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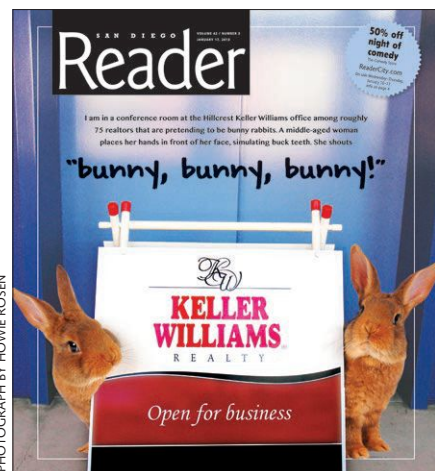
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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Filner ends the pot-shop crackdown

U.S. Attorney Duffy yet to respond; move may position mayor for collision with Obama administration

San Diego/Sorrento Valley — Mayor Bob Filner, whose election was opposed last year by U.S. attorney Laura Duffy, today told the city's development department to stop its crackdown on medical marijuana dispensaries.

A day after a contretemps, in which Democrat Filner singled out GOP city attorney Jan Goldsmith as the bad guy in the pot-shop crackdown — Goldsmith fired back, saying that Filner could lift the crackdown by his own authority — the mayor issued his letter to city development chief Kelly Broughton to “stop targeted code enforcement against marijuana dispensaries in the City of San Diego immediately.”

As we noted in October, Duffy, leading the Obama administration's crackdown against marijuana here, gave money to Filner's opponent, GOP city councilman Carl DeMaio, and criticized Filner in public, part of what some said was an effort by federal officials to head off Filner's pro-medical marijuana policies.

So far there has been no official response from Duffy on Filner's latest move.

UPDATE: Filner has also sent a letter to police chief William Lansdowne, ordering him to stand down from so-called targeted code enforcement against the marijuana businesses.

Matt Potter, January 10

Seau a victim of brain disease?

Reports state that Chargers linebacker had CTE due to career-long hits to the head *Beyond SD* — Both ESPN and ABC News are reporting this morning (January 10) that former Chargers linebacker Junior Seau, who committed suicide last May, suffered from a debilitating brain disease attributed to 20 years of absorbing hard hits to the head in his National Football League career.

According to ABC News, “A team of independent researchers who did not know they were studying Seau's brain all concluded that he suffered from chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a degenerative disease typically caused by multiple hits to the head.”

Patients with CTE, which can only be diagnosed after death, display symptoms “such as impulsivity, forgetfulness, depression [and] sometimes suicidal ideation,” said Dr. Russell Lonser, chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery at Ohio State University, who led the study of Seau's brain.

The report may have legal implications, as the NFL has been hit with lawsuits from former players and their survivors regarding injuries.

Don Bauder, January 10

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It's time to re-engineer the game, from Pop Warner to the NFL. Until that happens, parents need to face the now-documented consequences of allowing their kids to play.

UCAN board meeting gets testy

Insults fly — and still no consensus on what happened at so-called “watchdog”

San Diego — The board of beleaguered Utility Consumers' Action Network (UCAN) met last night (January 9) in both open and closed sessions. In the open session, members discussed how, through a change in the bylaws, longtime board member Niel Lynch was supposedly removed on December 31.

But Lynch does not want to be removed. “I see myself as the one person [on the old board] who tried to find out what the hell was going on....” Attorney Mike Aguirre, lawyer for the whistleblowers who exposed the wrongdoing, said that Lynch should stay on the board.

Robert Fellmeth, who originally put the now-departed Michael Shames in as head of UCAN, said, in effect, that Lynch had to depart because of a court decree. But Aguirre said (in a post-board interview) that, among other things, a contract can be broken by agreement of both parties, and UCAN had breached the covenant of good faith.

Fellmeth declared, “Aguirre doesn't know much about the law.”

It was clear that, despite all that has transpired, some board members are seemingly ambiguous about what happened. In the post-meeting interview, Aguirre said he believes some board members, such as the two new ones added January 9, are good.

In the closed session, the board discussed the recent suit that Shames filed against UCAN. The concern is that in return for dismissal, Shames wants some kind of immunity granted by the board and possibly even an apology. Shockingly, it appears some board members want to give it to him, despite all that has transpired.

Don Bauder, January 10

U-T's “Daily Deal” a steal

Class-action suit argues illegal gift-certificate expiration dates, deceptive practices from SignOnSanDiego

San Diego — The U-T San Diego yesterday

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He woke up with a knife at his throat

By Eva Knott

Gerardo said he was visiting family in Mexico when he got the first bizarre phone call. “I was in shock,” he said.

He thought the first two calls were a “prank.”

“First he said, ‘You don't know who you're dealing with. We're calling to get Brittany's car out.’

Gerardo is a mechanic who works on cars. “We do all types of repairs,” he said. Some months ago, Brittany's car, a Ford Five Hundred, was dropped off at his shop. The young woman wrote her name and phone number on a piece of paper and left that note and the keys and her car. Gerardo said he checked the car, which “was definitely shot.”

Gerardo phoned and gave Brittany three different options on fixing her car: try to repair that tranny, buy a new transmission through a dealer, or find a used/ repaired transmission. But, “She said she didn't have the money for it.”

Time went by and Gerardo said he spoke by phone with Brittany and left messages, but her car remained. “It sat for a long

time, about two months.”

Cars that are left on lots accumulate “storage fees,” he said, and eventually abandoned cars are sold. “Her car was lien-saled,” Gerardo said.

Brittany reportedly was



Prosecutors say Gregory Leon Spatcher kidnapped a man at knife point, then extorted \$1000 and a car from the man's boss.

upset about the cost of recovering her car from a mechanic who didn't even fix it. And she said so, later, when she was arrested by San Diego County sheriff's

detective Jonathan Hintz, for extortion.

Favors for friends

John said he woke up with a knife at his throat. Sometimes he did work cleaning and detailing autos at a used-car place in Oceanside, and they let him sleep in their cars at night, he said. That Monday morning, he was asleep in the backseat of a car when he awoke with a blade pressed on his neck. It was early, “still dark,” and there was a man's face close to his own. “He was actually spitting on me,” John remembered.



Deputy district attorney Geoff Allard argued the case against Spatcher in North County Superior Court.

The angry man was yelling into John's cell phone, which the man held while he leaned into just-awakened John, who said, “By this time, I seen the knife.” John understood that the angry man was yelling into his cell phone at a man he knew named Gerardo. “He wanted money and Brittany's car.”

Some months ago, John believed he was doing a favor for his friend Brittany when he drove her car — which was stuck in gear — to a repair place. John knew that Brittany's car was never worked on and it sat at the repair place, and then somebody wanted \$200 to release the car back to Brittany.

John said he was marched down the railroad

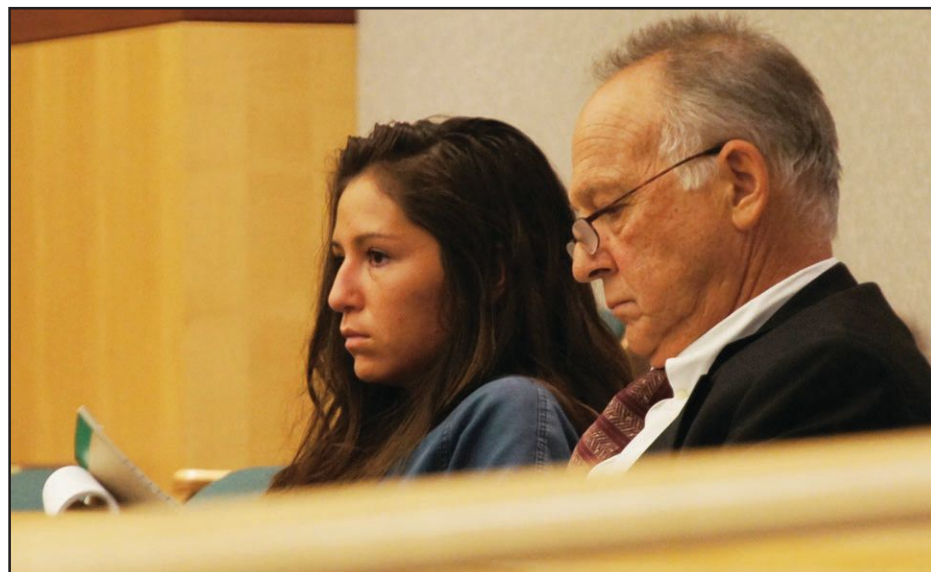
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tracks in Oceanside at knife-point. And then he was held at knifepoint in somebody's trailer for two hours. John said he was eventually told he could leave, after somebody paid money and Brittany got her car back. That was August 20, 2012.

John told his story in court seven weeks later. An attorney suggested that John was part of a scam. She questioned his credibility and brought up the fact that John had been arrested in the past, for armed robbery and false imprisonment. John admitted his past convictions but insisted that he really was held at knifepoint — and that he stayed in the trailer for hours because he was afraid somebody was outside, waiting to hurt him.

It was Gregory Leon Spatcher who had awakened him with a knife at his throat, John said.

After Spatcher was arrested, John said he was walking along Pacific Coast Highway in Oceanside when three men “jumped me.” He said “basically they told me to keep my mouth shut.” John is currently a guest of



PHOTOGRAPH BY BOB WEATHERSON

Brittany Dushkin, whose car was at the center of the case, was charged and then released for lack of evidence.

the San Diego County district attorney, in an undisclosed location.

Money, tools, and a señorita

Gerardo said it was early on a Monday morning, August 20, when he got the series of alarming phone calls. He said the calls were “intense.”

“By the third call, it elevated to where [the kidnapper] actually said, ‘Listen, you don’t know who the fuck you’re dealing with. I got John here and we’re going

to kill him if we don’t get Brittany’s car.”

There were many threatening calls; Gerardo estimated 25. “‘Gonna kill John, cut his balls off,’ then come after me and my family,” said Gerardo. Then the caller wanted more than just Brittany’s car. “Now we need collateral. We need tools, money.”

Then, “He wanted four thousand dollars and the car. And a señorita.” The caller said he had contacts with the DMV and CIA and, “He was

gonna get my location” in Mexico.

Gerardo called another mechanic who was in San Diego County, and that man was able to get \$1000 cash. Then he called the angry voice. “I called back on John’s number and made an arrangement.” The other mechanic was able to deliver Brittany’s car to a certain gasoline station, where he left the cash, car, and keys and walked away.

Brittany said she was there when her car was brought to the gasoline station, according to detective Jonathan Hintz, who arrested her later. Brittany told Hintz that the cash was shared. The detective made a note of it when Brittany said some of the loot was spent by Spatcher’s girlfriend Dakota to get his name tattooed on her back. Brittany said she got her nails done while Dakota got tattooed.

Spatcher told the officer who arrested him that the whole thing was “staged” and that John was part of it. Detective Marcus Wunderlich said Spatcher claimed that John agreed to pretend that he was threatened.

Prosecutor Geoff Allard argued that Brittany “engaged in a plot to get her car back.” But a judge found

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UNDER THE RADAR

Send in the AUSAs

United States Attorney **Laura Duffy**, who has been waging a lengthy war against medical marijuana in San Diego — along with the city’s current mayor — is calling for reinforcements. During last year’s campaign, the Obama appointee gave money to the cause of GOP mayoral candidate **Carl DeMaio** and publicly dissed his opponent, congressman **Bob Filner**.

It was said that Duffy and more than a few of her prosecutors feared that the liberal Democrat would turn San Diego into Amsterdam West. Whether or not her latest move can be laid to the subsequent triumph of Filner — who last week declared his own battle of sorts against the federal government on behalf of the pot parlors — or just a growing crime agenda here, Duffy is advertising for new help. “The U.S. Attorney’s Office is currently seeking attorneys for a limited number of Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA)

positions in the Criminal Division for both its San Diego and Imperial County offices,” says the job notice. “The Criminal Division case-load includes

a large volume of drug and immigration cases, along with a variety of such other federal offenses as major narcotics cases involving Mexican drug trafficking and money laundering organizations, terrorism offenses, bank robberies, child pornography, postal theft, credit card fraud, murder for hire, counterfeiting, organized crime, money laundering,



U.S. attorney Laura Duffy, though an Obama appointee, backed DeMaio over Filner in the mayoral election.

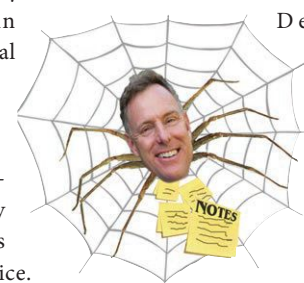
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Tied up in notes

Newly installed Democratic

congressman **Scott Peters** is already entangled in some nagging post-election financial disclosure questions, court-

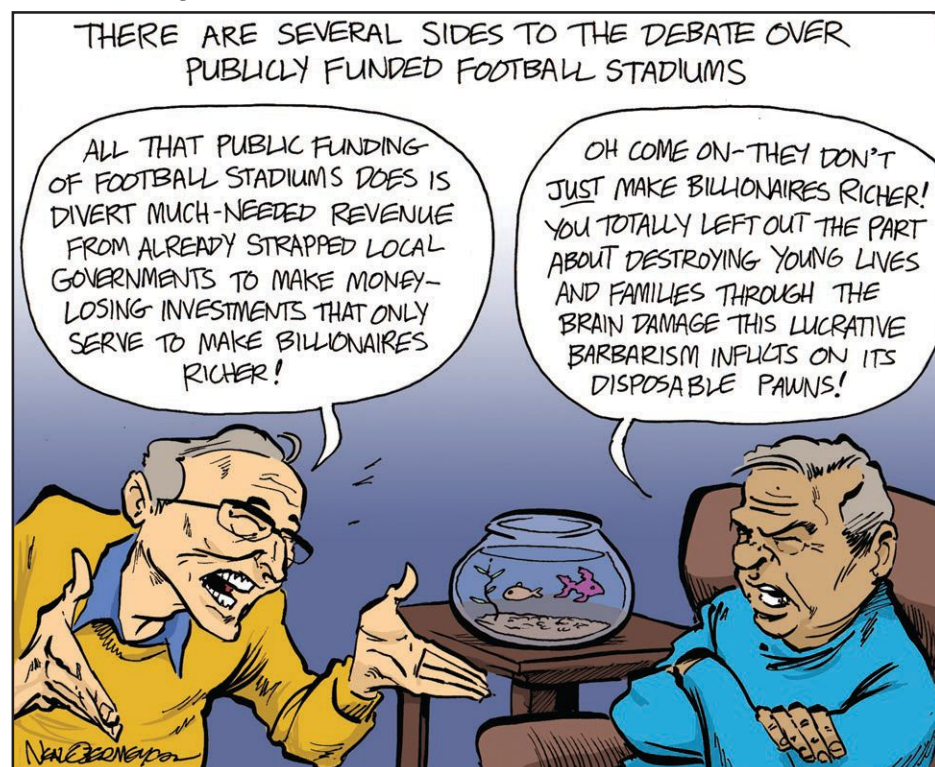


Congressman Scott Peters is entangled in a sticky campaign finance web of his own spinning.

tesy of the Federal Election Commission. In a letter to Peters campaign treasurer **Nancy Haley**, dated January 4, the agency raised issues about his so-called post election filing, covering the reporting period from October 18 through November 6 of last year. “Schedule A of your report indicates that your committee may

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Cosplay Replay

I just read the article by Siobhan Braun (“Adorable When I Dress Up,” January 10), and I would like to extend an invitation to her to go to another cosplay gathering. A handful of us think she has misrepresented the community and I would like to give her an opportunity for another experience with cosplay.

Samantha Houston
via email

4-D Hobby

I was reading the “Adorable When I Dress Up” article (January 10 cover story), and I would like to say it was well-written. Although, as a cosplayer myself, I have to speak up. After reading the article — and I have to be honest here — I felt embarrassed about how the people at that meet acted the day a reporter was around. A few of those people are my friends, but they just left a bad impression. Sorry, guys, but I’m telling the truth. Also, now that I think about it, I believe a more accurate way to write an article about cosplayers, and to truly understand what cosplay is about, is to actually go to a convention (Anime Conji) and interview people there. Anyhow, what I’m say-

ing here is that a lot of us cosplayers aren’t childish and immature. A lot of us hold a job, go to school, and work hard in general, just like anybody else. Cosplay may seem like just some goofy, childish dress-up to people who don’t understand it. But for those who have gotten into the hobby, it’s art, self-expression, and also something that can form lasting friendships. Yes, true, there are rude, obnoxious, immature people within a cosplay community, but don’t all kinds of communities/groups/teams, whether some sort of sport, school setting, workplace, or even cities/towns/neighborhoods, have all those kinds of people too? Those kinds of people are already set in society, not just the cosplay community.

I’m a senior in high school who has been cosplaying since 2010, and I’m very passionate about this hobby. I’ve gained so much and learned a lot of things about life in general. I wouldn’t be the person I am today if it wasn’t for this hobby. I know an average person may not get it but, to put it simply, cosplay is an art. The only difference is that it’s in 4-D.

Mykee
via email

Apologize or Else

I would like to make a complaint about the article that was written about the cosplayers (“Adorable When I Dress Up,” January 10). A lot of what was written was false. Obviously, whoever wrote this article does not know what they are talking about. Very, very rude; very biased against people who do this for a

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SOUTH BAY

This tab's on you, taxpayers Hearing scheduled for Sweetwater board members; student investigated dining on taxpayer dime 10 years ago

The latest round of indictments handed down by San Diego's criminal grand jury is so extensive, people wonder if corruption is just another name for South Bay. Fifteen



Sweetwater superintendent Ed Brand ate out almost every day — sometimes twice a day — on taxpayer dime.

defendants from three separate South Bay school districts, a construction company CEO, and a bond financier face 256 charges.

In the case of the Sweetwater Union High School District board, four current trustees — James Cartmill, Bertha Lopez, Pearl Quiñones, Arlie Ricasa — and former trustee Gregorio Sandoval will be arraigned on charges on January 30. The district's former superintendent Jesus Gandara will also be arraigned on that day.

By now many people have read about the

lavish meals South Bay trustees and school administrators enjoyed at the contractor's expense.

The U-T was reporting on former superintendent Gandara's dining habits well before he was indicted. According to a May 2011 article, Gandara, before having his district credit card yanked, "had charged more than 300 meals to taxpayers over three years, even though his contract paid him \$800 a month for expenses."

But Gandara did not invent the fine art of dining out.

In 2002, a Sweetwater student began investigating the district. Gordon Siu was a reporter for his Bonita Vista High School paper. In a January 9 interview, Siu, a 2010 Yale graduate, said he began to get a sense that the district officials "were more concerned with making themselves look good than they were with education."

Before Siu graduated from Bonita Vista in '06, he put in two public record requests: one for then-superintendent Ed Brand's calendar and the other for Brand's credit card receipts spanning 2000–2003. (Brand was superintendent of Sweetwater from 1995–2005. He returned to Sweetwater on the heels of Gandara's buyout in June 2011.)

When he received the record, Siu was taken aback when he saw that Brand ate out almost every day and sometimes twice a day. Siu wondered: "When did he have time for students and teachers?"

Looking at the South Bay scandal today, Siu commented, "I tried to tell everyone years ago what was going on."

SUSAN LUZZARO, JAN. 11

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15 indictments, 232 charges Sweetwater board supporters and detractors show in court; additional indictments brought by DA

"We love you, Pearl!" shouted several people to Pearl Quiñones inside the lobby of the downtown courthouse on January 7.

Handfuls of supporters and opponents in the alleged Sweetwater Union High School District "pay for play" scheme attended the packed courtroom on Monday for the



Pearl Quiñones and her lawyer

arraignments of the school officials charged with accepting gifts in exchange for favorable votes on contracts.

Quiñones is one of five individuals charged by San Diego County district attorney Bonnie Dumanis's office last January. All have maintained not-guilty pleas to charges such as perjury, filing a false instrument, bribery, and wrongful influence.

The January 7 court date included ten additional defendants in two indictments, totaling 232 charges by a grand jury. The ongoing investigation widened to include officials from the San Ysidro School District, Southwestern College, and a bond underwriter, according to a statement from the DA's office.

Alex Anguiano, president of the Sweetwater Education Association, received applause from some other courthouse attendees after he addressed the multiple news cameras: "The reality is we have school board members that have accepted gifts in exchange for expensive projects," he said. "Whether it's legal or not, it's not the right thing to do."

According to the district attorney's office, if convicted, defendants face fines and between six months and seven years in prison, along with possible additional penalties.

SHELLI DEROBERTIS, JAN. 10

Comments

VISDUH JAN. 11@ 9:22 A.M.

The scandal has spread to Southwestern College and the San Ysidro district. Is this the end of it? My gut feeling is that it will continue and reach other districts in So. Bay. The corruption of school districts in that part of the county has gone on for so long, and is so deeply embedded, that many of the guilty really didn't understand what constituted wrongdoing.

EAST COUNTY

Arrests, crime, suicides up — but there's good news

SDPD Eastern Division's yearly crime report from Captain Andy Mills

San Carlos was among the neighborhoods where residential burglaries increased during 2012, San Diego Police Department captain Andy Mills reported at the January 2 San Carlos Area Council meeting.

Mills is commanding officer for the Eastern Division, a 44-square-mile area that includes the neighborhoods of San Carlos, Del Cerro, Allied Gardens, Mission Valley, Serra Mesa, and Kearny Mesa. San Carlos is in the eastern part of the division, where residential burglaries rose from 131 in 2011 to 162 last year.

He told the San Carlos audience that most burglaries in their neighborhoods were committed during the daytime.

When Mills assumed command two years ago, he noticed a high rate of commercial burglaries in the Convoy Street area. He looked at the nature of the crimes and concluded that suspects were probably parolees

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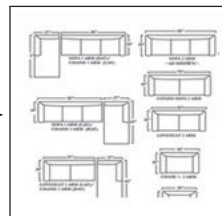
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Under the Sea

I stood alone in the middle of a long aisle at Party City. I looked left. The only person in sight was the young clerk behind the register. Her face was turned away from me. I looked right. No one was there, just the narrow corridor lined with brightly colored party favors broken into themes — pirates and superheroes on one side, princesses and ponies on the other. I plucked a shiny plastic bejeweled green-and-purple tiara from the shelf in front of me, looked around once more to be sure, and then placed it on my head.

Unlike the others, which had been too small to fit around my grown-up head, this tiara rested easily atop my crown and had little combs on either side to hold it in place. It was perfect, and there happened to be exactly four of them. I sent a photo of the tiara in my hand — making

“They pop a scale out of the way — you know, like snakes.” When I saw the “right in the childhood” grimaces, I regretted comparing the illustrious lady legend to a snake.

sure the image of Ariel on the front was clearly visible — to my friend Terri. After her initial reaction — “Yay!” — she followed up with another message: “Wait, we’re ALL mermaid princesses? One of us is the true princess, right?”

I reassured her that it would be clear to everyone that she was the real princess (especially since she was bringing her silky *Little Mermaid* quilt, which her mother had just made for her as a Christmas gift), but only after establishing that — as the host of our mermaid-themed evening — I held the title of queen. I tossed *Little Mermaid*-themed plates and napkins into my basket along with the tiaras. Then I added

Little Mermaid temporary tattoos. When I imagined how the shimmering, spiral foil decorations would look hanging from the ceiling, I grabbed a bunch of those, too.

It was back in August when I hosted the first of what I hoped would be many more geeky-girl movie nights. The theme had been unicorns for the double feature of *The Last Unicorn* and *Legend*. To my surprise and disappointment, I couldn’t find unicorn-specific party favors anywhere in town. I had to make do with sprinkling silver, star-shaped edible glitter on our pink “unicorn cocktails.”

Now that Mermaid Night (featuring the movies *Splash* and *The Little Mermaid*) was upon us, I was overwhelmed with all of the mermaid-centric options. Stickers and streamers and sugar cake centerpieces; award ribbons and wristbands, and even a *Little Mermaid* water bottle.

I was reluctant to step away, but the longer I stood there, the more stuff I piled into my basket. It was after I added Flounder and Ariel

toothpicks to my cart that I called David for help. When he answered, I said, “Pin the shell on the mermaid is too much, right?”

“What are you talking about?”

“A game. I’ve got lots of decorations and stuff, and even tiaras and tattoos, but we’re watching movies, so we don’t need a game, too, right? Is it too much?”

“Yes,” David said. “Too much. Don’t get the game.”

“Thanks, beh-beh. I just needed some reining in. Oh, also, will you help me attach these sparkly spiral streamer thingies to the ceiling when I get home?” I ignored the sound of his eyes rolling and smiled when, after the briefest of sighs, he said, “Yes.”

David doesn’t share my passion for mythical creatures, be they unicorns, mermaids, or dragons. He does, however, care as much as I do about entertaining guests. When I arrived home, David asked me to show him my newly acquired treasures and smiled as I excitedly presented every mermaid object I’d scored. Then he grabbed a stool and hung the foil spirals in the hallway so the spotlights reflected on blues, greens, and purples to make the colors dance on the walls and ceiling in a way that gave one the impression of being in an underwater corridor.

It was David’s idea to add a drop of blue food coloring to champagne so I could serve “Under the Sea” cocktails. He also set up his iPod to play songs from the Disney movie (which he’d purchased for the occasion). But despite all of his efforts to help me prepare for an evening with my fellow mermaid lovers, David would not be staying.

Our men huddled together for their own counter-event that, much to their chagrin, we had dubbed “Merman Night.” They insisted they were not mermen, regardless of how delighted it might make us to think of them that way. They were having a manly night, full of manly things like drinking beer and watching a manly documentary about driving cars really fast.

We were delighted to revel in the magic of childhood again, but now with grown-up accoutrements such as blue bubbly and a fancy cheese spread. Terri, never one to disappoint when it comes to themes, arrived in a green-sequin dress that looked like dazzling mermaid scales. Toasts were made, cheese was nibbled, tiaras were donned, and we made our way to the den.

Someone in the room asked, “How do you think mermaids have sex?”

“That’s an easy one,” I said. “They pop a scale out of the way — you know, like snakes.” When I saw the “right in the childhood” grimaces, I regretted comparing the illustrious lady legend to a snake. As a kid, I’d often pretended to be a mermaid while swimming in the pool, and I bet I wasn’t the only princess in the room to have done so.

None of us had ever watched the two mermaid movies back-to-back, so we weren’t expecting there to be so many similarities between them. Not only were they both “fish out of water” stories in a more literal sense than usual, but they pulled from the same myth and all the folk stories that surround it. Mermaids like to brush their hair (with a dinglehopper), they bewitch

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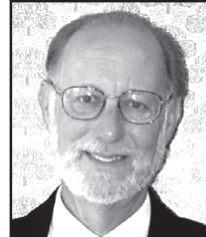
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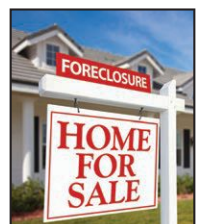
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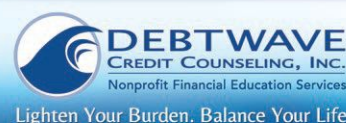
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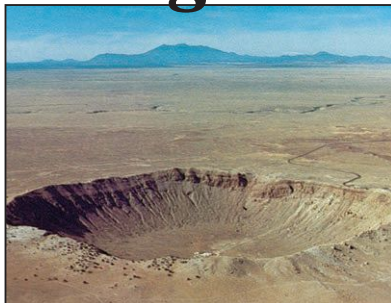
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Almost factual news

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Gay Bar Says No to “Straight Christian Singles” Night

SAN DIEGO — Last month, Point Loma Nazarene University alum Todd Clayton launched a petition to encourage the school to allow an LGBT organization on campus. Now, *SD on the QT* has received word that iconic local gay bar the Brass Rail will not allow a “straight Christian singles” night onto its event calendar. For many straight Christian singles, not only is the decision disappointing, it’s also frustrating.

Straight Christian single Rod Drayton is questioning the decision by launching a petition. Here’s what he told *SD on the QT* about it:

Q. Why are you involved?

A. Now, as a straight Christian single, I’m really passionate about making the Brass Rail safer and a more loving place for straight Christian singles.

Q. Now, as I understand it, straight



Christian singles weren’t asking even for an affirmation from the bar, just a night to hold their annual mixer, and then word came there wouldn’t be such an event. Obviously, that didn’t go over well with you, so you’ve decided not to give up the fight.

A. Right, I think that’s a real important point because even as now, a straight Christian single, I have a deep, abiding passion for straight Christian equality. I also recog-

nize that the Brass Rail is uniquely situated in terms of its affiliation with a way of life that doesn’t affirm straight Christian single people in all parts of their sexual mores. The reason the denial is so frustrating is that — you were exactly right — the Christians wasn’t asking to move the sociopolitical position of the bar, but simply wanted a space for straight Christian singles to gather.

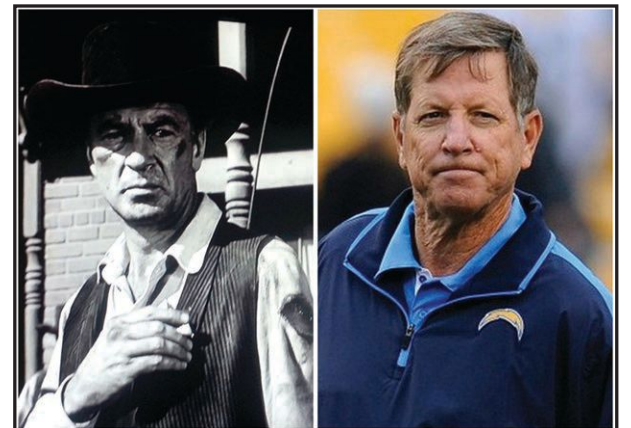
Q. Are you the person behind the petition drive?

A. I am. The petition has actually taken off in a really surprising manner. And I think what that shows is that even among LGBTQ people, there is growing support for straight Christian single inclusion and safety.

More than 1200 signatures appeared on the petition, which will ultimately be delivered to the Brass Rail’s owner.

Disgusted Norv Turner tears Chargers emblem from windbreaker, tosses it onto end-zone turf

Fired coach-provocateur, abandoned and rejected by the very people he sought to entertain, echoes Gary Cooper’s famed gesture from ending of High Noon



He turned back the blackhearted, vicious Raiders who rode into town, but the damage was done.



Turner lifts the helmet of QB Philip Rivers and considers it

NORV: Alas, poor Philip! I coached him, Horatio, a fellow of infinite grins, of most excellent passes: he hath led me to victory a thousand times; and now, how abhorred in my imagination it is! My headset sparks at

Exeunt Turner, Stage Left

An excerpt from The Tragedy of Turner, which just finished playing San Diego

it. Here flung those bombs that I called for I know not how oft. Where be your wins now? Your touchdowns? Your runs? Your many interceptions, that were wont to set Qualcomm on a roar? Not one now, to toot your own winning? Quite ball-dropping? Now get you to the Spanos boardroom, and tell him, let him hire Belichick, San Diego will never win; make him smile at that. Prithee, Horatio, tell me one thing.

HORATIO: What’s that, ex-coach?

NORV: Dost thou think Montana looked o’ this fashion late-career?

HORATIO: E’en so.

NORV: And stank so? Pah! *[Puts down the helmet.]*

HORATIO: E’en so, ex-coach.

NORV: To what poor rankings we may descend, Horatio! Why may not fantasy football trace the champion’s rings of Montana, till it find them for sale on eBay?

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Hey Matt:

My English friend was riding in my car recently when I was pulled over by the police. I had not noticed them, but Nigel did and exclaimed, "Cripes, the rozzers are after us!" I didn't realize that "rozzers" meant police, so I drove another 1/4 mile before the blue & red lights helped me put 2+2 together. So, can you explain how something that sounds like an exotic fruit translates to a police officer?

— Jay

You might be surprised to learn that this slang term for the police goes back to at least the late 19th Century. The most accepted explanation is that it's a punny play on the name of Sir Robert Peel, founder of London's Metropolitan Police. Similar UK slang terms such as "bobbies" and "peelers" are more direct ramps on his name. To American ears, "rozzers" for "Robert" sounds like an awfully long stretch. But, it's always good to remember that British people came up with "Jez" as a nickname for "Jeremy," so there's some precedent for inserting random z's into people's names.

Even with the connection to Peel, the origin of "rozzers" isn't 100 percent certain. Some people have pointed out that it *might* be tied to "roosher," which is another popular slang term from the 19th Century, but that doesn't really help because the roots of "roosher" are even *more* obscure. Either way, "rozzers" isn't the most popular name for the cops in England these days. You're more likely to hear them called "the feds" or "the filth."

Heymatt:

How did we arrive at our crazy "standards" for paper sizes? I mean, where did sizes like eight-and-a-half by eleven inches come from? Who is responsible for this mess? And what would have happened to paper sizes if the U.S. had gone metric? What do they do in Europe?

— Alfred, via email

The exact answer to this one is lost in the foggy muck of tradition, but history gives us a few clues. Like a great many things, Americans borrowed industrial paper production techniques from the British (who were still colonizing America when paper mills first hit the scene in England), who had a paper-sizing system of equal complication as their old currency system. The various sizes of English paper (many of which included half- and quarter-inches) bore names like foolscap, hand, pot, and double elephant. Many of the names came from medieval watermarking techniques. Foolscap-sized paper, for instance, was marked with the image of a court jester in days of old when reading wasn't a skill of every Tom, Dick, and Nigel. None of the old-time sizes of paper I

know correspond to contemporary, American stationery paper, but a lot of them are roughly double the size. This makes some sense because, in merry olde England and colonial America, paper for writing letters would be purchased from a "stationer," who would trim those ungainly, industrial-sized sheets into attractive leaf-lets for writing flowery poesy to one's beloved. My inference is that the conventions from British paper sizing crossed the water along with the technology to make it and that the sizes we use today are evolved from those. They're actually not strictly American, either, since the standards are used in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, but it's only here in the U.S. that they're the *only* sizes.

As for metric paper, it's very much in use and governed by the International Standards Organization. One standard sheet of "A0" paper has an area of 1 square meter. Cutting the paper in half the short way produces the next size down. Repeat as necessary. European "A4" is roughly the same size as "American letter."

Hey Matt:

Why is it that a dog stays firm and muscular when you pick him up while a cat goes all loose and floppy and sags to the bottom like the stuff in a lava lamp?

—Larry, Imperial Beach

Dog people will say it's because dogs are proud, strong, noble creatures. That even the meekest chihuahua possesses an inner strength that no sneaking cat will ever match. Cat fanciers might offer that dogs are excitable buffoons and uncoordinated oafs, quivering and drooling at the slightest provocation. One thing is certain: compared to dogs, cats are *lazy*. They sleep about 16 hours per day (twice as much as humans) and, while they're capable of astounding feats of athleticism, they seldom exert themselves. When you pick up a cat, he's thinking, *Do I need to move?*

It's not his fault. Wild cats are all ambush predators who capture prey with explosive speed and the element of surprise. They're natural sprinters who can catch just about anything, provided the chase is over in a minute or less. Such dynamic power doesn't come cheap, however, so cats spend much of their time resting and being lazy, lazy sprinters.

Contrast that to dogs. They're descended from wolves, who hunt by exhaustion. Because of this, most dogs are endurance runners and have a lot more energy than cats; they just lack the top speed.



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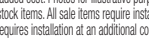
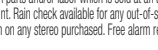
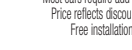
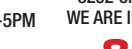
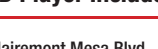
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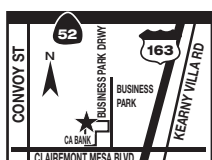
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I grew up in San Diego with the beautiful San Diego Zoo. My favorite parts were the reptile house and the monkeys and apes. And the elephants. At the San Diego Zoo in the '70s, you could buy bags of peanuts and the elephants would take them from your palm with their tickly trunks. (But I don't want to think about that right now, not when the news is reporting on the king of Spain's decision to take time out from his country's economic meltdown to go on an elephant-hunting expedition.) And they let kids ride on the giant tortoises and reach into a kid-level incubator to hold newly hatched chicks. That was all over by the '80s. Bad for the animals. I respect that. But I suspect it changed mostly because of *liability issues*.

I have a special place in my heart for orangutans. One day I was at the zoo with my son when he was in his early teens, standing on the observation platform above the orangutan exhibit. You could watch them from the platform, or you could go under the platform and look at them at eye level through *very thick* glass. They are notorious escape artists. Can't blame them. They're too smart to be enclosed. But I guess being stuck in a zoo is better than being butchered and having your babies sold as pets or being burned out of your home for palm-oil plantations.

That day, there was an adult orangutan chilling out on a rock below the platform, just staring up at the few people up there. I waved at her and said some stuff. She was bored as hell, no doubt. She looked around her and grabbed a clod of dried dirt with dried grass sticking out of it. Then she looked up at me and gently, lackadaisically, tossed it up onto the platform, where it landed off to my right a little. I picked it up and tossed it back down to the ground beside her. She picked it up and

threw it back to me. I was clapping and talking to her and laughing the whole time. We played catch for a few minutes. It was *glorious*. I don't remember how or why it ended. She probably got tired of the game before I did, though.

That's the whole story. Disappointed? You wouldn't be if it had been you.


The other day I discovered Orangutan Outreach when my husband Vincent saw a tweet about their Apps for Apes program. We watched one of their videos and pretty much decided on the spot that we'd sell everything and go live in the jungle and hold baby orangutans for the rest of our lives. I'm crazy enough to do it. My body may not cooperate, though, unfortunately.

In any case, I've decided to devote most, if not all of my do-good energies to the plight of the orangutan. I think it will be good for my mental health if I *focus*.

You see, with social media and all the information-delivery platforms out there, I find myself overwhelmed. My bleeding heart is running out of blood. I'm losing hope and have **compassion fatigue**. Petition fatigue. War and disaster and hunger and racism and hate and corruption and cruelty and injustice fatigue. I constantly feel pulled in a million directions to *do something*. I *know* you know what I mean.

I've done only little things for Orangutan Outreach so far. Put a link to their site on my about.me page, retweeted @redapes (their Twitter handle) tweets, read up on orangutans, connected with the OO founder on LinkedIn and gave some suggestions for promoting the organization, voted for their rescue boat. Working on figuring out some expenses we can cut in order to divert that money to OO. I even managed to get orangutans on my Francophilia web gazette! I'll do what I can with what I have.

I'm just getting started. But you have to start somewhere. *You have to start.* {:(}}



Pamela Poole
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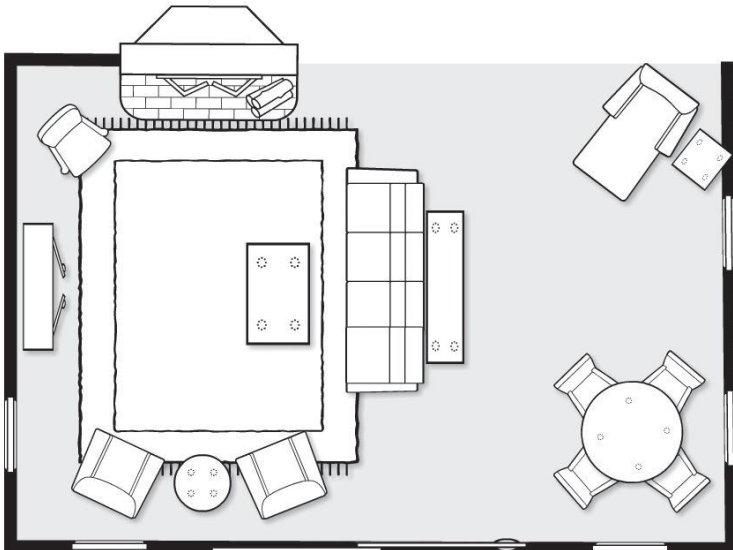
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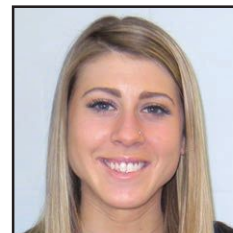
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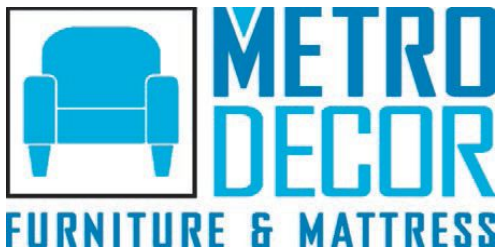


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SportingBox

BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Fade In 2



Jim and John Harbaugh could possibly face each other on the biggest entertainment stage in the galaxy.

Returning to a "Sporting Box" column published one year ago... As you may remember, the Harbaugh coaching twins (John, head coach of Baltimore; Jim, head coach of San Francisco) had just played the championship game in their respective conferences. Winners of said games go to the Super Bowl, the biggest entertainment stage in the galaxy, bestowing fame, fortune, and NFL immortality on the victor. But, both Harbaughs lost due to outrageous player mistakes. Let's take a look back...it's January 22, 2012.

EXT. A TELEPHONE BOOTH. BALTIMORE ALLEY. RAINY. LATE NIGHT.

Baltimore coach JOHN HARBAUGH is drunk, drool and spittle ooze from his mouth, flow down his chin and cheeks, then gathers itself and drips onto a grimy telephone handset.

JOHN

Ugh, ugh, guh, gug, gah, gug.

INT. KITCHEN IN UPSCALE PALO ALTO HOME. NIGHT.

We see a sober JIM HARBAUGH grip his iPhone.

JIM

What are you doing in a phone booth?

JOHN

I don't deserve a cell phone. (JOHN takes a double swallow from a bottle of scotch.) Fucking Flacco scum. And that punk, Lee Evans, drops a pass in the end zone. FUCKING END ZONE! Ball hits him in the gut, 27 seconds left in the game, and he drops the BALL!

Make that catch and we're in the Super Bowl. But, OH NO, instead of being four points ahead, he drops the ball. Worthless mutant.

JIM

You think that's bad. Alex Smith went all Alex Smith on me in the fourth quarter. Couldn't throw the ball to a receiver who wasn't doubled-covered. Kyle Williams fumbles TWO punt returns, the last one in overtime, deposits the football on our 24-yard line and LOSES THE GAME!

JOHN

(Ignoring his brother, gulps another slosh of scotch)

Then, we get the ball back. Incredible. Miracle. Fifteen seconds left in the game. Little boy Cundiff has a 32-yard chip shot, a gimme of a field goal to tie and go into overtime. And the puke MISSES! Choke-ass son-of-a-bitch MISSES THE GIMME!

Well, dear Reader, that was then. Now, January 2013, Jim Harbaugh, having stomped Green Bay, is taking his 49ers to the NFC Championship game in Atlanta. John Harbaugh, squeaking past Denver, is taking his Baltimore Ravens to the AFC Championship game in New England. The two winners will meet in New Orleans for Super Bowl 47.

PRESENT DAY. INT. CHI'S CHI'S GENTLEMEN'S CLUB, WEST SIDE, BALTIMORE. NIGHT.

JOHN HARBAUGH is drunk. It's 9:00 p.m. Sunday night and Chi Chi's is packed. SIX NUDE STRIPPERS bump-and-grind against chrome stage poles as men wave greenbacks in the air. JOHN retrieves his smartphone and speed-dials California.

INT. FASHIONABLE PALO ALTO RESIDENCE LIBRARY. NIGHT.

JIM HARBAUGH picks up his phone, hears the roar of bar noise coming from the receiver and laughs. Now both men laugh. And laugh. And laugh.

JIM

I've been bullshitting all season. I had no idea Kaepernick could run like that. Little son of a bitch scampered all over the field.

JOHN

(Shoving a 50-dollar bill inside a pink G-strap) I didn't think we had a chance. Flying into Denver in January. It's a billion degrees below zero. We're up there in Sherpa country. It's like the top of Mt. Everest. My guys can't breathe. Who would have thought Peyton would throw two interceptions? How could you figure he'd play like a leaking beach ball from the fourth quarter on or that dumb-ass Flacco could throw a football 55 yards in the right direction?

JIM

I flipped a coin for the kicker. We had two on the roster, so I flipped a coin and it came up Akers. (JIM laughs so hard his laugh turns into a hacking cough-whoop.) Did the same thing with the quarterback. (JIM vents a disturbing, triumphant, Wicked-Witch-of-the-West cackle.) I AM A GENIUS! A GENIUS!

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BestBuys

— EVE KELLY

We use a lot of barbecue sauce in the Kelly house. Our favorite has always been Gates Original. It hails from Kansas City, and my mom sends me a bottle every year at both Christmas and Easter. Every now and then, I splurge on a bottle at Iowa Meat Farms in Mission Valley (\$4.99 for 18 oz.). But we do tend to run out, and I've been casting about for alternatives.

One of the best cooks I know, Sophia, told me she made her own.

"The recipe comes from my aunt — she's a master canner. I'm sworn to secrecy, but here's the gist of it: ketchup, brown sugar, lemon juice, onion powder, dry mustard, pepper, cayenne pepper, white sugar, Worcestershire sauce, cider vinegar, and corn syrup." I knew I'd never get the proportions just so, so I called around for suggestions.

We started with a few brands that tend to show up on grocery-store shelves. "You want to know a cheap way to get a lot of decent sauce?" asked Frank. "Buy Sweet Baby Ray's Original [\$3.99 for 28 oz. at Vons] and add a teaspoon of Tapatio hot sauce [\$99 for 6 oz. at Vons]." My husband Patrick liked the tang on it (we tried it sans Tapatio), but Kathy and I both agreed that it was too sweet to be good barbecue sauce.

"I've had worse," said Frank after tasting the Hunt's (\$2.69 for 21.6 oz. at Vons). Now it was Patrick's turn to complain about sweetness: "I don't like barbecue sauce when it's ketchup." Bone Suckin' Sauce (\$5.99 for 16 oz. at Whole Foods) didn't fare any better. "It looks like sweet-and-sour sauce from a low-end Asian restaurant in a food court," said Frank. "Watery and sugary and not spicy," concluded Kathy.

"Maybe this Organicville Original BBQ Sauce (\$4.99 for 13.5 oz. at Sprouts) will be less sweet," I offered. "It's sweetened with agave nectar." I was right, but all we got in its place was smoke and tang and a hollow feeling where the flavor should have been. "Plus, there's no spice," lamented Kathy.

I had high hopes for Trader Joe's Bold & Smokey Kansas City Style Sauce (\$2.69 for 18 oz. at Trader Joe's). "Kansas City!" I cheered. But Kathy shut me down. "I like the black molasses color, but it's too heavy



"It's too heavy on the smoke and too light on the heat — unbalanced."

on the smoke and too light on the heat — unbalanced." And — are you sensing a pattern here? — "the aftertaste is just sugar."

We moved on to Stubb's Original (\$3.99 for 18 oz. at Sprouts). "At least four people suggested this," I noted, "and the price is decent." So was the flavor. "Savory, not too sweet — and just the right amount of heat," said Frank. "Plus, there's an interesting citrus note that works to balance everything," added Patrick. We were so pleased, we decided to put it up against my beloved Gates. Stubb's didn't quite match up — but then again, it was cheaper.

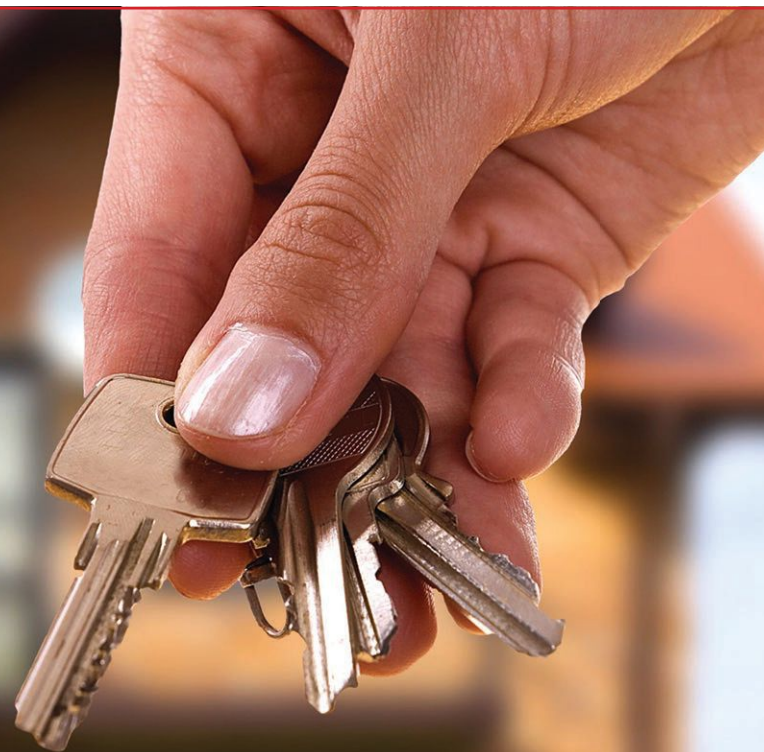
"There's an actual tomato flavor at the core," said Patrick as he savored the Gates. "Perfectly balanced," noted Kathy. "Just the right smoke and spice," said Frank, delighting in the peppery finish.

We finished with three local offerings. Everybody admired the layers of cayenne and black-pepper spice on the Sauce Goddess Big and Tangy Sauce (\$5.99 for 13 oz. at Whole Foods), but the real hits came from Pizza Port Brewing Company (Carlsbad Chronic Amber Ale

BBQ Sauce, \$6.39 for 14 oz. at Whole Foods) and Stone Brewing (Levitation Ale BBQ Sauce, \$6.29 for 14 oz. at Whole Foods; also available at Hot Licks in Seaport Village). "I am loving the acid and the heat and the fruity notes in the Chronic," said Frank. "It's almost like cactus," marveled Patrick. "But the Stone is a little more assertive," countered Kathy. "And the flavors come at you in stages — onion, citrus, then a steady stream of heat. Nothing competes with anything else."

Sabrina Lopiccolo at Stone Brewing told me that the Levitation BBQ sauce was made "with a bold dried pepper called *chile de arbol*. It's a small, potent Mexican pepper. And, of course, we also use Levitation Ale. We put it on our café's duck tacos, but it's good for either dipping or marinating."

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Lionel Silva

I am in a conference room at the Hillcrest Keller Williams office among roughly 75 realtors that are pretending to be bunny rabbits. A middle-aged woman places her hands in front of her face, simulating buck teeth. She shouts

"bunny, bunny, bunny!"

A woman in a pink-and-black-striped sweater lifts her lanky arms above her head, giving them the appearance of floppy ears. She hops in place before yelling, "Bunny, bunny, bunny!"

A man with a microphone hushes the bunnies.

"Very good," he says enthusiastically. The room applauds.

"That was about lowering your inhibitions," he continues. "Moving out of that fear of *this will make me look stupid* is really valuable in real estate. This next game pushes that teamwork thing even further."

He instructs the agents to break into groups of 12. One person will pretend to be a tree; two are to imagine they are something related.

"I'm the tree," says a man in a three-piece suit. He stretches his arms, making them branch-like.

"I'm a Christmas present!" a petite woman says, rolling herself into a

ball at his feet.

"I'm a little girl opening that Christmas present," says a blonde in a tight blazer. She bends down and pretends to unwrap the woman.

A spiky-gray-haired agent to my left says with a cynical sigh, "And what exactly does this have to do with real estate?" She looks exasperated.

A nearby realtor raises a judgmental eyebrow.

Five minutes later, the announcer again hushes the room.

The realtors fill the available seats. Some must stand at the back of the room.

"That game is a great example of what real estate is really about," says the announcer. "We have no

idea what's going to happen next."

He hands the mic to the office's team leader, Ashley Lunn, a robust woman wearing the company colors, red and black. She passes out two printouts. One has real-estate

stats, the other lists local information compiled from the 2010 United States Census.

"What's the population of San Diego County?" Lunn asks. She pauses while the agents shout out their best hunches.

"Three-point-one-four million," she says. "That number grows by 40 to 45 thousand per year. Right now, we have less than a month of inventory. We have only about 1000 properties under \$350,000.

"I want to be the Coca-Cola of real estate, or, worst-case scenario, the Pepsi."

I think our office has 500 buyers right now. Just our office! And there are, what, 400 different brokerages in San Diego and 12,000 realtors?"

Lunn holds up the census-data printout.

"The thing we can't talk about with our clients is race, ethnicity, and languages spoken. We are a pretty white-bread office. I think most of us forget that we're in a bilingual city. If you don't speak Spanish, you sure as hell better get a friend that does. The number of Spanish-speakers in our county represents a huge opportunity. They are usually very much underserved."

Lunn lists more stats:

"Fifty-nine percent of people in San Diego own homes, while the national average is 65 percent."

"Eighty-point-seven percent of our sales in the last 60 days were properties under \$600,000."

"We have five times more buyers than inventory."

Before wrapping up her presentation, Lunn looks out over the gathered crowd. "This next year, 2013, is going to feel crazy. I would rest now, because there'll be no rest next year. We're going to have more opportunity than we've seen in a long time."

The room erupts with applause.

This isn't North Carolina
Thirty-nine-year-old Heather Goodmanson attends Keller Williams team meetings weekly. Goodmanson has been an agent for 20 months. In 2011, she sold seven homes; in 2012, she closed twelve. She was awarded 2012's "Rookie of the Year" by her brokerage.

"No one is even remotely close to me [in

sales]," Goodmanson says.

In those 20 months, Heather has forked over 30 percent of her commission to Keller Williams.

"The education at Keller Williams is keeping me above the curve," she says.

We are sitting at a glass table in her 2000-square-foot, four-bedroom, three-bath Clairemont home. Goodmanson wears a black dress paired with a tiger-print belt and five-inch stilettoes. She pushes a strand of perfectly curled blond hair behind one ear.

"What is happening in San Diego right now is unique. We're in a season we've never seen before. We have an issue with low inventory. For a normal, even-keel market, we need about six months of inventory.

Right now, we have about three weeks of inventory. It's definitely leaning toward being more favorable for sellers, because you have a ton of buyers. We still have low prices, but they're inching up. We've seen that pattern

"I think our office has 500 buyers right now. Just our office!"

for about 12 months now. They're going up at a rate of 4 to 8 percent [annually]. It's not like this 20 percent increase, like it used to be back in the heyday."

One of the biggest challenges Goodmanson faces is the difference between a house's appraised value and what people are willing to pay.

"Appraisers are looking at what happened in the market, while realtors are thinking ahead. I'm currently dealing with an escrow nightmare." Goodmanson sighs. "I'm on the second property with the

on [the property], but the appraisal came in at \$535,000. Meanwhile, my clients need to come up with \$60,000 out-of-pocket if they want this home now. They're going to have another property fall through their fingers.

"Sellers now receive 99.9 percent of their asking price. A year and a half ago, they were getting 92 percent. If a seller is asking \$600,000, that's what it will sell for. You don't come in and have uneducated clients who say, 'I want to offer \$580,000.' My parents in North Carolina said I should argue and debate, to get the lowest price I can get. But, guess what? This isn't North Carolina. We aren't talking about Kentucky. This is San Diego. That's a snapshot of our market, right here, right now. You won't get into a home by

bidding under the listing price."

Goodmanson attributes her success in a highly competitive market to her personality type.

"I've never done an open house. I don't need to. Those are for agents who don't know how to get business on their own. I have a large sphere of influence. I'm an extrovert. When I walk into a room, I can engage in conversation with anyone. People who work with me know that I'm a driver. I'm a go-getter. Another thing is that real estate isn't my family's sole source of income. If it was, I think my clients would feel that pressure."

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Ryan Hammond



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32-year-old Ryan Hammond tells me. "I'm not giving a company a ton of my commission for an office and training — things I don't want or need. When I started, my brokerage was Century 21 Award. They wanted over 50 percent of my commission. I don't need coaching. I'm motivated enough myself. They wanted us to come in at 8:00 in the morning and do affirmations. I used to make fun of them with my wife. One thing they had us do was to rub our hands together and say, 'Money, money, money! Yes!' I was the guy in the back, thinking, *Oh my god, I hate this.* I absolutely cannot stand

affirmations."

Hammond has been a real-estate agent for seven years and a broker for four. He finds nearly all his clients via open houses. The rest are from referrals that past clients feed him.

"I used to have a bench ad." The memory makes him laugh. "It was on Tierrasanta Boulevard. I paid two grand a year. I didn't get any clients from it."

Hammond takes his time with his clients. On average, he works with them for six to nine months before closing on a property. He often forms personal relationships. When Hammond got married, a former

client served as his best man.

In 2012, Hammond's income has taken a serious hit. As of December 1, he's closed four deals, compared with his average of seven or eight. For him, it has nothing to do with lack of clients; he's currently working with eight couples who are actively attempting to buy. He blames the changing real-estate market.

"Now, when you call an agent to tell them you have a client getting ready to write an offer, it's not 'Do you have any offers?,' it's 'How many do you have?'"

Because of this, Ryan

has shifted the way he does business.

"Nowadays, I have to really communicate with the seller's agent as much as possible. I find out what I can about the other offers and how to promote my clients. There's always a way to make my client's offer look as attractive as possible. It's a bigger challenge when you're doing a [Federal Housing Authority or Veterans Administration loan] right now. You have to take it to the next level. With an offer I'm working on right now, I've talked to the listing agent for three hours over the phone."

Despite having a bad year, Hammond remains optimistic.

"Most agents don't last more than about ten years. They move on to something else. I'm going to work for at least the next eight. I don't know if I want to work through another down cycle. I got into real estate at the very peak. My first clients bought at the absolute

worst time. I was always upfront with my clients. I'd say, 'You're buying when prices are definitely going to go down.' I don't know if I'd feel good about getting people into homes once there's another peak, knowing that prices are going to go down again. Once you start dealing with a down

ence room at Hillcrest Keller Williams.

Lionel Silva speaks first, explaining how he has attempted to remain successful in a changing market.

"We're all going after listings," he says. "Listings move quickly. Working with buyers right now can be

"This is San Diego...You won't get into a home by bidding under the listing price."

market, you have short sales and bank-owned properties. Whenever a bank's involved, it's just no fun."

It can be extremely depressing

On a Wednesday afternoon, I meet with real estate agents Joy Thomas, Jeff Discher, Peggy Walkush, Heather Goodman, Lionel Silva, and Luis Flores in a confer-

challenging."

Flores elaborates, "The amount of offers we write is going up. Because prices are still low and rents are increasing, you have a lot of investors with cash that are buying up everything under \$400,000. We're competing with all cash. Anything under \$500,000 typically receives multiple offers. If you have a listing, you'll get inves-

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tors who write all-cash, no-contingency offers with a 14-day close. You have all these poor VA or first-time FHA buyers come in with strong offers, but from a listing standpoint, it makes sense to go with the investor, even though you want to help out the military."

"It can be extremely depressing," Walkush adds. "We try to put a compelling story together when we send cover letters to the listing agent, saying, 'Give this VA buyer a chance!' Another thing that is knocking out the VA, FHA, and small-down-payment buyers is appraisals. Appraisers are appraising based on properties that closed 90 days or longer ago. They don't want to recognize the upward movement of the market. So, you're writing an offer for a VA buyer, and that seller is anticipating that the appraisal can come in \$10,000-\$15,000 lower. That puts the FHA buyer at a disadvantage. They can't come up with the

cash to cover what the banks aren't willing to loan."

"Appraisals have been issues since the 2008 meltdown," Silva says.

Adds Goodmanson, "I've been speaking with appraisal managers who say, 'We're getting chewed out on both sides. If we bring in an appraisal and we don't have comps to validate it, the bank will fire us.' It's not their fault. There's risk on their side. That's why they're being cautious."

"Buyers nowadays understand that they're going to have to bid higher than they would like to," Flores explains. "When you have an FHA

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buyer all excited to see a property, realistically, the likelihood of them getting into that property is low.”

“It’s sad,” Discher says. “You really want to help your client. If you’re a VA [loan], you’re at the bottom of the list. If a house is on the market 30 days, I say you have a chance. I set my clients up right away and tell them, if you’re VA/FHA, you’re at the bottom of the barrel. It sucks being on both sides. When you have a VA loan, you get pissed off at the other agent for not accepting it; but at the same time, when you get a listing, you do the same thing. We have a duty to our

sellers’ best interests. You’ll see compelling stories, with great cover letters, but you’re still going to go with the cash offer. It’s a better deal for your seller. I have the devil on one side and the angel on the other. The angel is writing offers, getting mad at the listing agent, saying, ‘Give us a chance.’ At the same time, if I get a listing the next day and see all cash after ten offers, I’ll say, ‘Let’s go with that one.’ It’s sad.”

I wrote seven offers — none were accepted

Real-estate broker Viki Navardauskaite has considered getting a part-time job.

“I don’t want to switch careers, but it would be nice to have something on the side that’s more stable. I love what I do. It’s very exciting. In real

“Most agents don’t last more than about ten years.”

estate, there are a lot of emotions involved. You get married, you buy a house, and you have a baby. Those are the most important steps in life.”

Some of that excitement is starting to dwindle.

“When I show my cli-

ents the right house and see a smile on their faces when we write an offer, it gives me such a sense of hope. But things are changing. Now, the list-

pointing. Unfortunately, that’s not uncommon.”

Viki tells her clients to remain positive. She encourages them to get their offers in quickly. “I tell my buyers, ‘Roll with the punches.’ It’s almost like, ‘Just take what you can get.’ It’s getting to that point. It’s sad.”

Viki has seen the market go through drastic changes in the past six months.

“With the lack of inventory and the high demand, what we’re experiencing are buyers running around making offers. Everything has multiple offers. It’s really hard to get anything accepted. It’s driving prices up. Peo-

ple submit over asking price and they still don’t get in. I urge my buyers to make their offers as clean as possible. Nowadays, listing agents won’t even counter you. They go ahead and choose the highest offers. Since the summer, there’s been a new rule: make your highest and best offer right away.”

Due to these changes, Viki has seen many clients become discouraged.

“I have clients get into the market and see how hard it is to buy a home. I have a lot of buyers saying, ‘Oh, my god! I will never get into a house.’ I went through the same thing. In spring 2012, my husband and I

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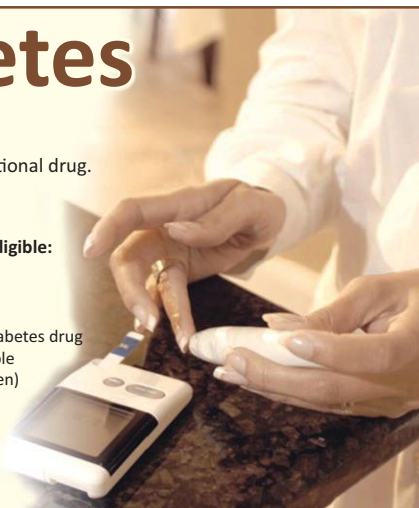
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Viki's cell phone vibrates on the table between us. She looks at it. "I get alerts when something new hits the MLS," she says with a shrug.

"Right now, I feel like I'm chasing properties. It's very stressful. My stress levels have gone up this year. I've had nine sales; in 2011, I had fifteen or sixteen."

Viki is training herself to work with more sellers.

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"[Of those offers,] I had one FHA loan. I would love to get someone in who actually wants to live in the house, but it had some issues. The heater was broken, and the sellers didn't have

after spending the past six years as a property manager; she works in a separate brokerage run by her father. When he was 16, Rice was already processing loan applications, doing filing, and learning the ins and outs

"If you're a VA [loan], you're at the bottom of the list."

\$4000 to fix it. I'm stuck going with this investor who's going to pay more. You really feel bad for the buyers."

Dave Rice was raised on real estate. Both his parents and younger sister are brokers. His wife just passed the Department of Real Estate state-board exam

of the paperwork.

In 2012, he feels both the pinch and the rewards of dwindling inventory.

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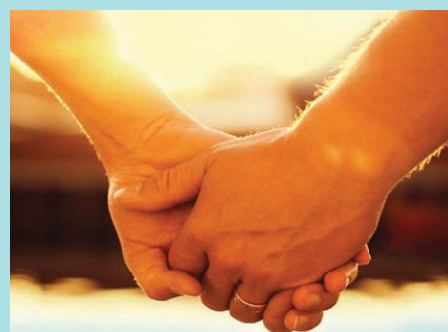
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tion with other people. It can get frustrating as an agent, writing all these offers and keeping your buyers' spirits up.

"This has been happening for about the last six to eight months. Around the beginning of 2012, investors started to sense that we'd hit the bottom, and the market started to turn around. There's been a frenzied rush to get in. Inventory has been tight for the last year and a half. Largely, that's a result of banks delaying foreclosures. They aren't foreclosing on properties, either, not as frequently as they could. There are fewer that are falling into default. A lot of the loans

that were made in the mid-2000s have already gone bad.

"The greatest agents aren't necessarily the ones who are good at what they do; they're the ones good at selling the idea that they're good at what they do. I'm a shy, quiet person. I'm not much of a salesman, in the pushy *Buy this now!* sense. I've gone to real-estate training seminars. They give you scripts that teach you how to turn casual conversations into sales pitches. I'll sometimes sarcastically say to people I know, 'And, by the way, who do you know that would like to buy or sell a house in the

next 30 days?' Because that's the most asinine question on any of those

"When I show my clients the right house, and see a smile on their faces when we write an offer, it gives me such a sense of hope."

scripts. They want you to then say, 'May I have [your] phone number? May I tell them that you referred me?' In good conscience, that's just

not who I am. I see it as being like the guy trawling the bar who will use a

pick-up line on anyone. I don't get a lot of listings, because I don't do that."

You gain control when you ask questions

When I pull into the parking lot of Jason Stewart's Chula Vista real-estate office, the lot is dotted with luxury cars. There is a slick Mercedes E500, a BMW SUV, a Range Rover, and two Lincoln Navigators. I follow a woman in an animal-print skirt across the lot and up a flight of stairs. When I open the double doors, I'm immediately greeted by a secretary.

She says in a sunny voice, "You must be here for the script class."

I follow her into an airy room. The walls are painted stop-sign red. The paneled ceiling features cut-outs that resemble marsh-

mallow clouds. Two men and three women take up 5 of 42 folding chairs arranged in front of instructor Jason Stewart. Stewart wears a well-fitted pin-striped suit, a blue shirt, and a red tie. His hair is stiff with product. He looks like a politician.

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the other to be the seller."

A woman in a fuchsia blouse meticulously matched to her high heels partners up with an overly accessorized 40-something woman in a skirt suit. One pretends to be a rude buyer, while the other is an assertive seller. After five minutes, Stewart addresses the agents.

"Remember to ask questions. You gain control when you ask questions. You've got to be on your toes. The buyers in today's market are more educated than the ones of ten years ago. Make sure to ask prequalifying questions!"

Anna Campos, a buyer's agent in the front row, pipes in: "If they aren't ready to give me their pre-approval, I'm not going to work with them."

Darin Triolo adds, "I like to poke holes in other relationships. I'll say things like, 'Wow, your agent didn't tell you that?'" He smirks. "That'll get them in the office."

Stewart wraps up the script class by saying, "People who practice scripts on a regular basis do better. People who call *you* are a great lead. Abraham Lincoln said it best: 'If I had six hours to cut down a tree, I would spend five hours sharpening my axe.'"

After the class, Stewart tells me he has eight different scripts memorized when dealing with potential clients.

"I want to be the Coca-Cola of real estate, or, worst-case scenario, the Pepsi." Stewart leans forward and shoots me a dimpled smile. "They say that someone needs to see a logo or hear a slogan about a company at least eight times before it registers in their brain.

Anyone I've had a good conversation with, I try to eventually get that person's phone number, address, and email. Then they're going to get my emails on a regular basis. I call them every now and then and ask for

"Learning the scripts helps me ask for referrals in all different types of conversation. One conversation I like to have with people is called FORD — family, occupation, recreation, and dreams. I call up and ask

"The greatest agents aren't necessarily the ones who are good at what they do. They're the ones good at selling the idea that they're good at what they do."

referrals. Throughout the year, they are going to get nine to twelve pieces of mail from me. I have over a thousand people in my database. I dedicate two hours a day to nurturing that database. I keep my face in front of them. I call them. I request them on Facebook. I send them personal notes. They might not ever read it, but they'll know that Jason Stewart is still doing real estate."

Stewart sees scripts as hugely beneficial to his success.

about their family. Then I'll say, 'How is your work?' And then I'll ask a recreation question. This causes them to engage in the conversation. I know most people's FOR. The goal is to learn their D. The people whose D you know will send you the most business. Those are the people that know you, love you, and trust you. The biggest mistake in any real-estate business is not dedicating at least an hour a day to prospecting for business." ■

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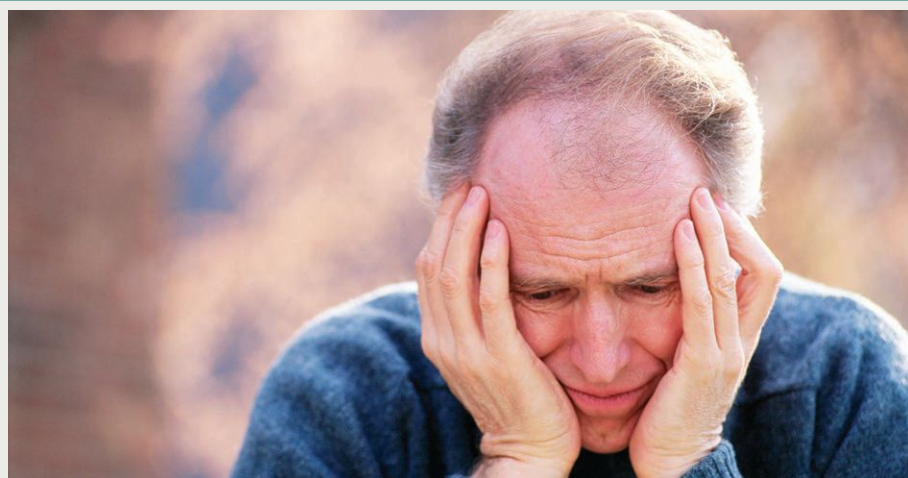
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The glare on the water teases the eyes. Lazy sunrays glint, warp, and wisp away in the troughs of deep-blue swells. The rolling shimmers lull spotters from their task: find schools of tuna. We're off the coast of Mexico, pole-fishing for tuna. It's June 1947. Our bait boxes are plugged with live sardines and anchovies. In the crow's nest, the spotter scans the horizon with black binoculars. He adjusts the center-wheel focus on the 7 x 50s for a clearer view.

The ability to read the ocean, to identify different schools of tuna from afar, is a priceless skill. And not just what kind of

tuna, but what they're doing: Are they feeding or on the move? Will a sighting justify the intricate bull work of hauling them in or just waste precious bait?

The spotter doesn't expect a bulging horde of 20- to 50-pound yellowfin steeple-chasing on the bounding main. The older the yellowfin, the more it prefers smaller groups — pods — deeper down; and even deeper, the higher the sun's in the sky.

Spotters look for "jumpers," tuna leaping into the air, and "boilers" and "foamers," feeding tuna that churn the water. Pole-fishing for boilers has an advantage: the mechanical grind of the engine or the *whip-whip* of the spinning propeller won't frighten them. The disadvantage: schools feed for unpredictable lengths of time, from a few minutes to hours. Boilers and



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Skipjack tuna

foamers may signal the end of a frenzy.

A riot of whitewater is a magnet for birds. Some say, the larger the bird, the bigger the school, and that for every huge, coal-black man-o'-war overhead, at least

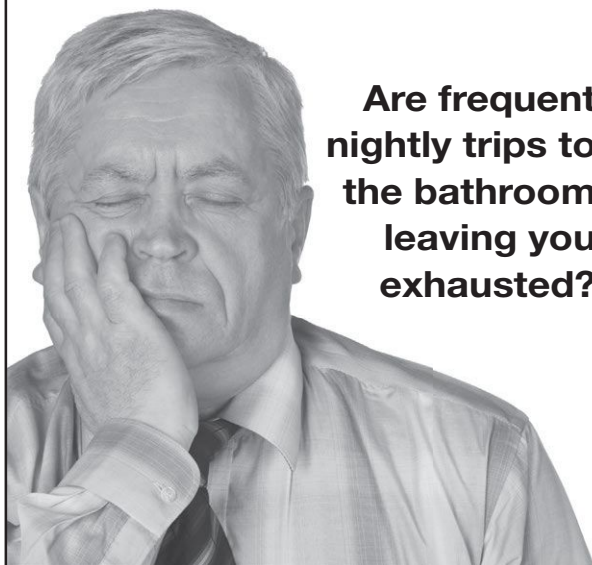
ten tons of tuna swim below. Even a single man-o'-war — also called "pirate birds" because they rob others of their food — can lure a boat from a mile away.

Here's where a spotter's eyes come in.

QUOTATIONS

1. Leonard Ingrande: "It took an art to fish by hand like that."
2. Michael Orbach: "The teamwork necessary to the process is so pervasive that if anything goes wrong, it's hard for the actions of one man to make a significant difference."

3. Seafood database: "Pole-fishing is a highly selective method, which has little or no impact on the marine environment...and little bycatch, and no impact on bottom habitats."



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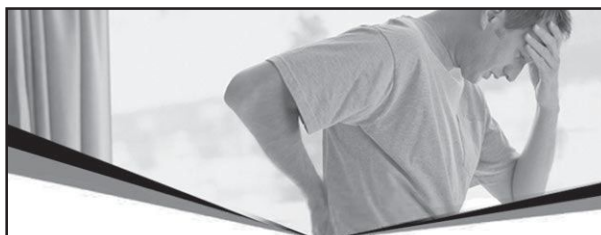
Help may be available for people with nocturia. A clinical trial is currently underway to test the effectiveness of a medication to treat nocturia. You may be eligible to participate in this study if you meet the following criteria:

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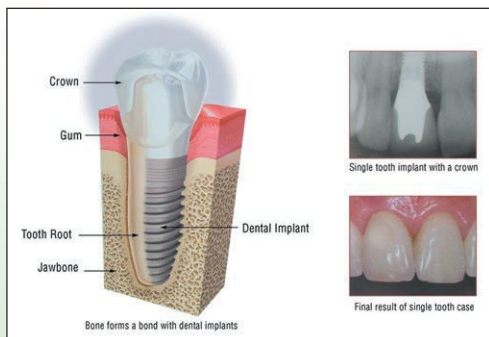
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Nine fishermen grab bamboo poles from the canopy and take their places on the racks, iron balconies that unfold outside the boat almost at the water line. They're on the stern and curve around to portside.

On our boat everyone works. The cook and engineer fish from the stern. The three best fishermen work from the "center," that curve between the stern and portside. The rest go portside, the least experienced farthest up the line.

Pole-fishing demands upper-body strength. But what most landlubbers don't realize is the toll it takes on the legs, especially the thighs. Like weightlifters, fishermen lift with their lower bodies, all the while trying to maintain balance on a boat rocking from

captain for 27 years. "I've seen large schools right on the surface that wouldn't. It'll drive you nuts!"

"Tuna fishing is never a continuous process," writes H.C. Godsil. "In the log book of a tuna boat will be seen repeatedly the statement: 'Lots of fish — won't

"You can tell right away if they're going to bite or not."

side to side. An old adage: "Waves like to knock you around."

As they wait, they flex sore knees (knee-pads only help so much) and backs. They close and open fists to get the circulation going. Now Skipper's got the boat in place. The chummer's tossing bait at a black spot near the racks, and...

Nothing. Nary a nip.

"You can tell right away if they're going to bite or not," says Julius Zolezzi, a tuna

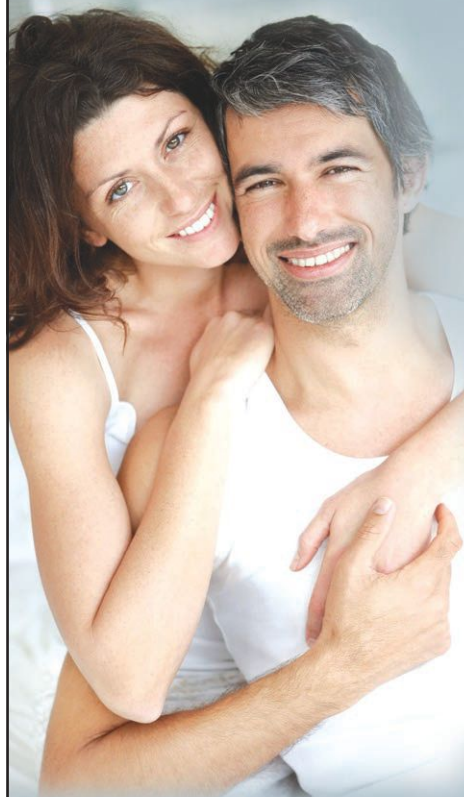
bite, and to one who knows, this terse excerpt tells a tale of an irritated crew in enforced, exasperated idleness, with days and profits slipping by."

The crew returns to regular duties: scrub the deck, check to see if they've packed fish correctly in the refrigerated bins below, resupply deck tanks with live bait.

The boat changes course. Something's out there. Crewmen return to the

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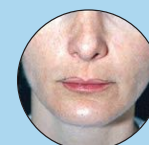
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racks. They notice a swarm of black splotches just above the horizon. "Working birds" — birds that loop and dive-bomb — signal feeding fish. Some flap giant wings: pirate birds!

The water looks like soup boiling over. The boat eases into position. The chummer scoops and tosses live bait, scoops and tosses in a steady rhythm.

Nine poles slap the water, making the baitfish seem like a school.

A skipjack strikes with astonishing speed. The fisherman slides his left foot under the rack for support and loads weight on his right leg, braced behind him. His left hand anchors the pole in a leather pad. He arches his back and heaves upward with his right hand. Tension on the line secures the hook.

The skipjack rises like a launched rocket, the white underbelly squirming to break free, the tail whipping side to side.

At the top of his arc, the man relaxes his grip. The barbless hook releases the fish, which soars up and over a three-foot rail and tumbles onto the wooden alleyway between the rail and the bait box.

Another joins it. Then another thumps onto the deck.

Never once does the fisherman take his eye off the hook. He watches it all the way back and straight back down to the water.

"The worst accident I ever saw in all my years of fishing," says Julius Zolezzi: "one of the pole-men portside forgot to follow his hook. The wind was up that day. Blew the hook over the canopy and into the eye of a sternman. Fishing stopped. We got him as fast as we could to a hospital. He lost the eye."

Edward Soltesz, who worked on bait boats for many years, recalled a crewmate who also lost an eye. "He was so afraid of losing the other, he had a mask he wore."

The water's seething now. Whooshing wings descend

on darting silver movements beneath the foam. From portside around to the stern, bamboo poles rise and fall and slap the water like old-time wheat threshers.

Noises drown each other out: squawking birds, the roars of wind and open sea; curses, grunts, voices.

The skipjack rises like a launched rocket, the white underbelly squirming to break free, the tail whipping side to side.

When a frenzy's on, a tuna-man runs on instinct and adrenaline. He fishes his designated area and has no time for thought.

One snares one coming right at him. In a swift motion, he uses the fish's forward momentum; he lifts it up, wheels it to the right, and it nosedives down behind the rail. A classic catch, equal to a line-drive by Ted Williams or one of Sammy Baugh's mile-high punts.

Foul balls and shanked kicks are just as prevalent. At least one of three fish slips the hook, either too early or too late. Tuna bang into the canopy or blast onto the rack, knocking people down or overboard, and sometimes breaking bones.

"A 15- or 20-pound tuna can take a 200-pound man down," says former clipper captain Arnold Fernandes. "I've seen that happen many a time."

The feeding intensifies. Foam flows across the surface like white lava. Now several tuna attack at once. To an untrained eye, the scene is, at best, sheer chaos; at worst, the very definition of madness.

"The trick," says Soltesz, "was to get the fish lined up, but they came from all directions. You never knew when they were going to hit."

"Their favorite way was from under the boat, heading straight out. They

would grab the lure and just pull your arms out of your sockets."

Another misery: tuna usually feed with their heads up. Hook one pointing down, and it feels four times as heavy. "You would see that fish just about ready to hit your hook," says Leonard Ingrande. "If it's a good-

sized fish, you've got to be on your way up before it bites, otherwise, he is going to put his head down, and it'll be real tough getting him up.

"Once you get precision enough to do this, it becomes automatic. As soon as that fish bites, his head is going to come up, and he's going to keep flapping his tail. He helps you. He's kind of swimming upward."

During a good run, most tuna-men are too engrossed to feel the strain. Hook a tuna with its head down, and the hands go numb and arms and legs almost screech in pain. Notions of play or sport or money in the bank give way to sudden, stone-dead exhaustion. Yet, somehow, most manage to keep going.

"I never worked harder than on a bait boat," recalls Julius Zolezzi. "You're using all your muscles. But hard work never bothered a crew. Get hit by a fish and fall in the rack, you pick yourself up and start fishing again. Crews were incredible workers."

Because tuna fishermen get paid in shares, says Ingrande, "you'll break your neck to catch fish... You would just ache from head to toe... You get all this raw skin, and the boat would roll, and that salt water would hit all this raw area, it would be like fire going right straight to your

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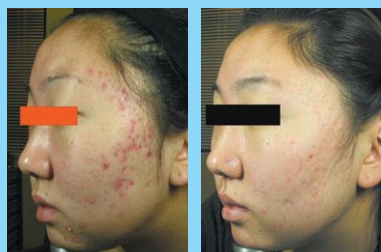
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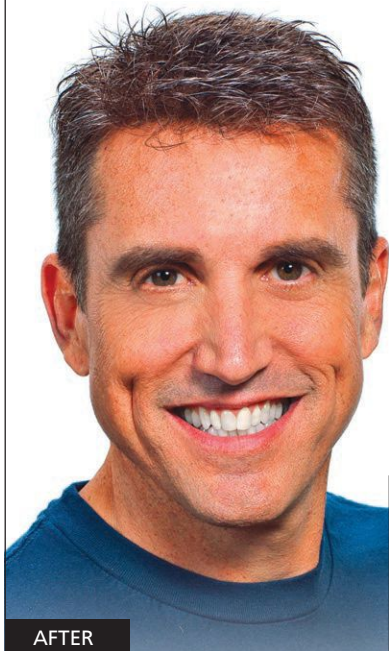
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brain.”

A big one took a hook: yellowfin, at least 50 pounds twisting left and right in protest. Too big for one man. Crewmen on each side reach to steady the pole. Still too big. Without saying a word — there's no time — the man in the middle “hand-lines” the pole, walking his fingers to the tip and pulling it onto the rack. He bends the thick bamboo until a notch snaps.

A big one got away, but they prevented the number-one no-no of tuna fishing: never lose your pole. A man going overboard — aka “shaking hands with the rudder” — doesn't always bother the fish. But when a pole hits the water and the tuna drags it out to sea, the school either chases after the spinning stick or scatters.

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A big one rises from the depths. They time the strike and arch their backs in unison. Both should pull to their right, but this rogue's too heavy to swing around. It's coming on a line-drive. Each man takes one step to the side. The fish powers through the corridor and crash-lands on the alleyway.

There's blood on the water now. Hooks that don't catch can rip a tuna's mouth. Red droplets disperse amid the froth. Sharks come to inspect.

To anchor themselves, men on the racks poke their left toes four or five inches under the rail. Now they must be careful. Sharks tear a bleeding tuna off a hook and carry it away. Some swim up and bump your toes hanging over the side, to see if you're edible. If they start doing that, bang their snout with your pole!

And keep an eye out for wahoo. That's a barracuda's mean older brother. Why, I've seen those razor-sharp teeth...

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Must have caught ten tons. Though most don't fish with them, many in the crew now put on gloves. Some use a board and shove tuna forward, up mid-ship, to the refrigerated hold. Leave fish out in the sun for very long, they tan and fry. Other crewmen clean the alleyway of blood and slime.

No one says much. And while their bodies clamor for a good long break — food enough for three and a week of deep sleep — their eyes scan the ocean for the telltale signs of tuna on the move.

Next time: The Lone Wolf Hits a Royal Flush. ■

— Jeff Smith

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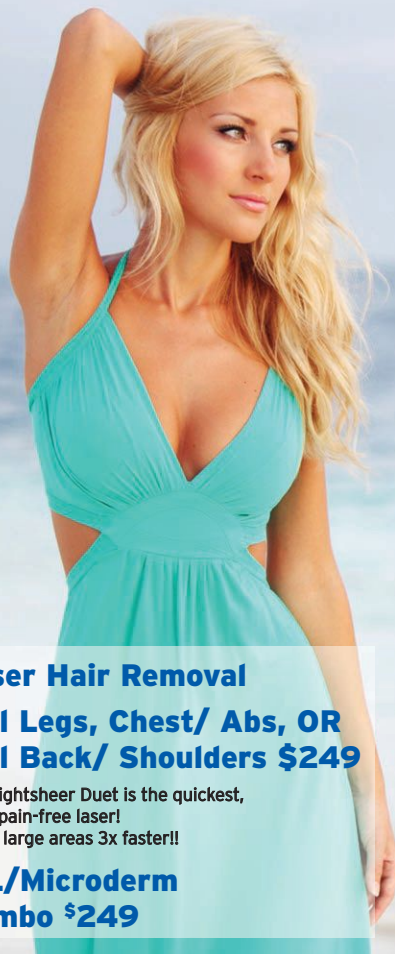
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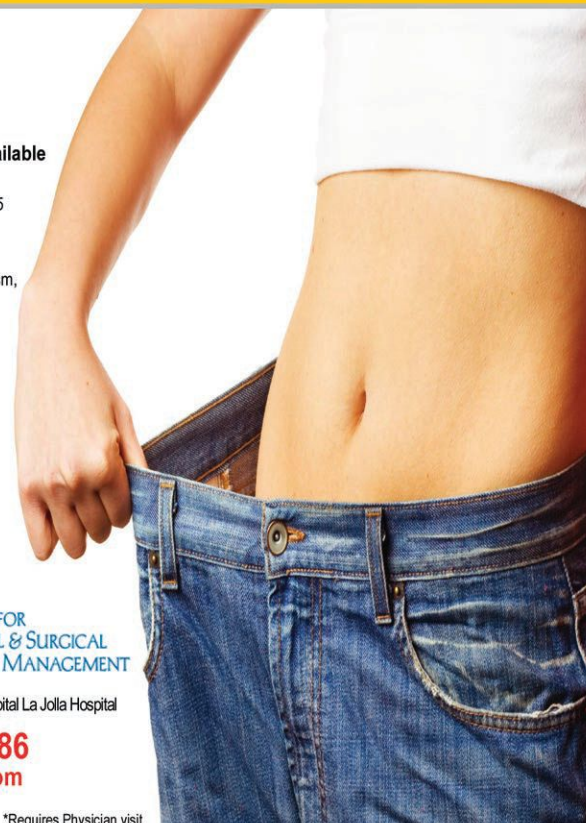
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Woke up with a knife

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insufficient evidence, and Brittany Marie Dushkin, 21, was released at the end of a preliminary hearing on October 9, 2012.

Spatcher, 31, was found to be in violation of probation on four prior felony cases; plus, he was ordered to face new felony charges, including kidnapping and extortion. Spatcher, who pleaded not guilty, will next appear at Vista's North County Courthouse on January 23. ■

Under the radar

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have failed to file one or more of the required 48-hour notices regarding 'last minute' contributions received by your committee after the close of books for the 12 Day Pre-General Report," the letter says. "To ensure that the Commission is notified of last minute contributions of \$1,000 or more to your campaign, it is recommended that you review your procedures for checking contributions received during the aforementioned time period. The failure to file 48-hour notices may result in civil money penalties or legal enforcement action. If any contribution of \$1,000 or more was incorrectly reported, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information." A response from the Peters camp is due by February 8. Asked for comment, Peters spokesperson **MaryAnne Pintar** responded in an email: "It's a standard letter. Any issues will be addressed promptly by our Treasurer."

Moving daze Now that the new downtown library is almost finished and preparing to open in July, moving day is just around the corner. This being the city, of course, a contractor is required. Based on a request for proposals from movers, the task appears daunting: "Provide a moving plan that includes consultant services, pre-move planning, move schedule, supervi-

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sion, staffing, working hours, establishing waypoints for the purpose of interfiling and merging the materials from the basements with the main collection, collection mapping including and identifying shelf allocation and growth space calculations, tagging the collection, labeling, packing, transporting, unpacking, removal and disposal of packing material, final item by item interfiling and merging of the Central Library's collections, daily clean-up, and project close-out."

The request continues: "In addition to the estimated 1.2 million books in the Central Library collection, audiobooks, video recordings, and music, the Library has collections in cabinets, including atlases, maps, microforms, patent CDs, music CDs, and picture files. These cabinets will need to be moved as well. New shelving will already be installed at the new facility, so this request for proposal does not include the moving of shelving." No cost is estimated; bids are due January 29.

— Matt Potter

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sent a notification to individuals who had subscribed to its "Daily Deal" vouchers announcing a proposed class-action settlement in response to an August 2011 complaint filed by Linda Low in federal district court.

Low alleges that the U-T's SignOnSanDiego website sold the deal vouchers, essentially discounted gift certificates, while listing unreasonably short periods for their redemption. Low further argues that such expiration dates are illegal in their entirety since the Electronic Funds Transfer Act, which governs the online payments collected by SignOn, prohibits the issuance of a gift certificate with an expiration

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period of less than five years.

The suit further complains that, in addition to the unacceptable length of time allowed to redeem the certificates at their promotional value (frequently twice the actual amount consumers pay for them), some vendors have refused to honor the certificates even for the amount actually paid.

Vendors' motivation to fail to honor the "cash value" of the certificates may be related to the fact that SignOn keeps roughly half of the proceeds of any gift-certificate sales.

Without admitting guilt, SignOn is proposing to allow customers who have a record of deals they purchased but were unable to redeem, and who are willing to attest that they attempted to redeem the vouchers for the original price but were denied that opportunity by the merchant, to return them for "Deal Bucks," which would only be useful for consumers wishing to purchase more deals through the U-T site.

Dave Rice, January 9

Just stupid

Judge finds "stupid" reason enough to reduce car theft felony to misdemeanor San Marcos — The deputy said he first noticed the car because it was driving so slow, and then he saw that the occupants kept turning around to look at his patrol car.

Because there were four persons in the back seat of the 1993 Honda and the deputy knew there were only enough seat belts for three, the officer said he pulled the car over at the intersection of Knoll Road and Mission, in San Marcos.

San Diego sheriff's deputy Darrell McNeal noticed the car's steering column was broken and there was a "shaved key" in the ignition

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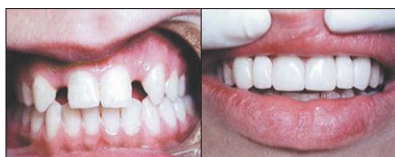
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tion. He said the interior of the car looked “ransacked” and had empty alcohol containers strewn about. Deputy McNeal then learned that the owner of the vehicle had reported it stolen from his workplace in Carmel Mountain Ranch at 7:30 p.m. that same day.

Cassandra Jennifer Arvizu, 18, was arrested for possession of the stolen vehicle.

After the public defender asked the judge to reduce the felony charge to a misdemeanor, prosecutor Benjamin Barlow told the judge that Arvizu’s prior contact with the justice system “has not discouraged criminal conduct.” Judge Harry Elias declared, “I think she’s stupid” and found it “too early to tag her with a felony.... I’m going to reduce to misdemeanor.”

Eva Knott, January 8

Murder suspect caught in Oregon

Man allegedly followed woman home from bar, shot her in the head
 Lemon Grove/Beyond SD — Authorities have identified a suspect in the murder of a woman last week in Lemon Grove, leading to the arrest of 32-year-old Casey Tschida, who had fled to his mother’s house in Happy Valley, Oregon.

San Diego Sheriff’s Homicide investigators learned that Tschida was an acquaintance of Jennifer Rene Krajnak, who was found with a gunshot wound to the head along the side of a residential street and later died of her injuries after being transported to a hospital.

The two had been drinking in a local bar earlier in the evening, though witnesses reported they left at different times. Tschida caught up to Krajnak as she was walking home, shot her once in the back of the head, and then left her lying in the street before he left

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for Oregon.

Dave Rice, January 7

All Dems on board

Filner fills extra-pay SANDAG committees with himself and fellow partisans

San Diego — It’s official: Democratic mayor Bob Filner wants to appoint himself to the board of directors and the executive committee of the San Diego Association of Governments, otherwise known as SANDAG.

And Filner, a former member of Congress and veteran of its hardball political spoils system, has made sure his fellow Democrats at city hall will share the wealth.

The latest appointment news is contained in a disclosure filing posted online yesterday entitled “Proposed 2013 Appointments by Bob Filner.”

Besides naming himself to that spot, Filner has designated councilwoman and fellow Democrat Marti Emerald as his first alternate and Democrat Sherri Lightner second.

The SANDAG board position carries a per-meeting stipend of \$150, while the SANDAG executive committee spot pays \$100 per meeting.

Another disclosure posted online by the city clerk, entitled “Proposed 2013 appointments by Todd Gloria,” lists Filner as Gloria’s choice for SANDAG board, with Emerald as alternate. On this document, Gloria is also listed as a member of the SANDAG board.

Our sources on scene report that a dispute broke out between Filner and Democratic city-council president Gloria during this afternoon’s council meeting over who had authority to name SANDAG board members.

After a closed-door meeting with Gloria, the mayor returned to the open session and said, “It

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should not have gotten to this point and we apologize to the council.” He added that he and Gloria “will try to do this in a better way.”

The discussion of appointments was reportedly continued until next Monday.

Matt Potter, January 8

Comments

HonestGovernment Jan. 9@ 8:30 a.m.

Thank you for this reporting, Matt. Compared to what can be read about this elsewhere, your account is informative and unbiased. The reporting of the closed-door meeting and of Filner’s subsequent statements provides a broad picture of the proceedings. It seems that what happened is a great example of how good, honest government should and can work. And compared to “elsewhere,” your link works!

The enmity toward Filner, as expressed in the always-slanted headlines and reporting elsewhere, is disheartening.

¿Dónde está la pistola?

Suspects recorded discussing in Spanish whether gun had been found, says deputy
 Fallbrook — Deputies didn’t know about the hidden gun until they reviewed the tape and heard the man ask his female friend if they had found it.

Sheriff’s deputy John Klimek said he put Angel Chavez and Araceli Diaz in the backseat of a patrol car while deputies searched the blue 1994 Chevy that Diaz had been driving.

At 2 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18, Deputy Klimek pulled the car over near the intersection of freeway 15 and highway 76. The officer said the car’s windows were so darkly tinted that neither the driver nor passenger could be seen, which he said is a violation of vehicle code.

Neither person in the vehicle had valid identifi-

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cation, a driver's license, or proof of insurance.

Klimek found more than 33 grams of methamphetamine in "a quart-sized Mason jar" and a digital scale in the car. Inside Chavez's wallet was more than \$4000 in hundred-dollar bills.

There was a digital recorder in the patrol car in which both suspects had been placed. Angel Rodriguez Chavez, 37, and Araceli Chavez Diaz, 26, were speaking Spanish to each other when Chavez asked Diaz "if they found the gun," the deputy testified in court today.

Deputies were in the Fallbrook sheriff station when they reviewed the recording and heard the comment, and officers went to check the impounded vehicle again. Deputy Timothy Clark said he then found a 9mm handgun hidden under a floormat in front of the passenger seat.

Eva Knott, January 7

Meth + gun + pills = suspicious

Man arrested in apartment complex hid contraband in his silver Cadillac

Escondido — Police officer Jake Houchin said he was

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called to an apartment complex at 101 South Spruce Street on a report of a "suspicious person in the area."

It was just before 10 p.m. on a Wednesday night, December 19, when the officer found 24-year-old David Sanchez seated on steps at the apartments there.

When the man was searched, Officer Houchin said he found almost 14 grams of methamphetamine in the front pocket of the man's black hoodie and keys to a silver Cadillac parked nearby. In the car, the officer found a bottle of hydrocodone pills prescribed to a different person and a gun wedged between the driver's seat and the center console.

The Sig Sauer pistol was loaded, the officer said. "He said that it was his handgun and that he purchased it from his cousin for about four hundred dollars." Officer Houchin said a records check showed the gun was not registered with the Department of Justice.

Eva Knott, January 7

A "real" poverty rate

Migrants from southern Mexico hiking poverty numbers across state
Baja — According to recent

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reports, the Mexican state of Baja California has over 320,000 people living in some form of poverty. The Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (National Institute of Statistics and Geography or INEGI) census reported that 13 percent of the state's population does not have a home or the means to provide adequate daily food.

A report was published in *El Universal* on January 1 using statistics from INEGI and state sources. It claims the large amount of those in poverty are migrants moving from southern Mexico to the Tijuana area. The report goes on to say that many migrants are from the state of Chiapas and move to Baja California with no job lined up.

K. Mennem, January 7

Comments

Visduh Jan. 7@ 9:03 p.m.

Here in the U.S., people with weight problems, carrying cell phones, smoking cigarettes, and driving cars can be, and frequently are, considered impoverished. Apparently in Mexico the definition is notably different...those who do "not have a home or the means to provide adequate daily food" are impoverished.

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living.

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Francesca Nantista
via voicemail

Typical San Diego

I was reading the letters last week, laughing at the comedy. These nimrods who couldn't turn a page and find Barbarella cracked me up. Typical San Diego attitude to complain about a free publication. They should read the *U-T* so Papa Doug and friends can tell them where things are.

Gary Burke
Spring Valley
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and fall in love with human men. The only major difference was that in *Splash*, the human (played by Tom Hanks) decides to live in the ocean without the benefit of a magical fin, whereas Ariel gets legs to live the rest of her days on land.

We watched *Splash* first. Then, between movies, we popped open another bottle, affixed our mermaid tattoos, and rushed back downstairs for a sing-along that would, later that night, fuel the dreams of three mermaid princesses and their queen. ■

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Your Week

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Thursday | 17

HOW TO CURE MEATS AT HOME

Chef Stein reveals the secrets to the art of meat curing. Learn how to transform the humble pig into sausages, salumi, bacon, pâtés, and more. As a bonus, each student will receive a copy of *Charcuterie: The Craft of Salting, Smoking, and Curing*, by Michael Ruhlman and Brian Polcyn. Ages 18+. \$125.

WHEN: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
WHERE: Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Drive, suite L, San Marcos, 760-233-2433; alchemyoftheearth.com

Friday | 18

ENVIROSCAPES: A JEN TRUTE RETROSPECTIVE

Approaching her subject matter with scientific detail, Trute's dystopian narratives reference myriad interests, ranging from natural sciences, climate change, endangered animals, and art history to sociopolitical concerns. This retrospective exhibition features Trute's work from 1998 to 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. \$8.

WHEN: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
WHERE: Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-435-3721; oma-online.org

Saturday | 19

COCKTAIL HAT/FASCINATOR WORKSHOP

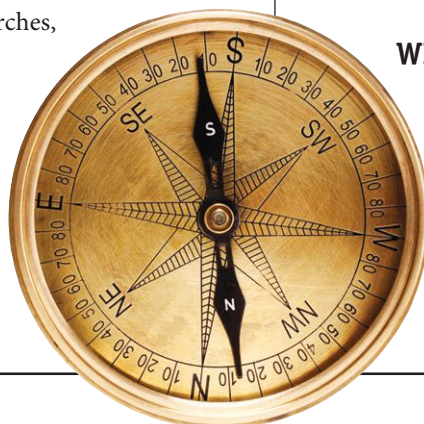
Jill Courtemanche has made hats for celebrities, including Yoko Ono, Donatella Versace, and Princess Mary of Denmark, and now she is sharing the tips and tricks of her trade in this hands-on workshop at her new shop in Solana Beach. Make your own fabulous fascinator or charming cocktail hat, learning basic millinery techniques and the art of hand-stitching to craft your hat using felt, feathers, netting, ribbon, and more. No sewing experience is required. \$85.

WHEN: 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
WHERE: Jill Courtemanche Millinery, 410 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach; 858-876-6353; jillcourtemanche.com

Sunday | 20

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY PARADE

Commemorate the life of the iconic Civil Rights activist at this 32nd annual parade, featuring floats, high school bands, drill teams, colleges, fraternities, churches, and peace and youth groups. Festivities coordinated by the Zeta Sigma Lambda Chapter of



FRIDAY, JANUARY 18: ENVIROSCAPES

Alpha Phi Alpha, the oldest black fraternity in America.

WHEN: 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Harbor Drive Embarcadero, downtown. 619-264-0542.

Monday | 21

GREAT BALLS OF FIRE

The threat of a catastrophic impact from an asteroid or comet is a staple of popular culture. If there was a dinosaur-killer in Earth's past, will humankind suffer the same fate? What are the chances and how do we assess the risks? For that matter, what *are* asteroids, comets, and meteorites, and where do they come from? "Great Balls of Fire" explores recent discoveries and cutting-edge science relating to these incredible objects. \$9.75-\$11.75.

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

WHERE: Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-238-1233.

Tuesday | 22

WILDERNESS BASICS COURSE

Get a jump-start on your summer camping know-how with this course offered once a year by the San Diego chapter of the Sierra Club. Class includes

lectures, demonstrations, videos, and PowerPoint presentations on all aspects of wilderness travel: first aid, equipment, insects, navigation, food preparation, large animal encounters, water-filtering systems, staying warm, weather, and more. Also includes day-hikes up local trails on Saturday and Sunday of the first weekend after the course starts, as well as camping trips in local deserts and mountains. Ages 18+.

WHEN: 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays through April 9.

WHERE: Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla, 858-457-3030; lfjcc.org

Wednesday | 23

"@2400 RPM"

McNabb Martin Contemporary Art presents the work of local artist Doyle Reno, who creates reverse-sculpted cast acrylic works, a stubborn and unforgiving material. It can only be properly sculpted under strict conditions and is highly subject to heat and friction. In addition, the sculpting process itself is arduous — and hazardous, as most of the sculpting tools operate at speeds of up to 20,000 RPM.

WHEN: 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: McNabb Martin Contemporary Art, 1990 Columbia Street, Little Italy, 619-546-5888; mcnabbmartincontemporaryart.com

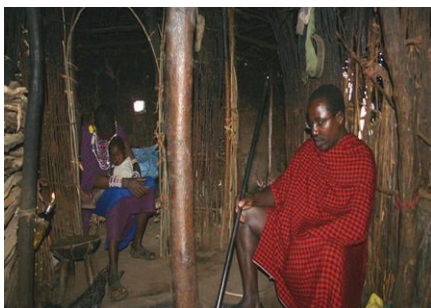
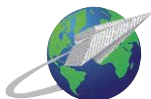
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In Kenya, a Maasai boy isn't considered a man until he has hunted a lion armed only with a shield and spear.

How to Hunt a Lion

By James Michael Dorsey

After two years of invitations, I had made it to Africa to visit my friend Moses, a Maasai elder, at his village in Kenya.

That first night, while sitting around a fire, he offered to tell me about hunting lions. I thought this to be an honor, as the Maasai consider themselves to be great storytellers but do not often share such private tales with visitors.

A Maasai boy is expected to hunt a lion with shield and spear before he is considered a man. While he does not have to kill the lion, he must participate in the hunt. Moses was 13 when he faced this trial

that is an integral part of Maasai culture.

Moses put on a grave face and began to tell me that they hunt by surrounding the lion in a wide circle, then slowly advance until the lion is so threatened that it will attack one warrior, who throws himself on the ground, covers up with this shield, and hopes his fellow hunters kill the lion with their spears before it kills him.

At this point, Moses pulled up his bright red shuka (robe) and showed me a long jagged scar on his calf, saying he got it on his first lion hunt.

I was astounded and could only think to say, "A lion did that to you?"

He leaned forward as if to impart a great secret and said, "No, I was so scared, I speared myself in the leg and the lion got away!" With that, he threw his head back, giggling uncontrollably, and I was introduced to Maasai humor.

Ubud, Bali

By Brandon Walter

My cousin Natalie and I left the Monkey Forest Inn villas in Ubud to stay at a place we'd seen outside of town called

Gaya. We had passed the hotel the day before on a scooter ride and both agreed it was beautiful. The main building somehow resembled a futuristic Mayan pyramid, with a restaurant upstairs and an art gallery downstairs. Behind was a pool and several secluded villas overlooking the river.

After falling in love with the place, she really wanted to stay there for a couple of nights but was apprehensive to pack up all of her stuff and make the move on our scooters. I convinced her it was worth it.

It took a long time to sort out the details of the bill and tie my cousin's 60-pound suitcase to the back of my 50cc scooter. Eventually, it was agreed that someone from the hotel would follow us to the ATM to collect the rest of the bill.

We started up our bikes and were about to be on our way when the owner from the scooter-rental shop came looking for money. So, we killed the engines and had a discussion with him. We decided to follow him to the scooter place to give him our passport numbers. A little

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Other Adventures



jacobeva: Cabo San Lucas is home to amazing rock formations and crystal-clear water.



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Hiking length: 3.25 miles or close to 9 miles, depending on combination of Sunset and Big Laguna Trails taken. A car parked at each end could also enable a one-way down Sunset Trail, which is hikers-only for about 4 miles. Big Laguna Trail allows hikers, horses, and bikes. **Difficulty:** Easy 3–6-hour loop hike with a 500-foot elevation gain/loss.



Lower Sunset Trail on Mount Laguna passes through vast meadows and deep pine forests and skirts a pond and a couple of lakes.

Montana is not the only state that can boast being “Big Sky Country.” We have the same bragging rights in our own backyard: the Laguna Mountains (locals call

it “the Lagunas”). Tucked in the Cleveland National Forest, the Lagunas is an impressive mountain range with the highest point at 6300 feet, high enough for snowfall during

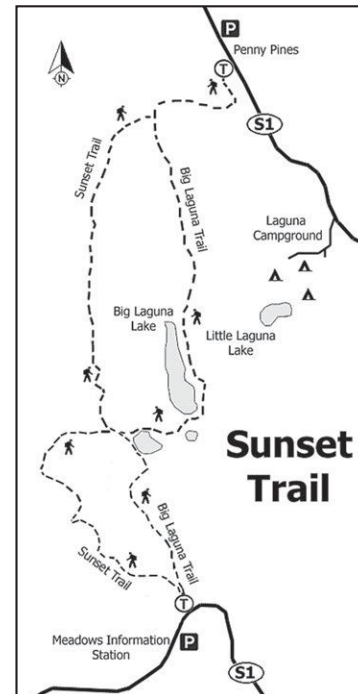
the winter. One of the best hikes in the Lagunas is lower Sunset Trail section, a 3.25-mile loop filled with vast meadows, dense pine forests, a pond, and a couple lakes. It offers

fantastic views of the mountains and, on a clear day, the Pacific Ocean and downtown San Diego.

The trailhead is off Sunrise Highway (SR-1), where you can park along the highway at the Meadows Information Station at mile-marker 19.1. The trailhead is located off the highway shoulder on the north side of the highway. There are several trails connecting to Sunset Trail, but the route is easy to follow with trail markers at each intersection. Sunset Trail connects with the Big Laguna Trail to make for an enjoyable and easy 2–4-hour loop with about 500 feet of elevation gain/loss. Sunset Trail is a hikers-only trail and one of the few in the mountains that allow dogs on leash.

After 1.5 miles into the hike, the trail takes you into the Laguna Meadows, covered with native black oaks, Engelmann oaks, and giant Jeffrey pines. Make sure you stop and plant your nose very close to the bark of a Jeffrey pine tree. You’ll look silly, but the reward is worth it — the bark emits a delicious vanilla scent. The scent is addictive and you will be sniffing every pine tree in your path.

After about another mile, Big Laguna Trail intersects with Sunset Trail in the Meadows at “Water-of-the-Woods,” a small pond brimming with flowering water lilies and ducks during the spring and early summer. During the winter, when



ice appears, pine cones rest on the surface. This is a good place for a snack and a decision point to either extend the walk via a combination of Sunset/Big Laguna Trails north or take Big Laguna Trail south for a leisurely finish of the 3.25-mile loop. This loop hugs Big Laguna Lake, situated in the middle of the Meadows with views of the Laguna Mountains, surrounded by pine for-

ests on all sides. Birdwatchers will have no problem spotting several types of water fowls, red-wing blackbirds, stellar jays, and robins. Because the Lagunas contain several habitats, many native plants thrive here, including prickly pears, typically found in deserts and chaparral; mountain mahogany, found mostly in chaparrals and woodlands; and wart-stemmed ceanothus, a California lilac occurring in coastal and mountain areas.

Best times to visit are in the spring, when the ponds and lakes are full of bird activities and flowering water plants; or during the autumn, when the air is crisp and mountain-fresh and the black-oak leaves turn to autumn colors. So, go get yourself a National Forest Adventure Pass (\$5 per vehicle at sporting-goods stores and in Ramona, Pine Valley, or Laguna locations), grab the leash and the dog, the camera, and enjoy San Diego’s Big Sky Country.

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ART

ArtStop: Seven Passages to a Flight Amy Briere discusses Seven Passages to a Flight. ArtStops are 15-minute, staff-led tours of one to three works on view. Free after museum admission. Thursday, January 17, 12pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Painting and Vino Recreate "Four Seasons" while sipping wine or cocktails. Supplies (canvas, paints, brushes, apron) included. No experience necessary. Registration required. 619-255-7885. Thursday, January 17, 6pm; \$45. 21 and up. 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Dual" Working side by side, this co-exhibition presents drawing possibilities undertaken by a group of artists whose work evolves from two-dimensional practices, investigations of sculpture and space, and much in between. The show includes artists from the visual arts department's MFA and

PhD practice programs working in the experimental drawing and sculpture studios housed in the recently inaugurated Structural Materials and Engineering Building. Show and reception held in #201 and #202. Friday, January 18, 5pm; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Kevin Inman "Places Here" San Diego painter Kevin Inman focuses on plein air landscape and cityscape oil paintings. "Places Here" explores San Diego's old houses, hidden alleyways, and constantly evolving urban landscapes. Complimentary parking in Horton Plaza garage with validation in the mall. Exhibit runs through February 10, 2013. 619-544-1000. Friday, January 18, 6pm; **free**. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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

Abundance of Light One-day exhibit of artist Dale TerBush works based on his study of jellyfish. PR@ecgalleries.com or 800-204-0062. Saturday, January 19, 6pm; **free**. 21 and up. Exclusive Collec-

tions Gaslamp Quarter, 437 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Art-on-the-Green Carlsbad-Oceanside Art League Gallery member artists display their artwork every weekend (good weather permitting) on the lawn in front of the resort. 760-434-8497. Saturday, January 19, 9am; Sunday, January 20, 9am; **free**. Carlsbad Inn Beach Resort, 3075 Carlsbad Boulevard. (CARLSBAD)

Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School Draw models such as "burlesque beauties, roller derby girls, tattooed vixens, belly dancers, rippling hunks of man" on third Saturday of each month. Compete in "wacky contests" for prizes. Bring sketchpads, drawing implements. Saturday, January 19, 3pm; \$10. 21 and up. Ruby Room, 1271 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

James Verbicky: Era New works by the mixed media artist Verbicky, who, art critic Peter Frank says, "isolates imaged language – brand names and logos, headlines and titles – from its contexts in order to derail, or perhaps magnify, its potency." Exhibit runs through February 19. Please RSVP to attend reception. Info@madisongalleries.com or 858-459-0836. Saturday, January 19, 6pm; **free**. Madison Gallery, 1020 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Reflections Show features three artists who reveal their perspective of and reflection upon society through their preferred medium: Jessica Rose, Linda Litteral, Ben

DeHart. Saturday, January 19, 6pm; Space 4 Art, 325 15th Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Author Discussion with Alex Boese The author of *Electrified Sheep: Glass-Eating Scientists Nuking the Moon* and more *Bizarre Experiments* researches those who have pushed the limits of experimentation. Both humorous and bizarre, tales are told of surgeons removing their own appendixes, nuclear physicists obsessed with blowing up the moon, and much more actual—yet unbelievable studies in weird science. Thursday, January 17, 7pm; **free**. Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House, 835 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Ready, Set, Get Organized Learn strategies to conquer your clutter and control your calendar. Presented by the president of the National Association of Professional Organizers, San Diego chapter. Cash only for materials fee. Thursday, January 17, 1pm; \$2. 18 and up. Rancho Bernardo Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Externship for Therapists Earn 28 CEU's in four days through this official externship, endorsed by the International Centre for Excellence in Emotionally Focused Therapy. In this externship, you will learn to: see marital distress from an attachment perspective; help partners reproach the emotional responses that maintain marital distress; shape key new interaction and bonding events; and overcome therapeutic impasses. Thursday, January 17, 9am; \$850. Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Communicating Mass & Volume A trained drawing instructor guides participants as they focus on communicating mass and volume, taking inspiration from art of Africa, the Pacific, and Native Americas during this informal drawing workshop. Class fee includes all supplies. Friday, January 18, 2pm; \$10-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Care and Maintenance of a Piano Learn how to save money with proper maintenance, keep your piano's resale and trade-in value, and protect your musical and financial investment. Reservations: 858-586-7000. Saturday, January 19, 11am; **free**. Greene Music Recital Hall, 7480 Miramar Rd., Suite 101. (MIRAMAR)

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Conversations for Connection Rebecca Jorgensen (an expert in Emotionally Focused Therapy) leads this three-day couples workshop on how to have deep and connecting conversations, interact and stay in conversations, and solve problems together as a team – even when you don't agree. Rjorgensen@alliant.edu. Thursday, January 17, 6pm; Friday, January 18, 9am; Saturday, January 19, 9am; \$897. 18 and up. Alliant University, 10455 Pomerado Road. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

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scooter gang was formed: my cousin in the front, followed by the hotel clerk, then the scooter-rental guy, and me bringing up the rear.

At that point, my cousin realized she needed to stop by the clinic where she had been receiving ayurvedic treatment so that she could pick up her special meal prepared by the doctor. We made a detour to the clinic. The doctor informed us that she had the food at her house and asked if we could follow her there.

There were now five of us motoring through town. We picked up the food, headed to the ATM, made some change by buying a couple Bintang at the Circle K, and paid both the hotel clerk and the scooter-rental guy. After this journey and with a storm beginning to rain down on us, we made it at last.

Upon checking in, the staff informed us that Stefano, the Italian billionaire who owned the hotel, was having a birthday party and we were invited. We were delighted; our luck was



Bali is a land of mist-shrouded verdant hillsides...and impromptu scooter parades.

starting to turn.

We had a quick rest in our villa and then got ready for the party. It was quaint but nice: just a small group of friends and family and us. There was a buffet of both Italian and Balinese dishes, live Balinese music, a hosted bar, and a gelateria. There were fireworks and expensive bottles of champagne, and we celebrated late into the night with the family. At midnight they made a toast to Natalie for her birthday. They tried to throw her in the pool but she struggled and they quickly gave up. We all laughed and drank more champagne.

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Remember those black-haired dead souls
who hold up the white-haired mothers
From the poetry of Liu Xiaobo

If my feet are chained, I'll use my ten fingers to climb to you
If my hands are tied, I'll use my knees and chin to climb to you
If my legs are smashed, I'll use my broken bones to support you
If my throat's strangled, I'll use my stifled breath to call you
If my mouth's muzzled, I'll use the tip of my nose to kiss you
If my teeth are knocked out, I'll use my toothless mouth to nip you
If my hair's torn out, I'll use my bald head to nudge you
If my eyes are plucked out, I'll use my eye sockets to stare at you
If my body's eaten away, I'll use my scent to embrace you
If my heart's crushed, I'll use my nerves to remember you



This is section 4 of Liu Xiaobo's poem "Remember the Departed Souls," from his book *June Fourth Elegies*. The poems in that volume commemorate the student protesters in 1989 who agitated for modernization, greater democracy in China, an end to newspaper censorship, and an end to Communist single-party rule. After weeks of protests, the Chinese army fired on the student demonstrators who were either in or trying to reach Tiananmen Square and killed several hundred (the exact number is not known) in a brutal massacre that outraged the entire world. Desmond Tutu has written: "Liu Xiaobo is a global icon for freedom. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2010 for his long and non-violent struggle for fundamental human rights. Today, this hero remains in jail, as China's most famous political prisoner. Xiaobo is serving an 11-year term for his activism demanding that the Chinese government make his country more democratic and make its courts more independent. His wife, who has never been convicted of any crime, is under house arrest." In November of 2012, just two months ago, 134 Nobel Laureates signed a letter to the Chinese government protesting Liu's continued incarceration. The poems in *June Fourth Elegies* were translated by Jeffrey Yang. *June Fourth Elegies* is published by Graywolf Press and this brief section is reprinted by permission.

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8pm; \$12. Tango Del Rey, 3567 Del Rey Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Intro to Aerial Silks Students will learn to use special fabric to wrap, suspend, fall, swing, and spiral their bodies into and out of various positions. Aerial silks may be used to suspend in the air, striking poses

and figures while flying. Limited to six students per session. Instructor Laura Dasi. Thursdays, 5pm; through Thursday, March 28, \$175. 18 and up. Malashock Dance, 2650 Truxtun Rd., Suite 202. (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)

Water Lilies/Nymphéas Cabaret Dances Eleventh annual event is an evening of dance inspired by French Impressionist painter Claude Monet, combining new dances with music composed by Ravel, Debussy, and folk music from Brazil played live by pianist Steve Baker and guitarist Fred Benedetti. All choreography is by Jean Isaacs. Dancers include Blythe Barton, Annie Boyer, Matt Carney, Liv Isaacs-Nollet, Trystan Loucado (on break from an international tour with the Les Ballet de Trocadero de Monte Carlo), Minaqua McPherson and Kyle Sorensen. Saturday, January 19, 8pm; \$15-\$50. Qualcomm Hall, 5775 Morehouse Drive. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

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will receive a copy of *Charcuterie: The Craft of Salting, Smoking, and Curing* (W.W. Norton, 2005), by Michael Ruhlman and Brian Polcyn. Thursday, January 17, 6pm; \$125. 18 and up. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Dr., Suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

Anchor Rarity & Cask Party featuring Anchor Our Special Ale 2012 from the cask, Anchor Flying Cloud Export Stout, and Anchor Our Special Ale 2011 on tap, with an Anchor glass included with purchase. Hamiltonstavern.com. Saturday, January 17, 5pm. Hamilton's Tavern, 1521 30th Street (SOUTH PARK) **San Diego Restaurant Week** Foodies may "eat their way through over 180 participating restaurants" offering three-course prix-fixe dinner menus for \$20, \$30, or \$40 per person. Two-course prix-fixe lunches: \$10, \$15, or \$20 per person. jenna@mcfarlanepromotions.com or 619-233-5008. Thursday, January 17; Friday, January 18; \$10-\$40. Participating restaurants throughout San Diego

Eats, Drinks, and Math-Science Girls Fundraiser for Expanding Your Horizons, a local non-profit that encourages girls to explore careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. Admission cost includes one happy hour beverage, some signature hors d'oeuvres, and a direct donation to the organization. Raffle opportunities also available. Thursday, January 17, 5:30pm; \$20-\$25. Sea Rocket Bistro, 3382 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Blackout Beer Dinner Commemorate the blackout of 2011 with four pairings to highlight Vista's Mother Earth Brew Co. Electric lighting will be turned off for the evening. Menu: Halibut paired with Vienna Amber Lager, scallops paired with Pin Up Pale Ale, lamb cheeks paired with Cali Creamin Vanilla Cream Ale, and butterscotch bread pudding paired with Kismet IPA. First seating at 6pm. If it fills up, there will be another at 8pm. Reservations required. 619-255-7049. Sunday, January 20, 6pm; \$60. Sea Rocket Bistro, 3382 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Delicious Italy: Easy Winter Dinner Chef instructors will show you how to make dishes bursting with authentic Italian flavors. You'll turn everyday ingredients into a sumptuous Italian feast. Sunday, January 20, 4pm; \$69. 18 and up. Sur la Table, 7007 Friars Road (at Fashion Valley Mall). (MISSION VALLEY)

Kickstarter Launch Party Food truck: Bitchin' Burgers. Wines to release: Apple and Raspberry. Funds raised will go towards the initial expense of custom-made bottles and labels to package newly developed Friends with Benefits line. Saturday, January 19, 4pm; free. 21 and up. California Fruit Wine, 1040 La Mirada Court. (VISTA)

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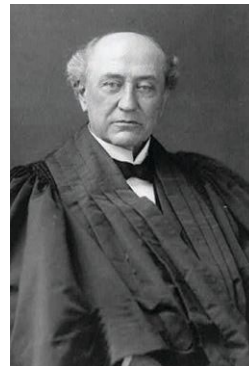
topher Columbus...hoped that by God's assistance some of the continents and islands in the ocean will be discovered. — from *Church of the Holy Trinity v. United States*, February 29, 1892.

David Josiah Brewer (1837–1910) was a justice of the

United States Supreme Court from 1889 until his death. The author of the decision for the Church of the Holy Trinity v. United States case, Brewer gave voice unanimously in favor of the Holy Trinity Anglican Church of New York against the U.S. government. The case settled whether a minister of that church, who

was a foreigner, was considered a foreign laborer — with whom it was illegal at the time to make a contract. Precipitated by a dispute over whether an American church could hire an English priest, the court ruled in favor of the church.

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Great Balls of Fire: Comets, Meteors, Asteroids The threat of a catastrophic impact from an asteroid or comet is a staple of popular culture. If there was a dinosaur-killer in Earth's past, will humankind suffer the same fate? What are the chances and how do we assess the risks? For that matter, what are asteroids, comets, and meteorites, and where do they come from? "Great Balls of Fire" explores

recent discoveries and cutting-edge science relating to these incredible objects. This exhibition will coincide with the arrival of a new comet scheduled to make its appearance in the sky during March–April 2013. 619-238-1233. Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; through Sunday, April 28, \$9-\$11. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Science, Exploration, and Adventure Celebrate the fourth annual Underwater Parks Day. Meet animals that live in our local La Jolla Ecological Reserve, learn about the importance of our underwater treasures, and explore the best ways to enjoy our underwater parks. Included with admission. Saturday, January 19, 11am; **free**-\$14. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Works of Art In this four-week series, children will explore free-

dom of expression through drawing, painting, collage, and illustration. Includes introduction to the fundamentals of art: line, light, color, value, hue, texture, composition, space, and design. Each class will be accompanied by classical music and a discussion on great works of art. Instructor Orna McCann. A list of art supplies will be given upon registration. Ages 3 to 6. 619-223-0058. Saturdays, 9am; through Saturday, February 2, \$55-\$63. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

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)

LECTURES

Social Security and You The Third Thursday program presents Yolanda York of the Social Security Administration. Learn how to maximize Social Security earning. Find out who is eligible to receive Social Security. Get to know what scams are out there involving social security numbers and how to avoid them. 760-839-4839. Thursday, January 17, 3pm; **free**. 21 and up. Escondido Library, 239 South Kalmia Street. (ESCONDIDO)

SolarThon The La Costa Canyon High School Foundation has teamed up with SunCraft Solar to offer solar

options to families while providing a unique fundraising plan for the LCC Foundation. Attend informational meeting to learn how solar energy can benefit you through solar rebates, tax credits, and more. If you decide to increase your property value and save for your future, LCCHSF will receive a donation in your name of \$1,000. RSVP: www.suncraftsolar.com/communityThursday, January 17, 6:30pm; **free**. La Costa Canyon High School, 3451 Camino de los Coches. (CARLSBAD)

Adventures on the Pacific Crest Trail Local hiking enthusiast Dana Law shares his adventures and tips for hiking the legendary Pacific Crest Trail. The 90-minute talk will cover topics such as: what to take with you, what food and gear are indispensable, how to train for the trail, the biggest dangers, and how to experience the trail in easily digestible segments. Designed to

interest both armchair adventurers and outdoor enthusiasts who may be interested in a one day excursion or the entire trail. 619-463-3236. Friday, January 18, 10:30am; Casa de Oro Library, 9805 Campo Road #180. (SPRING VALLEY)

Computer Genealogy Donna Bradley speaks for the Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego on researching your Native American ancestry on the Internet. Meeting begins with user groups for family tree maker, as well as beginning computer genealogy 101. Saturday, January 19, 9am; **free**. Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Opera Talk: Daughter of the Regiment Josie Gomez focuses on Donizetti's comic opera. 858-552-1655. Friday, January 18, 10:30am; **free**. University Com-

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munity Library, 4155 Governor Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Relics & Reliquaries Dr. Sonya Quintanilla, of The Cleveland Museum of Art, will explore a variety of ways in which Buddhists across Asia used the physical remains associated with deceased holy men to sanctify works of art and monuments. Friday, January 18, 10am; \$8-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Symposium: Across the South of Asia Phyllis Granoff, Lex Hixon Professor of World Religions at Yale University will explore examples of Indian art, and argue that aesthetic appreciation was a central factor in the development of images of worship in the Jain religion. 619-232-7931. Friday, January 18, 6pm; \$30-\$45. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Travel Adventures with Road Scholar Learn about Elderhostel's Road Scholar Program, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing learning opportunities for older adults across the globe. Friday, January 18, 3pm; **free**. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Native Uses of Agave Have you ever seen agave used to make items like nets, ropes, and skirts? Did you know that agave was also a source of food for native people? Stan will discuss the many uses of agave as well as demonstrate his skill of working with this bountiful plant. Info: 619-575-3613. Saturday, January 19, 10am; **free**. Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Symposium: Across the South of Asia Prominent scholars from across the globe will present illus-

trated lectures on south and south-east Asian art in honor of their mentor and colleague, Robert L. Brown, curator of Southeast Asian Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art and professor of South and Southeast Asian Art, UCLA. 619-232-7931. Saturday, January 19, 9am; \$30-\$45. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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OUTDOORS

Beginning Tracking for Wildlife Surveys This class prepares attendees for participation in surveys that monitor the wildlife in major open space preserves and other critical areas. Topics include basic recognition and identification of animal tracks and other signs, introduction to track patterns and gaits, wildlife journaling, an overview of survey protocol, and more. Classroom time is supplemented with time in the field ("dirt time"). Please dress prepared to spend time outdoors and bring a sack lunch. Pre-registration is requested. *Info@*

sdtt.org. Saturday, January 19, 8am; \$25. Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

South Bay Salt Works Guided walks led by San Diego Audubon docents include possible sightings of Brant Geese, eight to ten species of ducks, Peregrine Falcon, Belding's Savannah Sparrow, and perhaps 30 other species. Birders will have a choice of walks on flat terrain. One walk is a 2.5-mile out-and-back amble; the other is an approximately 5-mile loop that will go around the perimeter of the levees. Dress in layers. Rain cancels. Coordinator: Brian Moehl, 858-273-7800 x103. Saturday, January 19, 9am; Salt Works Trailhead, 1470 Bay Boulevard. (CHULA VISTA)

Hawkwatch 2013 Visit Ramona's grasslands, see resident and wintering hawks and eagles during outing led by Wildlife Research Institute biologist. Nineteen species of raptors have been recorded at this hotspot. Bring binoculars, wear sturdy shoes. 760-789-3992. Saturday, January 19, 8:30am; **free**. Wildlife Research Institute, 18030 Highland Valley Road. (RAMONA)

Naturalist Walk Enhance your appreciation of this watershed community of native plants and wildlife. Learn about the history and culture of the indigenous people who lived in this area during prehistoric times. Walks are led by docent Donna Walker. Walks are offered the second, third, and fourth Sundays of each month. 760-632-4212. Sunday, January 20, 10am; **free**. Elfin

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Antique Show Show features antique furniture for every room, fine art glass from Italy, crystal from Europe, sterling from Tiffany, lighting from Art Deco to Modern, and art from the early masters to the 60s. Also features vintage clothing and jewelry. An appraisal booth staffed by experts helps identify treasures for \$5 per item. Jewelry, fine glass, fine rug, crystal and pottery repair is also available. The show hours Friday & Saturday are 11am to 7pm; Sunday is 11am to 5pm. 800-943-7501. Friday, January 18, 11am; Saturday, January 19, 11am; Sunday, January 20, 11am; \$8. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)


Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam 2013 Enjoy "high-flying, car-crushing explosive event of demolition, speed, and powerful stunts with the world's best monster trucks and drivers." Show starts at 7pm, following pit party (3-5:30pm; \$10). Saturday, January 19, 3pm; \$12-\$90. Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Annual Rummage Sale Members collect donations all year long for this annual event, offering furniture, antiques, collectibles, clothes, home decor, glassware, etc. Saturday, January 19, 8am; **free**. San Diego Woman's Club, 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

Del Mar Antique Show & Sale Now in its 52st year, Calendar Antique Shows offers antiques, vintage collectibles and decorator items from antique dealers from all over California & the Western United States selling antiques and collectibles including glass, pottery, paper ephemera, crystal, jewelry, art, silver, Americana, primitives, and furniture. Repair and restoration artisans on hand. 800-943-7501. \$9 additional for parking. Friday, January 18; Saturday, January 19; Sunday, January 20; \$8. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

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 and key icebreaker, prizes, photos, and 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. Saturday, January 19, 7:30pm; \$15-\$20. San

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“And this one,” he says with emphasis, “is arbol with toasted peanuts and olive oil.”

It's just a corrugated-metal warehouse, but the sign under its old eaves shines out into the night. It sits in this little side road off Boulevard Agua Caliente: “El Taller.”

I would've passed it by, except this gent standing outside with a guitar stops me in my tracks. “I am Crescencio Ortega Gómez,” he says. He hands me a card. “Los Chenchos, and their music that never dies. Tell me about yourself, and I will make up a song. About you. Your own song!”

Turns out, Crescencio's just been singing inside this place. “El Taller” means “the workshop.” Only it ain't no mo'. Seems it's a restaurant.

“Must be good food,” Crescencio says. “Place is always full.”

I look through the door. Plenty of people. It's about 9:00 p.m. Not late by Mexican standards. But how expensive is it?

“Come see our menu,” says an older man behind the bar to the left. Armando. “We have mainly pizzas. The food here is what we call ‘Baja Med.’ All local and seasonal and found in Baja California. And Mediterranean flavors. It's becoming quite popular in Tijuana.”

“Just like our wines,” says a man sitting on a stool at the end of the bar. He introduces himself. “Ismael Romo de Vivar Godoy. My vineyard is called the Claudius Winery. It is at the top of the Guadalupe Valley.”

Armando says, “Drink his Reserva de Vivar 2007 and you will taste heaven.”

“It will cost you \$70,” says Ismael. “Thank the Mexican government. They slap a 40 percent tax on Mexican wines.”

“Fact is, I've only got about \$17,” I say. “Can I afford this place?”

“Oh, sure,” says Armando. He hands me the menu.

“We have a wood-burning pizza oven back there.” He points to where the main

part of the restaurant and the kitchen bulge out from behind the bar area. “It burns olive wood. The flavors are good and the prices

are not bad. Just pick the *chico* size.”

I take a look. Hmm...all in pesos. Dividing everything by 13. *Chico* pizzas seem to be \$6–\$12; the *grandes*, \$13–\$25.

Interesting flavors. Under “Pizza Baja-Med,” there are

things such as abalone chorizo, lamb, roasted pig, chicken with mole.

What the heck. You only live once. Armando points me back to where that big open kitchen and most of the tables are. Chefs huddle around the glowing mouth of a mosaic-covered pizza oven.

I sit down at a tin-topped table. Wall next to me is all corrugated metal — looks like they left the warehouse as it was, pretty much. The roof's supported by a couple of massive old wood poles and crossbeams. End walls are rough-cut horizontal boards. A blackboard (also huge) gives a complete list of food. On the other side of it, six or seven cooks and maybe four waiters bustle about, making salads, cutting pizzas, flinging dough around their fingers.

Suddenly, I've got Victor Vargas bearing down on me, wanting to know what I'm gonna eat. Sergio Mendez is with him, come to pour water.

I look at the tin-backed stand-up table menu again. Should really try a Baja Med pizza, I guess, find out what the fuss is about. On the other hand, they have dishes such as flank steak and baby-back ribs. On the other other hand, the flank steak costs \$17 and change and the ribs are about \$15. Yes, you can get a mixed salad for \$5.50 and a half roast chicken for about \$8 and a Hamburguesa Portobello (patty with mushrooms) for \$10, but, no. I wanna try pizza, and I wanna try Baja Med.

“The snail is really good,” says Sergio.



One of the great pizza experiences in my life — a snail pie in Tijuana.



Barkeeps pull a couple of pints of Baja-brewed beer.

Snail? Snail pizza? I check the menu. There it is, under “Pizza Baja-Med.” “Escargots,” \$12 for the *chico*.

Maybe it's mostly because of the atmosphere, but what follows is one of the great

pizza experiences of my sorry flatbread life. I've been disappointed so often with pizzas, but this snail version turns up steaming, packed with arugula, red peppers, sautéed onions, mozzarella, and a bunch of dark, curled snails, looking like 'shrooms, all on a nice thin crust.

So I take a bite and...great. Then Victor lands a square tin platter with five white pots aboard. The center one holds wedges of lime. The four others have got red, brown, and cream sauces in them.

“Certainly use the limes,” Victor says. He points out each of the other pots. “Habanero,” he says, his finger next to one creamy one; then, “garbanzo and garlic,” pointing to the other. “Then the two *chile de arbol* ones. The first is with tomato and is not toasted.”



Winemaker Ismael and restaurateur Armando like to talk about the Baja-Med food movement.



My dining neighbor ate a pizza topped with tongue.

He's looking at the rusty red liquid. “And this one,” he says with emphasis, like this last black sauce might be the winning mix, “is *arbol* with toasted peanuts and olive oil.”

I take the hint, squirt the limes all over the pizza, then dip a wedge into that last pot.

Oh, my giddy aunt. Snail, *arbol*, peanut, onion, cheese, crust. Beautiful, rich taste. I eat all but the last two wedges. Savory, garlicky, crispy...hey, maybe baking it in the olive-wood fire gives it the final push. It could only have been better if Ismael's \$70 Reserva de Vivar was on the table.

I pay the 12 bucks, add \$3 for a tip, and reel out in some kind of seventh heaven.

Pity Crescencio ain't still around. I'd tell him the story of my life. Tonight's part of it, anyway. ■

The Place: El Taller, Baja-Mex Restaurant, Avenida Río Yaqui #2969-B, off Boulevard Agua Caliente, Tijuana, (011.52.664) 686-3383

Prices: Snail pizza (“chico” size), \$12 (dollar prices depend on daily exchange rate); flank steak, \$17; baby-back ribs, \$15; mixed salad, \$5.50; half a roast chicken, \$8; portobello hamburger, \$10

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Chewing on Brick + Mortar

The last time I was in the space currently housing Brick + Mortar (820 Fifth Avenue, downtown), I was cringing as I watched the episode of Fox's *Hotel Hell* where superstar chef Gordon Ramsay ripped the owners of the Keating Hotel and its restaurant, the MerK Bistro, a new one. After decimating the MerK and its staff, he attempted to build the eatery up, revamping the menu and instituting operational changes, but shortly after the episode aired, the owners sold the restaurant to Broseph's Restaurant Group, which promptly moved in with a new concept for a laid-back eatery serving minimally upscale takes on en vogue dining staples.

I stayed away early on, both to give Brick + Mortar's staff time to get their feet and because I was sick of all the drama surrounding the site. Last week, friends of mine who reside downtown said they'd been in and really enjoyed the food and suggested we have dinner there. With a couple of months behind them, it seemed the perfect opportunity to give them a look and a taste, so we walked down Fifth and hunkered down for a Friday-night meal in the Gaslamp.

The menu reads like so many these days — pizzas, mussels, beet salad, charcuterie and cheese plates, plus numerous protein-starch-veg entrées. Nearly all of them are standard but given some freshness courtesy of a nonstandard ingredient or ethnic influence. While it would be nice to see more variance both here and at other restaurants (particularly those in the Gaslamp), for the most part, the entrées on the evening's bill sounded good enough that figuring out what to order was pleasantly challenging. In the end, we decided to go with two pizzas (one of my dining companions deemed them outstanding, and I trust her) and some sharable starters.

We started with corn fritters and a salad of

goat cheese and beets. The salad had good flavors and minimal fuss. Tender beets were given some countering crunch by thin and pretty watermelon radish rounds. Unfortunately, the accompanying leafy greens were most unusually served whole on thick stems that made it difficult to eat and far too fibrous for anybody, save maybe the Easter Bunny, to enjoy. The fritters, on the other hand,

were outstanding. Golden on the outside, warm and slightly doughy (in a good way) on the inside, they

hit the spot and were given additional appeal thanks to a mole-spiced beef short rib ragout.

We were also pleased on the pizza front. The dough straddles the line between thin and thick, has nice crunch, but enough doughiness that one avoids feeling like they're dining on sauce-shellacked water crackers. Both of our pies — one topped with Indian murgu makhani chicken and raita (cucumber-studded herbed yogurt), the

other a lamb merguez sausage pizza with Manchego cheese, roasted eggplant, and peppers — were tastefully sauced and topped. I'd expected the merguez to be a hands-down favorite, and it was extremely flavorful and quite nice, but the subtly spiced chicken and contrasting coolness of the raita

inspired me to hog way too much of that variety.

In the end, I was pretty impressed. I won't run back, but it's nice to have something reliable in one of the most peril-ridden clusters of eateries in the city, and Brick + Mortar is worlds better than the MerK ever was.

by Brandon Hernández

Veggies and art in South Park

I had only been to Alchemy once before, a long time ago, and it had been a so-so experience, so I just never made my way back. But after running into two people in one week who both professed their love for the South Park neighborhood restaurant, I finally decided to give it another go. And I'm so happy I did.

My friends Jane and Bill live within walking distance from Alchemy, and they were among

FEAST!



We were pleased with the pizza at Brick + Mortar. I hogged way too much.



Jane and Bill devoured this goat cheese, rutabaga, and arugula tart with astonishing voracity.

the several who extolled the quality of the food there. I was happy when they joined David and me for dinner so I could have a few experts walk me through the menu. Jane explained the community-oriented nature of the restaurant. She pointed out the artwork (which included a giant sculpture of a tree in the center of the dining room) and explained that the art is always changing. Sure enough, a menu featuring special events on the table elaborated, "We like art and artists, we want to support them, so we consider our restaurant an exhibition space. The artwork rotates on a six-week basis and it is always for sale." The restaurant takes 10 percent of the sale price, which is less than the usual 20 percent for art consultants and way below a gallery's 50 percent.

We began with cocktails, wine, and a catch-up sesh.

"Oh, that's right, it's Wednesday," Bill said as he looked at a three-course tasting menu (on a separate page from the regular menu). "I'm not a vegetarian, but the vegetarian food is so good here that I'll often choose it, even though I like to eat meat." Jane and Bill both opted for items on the veggie tasting menu, while for variety, David and I chose to order off the regular menu.

We started with small snacks. David and I shared the "Piquillo Rellenos," barbecued pork stuffed in a mild Spanish pepper. Though it wasn't spicy, I wouldn't describe the flavors in this bite as "mild." The pork was succulent, and the natural sweetness of the pepper held its own.

Bill and Jane shared the Baja fish tacos (white sea bass "lightly fried" in beer batter on house-made corn tortillas and cabbage slaw). Bill liked them so much he almost ordered a second plate so David and I could try one while he had another, but we

knew there was a lot of food ahead of us, so we held off.

For the first of their three-course veggie tasting, Bill and Jane each got soup. Jane went for the "Pumpkin-Pasilla Bisque," with bliss pumpkin, cream, pumpkin seeds, and smoked paprika oil. David preferred hers, but I favored Bill's, which was a spicy tomato basil. Both were full of flavor and redolent of farm-fresh flavors.

Jane knows I love a good burger every once in a while, so she insisted

I try this one. "Of course the beef is grass-fed," I said, half-mocking Jane's "go natural and local or go home" attitude. But, I admit, it was a pretty damn good burger. I appreciated our server's accommodating smile when I asked for ketchup. It's not the usual cheese for a burger, but I liked the addition of the Spanish Mahón, which added a buttery salt flavor that complemented the beef.

We were surprised to see a classic Korean dish, the Bi Bim Bap, on the menu. Of course David ordered it — he can't resist a good Asian dish, especially when it's on an otherwise non-Asian menu. This one featured braised daikon radishes, carrots, mushrooms, marinated tofu (which was delicious), house kimchi, sunny-side egg, and Korean chili paste on the side. David gave this dish an enthusiastic thumbs-up because his mouth was too full to comment.

Back to the veggie dishes: I was too busy enjoying my burger and marveling at David's Bi Bim Bap to remember what Jane and Bill were enjoying, but they made sure it didn't last long on the table.

However, I do remember Jane giving me a ravioli stuffed with ground greens with a lightly creamy sauce and a kick that my spice-loving tongue very much enjoyed.

Though we were all throwing in the towel by the end of the meal, Jane insisted we try what is one of her favorite desserts in town — the cranberry bread pudding with ginger caramel and toasted pumpkin seeds. Despite being already stuffed and happy, each of us managed a satisfyingly sweet bite.

Needless to say (as if that ever stopped me before), Alchemy is back on my radar.

by Barbarella Fokos

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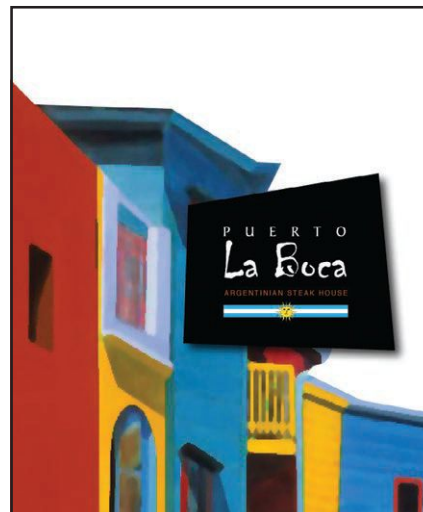
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The gastropub pioneers are back!

Are these guys on a roll or what?

Arsalun Tafazoli and Nate Stanton started off — only five years ago! — with Neighborhood, the gastropub in East Village that really pushed local beers and seems to have made gastropubs cool, all over town.

Now, as Brandon Hernández has reported, they're expanding at light speed with Craft and Commerce, El Dorado, Noble Experiment, Underbelly, and a new joint called Polite Provisions near 30th and Adams.

So, I'm wandering up India in Little Italy and come by the old single-story building at 1654 India Street, where Ironside, the wrought-iron gate-makers, have been clanging and sparking away like ye olde village blacksmiths for decades.

Now: gone. And the whole front of the façade has been ripped off to reveal a previous life as an auction warehouse. I'm guessing this building is 80, 90 years old. But not done yet.

Right where the main

entrance used to be is an application: "Ironside Inc." wants a Type 47 liquor license from ABC for an "on sale general eating place," operating under the business name of "Morning Glory."

Little Italy Association tells me it's going to be a fish joint, and is the business venture of Consortium Holdings. Meaning Arsalun Tafazoli and Nate Stanton.

I'm glad. Why? These guys have the vibe that respects old places and uses them to create an atmosphere. Little Italy Association doesn't expect the place to be opening anytime sooner than six to eight months.

And the business name "Morning Glory?"

Doesn't necessarily mean that's what the restaurant will be called. And Trevor Boyle, manager at Tafazoli's original venture, Neighborhood, says they're not making any official announcement for a month.

One thing you can be sure of: plenty of good local beers. Could give the Princess Pub across the road a run for its money.

by Ed Bedford

City Heights' Pupuseria

I espied El Salvador Pupuseria on my way back from Tom's BBQ. Honestly, I don't know how it had evaded my scrutiny for so long. I adore pupusas. I'm not the only one, either. Bedford did a whole "Tin Fork" about them a while back, giving a thorough treatment to the Salvadoran specialty that's kind of like a Mexican gordita, but really more of its own thing. I'm lucky enough to have found some Uptown, meaning less travel for me!

It would be a lie to say that El Salvador (the restaurant, not the country) is anything fancy, cozy, or shiny. The building is rundown and was never any prettier than an old Pizza Hut to begin with. Still, it's maintained well enough and the brightly lit, open kitchen where women toil over the hot *plancha* and wrestle pupusas into shape with practiced vigor is marvelous to behold.

None of that matters when you get a plate of steaming hot pupusas. I nearly burned my fingers and mouth off by ripping into the first one, but the risk was so worth it. They were greasy and messy, but I could

have shoved pupusas into my mouth until I keeled over and died. They came with a copious side of thin, spicy salsa, which I sopped up with great zeal. The spicy, fermented cole slaw (called *curtido*) might have been the glorious bastard child of sauerkraut and Haitian "pickliz." I relished every bit. To drink, the restaurant has sodas and *aguas frescas*, but I had to try the *atol de elote*, a hot drink made from corn. It was about halfway between a dessert and a beverage, but the curious flavor and syrupy texture were just right for a cold evening. And don't think I forgot dessert. The *empanadas de leche* (fried plantain purée stuffed with sweet cream) capped off the experience.

Sadly, pupusas reheat poorly, so this wonderful experience is best had onsite. At \$2 a piece, however, there's nothing to stop the world from marching to City Heights and packing the dining room of El Salvador Pupuseria. Next time, I have to try the *pacayays*, fried palm flowers that look like squid!

El Salvador Pupuseria, 3824 University Avenue.

by Ian Pike

Early look at Rip Current Brewing

More breweries opened in San Diego County in 2012 than in any year prior. In doing so, many quietly creaked their doors open, instituting soft opens devoid of fanfare. This method allows businesses to train staff, work out kinks, and get up to speed without an onslaught of clientele so that, when they're officially up and running, they can deliver the product and customer experience they're aiming for. It's a smart approach, especially for what are, largely, companies being run by first-time business owners.

Recently, I visited the latest brewery to debut on the scene, Rip Current Brewing (1325 Grand Avenue, suite 100, San Marcos). This project from homebrewers Paul Sangster and Guy Shobe soft-opened on December 5 (the anniversary of the repeal of Prohibition). Despite only announcing their arrival on Facebook, the place has enjoyed a high level of patronage. When I stopped in, ten minutes before they opened on an uneventful Thursday night, there was already a dozen or so people working their way

through Rip Current's opening line-up of beers. By the time I left, an hour and a half later, the place was completely packed with people still filing through the door. And these weren't just everyday patrons. The majority were bar owners, beer-industry insiders, and the beer-enthusiast intelligentsia; a real San Diego beer who's who.

So, why the big-time interest?

Sangster has won tons of awards, including the Ninkasi Award, earned at the 2011 American Homebrewers Association's National Homebrewers Conference, naming him the best homebrewer in the country. He is well versed in producing a wide range of beers deemed of high quality by beer fans and pro brewers. His ascent to the next level is something people have been waiting for for the better part of a year. Throw in Shobe, another award winner who brings a different style to supplement the lager and session beer ends of the spectrum, and you have an operation with a lot of promise.

In Rip Current's first four offerings, that promise has translated into some seriously good product. Three of their core beers were on tap when I visited — Paddling Out Pale Ale,

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Barrier Reef Nut Brown, and Red Flag Double IPA. That last one is based on the recipe for Lupulin Lust, one of Sangster's most popular homebrews. It's high on IBUs and juicy grapefruit essence, which is especially impressive, considering Sangster and Shobe weren't able to secure the hops called for in the Lupulin Lust recipe. The inability to obtain popular varieties of hops is common, particularly with young brewing companies. Many fail to adapt, leading to subpar beer, but Red Flag is an example of artfully rolling with the punches to create something delicious.

Paddling Out is quite similar in flavor to Red Flag, again bringing on pronounced bitterness. This time, the taste of lemon zest is prominent. My favorite of the trio, however, was the nut brown ale, which trades in bitter chocolate and roastiness for drinkability and strong flavors of hazelnut. It's a nice interpretation of this English style that's unlike any in San Diego right now. Reputation and high expectations are responsible for the initial influx of visitors to Rip Current's tasting room, but good beer is what will surely inspire imbibers to return.

by Brandon Hernández

Lebanese surprise

Walking past that big black glass building at Seventh and B in the financial district.

Thing I notice is the single table and chair under the tree outside that slope-glass frontage. Gets me curious.

So, I haul inside into the giant lobby. On the right is this sprawling deli. It's all blond-wood tables and chairs, plus comfy corporate lounge chairs.

Usually these delis turn me off in their predictability. But something — maybe the smells, maybe the roll-down butcher's paper where they have written the specials of the day — piques my curiosity. Some original thinking goin' on here.

So I stop for just a coffee. Then, as I'm getting it, these hot cheesy, beefy smells start crossing my nose. Oh, Lord. Have to stop.

Sam the sandwich-maker says it's the beef pepper melt. He points to the giant wall menu. "Hot roast beef smothered in melted cheddar and diced peperoncini served hot on a toasted baguette with lettuce, tomato, and mayo."

Costs \$5.95. While I'm wait-

ing, I notice this giant salad bar for \$5.99 per pound. Little sign reads, "Please put dressing, oil, and vinegar before weighing."

But I'm glad I went for the beef pepper melt. First rule: ya gotta eat it, like, right now, when the melted cheddar's still oozing its hot yellow lava. So lush. Combines well with the crispy baguette. Total lunch for six buckeroos.

Turns out there is a real Ida. She's out talking to customers. Says this used to be Organics to Go before she took over a couple of years back. She says they came (down from Washington state), opened up seven places in office towers like this, all at once, delivering the organic revolution to downtown. But downtown wasn't ready. "Too specialized, too expensive, servings too small," she says.

She is from a Lebanese restaurant family. "I grew up under the table," she says. Her parents ran a Denny's and a Bob's Big Boy. "I love doing this. The thing is, even when corporate chiefs come down from the tower, once they're eating food, they're like kids again. They forget the tensions upstairs for a moment."

The one Lebanese dish they have is the mujadara (\$3.45 and \$5.95). "It's a poor people's dish back in Lebanon," she says. "It's lentils and rice topped with our salsa. Here, it's a bit of a luxury."

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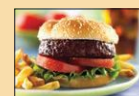
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Kalina Village House

Having recently read *Dead Souls*, I've had the culture and cuisine of Eastern Europe at least somewhat on my mind. When word of Kalina reached my ears, I knew I had to get out to La Mesa to visit the Ukrainian restaurant. It turns out that it's the work of former staff from Pomegranate, the Georgian restaurant in North Park that has (confusingly) become one with Petrushka.

The self-styled "Village House" is an accurate subtitle for Kalina, as the the decor could only be described as cottagey. Artifacts of the rustic life adorned the walls and the server was dressed in a folk costume, which put an amusing spin on her general ineptitude. For whatever reason, I can tolerate clumsy service if the responsible party is cheerful and gives the appearance of sincerely trying.

I would guess that 80 percent of the menu is either stewed, boiled, or braised in some way. My meal included *pelmeni* (\$6.99), Siberian-style boiled dumplings stuffed with minced meat. Their tender dough belied a skilled hand behind the rolling pin and the simple combination of butter, cracked pepper, and sour cream accompanied them nicely.

Borscht (\$6.99), the iconic Russian soup, lived up to its reputation as a complete meal. Chunks of beef and cabbage mingled with cubes of stewed beets. While undeniably earthy to the taste, the savory soup had more delicacy than I expected from a bowl of beets, which are prone to utter domination. Liberal use of herbs is probably the

cause of that.

Chakapuli, a dish of braised lamb in plum sauce, was something of a disappointment at almost \$20. The solitary scoop of cold, gluey mashed potatoes was a poor player and the meat had no real distinction. True, the portion was enormous (as were all the servings at Kalina) and it was hearty and nutritious fare, but there was little to be excited over.

Holubsti (\$13.50), a stuffed-cabbage dish, was an improvement. They had been braised in oil and served with a thick tomato sauce, which made them much more substantial than the Polish style of cabbage with which I'm more familiar.

Many items had been stricken from the menu by judicious use of a Sharpie marker and I wonder if Kalina is in the process of revision or simply scaling back the kitchen's efforts out of thrift. Time will tell, but I intend to follow up.

Kalina, 8302 Parkway Drive.
by Ian Pike

Can it, BP!

Two short years ago, the sight of aluminum cans made craft-beer fans point and snicker. Now, thanks to a slow but steady trickle of information being doled out by beer experts and brewing companies, consumers are getting wise that, provided the can lining isn't the inferior type that leaches metallic nuances into brews, cans are actually just fine for holding beer. In fact, in several ways, they are superior to bottles.

For starters, cans are completely airtight, leaving zero chance for oxidation. Secondly, they keep light out, prohibiting beer from becoming lightstruck. On top of that, they take up less space, are easier to package, are cheaper to ship, and simpler to dispose of. So, there are plenty

What the Chef Eats by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

JA JIEN MEIN (NOODLES WITH MEAT SAUCE)

RECIPE BY MARK SUN

Executive Chef/Owner, Khan's Cave

The restaurant business is in my family. When I was in high school, I lived with my cousin in Scotland, and he taught me how to cook. My parents were living in Hong Kong at the time, and then moved to Washington, DC, where we joined them. After working in a few kitchens in Maryland, my cousin and I decided to open our own restaurant. We thought about L.A. but it was too diverse and we weren't sure where we could be successful. Then one day, I drove down to San Diego and found it to be very pretty. Soon after, we opened up Szechuan Mandarin in Mission Gorge.

San Diego in the 1970s was decades behind the East Coast. At the time, no one even knew how to pronounce "Szechuan." We had a tough time trying to introduce spicy, northern Chinese cuisine to San Diego locals, and it took five or six years to get the restaurant going. However, after a few years of good press and adventurous eaters, we became busy all the time.

It was hard work. There is nothing glamorous about the restaurant business. You want to get your blood pressure up? Work in a kitchen. It's long hours, messy, and things always break at the worst

possible time.

Twenty-two years after I opened Szechuan Mandarin, I sold it. I quit because of my frustration. But after 18 months, I realized that sitting at home on a Friday night doesn't interest me. I found out that the world isn't any better without a restaurant, so I decided to go back into it and just learn to deal with the difficulties. I opened up Khan's Cave, which is an Asian-fusion restaurant, and despite the economic conditions, we are doing really well.

I rarely cook at home. I like simple things, like a bowl of noodles. I don't like sweet dishes, but I love



Big pots full of veggies make Chef Mark Sun smile.

Vietnamese and Korean dishes.

INGREDIENTS (SERVES 4)

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 12 oz. ground or diced pork
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 slice of sun-dried tofu, diced (optional)
- 1 teaspoon fresh ginger, chopped
- 2 oz sherry
- ¼ cup soybean paste (available in Asian markets or can substitute miso paste)

of solid reasons for brewing companies to opt for aluminum over glass.

The latest to do so, joining companies such as Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, Oskar Blues, Maui Brewing Company, and locals such as Hess Brewing Company and Monkey Paw Pub Brewery, is Ballast Point Brewing Spirits. Their newly purchased canning line is scheduled to be put to work packaging beers like Sculpin IPA, Longfin Lager, and the Pale Ale formerly known as Yellowtail (before the wine producers of the same name decided to

squash that).

California and Nevada (specifically, Las Vegas) are the first markets that will receive the new cans. When they do, they will be devoid of the paintings of sea life that consumers are used to seeing on Ballast Point bottles. Instead, the cans will feature Ballast Point's new logo and the name of the beer printed in a ribbon underneath.

But there's still plenty of room for creativity from Ballast Point artist Paul Elder, who has already worked up new artwork for Sculpin IPA and is working on repainting the company's

other imagery as they work on a packaging refresh.

by Brandon Hernández

Luncheon at Pamplemousse Grille

The illustrious-sounding Pamplemousse Grille in Solana Beach is not cheap, but chef/owner Jeffrey Strauss does his best to assure that you get what you pay for. The service is outstanding, and it definitely feels like a high-end affair. I recently had the good fortune to be invited to a luncheon held at

Pamplemousse. The diners in my party were presented with a pre-fixe menu that allowed us to taste several dishes in one sitting.

As we gathered at the bar, we enjoyed pass-around hors d'oeuvres (as part of the lunch-party package purchased by the luncheon's host). The first tasty bites to appear were duck tacos in crispy wonton shells. Sesame seeds, citrus, and a peppery kick, along with the lean duck and crunch of the shell made this an ideal appetite-whetter.

Next up were tuna, wasabi, and tobiko on potato crisps.

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HOW TO DO IT

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2 tablespoons of cooking oil. Sauté pork and onion until brown. Add tofu and cook until golden. Next add ginger, cooking wine, soybean paste, and hoisin sauce.

Continue to sauté for 2 or 3 more minutes, then

add water and chicken broth and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer for about 40 minutes or until liquid is reduced to about a quarter of the original volume.

While the sauce is simmering, cook the

noodles of your choice. When the sauce is finished, cover noodles and garnish with cucumber and scallions.

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I skipped this one because I wasn't in a wasabi sort of mood, but the speed with which they disappeared from the tray told me all I needed to know about their yummy factor.

Once seated, we chose our courses. For my first, I got the trio of soups (tomato fennel, truffled asparagus, and butternut squash). I like the idea of a trio of soups, but if I had to order just one, it would definitely be the tomato fennel.

David got the kimchee seafood salad with lobster, shrimp, and jumbo lump crab. He said it was milder in flavor than one might have expected. "The taste of kimchee was practically nonexistent." Which would have been fine with me; I'm not a fan of that particular Korean flavor.

For my main dish, I got the crispy Jidori chicken breast with French beans and roasted tricolor potatoes in a lemon sauce. I found it odd that the green beans were cold. Not room temp, but cold, so I could only assume this was intended. The

chicken was tender, juicy, and hot, as were the potatoes. The sauce was nice and light. Surprising bean temperature aside, I was pleased with my selection.

Just when we thought we couldn't eat another bite, we received a dessert that demanded we lick the plate. The pear tarte tatin with vanilla gelato and berries was hot, crispy (puff pastry), and caramelized, and the house-made gelato was the perfect complement.

by Barbarella Fokos

Suds and second chances

Sometimes one's experience at a venue can be so remarkably bad that it results in that place being black-listed for life. That was the fate I had figured for downtown's Local Eatery & Drinking Hole (1065 Fourth Avenue, downtown) after a fateful night in 2008 when my wife and I stopped in for a bite and a beer before attending a show

at Spreckels Theatre. Happy anticipation of adult beverages and live music shifted to disappointment and anger when the bartender lumbered from the taps with a full pint of hefeweizen and spilled it on my wife. That was bad enough, but what was worse was the fact no towel was offered, nor was a replacement beer, nor was an apology. We requested a towel and were handed an already moist dishrag. Needless to say, we never went back...until last week.

Now, I get it — this was an isolated incident. Surely, drinks aren't carelessly spilled on patrons with great regularity at any bar anywhere; still, I always respected the fact that my wife purposefully deprived the Local business they would have otherwise received from us during downtown expeditions. But friends of ours go there regularly and enjoy it. So, because they are friends of such high quality and character, my wife put the past in the past and we headed into the Local in the spirit of suds and

second chances. And we were glad we did.

The experience was much better, and not just because we smartly sat in a much safer seat away from the bar. In 2008, the Local had a small but respectable stock of beer. That has evolved into one of the better tap lists I've had to choose from in some time. The majority of what they had to offer last Friday consisted of aptly local standouts, plus specialty brews such as Karl Strauss Brewing Company's holiday fruitcake beer Mouette a Trois and a mint-chocolate stout from Santee's Manzanita Brewing

Company called the Night Before Christmas that was spot-on in its dessert profile and outstanding. In addition to the taps, there was a bottle list that, while more standard-issue in its selections (you've seen these beers all over) is so extensive it's worth praising.

Beyond the beer, the service was also night-and-day. Not only was our waitress extremely friendly in the midst of a Friday evening nearly full house, she went out of her way to help us with beer selections even though we didn't ask. Her recommendations weren't perfect, but they were logical and she went out of her way throughout our visit. That was not only cool and appreciated, but the true sign of a bar where there's a commitment to beer versus merely selling beer. That commitment dug the hole where my missus has buried the hatchet. But we'll still opt for a seat beyond the splash zone just to be safe!

by Brandon Hernández

Fresh wasabi at Ikiru

I've had my eyes open looking for fresh wasabi ever since a reader told me about a (since closed) sushi place in La Jolla that served the green horserad-

ish prepared fresh instead of the ersatz powder that's more commonly used outside of Japan. I was taken aback to find it on the menu at Ikiru Japanese Restaurant in Liberty Station, of all places!

Yup, there it was, listed as an appetizer: "fresh wasabi," \$1.95. I had to try it.

Served up in a ramekin alongside an excellent order of salmon sushi, the wasabi had a chunkiness that I hadn't expected, but it packed a whopping amount of sinus-clearing heat. Maybe it had been chopped instead of grated? Wasabi tartare.... Regardless, the flavor was brighter and fresher than the fake stuff, with a green, herbal taste. I don't think it was the finest wasabi available, which can cost hundreds of dollars for a single pound and is usually reserved for fine sushi restaurants. It was nevertheless a rare treat and an improvement over the reconstituted paste.

I put it to good use on my *chirashizushi* bowl, as well. There was nothing really exciting in there — the typical salmon, tuna, *tamago*, snapper, seaweed, and rice — but it was cut well and the fish was of excellent quality. The rice at Ikiru was a tiny bit extra sweet and, while a

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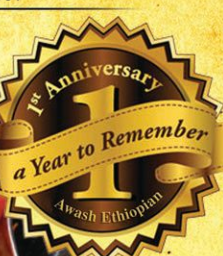
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touch gluey in the bottom of the *chirashi* bowl, the effect of the high-profile rice and the fresh wasabi satisfied.

Needless to say, Ikiru's sushi impressed me. There were plenty of "average" sushi-bar items on the menu, but the everyday stuff plays second fiddle to the better-than-expected fish and the delightful surprise of the fresh wasabi.

Ikiru, 2850 Womble Road.

by Ian Pike

2012 was a very good year...

Spotted this on India... Wow. That's two nods for Best New Restaurant, a Best Chef (Ryan Johnston) and a Top Ten. Not bad.

This is at Prep Kitchen Little Italy (1660 India Street, 619-398-8383).

Have to agree about PK's "Best Happy Hour" mention. Last time I was up there on their second floor it was luscious.

Three things stick in my mind: the shrimp that come sizzling in a black iron mini-pan, the yellowtail Niçoise salad, and the olives.

You hate to eat them, they look so good. But the chunk of crunchy bread helps you change your mind. Sopping up the juices from the dishes is actually the highlight. If I was giving out bread prizes, this'd be it.

Not to mention how great it is with bacon-wrapped dates, patatas bravas, and even toasted-cheese sandwiches.

And across the road, Davanti Enotica was named one of the 50 best new restaurants in the USA for 2012 by *Bon Appétit* magazine. I swear. This street is turning into such a gastro hotspot it's like water in a sizzling frypan.

by Ed Bedford

Cheapest steak in town?

I don't know how I missed out on steak night at Gilly's, living right around the block and all, but Tuesday now has a new old hotness. I guess they've been doing it for a quarter-century — grilling up steaks for the regulars at the bar — but this is the first I'd heard of it. Gilly's had been a weekend karaoke joint in my eyes and, since I don't sing karaoke, low on my list of priorities. Now, it's climbed much higher, in my estimation.

The deal is simple, Samurai

Steve grills on the patio, and steak dinners start at \$10. There's no law against bringing the steak back inside the bar, but I liked the open-air-dining aspect of the patio on a coolish evening. The crowd that shows up for steak night looked like they've been coming for years, and the two guys serving up the steak seemed to know most people's names.

My \$10 got me a sirloin, some salad dressed with Steve's housemade dressing, and a baked potato with sour cream. The meal came on a styrofoam plate and I topped my own steak with a pat of butter. I could have added a shrimp skewer for a few dollars more, but I was feeling like a purist.

There was a hint of A-1 sauce about the meat; that unmistakable tamarind/raisin/anchovy tang must have been part of a marinating process. And Steve delivered my steak pretty darn rare, as requested. The experience lacked both elegance and pretense. It just was what it was; peeps hanging out in a bar and eating steak. Totally rad. They even had T-shirts for sale.

Steak night starts at 6 p.m. every Tuesday at Gilly's (2306 El Cajon Boulevard) and runs until 9 or the steak is gone.

by Ian Pike

Beer's birthplaces vs. home sweet home

For years, I stowed away as much extra money as I could muster, storing it in the bank and fighting the urge to spend it on big-screen TVs, musical instruments, or high-priced beer. Truth be told, it wasn't that tough. I was on a mission with a brilliant light at the end of my frugal tunnel. I was saving my money so that I could go to Europe. But this wouldn't be just any trip. It was a two-week trek centered around visiting the best brewing destinations London and Belgium had to offer, one I returned from just before Christmas.

Once I'd secured the large chunk of change required to embark on this journey, I started reading up on the aforementioned regions. I was so deeply entrenched in texts on the U.K., Belgium, and both countries' brews that I could almost taste the lemony witbiers, the peppery saisons, the biscuity pale ales, and the roasty porters. So, by the time I arrived, I was beyond parched and ready to experience them all firsthand.

I spent the next 14 days touring breweries, including

Fuller's, Meantime, the Kernel, Westvleteren, Malheur, and Cantillon; hitting up beer bars; and crawling to pub after pub, many of which are regarded by locals and visitors as European beer-industry forerunners. I was about three-and-a-half days into the London leg of the trip when I was gripped by an intense craving for a myriad of things — more hops, more defined flavors, more alcohol, more innovation, and more than anything, something different!

By the time we disembarked the Chunnel in Belgium, I was clamoring for something made with a fruitier yeast strain and registering above 5 percent ABV. I didn't have to look far to find hundreds of beers that fit that dual bill. The country was my oyster. Whether you're in the industrialized metropolis of Brussels or the medieval storybook town of Bruges, you can't go a block without stumbling on a purveyor of singels, dubbels, tripels, quads, lambics, gueuzes, krieke, or saisons. Therein lies the glory and the letdown. That's about all you're bound to find.

Now, don't get me wrong. Though I am spoiled from a craft-beer perspective, I'm not bagging on London or Belgium. I in no way tired of the lovely

Belgian beers I tasted while in-country, but by the time I departed, I was more than ready to head home. Now, if I lived in, say, Helena, Montana; Augusta, Maine; Topeka, Kansas; Tuscaloosa, Alabama; or any city lacking San Diego's advanced brewing culture, I'd have probably been quite sad to leave, finding it hard to disengage my death-grip on a champagne bottle of Malheur Dark Brut.

But because I live in America's Finest City — where almost every style of beer is represented and crafted either well or exceptionally well — frankly, I was headed to a better place. Plus, you try finding innovative things like a nectarine quadrupel, Vietnamese coffee imperial stout, fruitcake beer, or habanero IPA on the other side of the Pond. It ain't happening, but all of these and so many other examples of innovation are on tap on a near daily basis in San Diego.

It's awesome to get back to beer's roots and, even more than that, experience different surroundings and different cultures. But I'd be remiss if I didn't share with my fellow San Diegans how fortunate we are, thanks to the artisans manning (and womaning) our county's brewhouses.

by Brandon Hernández

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B Street rave. A superior-court ruling handed down on December 24 paves the way for the reopening of 4th&B, probably as a venue that would concentrate on electronic dance music.

Ali Nilforushan, a North County-based horse breeder,

not only did the Pumas stop paying their \$29,000 rent to the landlord, they also stopped making payments to Nilforushan. The judgment says that the Pumas must now return the shares in the company that owns the 4th&B business and liquor license

the inside track blurt

owned the downtown night-spot from 2005 through 2009, when he sold it to Vince and Judy Puma, who agreed to pay \$1,797,500. According to Nilforushan's attorney Sean

(Speth Brothers, Inc.) to Nilforushan and that the Pumas must pay Nilforushan \$1.5 million plus legal costs. The lawsuit took two years.

While a November deci-



When the legal dust settles, the pixie dust could fly...

Foldenauer, the Pumas agreed to pay that amount with a combination of a down payment, monthly payments, and a transfer of three properties the Pumas owned.

But Foldenauer says that

sion by a separate judge forced the Pumas to be evicted from the premises, the Pumas' ownership of Speth Brothers, Inc., crippled a reopening of 4th&B. It would be hard for the building's landlord, Crown

Investments, to rent out the 1500-capacity downtown space unless the previous liquor license could be reactivated with a new owner who would operate it as a music venue.

Attorney Foldenauer says Nilforushan has no desire to return to the nightclub business and that it his sole intent to sell the business, cut his losses, and focus on horses.

Local Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) administrator Jennifer Hill says the Pumas did the right thing by surrendering the license to her department. She says that the license could legally sit dormant for 12 months while a new owner is found. After that, the ABC could dissolve the license. Foldenauer says the landlord and Nilforushan are working together on the sale of the license but that the landlord must approve the new owner.

Insiders say 4th&B's license is particularly valuable because it is a so-called 48 license, which means that the establishment does not have to sell food — it can just sell alcohol. The next largest venue in the greater Gaslamp area with a 48 license is the Onyx Room. Law enforcement and zoning officials are not apt to sign off on new 48 licenses. The House of Blues, for instance, has a 47 license, which means 50 percent of its sales must be food, which greatly increases its expenses

(servers, cooks, food).

Foldenauer says that 4th&B landlord Crown Investments is in discussions with potential



Ravemeister Rotella said to be a suitor of the prime downtown locale

4th&B operators but would not go into detail. Insiders say that there are two principal suitors, including L.A.-based EDM impresario Pasquale Rotella and Belo nightclub proprietor Richard Kelly. Rotella's Insomniac Inc. is known for promoting the Electric Daisy Carnival rave events at the Los Angeles Coliseum that drew up to 160,000 people. The 2010 EDC rave was responsible for 200 medical emergencies, 60 arrests, and the death of a 15-year-old girl who reportedly took the drug ecstasy. Rotella was arrested in March 2012 in connection with corruption charges involving coliseum management. Rotella has since moved the EDC rave to Las Vegas.

Insiders say that even if the venue does make a turn toward electronica, it would not prevent outside promoters

from using 4th&B as an occasional live-music venue.

Attempts to contact the Pumas, Rotella, Kelly, and the

landlord's attorney, Ken Lange, were unsuccessful.

— Ken Leighton

North County closures.

The Calypso Cafe, which opened in Leucadia in 1995 and featured music seven nights a week for most of its existence, held its final show this New Year's Eve.

Located in a converted house, the Highway 101 restaurant represented one of the last vestiges of funky Leucadia. It was the unofficial home base for singer/songwriter Jack Tempchin ("Peaceful Easy Feelin," "Already Gone," "Slow Dancin'") who played there weekly since the '90s.

Candy Kane, Sue Palmer, Jeff Moore, Eve Selis and Cactus Twang, and Semisi and Sons were regular performers at the dinner club.

"That was a great place for

musicians and songwriters," says Tom Yearsley, who played there with his Paladins. "There was no television set to compete with. And for most of the first many years there was no talking allowed. When you sat there, you listened to music. It didn't used to be amplified. It brought the audience right up close to the artist."

Founder Gil Knafo ran the Calypso continuously until a September 2009 kitchen fire forced him to close. He says things weren't the same when he reopened two years later.

"I spent too much to rebuild," says Knafo. "Then, when we reopened, people would come in but not spend any money." Knafo owned the property, but he says last year he started having trouble keeping up with the mortgage. "The bank put the property in foreclosure and sold the note six months ago. The new landlord let me stay rent-free until December 31."

"Everyone is devastated by the closing," he says. "All the musicians are very sad. Before us, nobody mixed music and food [in North County]."

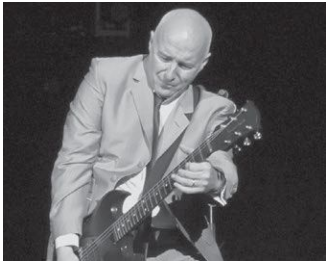
Meanwhile, the state's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control suspended the liquor license of the 1280-capacity Show Palace in Oceanside on December 20. Since it opened in 2000, the all-ages venue drew big weekend crowds with live Latin bands and recently started hosting

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hip-hop events, including shows by national headliners E-40 and Talib Kweli. Accord-

ing to ABC administrator Melissa Ryan, the indefinite suspension will be lifted when the owners prove the Show Palace regularly serves food and keeps better records to prove

it sells at least 50 percent of its sales in food.

The suspension follows an October 26 multi-agency raid on the venue, when patrons were told to leave for two

hours while authorities investigated the business.

But another violation that must also be corrected for the liquor license to be reactivated may be difficult for the 13-year-old restaurant/



Leucadia's Calypso Cafe — a homey dinner club no more

nightspot to surmount: Ryan says that while her ABC investigators were there, they found that live music could be heard outside the building. Even though there are no

residences nearby and there were no complaints about loud noise, Ryan says that the Show Palace must now keep the sound of music from escaping.

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Show Palace owner Jaun Cortes did not want to comment for this story.

"They are licensed as a restaurant but they are operating as a dancehall," says a professional who deals with the ABC. "[The owner] is trying to put a square peg in a round hole. It looks he will have to be dragged kicking and screaming into being a restaurant."

— Ken Leighton

Two wolves. "The band is now essentially myself and singer Jesse Malley...we do the songwriting and band management," says guitarist Jeff Irwin of outlaw-country-blues-rockers Tilt, whose debut full-length, *Howlin'*, will drop January 23 at the Belly Up.

According to frontwoman Malley, "Jeff and I had played together a few times, but Tilt was spawned out of a Craigslist ad that I put up looking

for 'a blues-rock guitarist that can shred.' The rest is history... or, rather, the future." Based in Pacific Beach, the duo's backing group has undergone numerous lineup changes. Former members include

"and Ryan will be playing with us as a special guest at the Belly Up release show.... The local scene is too small to avoid former members, so it's good to keep relationships strong, with everyone getting

the current lineup of Malley, Irwin, John Urban (bass), and Abel Vallejo (drums) filmed a live show for the KPBS TV series *Live at the Belly Up*, set for broadcast on Friday, January 18.

The new CD's cover art is a painting by Malley that includes handwritten passages. "The writing on the front is one of our favorite stories," says Irwin (who also plays dobro and mandolin). "It's a Native American Cherokee story about the battle between the light and the dark inside us all, depicted by the battle of two wolves. Some of the songs on our album explore the meaning behind this story."

— Jay Allen Sanford



Country-blues duo Tilt find inspiration for *Howlin'* in a Cherokee tale.

bassist/guitarist Billy Joe Clements (the Roosters, the Grass Heat), drummer Mike Stone (the Grass Heat, the Drabs), and guitarist Ryan Weiss (Family Wagon).

"Ryan Weiss and Mike Stone played on several songs on the new album," says Irwin,

along."

The drums on *Howlin'* were recorded by Ben Moore, who also played B3 organ on three tracks and will guest with the band at the Belly Up. The Solana Beach club has become somewhat of a home base for the group. Last November,

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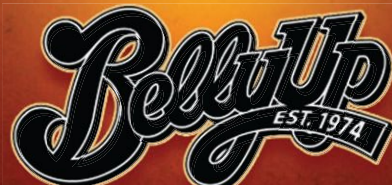
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Tuesday, 9pm — PB-OKE Karaoke.
Wednesday, 9pm — Open Mic Open Jam.
98 Bottles:
Saturday, 8pm — Latanya Lockett. \$8-\$10.
AMSDeconcerts:
Saturday, 7:30pm — PF Sloan & Creed Bratton. \$20.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Kapsalis and Ivanovic Guitar Duo. \$20.
CANCELED.

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

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.

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 Wets. \$5.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Raein. \$8.

Copley Symphony Hall:
Friday, 8pm, *Saturday*, 8pm, *Sunday*, 2pm — Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto. \$20-\$96.

Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant:
Saturday, 7:30pm — Lori Bell and the Full House Band. \$5.
Saturday — Bruce Cameron, Mark Augustin, Ted Williams.

Coyote Bar & Grill:
Thursday, 6pm — Clay Colton.
Friday, 6pm — Mystique Element of Soul. **Free.**
Saturday, 3pm — Friends and Enablers.
Saturday, 6pm — The Shelle Blue Band.
Sunday, 5pm — Billy Watson. **Free.**
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.**

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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

"A rock star posing as a club act." This is how a talent buyer at a local nightclub once characterized Joey Harris. A guitarist and a singer and a songwriter, Harris was solid gold even back when he was new and fronting a pop-rock hair band called the Speedsters. MCA released his first solo album in 1983. Granted, some years have been kinder than others, but today the Mentals can be counted among the best of San Diego's hometown rockers. Every note Harris plays is genuine and time-tested. Nothing is wasted. And in that way, he makes it look simple in the same way that a Richard Thompson can likewise rock his aging ass off and make it look simple.

These days, Joey Harris lives in La Mesa.

Stories abound. My favorite took place at a recording session with the Tornado Magnets where Harris was overdubbing a guitar solo. He rejected take after take. This went on for hours. To my ear, each take sounded flawless, but Harris was not pleased with his work. "Because it doesn't sound pretty," was what he said later when I asked during a break before he went back into the studio.

Joey Harris did not found the Beat Farmers, but he did manage to inject a new sound into the '80s tour stars, and he became synonymous with the brand. Aside from the perfect yin-yang of Harris's and Jerry Raney's guitars, Harris's larger contribution to the Beats was in his songwriting. Following the Farmers' demise, Harris would move on to a Beat Farmers knock-off with Jerry Raney called Powerthud, a harder-rocking band that was possibly an early version of the Mentals. The Powerthud lineup included a pair of locals who would eventually become Men-



JOEY HARRIS AND THE MENTALS

tals: bassist Jeff Kmak and keyboard player Joe Longa. Mojo Nixon has appeared in place of Longa, who is currently recovering from an illness. Otherwise, no change in volume: bring earplugs.

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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.

Gallagher's Pub & Grill:
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.

House of Blues:
Friday, 7pm — Sin.
Saturday, 6pm — 91X 30th Birthday Bash with Slightly Stoopid and P.O.D.
Sunday, 8pm — Keane. \$36-\$46.
Tuesday, 8pm — Social Distortion. \$30-\$52.
Wednesday, 8pm — Social Distortion. \$30-\$52.

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.

Kensington Club:
Saturday, 8pm — The Touchies, Gloomday, the Seks. \$3.

Kraken:
Saturday, 9pm — Blasting Idiots. **Free.**

Lestat's Coffee House:
Thursday — Ernie Halter and Sam Grow.
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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.

Manhattan Cocktail Lounge:
Friday, 9pm, *Saturday*, 9pm — Windy City. **Free.**

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.

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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.

EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

Shifty Adventures in Nookie Wood John Cale

By Andrew Hamlin

John Cale is not psychic! (Unless he is.) The man couldn't have predicted Steve Albini's second-motioning those mundane haters of Cher's "Believe"; but he intuited that tipping point where the hip(sters) went (reflexively) *blech* at the teeniest squirkle of Auto-Tune. "Surprise!" sayeth our fellow in deed if not in word, "I slathered that glorious Cher shit over half this one, and whadda ya think o' them apples, you pipsqueak pundit-come-lately?"

John Cale is the punk godfather!

(Actually, at age 70, "grandfather" might scan for a substitution.) Mortality-aware but still cranky, he doesn't want an audience now so much as a dialogue. The Danger Mouse-cohorted lead track comes off stiff, but the man sure wants to talk to somebody. That Auto-Tune puts his voice in two places almost at once, nifty symbolism for the sender and the receiver, the hope and the doubt. "Mary"'s finely detailed desperation rises until desire for someone, anyone, floods out the servile contempt for the protagonist's own identity. "Mothra" opens a channel to an entity not speaking back, at least not in English. Senseless? No, sensibility.

John Cale remains elegiac! (Whew.) He ended 1979's *Sabotage/Live* with "Chorale," one prickly angry protest against death in which nothing resolved and little made sense, since death does not answer to sense, or even resolution. Thirty-three years later, "Sandman (Flying Dutchman)" soothes, comforts...relaxes, even. The deceased is gone away, sailing...but what's this about the Flying Dutchman? Condemned to rove, ever restless? Shuttled to subtext, this time, the irresolution. That's called mellowing with age.



Is the punk godfather mellowing with age?

Chris Isaak a-crooning, ladies a-swooning

By Gail Powell

The "Chris Isaak Christmas Show" rolled into town for two nights at the Belly Up in Solana Beach. The Stockton, California, native and swoon-worthy crooner charmed a sold-out crowd with an energetic set that ranged from Isaak's hits to popular covers to Christmas classics.

Opening with "American Boy," Isaak called his December tour stop a "trans-seasonal mash-up" before jumping into

the audience to sing "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." The crowd leaned toward a prosperous middle-aged demographic that sang along with Isaak on Elvis Presley's "Blue Christmas." My two female friends began to swoon and fan themselves when the handsome singer launched into "Wicked Game." There is no denying that the personable and boyish Isaak is a chick magnet.

The 56-year-old is touring in support of his new album, *Beyond the Sun*, which honors Sun Records greats, particularly Elvis Presley and Roy Orbison. The four-song encore included a nod to Orbison with "Pretty Woman" and Isaak's own "Big, Wide, Wonderful World," which is exactly how it felt to be in attendance at this rollicking holiday show.

Concert: Chris Isaak Christmas Show

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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.

Wednesday, 7pm — Swamp Critters.

Tower Bar:

Friday — Population, the Very, Death Crisis.
Tuesday — Rumspringa and Low Culture.

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Saturday, 7pm — Stacey & the Stimulators. Free.

V Lounge:

Friday, 9pm — Powerhouse.
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Villa Musica:

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

Whistle Stop Bar:

Thursday — Brixton Beat.
Friday — Shake Before Us and Schitzophonics.
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:

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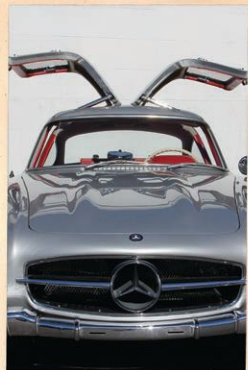
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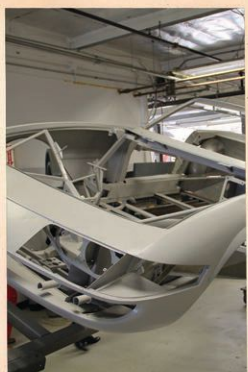
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Belly Up: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
January 17 — Femi Kuti and the Positive Force.
January 18 — Dead Man's Party.
January 19 — Tower of Power.
January 20 — Kelley James.
January 22 — Lee Coulter and Michael Tiernan.
January 23 — Beer Fest with the Tilt.
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Boar Cross'n: 390 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-2989.
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January 19 — Jon Goodhue.
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January 17 — He's My Brother She's My Sister and Kera & the Lesbians.
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January 22 — Coda Reactor, the Fuzz Bombs, Oddball.
January 24 — Shake Before Us and Social Club.

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 — Raindance.
January 20 — St. Ranger and the Frights.
January 24 — Ancient Alien Jamboree Festival Day 1.

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B St., Downtown San Diego, 619-235-0804.
January 18, January 19 — Brian Stokes Mitchell.
January 26 — Jackson Browne.
January 27 — The Magic of Mozart.
January 31 — The Magic of Scheherazade.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.
January 17 — Clay Colton.
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January 19 — Friends and Enablers.
January 20 — Jerome Dawson.
January 23 — Giant Peach Band.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-

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January 18, January 19 — Serious Guise.
January 20 — Karaoke Contest.
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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 Rimón, 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.
January 31 — Muriel Anderson.

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.
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January 20 — Lady Parts and Jr. Juggernaut.
January 25 — Shark Blood, the Last Years, Sculptins.
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First United Methodist Church of San Diego: 2111 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-297-4366.
January 27 — San Diego Organ/Trombone Collective.

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 Gow.
January 23 — Tyler Bryant & the Shakedown.

Harrah's Rincon: 777 Harrah's Rincon Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100.
January 18 — Baytown Band.

Harvest Orthodox Presbyterian Church: .
January 25 — Music and Message: Sam Rotman.

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 — theBREA.X.
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., Kenyattah 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.

La Jolla Library: 7555 Draper Ave., La Jolla, 858-552-1657.
January 20 — The Vanstrum/Bak/White Trio.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
January 17 — MSP and Narcissist Radio.
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January 23 — Aiyana Cadwell and Grant Austin Taylor.
January 24 — Carlos Olmeda and Chad Taggart.

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

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

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.
January 19 — 145th Street.
January 21 — Deeja and Walter's jazz jam.
January 22 — Walter's Chicken Jam.
January 23 — 145th Street.

Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819.
January 18, January 19 — Sharon Cuneta.

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.

Rancho Bernardo Library: 17110 Bernardo Center Dr., Rancho Bernardo, 858-538-8163.
January 23 — Free Classical Concert with Erin Breene, Ines Irawati, Robert Schumitzky.

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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January 30 — Cowboy Jack.

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January 27 — Amigo.
January 30 — Ugly Boogie, Black Market III, Morgan Leigh.

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.

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.

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.
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January 25 — Disco Pimps.
January 26 — Hair Rock Tribute.
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January 29 — Kahn Artest.
January 30 — Mark Fisher and Bl3nder.
January 31 — Van Roth. .

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.
January 29 — Doods Night Out.
January 31 — The Gift/Curse and Machines Learning.

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.

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January 17 — Makeout Weird.
January 18 — Fling 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.
January 20 — Jose Sinatra hosts O.B.-o-ke.
January 21 — Electric Waste Band.
January 23 — Open Mic with Jefferson Jay.
January 27 — Jose Sinatra hosts O.B.-o-ke.
January 28 — Electric Waste Band.
January 29 — Battle of the Bands.
January 30 — Open Mic with Jefferson Jay.

Zel's Del Mar: 1247 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-0076.
January 26 — Robin Henkel.

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The Tower Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and import drafts.

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Casa Machado: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 and \$3.50 drafts. \$3.50 wells, margaritas. Free chips & salsa.

Pal Joey's: *Monday*, 4:30 to 6:30pm: Karaoke 9m. *Tuesday*, 4:30 to 6:30pm: \$2 Tuesdays. *Wednesday*, 4:30 to 6:30pm:: \$3.50 personal pitchers. Karaoke 9m. *Thursday-Friday*, 4:30 to 6:30pm: \$3.50 personal pitchers. *Saturday*, Karaoke 9m. *Sunday*, \$7 domestic pitchers.

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Coronado Boathouse 1887: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 5-6:30pm: \$5 wine varietals, \$7 specialty cocktails.

Village Pizzeria: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm, 9pm-close: \$3.50 drafts, \$5 wine by the glass. \$2 off artichoke hearts and mozzarella sticks.

Yummy Sushi: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 pints, \$4 large hot sake. 20-50% off appetizers.

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The Stage Rock Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

Yard House: *Monday-Wednesday*, 3-6pm & 10pm-close: \$3.50 domestic pints; \$6.25 martinis. 1/2-off select pizza, appetizers, and more. *Thursday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3.50 domestic pints; \$6.25 martinis. 1/2-off select pizza, appetizers, and more. *Sunday*, 10pm-close: \$3.50 domestic pints; \$6.25 martinis. 1/2-off select pizza, appetizers, and more.

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East Village Tavern and Bowl: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts; \$4 import/micro drafts; \$5 house margarita, wine. \$5 quesadilla, potato skins, nachos.

Monkey Paw: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local draughts and drinks.

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Main Tap Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off 16-oz. pints, \$2 off pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

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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

JT's Clubhouse Pub & Grill: *Monday*, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-4pm: 25¢ wings. *Tuesday*, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-4pm: \$1 tacos. *Wednesday*, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-close: \$1 sliders. *Thursday-Friday*, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. \$5.25 1/2-lb. burger with fries. *Saturday*, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 4-8pm: 1/2-off all food. *Sunday*, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints.

HARBOR ISLAND

The Boathouse: *Daily*, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 margaritas, \$3 Cuervo margaritas and Karl Strauss, \$4 mojitos.

HILLCREST

Babycakes: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$3 wells, wine, and beer.

Baja Betty's: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: \$4 margaritas, wells, sangria, house wine/shots, bottled beer, drafts.

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.

Ruby Room: *Monday-Thursday*, 5-8pm: \$3 wells, \$1 off drafts, \$5 calls. Philly special: \$5 for bottle of PBR with a shot of whiskey. *Friday*, 5-9pm: Ryan

Roots Cocktail Club: discounts on vintage cocktails. Philly special: \$5 for bottle of PBR with a shot of whiskey. *Saturday-Sunday*, 2-9pm: Ryan Roots Cocktail Club: discounts on vintage cocktails. Philly special: \$5 for bottle of PBR with a shot of whiskey.

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

Bud's Louisiana Café: *Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: 1/2-off glass beer, wine; \$5 cocktails. 15% off cup jambalaya, oyster shooter, cajun chicken taquitos.

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

Beaumont's: *Daily*, 3-6:30pm: \$5 margaritas, mules, & mojitos; \$5 ceviche; \$7 pork spare ribs; \$4 three-meat sliders.

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill: *Daily*, 10pm-2am: \$1 off all beer, \$2 off all wine; \$5 wells.

Jose's La Jolla: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 margaritas. \$2 off appetizers.

La Jolla Brew House: *Friday-Saturday*, 10pm-1am: \$2 Off Pints; \$3 Wells & Wines; Buy Any Pizza Get One Free.

Rock Bottom Brewery, La Jolla: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: \$3.50 beer, house wine, well drinks.

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.

LA MESA

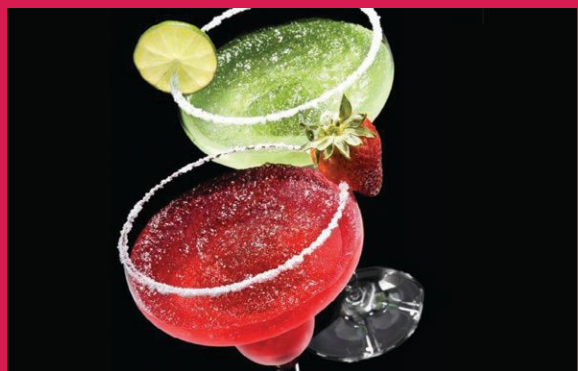
Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 draft, Anthony's white; \$4 wells, \$5 calls. \$2.75 fish tacos, \$3 lettuce wraps, \$4.50 tostado.

Casa de Pico: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: Discounted margaritas, beer, cocktails. Complimentary chicken wings, mini burritos.

Charcoal House: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$2 domestics, \$3 premiums, 25% off appetizers, \$1 off wells/wine.

Chico Club: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$3 wells, \$3.50 22-oz. Bud, Bud Light, Coors

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Coach Stop: *Monday-Friday*, 9am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 large drafts, domestic bottles. 7-11pm: \$1.50 12-oz. drafts, \$6.50 60-oz. pitchers.

LEMON GROVE

Dirk's Niteclub: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks \$4.50 or less. *Sunday*, 6am-2pm: \$1 off bloody marys.

LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: *Monday-Wednesday, Friday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2.75 wells, \$2.50 beer of the month. *Thursday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2.75 wells, \$2.50 beer of the month, Ladies U-Call-it \$2.75.

LINCOLN PARK

L&L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$1 off appetizers. *Sunday*, all day: \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings.

LINDA VISTA

Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints; \$4 house margaritas, wells; \$5 quesadillas, hot dogs, tacos.

LITTLE ITALY

98 Bottles: *Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: \$4 draft beers and

house wines; \$5 off bottles of wine; \$2 off sake samplers, big bottled beers, and flatbreads; \$1 off wine and sake by the glass and rice bowls. *Wednesday*, 5pm-midnight: \$4 draft beers and house wines; \$5 off bottles of wine; \$2 off sake samplers, big bottled beers, and flatbreads; \$1 off wine and sake by the glass and rice bowls.

Puerto la Boca: *Daily*, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

The Shakedown Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 2-8pm: \$2.50 domestic drafts, \$3 tall boys, wells, \$3.50 Jack & Cokes. 5-7pm: \$1.50 tacos, \$2 burgers. *Sunday*, 5-7pm: \$1.50 tacos, \$2 burgers.

MIRA MESA

Callahan's Pub & Brewery: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 select house beer, select domestic drafts, well drinks, house wine. \$1 off Irish nachos, pub chips, herb/garlic/cheese bread.

MIRAMAR

The Filling Station: *Monday*, 7pm-close: \$4 margaritas. *Tuesday*, 7pm-close: \$2 kamikazes. *Wednesday*, 7pm-close: \$3.50 premium drafts. *Thursday*, 7pm-close: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers; \$7.50 domestic pitchers. *Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$3 mimosas. *Sunday*, noon-7pm: \$3 bloody marys.

MISSION BEACH

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4pm-close: 1/2-off beer, shots, cocktails. 25% off pot stickers, jumbo coco shrimp, nachos.

Sandbar Sports Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic bottles/drafts; \$4 premium & import bottles/drafts. \$3.50 mahi taco, discounted nachos, calamari.

MISSION HILLS

Bar Dynamite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-9pm: \$2 domestics bottles and drafts, \$3 wells. Free food from Lucha Libre Taco Shop.

Shakespeare Pub & Grille: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: 20-oz. Imperial pints \$4.95, well drinks \$3.75, \$1 off all bottled beer & house wine. *Sunday*, all day: 20-oz. Imperial pint of Fuller's London Pride \$4.95.

Starlite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. *Sunday*, all night: \$5 mules. \$15 off wine bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

The Amigo Spot at Kings Inn: *Daily*, 4-7pm: Margaritas.

Randy Jones All American Sports Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3.75 selected craft beers, \$5 specialty drinks, \$2 off wine by the glass and grazing menu.

NATIONAL CITY

Buster's Beach House & Long-board Bar: *Daily*, 2-7pm: \$2.25 Bud drafts; \$3.50 mai tais, Long Beach tea, margaritas.

Pier 32 Waterfront Grill: *Friday*, 3pm-sunset: \$2 domestic beer, \$3 import and local beer, \$5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys.

NESTOR

Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

The Air Conditioned Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$3 draft, bloody marys; \$5 you-call-it; \$6 Jayne's Gastropub fare.

Live Wire: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off drafts and cocktails.

NORTH PARK

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; \$3 beers; \$4 well cocktails. *Friday*, 5-10pm: \$2 off wines by the glass; \$3 beers; \$4 well cocktails. 6pm: Live music. *Sunday*, 7am-3pm: \$15 bottomless mimosa; \$22 bottomless mimosa with brunch item; \$5 bloody marys.

Lips Restaurant: *Sunday*, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

OCEAN BEACH

Blue Parrot: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: All drinks and appetizers 1/2-price (all day Monday).

Mother's Saloon: *Monday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: \$3 Jägermeister shots. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Tuesday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: \$3 Fireball shots; \$1.50 tacos. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Wednesday*, 7pm-close: \$5 Rolling Rock and shot; \$1.50 TJ dogs. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Thursday*, 9pm-close: \$3 you-call-its; \$1.50 sliders. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers; \$2.75 well. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts.

Winstons: *Monday-Saturday*, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.

OCEANSIDE

Aryana at Holiday Inn: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$2 domestics, wells; \$3 premiums, glass of wine. Appetizer specials.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Acapulco Mexican Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers, \$1 soft taco, \$3 draft beer, \$3.50 well, house wine, \$3.95 house margarita.

Old Town Mexican Café: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials. \$2 Taco Tuesday (chicken, beef, fish, carnitas); \$2.50 margaritas, Tecate, tequila.

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: *Daily*, 4-7:10pm: 1/2-off food & booze.

The Australian Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 7-9pm: \$3 Long Islands. *Saturday*, \$2.50 Karl Strauss. *Sunday*, \$3 bloody marys.

Cass Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2.25 domestic bottles, \$2.75 micro-brew pints, \$7.50 pitcher, \$3 house wine.

Miller's Field: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 wells. \$2 street tacos.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: *Monday*, all day: Doubles for the price of a single; \$4 APA. \$1 slider. *Tuesday*, all day: \$3 Dos Equis draft, \$5 Patron margarita, \$10 Bud Light Pitcher. \$1 street tacos. *Wednesday*, all day: \$8 PBR pitcher; 25-cent wings. *Thursday*, 9pm-close: \$2 and \$4 cocktail specials

and DJ. *Sunday*, all day: 1/2-off Stone and Karl Strauss.

Moray's Lounge: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 wells, \$4.50 house wine. 4-6pm: \$4 appetizers: spicy chicken wings, fried calamari, potato skins.

Pacific Beach Ale House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: *Tuesday*, \$2.50 Mexican bottled beer, \$3 frozen margaritas. *Wednesday*, \$2 off all drinks, \$2 beers. *Thursday*, 8pm-close: \$2 wells, drafts, 1/2-price drinks. *Friday*, 3-10pm: \$2 drafts, wells, 1/2-price drinks. *Saturday*, 4-10pm: \$3 wells, wine, drafts.

Il Padrino Pizza: *Thursday*, \$2 off all pies and pitchers. *Saturday*, Pitchers: \$10 Bud Light, \$11 Shock Top, \$12 Stella. *Sunday*, \$15 bottomless mimosas till 2pm.

SD Tap Room: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts, \$2 off appetizers. \$3.50 wine and sake.

Sinbad Café: *Daily*, 4-8pm: \$1.50 drafts, \$2 wells, shots, \$2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

Society Billiard Cafe & Bar: *Monday, Wednesday, Sunday*, all day: \$3 wells/Bud Light pints, \$4 flavored Smirnoff, premium draft pints, Herradura tequila shots. *Tuesday, Thursday*, all day: \$8 12-oz. bottle of beer and a shot, \$3 pints of Bud Light. *Friday-Saturday*, noon-10pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, \$4 flavored Smirnoff.

Table 926: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-6pm: \$3 drafts, \$6 glasses of wine. \$3 beef empanadas, mini duck or fish taco.

Tavern at the Beach: *Monday-Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$3 drafts, bottles, wells, wine. *Sunday*, noon-7pm: Industry Night: \$3 domestic beers, \$2



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Tony Roma’s: *Daily*, 1-4pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$3 off appetizers.

The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: \$2 drafts; \$3 cask wine, sangria; \$4 wells.

POINT LOMA

Extreme Pizza: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$6 craft beer pitchers.

Gabardine: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$5 Snake Oil beer, \$6 house wine; \$1 oysters, \$2 hand-cut fries.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

Jimmy’s Famous American Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: 1/2-off all appetizers, drafts, wells, and select house wine.

Old Venice: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$5 glass of wine and wells, \$3.50 drafts; \$6-\$8 appetizers, including magic mushrooms, focaccia & bruschetta, walnut gorgonzola salad.

Paradise Lounge and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2.50 well drinks, domestic bottles; \$6.50 domestic pitchers. 8-9:30am: 1/2-off breakfast.

The Pearl: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wells, \$5 wines.

Pete’s Grill: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 Bud drafts, \$3 microbrew drafts, house wines. \$.99 sliders, \$1.99 fish tacos.

Red’s Espresso and Wine Gallery: *Friday-Sunday*, all day: \$5 endless mimosas with food purchase.

Riley’s Music Lounge: *Monday*, 4pm-1am: \$2 domestic drafts & wells. *Tuesday*, 4pm-1am: \$3 Hinys. *Wednesday*, 4pm-1am: \$3 Jacks. *Thursday*, 4pm-1am: \$2 kamikazes. *Friday*, 8pm-10pm: \$3 you-call-its (up to premium). *Saturday*, 4pm-1am: \$3 all flavors Smirnoff. *Sunday*, 4pm-1am: \$3 vodka cranberry.

Sail Ho Golf Club: *Monday, Thursday-Saturday*, 4pm-close: \$3 drafts, \$3.50 wines, \$4 wells. *Tuesday*, All day: \$2 wells. *Wednesday*, All day: \$3 Pacifico drafts. *Sunday*, All day: \$3 drafts, \$3.50 wines, \$4 wells.

Solare Ristorante Lounge: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 3-6:30pm: \$5 Tapas, \$3 Beers, \$5 Select Wine, \$6 Select Cocktails. *Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$5 Tapas, \$3 Beers, \$5 Select Wine, \$6 Select Cocktails.

POWAY

The Beach Grass Poway: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 microbrews, \$4 select wines. \$5 appetizers: panocrusted calamari, tempura avocado, veggies and hummus, more.

Blue Tattoo Sports Bar & Grill: *Monday, Wednesday, Friday*, 3-7pm: \$5 appetizers, \$4 craft beer, \$3 domestic draft & bottle *Tuesday*, 3-7pm: \$5 appetizers, \$4 craft beer, \$3 domestic

draft & bottle. Karaoke 8pm. *Thursday*, 3-7pm: \$5 appetizers, \$4 craft beer, \$3 domestic draft & bottle. Trivia 7-10pm, Video DJ 10pm-close.

Kaminski’s BBQ & Sports Bar: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$1 off all wells, drafts, bottles, wine.

Phileas Fogg’s Bar & Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints/\$7.95 pitcher, \$3.50 import pints/\$11.95 pitcher. \$2.95 cheese quesadilla, \$3.95 chicken wings.

RAMONA

Boll Weevil Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2 off all pitchers.

Cheers: *Monday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$10 steak. *Tuesday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$1 tacos. *Wednesday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$.50 wings. *Thursday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Bernard’O Restaurant: *Monday-Saturday*, 4:30-7pm: \$4 wells, \$2.75 domestic, \$3.50 imported/specialty, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 house wine.

Café on the Park: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6:30pm: \$3 wells, \$4 house margaritas, 1/2-off house wine by the glass, \$1 off beer. Complimentary cheese & crackers, 1/2-off appetizers.

Capri Blu: *Daily*, 3-7pm: 1/2-price drafts, wells, discounted bar-menu food.

Carvers Steak & Chops: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6:30pm: 1/2-off drinks. \$3-\$4 off appetizers.

Kelly’s Public House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$3.50 wells, house wines.

RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS

Deli Stop Sports Pub: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all beer; \$3 Corona or glass of wine. \$1 off all appetizers.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Da Boyz Pizza & Pasta: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 2-6pm, 9pm-close: \$2 draft, \$3 glass select wine.

Press Box Sports Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Half-off appetizers, \$1 off drafts, house wine, and wells.

RANCHO SANTA FE

Delicias: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$5 draft beers, house wines, wells.

SAN MARCOS

Back Alley Grill: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 11am-9pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$4.50 imports and house wines. \$1 Taco Tuesday, 50¢-a-Wing Wednesday, \$1 off pitchers Thirsty Thursday.

Cowshed Bar and Grill: *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$3 domestic. \$3.50-\$4 wells. *Tuesday*, 4pm-2am: \$3 domestic. \$3.50-\$4 wells.

Dalton’s Road House: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$1 off house wines, wells. \$5 margaritas. 1/2-off appetizers: cheesy fries, potato skins, buffalo wings.

The Jumping Turtle: *Monday*, 11am-close: PBR \$2.75/pint, \$6.75/pitcher. *Tuesday*, 11am-close: \$2 Corona, Pacifico, margaritas. *Wednesday*, 11am-close: \$4 drop drinks. *Thursday*, 7pm-close: \$3 Jäger, \$2.50 Bud Lime. *Friday*, 5pm-midnight: \$5 Long Islands. *Saturday*, 11am-close: \$3 Orange Patrón, Tanqueray. *Sunday*, 11am-close: \$2.50 bloody marys.

SANTA YSABEL

Santa Ysabel Resort & Casino: *Monday*, Mojito Monday: \$4 Irish Mojito. *Tuesday*, Tropical Tuesday: \$4 Tropical Dream. *Wednesday*, Wicked Wednesday: \$5.50 Speedy Gonzalez. *Thursday*, Thirsty Thursday: \$2 bottled domestics. *Friday*, Fiesta Friday: \$4 classic margarita. *Saturday*, Sweet Saturday: \$5 pineapple-Midori martini. *Sunday*, Sunset Sunday: \$4 Amaretto Sunset.

SANTEE

Landre’s Sports Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. \$5 appetizers: potato skins, garlic/bacon fries, shrimp cocktail, more.

SCRIPPS RANCH

Stone Flats: *Daily*, 3-5pm, 7-9pm: \$1 Bud/Bud Light; 1/2-off all other beer/wine.

SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: *Sunday*, \$2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. \$3.50 mimosas, bloody marys.

SHELTER ISLAND

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

SOLANA BEACH

Chief’s Burgers and Brew: *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2.50 domestic, \$3.50 microbrew. 1/2-off appetizers.

The Fish Market: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3.50 wells, \$3.95 drafts, domestic bottles, house wine. \$.95 oysters, \$4.25 smoked trout quesadillas, \$4.95 mahi mahi sliders. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11am-4pm: \$3.50 wells, \$3.95 drafts, domestic bottles, house wine. \$.95 oysters, \$4.25 smoked trout quesadillas, \$4.95 mahi mahi sliders.

The Saddle Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$1 off drinks and drafts.

SORRENTO VALLEY

Ali Baba’s Cave: *Daily*, 3-7pm: 22-oz. beer \$4 (including tax). \$12 hookahs, \$5 refills.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$4 beers, wells, wines, flights. \$5 boneless wings, fries, spicy hummus.

SOUTH PARK

Alchemy: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off wells, including Skyy, Seagram’s, Jim Beam, Sauza Gold, \$2 off wines/glass, draft.

Hamilton’s Tavern: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.

South Park Abbey: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 wells, beer specials.

Whistle Stop Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints. *Saturday-Sunday*, 2-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints.

SPRING VALLEY

California Comfort: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wells, house wine.

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Clybourne Park

San Diego Rep presents Bruce Norris's "comedy about race, class, and real estate in America," based in part on *A Raisin in the Sun*. Sam Woodhouse directed. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE,



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The Old Globe Theatre celebrates the 100th anniversary of George Bernard Shaw's Pygmalion through February 17.

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Leading Ladies

Moonlight Stage Productions offers Ken Ludwig's farce about two down-on-their luck English actors who plot to scam the fortune of an elderly woman. They will play her nephews — er, nieces. Christopher Williams directed. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN ST., VISTA. 760-724-2110. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 3.

miXtape

Jon Lorenz and Colleen Kollar Smith, creators of this revue of 1980s music, say that favorite songs "mark your memories." *miXtape* is performed with rampant energy and polish by an eight-person cast. Memory-triggers zip past: Pet Rocks, Pac-Man, Nelson Mandela, AIDS. Most of the songs are actually song-bites. But backed by Andy Ingersoll's versatile band and under Kerry Meads's feisty direction, *miXtape* is always entertaining — and memory-provoking. (Note: Lamb's Players has extended the run several times.) 619-437-0600. *Worth a try.*

HORTON GRAND HOTEL, 311 ISLAND AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 800-542-1886. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 4PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 30.

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Pygmalion

To celebrate the play's 100th anniversary, the Old Globe Theatre stages George Bernard Shaw's comedy, best known these days for inspiring *My Fair Lady*. Nicholas Martin directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD

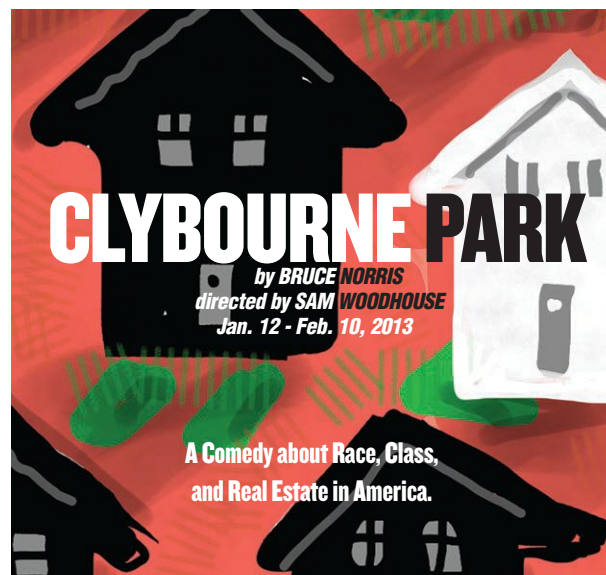
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South Pacific

Randall Dodge gives a standout performance as Emile LeBeque, in the Welk's production of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. Others vary in quality. Except for Benjamin Lopez, whose rich tenor does full justice to "Younger Than Springtime," many in the cast sing better than they act. And Hannah M. James disappoints as Nellie Forbush. Her portrayal is so stiff and superficial you wonder what the worldly Emile could see in her. Ray Limon's choreography vitalizes the randy SeaBees. But the technical work's a mix. And when someone sings upstage, they cast shadows on the sketch of Bali Ha'i painted on a drop. Dodge's effort (and the great musical) merits a recommendation. *Worth a try.* WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1PM THURSDAYS, 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 1PM SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS, 1PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 17.

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It's a sharp setup, and so gorgeously rendered that religious folk shouldn't mind playing along with the gentle sacrileges, and unbelievers shouldn't mind listening to all the God talk. Joann Sfar, who codirected and cowrote the film, also produced the graphic novels that serve as source material, and his style reads like a more detailed, earthier version of Herge's *Tintin*. (Perhaps sensing this, the writers include a cameo from the famed boy reporter and present him

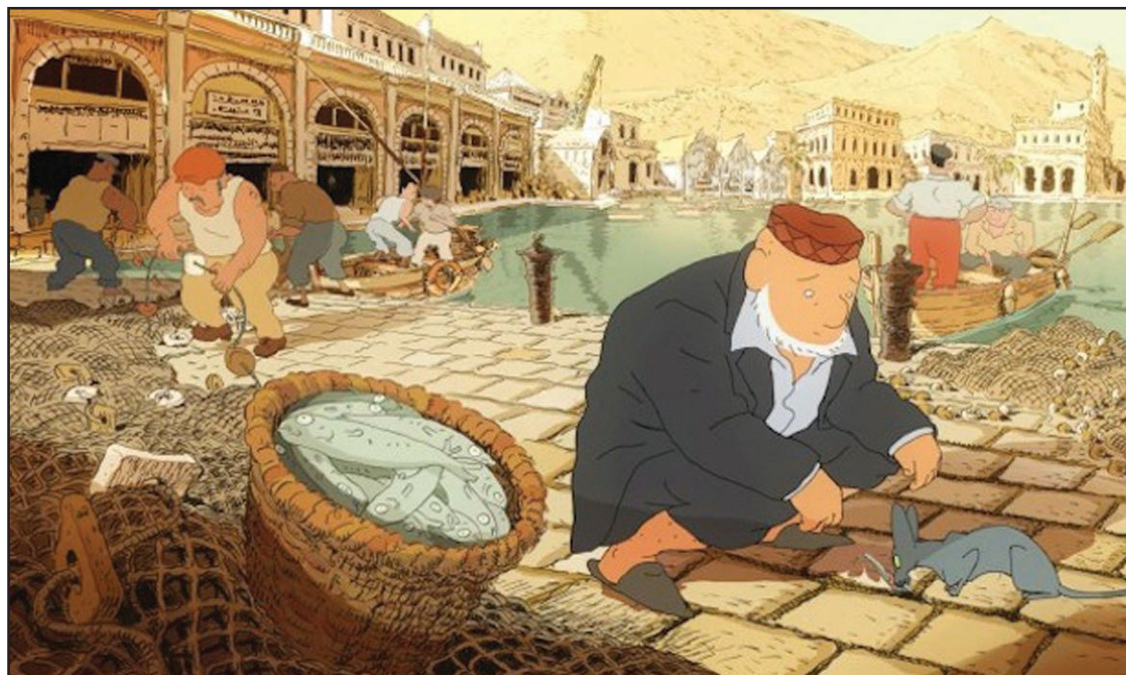
as a condescending twit.)

But once the setup is seen to, the story splays out in all directions, and by the time the cat has ditched his beloved and joined the rabbi and a couple of Russians on a quest to locate a fabled city of Ethiopian Jews, the viewer may begin to wonder what exactly is going on. Something to do with the things that unite and divide us, be it religion, language, or art. (In general, the film posits that the more intensely religious you are, the less you will appreciate graven images, er, artistic beauty.) Something else to do with the primacy of decency over devotion, and of eros over all — even the rabbi's rabbi rhapsodizes about God like he's the lover in the Song of Solomon.

— Matthew Lickona

INTERVIEW WITH *THE LAST STAND* DIRECTOR JEE-WOON KIM

The Arnold Schwarzenegger comeback vehicle *The Last Stand* did not screen in time for review in our print edition (check the *Reader* website on Friday), but we did manage to ask a



The Rabbi's Cat is so gorgeously rendered, unbelievers shouldn't mind listening to all the God talk.

few questions of director Jee-woon Kim. (He spoke through a translator; hence the third-person references.)

Matthew Lickona: I see that Jee-woon Kim usually writes and directs his films. How did he decide to take on this particular project, which he didn't write?

Translator: After his film *A Tale of Two Sisters* (2003), he received a lot

of offers from Hollywood. But most of those were for projects that were already packaged and complete — he was just offered the position of director. He was not very happy with this. But for *The Last Stand*, he had the opportunity to participate from the early stages, to put more of his emotions and colors into the film.

ML: Such as?

T: He thought that, other than Schwarzenegger's character, Owens, the other characters in the film were very linear. He was able to strengthen them, give them their own colors. He also says that humor plays a big role in this film. Not just laugh-out-loud moments but rather organic aspects of the film. He was able to fuse humor into the individual characters. So, he



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feels that *The Last Stand* is more his own film than anything else he was offered.

ML: From the trailer, *The Last Stand* looks like a freewheeling Western sort of film — lots of wide-open spaces and big, dramatic action. That's a departure from the very personal sorts of stories he told in *A Tale of Two Sisters* and *I Saw the Devil*. How did the shift in style affect his direction?

T: He says that if you look at his filmography, he's worked in a very wide range of genres. *The Last Stand* is close to what he showed in *The Good, the Bad, the Weird* or *The Foul King* — lots of spectacle, a more external sort of story. He wants to point out that he didn't make a conscious shift in style, but rather, he likes to adapt to the story he's working with, and that results in a change of style. *The Good, the Bad, the Weird* takes place in a wide-open desert, and it's about characters trying to fulfill their desires, so there wasn't a difficulty in adapting. He loves shooting in these endless fields. As you know, Korea is not a big country, and the only endless horizon we get to see is the ocean. So when he had the opportunity to shoot in these sorts of locations in America, he was really able to appreciate that.

ML: This film is sort of a comeback effort for Arnold Schwarzenegger. How did he deal with working with such a known quantity in terms of persona?

T: He himself was a big fan of Arnold; he loved *Terminator*, *Terminator 2*, and *True Lies*. For Arnold, there are certain things that his fans expect. We will see what we expect of Arnold in *The Last Stand*, but we'll also see something from him that we've never seen before.

— Matthew Lickona

NATIONAL CRIME MUSEUM NAMES THEIR FIVE FAVORITE GANGSTER FILMS

Mother of mercy, is this the end of civilization as we know it? Given the recent glut of mass murders, school shootings, etc., what better time in American history to stop and glorify criminals?

To celebrate the release of Warner Bros. uncharacteristically bloody period gangster drama *Gangster Squad*, the National Crime Museum (who even knew that such a thing existed?) has released their list of the top five gangster pictures of all time.

The titles the Crime Museum has selected are: *The Godfather*, *Scarface* (DePalma not Hawks), *The Untouchables* (DePalma not Desilu), *Bonnie and Clyde*, and *Casino*.

Couldn't the Crime Museum have

pretended they were the Academy and switched from five to ten titles? Not one gangster film from Warner Bros., the studio that started it all?! How about a noir from the '40s or '50s? You'll never convince me that *Bonnie and Clyde* or DePalma's *Scarface* are better films than *Force of Evil* or *The Big Heat*.

The museum's mission statement is "to provide guests of all ages with a memorable insight into the issues of crime, crime fighting, and the consequences of committing a crime in America through a captivating interactive, entertaining and educational experience."

Crime doesn't pay, eh? Tell that to Ace Rothstein at the end of *Casino*.

Next time you're vacationing in Washington, why not take the kiddies to the Crime Museum and let them play in Bonnie and Clyde's death car or try on Mickey Cohen's custom-made suit? They can even pray with Al Capone's rosary. Look what good it did him!

— Scott Marks

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by David Elliott, Matthew Lickona, John Rubio, Scott Marks, and Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release, and by rating are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

Argo — Oscar-bound dramatization of the far-fetched but true story of six Americans who managed to escape the Iran hostage crisis in 1979 and find shelter in Canada by pretending to be actors in a big budget Hollywood space opera. Ben Affleck directs and stars as the CIA "exfiltration" expert who comes up with the outlandish idea of hiring a once-big producer (don't laugh when you see the poster on Alan Arkin's

wall) and makeup man (John Goodman) to give credence to the bogus project. The behind-the-scenes exposé of Uncle Sam-as-auteur accounts for half a great movie. Even if you are not familiar with the incident — the information was eventually declassified in 1997 — the ending is pretty much a foregone conclusion. Affleck needed a stylish touch of sleight of hand to sustain the suspense required to elevate the third act above a typical *Bourne* sequel. It also suffers a bit from the cutes, as evidenced by Alexandre Desplat's syrupy score and one "Argo 'f yourself" too many. The cast helps to keep things moving — particularly the hilarious interplay between Arkin and Goodman. And is it me, or should Bryan Cranston be in every film released? Worth seeing, but nowhere near the movie people are going to tell you it is. Make sure not to leave before the obligatory closing credit sequence where they show what the real victims looked like. They got the hair right! With Victor Garber, Clea DuVall, Rory Cochrane, and Zeljko Ivanek. 2012. — S.M. ★★

Broken City — Review forthcoming at sandiegoreader.com.

Django Unchained — Quentin Tarantino fails to do for slave owners what he did for Nazis in this, his long-awaited western (southern?) follow-up to the epic war comedy *Inglourious Basterds*. Oscar-winner Christoph Waltz returns to the Tarantino fold as Dr. King, a German dentist-cum-bounty hunter hot on the trail of a pair of nefarious outlaws. Once again, the connivingly charismatic Waltz is well mannered to the point of achieving a near-Oliver Hardy sense of nirvana. He also offers a crash course in mentorship to uppity slave Jamie Foxx, eager to save his wife from ruthless plantation lord, Leonardo DiCaprio. For its first third, *Django Unchained* plays like an agreeable cross between *Blazing Saddles* and *Mandingo*. (There is a hilarious bit about proper eyehole placement in KKK cows.) Once they reach Leo's Candyland, however, the film becomes talky and set-bound, and the third act is little more than an excuse for bloodletting. Still, politically speaking, there's more truth told here about money and its ability to buy miscegenation than anything on display in *Lincoln*. Worth seeing, but not a good enough romp to justify its 165-minute running time. With Kerry Washington, Don Johnson, Franco Nero, and Samuel L. Jackson as the spitting image of cotton-haired Woody Strode in Ford's *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*. — S.M. ★★

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Gangster Squad — *Gangster Squad* may lack brains and heart, but it's got guts. You get to see 'em right at the outset, when a Chicago crook who dares to cross power-mad Los Angeles gangster Mickey Cohen (a guttural Sean Penn) gets ripped in half by a couple of sedans. (Then again, you get to see brains, too — but that's not until later on.) So, yeah, there's plenty of violence. And Ryan Gosling is handsome, and Emma Stone is old-fashionedly pretty. And Los Angeles circa 1949 looks great. Beyond that, this tale of a good cop in a crooked town who tries to clean things up by forgetting about the law and treating American gangsters like an enemy army is a casserole made from tired leftovers. Blend up *The Untouchables*, *Dick Tracy*, and *Mulholland Falls*, drain off the moral intrigue, sprinkle with bits of soul-searching, reheat, and serve. With Josh Brolin, Nick Nolte, Robert Patrick. 2013. — 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 justification for matricide. Rogen — an uptight organic chemist shopping around a new environmentally safe cleaning product —

decides to play Cupid by dragging Yentl the yente along on a cross-country business trip. (Mom's lost love now resides in San Francisco.) Streisand and Rogen have what it takes to pull it off, but the material and execution quickly reduce what little potential this joyride had to a humiliation derby. Their car just happens to break down in front of a PG-13 gentlemen's club where mommy is exposed to strippers who wear more clothes than their patrons. At least Jane Fonda knew that *Monster-In-Law* was crap; Streisand looks to be trying for another Oscar. The posters and print ads proudly boast, "From the director of *The Proposal*," and if you check the fine print, you'll find Lorne Michaels's name attached as producer. Don't say they didn't give you advance warning. With Kathy Najimi, Miriam Margolyes, and 30 seconds of Ari Graynor as Streisand's vindication. 2012. — S.M. ★

A Haunted House — Upon moving into the title abode, Damon Wayans purchases a video camera and promises girlfriend Essence Atkins that he's going to "film everything: Christmas, New Year's, vagina." One of the first images Wayans's camcorder captures is the imprint of Atkins's rear tire just moments after it ran over his

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pooch’s head. A most imaginative sight gag soon cleans the air. Wayans reimagines *Paranormal Activity* godhead Orin Peli’s shape-shifting, sheet-fluffing specter as his galpal’s blanket-ballooning nocturnal flutter-blasts. The cast of hedonistic house guests includes a gay psychic, a determined couple of swingers, a “Mandingo party” that puts Tarantino’s to shame, and a surprisingly flat Cedric the Entertainer in the role made famous by Max Von Sydow. Worth seeing for Essence Atkins, who alternates between comic underplaying and demonic flamboyance with the greatest of ease. The Wayans family withdrew from the *Scary Movie* franchise after the second installment. With *SM5* just around the corner, series co-creator Wayans decided to beat the Weinsteins to the draw with a *Paranormal* parody of his own. His scheme paid off. *SM5*, set to open concurrently, pushed back its release date from January to April. Certainly not for everyone, but I must confess to chuckling at a few of the film’s baser moments. Michael Tiddes directs. 2013. — S.M.

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The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey — More of the same from director Peter Jackson, here pulling a proper Lucas and giving us the first installment of a prequel trilogy to his earlier three-parter, *The Lord of the Rings*. (Then, he was adapting three books; now, he’s stretching just one, packing a straightforward quest with all manner of history and political intrigue.) And like Lucas, he has fallen in love with technology; in this case, High Frame Rate visuals that highlight every pore and strip-mine the magic from a movie that should be laden with it. (Do yourself a favor and stick

to plain old 2D here.) The story involves 13 dwarfs (plus a helpful wizard) who hire a diminutive burglar to help them take back their mountain kingdom and its treasures from an invading dragon. Again, Jackson manages the creation of a believable fantasy world through well-pitched performances (Martin Freeman makes a fine homebody hobbit, and Andy Serkis’ Gollum gets to mix comedy with his menacing pathos), resonant themes (the dwarfs are seeking to regain their homeland after a diaspora), and really fine costumes. And again, he indulges his taste for overlong action set pieces, special effects that lean heavily on cartoon physics, and weepy-eyed alpha males. With Ian McKellan, Hugo Weaving. 2012. — M.L.

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Hyde Park on Hudson — Bill Murray goes fishing for Oscar in shallow water. In the Spring of 1939, Franklin D. Roosevelt (Murray) was the first-ever president to host to British royalty on American soil. The weekend shindig was thrown at the title locale, F.D.R.’s home in upstate New York. Chin jutting, cigarette holder pointing northward, and voice lolling in a jaw-stretching drawl than can only be described as Thurston Howell, III-ish, Murray’s Roosevelt is more of a graphite rubbing than it is a completed portrait. What baubles of wisdom are to be gleaned from this shuddersome biopic? That the 32nd president loved his mother and behind-the-wheel hand jobs, though never at the same time. Laura Linney’s 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 yourself in another theater, anything but this. With Olivia Williams, Elizabeth Marvel, and Elizabeth Wilson. 2012. — S.M.

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The Intouchables — Francois Cluzet’s resemblance to Dustin Hoffman continues, 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.

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Jack Reacher — “A Tom Cruise Production” — it’s the first thing you see on the screen, and it’s all there is to know. Here, he plays Jack Reacher, an invincible, invisible genius who appears out of the mists of cliché to investigate a rogue sniper’s shooting spree. (The opening scene, in which a rifle scope follows first one pedestrian and then another and then another, is both chilling and promising, as is the dialogue-free investigation that follows. Then suddenly, we’re deep in TV procedural territory.) Reacher teams up with the sniper’s lawyer (Rosamund Pike) who we’re told is a smart crusader-type out to beat her dad the death-penalty DA, but whose real job is to have boobs and listen, open-mouthed with both desire and amazement, as our hero tells her what’s what. The only parts that aren’t formula are just weird — most notably, a Stooges-style attempt on Reacher’s life by a couple of clumsy thugs. You might find some joy in Robert Duvall as a crusty gun range owner, or in Cruise’s gradual demolition of a beautiful muscle car during a drawn-out chase scene. And there are a couple of jokes. But not much else. 2012. — M.L.

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The Last Stand — Review forthcoming at *sandiegoreader.com*.

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 close-ups come solo time. And solo time comes often. With Anne Hathaway, Amanda Seyfried. 2012. — M.L.

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Life of Pi 3D — [*Nota Bene*: the 3D is probably worth it on this one.] If Ang Lee’s adaptation of Yann Martel’s novel had been nothing more than the story of a teenaged boy who survives a shipwreck only to find he must share his lifeboat with a Bengal tiger, it might have been a very fine — and often visually astonishing — adventure movie. But for better or for worse, *Life of Pi* aspires to be much more than that. For better: the adventure is strong enough to bear the weight of some larger meaning. For worse: that meaning is spelled out and hammered home in a pair of talky bookends. This isn’t a film about a boy lost at sea; this is a film about humanity adrift, about the importance and

significance of storytelling, about religion and God him/her/itself. That doesn’t have to be a bad thing; it doesn’t take much to see the tiger as death itself, an immutable and inescapable fact that nature imposes on every person. The boy struggles against it. He tries to trick it. Eventually, he realizes he must make peace with it. And somewhere along the line, he realizes that the certainty of death is what has helped him cling to life. Storytelling! Significance! Ditto the boy’s struggle with faith: he prays, and things happen. Are those things answer to prayer or just things that happen? Don’t worry about answering; the film is happy to do that for you. The viewer does get to make a choice at the end, but it’s not a choice about anything as exalted as the existence of God. It’s more about where we find consolation during our own adventure in the lifeboat. With Irrfan Khan, Suraj Sharma. 2012. — M.L.

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Lincoln — Four score and 150 minutes ago, Steven Spielberg shifted into his John Ford mode with this giant, myth-bolstering Golden Book of a movie. As the Civil War rages on, we open with a moment lifted from *Saving Private Ryan*: a shorter, but equally anonymous massacre. Inasmuch as it fails to properly set the mood and tone of this otherwise setbound gabfest, the scene is as spectacularly executed as it is worthless. (As my friend Jim Hemphill said once the initial bloodbath was over, “The closest thing to an action sequence is Tommy Lee Jones taking off his hairpiece.”) Moving on, we find Lincoln’s ear being bent by a returning black soldier while The Great Emancipator is seated at a railway station. The soldier, after spelling out the future of African-American relations for both the audience and Honest Abe, is conveniently bounced from the proceedings. In his place, comic relief appears in the form of James Spader, Tim Blake Nelson, and John

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 (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 2:00, 11:00; **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: Cities Beneath the Sea** (G) Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 3:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Reading Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)
Argo (R) Fri.-Sun. 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; **Broken City** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; **Django Unchained** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 3:20) 7:05, 10:25; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:15; **Les Misérables** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 2:30) 7:00, 10:15; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 3:15) 7:10, 10:10; **Mama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:05; **Parental Guidance** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:45) 4:15, 7:20, 9:45; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:40) 4:20, 7:15, 9:55; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:50); **The Impossible** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:35) 4:05, 7:25, 9:50; **The Last Stand** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 12:55, 3:10) 5:35,

8:00, 10:25; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 3:30) 7:05, 10:30

CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square

4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)
Argo (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:35) 4:15, 7:20, 10:00; **Broken City** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:45, 7:30, 9:55; **Django Unchained** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 3:20) 7:10, 10:30; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 11:40, 1:15, 2:10) 4:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40; **Jack Reacher** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:45, 10:40; **Les Misérables** (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; **Mama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:25, 3:35) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30; **Parental Guidance** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:50) 4:25, 7:05, 9:35; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:55) 4:50, 7:50, 10:25; **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, 7:35, 10:15; **The Last Stand** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:10) 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 3:30) 7:15, 10:35

CORONADO

Vintage La Costa

820 Orange Avenue (619-437-6161)
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DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp

701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)
Argo (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 4:55, 7:30, 10:10; **Broken City** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 12:40, 2:20, 3:10) 4:50, 5:40, 7:25, 8:15, 9:55, 10:40; **Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away 3D** (PG) Fri. (11:05, 1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50 Sat.

(11:05, 1:10, 3:20) Sun. (11:05, 1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 12:15, 1:55, 2:50) 4:35, 5:25, 7:10, 8:00, 9:45, 10:35; **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:10) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:55) 7:05, 10:15; **Matru Ki Bijlee Ka Mandola** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (12:50) 4:05, 7:20, 10:30; **Promised Land** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:30); **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 12:00, 1:45, 2:35) 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 8:05, 10:00, 10:45; **The Master** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:00, 7:00, 10:05; **This Is 40** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:50) 4:45, 7:35, 10:25; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri. (11:20, 1:00, 2:40) 6:05, 7:00, 9:25, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 12:20, 2:40, 3:40) 6:05, 7:00, 9:25, 10:20

Regal Horton Plaza

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Django Unchained (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:45) 6:15, 9:45; **A Haunted House** (R) Fri. (11:15, 1:45, 4:15) 6:45, 9:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 1:45) 4:15, 6:45, 9:15; **Jack Reacher** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:45) 10:05; **Les Misérables** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 2:30) 6:00, 9:30; **Mama** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:50 Sat. (11:45, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:50 Sun. (12:00, 2:20) 4:45, 7:15, 9:50; **One More Try** (Not Rated) Fri. (11:00, 1:30, 4:00) 6:30, 9:00 Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:30) 4:00, 6:30, 9:00; **Skyfall** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 7:00; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (10:50, 2:25) 6:05, 9:40 Sat. (2:25) 6:05, 9:40 Sun. (10:50, 2:25) 6:05, 9:40; **The Last Stand** (R) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:30, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:30, 10:10; **The Metropolitan Opera: Maria Stuarda LIVE** (Not Rated) Sat. 9:55a.m.

Full Moon Drive-In

1500 Felspar Street (888-211-0404)
Close Encounters of the Third Kind (PG) Fri 1/18/13 (7:30); **Men In Black** (PG-13) Sat 1/19/13 (7:30)

KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Studio Ghilbi Collection Exclusive Engagement; Princess Mononoke (PG-13) (Fully Subtitled) Fri: (1:45), (4:30), 7:15, 10:00; **Spirited Away** (PG) (Fully Subtitled) Sat: (2:00), 4:00, 7:00, 9:30; **My Neighbor Totoro** (G) (Fully Subtitled) Sun: (1:30), 3:15, 5:00, 6:45, 8:30; **Howl’s Moving Castle** (PG) (Fully Subtitled) Mon: (2:00), 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Castle In The Sky** (PG) (Fully Subtitled) Tue: (4:30), 7:00, 9:30; **Kiki’s Delivery Service** (G) Wed: (4:00), 6:00, 8:00; **Nausicaä Of The Valley Of The Wind** (PG) (Fully Subtitled) Thu: (4:45), 7:05, 9:25; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) With “Crazed Imaginations” Shadow Cast Exclusive Engagement. Sat: 12:00 Midnight, Discount Shows at Landmark’s Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets “()”; **56 Up** (NR) Opens Friday, January 25

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
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Landmark La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Amour (PG-13) Exclusive Engagement, Fri, Tue – Thu: (1:20), (4:10), 7:00, 9:45, Sat - Mon: (10:30), 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45, Nominated For 5 Academy Awards*; **Silver Linings Playbook** (PG-13) Nominated For 8 Academy Awards*, Fri, Tue – Thu: (1:30), (4:20), 7:10, 9:50, Sat - Mon: (10:40), 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50; **Beasts Of The Southern Wild** (PG-13) Nominated For 4 Academy Awards*, Fri, Tue – Thu: (1:40), (4:30), 7:20, 9:35, Sat - Mon: (10:50), 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 9:35; **Les Misérables** (PG-13) Fri, Tue – Thu: (1:10), (4:40), 8:00, Sat - Mon: (1:10), 4:40, 8:00, Discount

Shows at Landmark’s La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “()”

MIRA MESA

Regal Mira Mesa

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
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MISSION VALLEY

AMC Fashion Valley

7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)
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AMC Mission Valley

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
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Ultrastar Mission Valley Hazard Center

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
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UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Impossible (PG-13) Nominated For An Academy Award* For Best Actress (Naomi Watts), Fri, Tue – Thu: (1:40), (4:20), 7:00, 9:40, Sat - Mon: (11:00), 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **Beasts Of The Southern Wild** (PG-13) Nominated For 4 Academy Awards*, Fri, Tue – Thu: (2:20), (5:00), 7:30, 9:45, Sat - Mon: (11:40), 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; **Rust And Bone** (R) Exclusive Engagement, Fri – Thu: (1:50), 9:30; **Hyde Park On Hudson** (R) Fri, Tue – Thu: (4:30), 7:10*, Sat - Mon: (11:20), 4:30, 7:10, * No 7:10 PM Show Tuesday, 01/22/13; **Anna Karenina** (R) Fri, Tue – Thu: (2:00), (4:50), 7:40, Sat - Mon: (11:10), 2:00, 4:50, 7:40; **The Rabbi’s Cat** (NR) Exclusive Engagement, Fri, Tue – Thu: (2:10), (4:40), 7:20, 9:35, Sat - Mon: (11:30), 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:35, Discount Shows

at Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "()"; **Quartet** (PG-13) Exclusive Engagement, Opens Friday, January 25

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Flight of the Butterflies (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 7:00 Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Forces of Nature (1999)** (PG-13) Sun. 6:00p.m.; **Tales of the Maya Skies** (Not Rated) Fri. 3:00, 6:00 Sun. 3:00, 5:00; **To The Arctic IMAX** (G) Fri. 1:00, 5:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Regal Parkway Plaza
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
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LA MESA

Reading Grossmont
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)
Broken City (R) Fri., Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 5:00, 7:35, 10:10; **Django Unchained** (R) Fri., Sun. (11:30, 3:15) 7:00, 10:20; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri., Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:50, 7:25, 10:00; **A Haunted House** (R) Fri., Sun. (11:35, 1:40, 3:45) 5:50, 8:00, 10:05; **Les Miserables** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (11:45, 3:25) 7:10, 10:30; **Mama** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:55, 8:20, 10:45; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri., Sun. (11:05, 2:00) 4:55, 7:45, 10:25; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (11:15, 3:10) 7:05; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. 10:35p.m.; **The Last Stand** (R) Fri., Sun. (10:45, 1:10, 3:35) 6:00, 8:25, 10:50; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri., Sun. (11:55, 3:40) 7:15, 10:40

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
Argo (R) Fri. (12:00, 4:10) 7:15 Sat., Sun. (12:00) 4:10, 7:15; **Broken City** (R) Fri. (11:10, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:20 Sat., Sun. (11:10, 2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 10:20; **Django Unchained** (R) Fri., Sun. (11:00, 2:40) 7:20, 11:00; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri. (11:25, 2:15, 5:05) 7:55, 10:45 Sat., Sun. (11:25, 2:15) 5:05, 7:55, 10:45; **A Haunted House** (R) Fri. (11:50, 2:10, 4:40) 7:50, 10:25 Sat., Sun. (11:50, 2:10) 4:40, 7:50, 10:25; **Jack Reacher** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. 9:50p.m.; **Les Miserables** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (10:40, 2:50) 6:40, 10:20; **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) Fri. (12:15, 4:20) 7:25, 10:35 Sat., Sun. (12:15) 4:20, 7:25, 10:35; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (11:35, 3:00) 6:30, 10:00; **Mama** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 1:55, 4:30) 8:05, 11:00 Sat., Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 4:30, 8:05, 11:00; **Parental Guidance** (PG) Fri. (10:45, 1:35, 4:15) 6:55 Sat., Sun. (10:45, 1:35) 4:15, 6:55; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri. (11:15, 2:05, 4:55) 7:45, 10:40 Sat., Sun. (11:15, 2:05) 4:55, 7:45, 10:40; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (2:55) 10:50; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (11:00) 7:05; **The Impossible** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 4:00) 6:50, 9:45 Sat., Sun. (12:10) 4:00, 6:50, 9:45; **The Last Stand** (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:30 Sat., Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:30; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri., Sun. (10:50, 2:30) 7:00, 10:10, 10:40

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
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SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade
770 Dennerly Road (888-262-4386)
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Regal Rancho Del Rey
1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)
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UltraStar Chula Vista
Broadway (between H and I) (619-338-4214)
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EASTLAKE

AMC Otay Ranch
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
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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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UltraStar River Village
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
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POWAY

UltraStar Poway
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Broken City (R) Fri., Sat. (10:15, 1:00, 3:45) 6:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 1:30) 4:15, 7:15; **Django Unchained** (R) Fri., Sat. (11:15, 3:00) 7:00, 10:25 Sun. (11:15, 3:00) 7:00; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri., Sat. (11:00, 2:15) 5:00,

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SAN MARCOS

Regal San Marcos
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TEMECULA

Ultrastar Temecula Tower Cinemas
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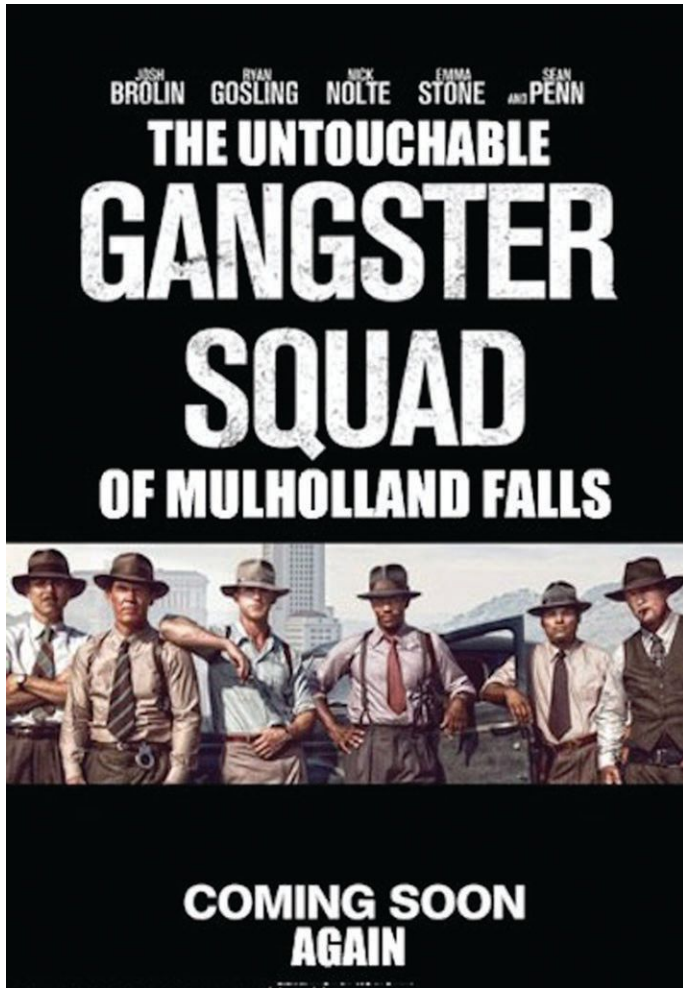
Hawkes. Their schtick feels like a reprise of Sneak, Snoop, and Snitch from Fleischer’s animated version of *Gulliver’s Travels*. And what of the rest of the cast, you ask? For the first time in his career, Daniel Day-Lewis lets the costume and the adenoidal voice do much of the acting for him; he needed a little more Bill the Butcher here, and a little less *Left Foot*. Sally Field performs as if she *really* wants the Academy to like her again. The good news is that scenarist Tony Kushner’s authentic-sounding period dialog flows in abundance, helping to make this the closest I’ve come to not wanting to walk out on an Amblin production since *Catch Me if You Can*. You’ll want to cheer when, as Number 16 is getting set to spit out yet another platitude, Bruce McGill turns on him with, “No! Not another speech.” If the real Lincoln was this dull, can you really blame the South for seceding from the Union? Ultimately, it’s Spielberg, with his lumbering pace and “Hall of Presidents” anamorphic tableaux, who assassinates this *Lincoln*. 2012. — S.M.

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Love (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 Alzheimer’s 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 cast 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.

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Picture Show



Stop me if you’ve seen this one before...

Mama — Review forthcoming at *sandiegoreader.com*.

Promised Land — A natural gas salesman (Matt Damon, not director Gus Van Sant) uses the economy as a bully stick to convince a small town into accepting his company’s offer for drilling rights to their properties. He is opposed by a charismatic stranger (John Krasinski) who takes advantage of an open-mic night to sell the locals on his side of the story. For 30 minutes there was a glimmer, a promise that Gus Van Sant had finally returned to serious filmmaking, the likes of which audiences have not seen since *Drugstore Cowboy*. As with *Good Will Hunting*, this quickly

descends into textbook example territory, proof positive of the pitfalls inherent when movie stars produce and write a message picture. (The leads share screenwriting credit, and Damon was originally slated to direct.) There’s an unexpected plot twist to admire, but — with apologies to Chuck Berry — swing low, chariot, if this *Promised Land* doesn’t come down easy as it taxis to a terminally predictable conclusion. With Frances McDormand, Rosemarie DeWitt (acting circles around all of them as Damon’s love interest), and Hal Holbrook once again lending credence as the voice of reason. 2012. — S.M.

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The Rabbi’s Cat — Reviewed this issue. 2011. — M.L.

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Silver Linings Playbook — David O. Russell needs to leave Philadelphia almost as much as John Woo needs to stay in Hong Kong. For his follow-up to *The Fighter*, Russell once again takes the low road in search of truth and beauty amidst a group of boorish louts with personalities akin to the cast of *Here Comes Honey Boo Boo*. A former schoolteacher (Bradley Cooper) — undiagnosed bipolar, borderline delusional, violent, and fresh out of the state mental institution — decides to move back home with his parents (Jacki Weaver and Robert DeNiro, both phoning it in). Not since *Do the Right Thing* have so many characters in one movie spoken with the same identical voice. Close your eyes during one of the film’s numerous screaming matches and you won’t be able to distinguish between Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence. To add injury to the insults, Russell’s camera covers the action either in constipated close-up, as a “walk and talk” (traveling shots of characters delivering dialog as they stroll), or both. Even a musical number is photographed from the waist up. The third-act combination of *Dancing with the Stars* and repugnant behavior on the part of violent football fans should make this a bit hit with Monday night TV viewers. Apart from Ms. Lawrence’s electrifying turn as the tough-talking dame who plans on mending Cooper’s heart by putting him back in touch with his ex, this couldn’t have ended soon enough for me. With incessant jabbering from Chris Tucker, a welcome, albeit brief appearance by Julia Stiles, and brilliant background work by Paul Herman. 2012. — S.M.

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Skyfall — James Bond lumbers back to his roots. A Bond film is supposed to deliver mayhem and eye candy in exotic locales; Skyfall offers memorable set pieces in Shanghai, Scotland, and an abandoned island factory compound. A Bond film needs gadgets; Skyfall knowingly gives us a personalized Walther and a radio transmitter. (Honoring the brand, but not indulging it.) A Bond film should feature a menacing villain who’s also just a touch daffy; Javier Bardem has more fun than anybody else onscreen as a rogue agent with a mommy complex and a come-hither leer. But most of all, a Bond film needs a proper Englishman who can do his bit for crown and country while dazzling the ladies and wearing a tuxedo like it’s a second skin. Here and there, Daniel Craig manages the trick, but too often, he comes off like a canny street tough, a musclebound Steve McQueen with a posh accent. Along the way, his boss M

notes that “orphans always make the best agents,” but that shouldn’t mean they get to skip out on charm school. (Craig’s delivery on the trademark Bond banter labors harder than the seams on his trousers, which is saying something.) But it’s not all his fault: he’s not the one who blends Mother and the Mother Country in a story that takes much too long to say much too little beyond, “Spies — like the one in this old-timey franchise — are still relevant!” With Judi Dench, Ralph Fiennes. 2012. — M.L.

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Wreck-It Ralph — What a concept: children’s playthings with human neuroses. Oh, wait, this isn’t *Toy Story*? Nope, just a Disney rehash of same, substituting video game characters for action figures. You know — it’s what the kids are into these days, even if there is a hefty dose of Gen-X nostalgia to rope in the grownups. (Our heroes populate an arcade where kids go to dump quarters into the sort of 8-bit retro jobs you can play online for free.) And like an arcade game, it’s laced with cheat codes. Professional bad guy Wreck-It Ralph knows that being a bad guy is just his job, the sort of thing he can leave behind at the end of the day. But the corresponding good guys aren’t in on the secret, and treat him like he’s *actually bad* — making him live in the dump, not inviting him to parties, etc. Alas, he can’t point out this bit of flawed storytelling, so instead, he sets off to get a medal from some *other* game, just to prove his worth. Out in the wider gaming world, the arbitrary discrepancies persist: one heroine can’t help being hard-hearted; she was programmed with a tragic backstory. Another...well, suffice it to say that Disney seems eager to take a break from princess culture, and remains comfortable with breaking the rules of its own universe. But quibbles aside, the whole thing is bright and slick and full of clever nods to the video game universe, and there are jokes and thrills aplenty to keep the kiddies entertained while their parents get misty-eyed over Q*bert. With the voices of John C. Reilly, Jack McBrayer, Sarah Silverman, and Jane Lynch, among others. 2012. — M.L.

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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 Usama 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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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**

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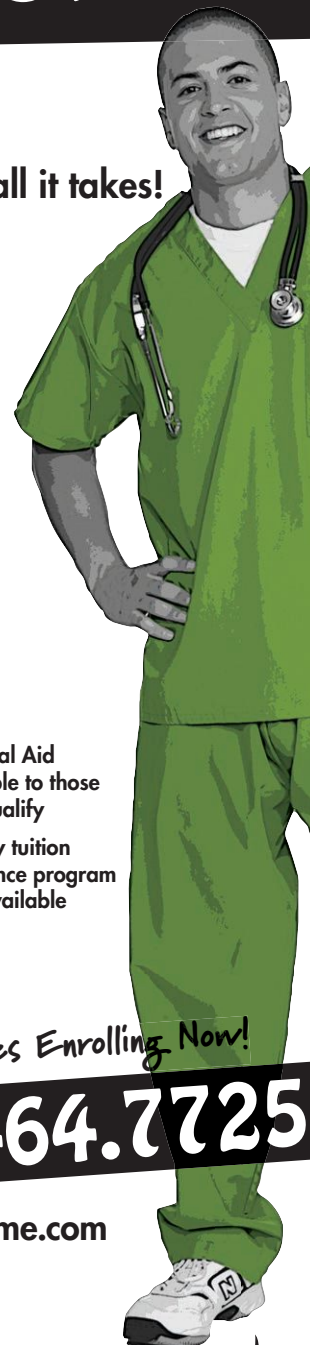
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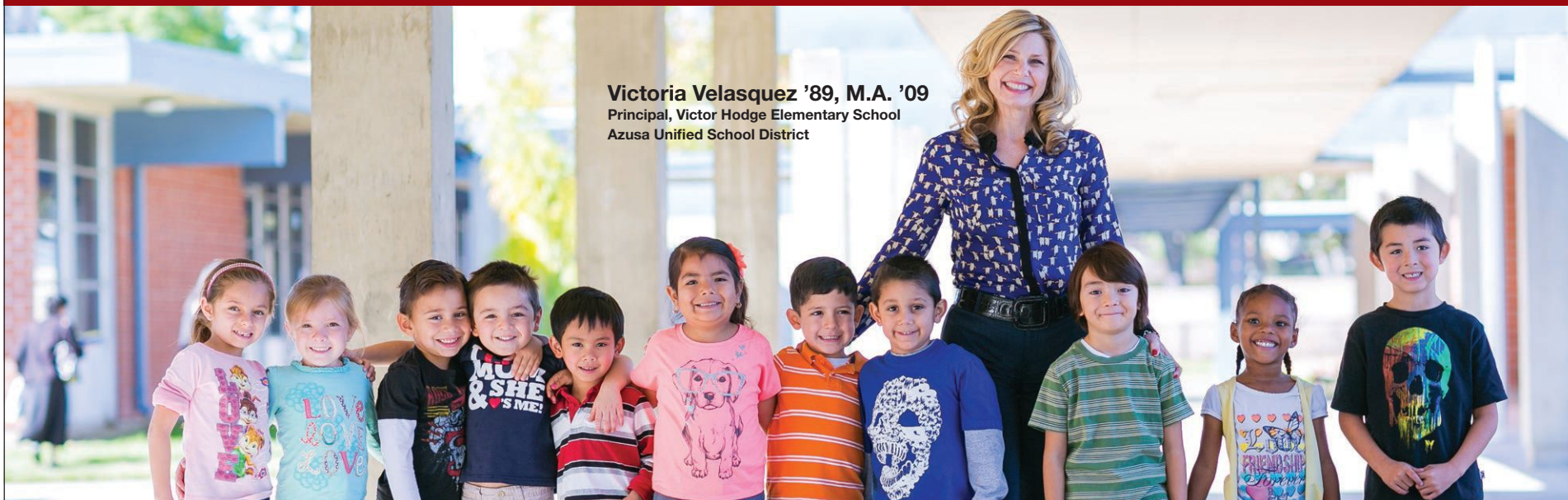
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Officer Tony Carter then created Operation Constant Crook, maintaining files on parolees with information such as criminal histories. Patrol officers were assigned to parolees and probationers, who were subsequently visited, said Mills.

Last February, the division launched the program. Mills said Eastern Division made 74 arrests in 2011; Operation Constant Crook produced 395 arrests by the end of 2012.

Mills said suicides and attempted suicides increased by 53 percent during 2012. He didn't have a theory about the increase. "I wish we knew," he said.

LIZ SWAIN, JAN. 9

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Clumsy crew causes outages Sewer contractor breaks water main and crushes electrical cable; SDG&E works overnight to fix power

About 1300 people in Normal Heights went without electricity for ten hours, starting at 5 p.m. Monday, January 7, after a construction

crew replacing sewer pipes crushed underground power lines at 33rd Street and Meade Avenue. The same crew broke the underground water main for the area on Friday, January 4, leaving people without water for seven hours.

Electricity was cut for the residences south of Meade and north of El Cajon Boulevard from 33rd to 40th streets; it came back on at around 3 a.m.

The eerie darkness was made stranger by the well-lit blocks on either side of the long, narrow blackout area.

"We were told this wouldn't happen when they put the lines underground," said Mark Scott, whose home was lit with candles and camping lanterns while he played tunes he'd saved to his (battery-powered) laptop.

Initial estimates from SDG&E put the repair completion at around 8 p.m. Some people went to dinner or friends' homes, planning to return to lit homes, only to find a deeper darkness when they got back.

SDG&E crews sent to repair the cables found too much damage to patch them safely. They worked into the night to run new power cable.

The project is being handled by contractors, according to city council president Todd Gloria's Normal Heights staff member Dion Akers. "We've had an unusual number of

problems with this project," he said.

LUCY D. BARKER, JAN. 8

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Card scam

Waiter busted cloning cards; Zona Rio restaurant unnamed in report

A waiter at a restaurant in the popular and upscale Zona Rio business district was recently busted by TJ police when it was discovered he was cloning patrons' credit cards.

The scam was discovered when the manager of the restaurant (unidentified in the *Frontera* coverage) was contacted by American Express and informed that his establishment was the suspected origin of a prolonged spate of card cloning. The duplicated cards and personal user data were then allegedly used to make purchases, ATM cash advances and withdrawals, and to commit other financial crimes.

Upon further investigation by the municipal police and the manager, a "black box" device used to clone the cards was found near the cash register checkout area.

A 39-year-old waiter reportedly admitted to being the owner of the device and was turned over to the appropriate federal agency at the offices of the Procuraduría General de la República, where the investigation continues.

T.B. BEAUDEAU, JAN. 9

BALBOA PARK

Caltrans to help retrofit Cabrillo Bridge

Balboa Park bridge project separate from controversial detour extension



Estimate to retrofit Cabrillo Bridge is \$38 million

The San Diego City Council on January 8 unanimously approved a cooperative agreement between the city and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to seismically retrofit and rehabilitate the Laurel Street (Cabrillo) Bridge.

Under the agreement, the city's share of the starting project will not exceed \$305,000. The remainder of the construction and engineering costs are to be funded mostly through Federal Highway Bridge Program funds. Caltrans will "advertise, award, and administer the construction for this project."

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this spring, the date of completion is slated for "fall 2014," he said.

Traffic disruption along Highway 163, under the bridge, will be minimized by doing the work mostly at night, Cartagena added.

DAVID BATTERSON, JAN. 8

Comments

DWBAT JAN. 1 @ 2:38 P.M.

Perri Storey, senior PIO for the City's Public

Works Dept., emailed a clarification on the funding process. "\$305,000 of City of San Diego Funds...will be used as a contingency should construction costs exceed what is anticipated and there is a need for additional federal match money."

JAVAJOE25 JAN. 8 @ 7:26 P.M.

Uh, isn't there some big plans to construct an off-ramp to a new parking garage? And didn't someone say they were going to do that before the big 2015 Centennial Celebration? And Caltrans is going to be retrofitting the bridge at the same time? This is going to be interesting.

OCEAN BEACH

Remodel starts on Apple Tree Pirates Cove coffee shop departs parking lot, sets sail for new location

The new occupants of the old Apple Tree Market that closed in Ocean Beach on December 31 have lost no time in gutting the aged supermarket and getting it ready to become a Foodland store.

Both entrance doors to the store were cranked open, and several contractors and construction workers were at work when I went by on Saturday morning, January 5.

Meanwhile, across the parking lot, the

Pirates Cove coffee shop has packed up and set sail for new grounds. The popular coffee drive-thru, located on Cable Street, also fell victim to the Apple Tree's lease expiration.

According to a recent story in the *Peninsula Beacon*, Pirates Cove owner Robert Domczyk said the new location of the business "will be a parking lot in the 4900 block of Santa Monica Avenue on the east side of James Gang Printing."

However, it will be a brand-new coffee cart. "The iconic [pirate] ship won't make the voyage because it lacks the number of required sinks," Domczyk said.

JUSTIN POWELL, JAN. 7



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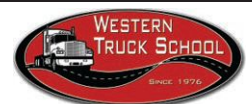
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- 2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name.
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And now for the really small print:

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- 2) Late entries will not be considered.
- 3) We will draw 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.
- 4) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 5) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

1. "Breaking Bad" network
4. This and that: Abbr.
8. Actor Johnson known in his wrestling days as "The Rock"
14. Low-cost accommodations: Abbr.
15. Regarding
16. Ashton Kutcher and Johnny Carson, by birth
17. "The Simpsons" character with an 18-letter last name
18. Cambodia neighbor
19. Doesn't guzzle
20. Supermarket chain featured in "Driving Miss Daisy"
23. "Southern" relig.
24. Roadside bomb: Abbr.
25. Buckeyes' sch.
28. Winner's privilege
34. The "O" in 25-Across
35. _____ empty stomach
36. Modern diversionary political tactic
42. Crazy, in a Ricky Martin hit
43. Strong as _____
44. 1950s wrestler with golden locks
51. Tavern order
52. _____ culpa
53. Directional suffix
54. Come-on from a telecommunications company ... or something that includes 20-, 28-, 36- and 44-Across
60. Many New Year's Eve broadcasts
63. Vitamin C source
64. Voyage starter?

65. Beta carotene, for one
 66. "Look _____ when I'm talking to you"
 67. "_____ always say ..."
 68. "Watch out!"
 69. Breathless?
 70. What flounder flounder in
- ### Down
1. "This is a priority!"
 2. Onetime Dr Pepper alternative
 3. Slang term often applied to Demi Moore or Halle Berry
 4. Shopping spree setting
 5. "_____, old chap!"
 6. Stash
 7. Mozart's "_____" Fan Tutte"
 8. Home run, in baseball slang
 9. Enthusiastic reply
 10. Haywire
 11. _____ in "yellow"
 12. Opposite of SSW
 13. Superman's monogram
 21. 1.0 is not a good one
 22. Jazz job
 25. [Gasp!]
 26. One way to attend a party
 27. Annapolis inits.
 29. Prince in Ezekiel
 30. 4, on a phone
 31. "There's no _____ 'team'"
 32. It's the equivalent of "sold out" at a filling station
 33. Word on all U.S. coins
 36. It may be spun
 37. Land measurement
 38. [That's awful!]

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39. Capt. Picard's series, to fans
40. Garden tool
41. Prefix with biology
42. Letters on some NYC baggage tags
45. One unlikely to win a Tony
46. Body of work
47. Former Mideast org.
48. Button with two triangles: Abbr.
49. "To Where You Are" singer Josh
50. Edith Piaf's "La Vie _____"
54. Damage control grp.
55. Joyful
56. When the stars come out, in ads
57. 1996 Gwyneth Paltrow title role
58. Put on a peg, perhaps
59. Work with needles
60. Women's _____
61. Suffix with expert
62. Pledge.

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LA JOLLA, \$925.
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MISSION BEACH.
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RENTALS REGION MAP

BEACHES

La Jolla • Mission Beach • Ocean Beach
Pacific Beach • Point Loma

DOWNTOWN

Balboa Park • Banker's Hill • Downtown
East Village • Golden Hill • Little Italy
Logan Heights • Sherman Heights
South Park • Stockton

EAST COUNTY

Alpine • Borrego Springs • Boulevard
Campo • El Cajon • Imperial Valley • Jamul
Julian • La Mesa • Lakeside • Lemon Grove
Mount Laguna • Potrero • Ramona
Rancho San Diego • Santee
Spring Valley • Warner Springs

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Allied Gardens • Bay Park • Clairemont
College Area • Del Cerro • Grantville
Kearny Mesa • Linda Vista • Mira Mesa
Miramar • Mission Valley • San Carlos
Serra Mesa • Sorrento Valley • Tierrasanta • UTC

NC COASTAL

Cardiff • Carlsbad • Carmel Valley • Del Mar
Encinitas • Leucadia • Oceanside • Solana Beach

OLD TOWN & UPTOWN

City Heights • Hillcrest • Kensington-Talmadge
Mission Hills • Normal Heights • North Park
Old Town • University Heights

NC INLAND

Bonsall • Carmel Mountain • Escondido
Fallbrook • Poway • Rancho Bernardo
Rancho Peñasquitos • Rancho Santa Fe
San Marcos • Scripps Ranch • Temecula
Valley Center • Vista

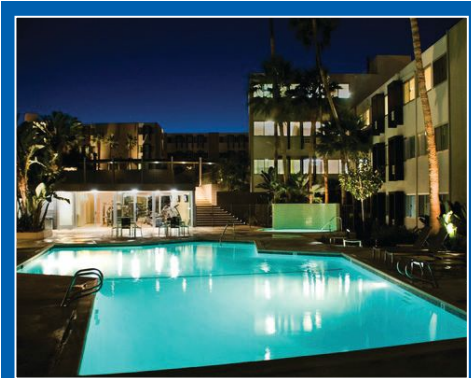


SOUTH BAY

Bonita • Chula Vista • Coronado
Imperial Beach • National City • Otay Mesa
Paradise Hills • San Ysidro

SOUTHEAST SD

Alta Vista • Bay Terraces • Chollas View • Encanto
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Mountain View • Shelltown • Southcrest • Valencia Park



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10 winners a week!

THE READER SUDOKU PUZZLES:

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1) Submit completed puzzle of any difficulty level (Easy, Medium, Hard or Evil) to the Reader each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results and ranking are posted online at SDReader.com/puzzle. 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:

EASY:

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HARD:

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EVIL:

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SEE YOUR RANKING ONLINE!

Now you can go online to check your ranking and communicate with each other! Simply visit: www.SDReader.com/puzzle. The new ranking is posted each Wednesday. To use the “comments” feature, you must be a registered site member.

THIS WEEK’S WINNERS:

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.

- Esteban Lemus, Santee, 1.
- Kent Reedy, San Diego, 1.
- Walter Gueffroy, San Diego, 1.
- Thao Ngo, San Diego, 1.
- Gregory Ranney, El Cajon, 1.

We cannot accept your entry without the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

- 4) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
- 5) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489**; or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy; or scanned and e-mailed to Sudoku@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.
- 6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 7) Late entries will not be considered.
- 8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 9) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

MEDIUM:

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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.

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1BD+1BA, apartment. All amenities included! One block to beach! Dishwasher, refrigerator and stove. Pool, laundry, fireplace, parking. 4825 Del Mar Avenue. 619-298-0859.

OCEAN BEACH, \$1095.
1BD+1BA, downstairs large unit near cliffs. Stove, refrigerator, Coin laundry. Parking. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 2/20/13. 4853 Orchard Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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.

OCEAN BEACH, \$1400.
2BD+1BA upstairs apartment. Appliances, parking, laundry. Dogs OK. 619-224-4215.

OCEAN BEACH, \$2800.
3BD+3BA house. Clean, fresh paint. 1-car garage plus 1 private parking space. Roof deck. 3 blocks to ocean. Washer/ dryer. Dogs OK with additional deposit. 4653 Bermuda Ave, front house. 858-270-4492 x203, CDunphyPacwest@san.rr.com

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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, \$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.
1BD+1BA. Appliances, Laundry on Site, One parking space, close to the bay and park, 3714 Ingraham Street. 858-272-9547.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1175.
1BD+1BA upstairs apartment. 1/2 off first month of rent. Gated complex, mahogany floors, coin laundry. 4077 Lamont Street. 858-768-4311. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1195 & UP.
1BD+1BA, 700 sqft apartment. Up to 1/2 off 1st month's rent (OAC, select units.) Heated pool, 2 Jacuzzis, 2 basketball courts, 5 lighted tennis courts, clubhouse, barbecue area, business center, on-site laundry facilities, heat, A/C. Cats/ dogs welcome. Close to freeways and more! Bay Pointe Apartments, 3866 Ingraham. 888-451-8713. baypointeapartmenthomes.com. progressmanagement.net; www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1195.
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, downstairs remodeled unit one block to Tourmaline Surf Park. Two private patios. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Coin laundry. Garage space. No pets. Available 2/20/13. 760 Sapphire Street. 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, \$1200.
1BD+1BA, downstairs remodeled unit in North Pacific Beach. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Shared courtyard. Coin laundry. Parking. No pets. Close to shops, restaurants and public transportation. Available 2/20/13. 1546 Diamond Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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1BD+1BA, unit in duplex in North Pacific Beach. Stove, refrigerator. Coin laundry. Garage. 2.5 blocks to ocean. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 2/14/13. 943 Missouri. 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, \$1375.
1 bedroom, 1 bath, large 2-car garage with laundry hookups. 1.5 blocks to beach. Nice, large, neat yard. No pets. Available Feb. 1st. 852 Reed #2. 858-273-4812.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1395.
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PACIFIC BEACH, \$1395.
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PACIFIC BEACH, \$1450.
2BD+1BA loft- style unit. Near Crown Point Shores. New paint. Ceiling fan, fireplace, off-street parking. 2061 Thomas. 858-270-1234.

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2BD+1BA. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, parking, laundry room, patio. No pets. 1735 Reed Avenue #1. Agent, 619-232-6811.

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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.

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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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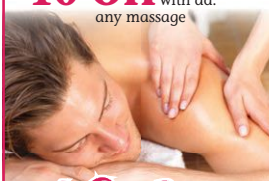


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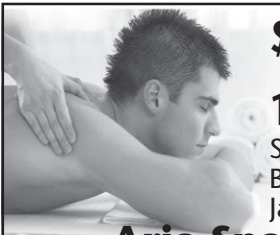
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— “Coming Up Next! The Resurrection! Live!”: “If the Messiah descends from the Mount of Olives as foretold in the Bible,” wrote the *Los Angeles Times* in an October dispatch from Jerusalem, the two largest Christian television networks in the U.S. promise to cover the arrival live from a hilltop in the city. Daystar Television has already been beaming a 24/7 webcam view, and Trinity Broadcasting Network bought the building next door to Daystar’s in September and has already begun staging live and prerecorded programs using the broad expanse of the Holy Land city as background.

Can’t Possibly Be True

— Once again, in September, the upscale Standard Hotel, in New York City’s lower Manhattan, made headlines for the views it provides to amazed pedestrians. In 2009, it was the hotel’s floor-to-ceiling windows showcasing amorous couples at play (unless the guests knew to draw the curtains), especially delighting out-of-towners seeking inexpensive entertainment. Now, a September 2012 report in the *New York Daily News* revealed that the restrooms at the hotel’s Boom-Boom Room restaurant posed a bigger problem: no curtains at all. One restroom user,

from Australia, said, “Sitting on the royal throne, you don’t expect a public viewing.” On the other hand, the *Daily News* noted one gentleman relieving himself and waving merrily at the gawking crowd below.

— Valerie Spruill, 60, of Doylestown, Ohio, disclosed publicly in September that she had unknowingly married her own father following the dissolution of her first marriage, which had produced three children. Percy Spruill, a “nice man,” she said, died in 1998, and Valerie told the *Akron Beacon Journal* that she had heard family rumors after that but only confirmed the parentage in 2004 (with DNA from an old hairbrush). After eight years of silence, from embarrassment, she went public, she said, as an example to help other women who come from tumultuous childhoods in which many men are in their mothers’ lives.

— Earlier this year, the National Football League suspended some New Orleans Saints players and the head coach for having a reward system that paid players for purposefully injuring opponents. In September, coach Darren Crawford of the Tustin (Calif.) Pee Wee Red Cobras team was suspended when former players reported that the coach ran an apparently similar scheme among his 10- and 11-year-olds, using a cash reward of up to \$50 for the “hit of the game” (with

last year’s top prize going to the boy who left an opposing running back with a mild concussion). At press time, the investigation was ongoing, and no charges had been filed.

Inexplicable

— In September, the National Geographic cable TV show *Taboo* featured three young Tokyo partiers as examples of the “bagel head” craze in which fun-lovers inject saline just under the skin of the forehead to create a swelling and then pressure the center to achieve a donut look that lasts up to 24 hours before the saline is absorbed into the body. Some adventurers have injected other areas of the body — even the scrotum.

— In Ventura, Calif., in September, once again, a scammer tried to bilk victims out of money by assuring them that he could double their cash (in this case, \$14,000) merely by spraying it with a secret chemical. (Of course, the victims had to wait several hours for their newly doubled cash to dry and eventually discovered that the scammer had substituted blank paper and by that time was long gone.) But the weirdest aspect of the scam is that people who are so unsophisticated as to fall for it somehow managed to amass, in this tight economy, \$14,000 cash to begin with.

— For a September beauty contest of female col-

lege students in China’s Hubei province, certain minimum body requirements were established at the outset (beyond the traditional chest, waist, and hip sizes). Among them, according to a report in China’s *Global Post*: The space between the candidate’s pupils should be 46 percent of the distance between each pupil and the nearer ear, and the distance between a candidate’s nipples should be at least 20cm (7.8 inches).

Update

— It has been four years since News of the Weird mentioned the growing controversy over one response to Peru’s stray-cat problem, especially in the suburbs of Lima, and still, the outrage continues. Each September, the city of La Quebrada holds its Gastronomic Festival of the Cat, in which the country’s chefs try to outdo each other with creative gourmet feline (e.g., cat stew, grilled cat with huacatay herbs), which some Peruvians believe to be aphrodisiacs. Said one Peruvian, such cultural events “are our roots and can’t be forgotten.” Even so, animal rights activists have stepped up their protests.

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HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR CAR? I actually like it quite a bit. This is hard because I don't care about cars.
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WHAT DO YOU DO WHILE YOU DRIVE? I prefer listening to my own music from my phone. I hooked up an auxiliary cable to my radio going directly into my iPhone so I didn't have to listen to the radio. Ever.

HAVE YOU NOTICED ANY-THING SPECIAL ABOUT SAN

DIEGO DRIVERS? San Diego drivers know what blinkers are for. Once, I was driving in North Carolina, and I turned my blinker on to change lanes. The driver next to me honked their horn and slammed on the brakes. I don't know. I was, like, *really?* I think they thought I was about to cut them off. I heard the horn and I looked in my mirror and I saw the car, like, very quickly make space for me. It was pretty crazy.

DO YOU HAVE ANY ACCIDENT STORIES OR TICKET STORIES? I hit a Lexus exiting a parking lot while trying to eat a sandwich once. That's a story. [Also] I got hit by this young chick in a Camaro. I was driving my 1993 Audi, and I got rear-ended by this girl who asked if we could ignore the issue because her dad said that if she got in

another accident he would take her license away. I let her off the hook that time. My sister said I should have asked for a date, at least, but I didn't. It's fine. No, I mean, it did work out. It's all right that I didn't get a date. My wife is scolding me.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE DRIVE IN SAN DIEGO? I like driving starting in Hillcrest going through Balboa Park into downtown. I like driving the PCH [Pacific Coast Highway], driving through La Jolla, up to Torrey Pines.

WHERE DO YOU EXPERIENCE THE WORST TRAFFIC? 163. Going south on the 163, going toward the 8 in the evening. Especially in the evening. Don't like it.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SHORTCUT? It's hard to pick out



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One of Daniel Sigmon's favorite drives takes him across the new Torrey Pines bridge.

a specific shortcut, because shortcuts really depend on the time of day that you're driving and the route that you're taking. Going down to the 163, depending on the traffic, I can either take Washington Street to get home or I can take the 8, up to Texas Street to get home. It really depends on the traffic.

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Don't Go into Engineering

Concerning Don Bauder's article in the January 10 Reader, "Engineers Dislike H-1B; Bosses Gloat" (City Lights). That's been going on in San Diego for at least 40 years, probably longer.

I have three master's degrees in engineering, and I've been laid off many times from San Diego-area defense contractors, along with a lot of other engineers. At the same time, these companies kept a lot of low-paid, foreign engineers on the payroll that were here on H-1B visas. I've also found myself competing when applying for jobs with foreigners who could barely speak English. It's nothing new, and I don't think it'll ever stop.

It should be no surprise that none of my children went into engineering. They had better sense after they saw what happened to Pa.

Name Withheld
via voicemail

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When the author of "Yellow Deli People" (January 3 cover

story) asked about reviewing IRS Form 1065, Mr. Mevaser responded by email. I didn't know that there was email in biblical days.

Terry Powers
La Mesa

Picking on the Decent

Your article, "Yellow Deli People," (January 3 cover story) was interesting, and a bit devious in nature.

I will tell you from the outset that I was raised in the Twelve Tribes communities and have been gone for about six or seven years now. If anyone should know of the going-ons there I certainly would, as I remain personal friends of many of the members, some of whom you mentioned by name in the story. I also have family still residing in the community.

The Yellow Deli People, as you referred to them, are a small group of individuals seeking to live a wholesome lifestyle and serve God in sincerity. No one is forced to do anything while residing there, and no one is forced to be there. If people had negative experiences, they have themselves to blame. When I decided that I didn't

have the level of commitment needed to remain, I left. I've become quite successful in the meantime and I owe a lot of that to the good value system I was raised with. I visit on occasion and I'm always welcomed and treated with respect.

Using big words like "cult" often conjures horrible images in many people's minds. They are different, I'll admit, but since when has that been a bad thing? And since when do we, as a society, have the moral high ground to start dishing out judgements on people who are actually trying to make a difference in the world and live a sustainable lifestyle?

Perhaps we should spend a little more time trying to figure out how to keep our teenagers from going on murderous rampages. Or maybe how to stop the massive flow of illegal substances across the border, or really anything besides picking on a small, decent group of people who have never harmed anyone. And since when have religious organizations' finances been anyone's business? Just saying.

Gidon Carlin
via email

Slavery as Opportunity

I'm calling to thank Dorian Hargrove for his article, "Yellow Deli People" (January 3 cover story). I thought was really well-written; I just want to correct a couple of things. Gary Zuber was not a former member of the Twelve Tribes. He was there as a guest. Therefore, he wouldn't be rejoining because he never actually joined. Also, the website with the teachings from the leader of the occult that people can access is actually *twelvetricbestteachings.com*. That's where you can read their teachings and their views on how slavery was a great opportunity for the United States, etcetera.

Travis Haslett
Vista

Cult Promotion

I see that you guys did an article on the Yellow Deli and that you put them on your cover ("Yellow Deli People," January 3). Why are you feeling like you want to advertise for them?

My son disappeared into that cult after going there

for dinner one night. He changed his name and disowned our whole family. They hid him from us and they moved him out of state. They don't let him talk to us. I lost my son to that cult. It's not just some place.

I just think it's despicable that your magazine is putting those people on your front cover, dancing around like it's cool. That cult has devastated my family. I think that what you're doing is wrong, and I'm pretty disgusted by it. I saw you guys did an article on them last year, and now you're putting them on your cover?!

It doesn't even matter if you're saying it's an occult or not. Why would you put them on your cover? Do you realize that young kids look at that, and go there, and join up? Those kids do not get paid a dime. They live in squalor. They work 14 hours a day, 6 days a week. They're kept busy with cult activities — dancing isn't one of them. They're just like Nazi, Germany. It's called brainwashing. Your magazine is supporting that by advertising for them. You should be disgusted and ashamed of yourself.

I'm pretty disgusted by you people. What mongers you are, that you would do that. Do you realize the number of families who have lost their children to that cult and how many people are suffering because of them?

Dawn T.
via voicemail

Not Right

This is about "When Pit Bulls Escape" (Neighborhood News, December 27) by Annie Rossi. I'm the owner of the dog across the street. *One* dog bit that dog. That dog was in my yard for months before. The article says I disappeared, yet I'm paying out of pocket thousands of dollars for the dog! You might want to get the facts. My name is Reanna and I'm not missing! I would really hate to take this to court. But you're putting my dogs in jeopardy now. They did nothing wrong but protect their house. That neighbor's dog has been in the street for months. Animal control never took the dogs. All of the information in this story is incorrect. None of this is right.

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via voicemail

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