? One interception, one fumble, no fun. Phooey."



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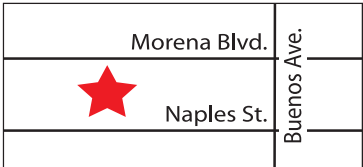
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Heymatt:

So, everyone likes different kinds of music, clothing, TV shows, beer, food, jobs, cars, etc. My question is: if everyone likes all sorts of different things in life, why does everyone love pizza? At least, everyone I know does....

— Jacob

Pizza has so much going for it! For starters, it's poisonously salty and greasy. That may not be good for our hearts, but try telling that to our brains. Through a combination of natural impulse and cultural conditioning, foods high in salt and fat (sugar, too) might as well be smothered in purest awesome sauce, sprinkled with fairy dust, and served by tail-coated unicorn butlers at a five-star restaurant built of rainbows. Our brains and tastebuds just love that stuff.

Pizza's other big advantage is that small children often receive it as a reward, or a special meal, at least. "Hey, kids, who wants to go out for pizza?!" is one of the most cherished phrases a parent can utter. Being easily brainwashed, little pizza-munching grommets immediately decide that pizza = treats. Even into adulthood, pizza becomes a treat that you get yourself when you're feeling low and wish to be cheered, or it's what you eat when you're having a party, or maybe if you're out on an epic night with friends you go for after-hours pizza. It's a food that's always eaten with good cheer, as opposed to, say, broccoli. Not that there's anything wrong with broccoli. It's a perfectly respectable *Brassica*, loaded with vitamins and minerals, just not the life of the party.

Heymatt:

If fire extinguishers use carbon dioxide to snuff out flames, why is it that the CO<sub>2</sub> in expelled breath doesn't blow out a fire? In fact, blowing on a hot ember usually causes it to burn brighter.

— Paul

It's the same reason that artificial respiration (sort of) works. Namely, exhaled breath contains more than enough oxygen to sustain combustion. In fact, blowing on a fire makes the flames flare up because the rapid air circulation introduces more oxygen to the flame than is available in ambient air. Carbon dioxide gas will extinguish a flame, provided the concentration is high enough, although it's technically correct that lack of oxygen (rather than the presence of CO<sub>2</sub>) is the cause of extinguishment.

Blowing out a candle, on the other hand, is a different process, and a fascinating one at

that. It's not lack of oxygen that puts out a candle when you blow on it. Fanning it out works just as well and uses fully oxygenated air. With candles, what's burning is a miniature cloud of vaporized wax gasses, not the wick itself. The heat of the fire evaporates the wax, which provides more gas to burn, which in turn vaporizes more wax and the cycle repeats until the candle is all burned down. When you blow on a candle, the little bubble of wax gas disperses and the flame goes out. Don't forget to make a wish.

Hi Matt:

Travelling between San Diego and Oceanside via the 5 I've noticed a couple of things. At the Via de la Valle turn-off on both sides of the freeway there are white PVC pipes standing like antennae. They've been there for years, but what are they? I've also seen a lot of dead and dying oleanders in the freeway medians. Does Caltrans plan on replacing them anytime soon?

— Roy

Those are story poles. You want to know, "what are story poles?" Well, story poles are erected prior to construction projects as a way to demarcate where the outlines and boundaries of new buildings will be. Building codes vary by city, but Solana Beach has strict regulations about building height and there are story poles all over town on the sites of proposed projects. The poles stand in for buildings and demonstrate that the potential buildings will conform to the municipal building rules. Neighbors have a chance to assess how new construction will affect their views and lodge objections if there's a consensus that the neighborhood will be impacted negatively by the new buildings.

Story poles are a complete, albeit small, industry in themselves. Most of the story poles in North County are put up by C Story Poles in Encinitas. Chris, who owns the company, is a professional surveyor, which gives him a leg up in matters of property lines. The "Ida Avenue Project," which is the one visible from I-5 just before Via de la Valle, is an older, but still viable, plan to erect a series of townhouses. The details are a matter of public record and can be seen at Solana Beach's city hall.

As for the oleanders, their future is nebulous since "oleander leaf scorch," a relatively new disease that preys on them, has reared its head in San Diego County and beyond. It's likely that the ubiquitous oleanders will be replaced with something else until the population of insects that spread the disease (an invasive species called "sharpshooters") stabilizes and declines.

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POST DATE: **December 28, 2012**

I was on Sunset, a block away from the Château Marmont, and I was looking to be inspired. I wanted to come off as a writer. I was hoping to immerse myself with all the showbiz types and burnouts, and just get a vibe. Instead, I paced back and forth outside the hotel, looking like a suspect paparazzi. I couldn't find the entrance — very symbolic of my life. I can never find the entrance... I make excuses for not finding the entrance. The valet guys surrounded the driveway like the queen's guards at Buckingham Palace.

I was hoping to bump into Lindsay Lohan and have an AbFab day with her, gossiping and sipping hard liquor — which I'm sure I'm allergic to. I mean, we were both born in the Year of the Tiger, we're both freckled, and we both have a love/hate relationship with Disney. She would naturally gravitate towards my look of innocence, and then we would have a makeover sequence à la *Clueless*. We would share secrets and pillow talk, and

she would then give me full permission to sell her story. She would feel like she owed me something, because the bitch stole my role in *The Parent Trap*! I never auditioned; I just felt like I was destined to play twins and avenge my parents' divorce.

But I was wearing Old Navy — not cool enough to be Château Marmont chic. *C'est la vie*. Eh, West Hollywood wasn't that charming anyway.

With my country-bumpkin insecurities, I went back to my car. On my way down Melrose Avenue's freshly waxed runway, I had an existential crisis! I decided to window-shop and play *The Price Is Right*.

Who really wants to buy a dress that should be insured?! You could give me all the money in the world, and I still wouldn't sell my soul for a blouse. It's just wrong to buy a dress for \$5000. Do these people realize that people are suffering globally, and they're buying a dress that



*This blogger really wanted to share drinks and pillow talk with Lindsay Lohan.*

costs more than 10 months' rent?!

A gaggle of Japanese girls was taking pictures on the sidewalk of all the stores and the glamorous people. When they saw me coming down the sidewalk, they didn't even part ways to let me by! I had to detour to on the street. I was street-worthy, not sidewalk-worthy. I kept thinking, *I have fuzz balls on my pants*.

L.A. made me feel like I was the new girl in the cafeteria of life, looking for a group to sit with and being rejected for trying to sit with the popular kids. In *Less Than Zero*, Brett Easton Ellis writes, "People are afraid to merge on freeways in Los Angeles." They are afraid to merge. L.A. is a huge high school cafeteria, where the popular kids have insurance on their clothes.

I decided to have a beer at the King's Head in Santa Monica. The pub was cluttered with cliques of each and every age above 25. I felt like I was at Cheers, but no one knew my name. Then someone

approached me. He allowed me into his clique. I felt unworthy because they were solidified in the industry as writers. I then shut myself up, and acted like, yes, I'm worthy of being invited to a writers' club. They liked me. They really liked me!

One of them was one of the contributing writers for *Lost*. I told them my developing story, and they were interested somewhat, but they were quick to warn me about the harsh realities of writing in the industry. I told them about Diablo Cody rocketing to fame as a blogger-turned-Oscar-winning script writer. They cringed and looked a little bitter at the fact. One of them said, "Most people have to pay their dues and do a lot of bitch work." It was nice that they listened to me with open ears and engaged eyes — I felt seen! I was nervous about divulging too much about my ideas, though, and I didn't want to seem star-struck by asking them too many questions about their careers. I covet my ideas out of fear they'll be out in the universe and subsequently stolen.

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My dear friend Smokee was always the life of the party in college, and she was also the most generous with her cigarettes. But college was a long time ago, and now she's ready to quit and looking around for help.

"I've been teaching people how to quit smoking for 36 years," said Dr. Stan Lederman of Smoke Stoppers San Diego in North Park (619-296-8700; [smokestopperofsd.com](http://smokestopperofsd.com)). "I offer 11 hours of information presented in seven classes, Monday through Saturday, and then the following Monday [\$269]. If during that time you do not quit smoking, then there is no charge. In the unlikely event that you do start smoking again in the months or years to come, you can come back, tuition-free" — though there is an administrative fee. "You may also attend, at no charge, monthly follow-ups at the Friday or Saturday classes."

Lederman's class sizes run between three and eight people, "so that everyone can contribute and everyone can learn from each other. For my first class, I have people come and smoke a cigarette — I want to condition them to think about cigarettes in my class. By the second day, when they come to my office, it will have been only a few hours since they quit, and they will be drooling for a cigarette" — partly for psychological reasons and partly because "nicotine is addictive. For the majority of the population, there are 36 to 72 hours of physical withdrawal. That second night, my job is to teach people to identify the cigarette desire and dismiss it. You can't just ignore the desire; you have to deal with it."

Most people who decide to quit, said Lederman, try to throw their cigarettes away and not think about them. "That seems to work for a while, but after a few months, on average," they get to a point where "nothing else matters until they smoke a cigarette. They give up because they can't stop thinking about it. In my program, I teach people how to identify cigarette desires instead of ignoring them. They need to have cognitive control of those desires when they come about, and as any good scout knows, the better rehearsed you are, the better you are going to perform."

Cognitive thought-based programs, said Lederman, "have a 50 percent success rate a year down the road." He said that was supe-

*"By the second day, when they come to my office, they will be drooling for a cigarette."*

rrior to other methods, such as hypnosis. "We talk about that in class."

But Lynn Whitmire at Advanced Hypnotherapy, downtown (858-270-5756; [advancedhypnotherapyonline.com](http://advancedhypnotherapyonline.com)), disagreed. "Hypnosis is especially helpful for something like quitting smoking," she claimed. "The conscious mind knows that smoking is not good for you, but it's the subconscious mind that takes responsibility for habits like smoking. My job is to help you access the subconscious."

People smoke for a positive purpose, said Whitmire. "Maybe it helps to alleviate stress or manage boredom. We ask the subconscious about that and use the information to come up with a new program. It's critical to have that new program, that healthier alternative. You can't just leave a void, or the old program will come back." Say the smoking is brought on in response to stress. "If it's okay with the person, I suggest taking a deep breath. It's impossible to be as tensed or stressed after taking a deep breath."

Whitmire's sessions last around 90 minutes and cost \$150. "There are studies that show an 80 to 90 percent success rate if the person is doing it for the right reasons. I also work with an acupuncturist. We find that if we combine modalities [\$299], the success rate increases. The acupuncture helps you detox and helps support your attitude."

On a similar note, Darlene at the Labbe Health Center in Mira Mesa (858-483-4770; [sandiegostopsmokingdoctor.com](http://sandiegostopsmokingdoctor.com)) explained the center's smoking-cessation treatment (\$399). "Dr. Labbe uses a low-level laser, known as a cold laser, on different parts of the ears, wrists, and feet. This increases your serotonin endorphin levels. The feeling of well-being helps to fight the craving for nicotine. We also stimulate points that speed detoxification. The session takes 45 minutes to an hour. It's painless and about 86 percent effective. A second session is usually done one to three weeks later, but you can come in sooner if you feel the need for a cigarette."

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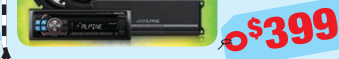
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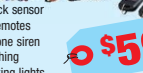
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# Adorable when I dress up

**T**aken out of context, I look ridiculous. I am standing in front of the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center among a group of costumed anime fans, and I am wearing Mary Janes paired with a powder-blue dress in an old-fashioned bicycle print. A large bow decorates the neckline — I am going for an *Alice in Wonderland* look. Last night, I scoured my closet, the goal being an outfit that may or may not be read as a costume.

When I asked my husband what he thought, he said, “If you’re trying to look like a kindergarten teacher, or one of those freaky twins from *The Shining*, it works.”

“Close enough,” I said.

Of course, I should be dressed as an obscure Japanese comic-book character, like everyone else at the Balboa Park cosplay meeting.

Five days earlier, I’d emailed 19-year-old Shannon Downer, a diehard cosplayer (“cosplay” is short for “costume play”) who agreed to allow me to tag along with her at Saturday’s event. I asked to borrow an outfit.

“So I can be part of the experience,” I explained.

From the tone of Shannon’s written response, it was clear

she was not pleased with my request. As a result, on Friday night, with less than 12 hours until the cosplay event, she called off our interview. I had crossed a line. According to Shannon’s cosplaying friend, Marina MacDonald, “That is just not how cosplay works.” She said this with a heavy sigh, making it clear that I just don’t get it. Anime fans dress the way they do because they are passionate about it. Loaning out costumes is not something they do.

Nevertheless, I managed to talk Shannon into following through with the interview.

“You can come,” she said, “but you need to be at my house at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow.”

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I have a hard time finding the Downers’ home. Everything looks identical

“We’re not going to be doing this when we’re 30. That would be weird.”

in Shannon’s Spring Valley subdivision, all beiges and stuccos, with the types of yards that gardeners maintain.

Mrs. Downer, Shannon’s mother (who does not offer her first name), answers the door after one knock and ushers me inside. Mrs. Downer wears a full-length denim skirt and a plaid blouse buttoned all the way up. Two shiny crucifixes hang around her neck. She introduces me to a housecat stretched out on the carpet. She talks to the cat in a high-pitched baby voice.

Mrs. Downer shouts up the stairs to Shannon, “That reporter is here!” There is heavy emphasis on the word *that*.

Nineteen-year-old Marina emerges from a nearby bathroom.

“You’ll have to excuse us,” she says. “We’re still getting our undergarments on.” Marina is wearing fishnet tights, a T-shirt, and no pants.

Mrs. Downer lowers her gaze. “It’s okay,” she mumbles in the voice she’d



used to speak to her cats. "It's just us girls and the kitty cats here today."

Mrs. Downer goes into the kitchen and shuffles around. Moments later, she is standing near the front door with car keys in hand. She turns to me. "I'm going to have to ask you to move your car. I'm on my way to a Bible meeting, and you're blocking me in."

When her mother leaves, Shannon finally makes her way down the stairs. It's hard to believe this is the same girl I ran into three weeks earlier in Balboa Park. Her dishwater hair has dusty blond roots, and her skin is so pale she's nearly translucent. The last time I saw Shannon, she had on a long black wig and was toting a fake rifle — she looked like an Amish girl gone rogue. That day, her friend Marina was a ste-

ampunk version of the white rabbit from *Alice in Wonderland* in platinum wig, a monocle, and an extremely short skirt. Today, Marina's hair is long, a mousy brown.

Both Shannon and Marina are full-time students. Shannon attends Grossmont College. Marina goes to SDSU and shares an apartment near campus with her dad. Neither girl works.

They rush around Shannon's house. The cut-off heels of pantyhose hug their heads, a trick to make their wigs fit better.

"Anime characters are perfect," Shannon says as she layers on foundation. "They are tiny and have big eyes and creamy skin. We have to wear a lot of concealer."

Marina again emerges from the bathroom. She's now wearing an emerald-green corset. "Shannon is

made for anime," she says. "She's tiny and pale. It's hard for plus-sized girls like me to do cosplay... we're both dressing as men today. Shannon is

**"Shannon is made for anime. She's tiny and pale. It's hard for plus-sized girls like me to do cosplay."**

Ciel Phantomhive and I'm Undertaker from the *Kuroshitsuji* series, also known as *Black Butler*."

"This turns my C-cup into a man's chest," Marina motions to her corset. "Anime characters are usually thin. I always wear a corset. It gives me an edge. I buy a lot of our stuff on eBay, and I make

the rest. If I were really dedicated to cosplay, I would cut all my hair off to make it easier to wear wigs, but I like to be pretty in real life."

Marina and Shannon are now seated on the Downers' 1980s style couch, applying more make-up. The coffee table is cluttered with powders, lotions, and creams. On the far wall hang family photos — awkward Christmas studio shots of Shannon and her sister. There is one of Shannon

as a toddler in an angel costume, a fluffy halo perched on her head. On the back wall, a clunky bookshelf holds books; most are religious — dozens of Bibles, audio books on Jesus, and texts with titles such as *Christ in the Home*, *The Rapture Trap*, and *Catholic Prophecy*. A smaller section of the bookcase is reserved for sci-fi, Stephen King novels, and comic books.

"My mom is a super-Catholic," Shannon says. "I don't tell her when I dress up as demons. I had a pentacle on my head once, and she freaked out. But most of the demons in comic books are adorable. She never knows."

Shannon tells me that her parents have come to terms with her cosplay hobby. But in the beginning, they weren't so accepting.

"My parents thought

it was really weird. They thought I would turn into a total geek and just fail at life. They don't think that anymore. Now they think it's adorable when I dress up."

The first time Shannon cosplayed was at Comic-Con 2010. She was 16. During the first few days, she didn't dress up. She felt too uncomfortable.

"Finally, I just decided that I would jump in and try it. I was kind of nervous about going around dressed up. But once people started coming up to me and joking around, it became a lot of fun. I took a bunch of pictures with people dressed up from the same anime as me. I think cosplay opens people up; because you're in costume, it's easier to let go and enjoy yourself."

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after my arrival, Shannon and Marina have transformed themselves. Shannon's outfit is a cross between circus freak and a marching-band member: high-waisted red polyester shorts and a matching double-breasted blazer with gold piping. Underneath is a black button-down shirt with elaborate flowing cuffs. Knee socks peek out from clunky platform boots. She holds a staff with a skull on top. Her gray wig looks like an elderly version of Justin Bieber's famous haircut.

Marina wears a black trench coat with a silver belly bracelet that features coin-shaped charms. Across her chest, a gray sash looks like a baby sling. She has on a waist-length gray wig that falls over her eyes — just like the undertaker she is emulating. She has attached a piece of plastic to her face that looks like a broken part of a Thomas the Tank Engine train track.

"The undertaker has a scar," she says. "I painted this last night and attached it with spirit gum." Marina's boots lace up past her knees, reaching mid-thigh. "I'm not going to bother wearing pants under the coat. It's hot out."

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On the drive to Balboa Park, I sit in the backseat of Marina's car, wedged between two wooden stakes that have Japanese characters handwritten on them (props for Marina's costume), a large make-up case for touch-ups, and a picnic lunch of cold-cut sandwiches. Shannon and Marina listen to pop music. Marina sings along to a Maroon 5 song.

On the 94, Marina tells me she isn't a huge

fan of Comic-Con. "It's more about pop culture," she says.

"A lot of people I know aren't big Comic-Con fans," Shannon says. "Most people there don't respect the [anime] communities that attend the convention. At Comic-Con 2011, they wouldn't let the cosplayers gather in their regular spot, even though they've been gathering there for years. When we tried to sit around and talk, they kept telling us to clear out. That's another thing: there's nowhere to sit. After a long day of walking and standing in uncomfortable shoes and heavy costume, pretty much all of the benches are taken, and they won't let you sit on the floor. It's very expensive. In the end, it doesn't seem worth going because they're so strict."

In three weeks, Shannon and Marina will attend Yaoi-Con, an anime convention in Long Beach.

"Today is a practice round," Marina says. "These events at Balboa Park are casual. We don't usually wear things this elaborate. We can mess up today. Our outfits don't have to be perfect, but everything *does* need to be perfect when we go to Long Beach for Yaoi-Con. At that convention, there are artists and panels to go to."

Marina tells me about their costumes.

"Most cosplayers have just one main costume. They're very expensive. We're wearing our main ones today. Mine cost \$175. Shannon's was \$250. I bought Shannon's because she can't really afford it."

Marina tweaks the purchases using her sewing machine to transform outfits so that they more



closely resemble what their favorite comic-book heroes wear. She has a knack for designing costumes, though she decided against a degree in fashion. ("I'm a nursing student. I want to do something that will sustain me.")

The girls attend a handful of conventions each year. Their favorite is a three-day event called Anime Conji, held each spring at the Town and Country Resort Hotel and Convention Center in Mission Valley. Once a month, and sometimes more frequently, they meet with other cosplayers at the big fountain in Balboa Park. Most members of their cosplay group are in their teens and early 20s.

"We communicate and plan events mostly through Facebook," Shannon says.

"Our oldest member is 23," Marina says. "There is one girl that comes who is 14. I think that's our youngest."

"We're not going to be doing this when we're 30," Shannon says. "That would be weird."

When asked how they feel about being gawked at, both girls agree that it's no big deal as long as they're in a big group.

"Can you blame them for staring?" Marina asks. "We're very stareable. I avoid going out alone dressed like this."

Shannon adds that it doesn't really matter what non-cosplayers think. "The cosplay community is very inviting, eager to accept new people, even if your cosplay isn't top quality. It's about having fun and meeting people. When you have an extravagant cosplay, more people will want to take pictures and talk to you. That's what moti-

vates us to try our hardest when making costumes. At conventions, I've met many people just because they see my character and want to talk to me about the anime."

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When we pull into an empty parking lot adjacent to Balboa Park's Spanish Village Art Center, we are over two hours early for the event. While Shannon and Marina gather their items from the car, a little girl points

at us. I overhear her say to her mom, "Mommy, look, show people!"

I follow Shannon and Marina past the Balboa Park fountain and down a set of stone steps to the butterfly pavilion.

"Sometimes," Marina

says, "we have to fight over this spot with a group of parkour guys. They can be real assholes. We always meet at the fountain because it makes it easier for new people. We usually end up here, though."

The girls fish their wigs and hats out of a large paper bag and begin putting the finishing touches on their costumes. Shannon places a small red hat on her head and realizes it doesn't fit right. Meanwhile, Marina



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is upset because her wig doesn't look like her character's.

She turns to me in frustration. "Cosplay is rough on perfectionists. This is what we call a complete disaster. My wig is frizzing! The spirit gum I used to apply my scar is peeling off, and my hat won't fit on my head because my ponytail is too high!"

Shannon shoots Marina a helpless look.

Marina's voice rises. "When [cosplay] goes right, it's really fun. When it doesn't, it can be really depressing."

Shannon apologizes to Marina, taking full responsibility for the wardrobe malfunctions. "I sent Sabrina a text," she says. "She should be here any second with scissors to fix your wig."

Thirty minutes pass with no sign of Sabrina.

Both girls are seconds away from tears. They sit on a stone wall in the Butterfly Pavilion while groups of women speed-walk past, pushing strollers. A little girl in a bright blue tutu and leopard-print leotard strolls by with her family. She takes one look at Marina and Shannon and erupts into a fit of giggles. Neither Shannon nor Marina bats an eye.

After a lengthy silence, Marina announces, "I think I might just go wigless."

"Really?" Shannon says.

"I don't know how we're going to fix this before the Long Beach convention," Marina says.

From the top of the stone steps, someone shouts, "Hey, sluts!"

A pretty blonde in short-shorts, a black T-shirt with an anime

print, and five-inch stilettos decorated with silver studs approaches. She's accompanied by Sabrina, the one with the scissors, supposedly a whiz with wigs.

## "My parents thought I would turn into a total geek and just fail at life."

Sabrina's costume can best be described as "deranged blackjack dealer." She's wearing a pantsuit, a white button-down shirt with a bow tied around her neck, and a red trench coat. Orange contacts make her eyes glow. Her vivid red wig is waist length and ratty, more of a nightmare

than Marina's. She holds a handmade wooden chainsaw. Her teeth are jagged. At first glance, she appears to have a dental issue, but upon closer inspection, I realize that

she has blacked out a few teeth.

"I used waterproof eyeliner," she later tells me. "As long as I don't eat or drink anything, my teeth will stay like this all day."

Immediately, Marina apologizes for the state of her costume. "You'll have to forgive my Undertaker.

This is the first time I've brought him out. And, I don't know why, but the spirit gum I used on the scar isn't sticking to my face."

"No offense, but at first I thought you were Oskara," says the pretty blonde whose name is Aimee.

Marina grimaces. Clearly, that's a put-down.

The three girls converge on Marina to fix her costume concerns.

"I think I'm quitting Build-A-Bear," Aimee announces.

"You can't do it," Marina says. "Build-A-Bear is magical. Hey, do you think you can make a bear that screams bloody murder?" They all crack up. The tense moment has passed.

An overweight woman approaches. With panic in her voice, the woman

asks if they have seen a young girl dressed up as Italy from the manga series *Hetalia*. "She's only 12, and she got in the car to come here with someone she doesn't even know. She's going to the *Hetalia* meet-up at the Organ Pavilion."

Marina scrunches up her nose "We are *not* a *Hetalia* group," she says. "Sorry."

When the woman walks away, Marina turns to me and says, "*Hetalia* groups are weird. They're obsessed with [cosplay]. They're diehards and they freak me out!"

At 11:30, after two hours of sitting around at the Butterfly Pavilion, I follow the four girls to the fountain to join the rest of their cosplay group. As we make the short walk, all eyes are on us.

A man in a Hawaiian

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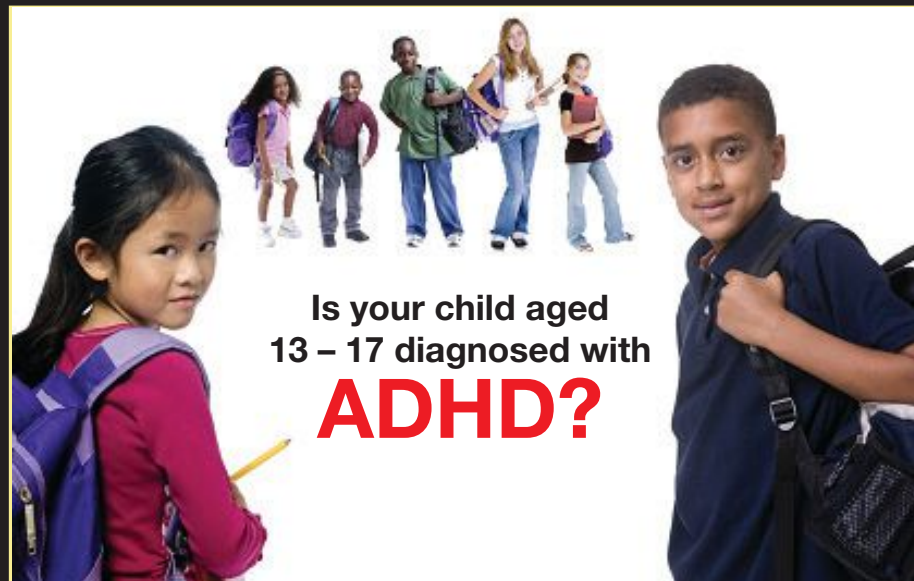
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shirt snaps a photo.

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At the fountain, Aimee straddles a guy on a bench. He's dressed in all black and wearing

women's ballet flats. The two make out in front of a 14-year-old girl (at first, I think she's a boy, but then she introduces herself as Alana Maddox). Alana wears a canary-yellow top with a red ribbon

tied around the neck, skinny jeans, and Vans tennis shoes. She holds a camcorder.

I stand next to a guy named Ryan. He's over six feet tall and has a beard and mustache. He

appears to be dressed as a bunny...or maybe a yeti.

More characters arrive. A friend brings Aimee her costume, a bright red dress that makes her look like a parlormaid. She's wearing a matching red chin-length wig.

A tall, round man shows up. He looks to be in his 40s, maybe 50s. He stands out in this group of teens and early-20-somethings. He has on blue pants that hit just above his ankles. The pants are pulled up above his waist, paired with a red-and-white-striped shirt and an unbuttoned forest-green trench coat. His hair is slicked back. Three black dots have been drawn on either side of his scalp. With eyeliner, he's made himself a monobrow.

For the most part, everyone ignores him.

"Who is that guy?" I ask Marina.

She gives a disgusted shrug. "I don't know. Randoms show up."

The man introduces himself as David Kenan. He's 47 and dressed as a popular cartoon character from the late '90s. He pushes his chest out and throws his arms back in a strange pose.



Shannon and Marina

"Recognize me now?" he asks with a smile.

I shake my head.

He's disappointed. "I'm Ed," he says, "from *Ed, Edd n Eddy*."

A group of mimes has set up near the entrance to the Reuben H. Fleet. They eyeball us.

"Freaks," says a cosplayer in a puffy tutu.

"Mimes freak me out."

A woman sitting a few feet away on a picnic blanket watches the anime fans' activities as if it's a movie. She looks thoroughly perplexed. A toddler walks past hand-in-hand with her mother. When she sees us, she begins to cry.

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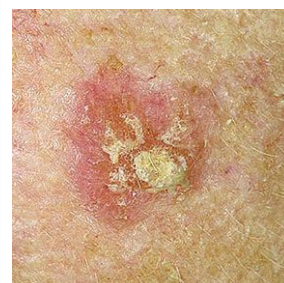
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are visibly irritated. With them is another photographer. "How long will you all be here?" the woman asks a costumed teen. "My fiancé and I are supposed to take our engagement photos here."

The teen's response: "All day."

The woman walks away in a huff.

I sit on bleachers, facing the stage. Alana Maddox plops down next to me. She's the 14-year-old I met earlier.

"Who are you dressed as?" I ask.

"I'm Italy from *Hetalia*."

*Hetalia* is a comic-book series based on WWII and other historical events. Each

character represents a country, and each has a negative and positive "stereotype."

"I'm really into history, so I love *Hetalia*," Alana says. She was 12 when a friend introduced her to the anime. She became wrapped up in it. "When I started dressing up as the characters from *Hetalia*, some people found it different. I *am* different. They think I'm obsessed with it. It isn't true." She shrugs. "I just like pretending to be someone I'm not."

She explains what they do at a regular *Hetalia* meet-up.

"We hang out, we have food, we play games,

and we role-play. We try to keep it clean. We don't allow drinking or smoking. There was a guy who showed up a couple of weeks ago. He started

**"It's okay, honey," a mother says to her toddler. "They're just playing dress-up."**

getting into people's personal space and hugging people without their consent. We had a group discussion and decided to kick him out. We do temporary bans, too. Those are for people that make

fun of other people's costumes."

Alana tells me that, today they will role-play *Hetalia* scenes on the Organ Pavilion stage.

she says with exasperation. "That's a little too extreme for me."

Aimee's boyfriend, Joshua Rodriguez (the young man wearing ballet flats), is sitting in one of the only spots of shade on the stage. He motions for me to join him.

He rattles off the reasons he loves cosplay. "What got me interested in cosplaying was anime itself. Seeing fictional characters and how cool they look had me excited to dress up in a totally different way." Joshua works at the Animal Protection and Rescue League thrift store in Clairemont, a few shops away from Comickaze, a local comic-book store. "I've

never been made fun of for doing this," he says. "I've always been a cool guy. People just figured that, if I was into anime, it must be cool."

Joshua wants to start his own cosplay group.

"It's going to be a Teen Titans one. Like the cartoon. I'm going to be Robin. My group is going to be more organized than this one. We aren't just going to stand around. We might do some larping [live-action role playing] and a few stunts. I'm hoping to get a cameraman to film reenactments."

I look over to see Sabrina, Shannon, and Marina posing for more photos. The photographer instructs them to use

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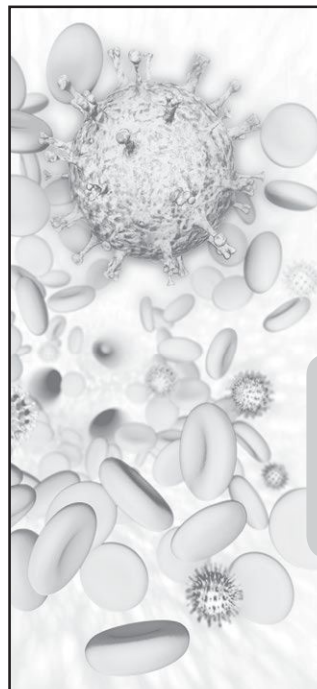
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their weapons. Marina draws her wooden stakes. Sabrina points her chain-saw at Marina. Mean-

## "I'm really into history, so I love *Hetalia*."

while, other cosplayers stand around in small clusters, as if gathered in a high-school cafeteria. A few people are acting out comic-book scenes. On the seats that face the stage, random park visitors sit and watch everything unfold. They seem amused. I join the spectators and wait for something to happen. Nothing does.

It's late afternoon when I decide to head home. While I'm gathering up my things, an elderly woman and her two granddaughters sit

down beside me.

"What are you guys?" the woman wants to know.

"They dress up as their favorite comic-book, cartoon, and video-game characters," I explain.

"I can see that," the woman says patiently. "What I meant was, what do they do — besides wear costumes?"

I think a moment, then say, "I'm still trying to figure that out." ■

— Siobhan Braun

"Cosplayers" I say.

"What do you do?" she asks.

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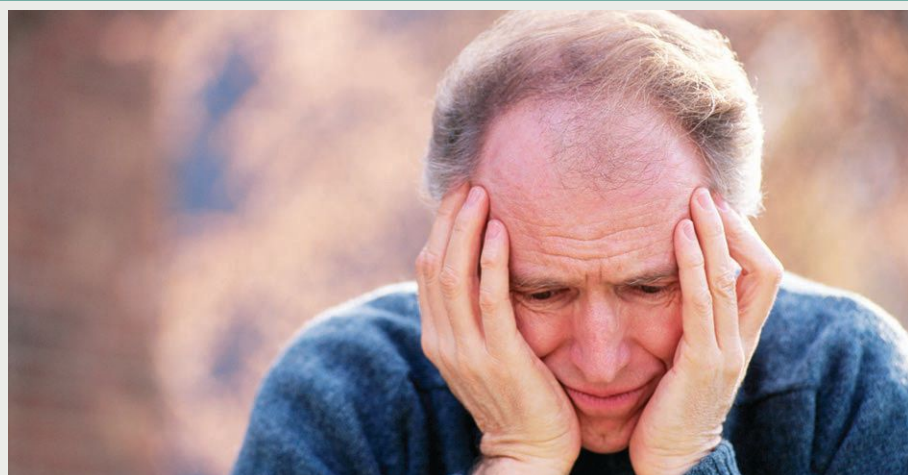
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What William McCloskey once wrote of salmon fishermen applies to tuna men as well. They "lead lives closer to death than most Americans. Compared to them, the sailors on modern tankers and freighters, and the Navy salts of the great electronic warships, are clock-punchers who live in luxury."

The 130-ton, 100-foot-long vessel — we'll call her the *Margie L* — will continue until it finds fish, to the stormy Gulf of Tehuantepec, or Isla del Coco off Costa Rica, or the Galapagos, 3000 miles from home, if necessary. The goal is to "make the trip": plug the hold with tuna.

Newcomers learn rules fast: if you're in the crow's nest, and other boats are in the area, don't point out a potential school: you give away the position.

Wear rubber knee- or hip-boots, but never all the way up. Go overboard in full-length boots and water seeping will tug you down. Keep the top open, rolled over like a movie pirate or with slits cut down the sides. Then you can kick them off fast.

Some boots come with holes punched



1950s tuna boat

around the ankles to help them drain.

Most boats have superstitions: don't wear green (bad luck), don't grow a beard (the voyage will be long), don't bring dirt

on board (symbolizes a shipwreck). Ours has only one: don't whistle. Why? Whistling attracts breezes.

A local captain will tell you there's "no

## QUOTATIONS

1. Don Estes: "Kondo [Masaharu] was the catalyst who brought the men and their personal skills together at the right place and time to set in motion...a whole new industry."
2. Edward Soltesz: "People would get hurt...the only time anyone could take pictures was when they were hurt and couldn't perform in the rack."

3. August J. Felando: "Though its economic crisis was not foreseen by the California tuna industry in 1946, the government had already introduced policies that would cause future tuna trade problems for the entire industry."



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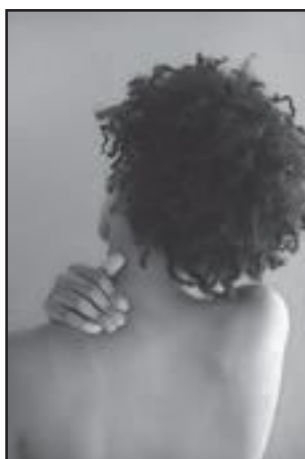
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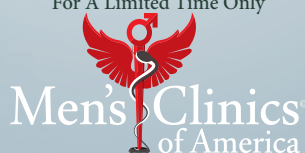
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bad luck, just bad seamanship." Then he'll head out to sea with a sprig of garlic on the bow.

Most important: don't be a hero. Always keep "one hand for the seaman." For long stretches of time, you will work in cramped quarters. You will work on surfaces slippery as ice — not just the wild ocean salt stinging your eyes and drenching everything, but tuna slime and gurry on the decks and alleyways. And when the fish start flying on board, work your pole, but know that a four-inch, galvanized hook can crack a skull.

Tuna fishing's a team competition. The score gets tallied in tons. Ships battle for the biggest catches: for the money (every time a long-finned albacore or 200-pound yellowfin pops out of the soup, the crew hears a chorus of cash registers); and for bragging rights — even for the cleanest boat — and license to

spin yarns that stretch the truth from Point A to Point Loma.

Like captain Guy Silva's. In 1929, Silva was the first to install a shortwave radio on a tuna boat, the *Emma R.S.* He also claims that, a year or so later, off Cabo San Lucas, an enormous leopard shark surfaced alongside. Silva swears that he jumped onto the shark, stood up like a surfer, and ran down its back. When he climbed onboard, he grinned as wide as Magdalena Bay.

But here again, there's a time to boast and a time to clam up. Rather than broadcast success, a captain will pinch the truth. He'll use what Michael Orbach calls "partial honesty." A boat riding low's a dead giveaway; it's "made the trip." Other than that, captains will downplay good fortune.

Competition's so fierce, radio operators use codes. They only tell a small alliance — a "code group" —

where fish have been spotted, where not, and where the more successful ships are headed. Edward Soltesz, an operator from 1937 to 1941, learned to decipher Morse code messages. Soltesz admits that, except for allies, "we lied to each other, because we wouldn't tell them where we were!"

"We gathered more and more information that would be fed back to the skipper: 'no bait in this bay...such and such a boat is catching some in Costa Rica.' That would save weeks and weeks of time."

Some skippers swear that coding mumbo-jumbo's a waste of time. What counts is "fish sense." That said, they'll keep an ear for information as sharp as their squinting eyes will scan the rolling sea.

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"Bait came first," says Julius Zolezzi, who captained a tuna boat for 27 years. "Getting it was hard work. You had bait watch. Leave a single light on all night. Sometimes, at 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning, a voiced say, 'Time to get bait.' And you hop to it."

Some of the most favored bait spots in 1946 are Turtle Bay and Magdalena Bay, off Baja, and Banderas Bay, off Puerto Vallarta.

The fishermen work by hand. In the 1940s, most tuna boats use poles. Nets required favorable conditions and the process often damaged the fish. More than anything else, manually hauling in heavy, ocean-soaked nets, set after set, was a back-breaker.

(In 1953, Mario Puratić

patented his power block. The mechanized winch — it resembles a giant set of headphones — hangs from a boom and pulls the nets aboard the stern. It requires far fewer men to do the job. By the late 1950s, the power block and nylon nets, introduced in 1956, had revolutionized the fishing industry.)

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Schools of tuna often spread out over a wide area. Chumming can gather

them close to the stern, the live bait suggesting a much larger number. When tuna spot the thrashing, they often, though not always, go into a feeding frenzy and will bite at anything that shines in the whitewater, including a hook on a wire leader.

Until around the 1920s, tuna boats chopped up sardines for bait. Chummers used to cover their noses from the monstrous stench of sardine scraps baking in the sun. Many chain-smoked cigarettes for the same purpose. When Japanese fishermen came to the West Coast, they introduced several innovations: one was live bait. The splashing created a more realistic feeding ground.

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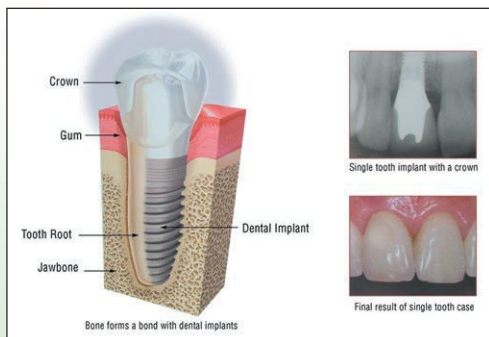
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Many claim that pole-fishing techniques don't harm the porpoises that often swim with tuna. "They didn't like the lures," says Edward Soltesz. "Ours had feathers and catgut wrapped around them, and when they got wet they looked like squid in the water. That apparently was a delicacy for the tuna. The porpoise didn't care for it. I don't know what the porpoise ate."

When the tuna are really biting, it's slap-pull, slap-pull: pole-pop the water, tug out a fish. The frenzy's on both sides of the railing.

Poles have changed little in the past 30 years. In 1908, Masaharu Kondo, who taught oceanography at Tokyo Imperial University, toured the world to study how people fished. In 1912, he returned to San Diego and Baja, where he established MK Fisheries. Along with live bait and new refrigeration techniques, Kondo and the other Japanese fishermen introduced the bamboo poles still used by tuna boats in 1946.

Both firm and flexible, the eight- or nine-foot pole brings in tuna without damaging them the way purse seines do. To assure a good grip, the base of the pole is two inches in diameter; the tip's three-fourths to an inch thick. To protect themselves, fishermen strap a thick leather belt around their waists. A padded socket right below the stomach holds the pole. Many wonder how former anglers survived without one.

Like baseball players' special bats, each fisherman has a personal pole. Wet bamboo is slippery. For secure handholds, each fisherman carries a file in his tackle box to cut indentations in the grip. Some wrap adhesive tape around the base, for the left hand, and a foot or so higher up, for the right. Others use twine. In no time, sweat and the elements turn the grip to coffee-brown.

Using a single pole with a six-foot line, wrote Moto-

suke Tsuida, captain of the *White Cloud*, "the Japanese fisherman could catch the fish fast. Our men fished with a certain rhythm, and the fish would come off the hook in mid-air. From a distance, the tuna looked like silver petals falling from a tree."

For larger tuna — from, say 40 to 80 pounds — two fishermen work in tandem. The heavy cotton lines from their two poles go through a swivel, then join to a single leader and hook. For even bigger fish — as at the Galapagos — three poles, sometimes four, are necessary. The larger the fish, the larger the hook and the smaller the pole.

"When a tuna struck," writes Edgar E. Crane, "all three men lunged backward simultaneously, catapulting the great fish out of the sea. The teamwork of the men exceeded the trained tactics of any football squad or shell crew that was ever seen."

The bamboo comes uncut from Japan. Fishermen are careful to shape them as alike as possible, so they'll work as a matched set. "We had to cut off the knots from the bamboo to make fishing poles," says Soltesz. "For a limber pole, you cut the bottom off, and for a stiff pole, you would cut off the top part and the bottom would get real big."

Kondo didn't invent these techniques, which may have begun with the first Japanese fishing community in San Diego in 1899. But he had a definite influence. In 1922, the *Pacific Fisherman* journal named him the "Fish Magnate of California."

In 1886, the naturalist Charles Frederick Holder saw his first school of "leaping tuna" in the Santa Catalina channel: "they came like a cyclone, turning the quiet waters into foam, in and out of which the big fishes darted like animated arrows or torpedoes." Others in those early days reported seeing schools so large you could walk across the water on their backs.



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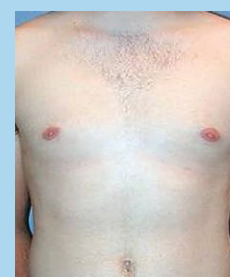
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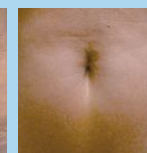
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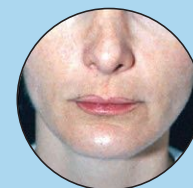
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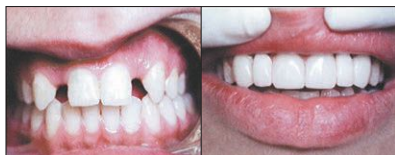
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Tuna have irregular migrating patterns. By the 1920s, they still came from the west, but yellowfin would arrive farther and farther down the Pacific Coast (albacore, which prefer cooler waters, moved farther north before turning toward Japan). The San Diego fleet moved south. In 1926, captain Manuel O. Medina and the Campbell Machine Company of San Diego built the *Atlantic*, the first "tuna clipper." It was at least 110 feet long and designed for distant voyages. When such a large boat was under construction, Medina confessed, "people told me I was crazy, and, until the vessel proved herself, I thought maybe they were right."

In 1929, the wood-hulled *Atlantic* was the first American tuna boat to cross the equator. In 1930, Medina fished 500 miles off the coast of Ecuador and made record catches. A pioneer like Kondo, Medina was the first to use sonar and to install refrigeration in the holds.

Around 1900, a fishing trip lasted one or two days, since there was no way to preserve the catch much longer. In 1946, one might take at least two months. The fish are now farther from San Diego, storing techniques are improved, and "tropical tuna" — striped skipjack (the least desired) and yellowfin (the most) — run yearlong. In 1925, a "short ton" of yellowfin paid \$80; in 1946,

it's \$200 to \$280.

"January 1, 1946," writes August J. Felando, "can be considered a starting date for the final era of the tuna clipper fleet. The foreseeable future excited fishermen, war veterans, shipyards, and investors with promises of economic growth, security, and new wealth."

Where, specifically? Well, as the saying goes, "fish got tails." Quirky and unpredictable, tuna go where they go like stampeding broncos. They bite from dawn to sundown. A tuna boat works those hours, often nonstop, and more.

Most San Diego tuna clippers are owned and operated by Portuguese or Italian families. No one works for a wage. Each receives a share of the catch, which makes the effort doubly personal and justifies the toil and danger.

Newcomers learn early that tuna fishing is not an MGM pirate movie. Errol Flynn won't swoop down from the yardarm, teeth agleam, to rescue someone swept overboard. French horns or frantic violins won't endorse your every move. And little will fall neatly into place. No two trips are alike. You're a speck in a seemingly infinite, endlessly unpredictable ocean. But, some say with teeth slightly agleam, that's the adventure.

*Next time: Let's Catch Us Some Tuna!* ■

— Jeff Smith

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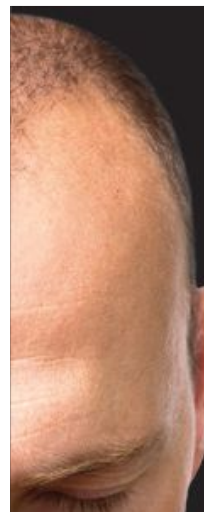
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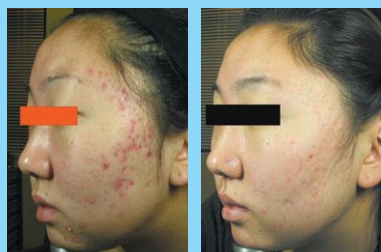
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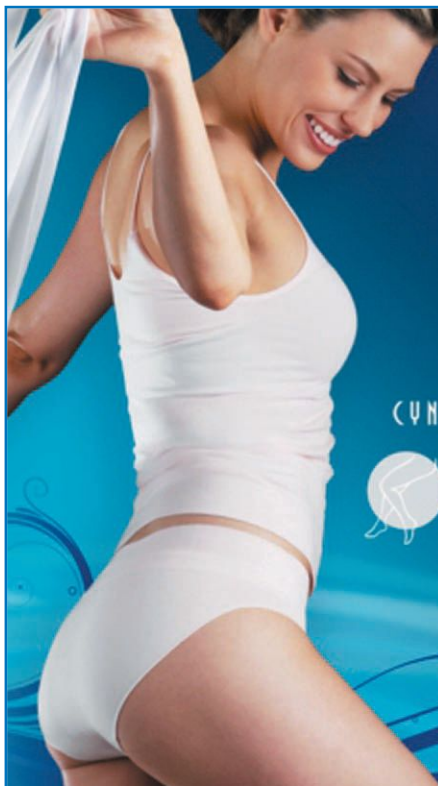


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### H-1B visa disliked

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grievances were not covered under Alabama law. However, a similar whistleblower case against the same company has been filed in California, and a criminal probe against the Indian company, based on the Alabama allegations, is still ongoing.

Despite all these setbacks, the H-1B foes continue battling what they believe are misconceptions. Nelson, for example, points out that under the law, H-1B workers are supposed to be paid a prevailing wage. But "the definition of 'prevailing wage' is so loophole-laden" that the H-1Bs' pay is at least 20 percent lower than that of comparable Americans "and it may be closer to 50 percent," he says.

That goes to the heart of the opponents' arguments. "The underpayment of H-1Bs is well-established fact, not rumor, anecdote or ideology," says the website of Professor Norman Matloff, who teaches computer science at the University of California at Davis. Such low wages bring down the overall salary level for American engineers and computer specialists, permitting companies to pile up profits, claiming there is a labor shortage. "There is no tech labor shortage," says Matloff, and "no study, other than those sponsored by the industry, has ever shown a

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shortage."

Says Matloff, "The world's 'best and brightest' should be welcomed, but only a tiny percentage of H-1Bs are in that league."

It appears that the companies that most enthusiastically utilize the H-1B program also take advantage of other profit-boosting opportunities that may hurt the nation as a whole. Ron Hira, professor at the Rochester Institute of Technology, says that the biggest users of H-1B are also among the companies that outsource the most jobs offshore.

Also, the largest H-1B users tend to be the same companies that, when locating a new plant, squeeze fat subsidies out of financially ailing American cities. These include Microsoft, Intel, IBM, Oracle, and Google, although San Diego's Qualcomm does not appear to fit neatly into that category. In some cases, the H-1B user, getting a subsidy to build or relocate a plant, "says it will create X number of jobs but consciously avoids saying it will hire locals," says Nelson. The H-1Bs then use services provided by American governments. It's another case of "privatization of the gain and socialization of the costs."

But in the current political environment, the H-1B opponents are having a tough time getting their messages across. ■

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### Under the radar

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grow its cash a bit in 2011, according to an annual charitable disclosure report filed in August with the Internal Revenue Service and recently posted online by *Guidestar.Org*. *NewsSource* was put together by former *Union-Tribune* editor **Karin Winner** and her close friend and ex-*U-T* coworker **Lorie Hearn** during one of many rounds of staff cuts made by then-*U-T* owner Platinum Equity.

Housed in a small free office at San Diego State University, it became most famous last year for going after then-Democratic congressman **Bob Filner** over assertions he made in an interview that San Diego's port had "zero commerce." Noted *NewsSource*: "the port of San Diego has brought in more than \$4 billion in imports alone every year since 2003, according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Foreign Trade Division — which monitors the import and export data of shipments into and out of the U.S."

Interviewed by public broadcaster KPBS, the Democrat was visibly irritated as he was grilled on the question in a way few subjects ever have been by the taxpayer-financed, San Diego State University-owned operation. The station's description of the encounter, which is posted on YouTube, says, "We look at four statements mayoral candidate Bob Filner made about the Port that are inaccurate and interview Filner for his response." Some Filner backers later said the mayoral candidate had been engaging in a bit of rhetorical

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hyperbole and claimed bias on the part of the two former *U-T* journalists and the TV station, whose multimillion-dollar high-tech newsroom was paid for by and is named after Qualcomm billionaire **Irwin Jacobs**. The influential La Jolla ended up backing GOP city councilman **Carl DeMaio** against Filner in the mayor's race.

According to its IRS filing, *NewsSource* took in \$381,800 in contributions and grants in 2011. (Federal law does not require disclosure of the source of the cash.) That was up from 2010, when the non-profit received \$214,800 from unnamed donors. *NewsSource* ended the year with assets and fund balances of \$227,577, the report says. Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits totaled \$212,956. The disclosure says that no one at the organization got more than \$100,000 in compensation. A section on the form for listing compensation of "Officers Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees" is blank. Hearn didn't respond to a request for more information left at her office. As president of the board, Winner, who works for free (according to the disclosure), is reported to put in 15 hours a week. Other board members include **Mary Walshok**, the UCSD extension honcho with many other local connections who is also on the board of La Jolla's Girard Foundation, the non-profit run by *Voice of San Diego* founder **R.B. "Buzz" Woolley**, where she has been paid \$5000 a year for her service, disclosures have shown.

— Matt Potter

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## Eagles in Ramona

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want the 70 acres next to us," he says. "We are trying to raise \$1.2 million to buy that. We would like to get private funds. But right now the state and everyone is hurting for money, so it's tough."

Bittner pulls his SUV onto the shoulder of Range-land Road. Three eucalyptus trees stand in a tidy row half

a mile off the road. Bittner motions toward the trees.

"Can you see the bald eagle nest?" he asks.

High in the third tree from the right sits an enormous nest, heavy and thick, resting in its branches. "It's about four feet wide," Bittner says. "I've seen ones that are eight feet. Those break the branches and fall. I hope that doesn't happen here," he says.

Bittner lugs the scope out of the front seat and sets it up on the gravel.

"Look, you can see the female standing in the nest. The male is nearby, hunting."

I peer through the lens and see the white head and yellow beak of the eagle.

"We do hawk watches every year on Saturdays in January and February. It'll be nice to have a pair of bald eagles. It shows the way the Nature Conservancy, non-profits like ourselves, the Fish and Wildlife Service, county, and the states, can work together to make a preserve happen."

He focuses the scope again, looking for the male.

Asked when chicks are expected, Bittner says, "A number of factors would result in chicks. You never know in the first year. It's like people dating." He chuckles and continues, "He has to be a good provider. She has to sit for 42 days, otherwise the eggs will get cold. The man has to come in and feed her. He has to do most of the hunting so she can get out and feed nearby. A lot of things can happen, but we are really hoping to see babies."

Ducks and geese gather in the ponds off the road. Bittner notes that the eagles have been seen hunting nearby. He believes the water is a large reason that the eagles decided to stay.

"This part of California is pretty dry," he explains. "There are no natural lakes. There was nothing to bring bald eagles here. Since reservoirs have been built all over the county, there are now

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water resources for the bald eagles to feel more at home. They are feeding and breeding on all the reservoirs. I think that's what's happening here; the bald eagles now have a food source."

Bittner says there was a time when the numbers of our national bird declined severely. But the population has been rebounding for more than 30 years. "Bald eagles have made an amazing comeback from a time when they were endangered. In the '60s and '70s there was a time when they weren't reproducing at all. They were on a downhill slide. After the ban in 1972 started decreasing the amount of [the pesticide] DDT in the environment, the few bald eagles that were remaining, a few migrants up in Canada and Alaska, and a few raised in captivity started to combine and reproduce. In California there are about 150 now. They are still being monitored."

But neither of the Ramona bald eagles is banded — that is, neither has had a small metal identification band placed around its

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ankle by researchers.

"We don't know where these birds are from," Bittner says. "It's a good chance they are offspring from Northern California birds. It's hard to say. We probably will start banding them as they expand. It will be good to know if they are recruited from outside the area or if they are being reproduced by local eagles."

On the short drive back to the Wildlife Research Institute's field office, on the south end of the grasslands, Bittner spots a golden eagle on a rock near the road. His face beams excitement as he pulls over to snap photos.

"This [grassland] is a raptor hotspot. That's why we saved it. We have 93-94 pairs of hawks and owls nesting. It's a pretty high density. When you look around the trees you'll see them nesting everywhere. Quite a few are owls."

After taking several shots of the eagle, Bittner realizes that his camera's memory stick is back at the field office. He hurries back to the office on Highland Valley Road, drops me off in the parking lot, runs inside to grab the memory stick, and hustles back to get more shots before the eagle flies off. ■

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**Republican't**  
**Longtime local GOP**  
**operative to leave party to**  
**become an independent**  
**Clairemont** — The sting from the November election continues for some members of San Diego County's Republican Party.

Bob Filner's win, Scott Peters's defeat of GOP congressman Brian Bilbray, the election of David Roberts to the County Board of Supervisors, and the debacle in D.C. over the fiscal cliff have caused some GOP faithful to question their party — and has even sent some running for the nearest exit.

That appears to be the case with longtime GOP volunteer, member of the Juvenile Justice Commission, and president of the Clairemont Town Council, Ryan Trabuco, who announced that he was leaving the GOP in order to register as an independent.

In a January 3 blog post on [ryantrabuco.com](http://ryantrabuco.com), Trabuco listed his reasons for jumping ship.

"There hadn't been much thought about re-registering until recently, while watching the fiscal cliff debate play out over weeks on

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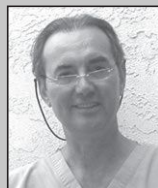


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end. Speculation. Finger-pointing. The constant will-they-won't-they approach to politics. Quite honestly, it was sick...

"The selfish behavior of those who would rather bring our country to its knees, rather than face the challenges ahead of us have drug the party away from me. The constant kowtowing to the Tea Party and like-minded ideologues have damaged the brand, the mission, and the spirit of the Republican Party.

"Look at California. The Republican Party, here, is a mess. Enough said."

*Dorian Hargrove, January 3*

### Botch job

Two stolen vehicles recovered after crash

*Escondido* — A woman heard her car start and looked out her apartment window in time to see her car being driven away on Sunday night, December 16.

She also noticed a Honda Accord with a bike rack on the roof following closely after her car. It was after 10 p.m. when the woman and her mother jumped into her mother's car and took off after her stolen vehicle. As they pursued the stolen car and the closely following Honda on northbound freeway 15, the younger woman described the situation by cell phone to an Escondido police dispatcher.

Escondido police quickly found the line of cars on the freeway but were not able to get between the stolen vehicle and the Honda, according to officer Marvin Jabro, who testified in San Diego's North County Superior Courthouse today.

The stolen car and the Honda exited the northbound highway and then re-entered freeway 15 going south. Both cars exited the freeway and the lead vehicle crashed at Country Club Drive into the center median. The driver of the smashed car fled into a nearby golf course. A police

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canine was able to locate the fugitive after about five minutes, and that person was arrested.

Police officers were speaking with the owner of the stolen vehicle at the crash site about 45 minutes later when the woman shouted out, "That's the vehicle that was following!" The woman pointed to a 1990 Honda Accord with a bike rack that was just pulling up, and officers rushed the vehicle.

Ignoring orders to stop, the driver put the vehicle into reverse and drove backwards about 15 feet, Officer Jabro said. One officer broke a side window and then the Honda halted.

Pedro Manriquez Jr., 18, was identified in court today as the Honda driver. The car had been reported stolen from San Diego some days prior, according to testimony.

Four other persons were removed from the Honda, during which time a fight broke out and one officer's knee was seriously injured.

A gang specialist testified that Pedro Manriquez Jr. and the driver of the other stolen vehicle were both "documented" members of the Diablo street gang.

*Eva Knott, January 2*

### COMMENTS

*Visduh Jan. 2, 2013 @ 8:24 p.m.*

Pedro is lucky to be alive. When the cops see a car moving forward/in reverse toward/away from them they often empty their service weapons into the car. After doing that, they make some attempt to determine why the driver was not heeding their orders/directions.

### Woman escapes kidnapping

Sheriff releases sketches of three suspects, reward for information offered *Encinitas* — Sheriff's deputies are looking for three men wanted for an attempted kidnapping in Encinitas on the afternoon of New Year's Eve.

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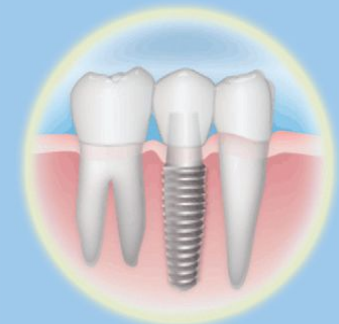


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to wake up and realize that pit bulls are totally unpredictable around toddlers, babies, elderly people, and other dogs? I don't care how sweet your pit bull looks in a photo of it laying on the carpet next to your grandbaby, the sad fact is that it is not sweet when it encounters something it considers prey. How many toddlers, elderly people, and pets have to die before legislation is passed that will limit and supervise the ownership of these vicious dogs?

I strongly believe that anyone who owns a pit bull should have to have a special license, similar to those held by people who own wild ani-

mals. In addition, they should be forced to make a deposit of at least two thousand dollars, to be held in an account with local animal control departments to cover part of the cost of the damages they will eventually cause, either in medical fees or veterinary bills. In the event of an attack, those dogs should be immediately confiscated and euthanized. And the owners should face charges, regardless of the situation.

Why were these dogs still in her possession, if this was the third attack? This horrible, lying wretch of a woman should be thrown in jail. There is no reason her dogs should still be alive. Once an offender, always an offender — especially in the case of pit bulls. And for those of you who say "It's not the

dogs, it's the owner," answer me this: Why are all of the shelters across the U.S. filled with mean, unadoptable pit bulls? Here is your answer: They were relinquished by their smart owners because they showed some kind of violent tendencies. Either they snapped one too many times, or bit someone. Why are we wasting space in our shelters harboring these vicious, unadoptable dogs, while there are so many sweet natured, nonviolent dogs that need homes? I say euthanize the pit bulls immediately, save the space for nice dogs. If this attack had happened in my neighborhood, I think those dogs would be swinging by a noose from a tree — as well as their owner.

Name Withheld  
via email

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does when he wants to pave the way for a big

delivery). "There are some things that you're good at and some things that I'm good at."

"So, what you're saying is I should go sit over there and sip my wine so you

can have your kitchen back and finish making dinner?" David nodded. "I'm cool with that," I said. ■

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An unidentified 18-year-old female was walking north on the 500 block of Saxony Road around 3:30 Monday afternoon when she was approached by three men in an older black pick-up with orange stripes. One of the three, possibly a teenager with a thin build, forced the victim into the truck occupied by two other men.

The victim then proceeded to punch the driver and bite another one of her attackers, at which point they released her and she fled to a nearby residence seeking help.

The San Diego sheriff's department released a sketch, along with the following descriptions:

"Suspect #1 — Hispanic Male Adult, 25–35 years old, thin build; Suspect #2 — Hispanic Male Adult, 30–40 years old, heavy build; Suspect #3 — Hispanic or White Male Juvenile, thin build."

A reward of up to \$1000 is being offered for information leading to arrest.

Dave Rice, January 2

### Heading for Hollywood?

Media speculate next Chargers coach may have to have L.A. star power San Diego — *Yahoosports*, quoting "multiple sources with an understanding of the Los Angeles and Chargers situation," says the Chargers — now that they have fired coach Norv Turner and gen-

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eral manager A.J. Smith — may look for a new coach that will play well in Los Angeles.

The earliest the team would move would be in 2014, reports *Yahoosports*. A team source is quoted as saying "Everybody knows that [owner Dean Spanos] wants to be in San Diego. That has always been his priority." We have heard those words from Chargers flack Mark Fabiani numerous times. The story goes on to say that new mayor Bob Filner promises there will be no "sweetheart" deal for the Chargers, thus complicating the situation.

*Yahoosports* polled 2614 people on what kind of new Chargers coach would fit most snugly into Los Angeles: 47 percent agreed, "a big name with a big personality." One-fourth said a coach with "rising talent and trendsetting ideas."

Don Bauder, December 31  
COMMENTS

SurfPuppy619, January 1 @ 1 a.m.  
Chargers are not going anywhere, no \$\$ left to scam from L.A. or anyone else. Glad Filner is not caving in to them...

### Baja murders drop

State attorney general reports lowest number of homicides in five years Baja — Official numbers were released today, January 2, by the state attorney general's office that showed a large decrease in homicides for the Mexican

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state of Baja California. To date, 643 homicides were recorded in 2012, compared to 761 in the previous year.

Speaking in Mexicali, the attorney general of the state, Rommel Moreno Manjarrez, applauded all levels of law enforcement for working hard in increasing safety.

Yearly homicide counts for Baja California: 2012, 643; 2011, 761; 2010, 1050; 2009, 909; 2008, 1076.

K. Mennem, January 2

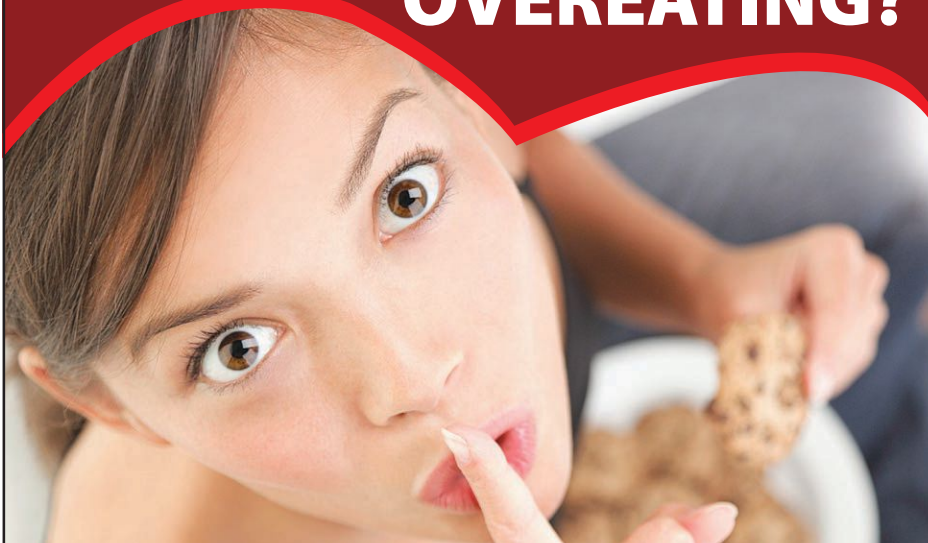
### Welcome to the neighborhood

Little Saigon cultural district would span several blocks of El Cajon Boulevard City Heights — The Little Saigon Foundation of San Diego this week began circulating an online petition seeking official recognition for the Vietnamese community of the region by establishing a stretch of El Cajon Boulevard running from Highland Avenue to Euclid Avenue in City Heights as the Little Saigon District.

The group is already active in cultivating such a district, albeit unofficially at present, through sponsoring street clean-ups, cultural events, and other promotions, such as the Taste of Little Saigon. They've also developed a ten-year plan for improvements to sidewalks and signage as well as the installation of plants, benches, and culturally relevant artwork.

Dave Rice, January 2

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#### LUNAFEST FILM FESTIVAL

This festival highlights women as leaders in society, illustrated through nine short films by women filmmakers. The films range from animation to fictional drama and cover topics such as women's health, motherhood, body image, aging, cultural diversity, and breaking barriers. Food and cocktails will be served. Age 21+. \$20.

**WHEN:** 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Co-Merge, 330 A Street, downtown. 619-255-9040; [lunafest@jlsd.org](mailto:lunafest@jlsd.org)



### Saturday | 12

#### SUSHI + JAPANESE BEER

Ogawashi and Brews Up have created a menu to showcase some of the best craft beers from Japan with the best sushi in San Diego. From first-timers to connoisseurs, all are welcome to meet a few new people, try a few new brews, and learn how to pair them with food. Seating is limited to 50, and all attendees will receive a commemorative Ogawashi/Brews Up glass. Ages 21+. \$40.

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

**WHERE:** Ogawashi, 1100 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-696-3333; [ogawashi.com](http://ogawashi.com)

### Sunday | 13

#### HOT GUYS DANCING

Conceived and directed by Michael Mizerany, who is one of the choreographers, along with Keith Johnson, Khamla Somphanh, Blythe Barton, Anjanette Maraya-Ramey, and Spencer Powell. And the "hot guys dancing": Jacinto Delgado, Marty Anthony Dorado, Arthur Huang, Rogelio Lopez, Bradley R. Lundberg, Andrew Merrell, Ramon Montes, Edrian Pangilinan, Shannon Snyder, Nicholas Strasburg, Justin Viernes, and David Wornovitzky. Ages 18+. \$25–\$39.

**WHEN:** 8:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Diversionary Theatre, 4545 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-220-0097; [diversionary.org](http://diversionary.org)

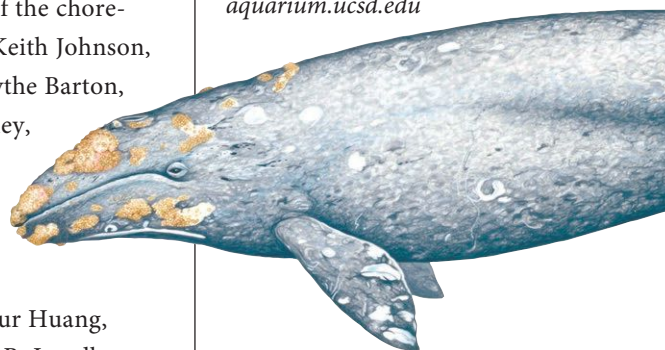
### Friday | 11

#### ART-A-THON

Distinction Gallery and ArtHatch present 25 local artists creating for 24 hours straight, a marathon of creation to benefit the nonprofit art center's teen program. Painting, drawing, collage, print, and photography will be among the featured media, with participating artists ranging from emerging to seasoned professionals. As works are finished, they will be added to the ArtHatch gallery space and auctioned off for a one-month period following the event. The reception for the exhibition will be held at the end of the event on January 12, with live music and beer, compliments of Stone Brewery.

**WHEN:** 6:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** ArtHatch, 317 East Grand Avenue, Escondido. 619-781-5779; [distinctionart.com](http://distinctionart.com); [arthatch.org](http://arthatch.org)



### Monday | 14

#### WHALE WATCHING

Birch Aquarium hosts twice-daily cruises to locate gray whales on their round-trip migration from their Alaska feeding grounds to Baja California. Search for seals, sea lions, dolphins, migrating birds, and more. \$37–\$42.

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

**WHERE:** Birch Aquarium, 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla. 619-234-4111; [aquarium.ucsd.edu](http://aquarium.ucsd.edu)

of all types, including writers, visual artists, actors, dancers, and musicians. Weekly readings, exercises, and discussions will tap your imagination and increase productivity. Bring a copy of *The Artist's Way* (by Julia Cameron) and an 8.5-by-11-inch unlined sketch diary. No arts experience required. \$268–\$312.

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**WHERE:** Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Road, Studio 206, Point Loma. 619-223-0058; [bravoschoolofart.com](http://bravoschoolofart.com)

### Wednesday | 16

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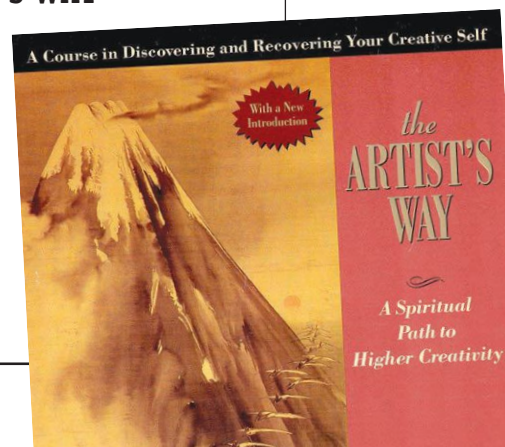
**WHEN:** 6:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** U-31, 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 619-584-4188; [u31bar.com](http://u31bar.com)

### Tuesday | 15

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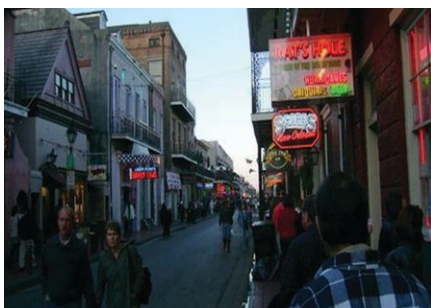
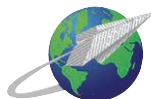
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Bourbon Street glows as the sun goes down and the lights come on.

### One Night in the French Quarter

By Ken Jackson

Before Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, the State of Alabama sent me and two other newly appointed law clerks to attend a conference there. We were given a prepaid twin room at the Hotel Monteleone.

The conference ended on a Friday, and after we had dined on muffalettas and Barq's root beer, we wound up at Pat O'Brien's bar for "one last drink." It really was the last drink for one of the guys because he was driving us back early the next morning. The other clerk left a little

later because he wanted to stake out our room's last bed and leave me on the floor, again.

It was just midnight and Pat's had dropped the price of Dixie beer to two for a dollar. I still had four bucks in my pocket and no bed in my near future. Standing at that bar alone was about as good as life was going to get that night, so I handed the bartender a dollar and collected two Dixies.

Right then, a chestnut-haired girl in a Tulane T-shirt stepped into the vacancy left at the bar by my bed-hound colleague. She ordered something expensive and foreign. With some rebuke about Louisiana loyalty, I offered her my other Dixie. She took my beer and cancelled her order, and that's how I met Stephanie.

She said she was a nurse or a doctor's assistant or something. I said I was a lawyer or a judge's assistant or something. We told each other the people we'd come with had gone home, but we didn't know them that well anyway. And then we said whatever you say to someone you've just met when you're afraid they'll leave if the conversation dies.

Eventually the beer prices went back up, or my four bucks ran out, or we

just decided we needed air and we went outside. On Chartres Street, we bumped into three seamen from the French navy. These sailors imagined their mother tongue might be a useful aid to conversation in the French Quarter. A couple of Oklahoma tourists were proving them wrong when Stephanie turned up.

Stephanie was either born speaking French or she had breathed the language in whole in her childhood. She spoke in such a comfortable and colloquial way that as soon as I heard her, I knew those sailors would follow us wherever we went. We wandered all over the Quarter with Stephanie explaining the sights and me vainly trying to construct French sentences that didn't include the word *merde*.

We came into Café du Monde for

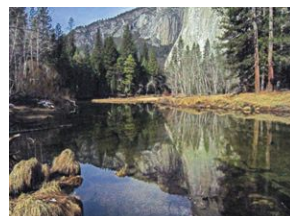


For one unforgettable night, the author experienced the romance of pre-Katrina New Orleans.

caffeine and chicory at three in the morning. And there and then, in one of those transcendental intersections of space and time that reaffirms the existence of God, three French girls appeared at our table, sat down with the sailors, and dismissed

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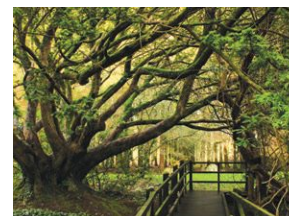
### Other Adventures



**tbatakis:** Cathedral Beach, Yosemite National Park



**Lance Page:** Just outside of Joshua Tree National Park, 12/21/12. This lunar halo, caused by reflection and refraction from tiny ice crystals in the sky, appeared early in the night and continued for hours.



**Mike1980:** A walk around Blarney Castle in Ireland



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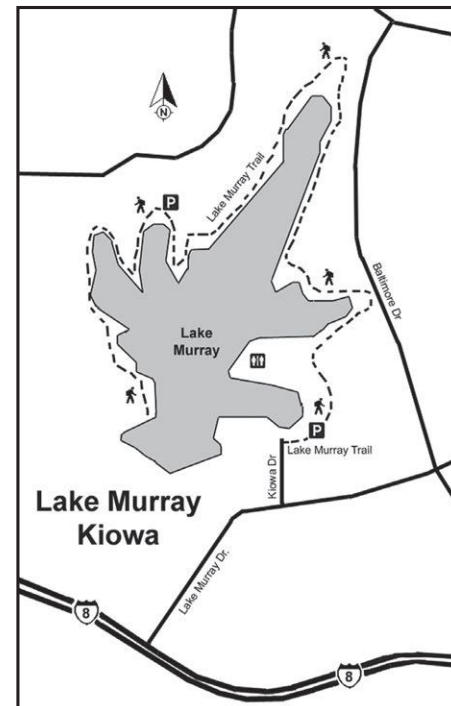


1907, Imperial County. Prior to California statehood, an estimated 2000 to 5000 people resided in this large area. The popula-

tion grew in relationship with the larger manmade water-resource facilities built from 1888 through 1897, including the Sweetwater Dam and the Lower Otay Dam. San Diego County's population was just under 35,100 people in 1900,

according to the census. Prior to the Lake Murray Dam, there was a project by the San Diego Flume Company that completed the La Mesa Dam in 1895. Water was diverted from the San Diego River via a canal, and then, by an innovative process, was pumped with silt to the dam site for a pond, creating a compacted core by allowing the water to seep into the ground. The upstream side was strengthened by two layers of wood planks that were caulked and swabbed with asphalt, thus having "controlled" leakage estimated to be 100,000 gallons per day.

The major 20<sup>th</sup> Century projects, supporting the post WWII population growth of just over 550,000 in 1950, started with Lake Murray's hollow gravity multi-arch dam. Completed in 1918, it was built downstream of the La Mesa Dam for the cost of \$1.21 million. This was followed by replacements for Lower Otay and Barrett, earthquake-safety improvement for Henshaw, and new dams built at El Capitan, Hodges, San Vicente, Loveland,



and Sutherland.

Bring your binoculars and cameras, as the wind currents along the edge of the lake allow great viewing of turkey vultures and hawks as they hover. Near the softball fields is an osprey nest, easily found by the guano spray on the road. Cormorants, ducks, sparrows, and wren-tits are among the greater than

140 species of birds sighted at the lake or among the coastal sage plants. California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, not a true sage), flat-top buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*), black sage (*Salvia melifera*), and deerweed (*Lotus scoparius*) are among the indicator plants for this endangered habitat.

Lake Murray Reservoir, with its multiple-tiered inlet-outlet tower that allows the flexibility to choose the layer with the best temperature and water quality to enter the filtration system, is at the southern end of Mission Trails Regional Park, one of the largest urban parks in the country. Park usage information can be found at [mtrp.org/lake\\_murray.asp](http://mtrp.org/lake_murray.asp)

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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**Graying Gracefully** Workshop presented by Rev. Dr. Tom Owen Towle for seniors who wish to balance solitude and quest, joy and service, surrender and legacy while navigating the final laps of their life-journey. There will be presentation, group discussion, and dyadic sharing on the themes of finishing life well. Morning snack, water/coffee/tea provided. Bring your own lunch. \$25. 21 and up. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito, 1036 Solana Drive. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Hi Tech=Hi Pay: Women's Careers.** Panel of high-performing women. Free résumé review. Job search, social media must-haves. 619-299-0778. Saturday, January 12, 10am; **free**. 18 and up. Women's Museum of California, 2730 Historic Decatur Rd., Suite 103, Bar racks 16. (LIBERTY STATION)

**How to Write Scripts** Professional screenwriter Carlos de los Rios leads intensive, four-week, hands-on workshop covering the basics of shaping a core idea into a marketable one, the reasons for the success or failure of scripts, what producers look for in scripts, and how to utilize a beat sheet. Students will workshop the first ten pages of their scripts. Thursday, January 10, 7pm; \$120-\$144. 18 and up. Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Keep Your Child Interested in Piano** An hour of insights, tips,

tricks, and strategies from teachers who make music fun and challenging. Reservations: 858-586-7000. Saturday, January 12, 11am; **free**. Greene Music Recital Hall, 7480 Miramar Rd., Suite 101. (MIRAMAR)

**New Year New Stories** Nicole Vollrath leads three-hour class to help fiction and nonfiction writers launch into new material. Begin with an hour of fresh, provocative warm-ups, then a variety of exercises to generate new work. Open to all skill levels. Sunday, January 13, 1pm; \$45-\$54. 18 and up. Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Pastel Portraits** Create a pastel portrait work inspired by the many portrait works found in the *Behold, America!* exhibition. The workshop will begin with a tour of the exhibition for inspiration. This program is designed for beginners, but all levels are welcome. Registration fee includes all supplies. Saturday, January 12, 1pm; \$40-\$50. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

## COMEDY

**John Caparulo** from *Chelsea Lately*, Comedy Central, and *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno!*, Thursday, January 10, 8pm; Friday, January 11, 7:30pm; Saturday, January 12, 9:30pm; \$22. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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### Rhyme & Verse

#### My Grandmother's Love Letters

*A poem by Hart Crane*

There are no stars tonight  
But those of memory.  
Yet how much room for memory there is  
In the loose girdle of soft rain.

There is even room enough  
For the letters of my mother's mother,  
Elizabeth,  
That have been pressed so long  
Into a corner of the roof  
That they are brown and soft,  
And liable to melt as snow.


Over the greatness of such space  
Steps must be gentle.  
It is all hung by an invisible white hair.  
It trembles as birch limbs webbing the air.

And I ask myself:

"Are your fingers long enough to play  
Old keys that are but echoes:  
Is the silence strong enough  
To carry back the music to its source

And back to you again  
As though to her?"

Yet I would lead my grandmother by the hand  
Through much of what she would not understand;  
And so I stumble. And the rain continues on the roof  
With such a sound of gently pitying laughter.



Harold Hart Crane (1899–1932) was an American poet whose work is distinguished by a remarkable degree of verbal and lyrical intensity, a poetry far more Dionysian in spirit than that of his American contemporaries. The son of a successful Ohio businessman, Crane was homosexual at a time when such an orientation was not acceptable. He acquired a serious alcohol problem and was an anguished spirit, but he was also the most ecstatic and mystical American poet of his generation. Returning from a year in Mexico under a Guggenheim Fellowship, Crane committed suicide by jumping from the SS *Orizaba*, the ship on which he was returning to the United States. "My Grandmother's Love Letters" was composed in 1919 and appeared in Crane's 1926 collection *White Buildings*.

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2650 Truxtun Road Studio #106. (POINT LOMA)

**Aging Creatively: Modern Dance Workshop** Discover a new way of moving and expressing your inner dancer. Increase flexibility, range of motion, balance and coordination. Learn to express yourself creatively through dance. Class taught by teacher-choreographer Yvonne Harguindeguy Gagliardo. All levels and physical abilities are encouraged to attend. Participants will perform "Romance through Generations" on Friday, February 15. 619-225 -1803. Fridays, 1pm; through Friday, February 8, **free**. Encinitas Community and Senior Center, 1140 Oak Crest Park Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**Contra Dance** The More the Merrier makes music, JoAnn Koppany 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. Saturday, January 12, 7:30pm; \$8. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Hot Guys Dancing** Conceived and directed by Michael Mizerany. Choreographers: Keith Johnson, Michael Mizerany, Khamla Somphanh, Blythe Barton, Anjanette Maraya-Ramey and Spencer Powell. Dancers: Jacinto Delgado, Marty Anthony Dorado, Arthur Huang, Rogelio Lopez, Bradley R. Lundberg, Andrew Merrell, Ramon Montes, Edrian Pangilinan, Shan-

non Snyder, Nicholas Strasburg, Justin Viernes and David Wornovitzky. Friday, January 11, 8pm; Saturday, January 12, 8pm; Sunday, January 13, 8pm; \$25-\$39. 18 and up. Diversionary Theatre, 4545 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

**Tango Dinner Show** Tango dinner show with live dancers. Recommended reservations: 858-278-5971. Fridays, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; **free**. Pampas Argentine Grill, 8690 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

**Zydeco Party** The Bon Temps Social Club of San Diego presents an evening of Zydeco with West Coast Blues Hall of Fame winner Andre Thierry. Dance lesson at 6:20pm Live music and open dancing at 7pm. Saturday, January 12,

6:20pm; \$10. War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

**How Sustainable are We?** How do we currently use our water? Can we implement a conservation strategy to make better use of the water we have? Come join in the conversation about the future of water in the region. 619-234-1088. Thursday, January 10, 5:30pm; **free**. World Resources Simulation Center, 1088 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)



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### New Orleans

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Stephanie and me from further tour-guide duties.

"Let's go dancing," she said in the first English words I had heard in hours. She led me down a dark alley to an unmarked door. Without so much as a knock or a "Joe sent me," she opened the door and admitted me to a predawn club where a zydeco band was playing, liquor was free, and dance-floor mobility was severely restricted.

Whether that party ever ended, or we left early, or I had only imagined it, I am no longer certain. But I will always be certain of the whistle of a locomotive engine chugging up the levee tracks toward the old Jax Brewery and the

train's crew cheering Stephanie and me as we stood on the river bank holding each other and watching the sun rise. The moment was shattered, but it was nice to be appreciated by so many strangers.

There was nothing to do but acknowledge the cheers, find the Tulane T-shirt, and walk back through the scattered refuse and colliding odors of a French Quarter Saturday dawn. At the door of the Monteleone, we said goodbye and she walked off toward the St. Charles Avenue streetcar.

On the drive back to Alabama, I tried to call her from a gas station pay phone near Slidell. Somebody had stolen the phonebook. I got back in the car and went home.

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# SHEEP AND GOATS

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[lifechristianchurch.com](http://lifechristianchurch.com)

**Membership:** 500

**Co-pastor:** Zane Johnson (with husband Stephen Johnson)

**Age:** 48

**Born:** Amman, Jordan

**Formation:** Bible Bethel College, Riverside

**Years Ordained:** 20

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

**Pastor Zane Johnson:** The one thing that is my bread and butter and saved my life is my ability to have a relationship with God, and that is what got me through my tough times. The worst times of my life really showed me the value of my relationship

with God, such as when I told my father [who was Muslim] I was becoming Christian. Even when I had become Christian and not told my parents yet, when I was younger, I would travel to the Middle East. There were so many times I felt alone there with no other Christians around... I became a Christian because I wanted a relationship with God. I saw in Christianity something new and that it needed a full investigation.

**SDR: Why Christianity?**

**PJ:** There are a lot of people who say there are multiple ways to get to heaven. I tried to be a good Muslim and it never worked. I never got anywhere with that one. But the second I became a Christian, I knew it was the real thing. I think a

lot of American Christians are Christians because they were brought up in a church, and now that they have children, they say, "I've sown my wild oats; now, let's go to church." I had a different experience. It cost me everything to be a Christian. The day I got disowned, my father said, "You are no longer my daughter." But then he asked me to come back a couple days later, and he gave me the option of denying my faith to be accepted by the family. Millions of dollars were at stake because my family was very wealthy, and he is the oldest male in the family, which means that he would get the lion's share of the finances. I said to him, "Dad, God is real, and if you want me to deny my



Co-pastor Zane Johnson, at the podium, says, "The second I became a Christian, I knew it was the real thing."

faith, it would be like my standing in front of you right now and denying you." That would be ridiculous and I could never do it. So that's one of the reasons I can say with confidence that I know.

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

**PJ:** I believe that the Bible says that God gives everyone

a choice, like a testing ground here on Earth. There's only one way to heaven, according to the Bible. You have option A, and that's it.... And that's why my husband and I are so passionate about sharing our faith in Christ. We want everyone to know about God — and not just for the afterlife, but for here on

Earth. It's a lonely life without God. We emphasize that God has a good life for you waiting. Jesus never came preaching hell. He came preaching good news. That's our main emphasis. We believe there is a hell, and there are some people who are saying there is no hell. But even if you look at war and the other bad stuff on Earth, that's a reflection of what hell is about. The evil thing that happened at Sandy Hook Elementary is a good example. I think that people who deny that evil is real are creating a danger for themselves and their children.

— Joseph O'Brien

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## FOOD & DRINK

**Hamilton's Second Saturday**  
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Hound vs. Chipotle Porter. Complimentary food pairing. *Hamilton-stavern.com*. Saturday, January 12, 5pm; Hamilton's Tavern, 1521 30th Street. (SOUTH PARK)

**Opera Classics — Aida** Chef Katherine Emmenegger prepares a variety of Ethiopian dishes to complement the lively arias; Nicolas Reveles shares nuances of one of the most-beloved operas while meal is being created. Sample *doro wat* spicy

chicken stew, injera, more. Friday, January 11, 6pm; \$49. Great News!, 1788 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Sushi+Japanese Craft Beer** Ogawashi and Brews Up have created a menu to showcase some of the best

craft beers from Japan with the best sushi in San Diego. From first timers to connoisseurs, all are welcome to meet a few new people, try a few new brews, and learn how to pair them with delicious food. Seating is limited to 50 and all attendees will receive a commemorative Ogawashi/Brews Up glass. Saturday, January 12, 7pm; \$40. 21 and up. Ogawashi, 1100 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**The Varieties of Rice** Chef Arleen Lloyd leads exploration into the world of rice; learn about long grain, arborio, jasmine, basmati, black, brown, red, and wild rice. 760-233-2433. Thursday, January 10, 6pm; \$65. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Dr., Suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

**Vietnamese Cooking** Learn to make Vietnamese beef soup, also known as pho, during demonstration by chef Chuc Hoang. 619-475-4642. Saturday, January 12, 2pm; **free**. Bonita-Sunnyside Library, 4375 Bonita Road. (BONITA)

## FOR KIDS

**"Tales for Tails"** Kids in grades 1-6 invited to "improve their reading skills by reading to animals in a fun and relaxing environment" during San Diego Humane Society's pet-assisted therapy program. 619-527-3405. Saturday, January 12, 11am; Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA 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)

**Project Art** Four-week series of art classes is designed to encourage children's creative side. Each week students will start and finish a different project designed to explore imagination and/or observation. Students will develop basic drawing skills and learn about color using markers, color pencils, colored paper, oil pastels, and watercolor. Instructor Patricia Hymen. Ages 6 to 11. 619-223-0058. Saturdays, 2:30pm; through Saturday, February 2, \$97-\$109. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

**Saturday Science Club for Girls: "Snow Science"** Discover why no two snow crystals are alike, examine how frost forms and learn how to make ice cream using freeze-point depression! Members \$12, non-members \$14; must preregister : 619-238-1233 x806. Saturday, January 12, 12pm; \$12-\$14. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Target Free Second Sunday** Special activities throughout the day. Sunday, January 13, starting at 12pm; New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

**Toddler Time: Shinique's Secret Garden** Participant listen to stories about colors and then make their own fabric batons to use in a parade through Shinique's giant maze. Friday, January 11, 10am; New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

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Sam Rotman, award-winning concert pianist and expert on the works of Beethoven, will be performing on the grand piano. Friday, January 25, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. SAN MARCOS 380 Mulberry Drive

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## LECTURES

**Take Shape of Your Life** Lecture on tips to improve your quality of life as you age by Dr Neil Levine. Topics include: Take Shape for Life Program; Nutrition and Exercise; Health Maintenance in Retirement. Lecture followed by a Q&A with Dr. Levine. Thursday, January 10, 6pm; **free**. Tri-City Wellness Center, 6250 El Camino Real. (CARLSBAD)

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

**Handel's Messiah** Center Chorale performs in the Concert Hall. Saturday, January 12, 7:30pm; Sunday, January 13, 3pm; California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

**Hutchins Consort plays Bach and Rock** The works of Johann Sebastian Bach will be played alongside the works of Hendrix, Led Zeppelin, Procol Harum, Lennon/McCartney, and Queen in a benefit performance by the Hutchins Consort. 6pm pre-concert reception with food and

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**Mainly Mozart Winter Spotlight Series** Performances throughout San Diego. The Auditorium at TSRI in La Jolla hosts opening night. Hour-long wine reception launches the evening in the lobby. Violinist Yura Lee joins violinist Cynthia Phelps (New York Philharmonic) and cellist Peter Wiley (Guarneri Quartet) to kick off this 25th anniversary season with Mozart, Beethoven, and Schubert, including "Duo No. 1 in G for Violin and Viola" and (on Friday) Beethoven's "String Trio in E-Flat." 619-466-8742. Friday, January 11, 6:30pm; \$55-\$100. Auditorium at the Scripps Research Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto** Jahja Ling, conductor; Viviane Hagner, violin. Program: Rossini's Overture to La Gazza Ladra, Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E minor, and Nielsen's Symphony No. 5. Friday, January 11, 8pm; Saturday, January 12, 8pm; Sunday, January 13, 2pm; \$20-\$96. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra** The La Jolla Music Society presents the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra led by Nicholas McGegan and with violinist Elizabeth Blumenstock in a program of Italian Baroque works, including Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*. Saturday, January 12, 8pm; Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

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**The Orvieto Trio** Trio will perform compositions for piano, violin and cello by Piazzolla, Ravel, and Mendelssohn. Thursday, January 10, 6:30pm; **free**. Rancho Bernardo Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

## OUTDOORS

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**Waterfall Restoration Planting** The Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve seek volunteers to help plant more natives at the waterfall in Peñasquitos Canyon. Bring water, sun protection, and gloves if you have them. 858-484-3219. Saturday, January 12, 9am; **free**.

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**International Music and Arts Festival** San Diego Chinese Art and Cultural Society presents evening by "a diverse pool of artists and musicians, ranging from classical and jazz ensembles, to Latin style and hip-hop dancing, to the ancient Chinese art of face changing." Exhibition of paintings by children and adults. Tickets: 858-759-9581 or 619-421-5964. Saturday, January 12,

7pm; \$15-\$100. Poway Center for the Performing Arts, 15498 Espola Road. (POWAY)

**Vintage Jewelry Roadshow** Auction house professional Christine Saltzman, GPAA and Certified Estate Specialist, will be on hand to offer her opinion of your antique jewelry. Sign up for time slots in advance. Saturday, January 12, 11am; BlueVault San Diego, 5638 Mission Center Rd. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Sheila R. Hardin Multicultural Festival** The 15th Annual San Diego Sheila R. Hardin Multicultural Festival celebrates the diversity that is reflected throughout San Diego. Family-friendly event serves to entertain, educate, and demonstrates an appreciation of San Diego's richness in culture, traditions and heritage. Cultural merchandise, children's area, ethnic food, and information from a wealth of organizations. Saturday, January 19, 11am-5pm. Martin Luther King Jr. Promenade, West Harbor Drive at West Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Love's in the Air!** Ages 40-60ish. Simply The Best Singles, an upscale organization for singles looking for relationships, marriage and more, offers a dance/mixer with a live band, the Brokers Band, playing blues, rock & roll, and high-energy dance music, lock & key icebreaker, prizes, photos an more! Dress is upscale casual (no jeans or shorts). \$15 prepay, \$20 door, self-parking \$5, valet \$10. Sign up at 818-577-6877 or [SimplyTheBestSingles.com](http://SimplyTheBestSingles.com). Saturday, January 19, 7:30pm to 11:30pm, Del Mar Marriott, 11966 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

## SPOKEN WORD

**Gelato Poetry Series** Harry Griswold will feature. An open mic will follow. 760-434-1240 Friday, January 11, 7pm; **free**. Korky's Ice Cream and Coffee, 2375 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)



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# The Caravaggio effect

*Peter clutches his hands to his chest and cocks his big, ruddy, rough peasant's head.*

In his 20s, in Rome, in the first decade of the 17th Century, Caravaggio — born Michelangelo Merisi in the Lombard town of Caravaggio — was already so innovative a painter that some of his contemporaries began to borrow his manner of exaggerating flesh by casting on it a single source of light and allowing other pictorial elements to creep and seethe and emanate from a cellar darkness, though none of the painters called “Caravaggisti” had his gift of making flashy technique so stunningly immediate an expression of physical pain, moral anguish, and carnal delight. Twenty years after his death in 1610 at age 38, Caravaggio’s innovations had become a sharable idiom that extended to France, the Netherlands, and Spain.

The 21-year-old Caravaggio arrived in Rome in 1592, when the Counter Reformation Church was encouraging a naturalistic art that emphasized the human-ness in Old and New Testament events and the lives of the saints. It wanted art to answer, with an intensified realism, to the human passions narrated in sacred story. This was consonant with Caravaggio’s genius for dramatizing threshold experiences — conversion, summoning, transport. In his 1595 *Saint Francis of Assisi in Ecstasy*, only Francis’s heart wound is visible. More interesting to Caravaggio is how the saint’s entire body responds with spastic transport to this extraordinary act of divine selection. One hand is cramped shut, the other hangs uselessly at Francis’s side; one eye is closed, the other partly open. He’s in a fugue state.

Caravaggio’s arrival in Rome also coincided with the increase in affluent private collectors, and he was quick to acquire important clients.

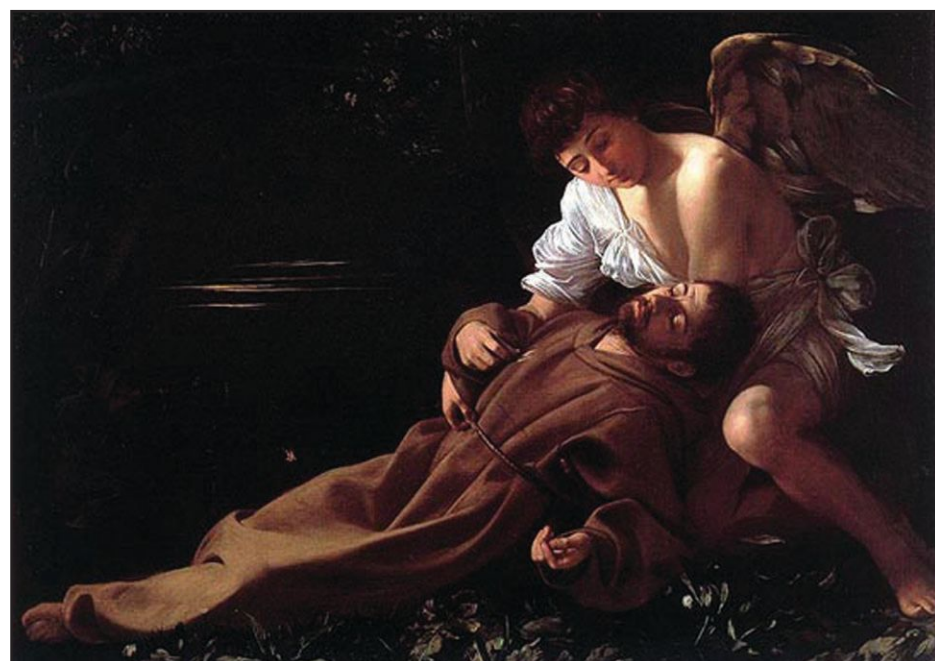
Compared to his more agitated compositions, his portrait of Maffeo Barberini, a wealthy Florentine who went on to become an archbishop and then Pope Urban VIII, is pictorially sedated: seated in an armchair, pen in hand, the archbishop presents to us an authority that’s humane, studious, ironical.

One result of the Church’s emphasis on naturalism was that artists were more likely to express the subjectivity of emotional turbulence or physical violence. Caravaggio had acute instincts for how the body expresses extremity of feeling. In his best known religious images, such as those in Santa Maria del Popolo — Saul blinded and thrown from his horse on his way to Damascus; St. Peter being crucified upside down — the body is a bearer and register of terror, jumpy with religious meaning. And Caravaggio was free to showcase personality and eccentricity. His St. John the Baptist is a slightly petulant teenager whose inarticulate discontent looks just this side of adult righteousness, and the light that wedges down from offstage, carving the Baptist’s features out of an arboreal darkness, looks like a bestowal of responsibility.

All these pictures (except those in Santa Maria del Popolo, which never travel) are among the eight Caravaggio canvases included in *Caravaggio and His Legacy*, a world-class exhibition at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art that documents what the catalog calls “the Caravaggio effect” among the painter’s contemporaries and others who were, however indirectly, beneficiaries of his practice. The Caravaggio pictures show how he loved scenes of confrontation — of accusation, appeal, disclosure — and how he made of biblical

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*St. Francis of Assisi in Ecstasy, by Caravaggio, who possessed acute instincts for how the body expresses extremity of feeling*

**Caravaggio and His Legacy**, on view at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art until February 10. 5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. 323-857-6000; lacma.org

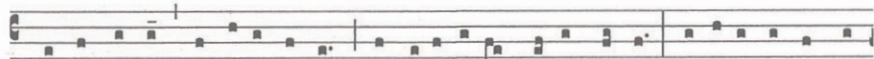
scenes an ardent pictorial moment, not something taken out of time but an extension of real time and space. His theatricality created a believable and often uneasy intimacy among souls and gave an embodied momentum to the dynamics of expectation and deliverance.

One of the great confrontation scenes in literature is Peter’s denial of Christ. Caravaggio’s execution crafts a complicated drama. The serving woman who challenges Peter points at him while denouncing him to a soldier whose presence is mostly delineated by the light burnishing his helmet and armor. Peter, in a gesture anybody who has been to Italy will recognize, clutches his hands to his chest and cocks his big, ruddy, rough peasant’s head. The two auxiliary figures are only partially illuminated — the woman’s suspicious, accusatory eyes are weirdly masked

by light — but Peter is a guilty thing surprised: his defensiveness is compounded of duplicity, trepidation, and shame.

*Caravaggio and His Legacy* is, among other things, a scholarly probe. It displays treatments by other artists of scenes and themes Caravaggio depicted. It sets his *Denial*, for instance, in relation to two other renderings, one by Nicolas Tournier made in 1630, another by a mysterious painter called Pensionante del Saraceni (because he was somehow associated with a Caravaggista named Carlo Saraceni). In Pensionante’s version, Peter’s denial is a mild-mannered “who me?”; the painting’s urgency comes entirely from the maid-servant’s angry, astonished facial expression and beseeching hands. In Tournier’s treatment, our attention is pulled away from the act of Peter’s denial to a self-contained genre scene of boisterous

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bravos engrossed in a dice game. The painting associates a moral choice predicted ineluctably by divinity with a game of worldly chance. While a critical event in Christian narrative takes place, real life not only still goes on, but, in this instance, steals the show.

One of Caravaggio's Roman contemporaries, Orazio Gentileschi (father to Artemisia Gentileschi, his daughter and a better painter) learned how to craft Caravaggio's extreme contrasts, but his pictures illustrate how one can develop superb technical proficiency and still lack everything else. Consider two decapitations. In Caravaggio's version of the Judith story (not in the exhibition: find it in the Barberini collection in Rome), Judith shows an aloofly superior disdain for Holofernes, whose head she's in the process of slicing off. In Gentileschi's treatment, Judith and her maidservant hold the king's severed head in a basket. Each looks up and away into the cellar light. The painterly energy in the Caravaggio is ferocious compared to Gentileschi's stately, demure, "holding the pose" tableau.

Strong artists take what they need from predecessors without becoming stylistic hostages to them. It helps to be a generation or two removed. The exhibition demonstrates not only how Caravaggio's example was closely imitated in pictures by contemporaries like Gentileschi and Bartolomeo Manfredi but also how qualities he released into European painting eddied out down the decades and were fully absorbed and modulated by French painters, such as Simon Vouet and Georges de la Tour (who domesticated Caravaggio's chiaroscuro and transformed cellar light to glowing-core illumination), and the Dutchmen Gerrit van Honthorst and Gerard Seghers.

Manfredi (1582–1622) mastered Caravaggio's way of depicting faces in varying states

of terror, confusion, and anger and could orchestrate multiple figures in scenes that have Caravaggio's paused velocity of action. The best of these is *Christ Expelling the Merchants from the Temple*, which pulls our attention in different directions. Most of the commotion is deposited on the right, where the merchants are reacting with consternation to Christ's anger. Their action draws us to its source: flailing a whip, Christ looks inflamed, a man to be feared. The marvelous moment, however, belongs to the serving woman whose back is turned to the action: balancing a workaday bundle on her head, she's indifferent to the violence occurring right there behind her back. Manfredi was himself so influential that his way of painting, the *Manfrediana Methodus*, was applied to compositions inspired by his powerful example, especially the work of French painters such as Tournier (of the *Denial* picture) and Vouet, whose version of Saint Jerome at his writing desk being visited by the angel of death catches the saint with a hand raised in a gesture of both abandon and protest while the other hand is still writing.

This kind of big-tent show frees the curators to arrange smart match-ups — three "Denials" and two "Crown of Thorns" hang side by side in the same gallery — and to bring together masterpieces fairly remote from Caravaggio and his Rome. Jusepe de Ribera (1591–1652), a painter of ripe, juicy agonies, was born in Valencia but lived his adult life mostly in Naples. His *Saint Mary of Egypt* (a reformed prostitute who lived in penitence as a desert hermit) concentrates the withering effects of old age into a look of severe expectation of deliverance. Velázquez, who learned much from Ribera's practice, gives us a St. Thomas not in Christ's presence demanding to see His wounds, but alone, carrying a book and staff, like a hermit: his hands are clenched with skepticism, his peasant face stunned by uncertainty.



Caravaggio's *The Denial of St. Peter*, 1610

The grandest picture in the exhibition, for me, is of Saint Serapion, a little-known martyr of the Mercedarian Order, by Velázquez's contemporary, Francisco de Zurbarán. It's heart-stoppingly vivid. Serapion's arms are strung up. His head drops to his right shoulder with the massive weight of his death, and with it droops his right hand. Zurbarán paints the completedness of death with his characteristic grave and dignified composure. The rucked, weighty folds of Serapion's rough woolen habit — it looks as if it's been boiled in faint yellow-green dyes — hang heavy on the corpse and seem full of the faith the saint died for. ■

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**"@2400 RPM"** aMcnabb Martin Contemporary Art presents the work of local artist Doyle Reno, who creates reversed-sculpted cast acrylic works. Most sculpting tools are operated at speeds of 20,000 RPM. 619-546-5888. Through Thursday, January 31. **Free.** McNabb Martin Contemporary Art, 1990 Columbia Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

**"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 ground-breaking depictions of DNA barcoding technology developed by Canada's International Barcode of

Life Project. 877-946-7797. Through Monday, February 18. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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

**"Charles Reiffel: An American Post-Impressionist"** San Diego Museum of Art and San Diego History Center present collaborative, two-museum retrospective of work of Charles Reiffel, celebrating the 150th anniversary of his birth. "Charles Reiffel: An American Post-Impressionist." View more than 90 of Reiffel's works, primarily oils on canvas but also watercolors, gouaches, drawings in both pencil and crayon, through Sunday, March 10. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**"More Stories"** Opening reception for exhibit of "socially sharp and witty ceramic pieces" by San Diego County artist Johanna Hansen. Closes February 17. 760-765-1676. Saturday, January 12, 4pm; **free.** Santa Ysabel Art Gallery, 30352 Highway 78. (SANTA YSABEL)

**"Nature, Tradition, and Innovation"** "True Blue: Indigo, Turquoise, Cobalt, and Lapis Lazuli" celebrates these four natural materials and their combination with human emotion, technical skill, and the spark of creativity. Exhibition of objects from Mingei's permanent

collection, featuring a broad variety of media from many different cultures, continues through Sunday, February 17. **Free**-\$7. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Strange Beauty"** Explore the world of Ruud van Empel in the artist's first solo exhibition in an American museum. The artist "builds vibrant photomontages of fascinatingly fabricated realities." View more than 40 of van Empel's digitally enhanced pieces through Saturday, February 3. Van Empel constructs his works through staged photography, digital enhancement, and collage.

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

"Soapbox! The Audience Speaks" is the museum's "first crowd-sourced exhibition that uses engaging new technology and interactive processes to allow visitors the opportunity to rate images both online and in the gallery." Visitors selected pieces from a random selection of 120 images from museum's permanent collection. Through Sunday, September 22. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**"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. Exhibit runs through January 30, on the lower level, west wing of Geisel Library at UC San Diego. **Free.** UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**1:1 Vinyl Bag Art Show** Take in "a cultural experience combining art, community, and conservation." See what results when more than ten

local artists create an original piece of art on a reclaimed white vinyl bag. [shane@1to1movement.org](mailto:shane@1to1movement.org). Friday, January 11, 6:30pm; **free.** Co-Merge, 330 A Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**"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." Through Saturday, February 9, **free.** Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Art-A-Thon** Distinction Gallery and ArtHatch present 25 local artists creating for 24 hours straight, a marathon of artistic creation to benefit the nonprofit art center's teen program. Painting, drawing, collage, print, and photography will be among the featured media, with participating artists ranging from emerging to seasoned professionals. Finished works will be added to the ArtHatch gallery space and auctioned for a one-month period following the event. Exhibition and auction will run through February 2. 760-781-5779. Receptions Friday and Saturday, January 11 & 12, 6pm. **Free.** ArtHatch, 317 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

**Enviroscapes: Jen Trute Retrospective** Approaching her subject matter with scientific detail, Trute's dystopian narratives reference a myriad of interests ranging from natural sciences, climate change, endangered animals and art history to sociopolitical concerns. This retrospective exhibition features Trute's work from 1998-2011, including paintings and preparatory drawings and early portrait paintings that show her focused evolution into environmentally-conscious art. *Enviroscapes* is the first museum retrospective since the artist's passing in 2011. Through Sunday, April 21, **free**-\$8. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

**Painting and Vino** Recreate Van Gogh's "Starry Night" while sipping wine or cocktails. Supplies (canvas, paints, brushes, apron) included. No experience necessary. Registration required. 619-255-7885. Thursday, January 10, 6pm; \$45. 21 and up. 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

**Philip Melnick: Small Seductions** Opening reception with the artist, Saturday, January 12, 6pm. Approximately 50 black and white vintage prints. This will be the first solo show in Southern California in three decades for the artist "who was part of a pivotal generation of photographers working in L.A." in the 1970s. Exhibition closes February 23. Joseph Bellows Gallery, 7661 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Ray at Night** Explore "heart of North Park art and culture" during gallery walks featuring over 25 neighborhood galleries, businesses. 619-299-4278. Saturday, January 12, 6pm; **free.** Cirello Gallery, 3803 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)



# Late-late brekky

*I choose three sausages: Naughty Constables, Tasty Treason, and Spicy Pepperoni.*

**M**mm...the Naughty Constables are great and spicy, but popping okra pods in your mouth is the best. Little liquid explosions with a tang that kicks the sausage flavor to life.

Naughty Constables is the name for these little round discs of salami (okay, *salumi*) I'm chomping into. They're "Thurirger Cervelat-style sausage spiced with caraway and juniper," according to the menu. But it's combining them with the house-pickled okra that makes them happen.

They're part of my late-late brekky here at the Village. Like, 2:00 in the afternoon. And it's not just me. The danged place is filled with java-juicing laptoppers.

Place took over from Java Joe's a year and a half ago. Now the welcome mat reads "Village 631." Name makes you think of a gulag in Siberia, but, hey, far too nice. And the full name over the door is "The Village @ 631."

So, here I was, passing by, when I noticed this gal Megan sitting outside in the sunshine, in a big comfy red chair under a black umbrella, pounding away at her laptop. "This is my hangout," she said. "I live at the hostel nearby."

Next minute, I'm inside the big ol' arch-roofed hangar of a place. "Used to be a glass factory," says Sarah-Dawn, the lady behind the counter. "All that timber up there and the brick walls are from the 1920s, at least." Beautiful painted-glass lampshades hang over the counter. Looks like they're from the same era.

I check the menu. For breakfast, they have nuts-and-twigs items, like the "Fit Bowl," which

is egg whites, brown rice, marinated tofu, and Swiss chard, \$8.95. Uh, even at this hour, hard to face. Also, egg-ham-cheese-tomato-stuffed croissants for \$7.95. Also, scrambles, like the pesto (with ham, asparagus, kale, spinach, parmesan, and "arugula almond pesto") for \$6.95.

Then — uh-oh. I see what I don't want to see: "Breakfast till 1:00 p.m." I'm too late. Oh, well.

Actually, what I want (need!) is a basic cuppa coffee.

I croak my request to this other gal, Judy, then while I wait, start back into the menu.

Salads, like the spinach, run to \$6.75. Sandwiches, such as the Croque Monsieur (with ham, egg, and cheese), are mostly \$8.95.

Then there seems to be a separate "wine bar" menu. Small bites, \$5 each. Some items, like the plate of warm mixed nuts, or gorgonzola-stuffed dates, or bacon popcorn — ain't gonna fill the bill. But I see more serious choices, like "Meatmen Sausages." They come on a baguette with "smashed potato salad" and "house-made" dill pickle.

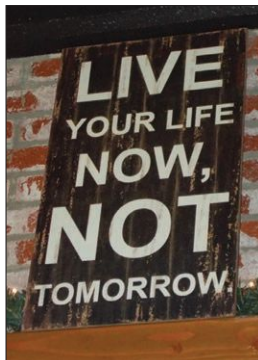
These kind of dishes are \$9. The Cheddar Wurst has melted onions and whole-grain mustard. The Sweet Italian comes with provolone, roasted peppers, and pesto. The Kaserkrainer has gouda and aioli.

They also have flatbreads. Like the "Beef and Bleu" (\$8),

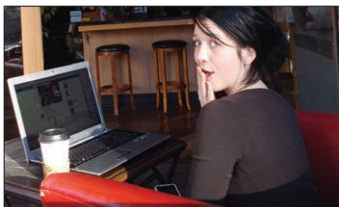
grilled steak with gorgonzola, melted onions, and arugula.

Ooh...maybe that's the one.

Except, Sarah-Dawn says it's only served at the wine bar, in its own section at the back of the place. Kinda cool-looking area with art on the walls. Problem: wine bar doesn't open



Live Life sign



Megan, faking surprise in the streetside comfy chairs



Sausages and coffee



Judy brings my sausages



Arty corner

till 4:00 p.m.

Ho-kay. Back to Plan A.

Mulling that Croque Monsieur (mostly because I like the name the French gave to a toasted ham-and-cheese sandwich), or maybe the Porto Panini (also \$8.95), with portobello mushrooms, eggplant, zucchini, roasted red peppers, and mozzarella. All veggies, but delicious possibilities.

In the end, guess what? A bit of whining on my part, three trips to the kitchen on Sarah-Dawn's part, and the chef says I can have one of the sausage-cheese boards from the wine-bar menu, even though it's no way four o'clock.

The cheapest is \$13. That's for the small board. But can't backtrack now. So: more choices to be made. You choose three of five different salumi sausages. Each has a crazy name.

There's that Naughty Constable. And Juicy Scandal, a dry, spicy-hot salami from southern Italy. And Flagrant Seeds, a finocchiona salami with an anise flavor that comes from fennel seeds. Tasty Treason is a salty French sausage with "a sweet punch of cardamom and orange." And Spicy Pepperoni is spiced with cayenne, basil, and fennel.

Sarah-Dawn says, "If you go for the \$18 one, you can have all five."

But I choose only three: Naughty Constables,

Tasty Treason (never quite worked out what these names are about), and Spicy Pepperoni.

Judy brings them on a wooden board, neat little rows of salami, each with different pickled veggies on top. Pickles, carrots, and that pickled okra. I ask for bread and get a thin-sliced chunk of baguette.

At first I think, *13 bucks? That's a lot.* But then I discover how much you're getting here. Would've been nice to have a glass of vino, but the coffee (the "small" for \$2 is served in a sizable white ceramic cup) is a great counterpoint to all the saltiness.

I look around. The brick and timbers are beautiful. So's the winter sun coming through where the glass doors are folded back. But most people here don't notice; their heads are down in their laptops.

"We get students from the Thomas Jefferson law school, the New School of Architecture, social-networking companies, and the fitness community," says Sarah-Dawn. "They come work here, have meetings...this is their other office."

Hmm...price of a coffee; it's way cheaper than renting space. Why not ditch the first office? Be a regular Joe with a cuppa regular joe, working here until you get a regular job. There are worse places to spend your day. ■

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# Zombie breakfast

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## Clayton's delivers: Coronado's morning-after comfort food

Some come for the food.

Me, I come for the cash register.

Okay, not quite true. Came here to recover from yesterday with some home-cookin' food. But this classic machine is always the first thing I notice: a still-working NCR mechanical cash register with the metal leaves that pop up with the dollar amount on. It first started clackin' up the prices nearly 70 years ago — 1944 — three years after Clayton's opened its doors. The boys were off at the Second World War, launching D-Day.

"It still works great," says Cheryl. She's registering my cash — \$12.12 — for Carla's and my breakfast. Two eggs over easy, two sausage patties, home fries, and an English muffin. We're gonna share.

Oh, and a bottomless cup of joe while I waited for the to-go order.

"Morning after" days like today are when you need warm, familiar comfort places like this. Clayton's Coffee Shop diner (979 Orange Avenue, Coronado, at corner of Tenth Street, 619-435-5425), with a horseshoe counter to sit around like zombies, crash on, listen to soothing music from the juke box.

"So here we are, in the Tijuana jail, ain't got no friends, to go our bail."

Kingston Trio. One of them, Nick Reynolds, was a Coronado boy. Used to come in here. Died just a few years ago.

Carla and I have come to see the Christmas get-up and lights at the Del. Us and 10,000 other shuffling post-holiday tourists.

But first, she wants to have this breakfast in the sun on the beach. And, yes, it's a mess by the time we hump it down there. But a beautiful luke-warm scramble, with my coffee still warm, just.

We're out here among woolly-dressed *turistas* and hovering gulls waiting for a toss of our English-muffin leftovers. And kids building doomed sandcastles at the edge of the water.

Best part is the yellow-eggy home fries gunge that's left at the bottom, scooping it up with the muffin.

Sorry, gulls.

'Course there's that cutting breeze down here. But nothing a cuddle can't help.

by Ed Bedford

## FEAST!



It still works great, says checker Cheryl of the 69-year-old mechanical cash register at Clayton's in Coronado.

ribs. Sure, they'll put some boneless wings on a salad or cram them into a sandwich, but I admire the brazen limitations of the menu. The sign says "wings and ribs" and, dammit, that's what you get!

I passed on ribs, but an order of 15 wings and a half-dozen breadsticks set me back less than \$20 with a couple of drinks. That amount of food

## Wings for North Park

The North Park outlet of New York Buffalo Wings is (I believe) the fourth store for the local mini-chain, heretofore restricted to the South Bay and East County. They've occupied the old Zia's building, selling primarily wings and



The sports theme was puzzling, but wings at North Park's New York Buffalo wings were on the better side of good.

turned out to be a sizeable snack for a party of three, and the wings themselves were on the better side of good! The skin was crispy and crunchy under the bright orange sauce. The drumettes and flats had been fried hard enough that even the cartilage and crispy bits at the end of the bone had become scrumptious. The sauce was probably Frank's-based, and I actually approve of the hugely tangy kick that sauce has. It reminds me of North Carolina barbecue, which is the odd bird of barbecue, for sure, but the eye-watering burn of vinegar and chili peppers can be awesome to behold. Tempered with butter, it just about beats all in a buffalo wing.

Somebody at NY Wings loves sports. All of them. In all the cities. The hodgepodge decor pays homage to sports teams of every stick and ball persuasion from across the nation. Call me crazy, but I would almost prefer a collection of Buffalo, NY, tchotchkes or somesuch, as the general purpose sports theme seems weird; like, are they trying to please *all* the fans?

That's a minor point of contention, however, and the wings were very good. I didn't get a chance to try any ribs, but I saw a few racks go out and they looked enormous. Personally, I will go with the hot wings every time.

New York Buffalo Wings, 2940 El Cajon Boulevard.

by Ian Pike

## A Spike joint

Ever heard of a guy named Spike Africa? Me neither, but soon, the name of this mid-20th-century seafarer (known by some as the "president of the Pacific Ocean") will adorn the façade of a new restaurant in the Gaslamp Quarter. Scheduled to open in January, Spike Africa's Fresh Fish Grill Bar will be located at the intersection of Fourth Avenue and Broadway

(411 Broadway, downtown).

The eatery is a product of Seafaring Ventures, LLC, which is perhaps best known for developing the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. restaurants. While a focus on sea fare provides a common bridge between that chain and this new venue, Spike Africa's will embrace a different theme based on its namesake. Executive chef Paul Rinaudo will steer the ship, sourcing product from around the world, including fish, shellfish, and produce from local fishermen and farms.

The menu has yet to be unveiled, but sample dishes being leaked out include an entrée of seared scallops with Italian sausage, citrus sauce, and navy beans. Spike Africa's will also offer a Port Townsend Seafood Simmer — scallops, mussels, shrimp, and fish in a tomato-based broth. Simply prepared fish will also be available with seasonally changing accoutrements.

Visually, the interior will utilize en vogue components such as reclaimed wood, exposed brick, and faux-worn materials in tandem with marine hardware and other oceanic touches to create a space that offers a hybrid urban and nautical motif. In addition to the main dining room, the 4200-square-foot space will offer an 18-seat bar serving beer, wine, and spirits. Definitely an upgrade from the space's previous identity as a Payless shoe store.

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## Does A.R. Valentien live up to the hype?

"Why is a meal at one restaurant so much more expensive than a meal at another?" I asked David as I drove us north toward A.R. Valentien. The restaurant, located at the Lodge at Torrey Pines was where David wanted to dine on his birthday. Neither of us had been there before, but we'd checked out the menu a few times and had seen it listed often as a top restaurant in national publications. "I mean, a three-course meal at Wine Vault is \$20, and that's excellent food. So, what is it that makes this three — wait, I think it's actually four courses, but still — so much more expensive at \$75?"

"Well, first, there's overhead," David explained. "There's how expensive the location is, but in terms of service, it's how many guests per server; you know, the

overall level of attentiveness and professionalism."

"Yeah, I bet rent's not cheap in La Jolla," I said.

"But that's just one part — some of the cost is due to the quality of ingredients. They might have USDA prime dry-aged steaks that we couldn't buy at Vons. There are foods sourced specifically for a high quality beyond what we can find in our local shops."

Our expectations were high when we entered the restaurant. We were joined by good friends and fellow foodies Mia and Kerry. The last expensive meal I had was in September, when David and I went to Napa to celebrate our tenth anniversary and we dined at Redd in Yountville, a town known for its culinary geniuses. It was one of the best meals we'd ever had.

The problem with high expectations is that the smallest let-downs are amplified. Things began on a high note — the room was cozy, we were able to find a reasonably priced bottle

of Leal's Threesome, a smooth Rhone-style blend.

I didn't try the amuse bouche — David is my taster, and though he liked the bite, he knew I wouldn't care for the fish flavor of the tuna.

David and Kerry were pleased with the pâté. They got the platter of three: chicken liver, duck and pistachio, and potted beef short rib. The chicken liver was the most flavorful. The others, while nice, seemed to be a little underseasoned, especially considering their being served cool.

I ordered the "butternut squash soup with lobster and blood orange reduction." But what I received tasted like blended raw ginger with a hint of squash. The smell of ginger overwhelmed the table. Even Mia, who loves ginger, said it was so unbalanced as to be inedible. Our server (who was great, by the way, but this is to be expected at a place like this) agreed that it was strangely heavy on the ginger, especially for a flavor not even mentioned in the menu's descrip-

tion, and removed the dish from our bill.

The next disappointment came in the form of Mia's salad — "roasted apple, prosciutto, burrata, pickled butternut squash, arugula, pepitas, and a cider reduction." This was described by our server as a "warm salad," so we were expecting the apples to be roasted all the way through. And warm. Instead, they were lightly browned on the outside but still cold and crunchy, as though fresh. The pickled squash was also crunchy. The burrata, which we expected to be cool and fresh in contrast to the other warm items, was room temperature. After being passed around the table twice, this dish still had plenty of bits left on it when it was removed from the table.

Mia ordered the sea bass, served with spaghetti squash, ginger (there's that flavor again), snap peas, and pearl onions in a brown butter. I had a bite of the fish; it was nice. And, most importantly, Mia was very happy with what she ordered.

Kerry ordered veal cheeks. I tried a bite, even though David tried to stop me. I spit out what felt like a ball of slime onto my plate as David sighed and Kerry and Mia laughed. "Veal cheeks are a fatty cut, you know," David

said. He's all too familiar with my texture aversions. Kerry, who also has no problem with oysters, loved every bite of it.

The birthday boy ordered the "oak fire roasted Niman Ranch pork loin," served with house-made sauerkraut, double-smoked bacon, and roasted carrots and apples. After his first bite, a perplexed look came over my man's face. "This tastes just like ham," he said. "I like ham, but when I order pork loin, I'm not expecting it to taste like ham." The pork itself was tender and well prepared, but one bite and I agreed: it totally tasted just like ham.

My entrée was a big step up from my ruined appetizer. I ordered the scallops with shaved brussels sprouts, lamb bacon, and squash. I loved the sweet bits of the grilled squash in contrast with the salty, rich bacon. The bacon sauce on the brussels sprouts was a little heavy for the dish. But the scallops were cooked to just the right temperature and texture (meaning not overcooked and perfectly pan-seared).

Overall, it seems like things may have slipped since the restaurant received all those local and national accolades in 2009. When you save up your pennies to experience an amazing meal

on a special occasion, you hope the restaurant will live up to the hype. In this case, unfortunately, it didn't.

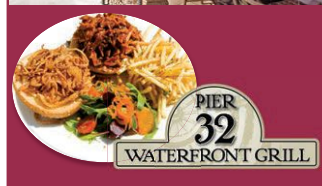
by Barbarella Fokos

## Chennai style

A while back, I lavished some praise on Punjabi Tandoor for its hearty curries. Since then, I've had the vegetable curries of southern India on my mind, so I went back to Miramar in search of Madras Cafe, which I'd heard was a fountain of Tamil food served on the characteristic stainless steel plates of India's southern states (I suppose fresh banana leaves would be out of the question). After a few trips up and down Black Mountain Road, I spotted the café in a mini-mall with a grip of other Indian businesses.

Midweek, the restaurant serves *thalis* — roughly the Indian equivalent of a Hawaiian plate lunch. For about \$9, a two-course meal of starters, curries, rice, and soups provides ample, all-vegetarian sustenance. Yup, that's right, Madras Cafe serves no meat. I didn't miss it, either.

First course in the *thali* consisted potato-stuffed *dosa* and chickpea fritters, both of which were excellent when swished



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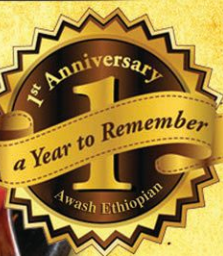
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through the tangy, tamarind-based *sambar* that came along-side. I also tried an order of *idli* soaked in *sambar*. I love the little cakes of fermented rice and lentils that are a staple breakfast food and snack in southern India, and Madras' *idli* didn't disappoint. The were spongy, delicate, and fun to eat.

The curry dishes were a bit hit-or-miss. Stewed cabbage with coriander was a clear favorite and reminded me of the popular Ethiopian dish *atakit* in some ways. A mushroom gravy was the only real downside of the meal, as its funky, heavy flavor didn't gel with the fresh, tangy zest of the other foods. The other unidentified vegetable curries were just adequate. The *rasam* soup was too salty and not rich or tangy enough. Spreading liberal amounts of green coconut chutney and fresh yogurt on everything cooled and smoothed the robust flavors. I also loved the "sweet" that was served with the *thali*. It was a kind of rice cooked with jaggery (coarse sugar) that was incredible when scooped up with a pinch of *poori* (a fluffy, fried

bread that is a "must-have") and dipped in the tart yogurt.

For the best experience at Madras, stick with *idli*, *dosa*, and anything spiced with tamarind. The clean, tart flavors of southern India seem best expressed by those dishes. Some of the rice and curry dishes come with accoutrements and pickle for under \$6, and I think it would be hard to find fault with that!

Madras Cafe, 9484 Black Mountain Road.

by Ian Pike

## Playing with chemistry

When I pulled up a stool at a tall table in Avenue 5 the other night, the first thing I noticed was how much the place had changed since I'd last been there (for dinner, with David, over four years ago). Gone were the white tablecloths and in were the hip retro-style Edison bulbs. There was a casual-but-warm city feel to the place, one that feels welcoming to a hipster-loving foodie like me.

After a look around, I was expecting the menu to feature popular throwback items, such as deviled eggs and bacon-wrapped dates. Instead, to my surprise, the menu was peppered with distinct molecular gastronomy terms.

The words, "vapor," "powder," and "balsamic caviar," leapt from the page. This wasn't just cooking — this was food science. My curiosity had been piqued.

I was there with a girlfriend. Neither of us cared for salmon in general, but after our server described a special — "maple-cured salmon on blinis with dill marscapone and cucumbers" — we decided to be bold and try it out. We each managed one, and they were tasty (especially if you like salmon). Had there been something other than salmon on there, I would have gone for the third. So far, the only sign of chemistry was evidenced in the foam atop our blinis.

My favorite flavors of the evening arrived in the "mushroom ravioli with grapes" dish. I think the excellent combination of grapes in savory dishes is underused (one of my favorite pizzas features fontina, bacon, and champagne grapes). With the lightly sweet and savory combinations and a delectable richness that didn't cross the "too heavy" line, the mushroom ravioli, with grilled corn and arugula, is one of those, "give me a piece of bread so I can sop up every bit of that sauce" deals.

It's no secret I'm not a fan of truffle oil. I cannot wait for this truffle-everywhere trend to end. But I've learned to accept that it is — at least for now — a staple on every menu,funking

up everything from burgers and fries to soup and steaks. I know it's meant to be luxurious, but despite my love of mushrooms, I find the stuff too funky for my mouth. Still, because I had to see what the vapor was all about, I ordered the "forest vapor mushroom bisque," with wild mushrooms and — *le sigh* — white truffle oil. Here's how it works: the soup is served on a big plate and encircled with aromatic greens such as rosemary, sage, and thyme. Once it's on the table, a server pours boiling-hot water onto the plate around the bowl, and all the green, earthy aromas rise in the steam, so that you are breathing in the "forest" as you taste the mushroom soup.

I'd been dying to try some real "caviar." Not fish eggs, *ew*. I mean the chemistry kind — using the process of "spherification" to create tiny balls of gel-encased liquid. In the case of the "grilled vegetable tart" I ordered, the liquid would be balsamic vinegar. I'd heard how these little balls "burst" in the mouth, the casings a mere temporary jacket for the liquid inside. My understanding is that, for the interior of the balls to remain liquid, these things have to be served immediately. Otherwise, the gelification process continues and instead of balls of liquid, you end up with balls of jelly. That was the case with the balsamic caviar that was served atop the

burrata cheese, but this could have been the chef's intention. They weren't the exploding balls of balsamic vinegar I'd imagined, but they were lovely jelly balls of the sweet stuff, and they were a great complement to the grilled veggies and the fresh crumbly pastry beneath.

The menu changes regularly to reflect "locally grown seasonal fare." If you've never experienced the science end of the kitchen, this place is a great starter point. The menu has just enough "molecular" play for the curious, and plenty of excellent standards and fresh combinations for everyone else.

by Barbarella Fokos

## Double, double, stir in trouble...

My beer pick of the week: A brewski with, uh, roasted green chilies in it.

Talking about Karl Strauss's Green Chili Big Barrel Double IPA.

I discovered this by accident. Was sitting here at Karl Strauss's original downtown joint, the old, old brick one covered in vines (1157 Columbia Street, 619-234-2739). This was a tonight-only cask beer. It's flatter and warmer than most *cervezas*. No CO<sub>2</sub>. The ale's sucked out of the cask by a "beer engine," a kinda siphon pump.

Also, this one's cheaper: \$4 a pint, and it's not even happy hour. Also, quite a bang for your buck: 9 percent alcohol.

But what sets this apart: its load of roasted green chilies brewed into it. The first sip flanges around your gills like electricity. Makes you think cactus, nopal paddles. You check your tongue for spikes.

And you wonder what's this doing in a *cerveza*? But, quicker than you realize, it begins to lay on you like a warm blanket... okay, with some claws coming

through, but seductive, like cat-woman.

Partly it's that this is a one-off cask beer. Yes it's spiky-hot. But its flavors are fatter.

Jeff, the p.m. (perpetual motion) bartender, says it was their head brewer Paul Segura's idea to do the chili thing. They're roasted first, then dunked into this hoppy beer.

Have to say, Karl S. is coming out with some good stuff these days.

by Ed Bedford

## Empire House Brunch

I've said nice things about Empire House before, mostly because I think the kitchen there manages above-average execution of the staple dishes that makes up the menu. It took me forever and a day to make it into EH for brunch, but I had the chance to put the restaurant's breakfast credentials to the test over the weekend.

As with dinner, the menu was on the shorter side, though all the important bases were covered. I tried to wrap my head around the idea of a "Benedict burger" (\$13.95), but I wasn't prepared for a hamburger with an order of eggs benedict on top. Since I already know EH's burgers are to my liking, I reverse-engineered the problem by trying the normal eggs benedict (\$10).

The eggs were delicately poached, and the ham had been sliced thickly. The hollandaise, while imperfect, was *still* better than average (which says much of the typical quality of of hollandaise sauce) and could at least claim rich flavor and a luxuriant texture. Perhaps the biggest surprise was that the side of home fries was served hot. Time and time again, I'm served cool, if not outright cold, sides of potatoes with my breakfast. Getting a piping-hot pile was a delight.




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I must try that benedict-smothered burger. Perhaps someday when I have someone to drive me home afterward.

Surveying the menu, I liked the look of the “Ninja’s Nest” (fries covered in bacon, cheese, and a fried egg for \$8), as well as the “Poor Man’s Scramble,” which made use of hot dogs, potatoes, and cheddar cheese in a self-consciously white-trash departure from conventional breakfast meats. Interestingly, EH’s brunch plates often include side dishes, which normally command an additional premium at the restaurant during dinner hours. The agreeable pricing only serves to strengthen my recommendation of Empire House as a solid destination, now for any mealtime.

Empire House, 127 University Avenue.

by Ian Pike

## Gualberto’s Fish taco replaces cow’s hoof?

Honestly, it was the cow’s hoof.

That’s the only reason I hopped off the Orange Line trolley at Encanto and headed for the rack of stores beneath the clay cliff that runs up the valley here.

I remembered Caribbean Taste (Caribbean Taste Jamaican Restaurant, 6171 Imperial Avenue, 619-795-1772) does a kind of cows’ hoof stew. And, yeah, once you get used to the idea, they have a squelchy but kinda nice savory taste to them. And any Jamaican will tell you, they beat Viagra 10-1, heh-heh.

But disaster strikes again. “We’re out! You have to come early,” says the lady. “Friday.”

Dang. This must be the third time I’ve missed the boat.

So I wander up to see what other place is open.

Ah. Salaam Fish House (6201 Imperial Avenue, 619-527-7137). Has fish tacos for \$1.59. Deal. And the lights are on... except the door’s locked. Ding. Strike two. “They should be back soon,” says this guy outside. “Just went for a break.”

So I wander a little further up. Aha.

Gualbertos. ¡Abierto! It’s Gualberto’s #3 (6215 Imperial Avenue, South Encanto, 619-264-4056). Nice, small store with (inside) a big mural of Lake Chapala, I’m betting. Couple of kids are eating bean burritos right in front.

Figure I’ll get a quick filler to keep me going while I wait for the Salaam guys to open back up. “How about a fish taco?”

says Cindy, the gal at the counter. “They’re \$2.50.”

Martin the chef says he uses tilapia.

In a minute it’s up and I’m eating it hot and steamy.

And, man, what a huge piece of fish! Beautifully crispy and surrounded by lettuce, tomato chunks, and plenty of mayo-type sauce, plus a peppery hot sauce.

Gotta say, this crispy almost-but-not-quite-burned fish is totally delish. Nothing flabby or drowned about it, like a lot of fish tacos you get. Plus, I like tilapia for its flavor.

This single \$2.50 (okay, \$2.96 after tax) meal is a real delish belly-filler.

I’m still going to go to Salaam. And still have to get me those cows’ hooves. Stay tuned.

by Ed Bedford

## Ceviche jackpot

I have got to start bringing my phone with me when I go to Mexico. I always try to travel extra-light, but there are too many things to take pictures of. For example, it’s a shame that I didn’t get a snapshot of the lounge at La Corriente Cevicheria Nais when I went there last week following the recommendations of TJ-savvy *Reader* staffer Chad Deal. While the front of the restaurant is the spitting image of the Krusty Krab from *Spongebob Squarepants*, the hipster barroom out back bears Victorian trappings in the form of wingback chairs around coffee-table seating and taxidermied animals on the walls.

Seriously, it’s very cool and a mere hop, skip, and a jump from the border; on Sixth Street, just east of Revolución. One can easily park and walk to ensure an even quicker trip from SD to TJ for some *bomb* ceviche.

La Corriente produces exceptional *aguachiles*, on tostadas or served right in an enormous *molcajete* for “however you do it” consumption. I confess, I began scooping up the spicy, lime-juice-soaked shrimps with fried tortillas, but I graduated to just eating them with a fork.

Ahi tuna and red snapper tostadas are both must-haves. The ahi comes dressed with soy sauce, fried onions, and avocado, while the snapper is a cleaner presentation that lets the delicate fish be king. I found the tostada “*de la reina*” something of a flop, as the sea of carrot juice in which the whole thing floated was too weird to overcome. Would that I could have gotten a dozen oysters in its stead! It matters little,

however, since a meal for moderate eaters barely broke \$30... and that included a few of the fun *mezcal*-based cocktails that the bar mixes up.

Anybody looking for a TJ *mariscos* quickie should follow Mr. Deal’s lead and get to La Corriente on the double quick.

by Ian Pike

## Chinese BBQ in City Heights

There’s not much to Tom’s BBQ in City Heights. The storefront comprises a counter, register, display case, and a table that looks like it isn’t for sitting at; at least, not for customers. All of this is slammed into a strip mall with a couple Mexican stores and a laundromat. In the display, the Chinese barbecue hangs from hooks and slings, crisping in the bright heat of high-powered lamps. It’s the grim and beautiful scene of roasted meats — *Hellraiser* combined with Food Network — characteristic of *siu mei* shops in Hong Kong and the world over. There are no side dishes and no beverages. Cash is the only allowable currency.

And it’s damn good. I got in late, when all the *char siu* pork was gone, but I did manage to acquire a half pound

of roast pork with crispy skin and some fried buns. The pork was fatty and beautiful, rich in flavor and seductively tender, but the skin had been roasted to a crispness that almost hurt my teeth. The dumplings were sweet, almost like a doughnut, but stuffed with an ambiguous meat paste. I ate three without batting an eyelash.

The cost of entry is marvelously low. Barbecued meats are in the \$10/pound region, with bits of offal and other gnarly pieces available much cheaper. Pork intestines and chicken feet? If you’re on a budget, go for it! The whole, roast ducks are less than \$20, which is about what a duck costs to buy in the supermarket, and the golden-brown birds at Tom’s look better than most people can do at home.

Since Tom’s only does the BBQ, it’s no good for getting a whole meal. Well, you can eat just barbecued pork, but if you want a vegetable or something you had better cook it at home. Realistically, add a little steamed bok choy, some rice, and a bottle of Hoisin sauce and you’d have yourself one hell of a meal on the cheap.

Tom’s BBQ, 4414 University Avenue.

by Ian Pike



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## This Week In Music

### Thursday 10

From the mythical city of Tijuana, borderland goth-pop band **Dancing Strangers** will visit their beats-borne take on '80s post-punk (Joy Division, JAMC) on the Tin Can Ale House. Astronauta Jackson (Niña Camara) and Eric Curiel (Electric Healing Sound/Shantelle) are curators and instigators in a TJ scene that is swelling with adventurous artists adding fresh-ground Latin beans to an old idea of future pop. What the what... Anyway, get to the interwebs and check out fist-pumper



DANCING STRANGERS AT TIN CAN ALE HOUSE

"The Politician" off of last year's *Power. Sex. Corruption* or more recent release *Lost in Lust*, from which "Secrets in Denial" super-effectively channels Ian Curtis. **Legs** will open. *Giggity*.... Speaking of Joy Division, did you see that **Peter Hook**'s going to be at M-Theory signing copies of his book *Unknown Pleasures* on February 2 at 2? Put that date in your smart device, fanboys and girls.... Back to Thursday: Denver's rock-steady **Repercussions** will drop reggae-informed punk numbers and take down the Shakedown after local "post-crunk" duo **Killer Party** and pop-punk politikos **Castoff**... Uptown, San Diego's soul sister act **Lady Dottie & the Diamonds** will do their weekly thing at the Tower Bar... whilst the Rock 'n' Roll Preservation Society DJs **Diana Death, Heather Hardcore**, and **Miss Kylee** spin for your rock-roll edification at Til-Two in University Heights. There's no quiz this week, but your book reports on *Johnny Thunders: In Cold Blood* are due.

### Friday 11

Experimental shapeshifters **Primitive Noyes** will celebrate a CD release at Eleven on Friday. Near as I can tell, the new "electroniscape" collection is called *Slow Emergency/Slow Emergent Sea*. I'm listening to "Slow Emergency" via SoundCloud as I type and hearing that pop sap ooze I like best about Broken Social Scene (the guitar wash, the voice under the floor, the rat-a-tat traps). Like-minded locals **Mystery Cave** and **Psicomagia**

set it up.... Best of the rest: out at Tower Bar, from Chicago, dark-punk death-rockers **Population** join hard-core locals **Death Crisis**, the **Very**, and **Nerve Control** for a loud un.... DJ **Robin Roth's** Club Pussy Galore pulls into Whistle Stop after sci-fi garage group **Shake Before Us** and fuzz-rock dance band the **Schitzophonics**... while "for whiners and grinders alike" (!), Dave Wakeling frankensteins another **English Beat** for two nights at Belly Up.

### Saturday 12

The **Howls** will take the stage at Casbah Saturday night for their part in the Middletown mainstay's 24th anniversary month. The Stonies alt-country act will be joined by **Mrs. Magician**, whose reverberating garage-pop majik opens the show. I think *Strange Heaven's* the only local release from last year still popping up in the truck's carousel. But I'm wicked lazy, so take that with a grain.... There's another anniversary happening downtown at House of Blues, where 91X will celebrate its 30th year with, um, cutting-edge-of-rock locals **Slightly Stoopid**, **P.O.D.**, **Buck-O-Nine**, the **Rugburns**, and **Vokab Kompany**.... Al Howard's other other other band, **Midnight Pine**, is a bare-bones, sepia-toned country-folk sounding thing. Shelbi Bennet's low register describes a chilling Patsy Cline on the take I'm playing, "Good Night." The three-piece will drop its debut dealio, *Awake Now*, at Jett Gallery in Little Italy.... Utterwise: Scottie Blinn's grease-punk trio **Black Market III** sets up at Shakedown after **Blackwater**

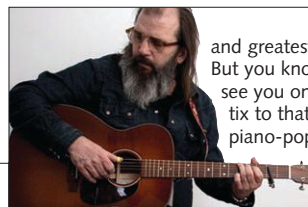


THE HOWLS AT CASBAH

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### Sunday 13

"I'm thinking about burning the Walmart down." That so? The outspoken, outgoing **Steve Earle** and his beard and his books and his Grammy-winning folk-rocking show will take the stage at Belly Up Sunday for what is/will be the set to see this week. "The last hardcore troubadour," according to *American Songwriter*, is touring behind a heroic back-catalog, including his latest, *I'll Never Get Out of This World Alive*,



STEVE EARLE AT BELLY UP

and greatest, *Guitar Town*. But you know all this. I'll see you on Cedros.... Miss tix to that one, English piano-pop band **Keane's** down at House of Blues behind last year's *Strangeland*... and Soda Bar

### Monday 14

SanFran blues-punk band **Spider Heart** drops in on Eleven Monday night. The four-piece is touring in support of its new EP, *Under the Gun*, which apparently will make you want to "surf and break mailboxes at the same time." Huh. Tourmates **Happy** and local boyz **Dumest Animals** (love the Lego video!) are also on the bill... a couple blocks east, psych/surf beast **Barbarian** continues its Monday residency at Soda Bar. **Parquet Courts** and **Ditches** dig in first this week.

### Tuesday 15

The techno **Tycho** plugs in at Belly Up on Tuesday. Synth-driven chillwaver Scott Hansen's taking a break from recording his follow-up to crit-hit *Dive* to stretch out the new material. **Doombird** opens the show.... Daydream Nation delivers L.A. psych-pop band **Nightmare Air** to the Griffin for a trio of dates this month. With alt-



NIGHTMARE AIR AT THE GRIFFIN

rock vets Dave Dupuis (Film School) and Swaan Miller fronting the stage, Nightmare Air is heavily layered and "possibly L.A.'s loudest band," blogs one Los Angeleno fan. Loud is good, but so is the songsmithing. Check out "Escape" at *nightmareairmusic.com*.... No? Drum-and-bass math-

rock brainiacs **Kenseth & Brandon** (Sleeping People) turn up at Eleven... and after a couple of sell-out sets at House of Blues last week, **Social Distortion** is back downtown for two more nights of tatty SoCal punk 'n' roll. **Red Devil Squadron** up first on Tuesday, while Wednesday works in one of my favorite blues-punk duos, **Sean Wheeler & Zander Schloss**. My editor went to one of the Social D shows last week, but if I wrote what he said, he'd just delete it. I'll put it on my Facebook page because it was pretty funny and he doesn't "do Facebook." BUT HE'S THE COOLEST GUY. AND SEXY.

### Wednesday 16

Eleven stages the **Rich Hands**, whom the esteemable *San Antonio Current* last year called



THE RICH HANDS AT ELEVEN

their city's most underrated band, describing the quartet's sound as "'60s garage-rock concentrate with a heavy dose of white-boy soul." I don't know how underrated they are anymore, but the rest is spot-on. Go here to hear some fresh-faced Texas twang: *therichhands.bandcamp.com*. **Dark**

**Thirty** opens the show.... Harlem hip-hop duo **Cannibal Ox** is down the street at Soda Bar in advance of their top-secret new CD. Chicago "electromajician" **Keith Masters** splits the bill.... It's back-to-school up at the U, where Ché Café welcomes Italian screamo band **Raein**. **Loma Prieta**, **Birdbrain**, **Lyburnum**, and **Haruka** fill that bill... while across campus (and the musical spectrum) indie-folkies **Sea Wolf** lay some *Old World Romance* on the Loft.... In case you haven't heard, **Gilbert Castellanos** has found a new

home for his Wednesday-night jazz jam — Seven Grand in North Park. I have not been yet, but the word is the room sounds great and the bar stocks premium jet fuel. I am circling.

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*“I was building a reputation for ‘puttin’ on a clinic,’ in the streets and in the studio.”*

**B**orn and based in Clairemont, 31-year-old songwriter/producer Joseph Sardina, aka Lil’ Joe, founded Non-Stop Records in 2005. “Before having any thoughts of being an artist, and being the youngest brother of four, I was given the name Lil’ Joe by the older crowds,” says the former James Madison High student.

He released his debut album, *Starvin’*, in 2005, followed by *Playin’ My Cardz Without a Queen* in 2010, both under his Lil’ Joe name. “I’d describe my music as commercial or mainstream, with an underground twist. It’s 1990s-style hip-hop, positive swag with a West Coast feel, no racial slurs, not trendy, and done from a playa’s P.O.V.”

Sardina now calls himself the Clinic. “After years of producing albums for myself and others, and doctoring music for people, I was building a reputation for ‘puttin’ on a clinic,’ in the streets and in the studio, with the sound I deliver.” His full-length debut under a new title, *Playareallergy*, was released in spring 2012, while his follow-up, *Big Slang Theory*, came out on December 21.

## WHAT’S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. Tupac, *All Eyez on Me*. “You can never play out this album.”
2. First Degree the D.E., *Planet Zero*. “I was always a fan of this album. He creates his own beats.”
3. The Game, *LAX*. “This one has a real hard sound that kind of pumps you up.”
4. Snoop Dogg, *Doggystyle*. “‘Gin and Juice’ and ‘Ain’t No Fun (If the Homies Can’t Have None)’ are both definitely party jams.”

## BEST ADVICE YOU EVER GOT?

“A graduate of the Musicians Institute in Hollywood named Gary once told me, ‘You’re only as good as your last song.’”

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## MOST VISITED WEBSITES?

“I check Facebook, ReverbNation, and Twitter for status updates, Yahoo for news, and ESPN for sports. I’m a huge NFL and MLB fan, of the Chargers and the Padres, of course.”

## GREATEST WIN?

“\$4000 on a football bet.”

## BRUSH WITH FAME?

“I opened up for the Game, DJ Quik, Rappin’ 4 Tay & Spice 1, Kokane, and Lil’ Flip.”

## MAC OR PC?

“Mac, for sure. I work my magic on there with Pro-Tools recording software.”

## WHAT’S YOUR POISON?

“Jack Daniel’s.”

## FIRST BOOK?

“Dr. Seuss.”

## TOPIC FORBIDDEN AT YOUR FUNERAL?

“My will and what I would leave behind.”

## IF YOU COULD READ OUR MINDS?

“I’d immediately try to earn money with such a talent



In case you’re reading, Jason Statham, rapper Joseph Sardina (also known as Lil’ Joe, or the Clinic) wants you to play him in a movie about his life.

and become a magician, or maybe the world’s most famous mind-reader.”

## WORST MOVIE?

“*The Langoliers* was the most annoying movie ever, as well as the most disappointing Stephen King film. And I like most of his movies.”

## MOST YOU EVER SPENT ON A DATE?

“Probably about \$250, which included dinner and drinks in Old Town and a hotel room at the Hilton Mission Bay.”

## BIGGEST LIE YOU EVER TOLD?

“How much I spent on a date.”

## LAW THAT SHOULD BE CHANGED?

“The alcohol ban on the beach should be lifted. It can be limited to cans or plastic only, since nobody wants to step on any glass with bare feet.”

## WHAT WOULD YOU TELL THE YOUNGER YOU?

“Long-term success doesn’t come overnight.”

## SOMETHING YOU NEVER RUN OUT OF?

“Bottled water. If I can help it, I’ll stay away from tap or nonfiltered water.”

## WHAT REMAINS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

“I want to tour the world, showcasing and vacationing, go to a Super Bowl, and visit NASA. I also really want to visit Italy and Amsterdam.”

## WHO SHOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE?

“Jason Statham — he’s always a badass in his films.”

## THREE THINGS WE DON’T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

“I love cooking. I work full-time in telecommunications, and I’m interested in astronomy.” ■

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1/27 An Evening w/ Jorma Kaukonen	2/10 Tony Saruci as The Highwayman - tribute to Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, more	3/2 Super Diamond
1/28 Chef Bands feat. Sam the Cooking Guy and Josh Kopelman of Dining Out SD	2/11 Dirty Dozen Brass Band - Belly Up Mardi Gras Party!	3/3 David Lindley w/ Carrie Rodriguez
1/29 The Acoustic Spot pres. Robert Bondurant Band w/ Kenny Eng and Rob Dee, Tolan Shaw	2/14 The Hives	3/6 Mickey Hart Band
1/31 The Wood Brothers	2/15 Ra Ra Riot	3/7 Toad the Wet Sprocket
2/1 & 2 Tristan Prettyman	2/16 Steve Poltz's Annual 50th Birthday Party w/ the Rugburns and Glen Phillips of Toad the Wet Sprocket	3/12 Frightened Rabbit
2/4 ZZ Ward and Delta Rae	2/17 Blackalicious	3/17 Emancipator - Do Lab Presents
2/6 North Mississippi Allstars	2/20 B.B. King	3/18 Josh Ritter
2/7 Old Man Markley	2/22 An Evening with Leftover Salmon	3/21 Kenny Rogers
2/8 The Fabulous Pelicans Happy Hour	2/23 Cash'd Out - Johnny Cash B-day show	3/22 Bob Schneider
2/8 Tommy Castro & The Painkillers and Paul Thorn	2/24 Reckless Kelly	3/23 Atomic Punks
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**710 Beach Club:**  
Monday, 9pm — SDMTV Battle of the Bands.  
Tuesday, 9pm — PB-OKE Karaoke.  
Wednesday, 9pm — Open Mic Open Jam.  
**98 Bottles:**  
Saturday, 8pm — Latanya Lockett. \$8-\$10.

**AMSDconcerts:**  
Saturday, 7:30pm — PF Sloan & Creed Bratton. \$20.  
Sunday, 7:30pm — Kapsalis and Ivanovic Guitar Duo. \$20.  
CANCELED.

**Analog:**  
Friday, 8pm — Fortune Music Record Release Party.

**Auditorium at the Scripps Research Institute:**  
Friday, 6:30pm — Mainly Mozart Winter Spotlight Series. \$55-\$100.

**Bar Pink:**  
Tuesday, 7pm — Pony Death Ride.

**Beaumont's:**  
Thursday, 8pm — Allegra. Free.  
Friday, 9pm — Scratch. Free.  
Saturday, 9pm — Dirty Bird. Free.  
Sunday, 11am — Matt Commerce. Free.

Wednesday, 8pm — Allegra. Free.  
**Belly Up:**  
Friday, 9pm, Saturday, 9pm — The English Beat. \$20.  
Sunday, 8pm — Steve Earle. \$32-\$34.  
Tuesday, 9pm — Tycho. \$16-\$18.  
Wednesday, 9pm — Simpkin Project and Beyond I Sight. \$8-\$10.

**Bird Rock Coffee Roasters:**  
Saturday, 10am — Robin Henkel. Free.

**Boar Cross'n:**  
Thursday — Camp Lo performs Uptown Saturday Night.  
Saturday, 9pm — Tommy Dubs. Free.

**Brick by Brick:**  
Friday, 9pm — The Upbeats, Loxy, Garva, MK Ultra. \$10-\$15.  
Sunday, 6:30pm — Big Yogi Bear, the Yes Team, Josh Taylor. \$10-\$13.

**California Center for the Arts, Escondido:**  
Saturday, 7:30pm, Sunday, 3pm — Handel's Messiah.

**Casbah:**  
Thursday, 8pm — Mattson 2, In Motion Trio, Montalban Quintet.  
Friday — Big Sandy & his Flyrite Boys and Roy Rapid. \$5-\$10.  
Monday — Family Wagon, Strange Vine, Bruin. \$5.  
Tuesday — We Are Sirens, Pool Party, Church Hustlers. \$6.  
Wednesday — The London Souls. \$10-\$12.

**Ché Café:**  
Friday, 7pm — Malon, Avari, Nobody's Ghost, Dog Door. \$7.  
Saturday, 7:30pm — Wild Wild

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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

**They can make a whole song out of two major chords. This means that something very entertaining must also be going on simultaneously. Not that it happens all the time in the Red Wanting Blue songbook, but two major chords can sap a band's ability to remain interesting. This is where Scott Terry comes in. As RWB's front man and occasional guitarist, Terry is not so over-the-top as he is a pent-up frenzy of energy. When he sings, he looks as if about to rupture a throat artery. You feel his inner whup-ass wanting to come out in a song. That it never does is not meant as criticism. Many other middle-of-the-road one-hit-wonder bands such as Hootie and the Blowfish have had huge**

pop-music careers by mining a similar vein: that the singer should sound as if on the edge of an emotional breakdown of some kind. Otherwise, Red Wanting Blue seems like a band of decent enough guys without vices or even the thought of, say, smashing up a hotel television set.

RWB is a Columbus, Ohio, band with a 20-year history and thousands of road shows under their belt. They have released nine full-length CDs to date, including last year's *From the Vanishing Point*. A band with zero in the way of radio support or chart-toppers, they are still waiting for that breakout album to arrive. So is their label and management, the same group that handles Coldplay and Dave Matthews.

Red Wanting Blue, by the way, is not a political concept. "It means going after something you weren't meant to be," Terry once told an interviewer. Might this be the underlying story

RED WANTING BLUE

of Red Wanting Blue and their deserved fame? Perhaps. But for those days when you really need a feel-good song? This band is the hot ticket. The Darrows also perform.

**RED WANTING BLUE: the Griffin, Thursday, January 10, 7:30 p.m. 619-684-1816. \$10 advance/\$12 door**

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Wednesday, 7:30pm — Raein. \$8.  
**Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD:**  
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Camera Lucida #4. \$25.  
**Copley Symphony Hall:**  
Friday, 8pm, Saturday, 8pm, Sunday, 2pm — Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto. \$20-\$96.  
**Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant:**  
Saturday, 7:30pm — Lori Bell

Wednesday, 6pm — Smokestaxx. Free.  
**Dirk's Niteclub:**  
Friday, 9pm, Saturday, 9pm — Nemesis.  
Sunday, 9pm — Karaoke Contest.  
Wednesday, 9pm — Karaoke with Evan Lacy.  
**Dizzy's:**  
Friday, 8pm — Brian Levy & Peter Sprague. \$10-\$15.  
Saturday, 8pm — The Mikan Zlatkovich Quartet. \$10-\$15.

**El Cajon Brewing Company:**  
Wednesday, 6pm — Robin Henkel Blues Trio. Free.  
**Eleven:**  
Friday, 9pm — Primitive Noyes, Psicomagia, Mystery Cave. \$5.  
Sunday, 5pm — Gentleman and Lights in the Sky. \$3.  
Monday, 9pm — Spider Heart. \$4.  
Tuesday, 9pm — Kenseth & Brandon, Reverter, Ana. \$5.  
Wednesday, 9pm — The Rich Hands. \$5.

<b>THURSDAY. 1.10</b> <b>RED WANTING BLUE</b> THE DARROWS, JERRY OLEA & THE 805 DRIFTERS	<b>FRIDAY. 1.11</b> <b>HER CRIMSON LOVE</b> WINE, RED MATTER, THE ROMAN WATCHDOGS	<b>SUNDAY. 1.13</b> NSD PRESENTS <b>CHOIRS</b> VIGNETTE, ROXY MOONSLINGER, "D"
<b>TUESDAY. 1.15</b> DAYDREAM NATION PRESENTS: <b>NIGHTMARE AIR</b> LUCKY & WILD, TENNIS SYSTEM, DJ SET BY: MYKKE HUNT & LEGGS MCGEE (WILD WILD WETS)	<b>WEDNESDAY. 1.16</b> <b>GOODNIGHT RAVENWOOD</b> GATES, DIGITAL SEA	<b>THURSDAY. 1.17</b> <b>THE JAMES DOUGLAS SHOW</b> SWEET BEAUTIFUL CHAOS, MARGOT SMOOKS, KIM BITTER
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<b>TUESDAY. 1.22</b> <b>EARPHUNK</b> BROTHERS GOW	<b>WEDNESDAY. 1.23</b> <b>TYLER BRYANT &amp; THE SHAKEDOWN</b> MIKE MCGRAW AND THE BUTCHERS	<b>THURSDAY. 1.24</b> <b>PASSAFIRE</b> SEEDLESS, REEFORM
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*Thursday* — Reggae Thursday.  
*Wednesdays*, 9pm — Lady Dottie  
& the Diamonds.

**Gran Tapa:**  
*Thursday*, 7pm — Dusty Brough  
& Eva Scow. **Free.**

**Grant Grill:**  
*Friday*, 8pm — Jonathan Karrant,  
Danny Green, Ben Wanicur.

**Griffin:**  
*Thursday* — Red Wanting Blue.  
*Friday*, 8pm — Her Crimson  
Love.  
*Saturday*, 8pm — The Nards.  
*Sunday*, 8pm — Choirs, Vignette,  
Roxy Moonslinger. \$7.  
*Tuesday*, 8pm — Nightmare Air.

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*Friday*, 7pm — Sin.  
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*Tuesday*, 8pm — Social  
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**Humphreys Backstage Music Club:**  
*Thursday*, 7pm — Plato Soul. \$5.  
*Friday*, 7pm — Detroit  
Underground. \$12.  
*Saturday*, 7pm — Rising Star.  
\$12.  
*Sunday*, 10am — Stelita.  
*Sunday*, 8pm — Jason Brown.  
\$12.  
*Tuesday*, 7pm — Jesse Davis. \$5.  
*Wednesday*, 7pm — Major  
Interval. **Free.**

**JETT Gallery:**  
*Saturday*, 8pm — The Midnight  
Pine, John Meeks, Pigeon Lord.

**Jumping Turtle:**  
*Saturday*, 7:30pm — The Toven.  
\$10-\$12.

**Keller Gallery at Point Loma Nazarene University:**  
*Friday*, 7:30pm — Mellotones  
Orchestra. **Free.**

**Kensington Club:**  
*Saturday*, 8pm — The Töuchies,  
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**Kraken:**  
*Saturday*, 9pm — Blasting Idiots.  
**Free.**

# EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

**Battle Born**  
**The Killers**  
By Meghan Roos

Nevada's finest is back in action with guns blazing. After nearly four years, the Las Vegas-based alt-rock band the Killers released their fourth studio effort, *Battle Born*. After the band's previous release, *Day & Age*, which dropped in 2008, the Killers toured extensively, took a brief hiatus, and explored various side projects. *Battle Born* is a progressive next step for

the group, reflective and mature, even as it retains the grand flourishes and heavy synth trademarks the band is known for.

On tracks such as "A Matter of Time," "Miss Atomic Bomb," and the first single, "Runaways," the Killers deliver the kind of energetic pulses and deep sonic layers that made "Mr. Brightside" and "Read My Mind" hits in the past. "Here with Me" and "Deadlines and Commitments" are slower, more serious, evidence of the group's evolution as musicians and maturation as songwriters. New developments aside, *Battle Born* delivers the traditional sounds and narrative lyrical styles that fans and critics have grown to expect, revealing a comprehensive work that is another triumph for the Killers.



Back with guns blazing

## Music Reviews from Our Readers

**Delta Spirit**  
**rocks the vote**  
By Johnny Caito

*Matt Vasquez for president!* That's what I was thinking as Delta Spirit rocked House of Blues on election night, giving fans of the band a much-needed break from politics. Delta Spirit delivered a full-throttle performance that showcased songs such as "Parade," "White Table," "Trashcan," "Salt in the Wound," and "Empty House."

With each song, the band gained momentum, firing off one infectious song after another, backed by driving beats, catchy hooks, and the raspy voice of Vasquez. The intensity kept building along with the crowd's energy, culminating in a rock 'n' roll sing-along during "People C'mon": "If you're feeling what I'm feeling, c'mon!"

As the band closed with "California," off of their debut, the crowd sent a message to the band that "we're feeling what you're feeling, c'mon!"



One infectious song after another

**Concert:** Delta Spirit  
**Date:** November 6  
**Venue:** House of Blues  
**Seats:** General

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**Lestat's Coffee House:**  
*Thursday* — Ernie Halter and Sam Grow.  
*Friday* — Chris Wilson and Lucy Michelle.  
*Saturday* — Bosen & Suede, Show Ponies, Cory Way.  
*Sunday* — Lakin, Alaina Blair, Emily Elbert.  
*Monday* — Open Mic with Chad Taggart.  
*Wednesday* — 22 Kings and Seaholm Mackintosh.

**Molly Malone's:**  
*Friday*, 9pm — Natural Selection.  
**Free.**

**Museum of Making Music:**  
*Saturday*, 7pm — David Borgo Quartet. \$15-\$20.

**Pala Casino:**  
*Saturday*, 7:30pm — Arrival from Sweden: The Music of ABBA. \$30-\$40.

**Patrick's Gaslamp Pub:**  
*Thursday*, 9pm — Mystique Element of Soul.  
*Friday*, 9pm — 145th Street.  
*Saturday*, 9pm — Bill Magee Blues Band.

*Monday*, 9pm — Deeja and Walter's jazz jam.  
*Tuesday*, 9pm — Walter's Chicken Jam.  
*Wednesday*, 9pm — Mystique Element of Soul.

**Pechanga Resort & Casino:**  
*Friday*, 8pm, *Saturday*, 8pm — The Fab Four. \$20-\$35.

**Qualcomm Hall:**  
*Saturday*, 6pm — Hutchins Consort plays Bach and rock.  
\$50-\$75.

**Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center:**  
*Friday*, 7:30pm — Lisa Sanders, Cody Lovaas, Antonia Duggan.  
*Saturday* — Cut Your Losses.

**Ramona Mainstage Nightclub:**  
*Saturday*, 7pm — Jack Russell's Great White. \$25.

**Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room:**  
*Tuesday*, 8pm — Supertasty.  
*Wednesday* — Wednesday Jazz with Kice Simko & Friends.

**Ruby Room:**  
*Thursday* — Random Gibberish, Rob Dee, Cemetery Improvement Society. \$5.  
*Friday* — Katie Leigh & the Infantry, Roxy Moonslinger, Mother Belle. \$6.  
*Saturday* — Opio.  
*Sunday*, 7pm — Spider Heart, Kinetic Circus, Ninja Love.  
*Tuesday*, 7pm — Sarah Harmel, Jeffrey Joe, Sister Speak.  
*Wednesday* — Folk Family Revival and the Desolators.

**Shakedown Bar:**  
*Thursday* — Tthe Repercussions, Castoff, Killer Party.  
*Saturday* — Black Market III and Blackwater Jukebox.  
*Sunday* — The Repercussions.

**Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego:**  
*Saturday*, 8pm — Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra.

**Smokey's Lake Wohlford Cafe:**  
*Saturday*, 8pm — The Drinking Cowboy Band. **Free.**

**Soda Bar:**  
*Thursday*, 8:30pm — Translation Audio, Damn Riot, Elektrik Monk.  
*Friday*, 8:30pm — Boy King, Ho Ho Silver Oh, Mothlight.  
*Saturday*, 8:30pm — The Pheasants, Little Fowl, Badabing.  
*Sunday*, 8pm — Jennifer O'Connor.  
*Tuesday*, 8:30pm — Barbarian, Parquet Courts, Ditches.  
*Tuesday*, 8:30pm — Kitty Plague, Privatized Air, My Dead Body.

**Soma:**  
*Friday*, 6:30pm — Digital Jammer, 2B, Joshthebear. \$8.

**Southwestern College:**  
*Tuesday*, 7pm — Art of Mariachi. **Free.**

**Space 4 Art:**  
*Thursday*, 8pm — Duo ICP (Han Bennink & Mary Oliver) with Mark Dresser. \$10-\$15.

**Stage Rock Bar & Grill:**  
*Thursday*, 7pm — Kat Hopkins and Van Roth.  
*Friday*, 8pm — Mike Michaels Program and Disco Pimps.

*Saturday* — Hair Rock Tribute.  
*Monday*, 8pm — Poppi Grande & the Shakedown Daddies.  
*Tuesday*, 8pm — Kahn Artest.  
*Wednesday*, 7pm — Mark Fisher and Bl3nder.

**Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre:**  
*Friday*, 8pm — The Spinners. \$35-\$45.

**The Yard:**  
*Saturday*, 4pm — Isolated Victims, 4P, Batwings, Eskera.

**Tin Can Ale House:**  
*Thursday* — Dancing Strangers. \$5.  
*Friday* — Little Fowl, Show Ponies, Podunk Nowhere. \$5.  
*Saturday* — Old Man Wizard, Phavian, Awakeners. \$5.  
*Monday* — Grampadrew.  
*Wednesday* — Ed Ghost Tucker and Truckstop Darlin'. \$5.

**Tio Leo's:**  
*Thursday*, 8pm — Rockin' Aces.  
*Friday*, 9pm — The Jones Revival.  
*Saturday*, 9pm — Full Strength Funk Band.

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Saturday, January 19  
**DAYS TO CHANGE**  
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Monday, January 28  
**FRANK HANNON (Tesla)**  
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Tuesday, January 29  
**THE ARISTOCRATS • TRAVIS**  
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Saturday, February 2  
**D.O.A (FAREWELL TOUR)**

Saturday, February 9  
**HELL ON HEELS BURLESQUE**  
**REVUE'S VALENTINE'S SHOW**  
**"BABES ON BROADWAY"**

Thursday, February 14  
**SOULFLY**  
**INCITE • LODY KONG**  
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Friday, February 15  
**T. IRIE DREAD**  
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Friday — Population, the Very, Death Crisis.  
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Saturday, 7pm — Stacey & the Stimulators. **Free.**

**V Lounge:**

Friday, 9pm — Powerhouse.  
Saturday, 9pm — Undercover. **Free.**

**Villa Musica:**

Saturday, 7:30pm — Steve Swallow & Carla Bley Tribute Concert. \$15.

**Whistle Stop Bar:**

Thursday — Brixton Beat.  
Friday — Shake Before Us and Schizophonicus.  
Saturday — Booty Bassment.

**Winstons:**

Sunday, 10pm — Jose Sinatra hosts O.B.-o-ke. \$1.  
Monday, 9pm — Electric Waste Band. \$5.  
Wednesday, 6pm — Open Mic with Jefferson Jay. **Free.**

**Zel's Del Mar:**

Saturday, 8pm — Robin Henkel. **Free.**

## UPCOMING SHOWS

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January 18 — Caresa Lynnett, Sunday Hustle, As the Crow Flies.

January 19 — Nancy Wilson and Cannonball Adderley Tribute.  
January 25 — Fred Benedetti plays Cat Stevens and Simon & Garfunkel.

**AMSDeconcerts:** 4650

Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.

January 26 — The John Jorgenson Quintet.  
February 1 — Ray Wylie Hubbard.

**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.

**Beaumont's:** 5662 La Jolla Bl., La Jolla, 858-459-0474.

January 17 — Mike Myrdal.  
January 19 — Cougar Canyon Band.  
January 19 — Jones Revival.  
January 20 — Allegra.  
January 24 — Simeon Flick.  
January 25 — Fish & the Seaweeds.  
January 27 — Matt Commerce.  
January 31 — Simeon Flick.

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

January 17 — Femi Kuti and the Positive Force.  
January 18 — Dead Man's Party.  
January 19 — Tower of Power.  
January 20 — Kelley James.  
January 22 — Lee Coulter and Michael Tiernan.  
January 23 — Beer Fest with the Tilt.  
January 23 — Cash'd Out, Jonny Two Bags, Salvation Town.

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.

**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 17 — Acastree.  
January 19 — Jon Goodhue.  
January 24 — Translation Audio.  
January 26 — Sprung Monkey.  
January 31 — Shake Before Us.

**Brick by Brick:** 1130 Buena Vista Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.  
January 18 — Badd Co.  
January 19 — Days to Change, Fire in the Hamptons, Claude.  
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.

**California Center for the Arts, Escondido:** 340 North Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-839-4138.

January 26 — Best of Doo Wop.

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

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, Schizophonicus.  
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 17 — The Parmesans and Sledding With Tigers.  
January 18 — Agonizing Blight, Puberty Wounds, Burnt.  
January 19 — Rainedance.  
January 20 — St. Ranger and the Frights.  
January 24 — Ancient Alien Jamboree Festival Day 1.  
January 25 — Ancient Alien Jamboree Festival Day 2.

**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 23 — Takae Ohnishi.  
January 27 — Lytle Scholarship Concert.

**Copley Symphony Hall:** 750 B St., Downtown San Diego, 619-235-0804.  
January 18, January 19 — Brian Stokes Mitchell.

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January 17 — Clay Colton.  
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January 19 — Clay Colton.  
January 19 — Friends and Enablers.  
January 20 — Jerome Dawson.  
January 23 — Giant Peach Band.  
January 24 — Clay Colton.  
January 25 — Traxx.  
January 26 — Billy Watson.  
January 26 — Big.  
January 27 — Missy Andersen.  
January 31 — Clay Colton.

**Dirk's Niteclub:** 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.  
January 18, January 19 — Serious Guise.  
January 20 — Karaoke Contest.  
January 23 — Karaoke with Evan Lacy.  
January 25 — Get Groovin'.

January 26 — Sneaker Kings.  
January 27 — Karaoke Contest.  
January 30 — Karaoke with Evan Lacy.

**Dizzy's:** 4275 Mission Bay Drive (in the showroom at San Diego Jet Ski Rentals), Pacific Beach, 858-270-7467.  
January 17 — Reine Rimon, the Bonita Jazz Band, Rob Thorsen.  
January 19 — Jazz Stories From Hollywood.  
January 25 — Daniel Jackson.  
January 26 — Karen Marguth.  
January 27 — Vibraphone Summit: Tim McMahon, Anthony Smith, Pat Burke.

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

**El Cajon Grand:** 351 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-444-0949.  
January 19 — Just Like Priest.

**Eleven:** 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-450-4292.  
January 17 — Sam Eliot & the Market Club Gang.

January 19 — Roxy Jones, Hot Toddies, Bam!Bam!  
January 20 — Lady Parts and Jr. Juggernaut.  
January 25 — Shark Blood, the Last Years, Sculptins.

**Epicentre:** 8450 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.  
February 13 — Terror, H2O, Backtrack, Code Orange Kids.

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

**Gallagher's Pub & Grill:** 5046 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300.  
January 17 — Reggae Thursday.  
January 23s — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.  
January 24 — Reggae Thursday.  
January 26 — The Drinking Cowboy Band.  
January 30s — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.  
January 31 — Reggae Thursday.

**The Griffin:** 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-684-1816.  
January 17 — James Douglas Band and Sweet Beautiful Chaos.  
January 19 — Tumbleweed Wanderers.  
January 20 — Gemini Club and Social Club.  
January 21 — FM 94/9 Holiday Hootenanny.  
January 22 — Earphunk and Brothers Grow.  
January 23 — Tyler Bryant & the Shakedown.  
January 24 — Passafire, Seedless, Reeform.  
January 27 — Adam Green and Binki Shapiro.  
January 29 — Nightmare Air.  
January 31 — The Parlotones, the New Kinetics, Ironatom.

**Harrah's Rincon:** 777 Harrah's Rincon Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100.  
January 18 — Baytown Band.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-299-2583.  
January 18 — DSB (Journey tribute) and the Pettybreakers (Tom Petty tribute).  
January 19 — Marcel Woods.  
January 20 — theBREAX.  
January 25 — Quicksand and Title Fight.  
January 26 — Stranger.  
January 27 — Ben Folds Five and Nataly Dawn.  
January 29 — Jon Foreman

(Switchfoot), Christina Perri, Now Now, Noah Gunderson.  
January 31 — Pentatonix.

**Humphreys Backstage Music Club:** 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577.  
January 17 — Stelita.  
January 29 — Robin Henkel Band.

**The Kava Lounge:** 2812 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-543-0933.  
January 18 — Cannibal Ox, Double A.B., Kenyatta Black.  
January 22 — 8 Daze a Week Tour.

**The Kensington Club:** 4079 Adams Ave., Kensington, 619-284-2848.  
January 19 — Skavolutionary Orchestra, the Red Fox Tails, Euphoria Brass Band.

**Lestat's Coffee House:** 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.  
January 17 — MSP and Narcissist Radio.  
January 18 — Bushwalla, the Lovebirds, Tolan Shaw.  
January 19 — Eben Brooks and Hello the Future!  
January 20 — A City On a Lake and Barnaby Bright.  
January 21 — Ryan Cabrera, Teddy Geiger, Tyler Hilton.  
January 23 — Aiyana Cadwell and Grant Austin Taylor.

January 24 — Carlos Olmeda and Chad Taggart.  
January 25 — The Baja Bugs.  
January 26 — Jeffrey Joe, Joshua Taylor, Ralee Nikole.  
January 27 — Robin Henkel Band with Whitney Shay.  
January 28 — Open Mic with Chad Taggart.  
January 30 — Belvedere, Goodnight Texas, Midnight Pine.  
January 31 — Jann Klose.

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

**Molly Malone's:** 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.  
January 18 — Nemesis.  
January 25 — Stone the Giant.

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

**New Expression Music:** 4434 30th St., North Park, 619-280-9035.  
January 30 — Ukulele Workshop: Strummin' With Jumpin' Jim Beloff.

**Patrick's Gaslamp Pub:** 428 F St., Downtown San Diego, 619-233-3077.  
January 18 — Len Rainey & the Midnight Players.  
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**Pechanga Resort & Casino:**  
45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819.  
January 18, January 19 — Sharon Cuneta.

**Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier:** 1000 North Harbor Dr., Downtown San Diego.  
February 16, February 17 — Legends on the Bay 2013: Tribute to the Reggae Legends.

**Poway Center for the Performing Arts:** 15498 Espola Rd., Poway, 858-748-0505.  
January 18 — Clint Black.

**Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center:** 3925 Ohio St., North Park, 619-255-5147.  
January 17 — Rob Bondurant.  
January 24 — The Jim Ryan Project and Unpaved Highway.  
January 25 — Joey Diamond.

**Ramona Mainstage Nightclub:** 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.  
January 18 — Paul Di’Anno.  
January 19 — Michael Sweet of Stryper.

**Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room:** 7777 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-713-6777.  
January 22 — Supertasty.  
January 23 — Wednesday Jazz with Kice Simko & Friends.  
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**Robbie's Roadhouse:** 530 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-634-2365.  
January 30 — Cowboy Jack.

**The Rook Bar:** 7745 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-741-6677.  
January 19 — Underworld: Industrial, Elektro, Darkwave.

**Ruby Room:** 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.  
January 23 — Sundrop Electric and Without Papers.

January 26 — Nit Grit, Goldrush, Labels.  
January 27 — Amigo.

**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.”

**The Shakedown Bar:** 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-487-0373.  
January 18 — Oddball and the Natives.  
January 19 — Stealth By Starlight and Cantina Renegades.  
January 25 — Personal Conflict and Arab Spring Radar.  
January 26 — Idols Plague.

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

**Soda Bar:** 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.  
January 17 — Lexington Field, Ugly Boogie, the County Fair.  
January 18 — The Flowerthief and Kelsea Little.  
January 19 — Subsurfer, the Atomic Age, Grand Tarantula.  
January 20 — Glossary and Future You.  
January 21 — Barbarian, the Abigails, Idyll Wild.  
January 22 — Rob Solito, Keith Sweaty, Dream Buddies.  
January 23 — Wovenhand, Heart Beat Trail, Octa#grape.  
January 24 — Old Tiger, River City, the Midnight Pine.  
January 25 — Cuckoo Chaos and Incan Abraham.  
January 26 — Wax Tailor.  
January 27 — Ken Stringfellow, the Maldives, Rookie Card.

**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.  
January 19 — Of Mice & Men.  
January 24 — Action Item, Max Schneider, Before You Exit.  
January 25 — Nova Fest.

**Space 4 Art:** 325 15th St., East Village, 619-269-7230.

January 20 — Erik Deutsch Band.  
**The Stage Rock Bar & Grill:**  
762 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-696-9436.  
January 17 — Van Roth.  
January 18 — Disco Pimps.  
January 19 — Hair Rock Tribute.  
January 22 — Kahn Artest.  
January 23 — Mark Fisher and B3nder.  
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**Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre:** 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002.  
January 24 — Neal McCoy.

**Tin Can Ale House:** 1863 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-955-8525.  
January 17 — Mrs. Henry.  
January 18 — Joy, Harsh Toke, Primitive Noyes.  
January 19 — Idle Hands and Via Coma.  
January 21 — Daniel Crawford.  
January 22 — Aly Tadros.  
January 23 — Jerry Olea & the 805 Drifters and Takahashi.  
January 24 — Justin Rodriguez & the Brothers & Sisters.  
January 25 — Bangladesh, New Kinetics, Schitzophonics.  
January 26 — Secret Samurai and Zombie Surf Camp.

**Tio Leo's:** 5302 Napa St., Linda Vista, 619-542-1462.  
January 17 — Stoney B. Blues.  
January 18 — Detroit Underground.  
January 19 — Left4Dead.  
January 23 — Andre Thierry.  
January 24 — Mercedes Moore Band.  
January 25 — Joey Harris & the Mentals.  
January 26 — Serious Guise.  
January 31 — Nathan James & the Rhythm Scratchers.

**The Tower Bar:** 4757 University Ave., City Heights, 619-284-0158.  
January 18 — The Amalgamated and the Hashishans.  
January 19 — The Magnificent.  
January 25 — Civil War Rust.  
January 26 — The Neumans, DJ Tony the Tyger.

**Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House:** 835 West Harbor Dr., Downtown San Diego, 619-232-4855.  
January 19 — Teagan Taylor Trio.  
January 26 — Unidentified Fusion Orangement.

**V Lounge:** 5000 Willows Rd., Alpine, 619-445-5400.  
January 18 — FX5.  
January 19 — Makai.  
January 25 — Party Quake.  
January 26 — Caliber.

**Valley View Casino Center:**  
3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171.  
January 21 — Muse.

**Whistle Stop Bar:** 2236 Fern St., South Park, 619-284-6784.  
January 17 — Makeout Weird.  
January 18 — Fking in the Bushes.  
January 19 — 80s vs 90s.  
January 23 — Vinyl Snobs with Ikah Love & Sweetchuck.  
January 25 — Royal Fam Crew.  
January 26 — Booty Bassment.

**Winstons:** 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.  
January 18 — The Pink Floyd Experience.  
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January 23 — Open Mic with Jefferson Jay.  
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**Zel's Del Mar:** 1247 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-0076.  
January 26 — Robin Henkel.



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## ALLIED GARDENS

**Emilianos Mexican Restaurant:** *Monday-Friday, 2-6pm:* \$2 off flavored and Cadillac margaritas. \$2 off all appetizers.

## ALPINE

**Donato's Italian Restaurant:** *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* \$3 glass Bud Light, \$6 pitcher; \$3.50 house wine.

## BALBOA PARK

**The Prado:** *Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm, 8-10pm:* \$4.50 wells, wine, draft ale, margaritas, mixed drinks.

## BANKERS HILL

**Bertrand at Mister A's:** *Monday-Friday, 2:30-6pm:* \$5 wells, \$6 wine, \$13.50 cocktails, \$6 nonalcoholic drinks, \$7 appetizers. Bar or patio only. No Happy Hour in December.

## BAY PARK

**The High Dive:** *Monday-Wednesday, Friday, 3-6pm:* \$2 off Local San Diego Craft Beers. \$1 off House Wine by the Glass. *Thursday, 3-6pm:* \$2 off Local San Diego Craft Beers. \$1 off House Wine by the Glass..

**Offshore:** *Daily, 3-6pm:* \$2.50 domestics, \$3.50 micro & imports, san-

gria, wells, house wine, \$6 Millionaire Mojitos. Discounted appetizers.

## BONITA

**Villa Capri:** *Wednesday, 4-7pm:* Half-off bottles of wine.

## CARDIFF

**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.

## CARMEL MOUNTAIN

**Conway's Irish Pub:** *Daily, 10am-8pm:* \$2.75 domestic drafts and bottles; \$2.75 and \$3.75 wells.

## CARMEL VALLEY

**Twenty/20 Grill & Wine Bar:** *Daily, 4-6pm:* \$2 off drinks. 1/2-off seasonal spreads and pizzas. Excludes special events and promotional nights.

## CHULA VISTA

**Achiote Restaurant:** *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* \$1 beer, \$3.99 margaritas.

**Veni Vidi Vici:** *Monday-Friday, 5-7pm:* \$1 off all draft and well liquors. 1/2-price appetizers.

## CITY HEIGHTS

**Eleven:** *Daily, 5-8pm:* \$1 off local draughts and drinks.

**The Tower Bar:** *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* \$3 wells and import drafts.

## CLAIREMONT

**Blarney Stone Pub:** *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* \$.50 off all drinks.

## COLLEGE AREA

**Casa Machado:** *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* \$2.50 and \$3.50 drafts. \$3.50 wells, margaritas. Free chips & salsa.

## CORONADO

**Bistro d'Asia:** *Daily, 3-6pm:* \$3 beer, \$3.50 Gekkeikan sake, \$4 wells, wine, \$5 sake-tini. Sushi specials. \$5 chicken sliders, vegetable spring rolls, wings.

**Yummy Sushi:** *Monday-Friday, 3-6pm:* \$3 pints, \$4 large hot sake. 20-50% off appetizers.

## DEL MAR

**Brigantine:** *Daily, 4-6pm:* \$4 Brig brew, \$4.75 margarita, \$5.50 chardonnay, \$1 off featured wine. Discounted fish tacos.

**Zel's Del Mar:** *Daily, 4-6:30pm:* \$1 off drafts & premium drinks, \$2 off wines by glass, \$3.50 wells. \$4 fried calamari, \$5 fish tacos, \$10 burger & beer.

## DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

**House of Blues:** *Daily, 4-7pm:* \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wines, \$3 wells, \$4 martinis. Killer happy hour menu.

**Patrick's Gaslamp Pub:** *Daily, 10am-8pm; 11pm-close:* domestics from \$2.50, wells from \$3.25.

**The Stage Rock Bar & Grill:** *Daily, 5-8pm:* 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

**Yard House:** *Monday-Wednesday, 3-6pm & 10pm-close:* \$3.50 domestic pints; \$6.25 martinis. 1/2-off select pizza, appetizers, and more. *Thursday-Friday, 3-6pm:* \$3.50 domestic pints; \$6.25 martinis. 1/2-off select pizza, appetizers, and more. *Sunday, 10pm-close:* \$3.50 domestic pints; \$6.25 martinis. 1/2-off select pizza, appetizers, and more.

## EAST VILLAGE

**Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar:** *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* \$4 keg beers; \$5 liquor, house wine. Free pizza samples.

**Monkey Paw:** *Daily, 5-8pm:* \$1 off local draughts and drinks.

## EASTLAKE

**Chili's:** *Monday-Friday, Sunday, 3pm-close:* \$1 off drafts, discounted margaritas. Discounted nachos, fried cheese.

## EL CAJON

**Main Tap Tavern:** *Monday-Friday, 3-7pm:* \$1 off 16-oz. pints, \$2 off pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

## ENCINITAS

**3rd Comer Wine Shop & Bistro:** *Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm:* Local draft beer, \$3. House wine, \$4. Sangria, \$4/glass and \$14/carafe. Well drinks, \$5. 10pm-1am: \$10 food specials. *Saturday-Sunday, 10pm-1am:* \$10 food specials.

**Union Kitchen & Tap:** *Monday-Friday, 3-6pm:* \$2 off craft cocktails; \$4 drafts, \$6 select wine glasses. \$9 flatbreads.

## ESCONDIDO

**Brigantine:** *Monday, 11:30am-close:* \$6 vodka cosmo, merlot, chardonnay. *Saturday, 11:30am-7pm:* \$6 vodka cosmo, merlot, chardonnay. *Sunday, 3:30-7pm:* \$6 vodka cosmo, merlot, chardonnay.

**Vinz Wine Bar & Tasting Room:** *Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm:* \$6 wine, tapas, premium and eclectic beer; \$4.50 wells. *Saturday, noon-5pm:* \$6 wine, tapas, premium and eclectic beer; \$4.50 wells.

## FALLBROOK

**Aqua Terra:** *Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm:* \$3 domestic, \$9 pitcher; \$4 imported, \$12 pitcher; 1/2-off sushi rolls (no sushi on Monday).

## GOLDEN HILL

**Turf Supper Club:** *Friday-Sunday, noon-4pm:* \$1 off beer/wine/spirits. \$5 burger, chicken sandwich, hot links + chips.

## GRANTVILLE

**Camel's Breath Inn:** *Monday-Friday, 5-7pm:* Discounted drinks.

11pm-1am: Discounted drinks, hot wings, lumpia.

**Tio Leo's:** *Monday-Friday, 3-7pm:* \$3 domestic & Mexican pints; \$4 house margaritas, wells; \$5 quesadillas, hot dogs, tacos.

## HARBOR ISLAND

**The Boathouse:** *Daily, 2:30-5pm:* \$1.99 margaritas, \$3 Cuervo margaritas and Karl Strauss, \$4 mojitos.

**C-Level:** *Monday-Friday, 3:30-5:30pm:* \$4 brews, \$5 specialty drinks.

## HILLCREST

**Busalacchi's A Modo Mio:** *Monday, 4pm-6:30pm.* 1/2 off Wine Bottles. *Tuesday, 4pm-6:30pm.* *Wednesday, 4pm-6:30pm.* All martinis 1/2 off. Live Music. *Thursday-Friday, 4pm-6:30pm.* Live Music. *Saturday, Brunch 9am-2pm;* \$2 Mimosas. Live Music. 4pm-6:30pm. *Sunday, Brunch 9am-2pm;* \$2 Mimosas. 4pm-6:30pm.

**Wine Steals:** *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* \$4 for 8 different glasses of wine. \$2 select pizza slices. *Saturday, 4-6pm:* \$10 wine tasting of 10 wines. *Sunday, 11am-run out:* 1/2-off red & white wine flights, \$10 for 6 half glasses wine.

## IMPERIAL BEACH

**The Salty Frog:** *Tuesday, 6-10pm:* "Toss it Tuesday" — each drink has 50/50 chance of costing a quarter. *Thursday-Saturday, 9pm-close:* \$5 Jäger bombs and Fireball shots. *Sunday, 1-9pm:* \$4 bloody mary bar; \$3 Smirnoff flavors.

## KEARNY MESA

**94th Aero Squadron:** *Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm:* \$2.75 glass wine, draft beer; \$3.25 most domestic bottled beer; \$3.50 margaritas. Free buffet: pizza, quesadillas, veggies.

## KENSINGTON

**Clem's Tap House:** *Monday-Friday, 4-6pm:* \$2 off all beer and wine flights.

**Til-Two:** *Daily, 4-7pm:* \$3 wells and imported drafts.

## LA JOLLA

**Aloha Sushi Hawaiian Grille:** *Daily, 4-6:30pm:* \$2.50 small sake, \$4 large sake, \$1.95 select hand rolls, \$3 cucumber roll, \$3.50 California, spicy tuna, veggie roll.

**Barbarella:** *Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm:* \$4 drafts (Stella Artois, Hefeweizen, Trumer Pils), bottles (Corona, Newcastle, Moretti), wells, select wines

by the glass, \$7 Barbarella martinis. 1/2-off appetizers.

**La Jolla Brew House:** *Friday-Saturday, 10pm-1am:* \$2 Off Pints; \$3 Wells & Wines; Buy Any Pizza Get One Free.

**Su Casa:** *Monday-Friday, 5-7pm:* 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

**Sushi on the Rock:** *Daily, 5-6:30pm:* \$2 sake, Coors Light; \$3 sake; \$4 Soju spritz; \$5 house wine. \$1.75 vegetarian roll, \$2.75 spicy tuna roll, \$4 potstickers.

**Whisknadle:** *Daily, 5-7pm:* 25% off all bottles of wine; \$20 pitcher of sangria. 5pm-close: \$3.50 Catalan shrimp, marinated olives, salted almonds.

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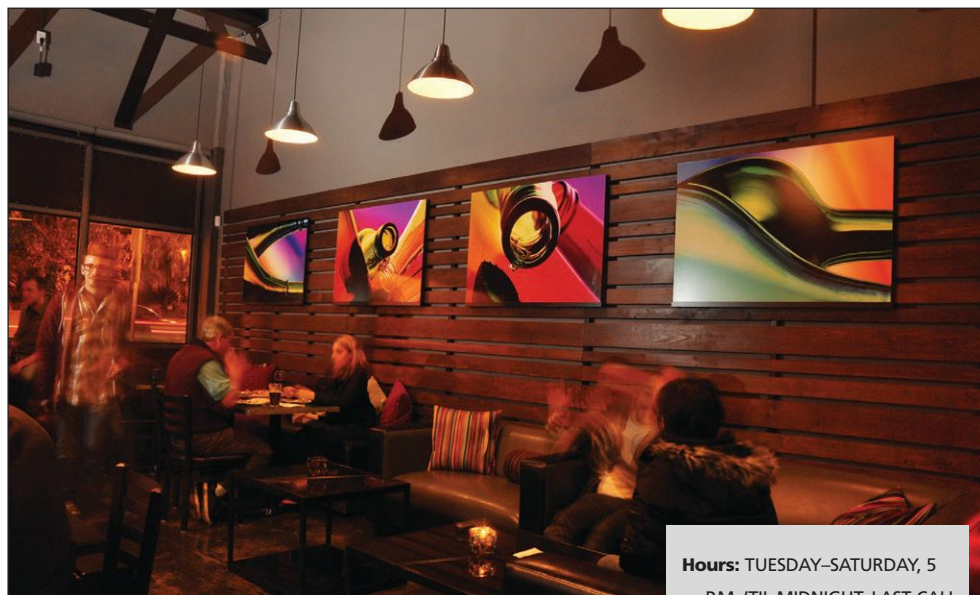
The lounge invites you to choose from about 20 rotating taps, bottled-brew six-packs (\$1.75 to \$7.99 each), sake, wine, soju, agave wine, and local, organic appetizers (including some of the best homemade kimchi I've ever had at \$2 a plate) to enjoy in their polished living-room atmosphere, but it's the Back Room that sets 98 Bottles apart from other shops in the area.

"My business partners are from the theater world," says co-owner Chris Hjerling. "They used to perform on Broadway. Back in the day, lots of clubs had live-music places behind their bar. We wanted a big back-room space where there is something always going on."

Perhaps ample spectacle space is only to be expected from a trio of owners including the former owners of the Cygnet Theatre in Old Town and Hjerling, whose eclectic history most recently saw him managing the traveling cadaver anatomy exhibit, *Bodies*, in Hawaii.

The Back Room's lineup includes regular installments of Painting and Vino — an art class paired with wine — trivia, CD-release parties, fashion shows, private events, and jazz nights, many formerly presented by the renowned Dizzy's (check out Robert Bush's Jam Session blog reviews for more).

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Anticipating the arrival of three new bars down Kettner, Hjerling says, "It's such an art-and-design district. It's definitely the burgeoning area of San Diego."

—Chad Deal

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**The Amigo Spot at Kings Inn:** *Daily*, 4-7pm: Margaritas.

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**Bar Pink:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$1 off drafts and calls.

**Imig's Kitchen and Bar:** *Monday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2 off wines by the glass; \$3 beers; \$4 well cocktails. 5-9pm: \$5 burger and a draft beer. *Tuesday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2 off wines by the glass; \$3 beers; \$4 well cocktails. 5-9pm: 1/2 off bottles of wine. *Wednesday-Thursday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2 off wines by the glass;

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## POWAY

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## RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS

**Deli Stop Sports Pub:** *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all beer; \$3 Corona or glass of wine. \$1 off all appetizers.

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**Press Box Sports Lounge:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Half-off appetizers, \$1 off drafts, house wine, and wells.

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## SAN MARCOS

**Back Alley Grill:** *Tuesday-Saturday*, 11am-9pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$4.50 imports and house wines. \$1 Taco Tuesday, 50¢-a-Wing Wednesday, \$1 off pitchers Thirsty Thursday.

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## SOUTH PARK

**Hamilton's Tavern:** *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.

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## UCSD

**Porter's Pub at UCSD:** *Daily*, 11am-7pm \$3 Menu; 4pm-7pm \$1 off all beer.

## UNIVERSITY CITY

**Apollonia Greek Bistro:** *Daily*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 ouzo apéritif, \$2 bottled beers, \$3 wine by the glass.

## UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

**Small Bar:** *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local draughts and drinks.

## VISTA

**Jumping Bean Cafe & Mexicali Grill:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic, imports, \$2.75 margaritas, \$3 wells, microbrews, \$4 Leaping Horse wine. 3-5pm: \$1.50 chicken or carnitas street tacos.

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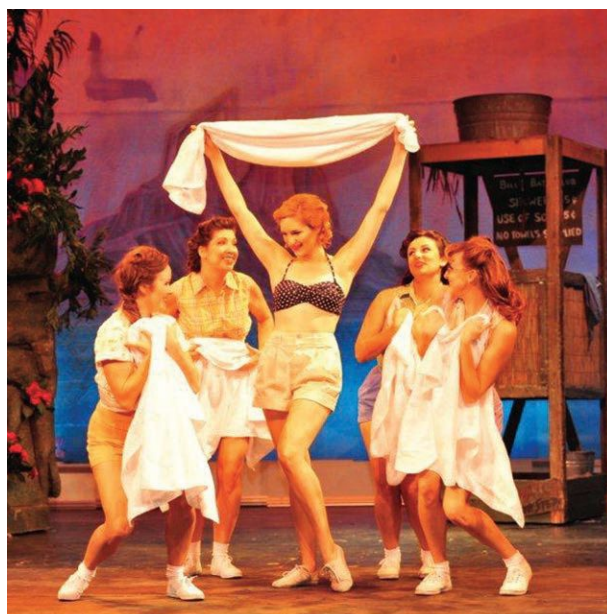
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# Gangster goulash

Judging by the dewy exhalation that sighed forth from at least half the audience in attendance at the prerelease screening, it may be that the opportunity to put sensitive, handsome Ryan Gosling in a suit and fedora was reason enough to make *Gangster Squad*. (Poor Emma Stone; it's hard to play a gorgeous gun moll when your costar is just as pretty as you are.) Then again, judging from the gasps and winces that came later in the screening, it may have

been the opportunity to bring Herschell Gordon Lewis—levels of gore to the gangster genre: people getting ripped in half by cars, hands snapped off by elevators, bits of brain matter floating in a pool beside a corpse.

Judging by the more pedestrian indicators of story and dialogue, however, the point here is that *The War Is Over, But The Battle Goes On*. Our boys have traded their Army uniforms for police badges, but things prove trickier on the homefront. Corruption abounds, thanks to ruthless gangster Mickey Cohen (a glowering, guttural Sean Penn). A good man — in this case, a slab of decency played by Josh Brolin — may find himself stymied at every turn. That is, until the chief of police (bearish Nick Nolte) tells him to assemble a guerrilla strike force and go to town, using the rationale that the rise of organized crime in Los Angeles “isn't a crime wave, it's enemy occupation.”

With the help of his magnificent, pregnant wife, Brolin assembles his team: an honest black, a rookie Hispanic, a brilliant techie, a weathered cowboy, and the reluctant bad

boy Gosling, whose sense of justice is finally roused by the suffering of innocents. The story that follows is not so much hardboiled as boilerplate, from the botched initial efforts to the completely preposterous ending.

As for the rest of it, *Gangster Squad* is a casserole concocted from leftovers. Sean Penn's vicious crime boss owes much to Robert DeNiro's Al Capone in *The Untouchables*, just

as Josh Brolin's honest, wooden cop owes much to Kevin Costner's Eliot

Ness. Gangsters get pushed off Mulholland Drive by under-the-radar cops, just like in *Mulholland Falls*. There's a bit with a bug that's taken straight out of *Dick Tracy*. Sprinkle the whole with bits of soul-searching dialogue (and even voiceover) about what makes cops different from criminals, reheat, and serve. Anyone hoping for dramatic meat to chew on is likely to go home hungry.

Even so, there are some quality ingredients in the mix. Los Angeles circa 1949 looks eye-poppingly great. Robert Patrick's turn as a Wild West lawman who still carries a six-shooter was enough to make me wish for a Western revival. Plus, you know — *sigh* — Ryan Gosling, mowing down bad guys while holding a machine gun backwards and over his head.

— Matthew Lickona

## READING CINEMAS' 40-FOOT-FILM SERIES GOES DCP

'Twas shipping fees that killed the MoPA film series. With round-trip fees running as high as \$150 per title (the 182-minute version of *El Cid* was a budget-crippler), the cost to deliver



**Gangster Squad — not so much hardboiled as boilerplate**

the print was almost as much as it was to license it.

My boss encouraged me to start booking my series on DVD instead of screening 35mm or 16mm reel-to-reel prints. My argument was simple: when you hang Xerox copies of Weegee in the gallery, I'll project Sam Fuller on DVD.

“It's not the same,” the director cried.

He was right. It's not the same. I eventually succumbed to projecting films on DVD and damn if I didn't apologize to the audience every time. It sickened me.

Regular readers know how much I appreciate what Reading Cinemas has done to help elevate San Diego's cinematic profile. They have exhibited an extraordinary number of films that would otherwise have skipped town. The big Gaslamp and the Grossmont numbers 1 and 10 all earned a spot on my Ten Best Places to See a Movie list. Clairemont's Town Square, the

friendliest place in town to catch a movie, also made the cut.

You'll probably have noticed that with all the space this blog devotes to Reading Cinemas, we have never once written a piece about their 40-Foot-Film Series. Why? Because up until now, all of the classic titles they have shown were projected on DVD. I cannot in good conscience tell people to spend even \$5 to watch what basically amounts to big television.

That brings us to Jennifer Deering, manager of Reading Cinemas Town Square.

Several months ago I put her in contact with young master Danny Baldwin. He passed on a list of titles available in the far superior Digital Cinema Projection (DCP) format.

Jennifer listened.

Last night, as I do every time I visit the Town Square, I arrived early, hoping to spend some quality time with Ms. Deering. While leaning up against the box office, Starbucks cups in hand,

she informed me that from now on, they will do their best to shift from DVD to DCP.

For the next two months, Reading Cinemas Gaslamp and Town Square theaters will host A Salute to the Oscars! The festival features 16 films that all took home the Academy Award for best picture.

## Gaslamp theaters, 701 Fifth Avenue:

Saturday and Tuesday nights at 7 p.m.  
1/5 and 1/8: *Unforgiven* (1992)  
1/12 and 1/15: *High Noon* (1952)  
1/19 and 1/22: *Around the World in 80 Days* (1956)  
1/26 and 1/29: *Dances with Wolves* (1990)  
2/2 and 2/5: *The French Connection* (1971)  
2/9 and 2/12: *Roman Holiday* (1953)  
2/16 and 2/19: *The Deer Hunter* (1978)  
2/23 and 2/26: *Gandhi* (1982)

## Town Square theaters, 4665 Clairemont Drive:

Mondays and Thursdays at 7 p.m., with a noon matinee on Thursdays.  
1/7 and 1/10: *Cabaret* (1972)  
1/14 and 1/17: *Tootsie* (1982)  
1/21 and 1/24: *Lawrence of Arabia* (1962)  
1/28 and 1/31: *My Fair Lady* (1964)  
2/4 and 2/7: *Chicago* (2002)  
2/11 and 2/14: *Breakfast at Tiffany's* (1961)  
2/18 and 2/21: *The Greatest Show on Earth* (1952)  
2/25 and 2/28: *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1962)

Fine print: Schedule subject to change. For the purists in the crowd, it's best to call the theaters ahead of time to check on the format.

— Scott Marks

## FILM FESTIVALS

### CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA LIBRARY

2081 Newcastle Ave., Cardiff  
760-753-4027

**Teen Movie and Munchies** Snacks and fun at the library with a feature film on the big screen. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cardiff Library. 760-753-4027. **Saturday, January 12, 12:00pm**

**Dinner and a Movie** Bring your own dinner and enjoy a screening of *The Big Chill*. Presented by the Friends of the Cardiff Library. 760-635-1000. **Wednesday, January 16, 6:00pm**

### CO-MERGE

330 A St., Downtown San Diego  
619-255-9040

**Lunafest** Film festival highlights women as leaders in society, illustrated through nine short films by female filmmakers. The films range from animation to fictional drama, and cover topics such as women's health, motherhood, body image, aging, cultural diversity and breaking barriers. Food and cocktails will be served. **Thursday, January 10, 6:00pm**

### ENCINITAS LIBRARY

540 Cornish Dr., Encinitas  
760-753-7376



**Timothy Green** A couple buries a box in their backyard with all of their wishes for an infant. A child is born, though Timothy Green is not all that he appears. (PG) 125 minutes. 760-753-7376. **Tuesday, January 15, 4:00pm**

**The Bourne Legacy** This film is the latest in the *Bourne* series. It introduces a new

hero whose stakes have been triggered by the events of the previous three films. (PG-13) 135 minutes. 760-753-7376. **Tuesday, January 29, 4:00pm**

### THE GRAUER SCHOOL

1500 South El Camino Real, Encinitas  
760-944-6777

### Documentary: Miss Representation

Film screening and post-film discussion of the 90-minute film written and directed by Jennifer Siebel Newsom. The film, which premiered at the 2011 Sundance Film Festival, reveals how all forms of media contribute to the under-representation of women in American leadership positions and an over-emphasis on youth and beauty. Sallygrauer@grauerschool.com or 760-944-6777. **Thursday, January 17, 6:00pm**

### MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park  
619-238-7559

**Nessuno mi può giudicare (Escort in Love)** Directed by Massimiliano Bruno, this

2011 film stars Paola Cortellesi as a housewife and a mother to nine-year-old Filippo (Giovanni Bruno) enjoying a luxurious home and lifestyle in a posh part of Rome until her husband dies in a car accident. Includes “over-the-top comedy, romantic sentimentality and just a dash of social commentary.” **Friday, January 18, 7:00pm**

### SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

820 E St., East Village  
619-236-5800

**Film Movement: Hospitalité** Mikio Kobayashi lives quietly with his wife, daughter, and divorced sister in downtown Tokyo. One day Kagawa appears, claiming to be the son of a financier who once helped Kobayashi's company. In return for his family's past help, Kagawa requests to move in, and Kobayashi's quiet lifestyle is quickly forgotten when Kagawa invites his wife and a myriad of eclectic and foreign visitors to join him in the cramped apartment. **Saturday, January 26, 12:00pm**



DEPARTMENT OF SUPERCUTS  
WE'D LIKE TO SEE

In a more perfect world, supercuts would find their way into the screen-writing collective unconscious, so that clichés such as “We’ve got company!” and “No time to explain!” and, perhaps most importantly, “You just don’t get it, do you?” would disappear from film forever. (Did anybody else wince when *Skyfall* actually made Dame Judi Dench rasp out a version of that last one?)

Watching the trailer for *Gangster Squad* yesterday, it struck me that I’ve heard variations on the bad-guy staple “You will beg for death before I am finished” once too often. (In Penn’s case, it’s “You’re going to be begging for a bullet before it’s over.”) It’s a terrifying thought, sure — suffering so intense that death seems a welcome relief. But, as every preacher knows, even the threat of eternal hellfire loses some of its punch if you bust it out too often.

Anyway, it’d be fun to see a supercut of villains delivering that line. And, who knows, it might even do some good.

— Matthew Lickona

AFTERIMAGE: LINCOLN —  
WHY THAT ENDING?

The other day, Samuel L. Jackson expressed a thought that I suspect has been rattling around in a lot of heads: why didn’t *Lincoln* end after his butler handed him his hat and he set off for the theater following the passage of the 13th amendment?

It was a perfect ending in some respects: his victory achieved, Lincoln tells his cabinet, “It seems I must go, though I would rather stay,” which makes a fine allusion to his impending assassination. He receives his hat from his black butler, who gazes admiringly after him as he recedes from sight — he is passing into history, admired and revered by those Americans he helped to free from bondage.

True, the war is not yet over, but that part was Grant’s job. Lincoln was a politician, and his political objective had been achieved. The story of the amendment’s passage was the central story of the film, and it was over.

So what was director Steven Spielberg up to, dragging the film out the way he did?

Well, consider what happens next. Lincoln meets with the Southern delegation that he waylaid outside of Washington so that his amendment would get through before a peace offer could be made. The South realizes that it cannot stop the amendment, so they do not offer peace.

The war continues. Lincoln visits a battlefield and gazes upon the vast array of corpses. Lincoln visits Grant, who notices that the President looks deeply shaken. Lincoln grants the point. Then the war ends, then we get a happy interlude with Lincoln and Mrs. Lincoln. Only then do we get the assassination and the fade to the second Inaugural.

Here’s my take: the turning point of the film, it’s dramatic highlight, comes when Lincoln changes his mind about the telegram being sent to the men bringing the Southern delegation and its offer of peace to Washington. Initially, he asks that they be brought to the city. Once there, they will offer their terms, and it is likely that the war will end. And if the war ends, we are told, the amendment is not likely to pass in the aftermath.

Lincoln discusses first principles with the telegram operators, ponders his place in history, and makes a fateful decision. He changes the telegram, and instructs the men to keep the Southern delegation outside the city until further notice. This becomes a crucial step in getting the amendment passed, because he is able to tell his opponents that there is no Southern delegation in Washington prior to the historic vote. Lincoln gets his win because he changed the telegram.

But you know what else happens because he changed the telegram? The war goes on longer than it would have if the Southerners had been allowed to come to Washington and make their peace offer. That battlefield Lincoln visits would never have received its rain of American blood. Lincoln prolonged the war to get slavery abolished, and men died because of his decision. That’s the real story of Lincoln. That’s why the film cannot

end until we see that Lincoln sees the consequences of his decision.

“But wait!” you say. “Surely the voting scene on the amendment was the dramatic high point of *Lincoln*?” I don’t think Spielberg thinks so, and I think he lets us know — quietly but certainly. Throughout the film, Lincoln discusses two things: the amendment and how to get votes for it, and preserving the lives of soldiers (his son foremost among them). But at the final hour, with two votes still to go, do we see the masterstroke moment of genius that allows the president to get those precious votes? No. We just see him demand that his people get those votes. And lo and behold, the next day, he gets them. It’s a dramatic cheat — unless getting those votes isn’t the point. Unless the point is what comes after: the death of American soldiers because Lincoln prolonged the war.

In the very final scene, what part of the second Inaugural does Spielberg give us? This: “Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman’s 250 years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said 3000 years ago, so still it must be said ‘the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.’” Lincoln is here expressing his willingness to prolong the war and shed additional blood in order to free the slaves. Though in the end, it is his judgment, not the Lord’s, that he is asking us to affirm as true and righteous.

— Matthew Lickona

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**MOVIE LISTINGS**

All reviews are by David Elliott, Matthew Lickona, John Rubio, Scott Marks, and Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release, and by rating are available online at [SanDiegoReader.com](http://SanDiegoReader.com).

**Amour** — So far, Michael Haneke has specialized in focusing his clinician’s eye on tests of morality that arise during life’s deeply unsettling transgressive moments. A film about losing one’s spouse to the destructive effects of a stroke seemed to be a logical progression. Selecting French acting legends Jean-Louis Trintignant and Emmanuelle Riva to star as the 80-something couple makes it all the more bittersweet; Haneke also bids adieu to what Francois Truffaut once called, “A Certain Tendency of the French Cinema.” Don’t expect a sentimental send-off: when it comes to caring for Riva, the ferociously cognizant Trintignant does it his way, and that includes keeping his wife’s pride intact by prohibiting their daughter (Isabelle Huppert) from seeing Mom in a state of decay. The castmembers aren’t the only ones to add color to the proceedings. Kudos to the director and cinematographer Darius

Khondji for not adhering to form by casting sorrowful shades of gray as far as the eye can see. Haneke is as cold and unsympathetic as they get, a personality trait that in this case helps to make the subject matter go down easier. It’s a tough film, but sometimes one has to work a little for their art. Rise to the occasion. 2012. — S.M.

★★★★

**Anna Karenina** — Admittedly, yours truly is not the most informed critical voice to heed when it comes to assessing stodgy British costume dramas. (I tend to side with Francois Truffaut, who once referred to “British cinema” as an oxymoron.) Still, soon after the bits of choreographed slapstick at the film’s opening, it became clear that when it comes to literary adaptations, Joe Wright should have stopped with *Pride and Prejudice*. Wright and screenwriter Tom Stoppard attempt to set the drama entirely on stage (though the conceit is all but dropped halfway through), and their use of theatrical gimmickry dwarfs the story’s epic sweep, reducing it to an even bigger soap opera than the one Tolstoy imagined. The decorative bridging sequences are infinitely more engaging than the standard close-up, reverse angle coverage Wright employs in the stunted dialogue scenes. With Keira Knightly, Jude Law, Kelly Macdonald, and the insufferable Aaron Taylor-Johnson, whose posturing and vacant beauty perfectly suits this arid adaptation. 2012. — S.M.

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MOVIES

**Django Unchained** — Quentin Taran-tino 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 *Inglorious 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 conniv-ingly 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 cowsls.) 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 miscegena-tion 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. ★★

**Gangster Squad** — Reviewed this issue. — M.L. ●

**Generation P** — A post-Soviet Russian poet (Vladimir Epifantsev) discovers his own uselessness to a generation that chooses Pepsi and takes a job at a kiosk, selling condoms and cigarettes to the newly capitalist masses. It isn’t long before the world of buyable crap gets to him and he’s reading his customers’ hands to deter-mine just how much he can short-change them. Naturally, he winds up an ad man. But because this is Russia, his best work is also his most cheerfully nihilistic. The film never pauses to congratulate itself on its bleak, black humor but plunges steadily deeper into the machinery of manipula-tion — politicians are products, too, after all, and nations are just brands. And all the while, our hero gradually ascends his own personal Tower of Babel, there to bed the goddess Ishtar and unravel the terrible mystery at the heart of life. Director Vic-tor Ginsburg works hard with what he’s got to produce a wild ride of a film — the intellectual equivalent of courting death in order to feel more alive. 2011. — M.L. ★★★

**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 justifica-tion 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 busi-ness 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. ★

**The Hobbit: An Unexpected Jour-ney** — More of the same from director Peter Jackson, here pulling a proper Lucas and giving us the first installment of a pre-quel 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 phys-ics, and weepy-eyed alpha males. With Ian McKellan, Hugo Weaving. 2012. — M.L. ★

**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 somnambulistic 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 your-self in another theater, anything but this. With Olivia Williams, Elizabeth Marvel, and Elizabeth Wilson. 2012. — S.M. ●

**The Intouchables** — Francois Cluzet’s resemblance to Dustin Hoffman contin-ues, so does his subtle talent. As a rich, French quadriplegic, he is all sharp, suave nuances as a cocky new caregiver (Omar Sy) injects his limited existence with fun and warmth. Sy overplays dude-ness, but the two are amusing and touching together, and the story is not too sappy. There is a priceless moustache joke near the end. 2012. — D.E. ★★

**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,

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

*Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.*

CENTRAL

**Museum of Photographic Arts**

**Combat Girls (Kriegerin)** (Not Rated) Sat 6:30p.m.; **Cracks In The Shell (Die Unsichtbare)** (Not Rated) Sun 7:00p.m.; **German Film Festival:** (Not Rated) Sun 1:30p.m.; **Home for the Weekend (Was bleibt)** (Not Rated) Sun 4:00p.m.

**San Diego Natural History Museum**

**Flying Monsters 3D** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 11:00, 2:00; **Ocean Oasis** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 12:00p.m.; **Such is the Real Nature of Horses** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 4:00p.m.; **The Last Reef 3D: Cities Beneath the Sea** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 1:00, 3:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

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**Anna Karenina** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:25) 4:45; **Django Unchained** (R) Fri-Sat (11:55, 3:20) 7:05, 10:25 Sun (11:55, 3:20) 7:05; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri-Sat (10:35, 1:00) 5:35, 8:00, 10:30 Sun (10:35, 1:00) 5:35, 8:00; **Jack Reacher** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:40, 1:20) 4:15, 7:15, 9:55 Sun (10:40, 1:20) 4:15, 7:15; **Les Miserables** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:00, 2:30) 7:00, 10:15 Sun (11:00, 2:30) 7:00; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:05, 1:05) 4:05, 7:10, 10:10 Sun (10:05, 1:05) 4:05, 7:10; **Parental Guidance** (PG) Fri-Sat (10:00, 12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:30, 10:00 Sun (10:00, 12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:30; **Promised Land** (R) Fri-Sat (10:20, 12:40, 3:05) 5:30, 8:05, 10:35 Sun (10:20, 12:40, 3:05) 5:30, 8:05; **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:45a.m.); **Texas Chainsaw** (R) Fri-Sat (1:15, 3:35) 5:50, 7:55, 10:05 Sun (1:15, 3:35) 5:50, 7:55; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:50, 3:30) 7:00, 10:20 Sun (11:50, 3:30) 7:00; **The Impossible** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:25, 12:55, 3:25) 6:00, 8:25, 10:45 Sun (10:25, 12:55, 3:25) 6:00, 8:25; **This Is 40** (R) Fri-Sat 7:25, 10:40 Sun 7:25p.m.; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri-Sat (10:55, 3:55) 7:05, 10:15 Sun (10:55, 3:55) 7:05

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**Reading Town Square**

4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722) **Django Unchained** (R) Fri-Sun (11:45, 3:20) 7:10, 10:30; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri-Sun (10:35, 11:35, 1:15, 2:15) 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40; **Jack Reacher** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:40) 4:35, 7:25, 10:15; **Les Miserables** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:50, 3:25) 7:00, 10:20; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:15, 2:25) 5:45, 9:20; **Not Fade Away** (R) Fri-Sun (10:30a.m.); **Parental Guidance** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:10, 1:50) 4:25, 7:05, 9:35; **Promised Land** (R) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:30) 4:30, 7:20, 9:45; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:55) 4:50, 7:30, 10:25; **Texas Chainsaw** (R) Fri-Sun (1:00, 3:15) 9:45; **Texas Chainsaw 3D** (R) Fri-Sun 5:30, 7:40; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:50, 2:20); **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 5:55, 9:25; **The Impossible** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:20, 2:00) 4:55, 7:45, 10:20; **This Is 40** (R) Fri-Sun (10:40, 1:45) 4:45, 7:35, 10:30; **Tootsie** (PG) Fri-Sun; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri-Sun (12:10, 3:30) 7:15, 10:35

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LA JOLLA

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8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386) Call theater for program information.

**Landmark La Jolla Village**

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236 **Amour** (PG-13) Fri, Mon-Thu: (1:15), (4:10), 7:00, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (10:30), 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; **Les Misérables** (PG-13) Fri, Mon-Thu: (1:20), (4:40), 8:00, Sat & Sun: (10:00), 1:20, 4:40, 8:00; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri, Mon-Thu: (1:00), (4:30), 8:15; **Hitchcock** (PG-13) Fri, Mon-Thu: (4:20), 9:30, Sat & Sun: (10:45), 4:20, 9:30; **The Ses-sions** (R) Fri, Mon-Thu: (1:40), 7:10, Discount Shows at Landmark's La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “( )”

MIRA MESA

**Regal Mira Mesa**

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

MISSION VALLEY

**AMC Fashion Valley**

7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386) Call theater for program information.

**AMC Mission Valley**

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386) Call theater for program information.

**Ultrastar Mission Valley Hazard**

**Center**

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) **Sellebrity** (Not Rated) Fri 8:00p.m. Sun (1:00p.m.); **Django Unchained** (R) Fri-Sat (11:00, 3:00) 7:00, 10:30 Sun (11:00, 3:00) 7:00; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri-Sat (10:30, 1:15) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15 Sun (10:30, 1:15) 4:30, 7:30; **Les Miserables** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:00, 1:30) 5:00, 8:30; **Life of Pi** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:00, 4:00); **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) Fri-Sat (1:00p.m.) Sun (1:00) 7:00; **Naayak** (Not Rated) Fri 9:00p.m. Sat 8:30p.m.; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:15, 2:00) 6:00, 9:45 Sun (10:15, 2:00) 6:00; **This Is 40** (R) Fri (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 10:45 Sat (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:45 Sun 4:45, 7:45; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri-Sat (12:00, 3:30) 7:15, 10:45 Sun (12:00, 3:30) 7:15

UPTOWN

**Landmark Hillcrest**

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) **The Impossible** (PG-13) Fri, Mon-Thu: (1:45), (4:25), 7:10, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (11:05), 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50; **Hitchcock** (PG-13) Fri, Mon-Thu: (2:20), (5:00), 7:35\*, 9:55, Sat & Sun: (11:25), 2:20, 5:00, 7:35, 9:55, \* No 7:00 PM Show Monday, 01/14/13, **Hyde Park On Hudson** (R) Fri, Mon-Thu: (2:10), (4:40), 7:25, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (11:15), 2:10, 4:40, 7:25, 9:45; **Anna Karenina** (R) Fri, Mon, Tue & Thu: (1:30), (4:50), 7:45, Sat & Sun: (10:45), 1:30, 4:50, 7:45, Wed: (1:25), (4:10); **Rust And Bone** (R) Fri, Mon-Thu: (1:30), (4:15), 7:00\*\*/\*\*\*\*, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (10:45), 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40, \*\* No 7:00 PM Show Tuesday, 01/15/13, \*\*\*\* No 7:00 PM Show Thursday, 01/17/13, Discount Shows at Landmark's Hill-crest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “( )”; **The Rabbi's Cat** (NR) Opens Friday, January 18

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center** 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) **Flight of the Butterflies** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 7:00; **Tales of the Maya Skies** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 3:00, 6:00; **To The Arctic IMAX** (G) Fri 1:00, 5:00 Sat-Sun 11:00, 1:00, 5:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

**Regal Parkway Plaza**

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information.

LA MESA

**Reading Grossmont**

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)

**Django Unchained** (R) Fri-Sun (11:50, 3:25) 7:05, 10:30; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri-Sun (11:35, 2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:15; **A Haunted House** (R) Fri-Sun (11:20, 1:30, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00, 10:10; **Jack Reacher** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:50) 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; **Les Miserables** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:55, 3:35) 7:15, 10:40; **Parental Guidance** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:50, 1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:20, 10:45; **Texas Chainsaw** (R) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:05) 5:30; **Texas Chain-saw 3D** (R) Fri-Sun (3:15) 7:45, 10:00; **The Guilt Trip** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45a.m.); **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:40, 3:20) 7:10; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:35p.m.; **This Is 40** (R) Fri-Sun (12:55) 10:20; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri-Sun (11:15, 2:40, 3:45) 6:00, 7:00, 9:25

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

**Regal Rancho San Diego**

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264) **Django Unchained** (R) Fri-Sun (11:00, 2:45) 7:20, 11:00; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri (11:20, 2:10, 5:00) 7:50, 10:45 Sat-Sun (11:20, 2:10) 5:00, 7:50, 10:45; **A Haunted House** (R) Fri (11:50, 2:15, 4:40) 8:00, 10:30 Sat-Sun (11:50, 2:15) 4:40, 8:00, 10:30; **Jack Reacher** (PG-13) Fri (12:00, 4:00) 7:30, 10:35 Sat-Sun (12:00) 4:00, 7:30, 10:35; **Les Miserables** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:10, 2:50) 6:45, 10:20; **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:25, 2:25) 6:40; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:30, 3:00) 6:30, 10:00; **Not Fade Away** (R) Fri-Sun 9:55p.m.; **Parental Guidance** (PG) Fri (10:45, 1:30, 4:15) 6:55, 9:35 Sat-Sun (10:45, 1:30) 4:15, 6:55, 9:35; **Promised Land** (R) Fri (10:55, 1:40, 4:25) 7:15 Sat-Sun (10:55, 1:40) 4:25, 7:15; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri (11:15, 2:05, 4:55) 7:55, 10:50 Sat-Sun (11:15, 2:05) 4:55, 7:55, 10:50; **Texas Chainsaw 3D** (R) Fri (11:40, 2:20, 4:50) 7:40, 10:10 Sat-Sun (11:40, 2:20) 4:50,



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7:40, 10:10; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (2:55) 10:55; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00) 7:10; **The Impossible** (PG-13) Fri (11:05, 1:55, 4:45) 7:35, 10:25 Sat-Sun (11:05, 1:55) 4:45, 7:35, 10:25; **This Is 40** (R) Fri (11:55, 4:05) 7:25, 10:50 Sat-Sun (11:55) 4:05, 7:25, 10:50; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri-Sun (10:50, 2:30) 7:00, 9:40, 10:40

## SANTEE

**Santee Drive In**  
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)  
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## SOUTH BAY

### CHULA VISTA

**AMC Palm Promenade**  
770 Dennery Road (888-262-4386)  
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1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)  
Call theater for program information.

**UltraStar Chula Vista**  
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)

**Playing for Keeps** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun: (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, Mon-Thu: 5:30, 8:00; **Red Dawn** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:45 AM), (2:15), 4:45, 7:15, 9:45, Sun: (11:45 AM), (2:15), 4:45, 7:15, Mon-Thu: 4:45, 7:15; **Flight** (R) Fri & Sat: (12:00), (3:30), 6:45, 10:00, Sun: (12:00), (3:30), 6:45, Mon-Thu: 6:45 PM; **Fun Size** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (12:15), 5:30, 10:30, Sun: (12:15), 5:30, Mon-Thu: 5:30 PM; **Here Comes the Boom** (PG) Fri & Sat: (11:00 AM), (1:30), 4:30, 7:00, 9:45, Sun: (11:00 AM), (1:30), 4:30, 7:00, Mon-Thu: 4:30, 7:00; **Sinister** (R) Fri-Sun: (2:45), 7:45, Mon-Thu: 7:45 PM; **Frankenweenie** (PG) Fri & Sat: (12:00), (2:30), 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, Sun: (12:00), (2:30), 5:00, 7:30, Mon-Thu: 5:00, 7:30; **Taken 2** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (12:45), (3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sun: (12:45), (3:15), 5:45, 8:15, Mon-Thu: 5:45, 8:15; **Hotel Transylvania** (PG) Fri & Sat: (11:15 AM), (1:45), 4:15, 6:45, 9:15, Sun: (11:15 AM), (1:45), 4:15, 6:45, Mon-Thu: 4:15, 6:45; **Looper** (R) Fri & Sat: (11:15 AM), (2:00), 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, Sun: (11:15 AM), (2:00), 4:45, 7:30, Mon-Thu: 4:45, 7:30; **End of Watch** (R) Fri & Sat: 7:00, 9:45, Sun-Thu: 7:00 PM; **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Fri-Sun: (11:30 AM), (2:00), 4:30, Mon-Thu: 4:30 PM

## EASTLAKE

**AMC Otay Ranch**  
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)  
**Django Unchained** (R) Fri-Sun 10:45, 2:30, 6:15, 10:00; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri-Sat 10:40, 1:35, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun 10:10, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00; **A Haunted House** (R) Fri-Sat 10:15, 12:35, 3:00, 5:30, 7:55, 10:25 Sun 11:45, 2:10, 4:40, 7:05, 9:35; **Jack Reacher** (PG-13) Fri-Sat 10:10, 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:15 Sun 11:50, 3:10, 6:30, 9:40; **Les Miserables** (PG-13) Fri-Sat 11:00, 2:50, 6:30, 10:10 Sun 10:50, 2:25, 6:10, 9:55; **Monsters, Inc. 3D** (G) Fri-Sun 10:55, 1:30; **Parental Guidance** (PG) Fri-Sat 11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20 Sun 11:15, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20; **Promised Land** (R) Fri-Sat 4:05, 6:45, 9:25 Sun 4:05, 6:40, 9:25; **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) Fri-Sun 11:10, 1:40; **Texas Chainsaw 3D** (R) Fri-Sun 11:05, 1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:20, 4:15, 6:05, 8:00; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 2:05, 9:50; **This Is 40** (R) Fri-Sat 10:10, 1:15, 4:20, 7:25, 10:30 Sun 11:55, 3:05, 6:10, 9:15; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri-Sun 10:25, 2:15, 6:00, 9:45

## IMPERIAL BEACH

**South Bay Drive In**  
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)  
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## NATIONAL CITY

**AMC Plaza Bonita**  
3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386)  
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## NORTH INLAND

### ESCONDIDO

**Regal Escondido**  
350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)  
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### FALLBROOK

**UltraStar River Village**  
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)  
**Django Unchained** (R) Fri-Sat (11:30, 3:30) 7:15, 10:45 Sun (11:30, 3:30) 7:15; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri-Sat (10:30, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 11:00 Sun (10:30, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45; **Les Miserables** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:45, 2:30) 7:30, 11:00 Sun (10:45, 2:30) 7:30; **Promised Land** (R)

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### POWAY

**UltraStar Poway**  
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)  
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### SAN MARCOS

**Regal San Marcos**  
1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)  
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### TEMECULA

**Ultrastar Temecula Tower Cinemas**  
27531 Ynez Road (951-699-2205)  
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### VISTA

**Krikorian Vista Village**  
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)  
**Django Unchained** (R) Fri-Sat (12:05, 3:45) 7:25, 9:50, 10:50 Sun (12:05, 3:45) 7:25, 9:50; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri-Sat (11:30, 2:20, 5:00) 7:45, 10:25, 11:00 Sun (11:30, 2:20, 5:00) 7:45, 10:25; **A Haunted House** (R) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:25, 3:45) 6:05, 8:20, 10:40; **Jack Reacher** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:50, 1:40, 4:35)

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## NORTH COASTAL

### CARLSBAD

**Moviemax Plaza Camino Real**  
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)  
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### DEL MAR

**Cinépolis Del Mar**  
12905 El Camino Real (858-794-4045)  
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### ENCINITAS

**La Paloma**  
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)  
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### OCEANSIDE

**Regal Oceanside**  
401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)  
**Django Unchained** (R) Fri (11:55, 3:25) 7:00, 10:30; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25; **A Haunted House** (R) Fri (11:45, 2:30, 4:40) 7:05, 9:50; **Jack Reacher** (PG-13) Fri (1:20, 4:15) 7:15, 10:10; **Les Miserables** (PG-13) Fri (11:35, 3:00) 6:55, 10:15; **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) Fri 9:45p.m.; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri (12:10, 3:40) 7:00, 10:15; **Not Fade Away** (R) Fri (1:15p.m.); **Parental Guidance** (PG) Fri (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:15; **Promised Land** (R) Fri 7:20, 9:50; **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) Fri (12:15, 2:40, 5:00); **Skyfall** (PG-13) Fri (4:05) 7:10, 10:15; **Texas Chainsaw 3D** (R) Fri (11:50, 2:15, 4:30) 7:05, 9:45; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri (3:00) 10:30; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D** (PG-13) Fri (11:30) 7:00; **The Impossible** (PG-13) Fri (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 2** (PG-13) Fri (1:20, 4:20) 7:20, 10:05; **This Is 40** (R) Fri (1:25, 4:25) 7:25, 10:25; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri (11:40, 12:15, 3:20, 3:50) 6:40, 7:10, 10:00, 10:30

**UltraStar Oceanside Mission Marketplace**

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)  
**Argo** (R) Fri-Sat (12:30, 4:00) 7:30, 10:20 Sun (12:30, 4:00) 7:30; **Django Unchained** (R) Fri-Sat (11:25, 3:05) 6:40, 10:10 Sun (11:25, 3:05) 6:40; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri-Sat (11:15, 2:00) 4:45, 7:45, 10:35 Sun (11:15, 2:00) 4:45, 7:45; **A Haunted House** (R) Fri-Sat (11:15, 1:45) 4:30, 7:00, 9:45 Sun (11:15, 1:45) 4:30, 7:00; **Jack Reacher** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:10, 2:10) 5:10, 8:10; **Les Miserables** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:35, 3:00) 6:35, 10:00 Sun (11:35, 3:00) 6:35; **Monsters, Inc. 3D** (G) Fri-Sun (11:05a.m.); **Monsters, Inc. 3D** (G) Fri-Sun (1:30, 3:50); **Parental Guidance** (PG) Fri-Sat (11:20, 2:00) 4:50, 7:20, 10:15 Sun (11:20) 7:20; **Promised Land** (R) Fri-Sat (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:35, 10:30 Sun (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:35; **Texas Chainsaw** (R) Fri-Sat (2:55) 10:05 Sun (2:55p.m.); **Texas Chainsaw 3D** (R) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:25) 7:10; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00) 6:30; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (3:40) 9:40 Sun (3:40p.m.); **This Is 40** (R) Fri-Sat 6:15, 9:15 Sun 6:15p.m.; **The Way** (PG-13) Sun (3:00p.m.); **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri-Sat (11:30, 12:45, 3:00) 4:15, 7:00, 8:00, 10:30 Sun (11:30, 12:45, 3:00) 4:15, 7:00, 8:00

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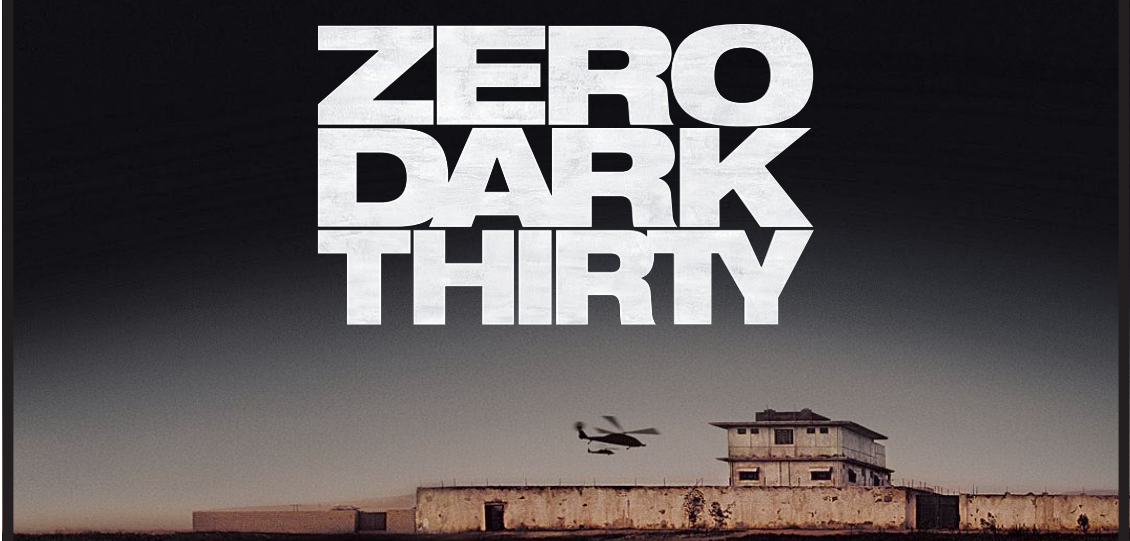
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# Calendar

## MOVIES

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 car during a drawn-out chase scene. And there are a couple of jokes. But not much else. 2012. — M.L.

★ **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.

★ **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,

## SEEN ON DVD



License to kill

### ALED JONES

James Bond fan

My pick for the best actor to play James Bond is probably an unconventional one because it's Timothy Dalton. He only made two films in the '80s (lasting one film longer than George Lazenby). Sean Connery is probably most people's pick for the best Bond; after all, he was the first. But Dalton loved the Bond character, and he brings to it the sense of Ian Fleming's literary Bond, that if you read the books, Dalton really did invest a great deal of effort into the part and into making it grittier. It's a shame *The Living Daylights* and *License to Kill* didn't work out better for him. Supposedly, he was offered the role of 007 in *On Her Majesty's Secret Service* in the late '60s when Connery left the franchise, but he felt he was too young at 18 to take the role. Too bad.

#### THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS

(England) 1987, MGM

List price: \$14.98

#### LICENSE TO KILL (England)

1989, MGM

List price: \$14.98

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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**Parental Guidance** — A nonstop 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



Goldfinger

### BETH ACCOMANDO

KPBS film critic

I want to highlight two Bond films for the women. First, *Goldfinger* with Honor Blackman as Pussy Galore. She may have a porn-star name and be dressed to kill, but she was also a capable pilot and a woman who could drop Bond with a karate chop. One of the best Bond babes ever.

On the opposite side of the tracks is Luciana Paluzzi's Fiona Volpe in *Thunderball*. Bond can usually turn a woman from bad to good, but not Volpe. She was SPECTRE to the core. She notes that all Bond has to do is "make love to a woman and she starts to hear heavenly choirs singing. She repents and turns to the side of right and virtue...but not this one!" She was deliciously bad and drop-dead gorgeous, to boot.

#### GOLDFINGER (England) 1964,

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#### THUNDERBALL (England)

1966, MGM

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From Russia with Love

### RAMIE TATEISHI

Assistant professor of English and film studies, National University

Gadgets really define the Bond films and the ones I really love are ones that would be great to actually have because I could see myself using them. One gadget is from one of the all around best Bond films, *From Russia with Love*, and that's the attaché case that was packed with all sorts of gadgets, like a hidden knife, extra rounds of ammunition, and tear-gas cartridges.

The other gadget I love is James Bond's magnetic watch from *To Live and Let Die* that also had the buzz saw and a bunch of neat things packed away in there. And handing out the gadgets in so many of the films was Desmond Llewellyn as Q. The thing I loved about his characterization of Q was sort of that old fussbudget; he takes great pride in all these gadgets but knows Bond has little respect for them.

#### FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

(England) 1964, MGM

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#### TO LIVE AND LET DIE

(England) 1973, MGM

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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.

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● **Texas Chainsaw 3D** — With six *Chain-saw* films to reflect upon, one would hope that director John Luessenhop (*Takers*), eager to decorate the Leatherface family tree with crisp teen body parts, would have at least unearthed a fresh meat hook or two upon which to hang his sequel. The story picks up where Tobe Hooper's 1974 original ends: a lynch mob torches the farm leaving Leath' and his newborn cousin, Heather, as the only Sawyers to survive the opening flashback. Ingenuity begins and ends with the jokey premise — Leatherface's cousin grows up to be a hottie (Alexandra Daddario) — as the screenwriters leave every stone unturned in their dogged effort to inflict more of the same. Whatever images your mind can arouse of Leatherface running roughshod over a packed carnival are bound to be more satisfying (and creative) than what's splattered across the screen. Luessenhop appears to have given his leading lady one expert piece of direction: keep your nipples covered and belly-button exposed at all times. With the exception of a few screen-piercing lunges, the 3D effects are negligible. With Richard Riehle, *Chainsaw* veteran Bill Moseley, Scott Eastwood, and Tania Raymonde as the designated skank. 2013. — S.M.

● **Zero Dark Thirty** — Spoiler alert: it ends with the bad guy getting killed. More hurt from Kathryn Bigelow in this docudrama (read: hand-held) account of the hunt for Osama Bin Laden. From its conception to execution, the American government's "Yippee ki yay!" murder of Bin Laden had Hollywood blockbuster written all over it. 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. 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. 2012. — S.M.

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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 more so. 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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**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



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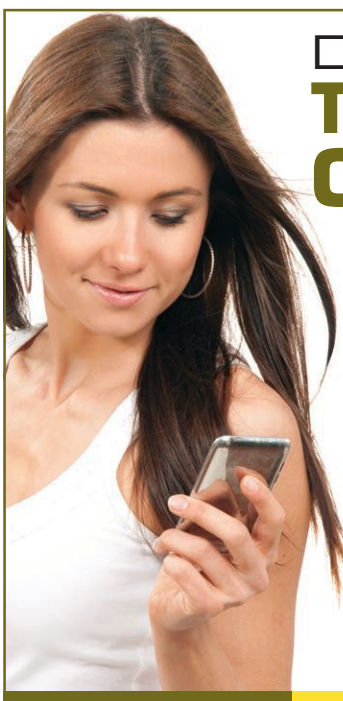
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energy,” he said, noting that he needed information to take them on.

“I’m going to every planning group” to collect information, he said, adding that he was the only one of four mayoral candidates not supported by SDG&E “because I say things like that.”

LIZ SWAIN, JAN. 3

## IMPERIAL BEACH

### Bad timing...

#### Beach closes due to contamination, border-crosser caught

Tijuana River contamination forced the closure of the entire Imperial Beach shoreline on Wednesday, January 2. According to the county Department of Environmental Health, the contamination stretched from the Mexican border to the north end of Imperial Beach.

But that didn’t stop a border-crossing jet-skier from dropping off a passenger at about 4 p.m. Wednesday. The passenger was dumped on the beach south of the Imperial Beach Pier. The man was quickly apprehended by U.S. Border Patrol agents in plainclothes.

The jet-ski driver turned back to Mexico and got away, while other Border Patrol agents in official SUVs pursued the vehicle that came to pick up the suspected illegal border-crosser. The suspect was the only person in the water at the closed beach.

New, permanent signs warning of contamination were unfolded; they were installed in mid-December.

It wasn’t clear if the contamination was due to a sewage spill or to storm runoff. The county shuts the beaches whenever water is flowing from the Tijuana River “out of an abundance of caution because the conditions are right for contamination,” according to Tom Lambert from the Department of Environmental Health.

LUCY D. BARKER, JAN. 2

## HARBOR DISTRICT

### New park art installation

#### Ruocco Park sports eucalyptus woodwork by Roman de Salvo

An interesting local public-art installation can be found in Ruocco Park, 3.3 acres of bayfront land west of Pacific Highway and south of Harbor Drive that were dedicated on September 18.

The installation, called *Riparium*, is the work of Roman de Salvo, a San Diego resident and nationally recognized artist. It stands

approximately 45 feet high, 70 feet wide, and consists of large sections of eucalyptus trees sliced lengthwise. Each of the slabs is connected to the other, forming a natural-wood web suspended trellis-like overhead. One end of the sculpture hangs seemingly in mid-air, suspended by long cables that slope down from tall, centrally located posts, suggestive of a ship’s mast and rigging.

The park, which stands on the former site of the Harbor Seafood Mart, is a short walk from Seaport Village.

J. VINCENT PILUSO, JAN. 1

## POINT LOMA

### Rosie the Riveter

#### Exit interview with a 90-year-old neighbor

Sarah has been the old lady down the block since I moved to Point Loma a decade and a half ago. She’s an active old lady, her ’90s-vintage pearl-white Thunderbird an often-enough sight in her driveway as she comes and goes to the grocery store, church, and (certainly) hair appointments. She’s 90-something and still gets out of her car to lift the garage door of the small home she shares with no one.

Last month I learned from a different neighbor that Sarah is moving out soon. Then a realtor’s sign appeared in her yard.

This morning, December 31, I stopped to talk to her.

She said she’s moving herself to Rancho Mirage, to an “assisted living” community where two of her brothers reside. She’s thought about it for over a year. She gets tired-out doing the upkeep on her house and wants to be done with the responsibility and go live near her brothers. “We all get to a point where we need to make these decisions,” she said.

Then, after I asked how long she’s lived on Poe Street (43 years), she told me she went to work on the Ryan Aeronautical assembly line in 1943, at the height of production for the war effort. “Oh, yeah, Rosie the Riveter and all that,” she told me. Fuselages, cockpits, “I was all over the planes. Then I went into inspections.... It gets difficult being Rosie the Riveter.”

Sarah worked for Ryan until 1984, about seven years after the company had been sold, when employees became “just a number.” But that’s not why she left; she retired after a longtime coworker “just opened up her newspaper to read and died. She was ten years my junior, so that got me to thinking... I wanted to do some things, travel.”

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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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she's looking forward to not cooking and practicing piano. She's working on swapping her grand piano for an upright that she can put against a wall in her apartment.

CARLOS BEY, DECEMBER 31

## FASHION VALLEY

### Busy store, busy hands

#### Starbucks coffee machine swiped at the mall

During the days leading up to Christmas, employees at the Fashion Valley mall's under-sized Starbucks pulled out their new Verismo coffee machine and demonstrated its coffee- and espresso-making abilities for passing patrons and customers.

On one of those days, a Starbucks employee who was offering samples from the single-serve coffeemaker ran out of cups and dashed into the stockroom to get more. When the employee returned, the machine

had disappeared.

Someone had walked off with the coffee machine, priced at around \$200. The Verismo is the Starbucks version of the Keurig single-serve coffeemaker. Starbucks reportedly entered the market in September, after Keurig's patent on the single-serve "pods" expired.

I phoned the store today, December 31, and asked an employee whether or not they had found the missing Verismo. The busy barista sighed heavily and replied, "No."

GAIL POWELL, DEC. 31

## Comments

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For a lousy \$200 coffeemaker? There are far bigger fish to fry every day, especially at that mall.

## LA MESA

### Lost in the fire

#### Blaze breaks out next door, woman gives a first-person account

December 26 started out in a horrible and terrifying way. I was awake for less than ten minutes when someone started pounding

on my door and screaming for me. It was a neighbor, telling me that smoke was coming from my house; actually, it was coming from the granny flat behind my house, where a single father and his two children live. He and the children were not home, but I knew he had a dog that was in there, Andie.

The dog was accessible only through one window, as the gate was locked. As I contemplated breaking it, the neighbor shouted at me to not attempt it, as it could make the fire worse or cause a backdraft.

Frightened and feeling helpless, I ran back to my house, which is less than 15 feet away, to get my cat out in case the fire spread.

My neighbor began to help me move a few items out of the house. (I was in the process of moving, and all my stuff was already in boxes.) It started pouring rain.

Thankfully, the fire department arrived in less than ten minutes and put the fire out pretty fast.

Less than five minutes later, firefighters brought out Andie and started working on her in my driveway. It was excruciating to

witness, but the effort they put into trying to save her is something I will never forget. They worked on her for over ten minutes, doing CPR. Sadly, Andie succumbed. They covered her with a blanket and I began to cry. I felt like she might have made it.

My poor neighbor was going to be home any minute (I had called my landlord, who alerted him), and his beloved pet was in my driveway.

When I saw him walking up, my heart sank. A few minutes later, after speaking with the firefighters, he came to the driveway and knelt over her. I hugged him and we cried.

Thanks to my next-door neighbor's quick action, my house was safe. As horrible as this situation was, my faith in our society was renewed by it.

My neighbor began filtering through his damaged possessions the same day; he lost almost all of his and his children's belongings. Churches of La Mesa have found him temporary housing as well as gifts for the kids and clothes.

BONNY COLLINS, DEC. 30



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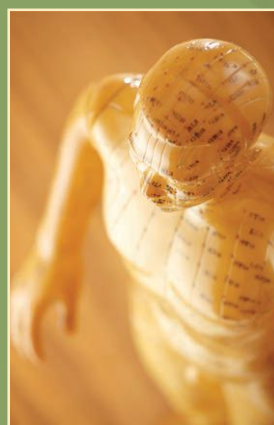
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- 1) Submit your completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results and ranking are posted online each week to [SDReader.com/puzzle](http://SDReader.com/puzzle). But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
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- 1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
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- 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. Dance recklessly
5. Dog collar dangler
10. \_\_\_\_ cava
14. Numerical prefix
15. Words before a deadline
16. Neural transmitter
17. Play the lead role
18. Dominatrix's activity, for short
19. Big Apple sch.
20. Classic Christmas carol, as sung by Harry Belafonte?
23. Sinister stare
24. " \_\_\_\_ note to follow sew ..."
25. Needing nothing
27. Henry and Jane with Oscars
28. City WNW of Boca
30. Minimalist's comment upon experiencing a sudden change of heart?
34. Pump, e.g.
38. Poet's "before"
39. Attack with snowballs
40. Advice from a parent who had a negative experience with a nanny?
45. Never-before-seen
46. Come to light
51. Deg. for a graphic designer
52. "Glee" actress \_\_\_\_ Michele
54. Rescue financially
55. Some stubble ... or this puzzle's theme
58. Drop \_\_\_\_
59. Real Madrid rival, on scoreboards
60. Brie alternative

61. Philosopher who quipped "the errors in religion are dangerous; those in philosophy only ridiculous"
62. "Er ... um ..."
63. Cabinet dept. with a lightning bolt on its seal
64. 1492, e.g.
65. Bygone monarchs
66. Bygone political divs.

## Down

1. "Be Kind Rewind" actor
2. 6 x 9-inch book size
3. Enjoy an evening at home
4. 1971 film character who says "I like you, Maude"
5. "Sounds about right to me"
6. One of the Allman Brothers
7. The only U.S. state whose name does not feature a letter used in the name Barack Obama: Abbr.
8. Gamal \_\_\_\_ Nasser, Egypt's president from 1956-1970
9. One who mounts and dismounts a horse
10. Explorer Cabeza de \_\_\_\_
11. "What?"
12. Oxygen or sulfur, e.g.
13. Whichever
21. What a milkmaid holds
22. Some like it hot
26. Bad thing to do while driving
29. Vigor
31. Susan of "L.A. Law"
32. Rainbow shape

## SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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33. Nay's opposite
34. Wild guess
35. Not entirely wrong
36. "People Will Say We're in Love" musical
37. Nightfall, in poetry
41. Take out, in editing
42. Slightly
43. Former White House family
44. Mideast VIP
47. Runs to Las Vegas, maybe
48. Mountain ash trees
49. Bowler's bane
50. They'll knock you out
53. \_\_\_\_ apple
54. One way to go
56. Repentant one
57. Vicinity
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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.

- A. Ballard, Chula Vista, 1.
- Fred Baron, San Diego, 1.
- Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 1.
- Chandler Hess Von Bayer, La Jolla, 1.
- Ron Meyer, Santee, 0.

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## Beaches

### LA JOLLA, \$1095.

1BD+1BA, small downstairs unit in the charming community of Bird Rock. Stove, refrigerator. Shared courtyard. Coin laundry. Near many quaint shops, restaurants, public transportation and Bird Rock Elementary. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 1/10/13. 415 Colima. Del Sol Property Management, broker. [www.delsolpm.com](http://www.delsolpm.com). 858-270-2071.

### LA JOLLA, \$1175.

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Studio. *Move-in Special!* Light, bright, and updated studio in the heart of La Jolla Shores. Close to all! Private balcony and parking. Open house Saturday, 1/12, 1:00-2:00. 8049 Calle de la Plata. TPPM, 858-699-3851. [www.torreypinespm.com](http://www.torreypinespm.com).

### LA JOLLA, \$2850.

3BR+2BA home. Short walk to Wind-n-sea surfing beach. Recently remodeled; hardwood and ceramic tiled floors; fenced-in, private yard with garden and fruit trees; hot tub, washer/ dryer on property; off-street parking for two cars. Long-term lease desired. Call owner and please leave message if not home, 858-454-1018.

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Studio+1BA. 1/2 off 1st month! Extra large studio on the 2nd floor, with new wood floors, new paint, faux wood blinds, on-site laundry, off-street parking. 1129 Torrey Pines Rd. #10. 619-804-3325.

### MISSION BEACH.

\$250 & up motel weekly rates. Full kitchens, cable TV, furnished. Santa Clara Motel, 839 Santa Clara Place, San Diego, 92109. 858-488-1193.

### OCEAN BEACH, \$1041.

2BD+1BA apartment. No application fee. Section 8 welcome. 5073 Muir Avenue (upstairs), San Diego, CA 92107. Call Dulce for move-in special! 858-638-7886.

### OCEAN BEACH, \$1050.

STUDIO+1BA, upstairs apartment with peak ocean view! Full kitchen and bathroom. New windows. Laundry. No parking. 4952 Del Mar Avenue. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

### OCEAN BEACH, \$1350.

2BD+1BA apartment. On-site laundry. All appliances. 2 blocks to beach! Cat only OK. 4826 Santa Cruz. Call 619-224-4215; Manager: 619-962-9549.

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1BD+1BA apartment. \$700 deposit OAC. No application fee. Blocks to the beach! Clean. Parking. Laundry. No pets. Includes water and trash. Seacoast Apartments, 5030 Lotus. Call Doris, 619-204-1651, 619-224-0759.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1094.**  
2BD+1BA apartment. No Application Fee, Section 8 Welcome. 2705 Figueroa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92109. Call Dulce for move-in special! 858-638-7886.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1095.**  
1BD+1BA, upstairs West facing unit. Stove, refrigerator. Garage space. Quiet complex in the Crown Point area. Available 2/10/13. 1768 Thomas Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1150.**  
1BD+1BA. Available now. 1536 Moorland Drive # 6. www.AMGSD.com. 619-295-1165.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1175.**  
2BD+1BA upstairs apartment, gated complex, mahogany floors, coin laundry. 4077 Lamont Street. 858-768-4311. www.cal-prop.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1175.**  
1BD+1BA ground- floor apartment, beautifully landscaped, two blocks to the beach. 945 Wilbur Ave. 858-768-4311. www.cal-prop.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1175.**  
1BD+1BA. Appliances, Laundry on Site, One parking space, close to the bay and park. 3714 Ingraham Street. 858-272-9547.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1195 & UP.**  
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2BD+1BA duplex, ground level. All appliances. Private laundry, dishwasher. Covered parking. Small storage. Easy freeway access. Available now. 208-682-2962.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1195.**  
1BD+1BA, large remodeled 3rd (top) floor unit. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Elevator. Coin laundry. Parking. Pool. No pets. Available 2/12/13. 1433 Oliver. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1200.**  
1BD+1BA, downstairs remodeled unit in North Pacific Beach. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Coin laundry. Pool. 1-1/2 blocks to Tourmaline Surf Park. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 1/18/13. 812 Tourmaline Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1250.**  
1BD+1BA, downstairs unit in duplex. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Small pet OK with extra deposit. Available 2/10/13. 4415 Dawes Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1350.**  
2BD+1BA. Crown Point. Newly remodeled. Laundry, off-street parking, dishwasher, ceiling fans, patio. 1941 Thomas. No pets. 619-279-0031.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1375.**  
2BD+1BA upstairs apartment, large eat-in kitchen, near Vons shopping center. 1872 Diamond Street. 858-768-4311. www.cal-prop.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1390.**  
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**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1395.**  
2BD+1BA, downstairs unit in triplex behind 4548. Remodeled bath. New paint, blinds, carpet, stove and refrigerator. Garage. Small pet OK with extra deposit. EZ access to Freeway and Weinerschnitzel. Available 1/20/13. 4550 Bond. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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2BD+1BA loft- style unit. Near Crown Point Shores. New paint. Ceiling fan, fireplace, off-street parking. 2061 Thomas. 858-270-1234.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1495.**  
2BD+1BA. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, parking, laundry room, patio. No pets. 1735 Reed Avenue #1. Agent, 619-232-6811.

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2BD+1.5BA in Crown Point. **\$500-off 1st Month's Rent!** Unique townhouse style apartment in very nice property with pool. One block to Sail Bay and beach. Parking and laundry. Open house Sunday, 1/13, 9:30-11:30. 3773 Haines Street. TPPM, 858-333-1318. casariviera3777@gmail.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1570.**  
2BD+1BA upstairs apartment, gated complex, mahogany floors, coin laundry. 4077 Lamont Street. 858-768-4311. www.cal-prop.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1595.**  
2BD+1BA (950 sqft). Upgraded unit with new tile throughout. Granite countertops and recessed lighting. 2169 Reed Ave #B. 858-768-4322. www.cal-prop.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1600.**  
2BD+2BA upper level apartment. Hardwood floors and carpet. Shared roof deck/ patio. Off-street parking. On-site laundry. No pets. 1455 Garnet St. 858-270-4492.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1725 & UP.**  
2BD+2BA, 1000 sqft apartment. Up to 1/2 off 1st month's rent (OAC, select units.) Heated pool, 2 Jacuzzis, 2 basketball courts, 5 lighted tennis courts, clubhouse, barbecue area, business center, on-site laundry facilities, heat, A/C. Cats/ dogs welcome. Close to freeways and more! Bay Pointe Apartments, 3866 Ingraham. 888-451-8713. baypointe@progressmanagement.net; www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com.

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**PACIFIC BEACH, \$2400.**  
3BD+3BA townhouse with 3- car garage. Fireplace, washer/ dryer, patio, deck. Clean, fresh paint. No pets. 1833 Grand Avenue. 858-270-4492x203 or CDunphyPacwest@san.r.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$2650.**  
3BD+2.5BA townhouse. Clean, airy. 3- car garage. Fireplace. Washer/ dryer, patio, deck. No pets. 1535 Hornblend. Available. 858-270-4492x203 or CDunphyPacwest@san.r.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$815.**  
Studio (425 sqft) Large studio in gated community. Underground parking with remote. Laundry onsite. 1845 Hornblend St. 858-768-4322. www.cal-prop.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$875.**  
Studio apartment with FREE utilities! New carpet, cabinets, stove. Walk to bay! Off- street parking. Upstairs unit. No pets. 1606 Pacific Beach Drive. 858-270-4674.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$895-1250.**  
1BD+1BA and 2BD+1BA. Quiet, gated entrance. Ceiling fans, laundry, off-street parking, pool. Building well maintained. No pets. Available now. 619-279-0031, akarnazes@yahoo.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$895.**  
STUDIO! with full kitchen. All utilities paid! Stove, refrigerator. Upstairs end unit in North Pacific Beach. Three blocks to ocean. Coin laundry. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 2/18/13. 5049 Cass Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$925-\$1350.**  
Studios, 1 bedrooms and 2 bedrooms at the beach. Pets under 35 lbs. OK. Office open 7 days. 4217 Oliver Court. 858-483-7670.

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**POINT LOMA, \$1200.**  
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**POINT LOMA, \$1495.**  
2BD+1BA upstairs apartment. Close to Ocean Beach. Brand-new building. Washer/ dryer in unit, tiled and carpeted floors. New stainless steel appliances. All new amenities. 2731 Camulos. 858-270-4674; 619-224-0306.

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**DOWNTOWN, \$1095.**  
1BD+1BA. 1/2 off 1st month! All utilities paid! Beautiful, extra large studio located in gated building, gorgeous wood floors, walk-in closet, built-in dresser in powder room, large eat-in kitchen with built-in table and bench, tons of cupboards, on-site laundry. 1747 5th Avenue #2. Deborah, 619-702-4887.



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**DOWNTOWN, \$450-595.**  
Attractive rooms in Victorian- style building. Utilities included. Some parking available. Common kitchen, bathrooms, laundry. Near City College grocery stores and more. Villa Victoria, 719 14th Street. 619-239-1639 x2. www.HughesManagement.net.



**DOWNTOWN, \$450.**  
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**DOWNTOWN, \$486-625.**  
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**DOWNTOWN, \$500 & UP.**  
Studio+1BA. Rooms \$500/ up. Studios \$650/ up. Clean and quiet. Includes utilities and free cable, on-site laundry, elevator. Excellent location, convenient to all. No pets. Arlington Apartments, 701 7th Ave. and G St. 619-231-2385. www.HughesManagement.net.

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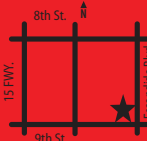
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THE READER SUDOKU PUZZLES:

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1) Submit completed puzzle of any difficulty level (Easy, Medium, Hard or Evil) to the Reader each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results and ranking are posted online at SDRReader.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:

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK’S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

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- 4) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
- 5) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489**; or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy; or scanned and e-mailed to [Sudoku@sdreader.com](mailto:Sudoku@sdreader.com). Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.
- 6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 7) Late entries will not be considered.
- 8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 9) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

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- **Harvey Mozer, La Mesa, 1.**
- **Remedios Coronel, Oceanside, 1.**
- **Rei Tang, San Diego, 1.**
- **Richard Barker, San Diego, 1.**
- **Jim Upshaw, Clairemont, 1.**



**DOWNTOWN, \$500-600.**  
Large, furnished rooms with high ceilings, tall windows. Includes utilities and cable. On-site laundry and kitchen. No pets. Excellent location across from Horton Plaza. Windsor Hotel, 843 4th Avenue. 619-231-2385. [www.HughesManagement.net](http://www.HughesManagement.net).



**DOWNTOWN, \$550-800.**  
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# OFF THE CUFF

BY  
ANDY BOYD

What is your New Year's resolution that you're going to follow through on for real this time?



**Greg Santos**  
*Hollywood*  
Comedian

My continuing New Year's resolution has always been to not have a New Year's resolution. It's really easy and impossible to follow through with at the same time.



**Dan Venti**  
*Ocean Beach*  
Comedian

I'd like to get a professional full-nude spread of myself published in *Time*. It would be in *Time* magazine's first fully nude magazine, and I get the centerfold.



**Billy Bonnell**  
*Los Angeles*  
Comedian

I plan to win between three and five real rap battles. I'll get started on the streets of L.A., which would be the best place, but eventually I want to move up to the larger clubs.



**Michael Doud**  
*City Heights*  
Comedian

It's gotta be to get rid of these cigarettes. Since I was 15 when I started these, it's the one thing that's been on my back and I know it's killing me.

**BAY PARK, \$850.**  
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**COLLEGE AREA, \$1200.**  
2BD+2BA upstairs apartment. Fireplace. Central heat/air. Microwave, dishwasher. Balcony. Gated. On-site laundry. No pets. 4828 Art Street. Agent: 619-298-7724.

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**COLLEGE AREA, \$825.**  
1BD+1BA apartment. Near bus, shops, SDSU. Laundry room. No pets. \$150 security deposit. 6769 El Cajon Boulevard. Apartments in rear courtyard. 619-464-0901.

**COLLEGE AREA, \$975.**  
2BD+1BA. Large open floor plan. Great location. Close to all. On-site laundry. No pets. If you can find one better... rent it! 7240 El Cajon Boulevard. Call Lynette, 619-602-0959, or Rachael, 619-804-1044.

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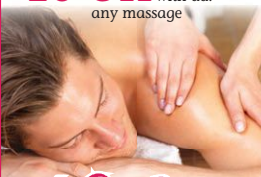
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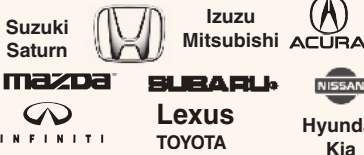
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**Are We Safe?**

— In August, the former director of Homeland Security’s office in charge of shoring up the nation’s chemical plants against terrorist attacks told CBS News that, five years after Homeland Security started the chemical program, “90 percent” of the 5000 most vulnerable plants have still not been inspected. The official, Todd Keil, said that when he left the job in February, \$480 million had been spent, but that no plant had a “site security plan” and that management of the program was “a catastrophic failure.” (A July Government Ac-

countability Office report confirmed that 4400 chemical plants had not been properly inspected.)

**Overachievers**

— (1) KETV (Omaha, Neb.) reported in September that local mother Andrea Kirby had decided to give away her stored-up breast milk to a family in greater need. She had amassed a freezer-full of 44 gallons for her now-eight-month-old child. (2) Tokyo police arrested Miyabi Kuroki, 43, in September, and charged him with forging a medical license in 2009 and subsequently treating patients at a Tokyo hospital, providing, among other things, examinations and electrocardiogram counseling. Hospital officials estimate he “treated” 2300 patients before being caught.

**People Who Are a Mess**

— Ihor Stetkewycz appeared in court in Warren, Mich., in June to answer for an indecent exposure incident, brought on, he told the judge, because his pants, purchased by his mother, were “ten sizes” too large. According to police sources, Stetkewycz had also recently dumped large sections of a tree in the middle of a Detroit street; had protection orders against him from two Warren neighbors; was late to the hearing in June because he raced down Interstate 94 chasing his allegedly

stolen car that he had spotted on the way to court; and told a female TV reporter inquiring about the tree stumps, “I don’t take no orders from no woman, by the way.” He did promise to go clean up the tree parts: “I’m Mr. Clean Up.”

**Great Art!**

— Photographer Clayton Cubitt’s video-art exhibit Hysterical Literature (the first installment of which was reviewed in August) features an attractive woman sitting at a table reading mainstream literature aloud (“everything from Walt Whitman to a science book on fungus”), but in a sexy voice and accompanied by squirming in the chair prompted by unspecified activities of a “distractor” agent supplied by Cubitt. After a few minutes, it is clear that the woman is experiencing an orgasm. Cubitt told Salon.com that he was mocking the “quack Victorian medical theory of ‘hysteria’ in women.” — Without the work of scientists Gregory Gage and Tim Marzullo, we might never know the effect of playing a loud hip-hop song to create vibrations that make squids’ pigmented cells change colors. The men’s Backyard Brains setup involved a 1993 Cypress Hill hit (“Insane in the Brain”), an iPod nano, and a “suction electrode” to jar a squid’s muscles to reveal the its “chromatophores”

that are either red, brown, or yellow. — Canadian artist Taras Polataiko’s two-week-long live re-creation of Sleeping Beauty was featured through early September at Ukraine’s National Art Museum in Kiev, with an unexpected outcome. Five women had been chosen to fall asleep daily and, by signed contract, to agree to marry the first man who awakened them with a single kiss (thus to witness “the birth of love,” according to Polataiko). Only one awoke during the exhibit, but since that payoff kiss was applied by a female gallery-goer, the contract could not be fulfilled in that Ukraine forbids same-sex marriage.

**Least Competent Criminals**

— Dakota Garren, 19, was arrested in Vancouver, Wash., in September on suspicion of stealing an antique-coin collection in May that was estimated to be worth \$100,000. Garren and his girlfriend were identified after spending some of the coins at a movie theater and a pizza restaurant, using rare Liberty Head quarters (worth from \$5 to \$18,500) at their face value.

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No joke, New Year — you'd better improve on last year. 2012 was a bust for so many reasons. When that Mayan apocalypse was approaching, I was actually rooting for it. "Bring it on, Quetzalcoatl, you feathery serpent-god of Mesoamerican lore," I said. "Do your worst." Yeah. The year was just that bad.

So consider this a call to action, 2013. Do a better job than your predecessor. We're all pretty tired of bad days. Let's make this year a good one. (Sorry I rooted for the apocalypse for a second.)

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**WHAT DO YOU LISTEN TO WHILE YOU DRIVE?** The radio. Music, typically.

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE DRIVE IN SAN DIEGO?** I really like driving the Sunrise Highway up to Mount Laguna.

**WHAT'S YOUR LEAST FAVORITE DRIVE?** The 15, between, like, Mira Mesa and Normal Heights, so Mira Mesa to University or Adams Avenue. It's pretty awful. That's where I hit the worst traffic. There and, when I lived in Santee, driving from there up the 52 was pretty awful.

**DO YOU HAVE ANY TICKET OR ACCIDENT STORIES?** I think I've actually only gotten fix-it tickets in the last 12 years.

I was stopped at a stoplight, exiting a freeway, and a 19-year-old kid rear-ended me. So we pulled over and got out, and the kid was freak-ing out. He kept saying, "Oh, my gosh. Oh, my gosh. My dad's going to kill me. Oh, my gosh." He was in his dad's car. He had no idea what to do or where his insurance was. I reminded him that insurance is normally kept in the glovebox, so he ran over to check there, and there it was. I asked if he wanted my insurance and he said, "No." I strongly recommended that he take my insurance card, and then he asked me what to do with it. So I handed him a pen and a piece of paper and told him what to write down. It amazed me that you'd let your kid drive your car without knowing what to do in an accident because they were texting.

He was very lucky I was his first accident, not someone who was trying to take advantage of him.

Also, I once hit a surfboard on the freeway. The truck in front of me ran over it and it went airborne. There was nothing I could do. It was terrifying. And it left surfboard wax all down the side of my car.

**WHAT'S YOUR DREAM CAR?** I want a [Porsche] Cayenne and I want it to be a hybrid. It's pretty and it goes fast and it's a hybrid.

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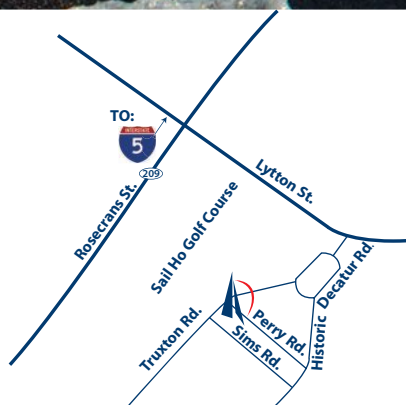


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