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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Med-pot hardball

City attorney and lawyers for medical marijuana patients engage in back-and-forth

San Diego — City attorney Jan Goldsmith is digging his heels in, refusing to give ground to medical marijuana patients and dispensary owners who have filed lawsuits against the City of San Diego.

Days after mayor Bob Filner announced Neighborhood Code Compliance would no longer target dispensaries and collectives for code violations, Goldsmith asked lawyers representing medical marijuana patients and dispensary owners to agree to waive lawyer fees and court costs. Lawyers for the litigants, however, refused that offer.

On January 14, the city attorney fired back in a letter, later posted by the medical marijuana advocacy group named Americans for Safe Access.

"Unfortunately, you refused," writes Goldsmith. "Instead, you seized upon this request to make allegations, demands, and threats. Thus, you are trying to transform what was a good faith effort by the Mayor to resolve the dispensary issue through legislation into a sword aimed at the City's legal position.

"You are overplaying your hand through 'hardball' tactics.... If the Mayor wants to do otherwise, you are welcome to reach a separate agreement with him on this. We won't be a party to the City paying costs or fees."

On their website, representatives from Americans for Safe Access says Goldsmith has got it all wrong. They accuse him of not following the mayor's directive by not agreeing to a full resolution with the respondents.

"The City Attorney misleads the carbon copied recipients by insinuating [respondent Dexter Padilla] is quibbling over fees when in actuality Dexter simply requests a true end to his case as was intended by the Mayor. The statement also suggests the respondents are free to take the unethical action of approaching the City's client, the Mayor, for a 'separate agreement,' thus further harassing litigants and indicating Goldsmith's disregard for the Mayor's request."

Dorian Hargrove, January 18

Local pols among Congress' richest

Peters and Issa make San Diego County one of America's top concentrations of congressional wealth

La Jolla — The website OpenSecrets.org, run by Washington's nonprofit Center for Responsive Politics, is out with its congressional wealth rankings, and San Diego

County can boast two members in the top 20: Republican Darrell Issa and Democrat Scott Peters.

Congressional disclosure reports provide only a broad range for the value of each asset and liability, so the net-worth rankings provided by *OpenSecrets* are only approximate. The lack of precision can leave open some big questions.

For instance, Peters's net worth, according to *OpenSecrets*, is listed at between minus \$33,719,896 to \$206,167,994, producing an average of \$86,224,049.

That number puts him just above California Sen. Dianne Feinstein, married to multimillionaire Richard Blum. She ranks number 15, with an average of \$70,725,124.

Presumably, Peters is worth a bit more than his reported minimum; a big chunk of his campaign was self-financed and he's been spreading around a few dollars of his own to other San Diego politicians.

But while Democrat Peters had added to the financial heft of the local Democratic House delegation, North County Republican Darrell Issa still beats him on points, being ranked the number-two wealthiest House member in the *OpenSecrets* survey.

Issa's net worth is said by *OpenSecrets* to be between \$215,550,040 and \$745,099,999, for an average of \$480,325,019.

Matt Potter, January 16

Caught selling bath salts and spice

Local retailer was distributing synthetic drugs; liquor license suspended

Vista — Tommy's Liquor in Vista is set to be hit with a 20-day suspension of its liquor license tomorrow by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.



Designer drug aisle found in local liquor store

During an inspection of the store on October 9, San Diego sheriff's deputies found packets of "spice," a synthetic substance that mimics the effects of marijuana, as well as a variant of the designer drug "bath salts," offered for sale.

A state law banning the sale of syn-

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Not America's sweethearts

By Don Bauder

America's Sweetheart." Among the films

she starred in were Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm, Pollyanna, and Little Lord Fauntleroy.

In the tony resort town of Rancho Mirage, near Palm Desert, is a company supposedly devoted to showering laurels on Mary Pickford, greatly through documentaries produced by Elizabeth Coldicutt and her husband, Thomas D. Coldicutt Ir The com-

Coldicutt, Jr. The company is named White Castle Productions. Its latest effort was the movie Mary Pickford: The Muse of the Movies.

But the United States government believes that Elizabeth Coldicutt is anything but a sunny Rebecca, and Thomas Coldicutt is hardly Little Lord Fauntleroy. In August of last year, the Securities and Exchange Commission charged that the pair — with help from San Diegans — raked in \$5 million by creating and ultimately selling 15 socalled mining companies that were never intended to do any mining.

The idea, says the securities agency, was to set up these sham companies as corporate shells, which are corporations without active business operations or significant assets. Shells are not illegal as such; many a small company will initially sell its stock to the public by merging with a shell, rather than baring its soul in an offering that requires the filing of detailed information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. This is called

a "reverse merger," or going public through the back door. That's one reason why empty shells can be sold for a fancy price.

The securities commission charges that the Coldicutts set up nominee officers and directors in sham mining companies they surreptitiously funded and



When not engaging in shady financial schemes, Elizabeth Coldicutt makes documentaries about...

secretly controlled. Previously, the commission had permanently banned them from such activity. A nominee is a person or group in whose name a security is registered, although ownership is held by another party. Information filed with the agency contained misrepresentations or omissions about the companies' purported intention to pursue mining, says the agency.

Three San Diegans assisted in the alleged ruse, says the securities commission. Attorney Robert C. Weaver Jr., a longtime friend of Tom Coldicutt, knowingly

made misleading filings for the Coldicutt scheme, says the agency. Christopher Greenwood, Elizabeth Coldicutt's son by a prior marriage and formerly a San Diegan, did bookkeeping for the Coldicutt companies. Susana Gomez of Chula Vista provided more than 200 Tijuana nominee investors for 12 separate Coldicutt shells, says the government.

Initially, the Coldicutts took the Fifth Amendment,

...famous silent-film star and movie pioneer Mary Pickford.

but ultimately waived the privilege. Last October, Texas-based attorney John Courtade denied the major charges on behalf of the defendants. (I tried to reach them, but Courtade wants to do all the talking.) "Nothing supports the [securities commission's] contentions that these [companies] are shams," says Courtade. "The Coldicutts never formed any of these companies. Relatives, friends, and friends of friends in an extended network formed them. Everyone knew that they were taking a gamble on finding precious metals."

In short, the people who supposedly had part ownership of the so-called mining enterprises were not

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Soul, yes, breastfeeding, no — restaurant Felix Berry asked a nursing mother to cover up or leave the dining room.

Breast milk's not on the menu

By Elizabeth Salaam

n Sunday, December 2, Jamie Boyd and Joseph Taylor met at Felix's Restaurant in Lincoln Park to eat dinner and to swap

their children to Mom (Boyd) after a weekend with Dad. They sat at a table near an open door in the back of the restaurant. Only 2 of the 15 or 20 other tables were occupied, both with families. Football games played on every television screen. While Boyd and her family waited for their food, she began to nurse her

20-month-old daughter.

"The waitress, who has known us forever, came over and said, 'Can I get you a napkin or a tablecloth?" Boyd says. "I didn't get what she meant. I thought she meant because kids make messes and need lots of napkins or something."

Boyd smiled, thanked the waitress, and said no, she



"I looked at him and said, 'Felix, you don't want to do this,'" says Jamie Boyd (with Joseph Taylor and their two daughters.)

didn't need any extra napkins. A few minutes later, the restaurant's owner, Felix Berry, approached the table. They'd met him several times before and considered him a part of their community, not only because they frequent his business, but also because he's a personal friend of Taylor's aunt and uncle. Although the restaurant's Euclid Avenue location had opened just a few months prior, the family had been dining at the Oceanside location since Boyd was pregnant with her nowfour-year-old daughter.

"I had expected that he was coming over to say, 'How are you?' and 'Thanks for supporting my business.' I told him congratulations

on the new restaurant and he asked me if he could get me a tablecloth," Boyd says. "Then he said, 'You can go to the toilet or the office.' I still didn't get it."

When she realized that he was asking her to hide her breastfeeding or leave the room to do it, she was stunned.

"I was wearing a trench coat and a long-sleeved shirt, and meanwhile the Charger girls were up there [on the televisions] shaking it," she says. "On a Friday night in there, people are showing way more breast tissue than I am. I'm sure Felix has never thrown out a scantily clad woman on a Friday night."

California is one of 45 states with specific laws that allow women to breastfeed in any public or private location; one of 24 that has laws relating to breastfeeding in the workplace; and one of 5 that has implemented or encouraged breastfeedingawareness education campaigns. Boyd, an acupuncturist who specializes in women's health and pediatrics, is not only familiar with these laws, she's an advocate

"I looked at him and said, 'Felix, you don't want to do this. It's a law in the state of California," she says. "And he said, 'I don't want to speak legalese with you."

The way Berry tells it, the incident was not a matter of legalities but of courtesy.

"The problem was that there was a family in close continued on page 40

UNDER THE RADAR

First lobbyist Last week, new Democratic mayor **Bob Filner** gave his first State of the City Speech. Before he took the microphone at the Balboa Theatre, the mayor was preceded by **Nathan Fletcher**, former GOP assemblyman-turned-



Mayor Filner grins with San Diego's unwed "first lady," Bronwyn Ingram

independent who came in third to Filner and Republican city councilman Carl DeMaio in last year's mayoral primary. Fletcher told the audience of his admiration for Filner, saying, "We didn't agree on every issue, but we grew to respect one another for having a sincere commitment to public service and a sincere commitment to our city. I grew to appreciate Bob's lifetime of service to our country, to civil rights, to veterans, and now to the city of San Diego."

Fletcher went on to say the city was full of "so many bright, committed people," including, he continued, "San Diego's first lady, Bronwyn Ingram." The title struck one local blogger as inappropriate, given that Ingram, the twice-divorced Filner's longtime girlfriend, has yet to marry the 70-yearold mayor. Fletcher and his wife Mindy, an ex-aide to president George W. Bush, have socialized frequently with Filner and Ingram, according to accounts on Twitter and elsewhere.

Unmentioned during the State of the City ceremonies was the new job that



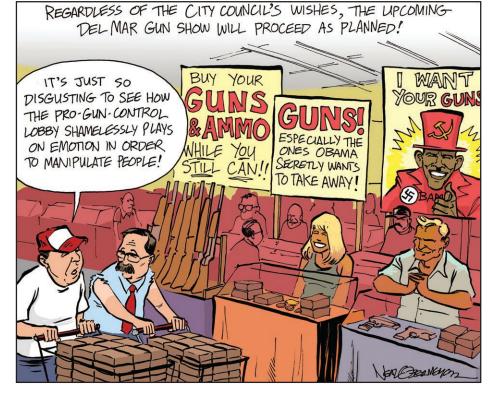
Fletcher has taken as a senior director of "corporate development" for cell-phone

giant Qualcomm. CEO **Paul Jacobs** was one of the masterminds and chief financiers of the ex-assemblyman's mayoral bid. Fletcher is not registered with the city as a lobbyist for the firm, but besides making various public appearances with Filner, the former GOP advance man has of late been touting Qualcomm's job creation and other good works.

According to the company's latest lobbyist disclosure filing, posted online by the city clerk's office and dated January 15, Qualcomm's senior vice president of government affairs, William Bold, has stopped by city hall to lobby Julie Dubick, chief of staff to then-mayor Jerry Sanders, about the company's "campus expansion" plans. In addition to Bold, ten other Qualcomm employees are registered as lobbyists with the city. Besides the campus expansion, issues of interest to Qualcomm are listed as "City Budget"; "San Diego Wastewater Reduction Ordinance"; and "Incentives for Corporate Relocation and Expansion."

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Uncovered

My name is Sabrina and I am 19 years old. I am featured on the cover of the Reader and interviewed for the article ("Adorable When I Dress Up," January 10), along with numerous close friends. I just wanted to say that Siobhan Braun was completely biased in her article and didn't take the time to understand her topic, as if she wasn't even interested. Sure, she came up with a last minute costume when she came to Balboa Park, but her heart and soul wasn't into it and she made my friends and I out to be complete losers with no lives, even after my friends and I told her we all are currently in school and/or working.

She didn't ask certain people what our cosplays were and gave very bad descrip-



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tions on them. If she had stopped making out that the entire cosplay association in San Diego is rude and conceited, she could have asked us all questions and been more involved instead of observing us all like monkeys in a cage. She didn't understand that the 47-year-old man called David actually has mild autism and isn't just a low life with no job. She conveniently left out small details that made my group of friends look bad, like when the engaged couple asked if we were going to be in the Organ Pavilion all day. We replied, "Yes, but we can move." Siobhan claimed we just snubbed our noses at the

Please hear me out because I actually know what I am talking about as a cosplayer myself. Cosplay is a lot of hard work because you're always pushing yourself to be the best. The goal is to completely recreate a character and some people even go as far as to diet and cut their hair to fit into wigs better. Some cosplayers sew and make all of their costumes and props themselves, and if they are successful at it they can even make a business of it by offering commissions and selling their products. I for one, took makeup artistry school to learn makeup techniques to look better in photographs. Like any other ordinary person in the world, we all have hobbies. Whether it is reading, gardening, music, cosplay, it's all the same thing and our cosplay community should not be discriminated against.

At first I was ecstatic at seeing myself on the cover, because the knowledge that continued on page 47



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Skate-park crasher

Van driver falls asleep at the wheel, lands in Robb Field skateboard bowl

A barricade and orange cone mark the point of impact from a van that went flying over a fence surrounding Robb Field Skateboard Park on Tuesday morning, January 15.

San Diego police have declared that the



Motor oil and gasoline covered the skate ramps after van crashed into the park.

driver "fell asleep at the wheel" and was not intoxicated when his van reached the end of I-8 at a high speed. The driver was removed from the crushed van and taken to the hospital with minor injuries. Motor oil and gasoline covered the skate ramps.

On Friday, January 18, I surveyed the scene and found the skate park empty. A city Park & Rec employee told me that the van was removed by a tow truck using a winch by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

When the van was pulled out, a trail of

hazardous fluids was left behind. A haz-mat team was called to the scene and went to work. The city worker related that the sight of the crashed van in the skate pit managed to "freak out lots of skaters."

GAIL POWELL, JAN, 19

CHULA VISTA

Sweetwater U: Fail

Partnership with Christian university unconstitutional, says Freedom from Religion group; lawsuit threatened

Superintendent Ed Brand told the Reader in a December 2011 interview that the district was surveying South Bay residents to determine public support and "the threshold of the tax burden" the public is willing to bear for a university-related project. Brand said the program would be called "Sweetwater U."

It appears Sweetwater U has arrived on the district website.

In November 2012, the Reader reported that the Sweetwater Union High School District was considering offering college-credit courses through Grand Canyon University, a Christian university.

The Freedom from Religion Foundation sent a letter to all of the school-board members and copied the Reader on December 17, 2012. The foundation objected to the proposed agreement, citing examples of Grand Canyon's educational philosophy: "...we integrate our Christian worldview into everything we do.... Our hope is to intentionally provide opportunities for you to explore who Jesus is, grow in a relationship with Him, and ultimately become a co-laborer."

The foundation's staff attorney, Andrew Seidel, suggests that "it is inappropriate for Sweetwater Union High School District to align itself with this Christian school. Offering classes that intentionally incorporate a Christian worldview, espouse the enclosed

doctrinal statement, and create an opportunity for the Christian university to proselytize public school students is unconstitutional."

In a January 17 interview, Seidel said, "This partnership has to cease.... We're not averse to filing a lawsuit, but that would be costly for everybody.... We hope that this can be resolved amicably and in the best interest of all concerned."

SUSAN LUZZARO, JAN. 18

Comments

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So now Brand is brash enough to enter into a contract that could put our district in harm's way of a lawsuit. HELLO, board members. BRAND, remember Title IX? This bunch of village idiots thought they would outskirt the law on that one too — and the rest is history.

SANTEE

Total loss

Fire displaces family; firefighter injured

A Santee family of four was burned out of their Poinciana Drive home on Tuesday, January 15, by a two-alarm fire that destroyed much of the house's interior. A firefighter and a civilian suffered minor injuries in the fire, according to Santee fire chief Bob Lee, who said both victims will be fine.

The fire started around noon, and when firefighters arrived, they could see flames through the front entryway and windows. They called for additional firefighters and equipment from neighboring cities and had the fire under control within an hour, the chief said.

The four-bedroom, 3000-square-foot house was extensively damaged and may be a total loss, according to an insurance adjustor at the scene. The cause of the fire wasn't immediately obvious.

LUCY D. BARKER, JAN. 16

HARBOR DISTRICT

Another harbor rescue

For the second time in two weeks, father jumps off Embarcadero wharf to rescue daughter

People walking along the Embarcadero near Anthony's Seafood restaurant on Sunday afternoon, January 13, were startled to see a soaking-wet, fully dressed man running along the sidewalk. The man was the father of a six-year-old girl who had fallen into the water near the Cruise Ship Terminal.



A Harbor Police officer helps a rescuer dry off on January 13

The girl was with her family when she fell from the walkway and into the water below. Her father jumped in, as did another man, and pulled the girl over to a wood ladder attached to the north side of the terminal wharf. The father then ran to get the car while someone dialed 911.

San Diego Harbor Police and emergency personnel from the fire department arrived and treated the young girl while the stranger and the father wrapped themselves in emergency blankets.

Less than two weeks earlier, on December 31, a father jumped off the Embarcadero and into the bay to rescue his two-year-old girl who had fallen into the water.

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couldn't think of two people with more divergent worldviews than my father — a ribald Brooklyn boy

turned retired naval officer who runs military war games abroad — and the proper young woman with an extensive collegiate background in business and liberal arts.

The woman, a representative of the Museum of Man, was walking us through the new *Instruments of Torture* exhibit. For the most part, we'd reached a consensus over how hard it was to face the reality of human cruelty in the form of ancient torture devices. But when we reached the "shaming" section of the exhibition — where the methods of torture took a more psychological turn from the gruesome physical implements we'd seen up to that point — the disparity of our beliefs buoyed to the surface like a 17th-century woman failing the witch test.

"I think you should take known gang members and put 'em in stocks like these," Dad said. "Jail — especially for gangbangers — that's a badge of courage. They're not embarrassed to go to jail. It's embarrassing for a normal person, but not somebody from the disgusting side of

"Drive 'em through their neighbor-hood, up and down the streets, real slow, in pink prison outfits, sitting with their legs and arms locked."

society, the criminals. If jail doesn't bother them, it's not an effective deterrent — we want something that's going to bother them. Put gang members in a stockade and they'll lose all kinds of respect. It's cheap and easy. I don't see that as torture at all. Drive 'em through their neighborhood, up and down the streets, real slow, in pink prison outfits, sitting with their legs and arms locked."

Our guide blanched at this, and her head seemed to retreat back on her neck involuntarily, but

Shameless

she held her patient, polite expression.

"So, you think shaming is not a bad thing, that it doesn't count as 'torture," I said to my dad, as a way to bridge the gap between him and our stricken-looking guide. Then, to her, I clarified, "You know, there are a lot of people who think there are varying degrees of torture. Some might categorize certain things as just punishment. They'd put wearing a sign around your neck that labels you a thief if you stole something in a different category than, say, pulling out your fingernails one by one. One is not as bad as the other. Right?"

Our guide was not convinced. Earlier, she'd told us a story about the seemingly benign, systematic psychological manipulation of American POWs held in Chinese prisoner camps during the Korean War. She'd explained how those soldiers, after arriving home, were way more messed up than the ones who'd experienced the North Koreans' harsh physical methods of keeping prisoners in line.

"But what about that

case we just had here — remember the woman who got caught driving on the sidewalk every day to avoid stopping for the school bus? The judge sentenced her to stand on the corner and hold a sign; it said something like, 'Only an idiot would drive on the sidewalk to avoid stopping for the bus.' They weren't trying to coerce her to confess or anything, so wasn't that just a fitting punishment for a crime?"

"I think it's wrong," the woman said. This time it was my head that went back. I was thoroughly confused. "It's a slippery slope," she clarified. "The judge could have given her a fine or jail time...but I think the shaming was wrong."

I was torn between the two positions. On the one side, I could see why my father deemed shaming to be "cheap and effective" as a criminal deterrent. But I could also understand how it could be viewed as the first step down a dark and dreadful path. It's easier to overlook how hot things are getting when the temperature is slowly being raised one degree at a time.

At the time of the sentencing a few months ago, I applauded the judge who made that woman wear a sign. Now, as I looked around at the iron headdresses for "fools" and "gossips" of a time long past, it occurred to me that the word "idiot" on that sign had been an unnecessary cruelty. I wondered whether it would have been more valid if the judge had instructed that the giant white board contain a simple and straightforward apology. Something like, "I'm sorry to have endangered children with my impatience. I will not do it again.

Please forgive me." Something that would address the misdeed directly and possibly convey remorse and elicit understanding and thoughtfulness, rather than just making a fool of the transgressor for the public's amusement.

Later, while Dad and I were having lunch, I asked him if he could think of anything positive he'd gleaned from the exhibit, and he brought up an important theme I'd forgotten — how to be an "upstander." At the beginning, and near the end of the show, the differences between those who stand "by" and those who stand "up" are underlined. The upstander is a person who takes it upon herself to speak up if a situation does not seem right.

"The positive thing is to actually think about torture and to think about how to be an upstander. Remember Kitty Genovese? Back in the '60s in Queens, she was screaming as she was being beaten and killed and people heard her, but nobody called the police." Dad made his trademark oof-sigh sound, a noise I only hear when he is too emotional to speak.

On the tour, our guide had outlined the three major characteristics of upstanders. She noted that all upstanders had at least one of these characteristics: no problem with defying authority, taking risks, and a parent with a strong moral code. "Well, then, I fit right in," I said. "I have absolutely no respect for authority. Just ask my dad here."

"Yeah, thanks for that," Dad said.

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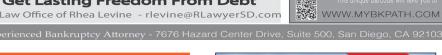


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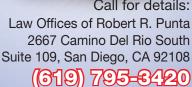
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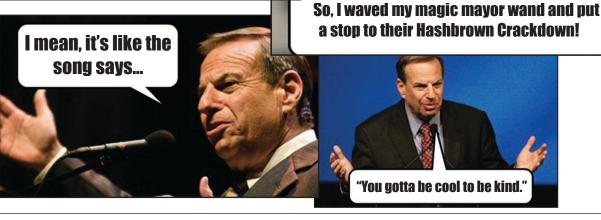
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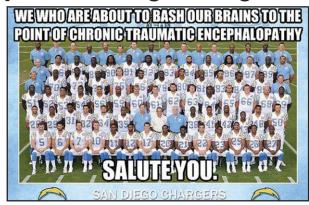
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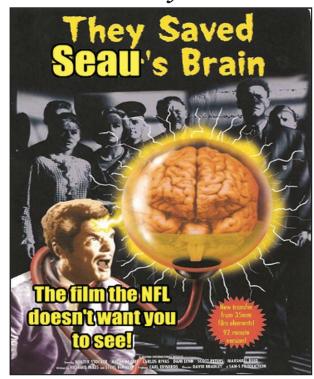
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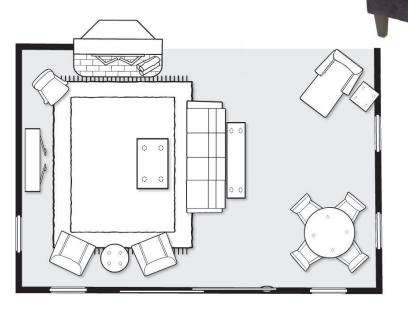
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Heymatt:

Supposedly, butchers are supposed to retire after a set amount of years (10, 15, 20?) because they're otherwise highly prone to mental problems, i.e. they go crazy. I've snooped around a little but have not found anything to support the idea.

— Jeremy, Manhattan, NY, via email

This is only true if gang members — who suicidally chug soda and eat Pop Rocks — also kill you when you flash your lights at them as you're driving to the hospital because someone removed one of your kidneys and left you in an ice bath.

You see what I did there? I'm a regular mythbuster!

But, seriously, butchery is a perfectly respectable profession that's becoming somewhat hip in the post-Food Network era of gastrosensible, locavore foodies. Here in San Diego

we have independent butcher shops that somehow weathered years of stiff competition from supermarkets and have emerged downright triumphant, especially when holidays come around and everyone and his sister wants a turducken

Recent archaeological finds have suggested that butchery in its most basic form goes back to long before the time of modern humans, perhaps as much as 3.5 million years! Fossilized animal bones from the time of Australopithecus have been found that indicate the primitive proto-men used stone tools to remove flesh from the bones of dead animals — nearly a million years before we thought the conventional Stone Age began. People joke about "the world's oldest profession," but the correct answer might be "butcher."

In slightly more recent history, a British butcher shop owned by the Balson family has been open since 1535; an astonishing 477 years ago! Since they've never closed, they're officially the oldest business in the UK. After 25 generations in the same business, that one family has been cutting meat more than twice as long as the United States has been a country.

Hey Matt:

I vaguely remember a 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea exhibit at Disneyland in the late '50s or early '60s. It was complete with props and costumes. Know anything about it? Also, I think they had a full-scale, waterline replica of the Nautilus. How big was it and where is it now?

— Nostalgic in San Diego

As a movie tie-in, the exhibit you're thinking of was on display at Disneyland from 1955–1966, and it included full-size sets from the movie.

You might recall walking through them; marvelling at the glamor of the salon, the majesty of the pipe organ, and the terror of the giant squid. The waterline replica of the *Nautilus* you remember was big, but it was only a fraction of the ship (wheelhouse and some of the upper deck) recreated at 1:1 scale. I'm assuming you were little then, so it would have seemed tremendous, especially since walking through

mendous, especially since walking through the exhibit created the impression of a stroll through the ship's various chambers.

Disney being Disney, they are good about archiving old stuff and finding new uses for it. For one, Captain Nemo's pipe organ has since found a new home in the Haunted Mansion at Disneyland.

Also, the 11-foot special-effects miniature version of the *Nautilus* that was on display at the original *20,000 Leagues* exhibit (I bet you'd remember it if you saw it) is on display at the Ronald Reagan Museum as part of a program fea-

turing iconic artifacts from the Disney archives. If you were wondering if you'd ever see any of that stuff again, you've got until April of this year to get up to Simi Valley.

Heymatt:

Do bullets thrown into a campfire go off with the same velocity as when they are fired from a gun?

— Perplexed

The short answer is "no." I actually saw this one on the real *Mythbusters*. They dumped a hundred rounds of various calibers in a fire and let them all go off. Nothing that looked like a lethal wound resulted and there are a few reasons why.

Firstly, bullets achieve their deadly velocity because the barrel of the gun channels the energy that's released when the powder burns inside the shell. The hot, trapped gas in the chamber has nowhere to go and it pushes the bullet forward until it can all escape out the muzzle of the firearm. As bullets are made of lead and very heavy for their size, they require a certain amount of time to accelerate. When the round isn't encased in the gun, all that hot gas just whooshes out into the surrounding air and the majority of the energy is wasted.

Secondly, when you throw a bullet in a fire (or hit it with a hammer like a YouTube moron) it usually fires *backward*. The lightweight, brass casing tends to fly away from the heavy, lead bullet because it has a much lower moment of inertia. When people do foolish things with ammunition, they usually end up getting hit with the casing instead of the bullet. A hot piece of flying brass hurts like heck, but it lacks the mass to be really dangerous.

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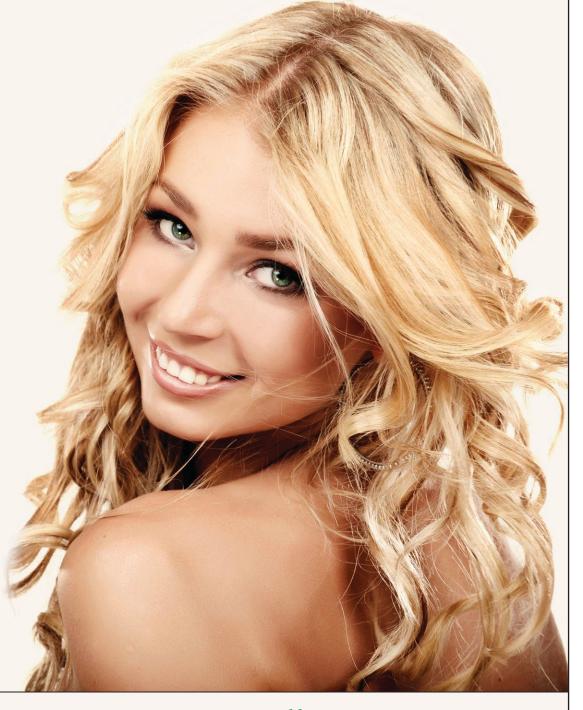
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Street Style

Grunge with a modern twist

If you haven't already noticed, grunge is back: 1990s-inspired fashion was all over the runway this fall. In San Diego you'll spot an abundance of flannel and thermal shirts, combat boots, grungeband T's, oversized sweaters, and long, billowy skirts. Snap up a pair of 1990s Doc Marten combat boots at your local thrift store before it's too late.

I spotted 22-year-old Tiffany Acevedo at Urban Outfitters in



TIFFANY ACEVEDO

PB. She collects Nirvana T-shirts.

"I can't stand when people wear band T-shirts when they know nothing about the group. Nirvana is my favorite band," Acevedo tells me.

Acevedo's T-shirt is by Chaser, her jeans



BERNADETTE VELA

are Carmar from L&F in La Jolla, her scarf is American Apparel, and her jacket is Free People.

Tiffany's leather jacket is her favorite wardrobe item.

Bernadette Vela is a leopard-print fan.

BY SIOBHAN BRAUN

Her canvas shoes are a recent Urban Outfitters score.

"My favorite wardrobe item is my faux fur leopard print coat from Forever 21. I live in it," the 25-year-old tells me.

Vela's oversized sweater is from Anthropologie. Her sweatshirt is Free People, and her scarf and jeans are from Urban outfitters.

"I'm the PB Urban Outfitter's store merchandising manager, so most of my stuff is from here," she tells me.

> When asked what her biggest fashion pet peeves are, Vela says,

> > "I don't like sloppy shoes like

Uggs and flip-flops. Also, I don't like leggings as pants."

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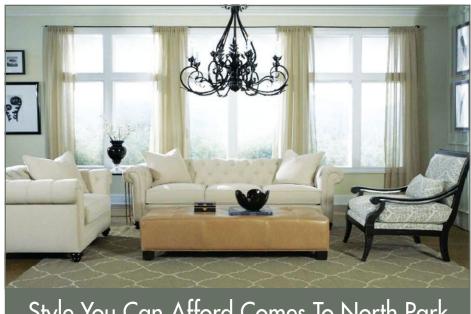








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This blogger has become an advocate for old-fashioned,

non-electronic communication.

POST TITLE: In a Folder Labeled "Sunshine" POST DATE: **July 19, 2012**

When they started talking about the U.S. Postal Service stopping Saturday delivery a while ago, my first thought was, How medieval. The U.S. is supposed to be a developed country and this kind of thing just doesn't happen. I was

kind of embarrassed for America, actually. It was like you could see the holes in her socks. Poor thing.

And then I felt slightly guilty, too, because most of my communications are electronic now, like everybody else's, and maybe that's why the

PO is in a bind. Not that I was ever a huge letter-writer, but you know...

I abandoned Christmas cards years ago, though I held out longer than most, I think. I did have a real-mail correspondence with my high school French teacher that lasted about 30 years. We sent each other Christmas cards and letters every year, and sometimes we exchanged notes in between. Maggie. An extraordinary woman. She saved my life; I loved her, and I wanted to keep thanking her forever.

In the year or two after I got to Paris, I sent my nephew in California things like castles made of card stock that he could put together and knights on horses and a foam Eiffel Tower to build. But then the novelty of Paris wore off and he was getting too old for that kind of thing, anyway.

I've been trying to send my 92-year-old grandmother more mail. I've sent her notes and printouts of my Instagram pictures, a couple clippings from glossy European fashion and decorating magazines that showed a scarf and a rug made of granny squares so my grandmother, the crochet queen, who can no longer crochet because of arthritis, would know they'd made a comeback in sophisticated circles, which of course meant she was

I will mail her something today. (Thanks for reminding me.) I'll send my mom something, too. I mail her a postcard every time I go to a museum or exhibit because she gets sole credit for teaching me to appreciate culture from a young age. I'll send my mother-inlaw something, too. She very recently lost her husband and is having a rough go of it.

Reach out and touch someone, right?

I'm writing this because, this week, a literary magazine I follow on Twitter launched this great project, Letters for Kids, in which well-known authors of children's fiction

> mail a monthly letter to kids. I thought I might sign up my nephew.

> And then I got to thinking, because of Maggie and my grandmother, and my mom and my mother-in-law, that there should be something like this

for seniors. I thought for 15 seconds about organizing it myself. Then I thought others would be in a better position to do it. It should be done, in any case. I will give it some more thought.

And that made me think of Postagram, which I knew about but had never used. I just downloaded the iPhone app and in a matter of minutes sent postcards of some of my Instagram pics to a bunch of people First five were free. Bonus! Not terribly personal, you might say, but more so than many of the tools we use to reach out today. What's really cool is that the pictures pop out of the postcards. Anyway, I'm sold.

In early 2010, I got a fat envelope in the mail, the kind of thing that usually comes as a pleasant surprise. But it was from Maggie's daughter, Gina, whom I didn't know, and it contained a letter letting me know Maggie had passed away. With it were copies of the eulogy and a poem Gina and her brother and sister had written and read at the memorial, the program, some pictures... And a pukashell necklace that had belonged to Maggie in Hawaii in the '70s, when she was my teacher, when she saved me, when puka shells were all

In the letter, Gina told me that Maggie had kept all the letters and cards I'd ever sent to her in a folder labeled "Sunshine."

So go ahead and grab those pretty cards and envelopes next time.

[Post edited for length]

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Sporting Box BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

In other news...



What's left in sporting news? There's All-American linebacker Manti T'eo and his fake girlfriend...

FL conference championships are over and the Box salutes Harbaugh West and Harbaugh East. Well done, Harbaugh stakeholders!

We have a couple weeks to kill before Super Bowl Sunday, and I need a column. The Homeless World Cup (national soccer teams made up of homeless athletes), which is prime column material, doesn't go off until October. Baseball training camps won't open for another three weeks. The NBA isn't interesting until the playoffs. The NHL should be sold and moved offshore. I'll leave Lance for the rest of the media to pick over.

What's left? Well, there's Manti Te'o, Notre Dame's All-American linebacker and his fake girlfriend. A friend suggested a column on fake girlfriends. He knows I worked on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline and supposed there must have been a lot of talk among workers about girlfriends and some of those girlfriends must have been fake. And did I have a story about that?

Well, actually, I don't. Not one. Perhaps because there were 100 men for every woman when the big job kicked off. And even later, when women began to be hired, that ratio might have changed, to be generous, to 100 men for 5 women, but always, the sexual ratio was outrageously out of balance. The extreme imbalance made talking about women and, therefore, sex, unpredictable in its consequence.

Maybe that was it, or maybe not. Who knows? But, in any case, talking about women, girlfriends, wives, daughters, was not done. I hasten to add this was my experience; others will have different views. Still, I did work out of Laborers Local 942 for 15 years, worked the pipeline, worked Prudhoe Bay, the DEW Line, for the City of Barrow, City of Fairbanks, on highway jobs, an Air Force station, hard-dollar

residential jobs, jobs from Juneau to Valdez to Anchorage to Fairbanks to the Arctic Ocean, and once on a barge in the Beaufort Sea. I've never heard talk, be it in break rooms, dining halls, on work buses, at night in construction camps or hotel rooms, over a bottle of whiskey or a glass of tea, about girlfriends, much less fake girlfriends.

It was against the code. There is, of course, a code. Every vocation has one. Follows is the Building & Construction Trades Code, Arctic Circuit:

- 1. Don't talk about your women.
- 2. Don't *ever* complain about a hangover. You were the one who got drunk. Go to work, grind it out, keep your mouth shut.
- 3. Work friends are work friends, not friend friends.
- 4. Show up on time. This, by the way, is more important than doing a good job.
 - 5. Don't use three syllable words.
- 6. Don't put *college* and *I* in the same sentence.
 - 7. Every job has an end.
- 8. Don't be afraid of your job. If you get laid-off you get laid-off.
 - 9. Sooner or later everybody gets laid-off.
- 10. Always be aware of what's around you. People are going to get hurt on construction jobs, some badly. If it's a freak event, you're screwed, bad joss. But, if it's not, if it's something you could have seen coming, getting hurt is stupid.
- 11. Know when a job is too dangerous and step back. Health and safety enforcement differ from job to job. I worked a job where men had to jump from a seagoing barge onto the deck of a pilot boat in order to go to work. Repeat in reverse at end of shift. This was in high seas on the Arctic Ocean. The sea temperature is 29 degrees, which means if you fall into the water you'll lose dexterity in less than 2 minutes and be unconscious in less than 15. At the top of every swell the pilot boat SLAMS into the barge. A leg or arm or body caught in between is crushed. Sixty-year-old, pot-bellied, alcoholic crane operators and sleep-deprived diesel mechanics slip-slide on an icy deck and bounce from barge to boat. A construction company might ask you to do any damn thing; it's up to you to say no.
- 12. You're on your own. The fairness and justice line forms in the rear of the unemployment office.
- 13. Re: payday. Always make sure your check is right. First thing.
- 14. Relationships change constantly. Because most jobs run 8 to 16 weeks, normal political dynamics are compressed. A situation that can take months to bloom in a sunny San Diego office takes days on a job site. Back-stabbing, temporary alliances, betrayals, promotions, demotions, side deals, old boss out, new boss in, occur as they do in the rest of the world, but on an amphetamine time schedule. Don't try to keep up.

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Jeremiah said, "I was just getting up from grabbing some marijuana out of the little bin.... I heard a big, loud bang. I felt the bullet whiz past my ear.

"I turned around in shock, and that's when I seen the gun in my face. It was Phillip with a gun in my face." Jeremiah survived the near miss. "You know, at first I was shocked because I didn't, you know — first time this has ever happened to me, and never had a gun in my face like that, and I was shocked.

"You know, I didn't think anybody — I didn't think people were like that, you know?"

Jeremiah and Phil had been smoking pot for more than an hour. But that wasn't what made Phil miss the point-blank shot; he told Jeremiah it was something else.

"Yes, when he shot at me, he said I was lucky that his hand was messed up; otherwise, I would have got it." Earlier, Jeremiah had noticed Phil's prominent scars on his hand.

Setting Up a Good Friend

This terrible moment had been set up two days before by Jeremiah's good friend Nick.

Nick and Jeremiah have known each other for more than ten years. Nick had been over to Jeremiah's house "hundreds" of times.

Almost three years ago, on a Monday afternoon in April, Nick was in downtown San Diego to see Dr. Shon Sidransky. He wanted to get a County of San Diego medical-marijuana license.

A few steps from the doctor's clinic at 3045 Rosecrans Street was a medical-marijuana dispensary. "I mean, it's literally the next office," Nick later recalled. "You know, I was just looking to see what kind of medication

they had." After a peek inside the dispensary, Nick went out to the sidewalk and met someone there.

The man introduced himself as Phil. "Just Phil." Twenty-five-year-old Phil said he was from Kansas City. He was wearing a red Kansas City cap. Phil said he was staying at a nearby hotel. Nick and Phil chatted for maybe 15 minutes. "We walked a little bit down the sidewalk."

Nick remembered: "It was brought up that Phil had gone to the dispensary prior to me entering and was telling me that their prices were kind of expensive."

Nick noticed tattoos on the man's forearms and a wide scar on one hand and wrist. And Phil was wearing flashy jewelry. "Like, a big cross necklace and kind of a big diamond earring. I'm not sure which ear."

Nick told Phil that he might be able to help him with what he was looking for. "If [Phil] was a valid patient, then I'd be able to be his caregiver, and just dispense to him." Nick said he had "valid documentation" that entitled him to "distribute" medical marijuana if Phil had a valid card.

"And then," said Nick,
"he kind of pulled out a
large amount of money,
so I knew he was serious.
He just reached into his
front pocket and pulled
it out." Cash. "Mostly
hundreds. It looked like
at least probably three to
four thousand, just from
my estimate."

Nick said again that he didn't "sell" marijuana, he only "dispensed"

it. He got Phil's contact information. "We exchanged numbers."

And then Nick contacted his friend Jeremiah. "I was leaving to go out of town, so I spoke with my friend Jeremiah and let him know that I had met somebody and that they were in the market for something. [I] kind of explained the scenario and gave him Phil's number."

The Best of the Best

Jeremiah said he was smoking pot when his pal Nick phoned him. "Yes. I only smoke Kush. I only smoke top-quality Kush or Sour Diesel or purple. Just the best of the best." Jeremiah said he takes this medicine every day. "It relaxes me more than anything. I have a bad back, and I get migraine headaches. It helps me

eat." It's not that Jeremiah thinks he's too thin. "I'm fat, myself. Heavyset."

Jeremiah has been a marijuana smoker most of his life. "Since I was a kid. Maybe 15 years lives in a 672-squarefoot home that was built in 1947 in a rural part of Vista. "I live in the country," said Jeremiah. "I'm pretty bored."

The boredom ended

"He kind of pulled out a large amount of money, so I knew he was serious."

old." In April 2010, when he was introduced to Phil, Jeremiah was 32 years old.

It was a pleasant, cool day in San Diego County. The rain came and went, which made the fronds on the palm trees behind Jeremiah's house shiny. "I have a palm-tree forest in my backyard." Jeremiah

when Phil came to Jeremiah's tiny home on Buena Vista Drive.

Eleven-Thousand Dollars' Worth of Pot

Jeremiah said his pal Nick had contacted him about supplying three pounds of "high-grade Kush, purple — you know, good marijuana." Jeremiah testified about this dope deal almost a year later, in San Diego Superior Court. The prosecutor asked who was supposed to receive this high-grade marijuana.

"A gentleman by the name of Phil," said Jeremiah. "I told Nick that he could have the gentleman contact me, and, you know, we would go from there." Phil phoned Jeremiah, and "We arranged to have a meeting, for [Phil] to come up and at least introduce each other, and meet each other."

Phil first came to Jeremiah's house on a Tuesday night, at about 10:00 p.m.; it was the day after Nick had met Phil on the sidewalk.

Phil stayed at Jeremiah's home for about an hour. "Greeted him and smoked and hung out," Jeremiah said. They sat in his living room and smoked "out of my bong." It was a fancy bong. "It's a brand name, called Roor." An attorney wanted to know if that was special. "Yes. Glass on glass, imported from Germany." Jeremiah said he'd paid \$350 for his bong.

Jeremiah noticed his guest's footwear. "He wore the same type of shoes I wear, the Air Force Ones." He also noted Phil's jewelry, his necklace. "It was a silver or white-gold chain." With a glittery cross pendant. "The cross on the necklace had the diamond on it."

Phil was clear as to what he wanted. "Sour OG, which is a cross of Kush and Sour Diesel." Phil asked for three pounds and the price was negotiated: "Eleven thousand five hundred, give or take."



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Jeremiah said they were just meeting that night. "The deal was supposed to go down the following day." Phil would bring the money, cash, on Wednesday. "He said [he'd come by] sometime the next day, when he got the money together."

Show a Little Respect

Phil arrived at Jeremiah's house at about 4:00 p.m. the following day. The man with the sparkly jewelry and tattoos and scarred hand arrived in a dark-colored sedan and parked on the other side of a fence that surrounded Jeremiah's home. The fence was five or six feet tall, so Jeremiah didn't get a good look at the car, and he didn't notice if there was anybody else in the

Phil came in. "Hung out, smoked some mari-

juana, and talked." They moved to the kitchen and got busy gathering up the three pounds of pot. "Yes, we packaged it, vacuum-sealed it, and put it in boxes." In court, an attorney wanted to know how that was done.

"Take the marijuana and put it into a vacuum-sealed bag and seal it," Jeremiah explained. "And then sealed it [again], you know, went over the vacuum-wrap one more time, and sealed it again, wrapped it in Mylar, and put it into a FedEx box." Why did they put it into a FedEx box? "For more of a discreet going about, you know, hiding the marijuana."

Did Phil tell Jeremiah what he was going to do with three pounds of marijuana? "I'm assuming sell it. Get rid of it."



Jeremiah's Vista home, where the shooting took place

A year later, Jeremiah told the judge that Phil said he was taking it to Kansas City.

After the packaging, Phil and Jeremiah went back into the living room and smoked more pot using the fancy bong. Phil also smoked little cigars called Black & Milds. Jeremiah particularly remembered it. "A cigar with a plastic tip on it." Cigar tips containing Phil's DNA collected in an ashtray.

Phil used his cell phone; he was speaking to someone. "What I did hear was him complaining about his girlfriend as he hung up the phone, and so that led me to believe that

it was a girl," Jeremiah recalled. He felt compelled to say something about Phil's attitude. "I just remember telling him that's the mother of his child, give a little more respect."

He scolded him?
"Because he was complaining. Because when he hung up the phone, he was complaining about her, and I just said, 'You know, you should show her a little more respect; she's the mother of your child.'
And I dropped it from

there."

Jeremiah said they used up the pot he had on the coffee table. "And then I ran out of that, and I had to get more.... I had more marijuana in my bedroom." Jeremiah went to get more from a blue plastic storage bin against the wall, under a window, in his room. "Went back to the area where the marijuana was, opened the bin, bent down, and reached for it.

"That's when I was shot at. No questions

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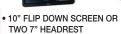












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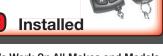


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asked, no 'Get down,' no warning, no nothing. Just shot at me.

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Jeremiah said he was very scared. He described Phil as standing two feet away, with one arm outstretched, a black semi-automatic in his hand. Jeremiah said Phil stood like that for "a minute or two."

Jeremiah could see the bullet hole. "It hit right next to the window, along the window ledge." There was only one window in the little bedroom. "I was fearing for my life and telling him please not to kill me." Jeremiah said he begged for his life "at least ten times."

After the Shot Was Fired Phil shouted at Jeremiah. He wanted to know "where the money was at." Jeremiah told him that "I didn't have any."

Then, "Phil demanded me to move, you know, to move over there, to get down." But there wasn't enough space in his tiny room to lie down on the floor, so Jeremiah went into a kneeling position, facing his bed, with his head on the mattress and his arms stretched out in front of him. "I was face in the bed, and I was trying to look up, you know, and he kept telling me to turn around.

"I thought I was going to die."

The Third Man

Then someone else came into the room. "Another gentleman came in and



Phillip Esquire
Miller, the
defendant who
denies being the
stoned shooter

took my wallet." Jeremiah said he didn't actually see the other man enter. How did he know another guy came in? "Because I heard Phil yelling, 'Get his wallet! Get his wallet!" Jeremiah's wallet was taken out of his back pocket.

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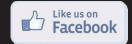
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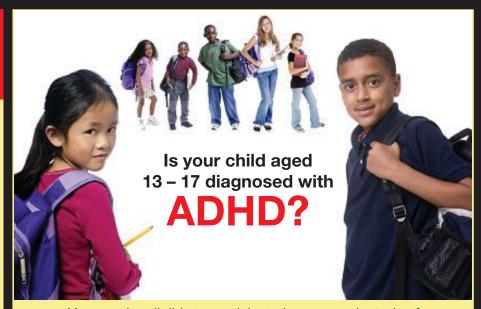
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"I was getting told to put my head down."

Stoner Logic

"I was trying to tell them," Jeremiah explained, "to at least leave the IDs because it's a pain in the ass to go get new IDs. And they left the wallet with the IDs." Three hundred dollars was removed, and the wallet was left on the floor.

Just before he left, Phil warned Jeremiah not to get up too soon. Phil told Jeremiah to count to 10,000 or "if I get up, he'll shoot me through the window." Jeremiah

didn't count. "I heard them peel out — you know, leave. Leavin' my driveway. And I got into my car and went after 'em for about a block. And then decided — I turned around. It wasn't worth destroying my car, or, you know, what was I going to do if I caught up with them, anyways?

"Thought to myself, *This ain't right, this is* stupid."

Why didn't he use his cell phone to call police? "Because they took my cell phone." Phil discussed this with Jeremiah. "I believe I was talking with Phil, because he [said he] didn't want to steal the

phone. He just wanted the SIM phone card out of it. If I could get the SIM card out, he wouldn't take the phone, and I said it was

"I have a palm-tree forest in my backyard. I live in the country. I'm pretty bored."

a pain in the butt to get the SIM card out, and so he just took the phone."

They also took the Roor bong and the three pounds of pot in the FedEx box.

supposed to use the number-one lane only to pass, and then get back into the other lane.

Busted in Grand Junction

Two days later, on April

23, 2010, a cop in Colo-

rado pulled over a car

for hogging the fast lane.

In Colorado, drivers are

Grand Junction police officer Michael Miller doesn't cut any slack for cars with out-of-state plates. It was a little before 2:00 p.m. when Officer Miller walked to the passenger side, where Phil was sitting. The cop noticed that Phil was smoking a Black & Mild cigar.

A man named Andy was driving the car. It was a rental, a black Ford Taurus. The driver told the cop that they were coming from San Diego. Andy showed the cop his Kansas City driver's license. The cop looked at the rental-car paperwork, and he noticed the name Phillip Miller was listed there as an approved driver, but Andy was not.

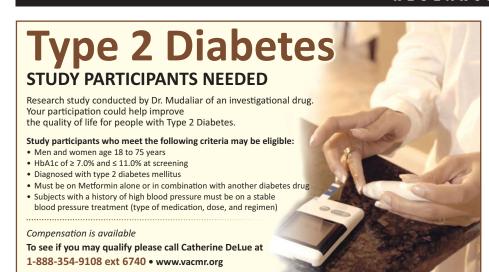
The officer said he could smell "raw mari-

juana." He put the pair of travelers in the back seat of his patrol car, so he could search the rental car. Probably, Phil and Andy did not realize they were being videorecorded while they were inside that patrol car, watching the cop go through their rental car.

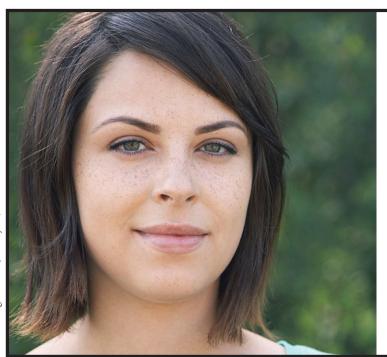
In court a year later, San Diego sheriff's detective Lisa Jenkins said she obtained access to the video and confirmed what she'd observed.

When the suspects saw the cop go for the trunk of their car, Phil exclaimed, "He's going to find the gun!" Phil started begging Andy to claim ownership of

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the gun. Phil said, "You know, they can charge you already, nigger. If nobody in the car takes the blame for something, if nobody takes the blame, they put it on the driver."

Phil said, "I'm telling you, if you tell them, nigger, 'He didn't know nothing about it, it's all mine. He didn't know what I had in that suitcase.' Bro, they got you."

And, "Tell him you picked me up at the hospital."

And, "If they ask you, you got that shit in Colorado."

And, "Tell them that I didn't know nothing about that one, man."

Phil said, "I can't take them both, man. You've got to do this for me, bro."

Phil pleaded, "I will go to jail. I've got too many problems. You don't have so many problems as I have." And, "If I go down for this one and I go down for the one in Cali, bro, I'm done for it, nigger."

Phil told Andy, "You've got my word, bro. If you take this, I'll get you bailed out." He begged. "Come on, I'll get you out. I'm giving you my word, bro, on my daughter's life."

Phil said, "Go ahead, just go ahead and do it right now, nigga."

Soon the cop came back to the men in his patrol car. Andy said the gun and marijuana were

sketch of Jeremiah's home, with the word BONG written along the bottom and circled.

Inside a suitcase in the trunk was a loaded, black Glock 27 semiautomatic pistol.

There was a physician's statement from CalMed pharmacy in San Diego and sev-

"You know, you should show her a little more respect; she's the mother of your child."

his. He also claimed ownership of the suitcase in the trunk, which contained so much damning evidence.

The cop found some marijuana in the center console of the car.

In the trunk, he found a FedEx box containing 3.4 pounds of marijuana and Speer .40 caliber Smith & Wesson ammunition. The bong was also in the trunk. And there was a drawing. It turned out to be a

eral lighters that read "CalMed420." A pair of white Nikes, Air Force Ones. A package of Black & Mild cigars.

After he was informed that he was being arrested, suspect Phillip Miller made a request. He asked the Colorado cop to get his jewelry from the rental car, before the car was taken away and impounded. "He said he had a silver cross necklace that was on the floorboard of the

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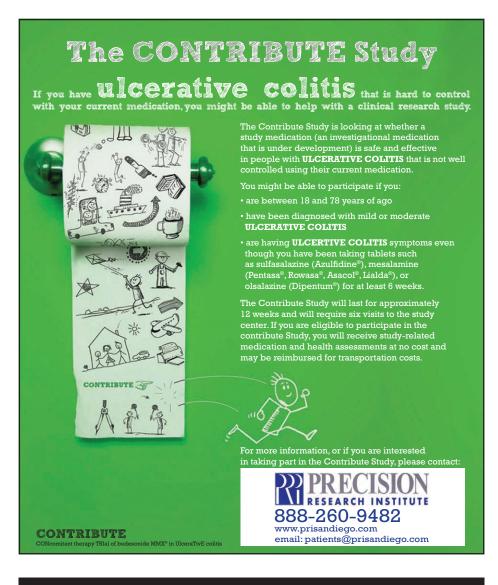
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passenger seat," Detective Jenkins testified.

Prosecuted in San Diego

When detectives flew in from California to interview Andy, he denied ever being in San Diego. Andy said he'd been working in Kansas that day, that Wednesday, April 21, 2010, when there was a shooting on Buena Vista Drive.

But San Diego investigators checked with Delta Airlines, and their records showed that Andy had arrived in San Diego at 11:12 p.m. on April 20. Andy had a return flight booked to Kansas on April 21, but he did not use it. It was easy to find and confirm this information, since a copy of the itinerary was found in the rental car.

When Andy and

Phil were first charged in San Diego County Superior Court, investigators believed Andy was the shooter and Phil was the one who came in later and grabbed Jeremiah's wallet. After more investi-

to attempted murder, assault with a firearm, armed robbery, and first-degree burglary. This is a "three strikes" case. The prosecutor, Patrick Espinoza, alleges that Phil has a prior conviction for robbery

"I will go to jail. I've got too many problems. You don't have so many problems as I have."

gation, the charges were switched. Tests showed it was Phil's DNA on the Glock handgun and on the cigar tips in the ashtray.

Phil recently turned 28. He pleaded not guilty in Kansas in 2005, and a drug conviction in Colorado in 2010.

A year or so after his arrest in Colorado, Andy made a deal. He pleaded guilty, in San Diego, as an aider and abettor. In the plea-deal paperwork, he stated: "I assisted defendant [Phil] Miller with knowledge he had committed a felony. I was not present during any robbery." Andy has a 2007 conviction for drug sales in Kansas, according to a prosecutor.

Phillip Esquire Miller IV has a court date on February 26 in San Diego County. He is currently out on bail.

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mammoth haul with b y bamboo poles and lines. Jeff In August 1953, Julius SmithZolezzi and his crew lived the dream. "The

Lone Wolf hit a royal flush": a run of albacore that never seemed to end.

A captain for 27 years and former president of the American Tuna Boat Association, Zolezzi is a third-generation fisherman. His grandfather Julius emigrated from Genoa, Italy, moved to San Diego in 1906, and fished for

rock cod. "He made a very good living during the Depression. He'd go outside Point Loma, catch maybe a ton of rock cod, and sell it at the Embarcadero for about 1.5 cents a pound. Nobody could afford meat in those days, so they lined up to buy the fish."

Everyone called Julius the "Rock Cod King." Zolezzi's father, John B., earned the nickname "Rock Cod Johnny" for his connection with the "king."

Though he'd worked on tuna boats since age 9, this was only the 23-yearold Julius Zolezzi's third time as captain. Like his father and grandfather, Zolezzi followed what he half jokingly calls rule number one of the skippers' code: "Make sure you've got a good cook. On a bait boat, quarters are tight. Men fish elbow to



Fishermen on the Lone Wolf during the albacore frenzy

elbow. The galley's the one central place where the crew gathers." They usually play cribbage or cutthroat pinochle. "And they talk. So keep the stomachs full with good food. When a bad cook rings the bell, you could have more than just a bad

Zolezzi stocked the 65-foot-long boat with enough food and fuel for 40 days at sea. "These weren't high-speed engines,"

QUOTATIONS

- 1. Michael K. Orbach: "Almost everything about tuna fishing is dangerous."
- 2. H.C. Godsil: "Tuna fishing is not as a rule continuous. It occurs in spurts of relatively short duration.
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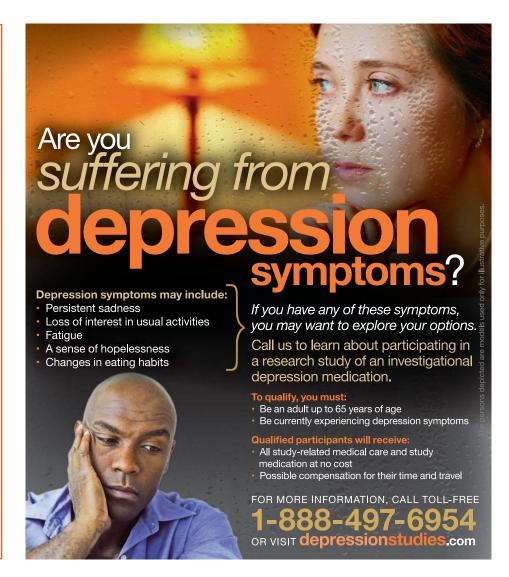


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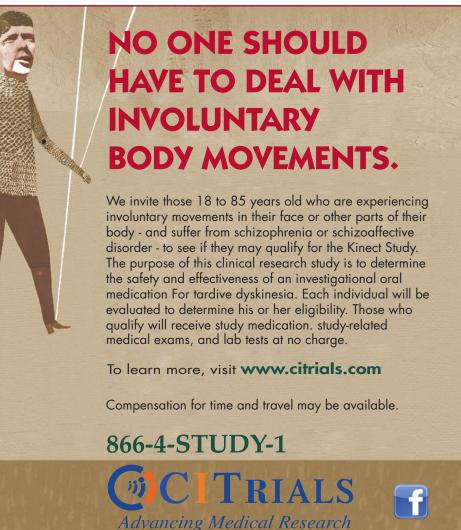
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he says. "We could do about eight knots." Since they packed the fish in ice, "your time was limited. You had to make sure the ice stayed firm. Stay out too long, you lose it."

In the early 1950s, it was said that the two hardest

cular net (a "purse seine") astern. The speedboat pulled the net off the skiff and circled the anchovies with a ring of corks.

Crewmen drew up the bottom of the net, creating a pouch, and scooped hundreds of flopping anchovies

As the ocean poured in, John B. shouted, "Get in the skiff!"

jobs in America were coal mining and bait boats. And one of the hardest parts of fishing was catching bait, since crews pulled in the nets and brailed the catch by hand, day and night.

Before heading south, the *Lone Wolf* anchored off Coronado's Silver Strand. The crew lowered three small boats into the water: a speedboat, a skiff, and a smaller "bait-receiver" craft. The speedboat towed the others to a spot where anchovies crackled on the surface like frying bacon. The skiff had a small, cir-

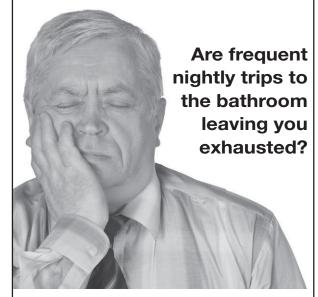
onto the bait skiff. When full, the speedboat towed it back to the *Lone Wolf*. Using hand nets, or "brails," crewmembers scooped the catch into bait boxes astern. The chummer kept the anchovies alive by pouring fresh seawater into the tank. After several sets, the *Lone Wolf* headed for Ensenada plugged with anchovies and a crew of six.

Most tuna boats from San Diego had local crews, often members of the same extended Italian or Portuguese family. As his father had done, Julius picked up three Mexican crewmen at Ensenada. "Top seamen," he says. "Hard workers, and great spotters. We used them all the time." Now with a crew of nine, the boat headed west, to San Martin Island and beyond.

"Rock Cod Johnny" had built the *Lone Wolf* in 1937 at the shipyards on the Embarcadero. The wooden-hulled vessel could store 65 tons of tuna. When not in school, young Julius worked on the boat. In the middle of World War II, he learned that his father did more than fish for tuna.

In 1943, the *Lone Wolf* anchored in a cove at San Martin Island, six miles west of Baja. At least 60 tons of tuna lay iced in the hold. "Time to go home and see Mama," his father told Julius. Then he decided to stay out one more day.

That night, a stick caught in the check valve, which backed up the outward flow of water. Soon a green spillway covered the floorboards of the engine room. The engine died. As the



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ocean poured in, John B. shouted, "Get in the skiff!"

The crew didn't panic. As they rowed away, the Lone Wolf went under. Only debris popping to the surface and lazy whitecaps marked its passing.

"We were all together," Zolezzi remembers. "That's the main thing. You can always build a new boat. But we lost our fish."

John B. radioed the Navy. The next day a destroyer arrived from San Diego. It lowered 18-foot orange pontoons into the shallow water. Divers roped them to the hull, and the Lone Wolf rose in a burst of bubbles, broke the surface, and rocked back and forth. As it righted itself, water spilled down all sides.

"We thanked them," says Zolezzi. "They turned around and went back to San Diego. Wouldn't tow us. We had to hire a tugboat to take us back."

But why would a Navy destroyer sail 140 miles, during wartime, to salvage a tuna boat? That day, Zolezzi learned that his father was working for government intelligence. He did surveillance along the coast, looking for submarines, planes, minefields, anything suspicious. "He never talked about it, then or after. None of us knew a word. But the Navy sure came quick."

In 1953, when the Lone Wolf sailed by San Martin Island, Zolezzi had no thoughts of the past. He was heading west, toward Guadalupe Island, and thinking of albacore. "It's a really pretty fish," he says, "blue on top, silver on the bottom, long pectoral fins on the sides, almost like wings. And it's beautifully round."

Unlike tuna, which thrive in 80-degree water, albacore prefer 60-67 degrees Fahrenheit. They reach the West Coast between June and October, and some years not at all. "When caught," says Zolezzi, "they don't fight like yellowfin. They kick a little but then give up. Don't know why. And when they hit, you have to be very careful bringing

them in, since they have tender mouths."

Albacore run in schools. If a spotter sees a "jumper" arcing through the air, "who knows how many others could be below?" Miss a jumper, miss a school.

Located 200 miles west

of Baja, remote Guadalupe Island is renowned for elephant seals and great white sharks. Since it's on a direct line with the California current, the south-flowing waters are cooler than near the coast.

As it neared Guadalupe,

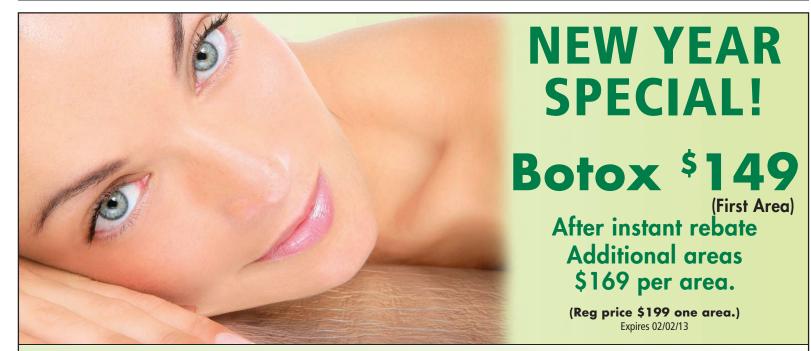
the Lone Wolf trawled jigs — 10–15-fathom lines with red-eyed, fishlike chrome lures — behind the boat. If just one albacore strikes a jig, an entire school might follow.

As sunlight bounced off the rolling swells, an albacore rocketed out of the water, made a majestic, twisting arc, and dove down: a jumper.

Get on it!

Zolezzi was at the helm. The spotter gave him a nod. "The look he sends — you know it's a good one, but might not mean a thing." Unlike the giant purse seines commercial boats use today, which surround and snatch everything within reach, "with pole-fishing, you had to get the fish to bite. You'd see these schools, and you'd chum on them,

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and they wouldn't bite. And there you were..."

Zolezzi guided the boat portside of a promising dark spot and cut the engine. Crewmen pulled in the jigs. As the chummer tossed live bait, the spot grew. From the skipper's chair, Zolezzi gazed down on a fisherman's dream: "10 to 20 fathoms below us, a whole school of albacore, and it's all black: a big black

knew they'd hit the mother lode. They were too busy. Plus, an entire school can spook, break away, and vanish in seconds. The crew kept the down-upback-down motion going, like pistons, one fish at a time. They could sense that the black, cloud-like mass swirling beneath them was expanding. They were elated. In 1953, albacore went for \$700 per ton.

Some fish attacked a

"We were all together. That's the main thing. You can always build a new boat."

On the racks, nine fishermen popped the water with the tips of bamboo poles. The first fish struck with such fury, it could have been as much from anger as hunger.

The strike made a white boil rip across the surface. A twofold message: to the school below, it's feeding time; to the crew, these might be hungry albacore. The poles whacked the water — to create more boils — and "The whole bottom came up! They started hitting from all angles. Everywhere, wide-open mouths. A real frenzy. They went nuts!"

Seen from above, the water looked like an intersection without stoplights. Frantic fish shot top speed in all directions. Tails powered from side to side; fins darted and veered.

The poles rose and fell in an automatic rhythm. Slap, pull up to the right, release the fish mid-air. Back down. Slap again. One albacore after another soared over the rail, glinted briefly in the sun, and tumbled onto the alleyway behind the racks.

"It was raining fish!" says Zolezzi.

As a test to see if he could save bait, the chummer stopped tossing anchovies. No difference. If anything, the commotion intensified.

At this point, no one

hook in the air. "They were biting so well," says Zolezzi, "the alleyway'd fill up, and they'd spill over into the ocean."

When that happened, the crew set their poles aside. At least knee-deep in flapping and twitching albacore, they herded the catch forward to midship with boards, to make room for more. They hosed down the fish and the alleyway, cleansing both of blood and gurry. Then they turned the hose on each other and returned to the racks.

An albacore can weigh up to 20 pounds and be three feet long. Tuna over 50 pounds required two poles. When the fish are biting, a crew doesn't stop for anything, not rest, not food, not even a stretching of tired limbs. An albacore is a one-pole fish. But tugging one 18- to 20-pounder after another out of a roiling ocean on a rocking boat for hours and hours can take its toll, even if dollar signs gleam at the end of every hook.

Suddenly, just blue water. The frenzy stopped. A good thing, in a way, because the crew was exhausted, hands numb, shoulders, knees, and thighs aching. Backs throbbed where they banged repeatedly against the rail.

"Coffee," shouted Zolezzi. As if waking from a coma,

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the crew filed down to the galley where the cook, named Schroeder, brewed an excellent cup of joe. Then Zolezzi noticed something strange. The school had stopped feeding but didn't budge. "Still there," he says. "In fact, there looked like more coming in."

Thirty minutes later, everyone went back to the racks. At the stern, the chummer tossed "a couple baits" to see if anything would bite.

Tiny anchovies disappeared in an explosion of foam and brine. Nine poles hit the water. Nine albacore burst up from the suds. Far from being over, the frenzy had just begun.

For the next four days, says Zolezzi, "we never moved the boat."

The pattern continued: Fish bit in flurries. Stopped cold. Coffee break. Back to work. Chummer tosses a handful of bait. "All hell breaks loose again."

Says Zolezzi: "For four days, the only thing that moved was the boat, drifting with the current. That school under us kept picking up more schools. You probably heard this before, and probably scoffed, but there were so many, you could almost walk on the fish."

Zolezzi's still not sure why the school remained in one place for so long. Many fish gather beneath logs and other floating objects. Also, "Once live bait hits the water they head straight under the boat for safety. They stay real close. But who knows?"

Each day they fished from sunrise to sundown, then worked long into the night. The *Lone Wolf* stored its catch in the hold. Crewmen didn't just avalanche mounds of albacore down to the bins. Each fish had to be preserved intact, on ice, or it was worthless.

After sundown, the crew washed slimy clothes and hung them to drip out the saltwater (just squeezing them didn't do the trick). Then they dressed for win-

ter in woolen long johns, heavy coats or rain gear, and thick rubber boots.

They spread chopped ice across the floor of a bin. The men on deck carefully lowered albacore — largest ones first — down a wooden chute. Men below, working on hands and knees, nestled each into the ice. When a tier was complete, they shoveled a layer of ice over it. Then more fish, one at a time, and more ice.

The crew was careful to alternate between the port

shouted. "Time to head home."

No one said a word. "They just climbed up to the rail and smiled, gave each other a good grin."

But the school beneath the *Lone Wolf* didn't move.

"We called another boat," says Zolezzi. "Said, 'Come here, take it!' And guess what? They filled up, too!"

Back in San Diego, Zolezzi unloaded the catch at the High Seas Cannery at Point Loma. As the crew cleaned the boat, he put in

"For four days, the only thing that moved was the boat, drifting with the current."

and starboard bins. Too much weight on one could tilt the boat at a dangerous angle. The process, layering and icing tons of fish, took hours.

"When fish are running, you get very little sleep," says Zolezzi. "The crew'd be so exhausted they'd hit the bunk with their clothes on and conk out. During the run, they averaged three, at most four, hours' sleep."

At 5:00 a.m., they'd wake up, dip their hands in water to wake *them* up, and be back on the racks.

H.C. Godsil, an expert on the tuna industry, wrote that "Spirits rise in proportion to the catch." But very few runs last more than a day, even fewer up to three. On the fourth day, the crews' spirits were willing, but their bodies felt as if they'd just played three football games in a row, without pads. They dragged themselves to the racks at 5:00 a.m. As if on cue, the silver horde amassed below.

Each man tugged a pole, raised yet another fish, and flung it over his right shoulder, now more on instinct than conscious intent. Within hours, the hold was full: 65 tons of albacore, over 1300 fish.

"That's it," Zolezzi

orders for provisions, ice, and fuel. The *Lone Wolf* cleared Point Loma "asap — fish'll only run for so long."

Looking back 59 years, Zolezzi says, "It was the trip of a lifetime. I'm sure it happened to other guys, but only once to me. Later on, we tried some things that worked that time" — Zolezzi laughs loud and long — "and nothing happened!"

Next time: Beauty Goin' Down.

— Jeff Smith

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Not America's sweethearts

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nominees; they were actual investors, asserts Courtade, admitting that in some cases the Coldicutts made loans so their friends could capitalize the companies.

White Castle, the film company that glorifies Mary Pickford, is "a conduit through which Elizabeth Coldicutt provided money" to the alleged nominees, directors, and shareholders, says the securities agency. Courtade denies that.

Mary Pickford brilliantly projected an air of childlike innocence. The Coldicutts and Weaver, in particular, have difficulty doing the same, as records of the securities agency, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, and National Association of Securities Dealers indicate.

Thomas Coldicutt was a branch manager of a brokerage in the untamed markets in Vancouver. The Vancouver Stock Exchange — known for shams and swindles — suspended Thomas Coldicutt for five years for permitting unregistered brokers to deal with clients. (The exchange has been merged out of existence.)

The Coldicutts went on to Burnett Grey, a firm with a San Diego office and a dubious reputation. On separate occasions, both Thomas and Elizabeth were censured and fined by the National Association of Securities Dealers for violations of broker-dealer rules.

"Through their work at Burnett Grey [and another firm], the Coldicutts became involved in marketing and trading unregistered stock of a sham corporation," says the securities agency. Elizabeth Coldicutt was president of Burnett Grey. In 1992, the U.S. Court for the Southern District of California permanently enjoined the Coldicutts from further market manipulation schemes. In 1998, Elizabeth Coldicutt appealed, saying, among

other things, that the decision had caused her "great personal anxiety and distress." Besides, she told the appellate court, she was no longer in the securities

industry and was now a doc-

umentary filmmaker.

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The appellate court refused her plea. She blames her problem on an attorney whom she successfully sued for malpractice, says Courtade.

Weaver, a Western State University (now Thomas Jefferson School of Law) grad, got to know Thomas Coldicutt in the early 1990s when he did work for Burnett Grey. Weaver's most questionable involvement was with the raucous brokerage house of La Jolla Capital. Weaver was executive vice president, secretary, treasurer, board member, and 30 percent owner of this fast-buck operation. In 1996, the business conduct committee of the National Association of Securities Dealers charged that the firm, including Weaver, had violated penny stock rules.

The association's adjudicatory council nailed three members of the firm but let Weaver off, saying that although he attended management meetings, he had no supervisory responsibility over penny stock sales. Through Courtade, Weaver says he sold his stock, resigned all positions, and completely separated himself from the firm in 1997. Good thing. In 1999, the California Department of Corporations wanted the firm shut down. A courtappointed monitor said the books were cooked. When it was shuttered, investors got 2.5 cents on the dollar. The head of the firm, Harold Bailey (B.J.) Gallison II, went to prison.

The Coldicutt case is being heard in Texas. There will be a status conference in February. Courtade wants the case moved to federal court in Los Angeles. ■

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proximity that had young children," he says, "and all we were saying was someone needs to get permission from this family to say it's okay for their children to be exposed. In other words, your rights don't supersede someone else's rights."

During the 15-minute conversation between Berry and Boyd's family, no one raised their voices. Several times during the discussion, Boyd thought they might reconcile, but again, Berry suggested that her options were to breastfeed in the bathroom, her office, or perhaps her car.

"We have four bathrooms," he says. "If it was really just a matter of feeding your child, there was a bathroom not 20 feet away. So, it wasn't a question of her rights. It was a question of her ability to do what she wanted, how she wanted to do it."

The family decided to leave and they haven't been back since, but a personal boycott of the restaurant isn't enough for Boyd. As an advocate for breastfeeding, she wanted to make an educational point, but nothing so dramatic as a nurse-in.

"I have clients who cry that they can't breastfeed in their home because their mother-in-law is not comfortable with it," she says. "I don't want to embarrass Felix, but I want to remind the public that breast milk is the best food for our children."

Boyd makes it a point to distance herself from the "attached parenting" extremists portrayed on a *Time* magazine cover back in May of 2012, which showed a mother breastfeeding her almost four-year-old son. Though she doesn't consider herself quite that radical, she is concerned about public education around breastfeeding

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benefits and laws.

"It's not that I'm a brazen attached parent, although one could argue that I am," she says. "But the World Health Organization recommends breastfeeding up to two years, and I'm going to make the healthiest choice that I can for my children."

While the family who had complained may or may not have had an issue with breastfeeding in general, Berry claims that this was never his stance.

"I don't take a position. If you take a position, human nature is to defend it," he says. "All I was trying to do was make an atmosphere that was congenial for everyone. It didn't make any sense to me why someone wouldn't use that little bit of discretion to the benefit of the entire restaurant."

He expresses his disappointment at the loss of what he thought was going to be a "wonderful relationship for many years" between himself and the family.

Boyd says she's "totally bummed" that she no longer feels welcome or comfortable at Felix's, but she's also disappointed that the incident happened at all in the state of California.

"You'd think this would've happened to me in Missouri. But I go home to Missouri all the time. and I've never been asked to leave a restaurant for breastfeeding," she says. "In my California bubble, I'd like it to be a California bubble."

Boyd says that, for the most part, her and Taylor's families have been supportive of the couple and "outraged" about the situation at Felix's. But Taylor's octogenarian grandmother sided with Berry. "She said, 'About time!" Boyd says. "I've been having to watch her breastfeed all these years." ■

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Under the radar

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Whole wide world

Bob Filner and San Diego's Democratic city-council majority have a lot of problems to solve - including global warming, in the opinion of one well-connected non-profit. According to a recent lobbyist disclosure filing by the Environmental Health Coalition — the so-called environmental justice group that backed Filner's election with major cash — the chief priority on the city's agenda should be "adoption of a climate action plan." The measure needs to "meet state goals, protect public health, and create green jobs," the filing adds.

The environmental group is also against the so-called Quail Brush power plant, proposed by giant Cogentrix Energy for ten city-owned acres north of State Route 52 off Sycamore Landfill Road. The EHC has a strange bedfellow in its Cogentrix opposition: San Diego lobbying giant Southwest Strategies, LLC, retained by giant developer Pardee Homes — which usually finds itself at the other pole from environmentalists to kill the plant. That's according to an October disclosure filed by Southwest principal Al **Ziegaus**, the former San Diego Tribune reporter turned local political kingpin.

Cogentrix enjoyed the support of Republican ex-mayor Jerry Sanders, whose administration assembled the details of the massive power plant, as well as another generation project in North City, deep within the recesses of the mayor's inner office. The Cogentrix power project, currently said to be on hold but always lurking for possible revival, would presumably face tougher sledding with Democrat Filner, a personal friend of Environmental Health Coalition chief **Diane** Takvorian.

- Matt Potter

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thetic or "designer" drugs took effect on January 1, 2012. Law-enforcement officials spent the following February visiting retailers throughout the county to ensure they were all aware of and prepared to comply with the law, which carries a maximum penalty of a \$1000 fine or six months' imprisonment.

Dave Rice, January 16

Silent, nearly deadly

Carbon-monoxide leak found in home after family complains of flu-like symptoms

Imperial Beach — **An Imperial** Beach family is thankful today to be alive after a carbon-monoxide leak sent them to the hospital.

Monday morning, January 14, in the 900 block of **Cypress Avenue, Clement** family members complained of flu-like symptoms. A crew from Imperial Beach Fire and Rescue responded and soon determined the problem to be carbon-monoxide poisoning.

Captain John French of the IBFD explained to the media, "C.O. is colorless, odorless, and can't be detected unless you have a C.O. detector in your house, and now is the time to make sure it is currently working. Readings were way above what we normally see. We were getting numbers in the four hundreds when usually vou want in the zeros."

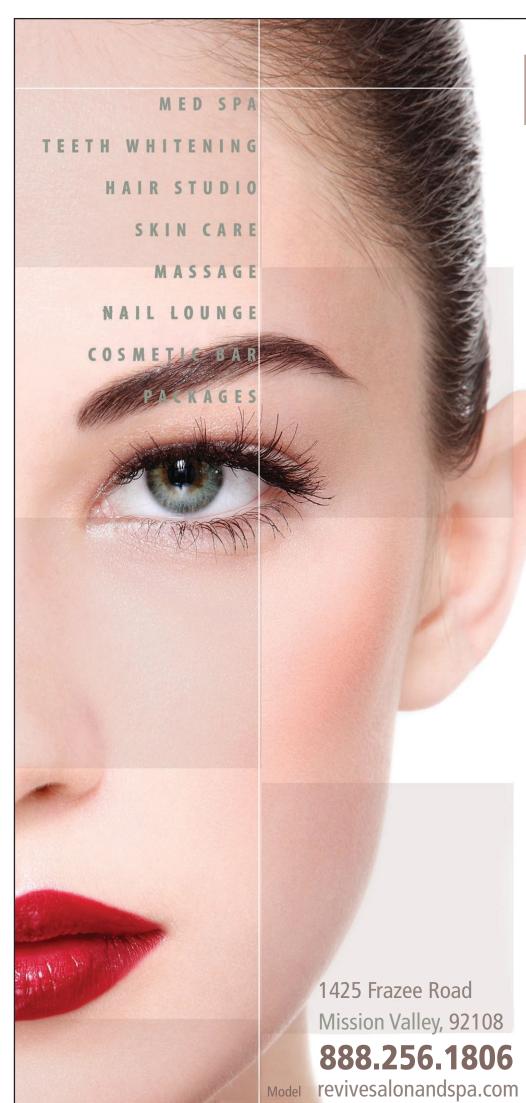
The family members, which include two adult children, woke with headaches and were vomiting, so they called 911.

Peter Salisbury, January 15

The right to bear AKs...

Gun-control measures could warrant Obama impeachment under **Second Amendment, says** San Diego lawyer Beyond SD — Edwin Meese, former close aide to Ronald

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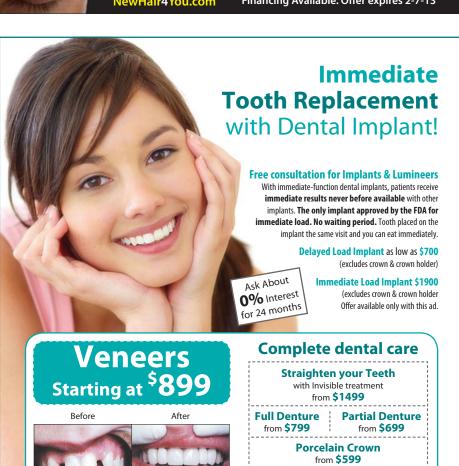
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Reagan both as California governor and president, told Newsmax that President Obama could risk impeachment if he takes executive action on reducing gun violence, according to a Talking Points memo.

Meese practiced law in San Diego and was a lawschool faculty member at the University of San Diego in periods when he was not serving Reagan, who was a close friend. Meese told Newsmax that Congress may have to consider impeachment if Obama were to "try to override the Second Amendment in any way." Meese is one of several conservatives warning of such action if Obama supposedly encroaches on the Second Amendment.

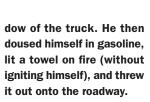
Don Bauder, January 15

An interesting car chase

Burglar/car thief throws flaming towel from car, douses self in gasoline Ramona — San Diego sheriff's deputies responding to a call regarding a suspicious person on the 17000 block of Ridgeview Lane in Ramona yesterday afternoon observed a series of unique behaviors from 32-vear-old Chula Vista resident Oscar Torres, who was eventually taken into custody.

Torres reportedly covered his arms and face in black paint before breaking into several homes in the area, eventually stealing a Ford F-150 pickup from a driveway in front of one of the residences. Arriving too late to apprehend him before he fled, authorities began a search of the area for the truck and soon located it traveling east on Main Street, headed toward Highway 78.

Deputies began to follow the vehicle as helicopter and canine reinforcements were called in. Once Torres began to suspect he was being followed, he began tossing items from the win-



A spike strip was eventually deployed, causing Torres to pull over alongside Highway 78, though he refused to exit the vehicle. Once deputies were able to extract him from the vehicle he was taken to Pomerado Hospital for an evaluation before being booked into San Diego Central Jail on burglary and vehicle-theft charges.

Dave Rice, January 15

Give her back the pot, man Appeals court upholds

ruling that Arizona sheriff must return woman's medical marijuana Beyond SD/Encinitas — The sheriff's department in Yuma. Arizona, must return a stash of marijuana seized from an **Encinitas woman at a Border** Patrol checkpoint two years ago, an Arizona appeals court has ruled.

Valerie Okun was stopped at the checkpoint just northeast of the California and Mexican borders when officers found and confiscated her marijuana and smoking paraphernalia, despite Okun's effort to identify herself as a legal medical marijuana patient in the state of California.

Okun later beat drug charges filed against her by the State of Arizona by proving the legitimacy of her documents, which affords

her protection under the Arizona Medical Marijuana Act as well. But Arizona balked when a county judge ordered Okun's medicine returned, citing the federal Controlled Substance Act and claiming that state law required the forfeiture of any seized

Three appellate judges affirmed the ruling in favor of Okun late last week.

"Because Arizona law allows Okun to possess the marijuana, it is not subject to forfeiture under state law," wrote judge Diane Johnsen on behalf of the panel, adding that the sheriff had immunity from the federal law, as the office "has no 'personal stake' in whether the federal Controlled Substances Act might invalidate Okun's right...to possess an allowable amount of marijuana."

Dave Rice, January 16

Comments

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Isn't that pot pretty stale by now? Does she REALLY still want it back?

County foreclosures drop

New filings down to under 1000 — lowest in recent

San Diego County — As the real estate market continues to climb, San Diego County posted its lowest number of new foreclosure filings and foreclosure sales in at least a vear last month, new data from ForeclosureRadar

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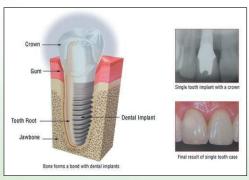
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shows.

Far fewer properties that begin the foreclosure process are ending up back in the banks' hands, as lenders have become more aggressive in issuing loan modifications to keep borrowers in their homes. Banks are then rewarding themselves for this behavior using funds from massive settlements agreed to after improper lending practices in the early 2000s were unearthed.

A total of 379 properties in default went to the auction block last month, down from 504 in November 2011 and only a bit more than half the 693 that were sold a vear ago.

San Diego Reader January 24, 2013

Dave Rice, January 15

Insane enough?

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Accused in mother's death, man due in court was sent to mental hospital in 2010 Valley Center — Margo Jean Lucero, 53, had been locking her bedroom door at night because she was afraid of her 25-year-old son David, according to investigators who found the woman deceased in her bed almost two years ago.

The young man's father reportedly arrived home at about 1 p.m. on March 9, 2010, and found his wife in the master bedroom of their mansion overlooking Valley Center. Investigators later reported finding the door to her room damaged, as if it had been forced open.

The San Diego County **Medical Examiner said** Margo Jean Lucero died of "stab wounds of left shoulder and chest" and declared her death a homicide.

David Lucero Sr. said he had last spoken to his wife at about 10:30 the night before. The husband told deputies they were both concerned that their son was mentally ill and had stopped taking his prescription medications.

It was widely reported that Margo Jean Lucero had called for help the night of March 8, 2010, asking deputies to take her son David to a mental hospital. But the officers who responded to the home on Costalota Road reportedly declined to take the young man away.

The day after the body was discovered, on March 10, the fugitive son was arrested at an Indian reservation near Tucson, Arizona.

David Leroy Lucero Jr. is now in jail, with a court date set for Friday, January 25. He was last in court in 2010, when he was declared mentally incompetent and sent away to a mental hospital; the criminal case was suspended.

Eva Knott, January 14

No one to rob

Would-be bank robber doesn't know where money is kept

Poway — A man failed in his attempt to rob a Poway bank on Friday when he presented his demand note to a loan officer sitting at a desk in the lobby rather than approaching the teller windows.

Shortly after 2:30 Friday afternoon, a man that law enforcement described as an 18- to 25-year-old light-skinned male wearing a black and gray hooded jacket and baseball cap entered the US Bank branch on Scripps Poway Parkway.

He presented a demand note to a bank employee and repeated his request for cash verbally. When the worker explained that no cash was kept at her desk, the suspect looked over at the teller windows and, realizing there were no employees staffing them, took the note back and fled without any money.

Dave Rice, January 14

Utilities: The less you know, the better

Aguirre charges utility ratepayers getting fleeced over San Onofre; CPUC may grant silence San Onofre — San Diego attorney Mike Aguirre today (January 14) filed a motion with the California Public **Utilities Commission (CPUC)**

in an attempt to thwart a bid

for secret hearings on the

San Onofre nuclear facility

mishap where generators

failed and the facility was put

out of service. The facility is jointly owned by Southern California Edison (SCE) and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDGE).

Aguirre says that the secret meetings are against state law; no good cause has been shown for secrecy, and hush-hush meetings would undermine confidence in the regulatory body.

Customers of the two utilities paid \$700 million to replace four faulty generators at San Onofre. The **CPUC** said the generators would last 18 years. "One lasted two years and one lasted one year," says Aguirre. "Did someone say, 'Profit is more important than safety'? The cost of reckless behavior should fall on stockholders, not ratepayers. Edison wants to recover the money in secret. The CPUC is trying to keep [Edison] profitable. SDG&E is doing the same thing as

Don Bauder, January 14



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San Diegans everywhere will be reading about us and learning about who we are and what we stand for really excited me. Alas, it was all in vain, and I had angry tears running down my face at the end of the article. What is weird to some people is normal to us. If I must be the poster girl for this opinionated article, I want something done about this. An apology at the least.

Sabrina Tucker via email

Another Serving of Tuna

Jeff Smith's series describing pole-fishing for tuna out of San Diego has been a good read ("Unforgettable: Long Ago San Diego"). While the description in prose is well done, readers can supplement their understanding by viewing the action on YouTube. To see a vivid tenminute historical video of a San Diego—based tuna boat, readers can go to the oddlynamed "The Ironman of the Tuna Fishing."

Bob Spaulding via email

Why Bother?

On page three of the January 3 Reader, you have a story called "We Don't Bang" by Eva Knott. You have something called "a map of gang turf — Barrio Carlsbad." Why did you even bother? I can't even make this thing out with a strong magnifying glass. The gang territory is darker grey, on a background of lighter grey. You can barely even read some of the street names. Why the devil do you bother printing something like that that's illegible, for Pete's sake? Print it with better definition, a little darker print, or blow it up bigger. The names of the streets are so faint!

And the picture of the guy there, on the right end of the panel with the tattoos on his face — what in the heck is the white patch on the side of that asshole's face? Is the tattoo so obscene that you had to white it out? Is it some silly

white tattoo? Or is it a white Band-Aid or something? I tell you what, I wouldn't want my daughter to have anything to do with any jackasses like that. What kind of idiot would have his face tattooed?

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Lacking Digits

My name is James Neal from the Big Toe Band. I read your "Rinse and Repeat for SDMTV" article (Blurt, January 3), and all about Joseph Stevens. I want to appear on his show, but the article doesn't say anything about how to do that. You may have heard of our band. My partner Mark Goffeney is in it — that's the guy with no arms, the guitar player.

James Neal via voicemail

WTF

On page 66 of the January 3 Reader there was an advertisement for Porter's Pub Sumerian Metal Fest, and the name of one of the bands is S-t-a-rfucker. I was really surprised. I didn't think advertising like that would be allowed. It's vulgar. I'm also going to call the UCSD campus, Porter's Pub. For a public campus, I think that's pretty vulgar. I want to know if you will look at your policy for accepting ads and edit them better.

Name Withheld via voicemail

Attention, Carlos

I laughed while reading Carlos's sad plight ("But he seemed so...single!" December 27 cover story). He seems to hint that since women "have their pick of the litter," we can be superficial and demand to date only funny men who make "\$150,000plus a year." Then he goes on to declare such zingers as "Women age quicker than men. Unfortunately, they don't have the same shelflife." And "I don't want to date someone that looks old."

Carlos, I have some advice for you. When you're accusing someone of something (i.e., being superficial), take a look in the mirror.

> Deanne Schaleger via email

Why Not BC and AD?

I want to comment on Patrick Daugherty's "End Times Edition" column in the December 27 issue (Sporting Box).

As far as I know, you're either a Christian, or the son of Christians, or the grandson of Christians. So, what's all this BCE and CE nonsense in your story, talking about the Olympics and Julius Caesar and so on? You are not Jewish; you are not Mohammed. As far as I know, you have no reason not to say BC and AD. Instead of 776 BCE, why not 776 BC? And instead of 394 CE, it should be 394 AD. You're just annoying when you use these BCE and CE terms, like you don't want to acknowledge that the European and American world is mostly Christian in background. You remind me of some liberal college professor or something. Normal people talk about BC and AD, not BCE and CE. SO, get off your pose, Patrick. Don't be an asshole.

Name Withheld via voicemail

Ban Anonymity

Your policies concerning the voices you print in the letters section are very unprofessional. I don't mind some of the angry or actually loony ideas that people are espousing. It's their right and your right to print them. However, printing long transcriptions of someone's angry voice mail doesn't promote a healthy debate because, being voiced over the telephone, it's often just a self-indulgent rant with no organization or cogent thought.

The worst part of it is that you allow them to be anonymous! That includes e-mail, as well. If someone has something to say, they should put their name to it! You're allowing some real nut-cases to espouse crazy conspiracy theories and others to fling invectives at others without any responsibility at all. At least insist that everyone include their real name and verify it! That is responsible journalism.

Richard V. Lawhead



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It was my little secret. I used food for dealing with every situation of my life. As an adult, most people



saw me as a very successful and happy woman. Behind closed doors, I was an entirely different person. You name it and I did it with food. My weight determined how I felt about myself instead of who I was as a person. Food consumed my life. I didn't understand why I couldn't stop the addictive cycle I had going on with the binging, purging, exercising, constant diets, and starving myself. I hated myself more and more each day, felt like the biggest failure in the world and felt very much alone.

I finally learned that I did not have a problem with food. I had other issues in my life and food was the only way I knew to block out my discomfort or to avoid my feelings inside.

I can now say that for over seven years, I have been healthy and strong and no longer need food to deal with my life and emotions.

Food is no longer a struggle for me. It is an incredible feeling after all those years of hurting and disliking myself. I can honestly say that this has been the most rewarding thing I have accomplished in my life and am thrilled to be able to take care of myself-mind, body, and spirit.



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Homeless Myths

The article about sign-beggars ("Will Work for Food," October 25) was like every other article about homeless people I've ever read — long on impressions and speculations, but short on facts. The author got his information from the sign holders themselves, either directly or secondhand through police officers and social workers, and others who got their information, likewise, from the sign holders themselves. Problem: No one but the sign holders know what the true facts are about themselves and they are not well known being eager to share these facts with others. They might be homeless, and they might not be. You never know.

It seems to me that about 90% of what is believed about the "homeless" in general, including the sign-beggars, is wrong. I've been homeless or close to it for several periods of time, so have some standing to sound off on about the matter, and, furthermore, I don't intend to have my name printed below this letter and, therefore, have no reason to lie. Here below are what I consider to be ten misconceptions about street people.

One: The homeless are "homeless." Wrong. If home is where the heart is, then a person living in a mansion can be homeless, and a person camping in his or her car or under a bush can be at home. Four or more walls do not a home make. (Were the Sioux Indians who were thriving out there on the Great Plains homeless? Are nomads? Eskimos?)

Two: The homeless have no guaranteed income. Wrong. Some, especially veterans, are on disability, which is \$1500 and up per month. Some receive over \$900 per month in combined SSI and SSA payments. (Note that this amount is insufficient to pay a San Diego rent.) Many receive something over \$250 per month for general relief.

Three: The homeless don't do any work. Wrong. Many of those without cars walk as far as a mailman does every day, and are "paid" two or three meals for it. Standing by the freeway for hours holding up a sign is more work than most job-holders put in per day. Collecting cans is hard work, demanding and promoting physical fitness, benefiting the environment, and making for more camaraderie and pride than is found in most work places.

Four: Homeless people don't have any friends. Wrong. Street people or urban survivalists are above average in conviviality and gregariousness and in number of friends. The chatter at a free meal tends to be louder than the chatter at a faculty gathering, for instance. There are some loners living on the street, of course, but many of them, even, become more social after being on the street awhile.

Five: Homeless people feel worthless. Wrong. Most of them have had conventional jobs and homes in the past and know that, back then, they didn't perform a service on the job other than doing whatever they were told to do — nothing to feel proud about. They didn't love their neighbor back then as much as they do now. They're just as smart now as they ever were. Their lack of possessions frees them from the necessity to haul around a bunch of nonessentials, and also guarantees that if anyone wants to be their friend it's because of who they are, not what they own.

Six: Homeless people

are all criminals or crazy or retarded or addicted to drugs or alcohol. Mostly wrong. The high visibility down-and-outers you can see sprawled out on downtown sidewalks in the daytime almost certainly include higher-than-average numbers of psychotic and low IQ persons; but when it comes to addiction, I'm sure the housed/employed are as well or better represented than street people. And street people, I think, are not apt to be serious criminals. If they were criminals they would probably have a lot more money or else be in jail. Except for the downtown derelicts and the occasional dirt-covered psycho looking for dregs of food or drink in

trash cans in all neighborhoods, I have found street people to be within the normal curve in intelligence, sanity, and addiction, and less criminally inclined than most people. The majority of them might be short on formal education, but they solve most problems as well or better than most.

Seven: Homeless people take, take, take, and give nothing back. Wrong. There are whole, huge networks of medical and psychiatric and social service bureaucracies whose workers depend on the homeless for their jobs and incomes. Street people, you might say, make a career out of making providers feel good about themselves. They make social workers feel helpful, church members feel moral, psychiatrists feel powerful, and nearly anyone feel superior. They do this willingly and in their own best interests. They know they are looked down on, but they also know that the public's assessment of them is wrong. They smile inwardly and they think, "I have seen the 'superiors, and they are us."

Eight: Homeless people refuse to be helped. Wrong. Some of them refuse to be turned into drug addicts or casualties by the mental health system. They don't refuse affordable housing; they just have to wait five or ten years to get it. They don't refuse permanent free housing because there is no such thing in San Diego.

Nine: Homeless people choose their lifestyle. Often true. They choose it over crime, mooching off of relatives, or suicide. Sometimes, once they get used to it, they prefer it to the rat race and to the costs (financial, psychological, physical) of getting and staying off the street.

Ten: Homeless people are the least fit to survive. Wrong. Whether or not a person is fit to survive depends completely on what environment he or she is in. Wait until the big tsunami or the big earthquake hits San Diego and then see who the most skilled urban survivalists are.

Name Withheld Pacific Beach

YOUR VELCOME TO IT CEK

Thursday | 24

TAP THIS: THE ART OF THE BREW

Discover the physics of beer pong; compete in the beer-goggle challenge; make carb garb by designing your own twisted pretzel

necklace. Fleet facilitators and scientific experts will assist attendees in various alchemical activities. Sweet and savory samples from local restaurants, suds from a bevy of local breweries, and beer-centric science challenges. Ages 25+. \$15–\$20.

WHEN: 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-238-1233; *rhfleet.org*

Friday | 25

RICARDO BRECEDA — ACCIDENTAL ARTIST

Local author and publisher Diana
Lindsay will present her book and
program. Slide-show presentation
includes the story of how Breceda
came to be known as "The Accidental
Artist" and how Anza-Borrego became
host to some of the world's best metal
sculptures and replicas of prehistoric
mammals known to have inhabited
the local deserts.

WHEN: 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Pioneers Museum, 373 East Aten Road, Imperial. 760-352-5411; pioneersmuseum.org

Saturday | 26

FILM MOVEMENT: HOSPITALITÉ

Mikio Kobayashi lives quietly with his wife, daughter, and divorced sister in downtown Tokyo.

> One day Kagawa appears, claiming to be the son of a financier who once helped Kobayashi's company. In return for his family's past help, Kagawa

requests to move in, and Kobayashi's quiet lifestyle is quickly forgotten when Kagawa invites his wife and a myriad of eclectic and foreign visitors to join him in the cramped apartment.

WHEN: 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street, East Village. 619-236-5800; sandiego.gov/public-library

Sunday | 27

A TU B'SHEVAT CELEBRATION

Tu B'Shevat marks the New Year of the Trees in which the earliest-blooming trees emerge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle. Enjoy learning about Tu B'Shevat while exploring the gardens with your family. Activities include nature hunt, story time, arts and crafts, docent-led tours, potting plants, and Tu B'Shevat trail mix. San Diego Botanic Garden features over 37 acres of exhibits, including the kid-favored

Hamilton
Children's
Garden,
where



children can climb Toni's Tree House in a jungle canopy, hop through an elephant-foot tree forest, play in a mountain stream, and make music. Registration required.

WHEN: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardents Drive, Encinitas. 760-436-3036. *Sdbgarden.org*

Monday | 28

THE LAST CELEBRITY

Reg E. Gaines will present a stage-reading workshop of his new solo performance piece, *The Last Celebrity*. This stage-reading will consist of excerpts from the piece and a workshop on how to take a single poem and use it to construct a solo theater piece. Audience members are encouraged to bring their own material for workshop purposes.

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

WHERE: San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street, East Village. 619-236-5800; *sandiego.gov/public-library*

Tuesday | 29

JOFFREY BALLET

La Jolla Music Society opens this season's dance series with the Chicago-based company known for their "world-class talent and incomparable versatility" (*Chicago Stage Review*). Program

will include the works *In* the Middle — Somewhat Elevated, After the Rain, and the world-premiere tour of John Adams's new work, Son of Chamber Symphony. Prior to the show, Marcus Overton will lecture. \$22–\$77.

WHEN: 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street, downtown. 858-459-3724; *ljms.org*

Wednesday | 30

ART IN OUR OWN BACKYARD

Visit Tomaytoland, home to Robin Lipman's eclectic, unique, and sometimes funky collection of art, and take a sneak peek of a pop-up show from artist Vicki Walsh. Then visit the studio of Cheryl Tall and see where she creates her large-scale sculpture and paintings and teaches art classes. Lunch at 3rd Corner Wine Shop and Bistro, and spend the rest of the afternoon on a docent tour of the sculptures in the San Diego Botanic Garden. Transportation, admission fees, and lunch included. Ages 21+. \$60-\$75.

WHEN: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Gotthelf Art Gallery at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla. 858-362-1154; *lfjcc.org*



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TRAVEL STORIES AND TIPS FROM OUR READERS



The Duomo rises above Florence, Italy. The inside doesn't do the outside justice.

Florence, Italy By Natalie Thomas

An easy 1.5-hour train ride from Rome got us into Florence midday. After gathering our bearings (and a map), we set off to drop off our bags at our flat before exploring the city.

We again stayed at an Airbnb place, this time in a villa with several of the rooms rented out by other travelers. The villa featured a lovely courtyard, kitchen, and free use of bikes. The only downside was that since we weren't staying directly in the city center, we had to take the bus into the city. But, we found Florence's bus system easy to navigate.

Florence is quite approachable on foot, and other than taking the bus into the city in the morning and out at night, we walked everywhere else. The city is divided by the River Arno, which is a demarcation between the tourist district north of the river and some of the more hip local districts south. (This also means that we found food and shopping to be much more affordable and enjoyable south of the Arno.)

The top two sites to see in Florence are the Accademia, featuring Michelangelo's David statue, and the Uffizi Gallery, which features hundreds of works from several renowned artists. Steep entry fees, but we really wanted to see them both. It's recommended you arrive at least 30 minutes before the opening of either museum; the lines can be long. If you're willing to fork over an extra four euros each, you can cut the lines and make a reservation for a specific time and day. In our case, we were already feeling the dent in our wallets, so we made it a point to wake up early and get in line before the crowds showed up.

Seeing the *David* was priceless and worth the wait. Once you're up close to the massive statue, you begin to realize

how much work it took to create this marble masterpiece, from his massive toes to his chiseled abs.

After spending an educational morning at the Accademia, we walked over to the Duomo, Florence's expansive cathedral. The exterior of the cathedral is covered in pieces of peach-colored marble and other various colors. Not to be a cathedral snob, but the inside doesn't do the outside justice; it was a simple, relatively unadorned wide-open space.

Feeling a rumbling in our tummies, we picked up some deliciously cheap panini at I Fratellini. It's tucked on a quiet, cool side street off the main tourist area and is a great place to rest.

We spent the remainder of the afternoon eating gelato and wandering the rest of the city. Our friend taught us that the trick to finding the best gelato is to check the color of the banana flavor;



North of the River Arno lies Florence's tourist district; south of it, the shopping and eating are cheaper and more fun.

it should be more of a gray color than a bright yellow. Also, if the gelato is in a stainless steel tub with a lid instead of in the oblong-shaped blocks, you know it's freshly made. A true winner in our gelato books was La Carraia, just on the corner if you cross the Arno on Ponte Carraia.

Another popular trend in Italy is *aperitivos* — or, as we know it, happy hour. In short, you pay for a cocktail,

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Other Adventures



Faithe: PAG in Dalmatian Coast, Croatia



Karin: African light



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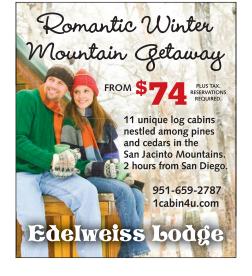
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Hiking length: 1.4 miles out and back for the Visitor Center campground trail; 0.25-mile loop for the Visitor Center trail; 1.65 miles for both. **Difficulty:** The concrete-paved campground trail has an elevation gain/loss of 250 feet; the dirt Visitor Center loop trail has no change in elevation.



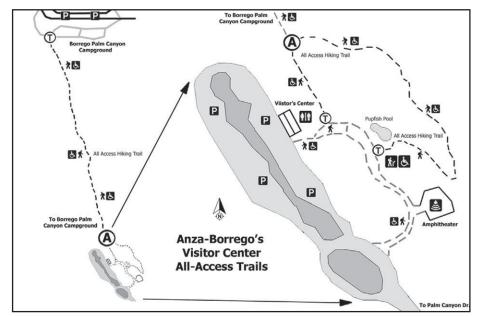
The concrete-paved Visitor Center Trail allows wheelchair-bound visitors to roll three quarters of a mile into the desert habitat.

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park offers something for everyone at the park's Visitor Center, including two trails that are ADA-approved. Both trails start at the center and are clearly marked.

The longer 0.7-mile trail leads north from the center to the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park campground area, ending just west of campsite No. 71, where a drinking fountain is found. The trail is completely paved and offers ten interpretive signs with illustrations that have been set at an angle to make it convenient for people at different heights to read the information. Beneath the interpretive illustrations and descriptions on the panel are similar descriptions written in braille. Visitors are encour-

aged to use all their other senses to experience the desert surroundings, though care should be taken not to touch the cactus!

The campground trail also offers sitting areas near the interpretive signs where one can sit and contemplate the desert scenery. This all-accessible trail makes a good introductory trail for first-time visitors. There is a cautionary sign advising visitors to carry water, wear light clothing, a hat, and sunglasses, use sunscreen and chapstick, carry a map, and let someone know what trails you will be on, and when you intend to return or will be able to contact them. Call your contact upon your return to let them know that you have safely returned to avoid unnecessarily starting a search. Another recommendation is to carry a comb and tweezers to remove any spines that might attach to your clothing or skin if you brush against a cactus.



The interpretive signs describe common desert shrubs, reptiles, insects, and spiders, and large and small birds and mammals. One sign describes the many common cacti found in this region. Shrubs that surround the trail are typical of desert scrub and include creosote, burro bush, ocotillo, staghorn cholla, brittlebush, and indigo bush.

The shorter 0.25-mile trail begins in front of the Visitor Center entrance. This loop trail is on compact dirt and is wheelchair accessible. The trail offers a greater variety of desert plants, many of which were planted for the enjoyment and educa-

tion of visitors. Many of the plants have signs indicating what they are called. One of the interpretive signs along this trail describes the life of the desert pupfish, which is able to withstand extreme temperatures. The pupfish pond is next to the tall native California fan palms. Another sign mentions common desert wild-flowers while several signs describe how plants and animals adapt to desert conditions. Finally, there is a sign that explains the role of water, wind, and earthquakes in this desert. The loop joins a portion of the longer

trail before it returns to the main path that leads to the entrance of the Visitor Center.

End the hike with a visit to the interior of the center, where there are more interpretive signs, films, and staff to answer questions.

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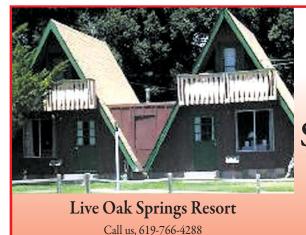
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ART

ArtStop: Raúl Guerrero Daniela Kelly discusses Raúl Guerrero. Art-Stops are 15-minute, staff-led tours of one to three works on view. Free after museum admission. Thursday, January 24, 12pm; free-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Kazoo: More than Just an Annoying Party Favor" Exhibit showcases the kazoo's African and African-American roots, plots its place in Americana, reveals its role in the early jazz age, catalogs its classical repertoire, and peeks at its popular music successes. 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. Thursdays, 7:30am; Fridays, 7:30am; Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; through Wednesday, January 30, free. UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Dr. (LA JOLLA)

Cruising the Art Scene Join the Carlsbad-Oceanside Art League Gallery, Oceanside Art Gallery,

Phantom Gallery, Lynn Forbes Sculpture Gallery, and other Carlsbad Village shops and restaurants for an evening of art, live music, and refreshments. 760-434-8497. Thursday, January 24, 5:30pm; free. Carlsbad Oceanside Art League's COAL Gallery, 300 Carlsbad Village Dr #101. (CARLSBAD)

Deeply Rooted DJ Tone Capone (aka Anthony Orlando) and DJ Henry Diaz, Jackie G on L.E.D. and fire rings, percussionists Richie B and Senor ClAve Featuring artists David Gane Feucht, Davis Reyes, Abbazzabaa Coltrane, Adam Kyron Murillo, more. Saturday, January 26, 9pm; \$5. 21 and up. Flame, 3780 Park Bl. (HILLCREST)

In The Mind Land Opening reception for Fredrickson-Chobolitts art show, a two person offerring of landcsapes with interesting story lines. *Rae.fred@gmail.com* or *ychobo@yahoo.com*. Friday, January 25, 7pm; free. Brokers Building Gallery, 402 Market Street. (DOWN-TOWN SAN DIEGO)

Cartooning Demo Class Preview new comic book creation classes and get a sneak peek at the cartooning studio. RSVP: littlefish-comicbooks@gmail.com. Saturday, January 26, 10am; free. Little Fish Comic Book Studio, 4831 Voltaire Street (OCFAN BEACH)

Black Market III Back from a 20-city European tour and dates in Northern California and Reno, Black Market III will perform in the Back Room, which will also feature an art showing of Ruiz Clayton's

work. Saturday, January 26, 8pm; \$8-\$10. 21 and up. 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Bl. (LITTLE ITALY)

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 26, 9am; free. Carlsbad Inn Beach Resort, 3075 Carlsbad Bl. (CARLSBAD)

'The California Impressionist Style' Jean Stern, the executive director of The Irvine Museum, presents an art talk. His illustrated lecture will examine the principal painters of art in California between 1890 and 1925, the period when California Plein Air painting was at its zenith. The admission fee is a donation to ArtsBusXpress, a local nonprofit that underwrites bus transportation to art and science field trips for local students. Reservations required. 858-270-7577. Sunday, January 27, 2pm; \$20. 18 and up. Art Expressions Gallery, 2645 Financial Court suite C. (BAY PARK)

Till Death — Valentine Group Art Show. You are invited to a night of love, romance, & heartbreak, showcasing a collection of works from over 40 top artists. Refreshments provided. Saturday, February 9, 6pm to 10pm. Left Hand Black, 1947 Fern Street #5 (SOUTH PARK)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Ricardo Breceda — Accidental Artist Local author and publisher, Diana Lindsay, will present her book and program. Slide show presentation includes the story of how Breceda came to be known as "The Accidental Artist" and how Anza-Borrego became host to some of the world's best metal sculptures and replicas of prehistoric mammals known to have inhabited the local deserts. Friday, January 25, 6pm; free. Pioneers Museum 373 East Aten Rd., Imperial CA 92251

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

New Year, New Job Get help making a winning resume to land that perfect job. Free event at the Paradise Hills library on Reo and Rancho Hills Dr., just north of the 54 freeway a couple of miles from the Plaza Bonita Mall. Thursday, January 24, 2:30pm; free. Paradise Hills Public Library, 5922 Rancho Hills Dr. (PARADISE HILLS)

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

A Workshop for Success Get support for focusing on your best

intentions. Make your New Year resolutions into realities. The focus will be on goal-setting and enhancing effectiveness. Friday, January 25, 7pm; free. 21 and up. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

One, Two, Tie My Shoe Threepart workshop series provides expecting parents and parents of children ages 0-5 with the tools to understand and encourage their children's development. Behavioral specialist Christina Tostado will discuss communication, problem solving skills, gross and fine motor skills, and resources for monitoring development. Infant (0 - 12 months) - January 18: Toddler (1 - 3 years) - January 25; Preschooler (3 - 5 years) - February 1. Childcare provided. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Friday, January 25, 10am; Temple Solel, 3575 Manchester Ave. (CARDIFF)

Paella Explore the nuances of mixed paella (chicken, chorizo, clams, mussels, calamari, shrimp and langostinos), one of the most mouthwatering delights of the Spanish kitchen. Bring an apron, chef knife, and containers to transport your creations home. 760-233-2433. Friday, January 25, 6pm; \$65. 18 and up. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Dr., Suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

The Savvy Caregiver This workshop is designed to help those assisting a family member or friend with daily activities or simply helping occasionally. Recognize, understand, respond to emotional challenges. Explore stress management techniques. Learn recourses and resources available. With Alejandra Ceja-Aguilar, Southern Caregivers Resource Network. Friday, January 25, 1pm; free. 18 and up. First Uni-

tarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

Writing About Trauma Robin Tung facilitates a workshop on writing as part of the coping process and discussion of the benefits of writing about or around past trauma. Some time will be devoted to studying writers who have written about personal trauma in nonfiction, fiction, and poetry. Also includes writing practice and sharing opportunities. Writers of all levels welcome. Saturday, January 26, 1pm; \$45-\$54. 18 and up. Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIFGO)

Computer Class Join Jerry Goldstein to learn Internet basics such as how to use a mouse, how to search the Internet, preview and print web pages, and how to get and use e-mail. 858-538-8163. Saturday, January 26, 10am; free. 18 and up. Rancho Bernardo Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Dr. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Electric or Traditional Piano? Learn the difference between digital and acoustic, which pianos are best for getting started, which has better sound quality. Reservations: 858-586-7000. Saturday, January 26, 11am; free. Greene Music Recital Hall, 7480 Miramar Rd., Suite 101.

How to Substitute Teach Introductory class discussing pros and cons, the typical day, classroom management strategies, and employment opportunities. Lots of handouts: filler activities, resources, toolbox creation, etc. Register: *substituteinfo@gmail.com*. Saturday, January 26, 2pm; \$15. Encinitas Community and Senior Center, 1140 Oak Crest Park Dr. (ENCINITAS)

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then you can help yourself to the delicious Italian buffet. Depending on the restaurant, the spread can vary, so just peek in to see if the choices look good before you commit to having a drink.

The following day we went to the Uffizi Gallery bright and early to avoid the long lines. Despite the fact that we had to stand in line for an hour, it was better doing it in the morning shade than under the afternoon sun. Once inside, we were fooled by how large the museum was. If you don't read or look at anything, it will take you at least 45 minutes to just walk through the maze of exhibits!

To save money, we skipped the audio tour, loaded up our free Rick Steve's audio guide for the Uffizi Gallery on our iPod, and listened as he described each room. Among the famous pieces you can find in the gallery are Leonardo

da Vinci's *Annunciation* and Botticelli's famous *Birth of Venus*. The museum even offers a tour for blind museumgoers who want to experience the art by touch. They've created a small bas-relief of the *Birth of Venus* so that blind or visually impaired people can touch and feel what the painting looks like.

We spent the rest of the day peeking into old churches, consuming more gelato, and searching out artsy shops. We found a shop tucked into a small alleyway that specialized in re-creating and restoring broken art pieces such as sculptures and antique clocks. Peering into the windows after they had already closed, we noticed a few miniature clay busts that caught our eye. The next day, we made a trip back to see the delicate busts and purchase a few as souvenirs. If you have to ring a shop's doorbell, pay in cash, and find out it really isn't a shop but someone's workshop, you know you've found yourself a deal!

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find the path toward your own unique "voice." Focus on the story arc as well as techniques that will help with crafting chapters. Sunday, January 27, 5:30pm; \$120-\$144, 18 and up. Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Painting Party Instructor Nancy Isbell guides participants step-bystep through painting Monet's Water Lilies. Come early to get a choice seat and to mix and mingle. Feel free to bring your favorite bottle of wine. Cups and corkscrew available. Snacks and sodas available for purchase. Free parking. Fee includes paint, canvas, use of brushes, easels, and apron. 619-223-0058. Saturday, January 26, 6pm; \$45. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

The Art of Forgiveness In this half-day workshop, Kelsang Chokyi will explore methods from Buddha's teachings to understand how to let go of our pain and move on. Includes guided meditations, teachings, and discussion. 619.940.5301. Saturday, January 26, 9am; \$45. Vajrarupini Buddhist Center, 3344 Fourth Ave. (BANKERS HILL)

Paper Mache Bowl Spend two days in goo. Learn how to make a decorative bowl using paper maché and your imagination. Choose from many molds or bring your own (most any bowl will work). Decorative papers and old magazines and books will be available. The second workshop is about finishing and decorating with fancy papers and imagery from books and magazines. Goo (flour paste) provided. Instructor Wayne Wilcoxen. 619-223-0058. Sunday, January 27, 2pm; \$91-\$103.9 and up. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Re-Write with Marni Freedman Learn how to assess basic rewriting issues, identify struc-

tural and sentence errors, edit, and sharpen characters in your novel. script, non-fiction book, memoir or play. Sunday, January 27, 10am; \$60-\$72. 18 and up. Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Soda Pop Can Art Earrings Instructor Wavne Wilcoxen teaches participants how to use cans as the main ingredient for making earrings. Tools and some beads are supplied along with many cans from which to choose. Cookie tins or other tin cans and containers are also good to use. If you have cans and beads that you really like, bring them. Hypo-allergenic earring hooks are available for purchase. 619-223-0058. Sunday, January 27, 10am; \$52-\$58. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206, (POINT LOMA)

COMEDY

Jim Norton from Comedy Central, The Tonight Show, and Late Show with David Letterman. Thursday, January 24, 8pm; Friday, January 25, 7:30pm; Saturday, January 26, 9:30pm; \$24. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Ave. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)





Rhyme & Verse

Missing You A poem by Renée Ashley

The nights are long, the days long between the nights — no time

for sleep; the sheets are ochre with damp, with the one body restless

in the folds, the eyelids wide in premonition: another

endless hour. The glorious fruit in its wicker bowl's gone

dark and soft. Not even the old dog lifts his head at the straw sound

of young skunks close and hungry in the rhododendron. We

hear the tree-croakers peep their tin whistles, the night-crickets whirr

in the thick dark — all this, the torn eye of the moon, and missing you.



Renée Ashley teaches in the MFA in creative writing program at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Her most recent poetry collection, Basic Heart, won the X.J. Kennedy Poetry Prize from Texas Review Press. Her fifth full-length collection, Because I Am the Shore I Want to Be the Sea, will be published by Subito Press in November 2013. "Missing You" is from The

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DANCE

Intro/Beginner Modern I

Instructor Stephanie Harvey introduces students to the fundamentals of dance in order to provide an outlet for creative expression. The class is designed to increase strength, flexibility, coordination, and body awareness. No experience necessary. Thursdays, 7pm: through March 28, \$9-\$15, 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.

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(ENCINITAS)

Once Again Visionary Dance Theatre presents "Once Again", an in-studio dance concert presentation of past visionary and works from choreographers Spencer John Powell (artistic director), Zaquia Salinas (assistant artistic director), Stephanie Smith (company dancer and featured choreographer in August 2012's Choreographers Showcase), Khamla Somphanh (in-residence choreographer), and Jean Travers (international choreographer). Lavina Rich (also a featured choreographer in August





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2012's Choreographers Showcase) sets a new piece. Info@Visionary-DanceTheatre.org or 619-758-8112. Friday, January 25, 7pm; \$13-\$17. Visionary Studio 8803 1/2 La Mesa Bl. (LA MESA)

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

Ballroom Dance Party International ballroom and Latin dance music to keep you waltzing and fox trotting. Light refreshments and free parking. Saturday, January 26, 7:30pm; \$8. Infinity Dance Sport Center, 4428 Convoy Street #288. (KEARNY MESA)

Contra Dance Calling by Martha Wild, music by Tectonic Shaketown, hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop 7:30pm; dances taught and called to live music 8-11pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. No partners or experience needed. 619-283-8550. Pay at the door. Saturday, January 26, 7:30pm; \$8. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street, (NORTH PARK)

Argentine Tango With Colette.

Learn tango now. Take a first Free class this Monday, January 28, at 7pm, or Wednesday, January 30, at 7pm (or any Monday or Wednesday at 7pm thereafter!) at Dance Place San Diego. No need for a partner. We will introduce you the passion and magic of Tango. Visit www.tangowithcolette.com and call today: 514-726-5567. Monday, January 28, 7pm. Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 7 pm. Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Rd, Studio# 106 (POINT LOMA)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Bilingual Book Discussion Group Rincon Literario meets to discuss Deshonrada / In the Name of Honor by Mukhtar Mai. Discussion led by literary guide, Miriam Ruvinskis. Event held in

the library's board room, 760-830-4601. Saturday, January 26, 3:30pm; free. Escondido Library, 239 South Kalmia Street. (ESCONDIDO)

FOOD & DRINK

Tap This: The Art of the Brew

Discover the physics of Beer Pong; compete in the Beer Goggle challenge; or make carb garb by designing your own twisted Pretzel Necklace. Fleet facilitators and scientific experts will assist attendees in alchemical activities. Sweet and savory samples from local restaurants, suds from a bevy of local breweries, and beer-centric science challenges. Thursday, January 24, 6:30pm; \$15-\$20. 25 and up. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Coronado Vanilla Blue Bridge Stout Cask. Coronado Brewing Company's delicious Blue Bridge Coffee Stout conditioned with vanilla beans, served from the beer engine. Thursday, January 24, 5pm. Small Bar, 4628 Park Bl (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Errazuriz Tasting — Chile's Best Join Nicolas Lopez, North America Manager of Errazuriz Winery for a line up of Chile's best wines. In the last few years, Errazuriz has been recognized as perhaps the single top quality producer of Chilean wines. Its wines were either the top-rated or shared the top rating in the last major Chilean reviews from Wine Spectator, Wine Advocate, and Tanzer. 619-546-8466. \$15; fee waived with purchase. Friday, January 25, 3pm; \$15. 21 and up. Village Vino, 4095 Adams Ave. (KENSINGTON)

Suzie's Farm, Farm to Table

This instructional hands-on class will feature a box of local, seasonal produce from Suzie's Farm, which will be used to make several tasty dishes. Recipes will be provided to all participants. Saturday, January 26, 11am; \$75. Cups Lounge and Culinary, 7857 Girard Ave. (LA JOLLA)

Bread Essentials A primer on the essentials of bread making with Chef Joy. No prior experience in bread baking necessary. 760-233-2433. Saturdays, 9am; through Saturday, February 9, \$375. 18 and up. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Dr., Suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

Whisknladle's Winter Clambake Pairing seafood and brews. The menu includes clams, local lobster, Dungeness crab and mussels, as well as chicken, linguica sausage, potatoes, cole slaw, and cornbread. And cold beer pairings to wash it all down. Bibs will be provided. Saturday, January 26, 7pm; Sunday, January 27, 7pm; \$85. 21 and up. Whisknladle, 1044 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

FOR KIDS

"Paws to Read" Children may practice reading with loving dogs from Love on a Leash program. 858-552-1655. Thursday, January 24, 4pm; **free**. University Community Library, 4155 Governor Dr.

Young Scientists: Recycling Fun Topics will include using recycled materials: "Build Moving Parts," Care for the Planet," "Make Toys," and "Inventions." Preschoolers age 3-5 (and a parent) explore the scientific wonders of the world through experimentation, investigation, and scientific questioning. Four 4-week sessions run monthly. Limited to 8 students per class. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday morning. \$75 per session for members, \$85 per session for nonmembers, 619-238-1233. Thursdays, 9am; Fridays, 9am; Saturdays, 9am; Sundays, 9am; through Sunday, February 3, \$75-\$85. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BAL-

Disney on Ice — Dare to Dream Rapunzel, Tiana, and Cinderella star in this ice skating production. "The cast of world-class skaters brings the romance, humor, and aDrenture of the films to life." 800-745-3000. Thursday, January 24, 7pm; Friday, January 25, 7pm; Saturday, January 26, 11am, 3pm and 7pm; Sunday, January 27, 11am, 3pm and 7pm; \$10-\$60. Valley View Casino Center, 3500 Sports Arena Bl. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Finger Painting Friday: Touch the Clouds Participants make a happy cloud painting with tools that are soft and smooth like the clouds in the sky. Friday, January 25, 10am; New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Ave. (EAST VILLAGE)

Big Bay Whale Festival Fifth annual festival is a family community event offering interactive and hands-on displays to spark the interest and imagination of children, including a walk-through gray whale, live sea creatures, free face painting, an art mural coloring project, a giant inflated obstacle course, a trackless train, and a bounce house. Enjoy live

music on the "whale of a stage" featuring James Gibson Band, Moon Dog, and Velvet Cafe. Meet Captain Sam Diego and enjoy a performance by Flamenco with Roots — a youth dance group. Saturday, January 26, 11am; free. Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier, 1000 North Harbor Dr. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Family Concert — Tim Foley Singer/musician Tim Foley directs a program of Irish music featuring guitar, mandolin, violin, and uilleann pipes designed to appeal to family members of all ages. Childcare provided. Sunday, January 27, 4pm; free. La Jolla United Methodist Church, 6063 La Jolla Bl. (LA JOLLA)

Family Drop-In Day Explore the art element of texture while creating low relief sculptures inspired by the art of Jasper Johns under the guidance of our museum educators. Play with games, earn prizes from the Search and Find, and engage in family-friendly, docent-led tours. Free after museum admission. Sunday, January 27, 1pm; free-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Science Saturdays: Circuits & Electricity Flip a switch or push a button and things turn

on. But how does it work inside? Shed some light on the subject by exploring the fundamentals of making electric circuits. Play with lights, batteries, buzzers, and discover ways to make them all work together. Activities included with admission. 619-238-1233. Saturdays, 1pm; through Saturday, January 26, free. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Kids Marathon Mile The onemile, age-staged races will start at 8am and loop through the family theme park. Although Legoland is geared for children ages 12 and younger, the non- competitive event is open to people of all ages. Every registered child ages 3 to 12 will receive a shiny finisher's medal, colorful T-shirt, and a free one-day Sea Life Hopper ticket which includes admission to Legoland, California and Sea Life Aquarium and other goodies. Event-day registration starts at 7am 760-692-2900. Saturday, January 26, 8am; \$20-\$25. Legoland and Sea Life Aquarium, One Legoland Dr. (CARLSBAD)

Make Your Own Toy Train Before the train came to Encinitas in the 1880s, getting here was expensive and took a long time. With the completion of the coast line from San Diego, new settlers could take a chance on moving to the area. Find out more about the trains that changed everything, then build your own toy train. Saturdays, 12pm; Sundays, 12pm; through Sunday, January 27, free. San Dieguito Heritage Museum, 450 Quail Gardens Dr. (ENCINITAS)

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

Pug and Doug Drawing Adventure Meet children's author, illustrator, and Pulitzer Prize—winning editorial cartoonist Steve Breen. Event cost includes multiple drawing demonstrations and reading by Breen, an autographed copy of *Pug and Doug*, and Mon Petit day pass. Contact: Susan McBeth 619-300-2532; or Angelica or Mark







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Paradise Valley Seventh Day Adventist Church

Contact: 2701 East 8th St. National City;

619-267-8990 pvchurch.org

Membership: 805 Pastor: Will James

Age: 60

Born: Portland, OR

Formation: Loma Linda University, Loma Linda

Years Ordained: 30

San Diego Reader: What is your favorite sub-

ject on which to preach?

Pastor Will James: The saving grace of Jesus Christ is truly what the whole Bible boils down to. It is the most important thing for a Christian to know — that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ and there is no other

way to have salvation.

SDR: What is your main concern as member of the clergy? PJ: The focus of my ministry is the mission statement I have chosen for our church — to bring hope to our community. I see that as the purpose of the church — to have a positive impact on the community. I'm not so much interested in theology and doctrine as I am in truly sharing Jesus Christ in a meaningful and relevant way. Let me share with you a little bit of what our ministry is. Currently we are giving out 8000 pounds of food a week to about 500 families. We run an Englishlanguage school five days a week for refugees, which

include all-day sessions with English language in the morning and job training and work experience in the afternoon. We're also doing a community garden; we're in the process of developing over 12,000 square feet of hillside that's been leased to us by Paradise Valley Hospital next door to us. I see ours as a relevant church, and it's one of the reasons we're here. If we're not having an impact in the community we live in, then why are we here? I don't like social clubs.

SDR: Where was the strangest place you found God?

PJ: In the terminal illness of my first wife 20 years ago. She died at the age of 41 of melanoma cancer. While

it was a difficult time to go through, I truly felt Christ the strongest during that time. I saw Him working in the life of my wife in a meaningful and relevant way.... She had a terrible time up to that point in trusting God. She was a wonderful Christian, a wonderful mother, and wonderful wife, but it wasn't until her terminal illness that she broke through and truly learned to trust God. She gave her testimony at a church-camp meeting up in Canada, and as part of that she said she was the happiest she's ever been because she finally had peace with God. So, that was a strange way to experience God, but it was very meaningful to me.



"I'm not so much interested in theology and doctrine as I am in truly sharing Jesus Christ."

SDR: Where do you go when

PJ: We believe that the Bible teaches when you die, you sleep in the grave until the resurrection morning when Christ returns. At that time, He resurrects the righteous and takes them to heaven to live with Him for eternity. Not

all are righteous; only those who choose the salvation that Jesus offers. Everyone could be righteous, but not everybody makes that choice. Ultimately, those who don't will be destroyed eternally. Hell is a reality. We do not believe or teach that there is an everlasting burning hell where someone is tortured forever and ever and ever. We believe that hell is everlasting in terms of consequences; its results are final — they are eternal. But once it has burnt up, it has burnt up forever. We don't see God as willing to torture

Joseph O'Brien

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619-271-7880. Cost is per child. Accompanying adults free. Saturday, January 26, 2pm; free-\$39. Mon Petit Chateau, 861 Harold Place #204, Chula Vista 91914

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)

Wings Over Wetlands at San Elijo Lagoon Kids can sing along with folk-nature rock group, Hullabaloo, at 2 pm each day. Birdthemed crafts, face painting, and nature activities are planned for families. Conservancy naturalists will have spotting scopes and binoculars for use along the Loop Trail that overlooks San Elijo Lagoon, with excellent birding views. Learning about bird migrations and how

to recognize common birds. (760) 634-3026. Saturday, January 26, 1pm; Sunday, January 27, 1pm; free. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Ave.

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Tradition holds that Mardi

Gras (Fat Tuesday) ushers in the reflective season of Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday, Celebrate that tradition with a Mardi Gras Sunday worship service that respects the meaning of worship as well as the joy of our faith. Participants invited to dress up (carnival masks and beads welcome) and to start the spiritual journey leading to the celebration of the resurrection of life in Christ. Music - from "Just a Closer Walk" to "When the Saints Go Marching In!" will highlight both the 8:30am (in Friendship Hall) and 10:00am (in the Sanctuary) services. (619) 464-1519. LA MESA 5940 Kelton Avenue (619) 464-1519

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This will be Quartet Nouveau's first concert of a four concert series "The Human Emotion," which includes concerts exploring Love, Loss, Heroism, and Conflict through string quartet music. This Love program includes Borodin String Quartet No. 2, Kreisler Liebesleid & Liebesfreud, and Schumann String Quartet No. 3. RANCHO BERNARDO 16550 Bernardo Heights Parkway (858) 485-5840

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ence of worship, through prayer, that is fueled by scripture and music. This event is an all church, all denomination event. DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO 320 Date Street (619) 232-7513

LECTURES

"Muslims in America: A Portrait of America's Newest Religious Minority" Learn "who Muslim Americans are and how they participate in American society" when Dino Bozonelos, an assistant professor in social sciences department of Victor Valley College, speaks in room 201. Friday, January 25, 1pm; free 18 and up. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Ave. (CARDIFF)

Sarita Eastman and Jane Mushinsky "The Story of Scripps Health and Its People" with Sarita Eastman describing the development of the best hospitals and research institutions. "The Life and Works of Robert Burns" with Jane Mushinsky of MiraCosta College discussing the works of the poet. Admin. Bldg. #1000, Room 1068. Free parking pass at campus police Bldg. #1100. 760-721-8124. Friday, January 25, 1pm; free. 18 and up. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Dr. (OCEANSIDE)

Finance Seminar Join San Diego Bible Church and local financial educator Dave Wessels in this oneday seminar. A team of experts will also be on hand to answer your questions about debt, taxes, insurance, investing, and more. Saturday, January 26, 9am; free. 18 and up. San Diego Bible Church, 10695 Treena Street #101. (MIRA MESA)

"Flu Vaccines: Help or Harm?"

This talk reviews less-reported information that just may influence your opinion of these vaccines. Some topics will include: 2012-13 Flu Season, elderly, very young, pregnant women. Why health studies are conflicting, why flu vaccines have been banned in many countries, non-vaccine effects. Refreshments will be served. The lecture is open to the general public. Contact Dr. Bilash at 858-997-0212, office@ DrTimDelivers.com, www.drtimdelivers.com/office. Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 6:00pm. Office of Dr. Timothy Bilash, 765 Academy Dr (SOLANA BEACH)

OUTDOORS

Composting Workshop Workshop staffed by master composters features instruction and demonstration in the building and maintenance of a backyard compost pile and worm bin. No registration required. Canceled in the event of rain. 760.839.4342. Saturday, January 26, 8:30am; Escondido Community Garden, Centre City Parkway at Decatur Way. (ESCONDIDO)

Black Mountain Arsenic Mine Cleanup The Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve seek volunteers to help clean up the old Black Mountain Mine for future public viewing. Involves moving rock and wood debris. Bring water, gloves, and flashlight. 858-484-3219. Saturday, January 26, 9am; free. Black Mountain Open Space Park staging area, 14850 Carmel Valley Rd. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Coastal Habitat Restoration

Volunteers needed. Activities include the planting of 100 native plants, nonnative invasive plant removal, native plant rescue, trail maintenance and litter removal. All tools and supplies are provided. Community service hours can be verified for those that need them. No sandals or flip-flops allowed for safety reasons. Volunteers will meet in the grassy area just inside the Dog Beach parking lot. Info: 619.297.7380 or email richard@ sandiegoriver.org. Saturday, January 26, 9am; free. Dog Beach Ocean Beach, West Point Loma Bl and Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Birding Basics Learn to identify birds at a glance. Birder Guide Winona Sollock's class explains the five simple ways and gives tips on field guide use. Bring your bird book if you wish. Inside Visitor Center. Saturday, January 26, 1pm; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Critters Great and Small Learn who lives in the grasslands, which critters inhabit in the lush riparian environs of the San Diego River and other nature/animal facts on walk to historic Old Mission Dam. Meet at Entry Station. Saturday, January 26, 8:30am; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

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 26, 8:30am; free. Wildlife Research Institute, 18030 Highland Valley Rd. (RAMONA)

River Cleanup The San Diego River Park Foundation's Clean and Green Team seeks volunteers to help clean up the river around Fashion Valley Mall. Volunteers will meet in the south eastern parking lot near Bloomingdale's. All tools and supplies will be provided. Community service hours can be verified. Light rain does not cancel. Closed shoes required. Hat and sunscreen recommended. Info: 619-297-7380 or email volunteer@ sandiegoriver.org. Saturday, January 26, 9am; free. Fashion Valley Mall, 7007 Friars Rd. (MISSION VALLEY)

Family Hydroponic Winter Garden A hands-on workshop, where you will learn the principles of applying hydroponics as a fun and easy sustainable gardening method, and then set up your own kitchen garden with winter veggies and herbs. Workshop fee includes all materials and plants. Registration required. Agpals; \$70. Saturday, January 26, Be Ready, Inc. 602 Garrison St, Oceanside, 92054 (OCEANSIDE)

New Year New Park Winter rains sprout first season's flowers, bring growth to oaks, and present a lush look. Trail guide-led walk through sage, chaparral, and riparian habitats. Learn about plant bio-geography and human history of our natural communities. Meet

inside Visitor Center. Saturday, January 26, 9:30am; Sunday, January 27, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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 27, 10am; free. Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, 8833 Harmony Grove Rd. (ESCONDIDO)

Lopez Homestead History Hike Hike into Lopez Canyon with Will Bowen, PhD, to learn about the Old Lopez Homestead - a small turn-of-the century dairy farm. Visit the orchard, the old Rd, and see the remains of the barn, house, and milking station. 858-484-3219. Sunday, January 27, 3pm; free. Peñasquitos west-end staging area, 4300 Sorrento Valley Bl. (SOR-RENTO VALLEY)

Family Discovery Walk Active outdoor experience specifically designed for parents and their children. Share quality time in nature as trail guides and "the Fam" explore the trail to the Kumeyaay grinding rocks site. Meet inside Visitor Center. Sunday, January 27, 3pm; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail (SAN CAPLOS)

SPECIAL EVENTS



Wellness Week 2013 This week-long program of events and special offers is designed to engage the public in learning about and experiencing ways to improve their physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. During the week, participating organizations will offer free exams, consultations, classes, workshops, discounts, and more. 760-943-1950. Thursday, January 24, 7am; Friday, January 25, 10am; Saturday, January 26, 11am; free. Downtown Encinitas Mainstreet Association, 818 South Coast Hwy 101. (ENCINITAS)

Art After Dark: Ecotopia An ecologically-inspired utopian wonderland including live music, live artwork, interactive art areas and more. Guests will have the chance to win an artistic furniture piece, customized by live artists at the

event. Participants encouraged to join in the green garden wall project or create enviroscapes in the interactive art area with local eco-artists. Craft beer, energy drinks, specialty wines, and light appetizers. Ticket price includes complimentary appetizers and one drink ticket, with additional tickets available for purchase. Friday, January 25, 7pm; \$10-\$20. 21 and up. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

'80s Prom Night DJ Phreek will be blasting some of the best hits of the '80s. Classic music videos on the big screen. Competition for prom king and queen. Photo booth, punch bowls (most likely spiked), snacks, balloons, and more. Wine and beer available for purchase. '80s

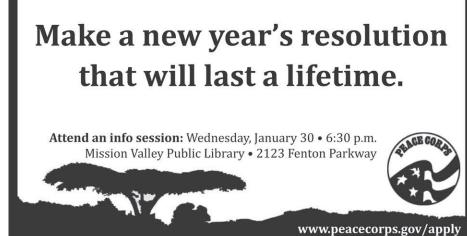
themed outfits required. 760-738-6500. Saturday, January 26, 7pm; \$8-\$15. 21 and up. Orfila Vineyard, 13455 San Pasqual Rd. (ESCONDIDO)

A Knight's Royal Gala Lutheran High School of San Diego will take San Diegans back to Medieval times with A Knight's Royal Gala at Bonita Golf Club. The fourth annual event features dinner with a prime rib carving station and cheesecake bar, live and silent auctions, and entertainment from Lutheran High School of San Diego's award-winning theatrical arts department. Individual tickets are \$95, with table packages ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000. For more information, contact Anna Bever at 619-262-4444, x180. Tickets: 619-262-4444. Saturday, January

26, 5:30pm; Bonita Golf Club, 5540 Sweetwater Rd. (BONITA)

Food and Water Bowl XXI Cat Show See up to 450 cats and 41 breeds. Talks on feline history, health, behavior, grooming, types of breeds, more. Vendors will offer cat items for sale. Saturday, January 26, 10am; Sunday, January 27, 9am; \$7-\$9. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Bl. (DEL MAR)

Furniture Society Fundraiser A silent auction will be held during this event with works from professional artists and furniture makers such as Garry Knox Bennett, Katie Hudnall, Cory Robinson and more. Live music provided by The Royal T's. Includes hors d'oeuvres, libations, and dancing. Tickets: Paypal@FurnitureSociety.org or 828-





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Paranormal Investigation

Four paranormal research teams have made contact with several house spirits at the Davis House. They have recorded voices, and taken photos and video to document their findings. Join the San Diego Ghost Hunters on another tour and investigation. Reservations suggested. Cameras, smartphones, hand-held video recorders, and digital sound recorders allowed. No professional media equipment. Saturday, January 26, 10pm; \$35. 18 and up. William

Heath Davis House Museum, 410 Island Ave. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)



One Night Only! Madcap Musical Mime at Four Point Sheraton in San Diego. "An amazing show of melodious music with delightful choreography," — John Collins, The Weird Review. Steam Powered Giraffe was the 2012 Steampunk Chronicle Reader's Choice winner for Best Album/ Best Song. San Diego A-List voted Best Live Comedy. All ages, Saturday, February 16 at 7 p.m. Tickets are only \$20/each. Visit steampoweredgiraffe.com for more information and to purchase tickets now! (MISSION VALLEY)

Teen Scene The City of Carlshad hosts its 10th annual event to showcase local bands, filmmakers, and artists ages 13 to 19. Eleven teen bands will battle it out for the title of "Carlsbad 2013 Battle of the Bands Champion." Other activities will include a film festival featuring five-minute shorts created, produced, directed, and edited by teens. The Teen Scene art gallery will feature original art work from local teen artists including paintings, drawings, ceramics and photos. Teens can also create original art on slam boards, play video games in luxury in the Gametruck, or find their groove in the dance room. 760-434-2843. Saturday, January 26, 4pm; \$5-\$8. Calavera Hills Park, 2997 Glasgow Dr. (CARLSBAD)

Vintage Toy and Doll Roadshow Certified personal property appraiser Carol Kearney provides auction estimates. Appraisal requires sign up. All visitors subject to a brief security check. Saturday, January 26, 11am; free. BlueVault, 5638 Mission Center Rd, Suite 104 (MISSION VALLEY)

The Black Kungfu Experience.

This action-packed documentary chronicles kungfu's black pioneers and heroes, exploring the intersection of African-American and Asian cultures. The film traces the rise of the black kungfu experience in the 1960's and 70s, and then reconnects with the contemporary martial arts scene in Washington D.C, Los Angeles, The Virgin Islands, Jamaica and Hong Kong. At the Student Services Center in the Multi Purpose Room. For more information contact: blackkungfusd@hotmail.com. Sunday, February 3, 1pm to 4pm. UCSD, 9500 Gilman Dr (LA JOLLA)

SPOKEN WORD

Reg E Gaines and Open Mic Reg E Gaines presents a stage reading workshop of his new solo performance piece, The Last Celebrity, a collection of poems and monologues telling the story of his accidental brush with fame, from obscure street poet to author and lyricist of Tony award-winning musical Bring In Da Noise/ Bring In Da Funk. He'll have local poets read before and after his feature. Thursday, January 24, 7:30pm; free. Spacebar Internet Cafe, 7454 University Ave, Suite A. (LA MESA)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Strike Out Domestic Violence Nine innings of co-ed softball featuring Team San

Diego vs Team Poway. Master of Ceremonies: David Justice. Event benefits HOPE Fund, a program of the Operation For HOPE Foundation serving victims of domestic violence with microloans in the San Diego region. Seating limited. First come, first served. Saturday, January 26, 10am; \$10-\$20, 18880 Old Coach Way, Field of Dreams, Poway, CA 92064

Carlsbad Marathon and Half Marathon The 26.2- and 13.1mile courses will feature tours through quaint Carlsbad Village, along oceanfront Pacific Coast Highway and past sandy beaches and picturesque lagoons. Registration is currently sold out but volunteers and spectators are always welcome. 760-692-2900. Sunday, January 27, 6:15am; 18 and up. Westfield Plaza Camino Real, 2525 El Camino Real. (CARLSBAD)



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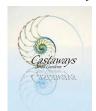
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Mock animal

"Oh...make it a nine," I say. "Need a bit of waking up."

t was a dark and slightly stormy night. I mean, rain sprinkles every now and then. Not that I was running to get out of it. It felt kinda fresh.

But in University Heights, on Park Boulevard, the lights were starting to go out. Man. I always seem to end up here just when everything is closing down.

I'm hoping that this Frenchstyle place with really good prices is still open. Savory Deli &

Market. Had a delicious wine-soaked beef bourguignon last time. Another time, a great mussels and spaghetti.

But when I get to it, just before Park Boulevard ends at Adams, it's disappeared. The 1940 storefront is now something called Plumeria. Oh, yeah. That's a flower, right? Frangipani (that's the common name), the little yellow-and-white blossom they call the "egg-yolk flower" in China. (I learned this, natch, from the all-knowing Carla.)

Whatever... Had red meat in mind, but the sign on the canopy reads "Vegetarian Food." Sign below goes further: "All of our dishes are free of fish sauces and animal products, with the exception of optional egg in some dishes."

There's a Thai place across the road I've thought about before, Bahn Thai, but that's closed at this hour, too. Besides, there seem to be plenty of people in here, so maybe it's good. I open the door and come up to the little welcome counter.

"You open for a while?"

Because it's now well past 9:00.

"Oh, yes. We close at 10:00," says this lady. Patty. She leads me to a booth. It's all pale purples and greens on the walls, royal purple on the ceiling. The floor is white concrete with handpainted vines crawling between the tables. On the right wall, a mural of flowers really brightens up the place. Makes it look bigger.

I sit down and start checking out the menu. Have to say: I'm already worried. It looks like it's gonna be imitations of real things, replacing them with that bland master of disguise, soy.

I look around. It's a bit United Nations in

here. I hear Spanish behind me, English ahead, Thai on the left...

In fact, now that I start seriously looking

through the menu, this seems to be a Thai place. Yes, all the dishes are written in Thai. So, why wouldn't they say so, like, on the signage outside?

Of course, this is vegetarian Thai. No meats. Like, the Thai crispy rolls (five for \$4.95) have

dried 'shrooms, cabbage, and carrots inside, with a sweet-and-sour pineapple sauce to dip them in.

The satay (\$4.95) has four skewers full of marinated tofu or mock chicken. The difference? Probably not much in taste.

Next page has my favorite, tom yum soup, that veggie mixture with tofu balls, lemongrass, lime juice, and "fresh chili." It's \$3.95 for the small bowl, \$6.95 for the large. I order a small one from Ieremy.

"How spicy would you like it?" he asks. "On a scale of one to ten."

"Ten being the big burn?" I ask.

He nods

"Oh...make it a nine," I say. "Need a bit of waking up."

"Yeah, not a prob," I say.

While he's away, I pick out a curry that sounds promising: the pumpkin. Love curries, and this one comes with "pumpkin, eggplant, bell peppers, bamboo shoots, and fresh basil." Bolstered with a red curry sauce. Then you have to choose which "mock" animal you want to eat with it. Duck, chicken, beef, pork, or shrimp. Or you can have vegetables or steamed tofu or fried tofu. Costs \$8.50, except for the shrimp. That's \$9.50

I go for the duck.

"Good choice," says Patty, who let me in. She's Thai and also the owner. "Duck has the most flavor, even though it's not gluten-free. My daughter Tara has always been vegetarian, and now vegan, and what that's done is to lead me back to my roots. In Samae Sarn, in Thailand.



The floral murals on the walls make the plumeria seem bigger.



"We want people coming for the vegan food first," says owner Patty, "before they come for the Thai."

What my grandmother cooked, we got from the fields, from our garden. Everything was organic because we put nothing on them. We ate mostly vegetables. No sugars, except palm sugar. Freshsqueezed lime juice, fresh chili — not paste — fresh galangal [the Asian garlic]. I started this restaurant because of my daughter. She grosses out over meat, and it was hard for her to find places where everybody could eat and not feel they were eating some, like, hospital diet."

Wow, this woman is motivated.

This is when all three dishes arrive my tom yum soup, the pumpkin curry, and a plate of brown rice, piled in the shape of a heart. The soup is hot-hot-hot. Sweat breaks out on the back of my neck. Glass of water becomes the fire truck. But the tom yum delivers flavor, too. The tofu and veggies beautifully draw you back into taking another spoonful, even though you know burn city's gonna hit you again.

Now, I load up some pumpkin curry and dump it onto the rice plate. Oh, yeah. Great taste. Pumpkin, eggplant, bamboo, that curry. It has a slightly sweet curry flavor. The "duck" meat chunks and pumpkin have you swearing it's all tender meat.

"That's our own curry paste in there," Patty says. "We grind down our own chili."

They've only been here a few months, but



Pumpkin curry and tom yum soup. The latter was so spicy that sweat broke out on the back of my neck.

this isn't Patty's first place. "I had the Thai Joint restaurant up on Adams Avenue," she says. "We got squeezed out of there, so we jumped when we saw this space was for sale."

But...right opposite another Thai place? Bahn

Ah, maybe that's why no mention of "Thai"

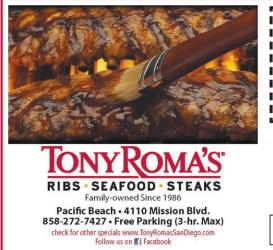
"We want people coming for vegan food first, before they come for Thai," says Patty. "Also, we want to stay friends with Bahn Thai."

Whatever, this has cured me of my fear of vegan food. Honest truth is, I couldn't tell the difference between this and standard Thai food.

Next challenge: sell the concept to the carnivore I live with. ■

The Place: Plumeria Vegetarian Restaurant, 4661 Park Boulevard, University Heights, San Diego, 619-269-9989 **Prices:** Thai crispy rolls (with 'shrooms, cabbage, carrots, sweet-and-sour pineapple sauce, five for \$4.95; satay (four marinated tofu or mock-chicken skewers), \$4.95; tom yum soup (veggies, tofu balls, lemongrass, lime juice, chili), \$3.95 (small), \$6.95 (large); pumpkin curry (with pumpkin, eggplant, bell peppers, bamboo shoots, basil), \$8.50; ka pow, crispy minced soy chicken, \$9.95; pad Thai (rice vermicelli, tofu, tamarind sauce, peanuts, \$8.50 Hours: Monday-Friday, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., lunch; 4:30-10:00 p.m., dinner; Friday-Saturday, open till 11:00 p.m.; Sunday, closed

Nearest Stop: Park Boulevard at Madison







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Drink and ye shall eat

Wow. This is swank. Sora (655 West Broadway, downtown, 619-564-7100).

I've come in for happy hour. Thursdays and

Fridays, you buy a drink, you get free food, like pasta and pizzas and edamame. Choice is not sur-

prising, since Sora is all about fusing Italian and Japanese food. The chef is Noriyoshi Teruya, from no lesser place than Nobu.

So, I came in around 5:30 p.m. just to be sure I was in HH time, looked around at the pink and metal and wood decor, and wondered if I'd bitten off too much this time.

"Happy hour? You have to go to the back, where you can see the kitchen," says the welcomer.

Ho-kay. So I take the long journey through the tables, around the big square bar, and to an alcove facing windows that look through to the cooks.

On a kinda high table there they have the remains of three smallish pizzas, two of them chestnut and romanesco (Italian broccoli) and one with gorgonzola and tomato sauce. In between, they

have a couple of bowls of pasta and another of edamame. But, turns out, you can sit at the big square bar, too.

The pizza has a nice crust that's thin but not too thin. Like, not cracker-hard, but not doughy, either. And that chestnut-broccoli combo is good, too. Best though: pungent gorgonzola pizza.

Plus, hey, it's free, which makes the \$8 glass of wine (no happy-hour drink prices). And, rule is, no drink, no eat) seem a lot more reasonable.

And I luck out with the wine. It's rough, earthy, flavorful. Nero d'Avola. (\$8). "It's from Sicily," says Nicolae, the place's wine guy, "a very ancient wine. The grapes are so dark, they look black. That's why they call it 'Nero."

Must say: Nero brings the pizzas to life. You

feel the taste get richer with each gulp.

But what I most notice is Bek, their expert mixologist from New York City, here at the bar. This lady is a high priestess of today's raging cocktail cult. What do I know about cocktails? *Niente. Nada.* But I got a whiff of a liqueur she's pouring called St. Germain. French.

Mmm. Smell it, you think of lychee. Made from

elderberry flowers. She makes a cocktail she calls "Flower Drum Song," with sake, soju, lemon, and

the St Germain. Sounds dee-lish.

Coming back. Next time, no wine, just this \$9 liqueur and a glass of water. And some free pizza, natch.

by Ed Bedford

Blair's the man

A few weeks ago, San Diego bar owner Scot Blair

and I were touring the Malheur brewery in Buggenhout, Belgium. About an hour in, he leans in and discreetly announces to me that he's been named Beer Person of the Year by Imbibe Magazine, a national adult-beverage publication. As with most newsworthy announcements I receive first-hand, it was whispered with the request to keep it



but free food.

under wraps.

in Japanese — features full price drinks

Last week, the most recent issue of *Imbibe* hit subscribers' mailboxes, so I can finally share the good news — that a local business owner has been awarded this respectable title and, in the process, brought more eyes and attention to our outstanding beer scene.

According to *Imbibe*, "San Diego is a beer city to its core, and serial entrepreneur Scot Blair might be the scene's greatest champion. Blair's four beer bars have played a vital role in educating and strengthening the San Diego beer community — each celebrates local breweries with rotating tap space and an approachability designed to draw new consumers to craft beer. His first venue, Hamilton's Tavern, transformed a long-standing dive



A wall of Belgian beer proves to be a photo op that can't be passed up.

bar into a haven for serious beer drinkers. Its focus on hospitality and beer education, plus a carefully curated, rotating list of locally made beers, paved the way for Blair's subsequent projects, the beer and cocktail den Small Bar, live music venue Eleven, and the brewpub Monkey Paw, which has won three medals and brewed more than 25 styles of beer since it opened in 2011."

Blair's infatuation with high-quality beer is rivaled only by his intense ADD. The guy can't slow down, much less sit down, which afforded him the time and energy to open three beer bars and a brewpub within a five-year span and making successes of them all.

After spending several days with Blair, I've never been as sure of the authenticity he brings to the beer biz. His greatest excitement comes from sharing a beer with someone, turning them on to something they've never had.

by Brandon Hernández

Fresh wasabi at Ikiru

I've been looking for fresh wasabi ever since a reader told me about a (since closed) sushi place in La Jolla that served the green horseradish 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 sinusclearing heat. Maybe it had been chopped instead of grated? 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 pound and is usually reserved for fine sushi restaurants, because the flavor of that is revelatory. 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 touch gluey in the bottom of the *chirashi* bowl, the effect of the high-profile rice and the fresh wasabi satisfied.

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

¡Vuelve a la vida!

Oh, man. This was the only place I could come to. Last two days, Carla and I have been heaving. Stomach bug. Lost five pounds! Now, want to come back gently to the world.

So I homed in like a pigeon to the New Mexico Cafe at Newton and Beardsley in Barrio Logan (1794 Newton Avenue, 619-233-4939).

It's a little place outside but deceptively large inside, packed with wooden tropical birds flying around the ceiling, an inside palm tree, and murals of old Mexico.

Came to the right place. Tula and Mary and Estrella are around me like caring angels.

"You need chicken soup," says Tula. "Gentle on the stomach."



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"And rice," says Estrella. "It absorbs everything."

"And horchata to drink," says Mary. "It's rice and cinnamon powder, cream, and sugar. And vanilla. All good for the stomach."

"And corn tortillas," says Tula. "They're more natural than flour. Flour is sticky. Not good for the [stomach] lining."

So, I get the chicken soup (\$6.50), which turns out to be chicken soup with a whole leg and breast of chicken in it, plus cucumber, carrot, and potato chunks, a side of rice, with tomato, onion, and garlic (well-squished), plus the horchata (\$2.50) and corn tortilla. And the normal sides of lemon, cilantro, and onions.

"Lemon's okay, but don't touch the cilantro and onions," says Estrella.

The whole array's quite a challenge. But I go at it gently,

even taking the odd chunk of chicken. And — miracle! — it all stays down.

Tula comes over. Looks at me. "¡Vuelve a la vida!" she says to the others.

And, honestly, that's how I feel. Brought back to life. You can have your pills and your potions, but the ladies in here, right now, are the best doctors in town.

"Oh, one more thing, *té de manzanilla*. Camomile tea," Tula says. "This really settles the stomach."

And, no questions asked, she brings me a little pot with a tea bag inside (\$1.75). "Also good for the eyes and clearing the nose," she says. "Drink."

So, I do what I'm told.

If you could bottle

This was the scene downtown

at Third and Broadway, next to

Except this crowd has noth-

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by Ed Bedford

Japanese in Hillcrest

Raku is gone, replaced by Tec Chan, which isn't all that different. The inside looks basically the same, although

ing to do with rock stars or show biz. They're lining up to get into Sushi Deli 2.

What is it about this place (135 Broadway between First and Second Avenues, 619-233-3072) that makes this a nightly occasion? Every chef's dream.

A rough sampling from the crowd:

John: "It's the prices."

Hayley: "It's the prices, and the amount you get. It's huge."

Anna: "It's the food and the atmosphere. Just look around you. Everybody's always kind of excited. We know who we are."

Kevin: "Look, it's nice, the food isn't bad, and you get plenty; but bottom line, it's the, well, prices."

by Ed Bedford

some bamboo awnings and booths went up on the north wall where, if I'm correct, only tables stood before. Lights and "Now Open" signs blaze brilliantly out front, in case anyone missed the change.

Now, I liked Raku. It was no Masa, but the skewered and grilled foods were fun to eat. My hope was that Tec Chan, by embracing the *yakitori* and distancing itself from other dishes (I noticed the *ochazuke* was absent), would have bettered the experience. For the most part, that was the case.

Grilled quail eggs (\$3) had a snappy exterior and creamy yolks, although I would have liked a heavier dose of coarse salt on each of the little ova.

Fried baby octopuses (\$5) made up for their lack of ornamentation with a chewy, bite-sized delightfulness. I ate each little guy without remorse.

From the grill, a single sweet shrimp (\$4.50) yielded a rich nugget of flesh, tender and perfectly cooked. The head was a lost cause, however, as it couldn't be eaten like the fried *amaebi* head I've had at other places. Grilled mackerel (\$4.50) had wonder-

ful, crispy skin and soft flesh. My soft spot for *saba* is well-documented, but I think Tec Chan's preparation deserves gentle applause.

Okonomiyaki (\$6.50+), which I've wanted to try for a while, was a fun highlight at Tec Chan. Cooked on the flattop griddle and advertised as "Japanese pizza," it was more akin to an eggy pancake stuffed with squid and cabbage and topped with sauce and lots of shaved bonito. All I can say is, "om nom nom nom." Total comfort food with layer upon layer of savory.

Tec Chan wasn't the most polished place I've ever set foot in. I was almost charged for a shittake mushroom skewer that I never received, but I can only assume that was an isolated incident, as the cheerful waitress and bustling cooks seemed otherwise competent. I will go back soon, if for no other reason than that they had "beef tongue sashimi" on the menu and curiosity gets the best of me in situations like this.

Tec Chan, 3739 Sixth Avenue.

by Ian Pike

Mussel deal

So, I've just swung by Sushi Deli 2. Didn't go in, but last time I was here, in May, I got the totally delish "green mussel dynamite," four green-lipped mussels baked in the shell with spicy mayo and masago — smelt eggs. All for \$2.50. How can you beat that?

Tonight, though, I'm following the suggestion of Alex, who was the much-loved master of ceremonies at Dobson's (956 Broadway Circle) and knew good happy-hour food when he saw it. He's moved on to Currant American Brasserie (140 West Broadway, downtown, 619-702-6309).

"I'm telling everyone," he says. "Currant's mussels are great. In the white wine or the curry. But get them at happy hour."

So, happen to be passing. See a chalkboard sign that says "10% off w/Jury Tag."

Don't have that, but do have ten minutes before HH ends, so what the heck?

Inside's retro, European. Like, say, Warsaw, '58? Whatever. It takes up the front of the Sofia Hotel, right next to where the Greyhound Depot was, and with a bar right









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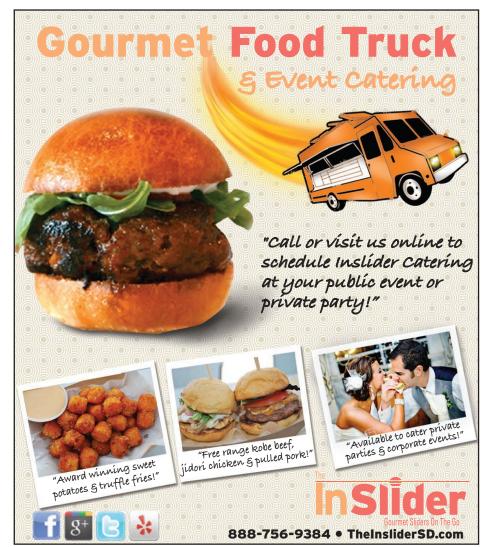
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inside that's oval-shaped with sharp ends (has to be a name for that).

What I like is that during happy hour you can also eat out on the Broadway sidewalk patio. Most places, they herd you into one little kinda transit lounge for a near-bar experience.

I sit down at the end of the salmon-colored marble bar. Like that touch. Have to think quick so we don't exit the magic time.

Amber, the gal, hands me the HH menu. Has pretty good deals, like "Beer can" chicken sliders (with "Stone IPA gravy, chipotle slaw, Hawaiian buns") for \$5.95, a brasserie burger with caramelized onions, gruyere cheese, and thyme fries for \$7.50, an onion-soup gratinée with gruyere and croutons for \$5, and Bud Lights for \$3.

'Course, the one I want, the mussels, are a little more. The *moules frites* (steamed mussels with thyme fries in a soup of white wine, tomatoes, and shallots) go for \$8.95, down from the \$14.95 regular

price. You can also get them in French curry.

I go for the white-wine version and order a glass of the house white (\$5). It's a Matchbook chardonnay. Tastes nice.

The chef, Patrick, brings the plate out. It's loaded with the shellfish, plus a wild tangle of the thyme fries piled up in the middle.

At first I could do with a little more *oompf* in the white-wine sauce, but as the mussels give their flavor and the thyme fries, too, the soup gets richer and richer. Oh, man. I love this stuff.

And even though up the street at Sushi Deli 2 you have that incredible two-buck mussel deal, that's only for four. Here you've got dozens, and eating the fries soaked in the white-wine sauce (and, yes, I cheated: poured a slurp from my glass, too). I've got no complaints. Nice having linen napkin and heavy tableware, too.

I could've had the fries and a Bud and spent \$6. Instead, I spent \$14, plus tax. And had to leave before I finished to catch a stretch limo.

by Ed Bedford

Wall of hot sauce

Urban Chicken was cool. It wasn't the best place in the whole wide Grant Hill, but the chicken was tasty, and the funky building had some charm. Naturally, I was a little bummed when the place shuttered and quickly deteriorated, the window punched out in a matter of days. But the little restaurant at 25th and Market is back in action, reincarnated as Sherman's Shack, a burgerand-taco joint. It looks about the same inside; that is to say, it's pleasant and low key.

The menu is very different, however, being dedicated to stuffed hamburgers. Yup, stuffed. They fill them with all manner of nonsense so that the burger appears lonesome and unadorned on its challahlike bun, a little stack of lettuce and onions and a side of crinkle fries its only friends. But appearances deceive and, as I chewed my way through a surf-and-turf burger (\$10), I found tender shrimp and melted cream cheese mingling with the ground beef.

I couldn't stop eating it, despite being stuffed from the two enormous tacos I had just devoured. Inexpensively (\$2-\$2.50), the tacos were stuffed with meat and not much else. Each was a departure from the Mexican orthodoxy, but,

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for the most part, delightfully so. While the meat could have been more expertly coaxed into tenderness, the carnitas taco was loaded with sour cream, onions, and queso fresco. The drunken-chicken taco was a good idea, but the whiskey-infused meat wasn't exciting enough to justify a lack of sauce and cheese.

With more-than-reasonable prices and a wall of exotic hot sauces to choose from (there're even a few bottles of naga and ghost-pepper sauce for anyone suicidal enough to try them), this new restaurant is on track to become a cool spot in the neighborhood. Time will tell if it will weather the iffy location

Sherman's Shack, 549 25th Street.

by Ian Pike

Santee gets a brewer

It seems like yesterday I was venturing to North Park's Ritual Tavern to get a taste of a new beer from a new brewery. And a new brewer, for that matter...as far as I knew at the time, anyway. The beer was Mucho Aloha Hawaiian Pale Ale, and the brewer, Rey Knight. But it wasn't yesterday. A check of the calendar shows it was May 2011 (where does the time go?).

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It was the debut of the first beer from his Knight's Butcher's Brewing and I was eager to try it, not just because it was a new San Diego beer and I've made it my business to keep up with the local beer scene, but because I knew Knight as an artisan through his former business, Knight Salumi Company. That night I found out that he'd been brewing for many years, and that his craftsmanship extended beyond the realm of animal parts.

Mucho Aloha HPA remains a refreshing, citrusy go-to for me...and quite a few others, it would seem. Butcher's Brewery's much-expanded line of beers is available in hundreds of Southern California outlets. Through all that progress, Knight has not been able to associate himself with San Diego brewers due to the fact that his beers have been contract brewed at Bayhawk Ales in Irvine. It's a shame, but all that's about to change.

Last year, Santee's Manzanita Brewing Company (10151 Prospect Avenue, Santee) moved into a larger facility, leaving their old combination brewhouse and tasting room unoccupied. At first, they considered converting the space into a distillery, but instead, they ended up selling it to Knight. That site will be the new home of Butcher's Brewery, officially bringing Knight into the fold of the San Diego Brewers Guild.

Butcher's Brewery will be located at 9962 Prospect Avenue, suite E. Under Manzanita (which will be opening a distillery, but doing so next door to their current facility), it was a hotspot for Santee residents in search of beer and good times, providing Knight a great opportunity to be successful out of the gate, even with the space's original occupants just down the street.

Santee is also home to an Oggi's Pizza Brewing Co., and as reported last month, a homebrewer looking to join the pro ranks is working on opening his company, Devil's Forge Brewing Company, in Santee as well. Don't look now, but the county's easternmost municipality is embracing suds in a big way!

by Brandon Hernández

Good coffee, a place to think

"From good thoughts to everlasting deeds."

These sayings are all around you, but they're the only things interrupting your thoughts in this pretty, elegant coffee/contemplation place just waiting for the new domed library to open, right across 11th Street.

Jing Si Books and Café is the latest of a string of places like this across the world, seems. The idea is for places of calm in this frenzied world.

They soft-push the ideas of Chen Yen, a Buddhist nun from Taiwan who has built a do-good organization that helps in everything from tsunami disaster relief to poverty to the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. They have these "bamboo" tubes where you develop the habit of giving, say, 15 cents a day, every day, so your mindset's committed long-term, rather than just one big momentary generous outpouring.

I was heading up toward Market and came by it. The gent showed me the big glass, like, chemistry-set-looking contraption that slow-brews coffee. But I'm just getting the straight, so he pours hot water through a paper filter and makes a big, brown mugful. Unprocessed brown sugar only for sweetener, but you get two buckwheat crackers with it, all for \$1.89 including tax.

"These are made by the Buddhist nuns in Taiwan," says Jonathan, one of the workers here. "This is how they make enough money to live on."

He says a pack goes for \$2. That's a deal, for sure.

Cydanni, who's at a desk in the "Eco-Verse" side, says they are in 47 countries but don't try to convert everyone to Buddhism. "We don't even bring up the 'B' word," she

There aren't too many people in here now, but Cydanni says that Thomas Jefferson law school has discovered them. "They come because they can work here. No one tries to kick them out. And the atmosphere isn't all fretty, like many coffee shops," she says.

They were going to have food (like, salads and sandwiches), but the HQ in San Dimas put the kibosh on that.

So, yes, they're big. Guess you could call it the first breeze of cultural push-back from Eastern cultures that have been taking incomings from the West for the past 500 years. I'll drink to that. Especially with this coffee.

by Ed Bedford







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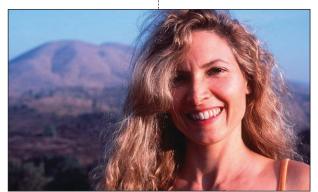
two-way wireless communication between the home and a central system. SDG&E began to exchange analog meters for such devices in 2008. Health concerns stem from the radiofrequency radiation that they emit.

It began in April 2011 when

the inside track

"smart meters" that San Diego Gas and Electric installed throughout her Clairemont neighborhood. She is convinced now that those meters are the cause of her present

Cooney noticed a sudden and loud ringing in her ears. The San Diego piano-and-voice teacher's symptoms came to include chest pain, tingling in her limbs, and nausea. Her cat



Deborah Cooney is convinced electric meters made her sick and destroyed her music business.

health issues

"I could feel it when I walked in my house...a buzz of radiation around me. One step outside, and I began to feel better." A smart meter transmits

got sick. So did her boyfriend who lived with her. At Cooney's request, SDG&E removed the smart meter from her home. The boyfriend recovered, but the cat died. And Cooney's

symptoms persisted, albeit undiagnosed by conventional medicine. "I don't go to Western [doctors]." She says she prefers natural healing methods.

That summer, Cooney moved to a wilderness area in Virginia called the National Radio Quiet Zone. The region was designated by the U.S. Navy and the National Radio Astronomy Observatory to, as they state, "minimize possible harmful interference." In December 2012, Cooney took it a step further when she filed a lawsuit in San Francisco federal court.

"I am the first person to file a personal-injury suit [stemming from smart-meter harm] in federal court. I don't know of anybody else," says Cooney.

Named in the suit are San Diego Gas and Electric, the California Public Utilities Commission, state attorney general Kamala Harris, and Itron, a manufacturer of smart meters. What Cooney ultimately wants is a nationwide ban on the wireless meters. "There was no proper testing on them prior to installation," she says. She also seeks \$120 million in compensatory damages. "My music business has been destroyed," she says.

Cooney, 50, speaks in bright and articulate torrents. A pianist and a singer by trade, she also goes by the name Celeste. She gigs presently at the Greenbrier, a club near her West Virginia home. But in years past, she worked the

cruise-ship circuit and swank San Diego venues, such as the Bahia, the Catamaran, and the Hotel La Iolla.

"I'm still paying rent on my home in San Diego. My boyfriend lives there. Half of my things are there." At present, she is waiting for a trial date to be scheduled. She says she would like to come back home, but first things first. "I've pretty much lost everything. I've lost my health, my cat, my home, my boyfriend, my money, and my business. I have nothing left to lose. I might as well fight to get some of it back."

— Dave Good

Where Ron took

Veronica. With so many local performers relocating in search of success, Brothers Gow bucked the trend by moving to San Diego this past August. "We didn't even know we wanted to move from the Bay Area until we rolled into town before a Gallagher's gig," says keyboardist Alex Gow Bastine. "We felt the beautiful weather and we all just kind of decided to move down to San Diego on a whim. We were here a month

With their 15-passenger van pulling a trailer full of equipment and lighting gear, four members of the funky jam band rented a house in O.B., three blocks from the beach and a stoner's throw from Gallagher's, where they played on New Year's Eve. They soon picked up a local drummer, Nathan Walsh-Haines, who lives in Normal Heights. "The best thing about my neighborhood is aggro-punk-pop karaoke for PBR-slamming hipsters at Bar

the van and trailer." Guitarist/ singer Ethan Wade likewise has a single complaint. "Not being able to take our trash out through the backyard after new



Brothers Gow bucked the trend and moved the group to San Diego.

Eleven," he says. "Absolutely hilarious." Not that he's ruled out a move to O.B., because, he says, "There's no sunset surfing that I can walk to."

Guitarist/singer Kyle Merrill, who was born in Ipswich, England, says, "I've moved around a lot in my life, but I think I finally found that 'better place' in San Diego. I like to hang out at the lookout spot where Ron Burgundy took Veronica Corningstone in Anchorman." Not that O.B. is a perfect paradise. "I don't like the humidity that the beach brings in the winter. Mold sucks!" Also, "Our house was recently broken into when we were on tour. Total violation of our personal space. It makes you feel gross."

Bassist Carson Church has just one bitch about the beach. "Finding parking for neighbors moved in."

Alex Gow Bastine (who cites local band Pinback among his faves) has nothing but kudos for his adopted neighborhood. "I have a garden in the backyard, so you have to love San Diego for never freezing. I also like Sunset Cliffs and the O.B. Noodle House."

Brothers Gow is finishing their sophomore full-length, Chapters, and is scheduled to play Rosie O'Grady's on February 16 and Winstons on February 28.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Skyfallout. There's a fresh approach to Christian Motos's music that jumped out the first time I heard him at a University Heights open mic in '07. Since then, the San Diego native's realized his dreams of forming

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Following in the boot prints of his hero, Paul Mc-

Cartney, the ambitious CSU San Marcos alum composed a song for the new James Bond film Skyfall. (The song wasn't used in the film, but it closes Flowerthief's new

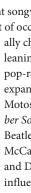
self-released album, Natural Selection.)

Flowerthief's CD-release party, which was last Friday (January 18) at Soda Bar, saw the buoyant songwriter presenting a set of occasion-

> ally chamberleaning pop-rock that expands on Motos's Rubber Soul-era Beatles and McCartney and Dylan influences to revel in its own warm, melodic

McCartney-sized ambitions. voice. And

that voice can take surprising directions. About his attempted Skyfall soundtrack contribution, Motos commented, "It harks back to the '60s Bond, where John Barry



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— Mary Leary

Musical alter egos. The Country Rockin' Rebels were

founded by Bad Science Fiction guitarist Michael Head, operator of local Headtrap Studios for around 20 years, and singersongwriter Tristan Luhrs. "He and I have worked in my studio since then, and we recorded his first solo album, Sketches of San Diego, in 2010," says Head, who released the full-length on his own Cabeza Records. "It was essentially a prelude to the Rebels project. A year later, Country Rockin' Rebels was the second CD, and that's the project we built the new band around."

The current lineup includes Mark Eppler (slide guitar), Tony Sandoval (bass), Ted Stern (fiddle and pedal-steel guitar), and Steve Tahmahkera (drums), although, Head notes, "It's essentially Tristan and

mine's musical alter egos."

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The group played some of their earliest gigs in Ocean Beach, where Head regularly presents concert performances by local bands at the O.B. Farmers Market. "The Rebels

full-length, Ride Rebel Ride. "It's the third installment in what we like to call our 'CD cycle," according to Head. "We already have two or three more albums' worth of material, kind of a Kid Rock and David Bowie thing,

Country Rockin' Rebels run "a totally 'green' studio.'

always have an amazing time at the O.B. Holiday Parade, with crowds reaching monumental numbers. They're so appreciative and supportive. The main stage of the O.B. Street Fair, with the Pacific Ocean at our backs, isn't too bad either."

The duo is finishing a new

if you will. We've laid down the basic tracks and we'll be releasing it on CD and digitally, with hopefully some vinyl [version] as well."

A local release party will be booked over the next few weeks, where, Head says, "Expect some surprises, like John

Bleyer demonstrating his skill on the musical saw. We like to say we rip thru the history of rock, blues, and country, and always have a few good covers up our sleeve. Our version of 'Money' by Pink Floyd has been a crowd-pleaser lately, and 'Rusty Cage/Voodoo Chile,' our own little mashup, always kills."

As with the first two releases, the album was recorded at Headtrap. "We're a totally 'green' studio, utilizing recycled insulation, soundproofing, windows, doors, and recycled paint. We even use the carpet rings as tubes for cable runs! Plus, it's the cleanest studio in town. We're obsessive about cleanliness. Good for our clients, a pain in the ass for our janitors."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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This Week In Music

Sunset Strip rock royalty Queen Caveat will rule Bar Pink Thursday night. Led by cagey stage banshee Lauren Little (think young Courtney Love with Joan Jett's pipes), the hard-rocking quartet's

held residencies at L.A. hot spots Roxy and Viper Room, played to sold-out crowds and rave reviews at SXSW music fest, and self-released two web-hit EPs and the new buzz-bin-worthy single "Mr California." Check out the video @ queencaveat. com. As one L.A. rock writer put it, "These guys will rock the snot out of your nose and leave you bleeding and you will thank them for it." Do NOT wipe that on your sleeve, dood.... Staying Uptown, Soda Bar stages that Flying V slinging rock 'n' soul outfit **Old Tiger**, which is out to tout their v. recommendable debut disc Love Have Mercy. Local folkies River City and Midnight Pine will open the show.... Speaking of Flying Vs, Oaktown thrasher **Robb Flynn** (Machine Head) will play an acoustic set(?!) at Brick by Brick.... And up at UCSD, the "fiercely independent" campus radio station KSDT will host its two-day fundraiser Ancient Alien Jamboree at Ché Café on Thursday and Friday, featuring a whole buncha bold text: Gloomsday, Vaginals, Signals, xbxrx, Pangea, Meat Market, and woot woot FIDLAR. Get the deets: scw.ucsd.edu/events.

Friday

Don't blink, my little post-core droogies, what I'm about to type is actual and factual and you are going to want to act fast: Walter Schreifels and frickin' Quicksand are frickin' back and frickin' touring and playing the frickin' House of Blues downfrickintown Friday frickin' night. No, you

shut up. It's true. The tour, their first in 15 years, starts in the Bay Area and will bring the boys to the Southland and then eastward home to NYC and then on to Münster. That's in Germany. So go slip Slip out of its sleeve and slam it on the turntable and turn it UP and get to ordering tix post-haste. They're 25 bucks a stub, but a pack of four goes for 75 bucks. You got three friends, dontcha?

That's a savings of \$6.25 per headbanger.... If you miss the door to that, don't kill yourself, there's some other noteworthy stuff going on around town, i.e., e.g., f.y.i., just up the Fifth Ave. hill, local noise-makers Bangladesh, New Kinetics, and Schitzophonics will fill a bill at Tin Can Ale House...and, look, Midge Ure is touring. He



QUICKSAND AT HOUSE OF BLUES

was in British new wave band Ultravox ("Dancing with Tears in My Eyes") and will be at Brick by Brick...Soda Bar stages "the Richard Nixon of disco dancing.

Cuckoo Chaos, with L.A. soundscapists Incan Abraham and SD's spazz-jazz master Snuffaluffagus...from the top of our folk-rock heap, Heavy Guilt will be out at Winstons in O.B., stretching out the material on their new CD,

after the Steelwells...and drummer extraordinaire Terry Bozio (Missing Persons, Zappa) will be at the Loft at UCSD with his new L.A.-based trio, "for an evening of electric chamber music for the 21st century." I have no idea what that entails, but one should "expect some of the most intense sounds anvwhere.



ADAM GREEN & BINKI

<u>Saturday</u> L.A. "power duo" El Ten Eleven lands at the Loft Saturday night. The vamps loop a doubleneck

guitar with fretless bass over explosive post-rock beats. They are touring in support of last year's Transitions, a nu-math head-nodder that adds a notable quota of electronica to the ETE formula. It's a'ight, these guys kill live.... Across campus, So-Cal punk throwbacks Infest, which used to play at something called "powerviolence," will hit the Ché
Café with **Crime Desire**,

Fed to the Wolves. Impulse, and Suspect. With the original hardcore four, fronted by angsty vocalist Joe Denunzio, this is Infest's first tour in nearly 20 years.... Round town: Operation Mindblow presents Winter's Womb 4 at Casbah, featuring D.C. stoner-rock trio **Dead Meadow** with like-minded locals Dahga

EL TEN ELEVEN AT THE LOFT

Bloom, California666, Harsh Toke, and Eddie & the Earwigs...folkedelic locals the Donkeys clop into the Griffin after Palace Ballroom... local grinders Scooby BaNachos and Tomm Scum, aka Idols Plague, will shred the Shakedown after Revenge Club...local tribbers Back to Black, Hellbent, and OFU will exhume some albumrock riffage at Brick by Brick in Bay Park...Santa Ana garage band the Neumans join our own Los

Sweepers out at Tower Bar...while '70s radio staple Jackson Browne ("Running on Empty," "The Pretender") makes eyes at your mom down at the Copley.

<u>Sundav</u> Anti-folkies Adam Green &

Binki Shapiro (Mouldy Peaches, Little Joy, respectively) this week release their collaborative debut on Rounder Records, whose one-sheet describes the musical rapport the

pair has to "late '60s folk pop." The Guardian agreed, likening their sound to the work Nancy Sinatra and Lee Hazlewood did together. Green & Shapiro's cover of the James Gang's "Collage"

is pretty gosh-darn good. The duo will do its duets at the Griffin on Sunday after JJAMZ and Clockart while heavy-metal shredder Uli Jon Roth (Scorpions) will be right around the bend at Brick by Brick.... One-time Posié, one-time REMer, one-time Big Star Ken Stringfellow has a new record out, Danzig in the Moonlight, which is a cornucopia of song styles, ranging, as Stringfellow is wont to do, from prog to

country, R&B, and jangle-pop. The schizophrenic songsmith sets up at Soda Bar after the Maldives and Rookie Card Best of the rest on Sunday finds neo-soul artist **Cody Chesnutt** at Casbah behind his new R&B record Landing on a Hundred...piano-rock group Ben Folds Five brings its new thing, The Sound of the Life of the Mind, to House

of Blues...Dizzy's new digs at P.B. Jet Ski hosts a vibraphone summit, with **Tim** McMahon, Anthony Smith, and Pat Burke manning the mallets, Peter Sprague on guitar, Rob Thorsen on bass, and **Duncan Moore** at the traps...and classic-rock

guitarist Jorma Kaukonen (Jefferson Airplane, Hot Tuna) will be up at Belly Up for one of the Solana Beach bar's "An Evening with" showcases

<u>Monday</u>

San Diego psych-surf band Barbarian wraps up their January residency

at Soda Bar this Monday night after Dirt Dress, Bangladesh, and Slipping into Darkness... while Casbah's Anti-Monday team rings up Tiny Telephones, featuring members of Hyena, Shark Attack, and Transfer's string section.

Family Wagon, Great White Buffalo, and Calico Kids fill the bill.

Tuesday

Swedish indietronica duo Niki & the Dove alight at Casbah after pop-punk personhood Kenny Vasoli's (Starting Line, Prize Fight) new band **Vacationer**...L.A. alt-rockers Nightmare Air will be wrapping up their January residency at the Griffin after Boy King (née Bunny Gang)...

while at Brick by Brick, fusion-rock supergroup the Aristocrats bring Boing, We'll Do It Live! to the Bay Park bar.

<u>Wednesdav</u>

KEN STRINGEFI OW AT SODA BAR

Psych-folk famile **Akron/Family** visits the Loft at UCSD. What I know best about the Portlandbased band comes from their v. recommendable '09 collection Set 'Em Wild, Set 'Em Free, a heady, adventurous record that brings Animal Collective down to Earth and accompanies me on many a hike or run. I have not properly attended A/F's The Cosmic Birth "collage," Set 'Em Free's storied

follow-up that dropped two years ago, but I will surely do that before Wednesday night...unless I decide to go to the Eddie Spaghetti show at Brick by Brick. Happily, Mr. Spaghetti has no Barnaby Monk AKRON/FAMILY AT THE LOFT

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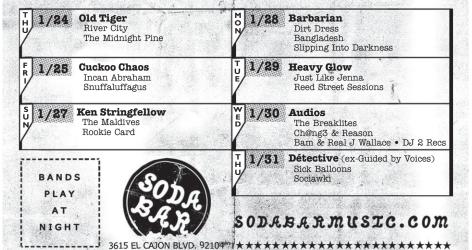
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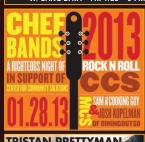
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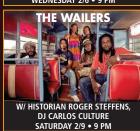












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To the masses

"I'll voice-memo myself and hum a tune I'm thinking into my cell phone."

olf, fishing, and rock and roll: Jon Goodhue emails that he is just leaving the course at Carmel Mountain Ranch at one point during the month that I spend

interviewing him. A San Diego transplant by way of Gloucester, Massachusetts, Goodhue, 27, now lives in Pacific Beach and works

side gigs in landscape and graphic design. "But I put more hours in a day toward music. I try to book a lot of solo acoustic acts, too, which helps with my income." But the Jon Goodhue Band is all-original hard rock. Consider his original inspiration: "I listened to a variety of music when I was younger, but it was when I got my hands on *AC/DC Live* when I was 13 that I knew I had to get a guitar." He did, for Christmas that year. Jon Goodhue members include Marc Aliana on lead guitar, drummer Steve Such, bassist Seth Humphrey, and Chris Buckel on rhythm guitar.

A ROCKER WITH AN ACOUSTIC GUITAR? THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE PLAYING WHEN I SAW YOU OPEN FOR P.O.D. RECENTLY.

"Oh, trust me, I love my electric [guitar] just as much. I use my acoustic for gigs where I perform solo. Bars and restaurants who like to have a single

person entertaining their customers. I tend to play more mellow tunes on those nights, but don't think for one second that I won't bust out some Metallica or some Alice in Chains."

MUSIC DAVE GOOD

ACOUSTIC METALLICA FOR THE DINNER CROWD?

"There are always fans in the room.

Somebody will be eating their meal and turn their head and say, 'Nice!' As long as it's not butchered and you give it justice, it's all good."

A DIGITAL COPY OF YOUR DEMO SOME-HOW LANDED ON MY (VIRTUAL) DESK. WHAT IMPRESSED ME WAS THE JUXTAPO-SITION OF STYLES.

"I've always tried to write songs that could appeal to the masses, not just a specific crowd. On my latest release, we tried to write a handful of songs where the metal head could enjoy the riffs as well as somebody who enjoys a good melody with a smooth yocal."

DO YOU KEEP A GUITAR AND A RECORD-ER HANDY FOR THOSE MOMENTS WHEN INSPIRATION STRIKES?

"I'm not sure if other songwriters do this, but I'll



Jon Goodhue says there are always Metallica fans in the room.

voice-memo myself and hum a tune I'm thinking into my cell phone. Then, when I get home, play it on the guitar. Once I know how my song goes, I arrange it and add lyrics."

TRAA DANIELS FROM P.O.D. PRODUCED YOUR LATEST. HOW DID YOU TWO HOOK UP?

"Through friends. I was originally seeking advice about my career. To make a long story short, my music met his ears and he saw potential and wanted to record and produce my next album."

WHAT DID TRAA BRING TO YOUR MUSIC?

"What some people don't know about Traa is that he has a keen sense of vocal melody. It happened more than once when we were in the studio."

ARE THERE COMMON THREADS THAT RUN THROUGH YOUR SONGWRITING?

"I always considered a song to be an emotional purge. I always write about something that has deeply impacted me; whether it be about success, loss, advice, change, clarity, anything."

FOR EXAMPLE?

"'In the Moment' reflects a time I shared with people I love in Mission Beach during sunset. We had spent all day together having a great time, and it all culminated into this intimate moment of watching the day end. I felt I had to share this. I hope that whoever hears the song has this same kind of experience, or seeks it out in the near future."

ON FISHING: FRESH OR SALT WATER?

"I'm pretty torn between freshwater and salt water. I had an epic trip to the Sierras this year. I must have got 40 trout in three days. Out of the group I was with, I caught the most and biggest fish of the trip."

SO, DID YOU AND TRAA BECOME FISHING BUDDIES?

"We've talked about going fishing together, but it's hard to do when P.O.D. is on the road so much."

WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOU?

"Right now, plans are to promote this new album, All In, and reach as many ears as possible. We'll start local and expand our radius by playing live shows. I'm fortunate to have found some extremely talented local musicians to play these songs with me, and we have a blast on stage. My goal in life has always been to be a touring musician.... I'm just following my dream."



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Tuesday, 9pm — PB-OKE Karaoke.

Wednesday, 9pm — Open Mic Open Jam.

98 Bottles:

Friday — Fred Benedetti plays Cat Stevens and Simon & Garfunkel. Saturday, 8pm — Black Market III 88-810

AMSDconcerts:

Friday, 7:30pm — Roy Zimmerman. \$20. Saturday, 7:30pm — The John Jorgenson Quintet. \$22.

ArtLab:

Monday, 6pm — Hausmann String Quartet.

Bar Pink:

Saturday, 9pm — Gone Baby Gone, Schitzophonics, the Love Lashes.

Wednesday, 9pm — Wild Wild Wets, Buddy Banter, DJ Keith Sweaty. **Free.**

Barleymash:

Thursday — Mike Czech.

Beaumont's:

Thursday, 8pm — Simeon Flick. **Free.**Friday, 9pm — Fish & the

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Thursday, 9pm — Nicki Bluhm and the Gramblers. \$15-\$17.
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Monday, 7pm — Battle of the
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Wednesday, 9pm — Slightly
Stoopid and Natural Vibrations. \$25.

Belo:

Saturday, 9pm — The Game.

Boar Cross'n:

Thursday, 9pm — Translation Audio. Free.
Saturday — Sprung Monkey.

Brick by Brick:

Friday — Midge Ure.
Saturday — Back to Black and Hellbent. \$10-\$12.
Sunday, 7pm — Uli Jon Roth.
Monday, 7pm — Frank Hannon & Trailerpark Rockstar. \$15.
Tuesday, 7pm — The Aristocrats and Travis Larson Band. \$20.
Wednesday, 8pm — Eddie
Spaghetti. \$10.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido:

Saturday, 7:30pm — Best of Doo Wop. \$23-\$45.

Caribe Nightclub:

Saturday — Juan Pablo's Birthday Bash.



BY DAVE GOOD

John Jorgenson's one of those guitarists with an astonishing facility, a modern performer capable of firing off lightning-fast Danny Gatton licks without a second thought, or of mastering Django Reinhardt licks using only two fingers. If memory serves, he once told me that he glued a finger or two to his palm, rendering them unusable (as were Reinhardt's fingers, due to scarring from a fire) lorgenson did this when he was tanged

palm, rendering them unusable (as were Reinhardt's fingers, due to scarring from a fire). Jorgenson did this when he was tapped to play the guitar parts for the soundtrack of the Reinhardt biopic *Head in the Clouds*. It was seen as a step toward authenticity. But Jorgenson is good at mimicking just about anything else he sets his mind to. His gig

credits include Barbra Streisand, Bob Dylan,

Bonnie Raitt, Earl Scruggs, Luciano Pavarotti — pretty much anybody.

I've never thought of Jorgenson as a blood-lusty rocker, what with his squeakyclean image, but he did back Elton John for half a dozen years, and he cofounded a rocking Fender Telecaster guitar band called the Hellecasters. He likewise played in the Desert Rose band with an ex-San Diegan named Chris Hillman. Jorgenson is currently touring behind a pair

of new records on which he plays every kind of music, from rock to classical to bluegrass. He also sings and plays clarinet.

But I wonder what Jorgenson really sounds like. I'm not referring to his tone or to his chops or such. This is more a thought about what personal music may be inside his heart. Does he ever play from that sacred space? I think listeners are so dazzled with the parlor-trickery of his guitar that I doubt anyone has ever required him to. By the end of a day, can



an audience even tell the difference? And does anyone care? Likely not. He is fretboard perfection. He shreds. And in most circles, that's good enough.

JOHN JORGENSON QUINTET: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, January 26, 7:30 p.m. 619-303-8176. \$22/\$49.

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Ché Café:

Thursday, 6pm — Ancient Alien Jamboree Festival Day 1. \$5-\$7. Friday, 6pm — Ancient Alien Jamboree Festival Day 2. \$5-\$7. Saturday, 6pm — Infest, Crime Desire, Fed to the Wolves. \$15.

Copley Symphony Hall:

Saturday, 7:30pm — Jackson Browne. \$50-\$75. Sunday, 2pm — The Magic of Mozart. \$10-\$15.

Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant:

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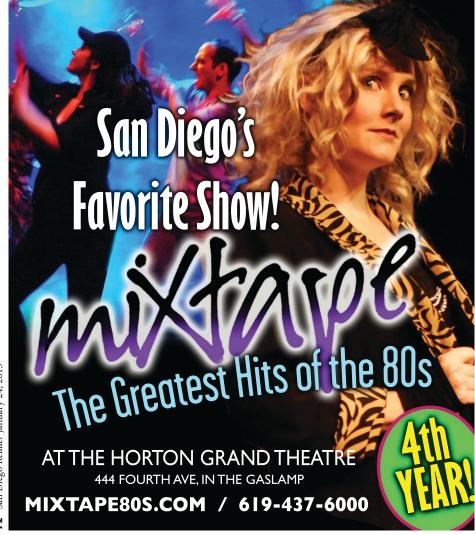
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Thursday, 8pm, Saturday, 11:30am — Daniel Jackson. Free.

Dirk's Niteclub:

Friday, 9pm — Get Groovin'.





Saturday, 7pm — Sneaker Kings. Sunday, 9pm — Karaoke Contest.

Wednesday, 9pm — Karaoke with Evan Lacy.

Dizzv's:

Friday, 8pm — Daniel Jackson. \$15. Saturday, 8pm — Karen

Marguth. \$15. Sunday, 7pm — Vibraphone Summit: Tim McMahon, Anthony Smith, Pat Burke. \$15.

Eleven:

Friday, 9pm — Shark Blood, the Last Years, Sculpins. \$6. Sunday, 5pm — Miss Massive and Snowflake. \$4.

Flame:

Saturday, 9pm — Deeply Rooted.

Gallagher's Pub & Grill: Thursday — Reggae Thursday. Saturday, 9pm — The Drinking Cowboy Band. Free. Wednesdays, 9pm — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.

Griffin:

Thursday, 7pm — Passafire, Seedless, Reeform. \$10-\$12. Saturday, 8pm — Social Studies. Sunday, 8pm — Adam Green.

Tuesday, 8pm — Nightmare Air and Boy King.

Friday, 7pm — Sharon DuBois and Gene Perry.

Hotel Indigo Del Mar:

Friday, 6:30pm — Steph Johnson.

House of Blues:

Friday, 8:30pm — Quicksand. \$25-\$35.

Saturday, 8pm — Stranger. \$12-\$25

Sunday, 8pm — Ben Folds Five. \$40-\$70.

Tuesday, 7pm — Fiction Family, Christina Perri, Now Now. \$16-

Humphreys Backstage Music Club:

Tuesday, 7pm — Robin Henkel Band. Free.

Ivv Nightclub:

 ${\it Thursday} - {\it Chris Cutz}.$

Knuckleheads:

Friday, 9pm — Black Market III.

LampPost Café:

Saturday, 8pm — The Goldsons and Carl Durant.

Lestat's Coffee House:

Thursday — Carlos Olmeda and Chad Taggart. Friday — The Baja Bugs. Saturday — Jeffrey Joe, Joshua Taylor, Raelee Nikole. Sunday, 8pm — Robin Henkel Band with Whitney Shay. \$8. Monday — Open Mic with Chad Taggart. Wednesday — Belvedero, Goodnight Texas, Midnight Pine.

Loft:

Friday, 8pm — Terry Bozzio with Alex Machacek and Jimmy Johnson. \$10-\$15. Saturday, 8pm — El Ten Eleven. Wednesday, 8pm — Akron Family. \$5-\$10.

Main Stage Bar at Valley View Casino:

Sunday — The Mighty Untouchables.

Molly Malone's:

Friday, 9pm — Stone the Giant.

New Expression Music:

Wednesday, 7pm — Ukulele Workshop: Strummin' With Jumpin' Jim Beloff. \$35.

O'Hungry's:

Sunday, 5:30pm — Jon Ji.

Patricks Gaslamp Pub:

Thursday, 9pm — Johnny Vernazza. Friday, 9pm — Mystique Element of Soul. Saturday, 9pm — Family Style. Monday, 9pm — Deejha and Walter's jazz jam. Tuesday, 9pm — Walter's Chicken Jam. Wednesday, 9pm - Len Rainey & the Midnight Players.

Prohibition:

Friday — Jonny & the Wiseguys.

Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center:

Thursday, 8pm — The Iim Ryan Project and Unpaved Highway. \$11-\$13.

Friday — Joey Diamond.

Riviera Supper Club & **Turquoise Room:**

Tuesday, 8pm — Supertasty. Wednesday — Wednesday Jazz with Kice Simko & Friends.

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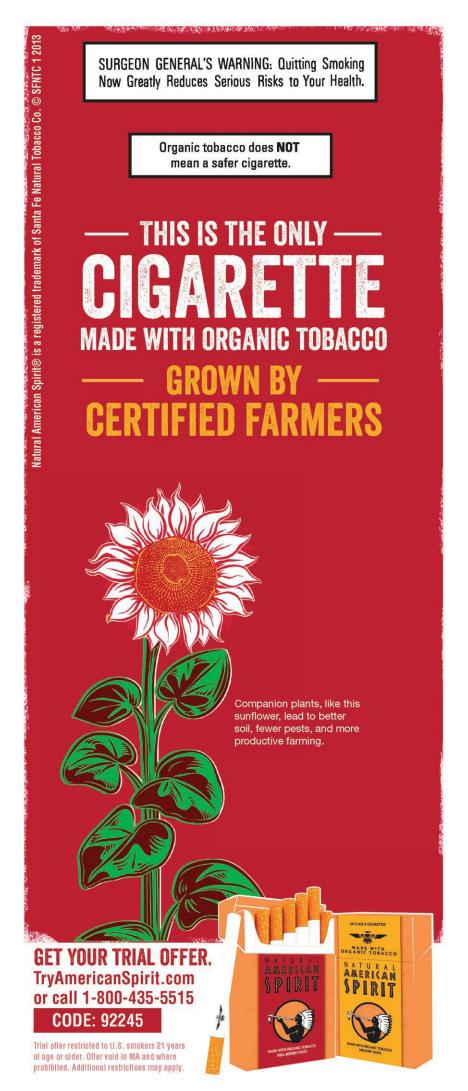
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Thursday — Demon.

Shakedown Bar:

Friday — Personal Conflict and Arab Spring Radar. Saturday, 9pm — Idols Plague.

Soda Bar:

Thursday, 8:30pm — Old Tiger, River City, the Midnight Pine. \$5. Friday, 8:30pm — Cuckoo Chaos and Incan Abraham.

Saturday, 8:30pm — Wax Tailor. Sunday, 8:30pm — Ken Stringfellow.

Monday, 8:30pm — Barbarian, Dirt Dress, Bangladesh. Free. Tuesday, 8:30pm — Heavy Glow. Wednesday, 9pm — Audios and the Breaklites.

Thursday, 6pm — Action Item, Max Schneider, Before You Exit. \$15.

Friday, 6pm — Nova Fest. \$10.

Space 4 Art:

Saturday, 10pm — Stay Strange.

Stage Rock Bar & Grill:

Thursday, 8:30pm — Van Roth. Friday, 10:30pm — Disco Pimps. Saturday — Hair Rock Tribute. Sunday, 4pm — Nautikal, Loose Nuts, Cheef.

Tuesday, 8pm — Kahn Artest.

THURSDAY, 1.24

PASSAFIRE

everyone's a critic

Beta World Peace Mike Gao

By Chad Deal

Elaborating on textures from his 2011 debut, Sun Shadows, Beta World Peace continues Mike Gao's signature sounds: lurching bass lines, asymmetrical percussion, and glowing synth leads, orchestrated, in part, by his brainchild, Polyplayground — an iPad app that allows users to construct melodies and harmonies using color and geometry. Beta World Peace

Gao — who has worked with labels such as Project: Mooncircle, Finest Ego, All City, and Galapagos4 — has come into his own, both as a techno-tinkerer and as a master of his homemade tools.

Techno-tinkerer is a master of his homemade tools The single is bound

to be "Comin Off That High" (Gao in Chinese means "high/tall" — he dedicates the song to a close friend who is battling meth), a trap-andjuke track no doubt informed by Gao's stint as a Chicago DJ before relocating to the West Coast.

But I'm more drawn to the nocturnal strut of "Udon Quixote" (free download) and the crunchy, jagged edges of Ta-ku's "Ausgangsta" remix (a play on the German ausgang, meaning "exit").

Another highlight, "Withdrawn," is a soulful collaboration with eLan, who put San Diego on the international beat radar last year after being picked up by Modeselektor's Monkeytown Records.

Rockabilly cats bring the Whammy!

Bv Ward Elliot

The '80s rockabilly revival was spearheaded by three main "cat" bands; the Stray Cats, the Polecats, and the Rockats. Two cats from those three bands — Tim Polecat (the Polecats) and Slim Jim Phantom (the Stray Cats) have paired off into the Whammy! Having no original music of their own. the Whammy! cats did what they do best played good old-fashioned rockabilly.

The trio blazed through 15 songs that have been covered by several bands over the decades. When you get to see a band do a practically impromptu set list, playing songs the whole audience knows and loves, and pull those songs

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Rock and roll at its best

off without a hitch, that's rock and roll at its best.

They played hits from the Sun Record catalog and favorites by the likes of Eddie Cochran and Gene Vincent. During the encore, Slim Jim took over the vocals for Stray Cats hit "Rock This Town." Tim Polecat finished off the night with what has become his signature song, the Polecats' "Rockabilly Guy."

Concert: The Whammy! Date: December 7

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Wednesday, 7pm — Mark Fisher and Bl3nder.

is a testament to how

Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre:

Thursday, 8pm — Neal McCoy. \$25-\$35.

Tango Del Rey:

SATURDAY, 1.26

THE DONKEYS

THE PALACE BALLROOM,

Saturday, 7:30pm — Adrienne Nims, French Fires, Velvet Gloves, \$20.

SUNDAY, 1.27

ADAM GREEN &

BINKI SHAPIRO

Thrusters Lounge:

Thursday — DJ Who.

Tin Can Ale House:

Thursday — Justin Rodriguez & the Brothers & Sisters. Friday — Bangladesh, New Kinetics, Schitzophonics. \$5. Saturday — Secret Samurai and Zombie Surf Camp. \$5. Tuesday — Doods Night Out.

Tio Leo's:

Thursday, 8pm — Mercedes Moore Band. Friday, 9pm — Joey Harris & the Mentals. Saturday, 9pm — Serious Guise.

Tower Bar:

Friday — Civil War Rust. Saturday — The Neumans, DJ Tony the Tyger.

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Sunday • Jan 27
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Trattoria Tiramisu:

Friday, 8pm, Saturday, 8am — Patrizia the Sultry Lady of Jazz.

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Fusion Orangement. Free.

Whistle Stop Bar:

Friday — Royal Fam Crew. Saturday — Booty Bassment.

Winstons:

Friday, 9pm — The Heavy Guilt, the Steelwells, Boy King. Sunday, 6:30pm — Lady Luck Revue.

Sunday, 10pm — Jose Sinatra hosts O.B.-o-ke. \$1. Monday, 9pm — Electric Waste

Band, \$5. Tuesday, 8pm — Battle of the Bands. Free.

Wednesday, 6pm — Open Mic with Jefferson Jay. Free.

Zel's Del Mar:

Saturday, 8pm — Robin Henkel.

UPCOMING SHOWS

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483 7844. February 4 - SDMTV Battle of

the Bands

February 5 — PB-OKE Karaoke.

February 6 — Open Mic Open

98 Bottles: 2400 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-255-7885. February 1 — Joshua White & Gilbert Castellanos. February 2 — Thelonious Monk Tribute.

AMSDconcerts: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176. February 1 — Ray Wylie Hubbard February 9 — Spider John Koerner.

Belly Up: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140 January 31 — The Wood Brothers. February 1, February 2 — Tristan Prettyman.

February 4 — Delta Rae and ZZ Ward. February 6 — North Mississippi Allstars. February 8 — Tommy Castro and the Painkillers.

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

February 9 — The Wailers.

February 9 — Robin Henkel.

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

February 7 — Gayle Skidmore, Goldenboy, Leanna May. February 8 — Gone Baby Gone. February 9 — Gram Rabbit and Hills Like Elephants. **Conrad Prebys Music Center**

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January 31 — The Cro-Mags.

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February 6, February 6 — Billy

Lee & the Swamp Critters.

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Marine Division Band.

February 7, February 8 — 1st

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl.,

January 31 — Nashville Pussy,

Batten, Sara Groban.

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Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.

February 1 — Roni Lee, Jennifer

at UCSD: Russell Lane at Gilman Dr., La Jolla. February 4 — Alice Teyssier, Krzysztof Golinski, Jonathan

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B St., Downtown San Diego, 619-235-0804

January 31 — The Magic of Scheherazade. February 7 — Gil Shaham

Recital. February 8, February 9, February 10 — Scheherazade

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.

January 31 — Clay Colton. February 1 — The Brokers Band. February 2 — Blues Pharaoh

Band (matinee) February 2 — Big Shot Rueb &

the Reloaders. February 3 — Smoketet.

February 6 — Too Rude For Sunday.

February 7 — Clay Colton.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.

February 1, February 2 — TNT

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January 31 — Muriel Anderson. February 8 — The Mike Garson Quartet.

February 9 — Mikan Zlatkovich & the JazzMikan Trio.

Flame: 3780 Park Bl., Hillcrest, 619-546-4642. February 2 — Elektrofie.

Gallagher's Pub & Grill: 5046 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach,

619-222-5300.

January 31 — Reggae Thursday.

The Griffin: 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-684-1816. January 31 — The Parlotones, the New Kinetics, Irontom. February 1 — Shwayze. February 3 — Augustana (acoustic) and Lauren Shera. February 6 — Hey Ocean.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-299-2583.

January 31 — Pentatonix. February 1 — Pinback and Judgement Day. February 2 — ALO. February 7 — Emeli Sandé.

February 8 — Bro Safari, Titsworth, Torro Torro.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. February 3 — Robin Henkel and Billy Watson. February 7 — Cadillac Wreckers.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.

January 31 — Jann Klose. February 1 — Savannah Philyaw. February 1 — Belmont Lights, Solwave, the Lower 48.

Patricks Gaslamp Pub: 428 F St., Downtown San Diego, 619-233-3077

January 31 — Bill Magee Blues Band.

February 1 — Mystique Element of Soul.

February 2 — Dennis Jones.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.

February 1 — Guitar Shorty. February 2 — Stu Hamm.

February 7 — The Tubes and the

Scott West Band. February 8 — Bobby Rock's Purple Planet.

Ruby Room: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372. February 5 — Bakkuda. February 7 — MegaRan and the

Megas. February 8 — Psychothermia CD release party.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224. January 31 — Detective, Sick Balloons, Sociawki. February 7 — Holly Williams.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662. *February 3* — Silverstein. *February 10* — The Toasters.

The Stage Rock Bar & Grill: 762 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-696-9436. January 31 — Van Roth. February 1 — Disco Pimps.

February 2 — Hair Rock Tribute. February 8 — Cathouse Thursday.

Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-955-8525. January 31 — The Gift/Curse and Machines Learning. February 2 — Modern Heist, Rosewood 5, the Long Holiday.

The Tower Bar: 4757 University Ave., City Heights, 619-284-0158. February 1 — DJs Unite, Mr. Henshaw, Pelengue. February 16 — Dirty Panties,

Wastage, Revenge Club.

Valley View Casino Center: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171. February 5 — The Who: Quadrophenia and More.

Wine Steals: 1953 San Elijo Ave., Cardiff, 760-230-2657. February 2, February 19 — Robin Henkel.

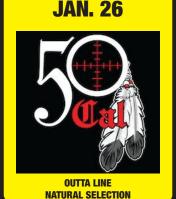
CLASSICAL MUSIC

Gregg Nestor Guitarist presents classical program titled "Faraway Lands." Sunday, January 27, 4pm; free. First United Methodist Church of Chula Vista, 1200 East H Street. (CHULA VISTA)

The Magic of Mozart This concert explores the trials, tribulations, and triumphs of one of the world's most popular composers. Ken-David Masur conducts. Sunday, January 27, 2pm; \$10-\$15. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN



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

CARDIFF

Beach House: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2.95 draft/domestic beer, \$3.45 wells, \$3.95 bloody mary & house wine, \$4.95 well martini, \$5.95 cosmopolitan, mojito, margarita, bloody mai tai.

CARLSBAD

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$4 beers, wells, wines, flights. \$5 boneless wings, fries, spicy hummus.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co.: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-2pm: \$3 house microbrews.

CARMEL VALLEY

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

CHULA VISTA

Achiote Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$1 beer, \$3.99 margaritas.

CITY HEIGHTS

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

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

CLAIREMONT

Blarney Stone Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

COLLEGE AREA

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

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Brigantine: *Monday-Friday, Sunday,* 3-6pm: \$4 Brig brew, Dos Equis. \$4.75 margarita, \$5.50 chardonnay, \$6 merlots, \$1 off featured wine. Discounted tacos, shrimp, oysters.

Leroy's Kitchen + Lounge: Monday-Saturday, 3-6pm: Drink specials & bar bites, including sweet-potato fries and Bayarian pretzel. Sunday, 3-6pm

& 10pm-midnight: \$5 bloody marys & mimosas, featured skinny cocktail.

DEL MAR

Pacifica Del Mar: Wednesday, 4-6:30pm: \$6 vodkas and gins. Oyster night: oysters on the 1/2 shell and oyster shooters. *Thursday*, 4-6:30pm: 1/2-price on all bottles of wine.

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House of Blues: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wines, \$3 wells, \$4 martinis. Killer happy hour menu.

Patricks Gaslamp Pub: *Daily*, 10am-8pm;11pm-close: domestics from \$2.50, wells from \$3.25.

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

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

EAST VILLAGE

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

EASTLAKE

Chili's: *Monday-Friday, Sunday,* 3pm-close: \$1 off drafts, discounted margaritas. Discounted nachos, fried cheese.

EL CAJON

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

ENCINITAS

Cap'n Kenos: *Daily*, 6am-midnight: \$2.50 wells, pints of beer. (Monday-Friday, free chicken 4-5pm.)

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

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

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MISSION BEACH

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

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NORMAL HEIGHTS

The Air Conditioned Lounge: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$3 draft, bloody marys; \$5 you-call-it; \$6 Jayne's Gastropub fare.

Triple Crown Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers. *Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers.

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. All day: \$3 12oz can Bud Lite and Tecate, \$3 24oz can Rolling Rock and PBR. Tuesday, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2 off wines by the glass; \$3 beers; \$4 well cocktails. 5-9pm: Taco Tuesday \$2 tacos, \$2 Tecate. All day: \$3 12oz can Bud Lite and Tecate, \$3 24oz can Rolling Rock and PBR. Wednesday, 4:30-6:30pm: 1/2 priced wine by the bottle. All day: \$3 12oz can Bud Lite and Tecate, \$3 24oz can Rolling Rock and PBR. Thursday, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2 off wines by the glass; \$3 beers; \$4 well cocktails. All day: \$3 12oz can Bud Lite and Tecate, \$3 24oz can Rolling Rock and PBR. Friday, 5-10pm: happy hour specials all night! All day: \$3 12oz can Bud Lite and Tecate, \$3 24oz can Rolling Rock and PBR. Saturday, All day: \$3 12oz can Bud Lite and Tecate, \$3 24oz can Rolling Rock and PBR. Sunday, 4:30pm-6:30pm: \$15 bottomless

Set 'Em Up, Joe! BY JOSEPH O'BRIEN



BRIAN GAUDET Lou & Mickey's 224 Fifth Avenue 619-237-4900

Tiki-cocktail culture might be making a comeback, but at Lou & Mickey's, it never went away. Take yourself downtown, where bartender Brian Gaudet is ready to take the sting out of your day by putting it in your drink. But, be warned: Lou & Mickey's Scorpion for two is more than one man — or one woman — can bear.

"We have to serve it with two people," he tells me. "It comes with two straws. I could probably make a half of one of these drinks for someone, but, by law, we can't serve it to only one person." Served in a 32-ounce tiki-style volcano bowl, the drink has about 8 ounces of alcohol in it. But Gaudet says the real fireworks happen when he serves the thing with an extra shot of rum on the island in the center of the bowl.

"We put a little shot of Bacardi 151 in the center and light it on fire," he says. "It comes out as a big bowl of sweetness with a flaming shot in the middle.... We serve probably a couple every night."

With some of the heaviest firepower among tiki cocktails, the Scorpion, Gaudet says, has only one rival — the Mai Tai.

"For lack of a better comparison, it tastes a bit like a Mai Tai because it has that orange-juice-and-pineapple taste, so, really, you can't tell how strong it is," he says. "It's sweet — but not to the point of too sweet — and it goes down smooth and easy, and it's going to have a little bit of a kick after a short delay."

KITCHEN PROOF: Aye-yup.

LOU & MICKEY'S SCORPION'S STING



Fill a 32-oz. tiki-style volcano bowl (Gaudet says you can also use a mega-mug) with crushed ice and pour:

- 6 oz. Bacardi rum
- 1 oz. brandy
- 1½ oz. Orgeat syrup
- 2 oz. pineapple juice
- 2 oz. sweet-and-sour
- 6 oz. orange juice

Float a dash of Crème de Noyaux on the surface, serve with a flaming ¼ oz. of Bacardi 151 in a shot glass and two straws.

mimosa; \$22 bottomless mimosa with (1) brunch item; \$5 bloody marys. All day: \$3 12oz can Bud Lite and Tecate,

Lips Restaurant: *Sunday*, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

\$3 24oz can Rolling Rock and PBR.

OCEAN REACH

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, 7pmclose: \$5 Rolling Rock and shot; \$1.50 TJ dogs. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. Thursday, 9pm-close: \$3 youcall-its; \$1.50 sliders. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers; \$2.75 well. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. Saturday-Sunday, 11pm-close: \$2.75 well: \$1 off drafts

OCEANSIDE

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

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

Sinbad Café: *Daily*, 4-8pm: \$1.50 drafts, \$2 wells, shots, \$2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

Tony Roma's: *Daily*, 1-4pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$3 off appetizers.

POINT LOMA

Solare Ristorante Lounge: Tuesday-Saturday, 3-6:30pm; \$5 Tanas \$3 Beers \$5 Select Wine \$6

Tapas, \$3 Beers, \$5 Select Wine, \$6 Select Cocktails. *Sunday*, 4-7pm; \$5 Tapas, \$3 Beers, \$5 Select Wine, \$6 Select Cocktails.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

POWAY

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$1 off all wells, drafts, bottles, wine.

RAMONA

Boll Weevil Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2 off all pitchers.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Capri Blu: *Daily*, 3-7pm: 1/2-price drafts, wells, discounted bar-menu food.

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

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.

SHELTER ISLAND

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

SOLANA BEACH

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 hookabs. \$5 refills.

SOUTH PARK

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

Fannie's Nightclub: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

TIERRASANTA

JP's Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25 house wine.

UCSD

Porter's Pub at UCSD: Daily, 11am-7pm \$3 Menu; 4pm-7pm \$1 off all beer.

UNIVERSITY CITY

Cozymel's Mexican Grill: Monday-Saturday, 4pm-close: \$2.25 Coors Light draft, \$3.25 Dos Equis draft; discounted appetizers. (All day Sunday.)

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Babbo's Bar and Grille: *Daily*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3.95 wells, drafts, wine.

Cheers: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-7pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles. \$3 single wells. \$3.50 domestic drafts.

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

VALLEY CENTER

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: \$2 domestic. \$3 imports, wells. Discounted appetizers.

VISTA

Chili Coast Burgers: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$.50-\$.75 off tap beer.

Jumping Bean Cafe & Mexicali Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic, imports, \$2.75 margaritas, \$3 wells, microbrews, \$4 Leaping Horse wine. 3-5pm: \$1.50 chicken or carnitas street tacos.





Ragshop Romance

"All the time I only had to lift up my finger to be as good as you."

hat a treat! George Bernard Shaw's back at the Old Globe - finally! - with firstclass direction, performances, and design work. Even a balky

turntable on opening night couldn't tarnish the luster.

For the past 15 years or so, local theater has treated Shaw's works like ancient statues draped with canvas. In an age when communication verges ever closer to Morse Code — LOL, WTF — Shaw's plays have too many words, are too cerebral — or so the "thinking" has gone. Well, guess what: director Nicholas Martin has given Shaw's comic masterpiece vivid, funny, thought-provoking life.

Anyone seeing Pygmalion for the first time will experience déjà vu. Coar-blimey! Isn't Henry Higgins the 'enery 'iggins of My Fair Lady? Lerner and Loewe based their musical so closely on the original, you can even hear song cues, as when Higgins complains that the moment he makes friends with a woman, "she becomes jealous, exacting, suspicious" and expects him to sing "but let a woman in your life..." Audiences will be led astray, however, if they think the play, and the ending, will conform to the musical.

The title recalls the mythical sculptor who carved a statue of a woman and fell in love with it. The Greek goddess Aphrodite brought her to life. Pygmalion has a similar thrust. On a dare, Henry Higgins plucks Eliza Doolittle from a Covent Garden gutter and changes her "kerbstone English" to the sonorous cadences of an up-market duchess. He walks all over her ("I walk over everybody!"), remains oblivious to her feelings, and vows to "throw her back in the gutter."

But Pygmalion just carved the statue. In one of the Globe's most touching scenes, the now stately Eliza thanks Colonel Pickering for awakening her self-respect. She was raised just

like Higgins, she says, "unable to control myself, and using bad language on the slightest provocation." She would never have known otherwise if Pickering, like Aphrodite, had not set her

free.

And free to see through Higgins ("All

the time I only had to lift up my finger to be as good as you"). So audiences expect a romance to bloom between them. But not Shaw. Pygmalion, he writes in a "sequel," is no love story. "Eliza has no use for the foolish romantic tradition that all women love to be mastered." Anyone hoping for even the suggestion of marriage has a "lazy dependence on the...ragshop in which Romance keeps its stock of happy endings to misfit all stories."

The real Pygmalion, in effect, is Shaw. And we are his block of marble. He wants to

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the sophistication.

Critics aren't supposed to talk about endings, so I'll just say that the director has added a visual to the original that nicely complicates matters. The Old Globe recently named Nicholas Martin as an "associate artist" with good reason.

Henry Higgins is supposed to be 20 years older than Eliza.

pare away our yen for sappy conclusions and pay sober attention to social class: how "in an age of upstarts" people lose their freedom; how external factors determine social standing. And how Eliza and her father have become trapped: she has the sophistication but not the money; he, the money, but not

Pygmalion does give a comic critique of the mannered. Trouble is, to wean us from a happy ending, Shaw first had to set one up. Henry and Eliza have a bond, ambiguous as all get-out, but a bond nonetheless.

Although his British accent

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sometimes slips, Robert Sean Leonard makes him a spoiledbrat genius with romper-room energy. People expecting a rigid Rex Harrison may be off-put. But Leonard's irritating, engaging, physically active Higgins

serves the play. Adulthood still eludes this Henry. As long as it does, he won't be Eliza's equal. As the "artificial duchess,"



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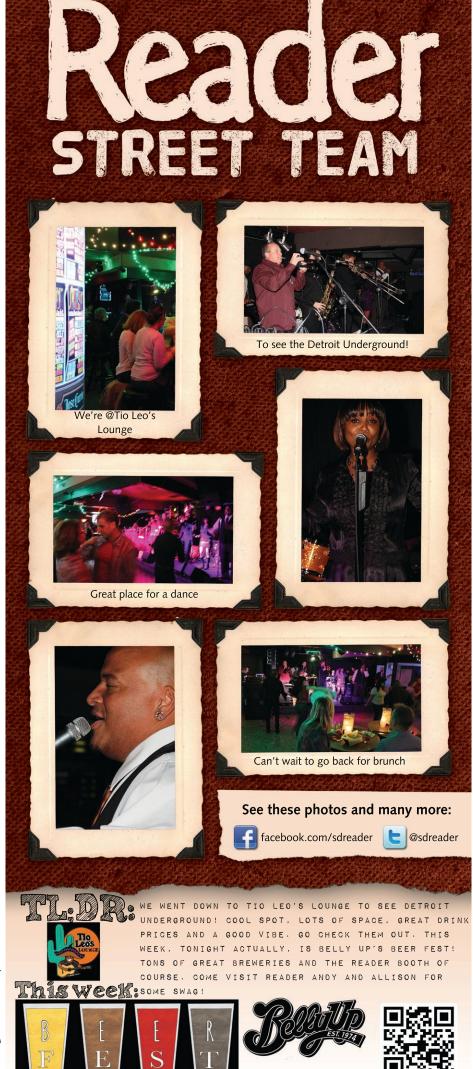
Pygmalion, by George Bernard Shaw Old Globe Theatre, Balboa Park

Directed by Nicholas Martin; cast: Charlotte Parry, Robert Sean Leonard, Paxton Whitehead, Kandis Chappell, Don Sparks, Deborah Taylor, Robbie Simpson, Maggie Carney, Danielle O'Farrell, Jeremy Fisher, Adam Gerber, Allison Layman, Erin Elizabeth Adams; scenic design, Alexander Dodge; costumes, Robert Morgan; light-ing, Philip S. Rosenberg; sound, Drew Levy; original music, Mark Bennett

Playing through February 17; Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-234-5623







Charlotte Parry blooms like one of Eliza's flowers — and the text gives her far less room than the musical: no "Rain in Spain"; no Embassy Ball; no hugging scene with Freddy. There are at least five different Elizas, one for each act, and Parry connects them all with a splendid performance.

The ensemble has "Craig's Children" at its core: expert, classically trained actors Craig Noel cast decades ago, whenever he could. Paxton Whitehead (ever-precise as Pickering); Don Sparks (a comic hoot as Mr. Doolittle, snagged by "middleclass morality"); Kandis Chappell (Higgins's imperial mother to whom "what fools these males be"); Deborah Taylor (Mrs. Pearce, the housekeeper, and Higgins's live-in mother figure). The quartet evokes two responses: What a grand reunion! And, Where have they

Donning the elegant costumes of Robert Morgan (another Noel favorite), Maggie Carney, Danielle O'Farrell, and Robbie Simpson provide valuable support as the eccentric Eynsford Hills. Simpson's Freddy wears such a perpetual smile, you expect him to belt "On the Street Where You Live" at any moment. Freddy's naiveté also cuts another way: he's no match for Eliza.

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any lastminute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.



Scripps Ranch Theatre presents Sarah Treem's "bittersweet romantic comedy." A young woman, engaged to an almost famous man, meets up with her first love. Eric Poppick directed.

SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO RD., SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 10.

An American Story

Hershey Felder's world premiere drama tells the story of Abraham Lincoln's last day and of Dr. Charles Augustus Leale, the 23-year-old Union Army medic who was the first to reach the presidential box at Ford's Theatre.

BIRCH NORTH PARK THEATRE, 2891
UNIVERSITY AVE., NORTH PARK. 619239-8836. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM
FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS,
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WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 3.

Birds of a Feather

Diversionsary presents the comedy about two bird families raising their brood on Central Park West roof, based on the banned children's book *And Tango Makes Three*.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 3.

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, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DI-

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DI-EGO. 619-544-1000. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 10.

Educating Rita

Rita wants to learn "everything." She's a hairdresser eager to break away from her roots and "discover me-self." In Willy Russell's comedydrama, she plays Eliza Doolittle to Frank's Henry Higgins. Frank's a prof, but unlike sober Henry, drinks like five fish. The play follows a year in the life of their mutual tutorials. The 90-minute first act feels almost as long. Since the end is never in doubt, it lacks conflict (as does much of the shorter Act Two). At North Coast Rep, Meghan Andrews and Bjorn Johnson give more than capable performances, though they could stress the arcs more strongly (as could Rita's period costumes, which all look brand new). Marty Burnett opens the new year with a professor's office with comfy deshabille. Worth a try. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE,

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURS-DAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SAT-URDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 3.

The End of It

As a benefit for the school's theater department, San Dieguito Academy presents a one-night-only performance of alumni Paul Coates's comedy-drama about three couples dissolving their marriages.

SAN DIEGUITO ACADEMY, 800 SANTA FE DR, ENCINITAS. 760-752-1121. 7PM SATURDAY.

I Hate Hamlet

This comedy by Paul Rudnick revolves around a discontented TV actor who is visited by the ghost of John Barrymore as he prepares to play Hamlet in Central Park. The *New York Times* called it "unapologetically silly and hilarious." Appetizer reception at 6:30.

Reading at 7:00. RSVP required. Boxoffice@intrepidshakespeare.com or 760-652-5011

ENCINITAS LIBRARY, 540 CORNISH DR., ENCINITAS. 760-753-7376. 6:30PM MONDAY.

The Kitchen Witches

PowPAC stages Caroline Smith's comedy about "mature cable-access cooking show hostesses who have hated each other for 30 years, ever since Larry Biddle dated one and married the other."

POWPAC, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 17.

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

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Peggy Sue Productions presents a dinner-theater show set in 1853. "When a new mine and a dead lawyer are discovered, everyone becomes a suspect."

MIKKI'S CAFE, 1639 EAST VALLEY PARK-WAY, ESCONDIDO. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Pete 'n' Keely

Lamb's Players stages the Off-Broadway hit about the live reunion of "America's Singin' Sweethearts" — who are allegedly getting along just fine. Kerry Meads directed. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS. THROUGH MARCH 3.

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 GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUN-DAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNES-DAYS, THROUGH FERRILARY 17.

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 AND 8PM THURS-DAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 1PM SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS, 1PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 17.

Celebrity rescue

he "West Memphis Three" (Jessie Misskelley, Damien Echols, and Jason Baldwin) were teenagers in 1993 when they were wrongfully convicted of the murders of three eight-year-old boys.

Directed by investigative journalist Amy Berg (*Deliver Us From*

Evil), West of Memphis picks up where Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky's three Paradise Lost documentaries for HBO left off. (The film's biggest mystery is why the producers chose Berg to direct when Berlinger and Sinofsky already had the inside track.)

Sadly, it wasn't the flagrant display of incompetence on the part of the West Memphis, Arkansas, police department that eventually brought this case to the public's attention. Were it not for a group of well-intentioned celebrities (musicians Eddie Vedder and Henry Rollins and two of the film's producers, Peter Jackson and Fran Walsh of *Hobbit* fame) who made available their high profiles, there's a good chance that our justice system would have seen to it that

these boys rotted their lives away in jail. The story is compelling enough, but the two-and-a-half hour running time and standard 48 Hours Mystery presentation might want you to con-

sider waiting for it to hit HBO.

— Scott Marks

AFTERIMAGE: ZERO DARK THIRTY

Hey, if Batman can hack every cell phone in Gotham...Spoilers ahead!

Okay, so you've all seen *Zero Dark Thirty* and then spent 15–20 hours online, debating the film's depiction of torture and its possible efficacy in obtaining information crucial to finding and killing Osama bin Laden.

(While we're on the ethical-debate side of things, would it have killed them to have one moment of someone in a meeting asking about the legal/moral ramifications of executing a dude, even a very bad dude, without the benefit of trial? I mean, hell, Saddam Hussein was regarded as a bad enough dude that we invaded his country and toppled his government, but even he got taken alive and tried.



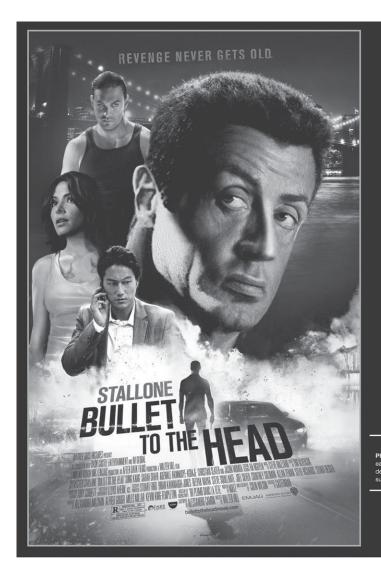
Bad things happen when the hunger for justice gets mixed up with the hunger for closure.

Further, how about a question concerning the legal/moral ramifications of executing a dude on someone else's turf? I mean, last I checked, these questions of sovereignty mattered a lot. Except this time. I'm not saying we needed a lot of handwringing, but are we really to believe that nobody

said anything along these lines? That it was all, "We found 'im, let's kill 'im!" from the get-go?)

Questions of ethics aside, what about practical questions? In particular, practical questions as they pertain to storytelling — the way the movie presents the events it treats?

The mechanics of the film are built around the massive, coordinated, messy effort to procure tiny, significant pieces of information that would eventually, after years and years, lead to success. (And even then, a certain amount of luck was required — "Hey, look what I found while I was going





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through the archives!") Painstaking is the watchword.

But at some point, I fear that director Kathryn Bigelow must have glanced at her watch and said, "We're running long. Time for some wizardry." Because I can't think of how else to account for the magic cellphone find. You know, the scene where tech-boy drops a phone in front of Jessica Chastain and tells her that every time her target makes a call, the phone he just gave her will ring. Naturally, she is overjoyed. This is the big break she needed.

But how's that again? This film has been relentless in showing us exactly how things get done, in emphasizing detail and procedure. And then, suddenly, it's time for unexplained techno-solutions. "Oh, yeah, I just defribblized his cross-trackulation patterns and wiznatched the QPC signal. Won't be long now."

Please, tell me I'm wrong here. Cuz otherwise, ZDT cheated at its own game, which is a little sad. If you're going to emphasize process over meaning, you've got to go all-in on process.

San Diego

- Matthew Lickona

IS ZAC EFRON GUNNING FOR JAMES FRANCO'S TITLE AS HOLLYWOOD'S ENFANT TERRIBLE?

Warning: contains sort-of explicit

Let us begin, then, with the obvious: James Franco is enjoying (has been enjoying, may continue to be enjoying) something of a moment in Hollywood. I can think of no other actor currently working who is being allowed so fluid a movement between mass-market blockbuster entertainment (Sam Raimi's Spider-Man trilogy, Rise of the Planet of the Apes, Oz the Great and Powerful), middlebrow arthouse (Milk, Howl, The Broken Tower), lowbrow straight-dude comedy (Pineapple Express, Your Highness), and gen-u-wine High Art (a stint on General Hospital, Spring Breakers, Dicknose in Paris). That's right, the host of the Oscars was also the star of *Dicknose in Paris*, the story (as far as I can tell from the online clips) of a man wearing a prosthetic package on his face who wants to make a movie and impress Wes Anderson. And now? Now he's got not one, but two sexy films at Sundance: Kink, a doc on a bondage-porn production outfit in San Francisco, and Interior. Leather Bar, which I suppose is pretty self-explanatory. Impressive. Most impressive.

Poor Zac Efron. How can he hope to compete? Everything he does is a pale echo of Franco. Mass-market blockbuster? Well, he was the voice of the kid in The Lorax. Middlebrow arthouse? Me and Orson Welles was okay, but mostly just because of Christian McCay as Welles. Lowbrow straight-dude comedy? He did voice Anakin Skywalker on Robot Chicken, so that's something. Gen-uwine High Art? Does getting peed on by Nicole Kidman in The Paperboy count? I think it should count for something.

But how to match the audacity of Dicknose in Paris? Dropping a condom at The Lorax premiere was a good start. I am the Durex, I speak for the sperm/ That come spurting and squirting from out of your worm/ The sperm that wreak havoc if they get let loose/ By saddling your squaw with a crying papoose! Etc. etc.

Still, it just wasn't enough. So Efron upped the ante. Did Franco sport a fake member? Then Efron would pose in front of a whole bunch of 'em. At a sex-toy shop. Alas, it appears that, at the last moment, Efron's nerve failed him and he chased down the shutterbug, begging that the man delete the photo. Did the man delete the photo? The man did not. Art is not for the timid, Mr. Efron.

— Matthew Lickona

DAVE GROHL'S SOUND CITY ONE NIGHT ONLY AT LAND-MARK'S HILLCREST CINEMAS

Rockumentary fans, mark your calendars: the one chance to see Sound City, Dave Grohl's documentary on the fabled Van Nuys recording studio, is Thursday, January 31, and features Paul McCartney, Mick Fleetwood, Trent Reznor, Tom Petty, and

Dave Grohl recorded the album Nevermind with the band Nirvana at Sound City Studios. According to Rolling Stone, the inspiration for the film came after Grohl purchased several items from the studio, including the mixing console — a rare analog model — when it closed in 2011.

The soundtrack features "Cut Me Some Slack," a new song written by Grohl, Paul McCartney, and former bandmates Krist Novoselic and Pat Smear.

Sound City has its only screening at Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas on January 31 at 7 p.m. Tickets for this special event are \$12.50 and can be purchased at landmarktheatres.com.

- 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' vourself" 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.

56 Up — The seventh installment in what could very well be television's first reality show. In 1964, Paul Almond began filming a group of 14 seven-year-old British schoolkids. The directorial reins were later handed to Michael Apted, who has since gone back at regular sevenyear intervals to document the group's growth. Inspired by Truffaut's fictional Antoine Doinel cycle that began in 1959 with The 400 Blows, the Up series offers viewers an exploration of the power of cinema as a tool to document and record human growth. (The filmmaker's original intention was "to get a glimpse of England in the year 2000.") If you have been with the program from the outset, it makes for highly compulsive viewing. 56 Up finds our diverse group of 13 participants -Charles has been missing in action since 21 Up — well ensconced in middle age. Two of the subjects are actually upset that their participation in the show hasn't led to a recording or publishing contracts. Those new to the series may want to pay a visit to Kensington Video and play a little catch-up. 2012. — S.M.

Broken City — A young black man in a hoodie, shot and killed under questionable circumstances. A powerful politician looking for a quick economic fix that he swears favors both the rich and the poor, but definitely the rich. A secret gay love affair that could end a man's career. Another story ripped from the headlines, next on Law & Order. No, wait: a private eye with a dark past, brought in to trail a dame - but why? A mysterious lady

with an explosive secret — but what? A crooked businessman who will stop at nothing to get what he wants — but how? Tune in to Crime Story, next on old-time radio! But seriously, folks: this solo effort from director Allen Hughes (together with his brother Albert, he made From Hell and Dead Presidents) is either loving homage or tired rehash, depending on how much you enjoy watching Mr. Mayor Russell Crowe and ex-cop Mark Wahlberg jaw at one another. It does, however, feature the sexiest indie film ever made and enough backbone to deny our hero any sort of escape via moral contortion. Plus, an adorable devoted secretary (Alona Tal). 2013. — M.L.

Django Unchained — Quentin Tarantino fails to do for slave owners what he did for Nazis in this, his long-awaited western (Southern?) follow-up to the epic war comedy Inglourious Basterds. Oscar-winner Christoph Waltz returns to the Tarantino fold as Dr. King, a German dentist-cum-bounty hunter hot on the trail of a pair of nefarious outlaws. Once again, the connivingly charismatic Waltz is well mannered to the point of achieving a near-Oliver Hardy sense of nirvana. He also offers a crash course in mentorship to uppity slave Jamie Foxx, eager to save his wife from ruthless plantation lord, Leonardo DiCaprio. For its first third, Django Unchained plays like an agreeable cross between Blazing Saddles and Mandingo. (There is a hilarious bit about proper eyehole placement in KKK cowls.) Once they reach Leo's Candyland, however, the film becomes talky and set-bound, and the third act is little more than an excuse for bloodletting. Still, politically speaking, there's more truth told here about money and its ability to buy miscegenation than anything on display in Lincoln. Worth seeing, but not a good enough romp to justify its 165-minute running time. With Kerry Washington, Don Johnson, Franco Nero, and Samuel L. Jackson as the spitting image of cotton-haired Woody Strode in Ford's The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance. - S.M.

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.

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' rear tire just moments after it ran over his pooch's head. A most imaginative sight gag soon cleans the air. Wayans reimagines Paranormal Activity godhead Orin Peli's shape-shifting, sheetfluffing specter as his galpal's blanket-





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) So 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)

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 Miserables (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) Call theater for program information

CORONADO

Vintage La Costa

820 Orange Avenue (619-437-6161) Call theater for program information.

DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp

701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709) Call theater for program information.

Regal Horton Plaza

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) Call theater for program information.

Full Moon Drive-In

1500 Felspar Street (888-211-0404) Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13) Fri 1/25/13 (7:30): Platoon/Forrest Gump (Double **Feature)** (PG-13) Sat 1/26/13 (6:30)

KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **56 Up** (NR) Exclusive Engagement, Fri: (2:00), (5:00), 8:00, Sat - Sun: (2:00), 5:00, 8:00, Mon - Thu: (5:00), 8:00, Discount Shows at Landmark's Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets "; Oscar® Nominated Short Films 2013: Animated (NR) Exclusive Engage ment, Opens Friday, February 01: Oscar® Nominated Short Films 2013: Live Action (NR) Exclusive Engagement, Opens Friday, February 01

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386) Call theater for program information

Landmark La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236 **Amour** (PG-13) Exclusive Engagement, Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:15), (4:10), 7:00, 9:45, Sat - Sun: (10:30), 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45, Nominated For 5 Academy Awards*; Quartet (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (1:40), (4:30), 7:20, 9:35, Sat - Sun:

(10:50), 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 9:35; Silver Linings Playbook (PG-13) Nominated For 8 Acad emy Awards* Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:30), (4:20), 7:10, 9:50, Sat - Sun: (10:40), 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50; Beasts Of The Southern Wild (PG-13) Exclusive Engagement, Nominated For 4 Academy Awards* Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:50), (4:40), 7:30, 9:40, Sat - Sun: (11:00), 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 9:40, Discount Shows at Landmark's La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "()"

MIRA MESA

Regal Mira Mesa

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

AMC Fashion Valley

7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386) Call theater for program information.

AMC Mission Valley

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386) Call theater for program information

Ultrastar Mission Valley Hazard Center

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) Call theater for program information.

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) Quartet (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:20), (4:50), 7:45, Sat - Sun: (2:20), 4:50, 7:45; **The** Impossible (PG-13) Nominated For An Academy Award® For Best Actress (Naomi Watts) Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:40), (4:20), 7:00, 9:40, Sat - Sun: (11:00), 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **West Of Memphis** (R) Fri, Mon – Thu: (3:40), 7:30, Sat - Sun: (11:40), 3:40, 7:30; **Quartet** (PG-13) Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:30), 6:45, 9:15, Sat - Sun: (11:10), 1:30, 6:45, 9:15; **Anna** Karenina (R) Nominated For 4 Academy Awards* Fri, Mon – Thu: (3:50) Sat - Sun: (11:20), 3:50; **Beasts Of The Southern** Wild (PG-13) Exclusive Engagement, Nomi nated For 4 Academy Awards* Fri, Mon – Thu: (2:00), (4:40), 7:10, 9:30, Sat - Sun: (11:30), 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30; **Sound City** (NR) Special Event, Thu: 7:00

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Cosmic Collisions (Not Rated) Fri. 5:00p.m. Sun. 3:00, 5:00; **Flight of the Butterflies** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 7:00 Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Tales of the Maya Skies (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00p.m. Sun. 6:00p.m.; To The Arctic IMAX (G) Fri. 1:00p.m. Sun.

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Regal Parkway Plaza

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information.

LA MESA

Reading Grossmont

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264

Broken City (R) Fri-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; **Hansel & Gre**tel: Witch Hunters (R) Fri-Sun. (11:45, 1:50): Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters **3D** (R) Fri-Sun. (3:55) 6:05, 8:20, 10:35; **A** Haunted House (R) Fri-Sun. (11:35, 1:40, 3:45) 5:45, 7:50, 9:55; Mama (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30; Movie 43 (R) Fri-Sun. (10:50, 1:05, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; **Parker** (R) Fri-Sun. (11:10, 1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Silver Linings Playbook (R) Fri-Sun. (11:25, 2:10) 4:55, 7:40, 10:25; **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, 3:25) 7:00, 10:15

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego

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(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,

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Call theater for program information.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade

770 Dennery Road (888-262-4386) Call theater for program information.

Regal Rancho Del Rey

1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707) Call theater for program information.

UltraStar Chula Vista

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)

The Guilt Trip (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:45 AM), (2:30), 5:00, 7:30, 10:15, Sun: (11:45 AM), (2:30), 5:00, 7:30, Mon - Thu: 5:00, 7:30; Red Dawn (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:30 AM), (2:00), 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, Sun: (11:30 AM), (2:00), 4:30, 7:00, Mon - Thu: 4:30, 7:00; **Rise** of the Guardians (PG) Fri & Sat: (11:15 AM), (1:45), 4:15, 6:45, 9:15, Sun: (11:15 AM), (1:45), 4:15, 6:45, Mon - Thu: 4:15, 6:45; **The** Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part **2** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:00 AM), (1:45), 4:30, 7:15, 10:00, Sun: (11:00 AM), (1:45), 4:30, 7:15, Mon - Thu: 4:30, 7:15; **Skyfall** (PG-13) Fri -Sun: (11:00 AM), (2:15), 5:30, 8:45, Mon - Thu: 5:30, 8:45; **Flight** (R) Fri - Sun: (11:15 AM), (2:15), 5:30, 8:45, Mon - Thu: 5:30, 8:45; Here Comes the Boom (PG) Fri & Sat: (12:00), (2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:30, Sun: (12:00), (2:45), 5:15, 7:45, Mon - Thu: 5:15, 7:45; **Sinister** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:00 PM; Frankenweenie (PG) Fri - Sun: (12:00), (2:30), 5:00, 7:30, Mon - Thu: 5:00, 7:30; Taken 2 (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15, Sun: (2:45), 5:15, 7:45, Mon Thu: 5:15, 7:45; Hotel Transylvania (PG) Fri - Sun: (11:30 AM), (2:00), 4:15, 6:30, Mon - Thu: 4:15, 6:30; **Looper** (R) Fri & Sat: (11:45 AM), 9:00, Sun: (11:45 AM)

EASTLAKE

AMC Otay Ranch

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386) Call theater for program information.

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information.

NATIONAL CITY

AMC Plaza Bonita

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386) Call theater for program information.

NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

Regal Escondido

350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information.

FALLBROOK

UltraStar River Village

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) Call theater for program information.

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, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:00, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45; **Les Miserables** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (10:20, 2:45) 7:10, 10:40 Sun. (10:20, 2:45) 7:10; **Lin**coln (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (10:10, 1:20) 4:30 Sun. (10:10) 7:15; **Mama** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (10:45, 1:15, 3:45) 6:10, 8:30, 11:00 Sun. (10:45, 1:15, 3:45) 6:10, 8:30; Seethamma Vakitlo Sirimalle Chettu (Not Rated) Fri-Sat. 9:00p.m Sun. (3:00p.m.); Silver Linings Playbook (R) Fri-Sat. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:40, 10:30 Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:40; **The Hobbit: An** Unexpected Journey (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (1:40) 6:30, 10:10 Sun. (1:40) 6:30: The Last **Stand** (R) Fri-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 11:00 Sun. (10:00, 12:30) 3:00, 5:30, 8:15; **Wreck-It Ralph** (PG) Fri-Sun. (10:40a.m.); **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri-Sat. (10:15, 3:15) 7:00, 10:20 Sun. (10:15, 3:15) 7:00

SAN MARCOS

Regal San Marcos

1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

TEMECULA

Ultrastar Temecula Tower Cinemas

27531 Ynez Road (951-699-2205) Call theater for program information.

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Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)

4:50) 7:35, 10:15; **Django Unchained** (R) Fri-Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:05, 10:30; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri-Sun. (11:10, 1:50, 4:35) 7:25, 10:00; Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters (R) Fri-Sun. (10:30, 12:50, 3:10, 5:30) 7:50, 10:10; **Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D** (R) Fri-Sun. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:15, 9:35; A Haunted House (R) Fri-Sun. (10:55, 1:20, 3:45) 6:05, 8:15, 10:35; Les Miserables (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:10, 3:40) 7:10; Mama (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:05, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; Movie 43 (R) Fri-Sat. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:40, 10:10, 10:50 Sun. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:40, 10:10; **Parker** (R) Fri-Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:35, 10:15; Silver Linings Playbook (R) Fri-Sun. (10:45, 1:40, 4:35) 7:30, 10:20; The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:35, 3:20) 7:00, 10:30; The Impossible (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:00. 1:55, 4:40) 7:20, 10:05; The Last Stand (R)

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NORTH COASTAL CARLSBAD

Fri-Sun. (12:15, 2:50, 5:25) 8:00, 10:25; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri-Sun. (12:20, 3:50) 7:15,

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Cinépolis Del Mar

12905 El Camino Real (858-794-4045) Call theater for program information.

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OCEANSIDE

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Hvde 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 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.

The Impossible — An account of a family caught, with tens of thousands of strangers, in the mayhem of one of the worst natural catastrophes of our time.

The Last Stand — Weary screen warrior Arnold Schwarzenegger returns to Hollywood in a film about a cop who got old and left L.A. for an Arizona border town. But this being Arnold, trouble finds him. And this being Arizona, it's Mexican trouble (though — ha-ha — this time it's a Mexican who wants to get out, not in). And this being the Wild West, it's best addressed through superior firepower. It's hard to say what gets sold harder here: gun ownership or Chevrolet. (The bad guy drives a very fancy Corvette, and a gun-toting grandma gets a cheerful cameo.) The story works best when it sticks to mayhem, humor, or - particularly in the case of a sadly underused Johnny Knoxville — a mixture of both. The trademark Schwarzenegger quips are traded in for something less jokey and more situational, and director Kim Ii-woon (I Saw the Devil, The Good, the Bad, the Weird) knows his way around an action sequence. You will not find many surprises, except perhaps Peter Stormare doing his best Robert Duvall. You may find some delights. With Forest Whitaker, Luis Guzman, and an unmussable Jaimie Alexander. 2013. - M.L.

Les Misérables — Sincere story of answered prayers, mostly those of one Jean Valjean (Hugh Jackman), an ex-con who tastes mercy and tries to break free from his criminal past (he stole a loaf of bread). But the reformed man is pursued by Javert (Russell Crowe), a lawman who does not believe reform is possible. Jackman and Crowe are both game, but when almost every line is sung, the voice must

do the work, and neither is quite up to the task. Crowe lacks the requisite menace, and Jackman can't quite manage the controlled vocal acrobatics. So it's up to Sacha Baron Cohen and Helena Bonham Carter to steal the show as a couple of naughty, bawdy scallywags. (The story is set in France, but the culture it portrays smells English, except there are more nuns about.) They have the show stolen from them by Eddie Redmayne's Marius, a young nobleman with a head full of populist ideals and a heart full of love for Valjean's adopted daughter. (In general, the kids carry the day here.) Director Tom Hooper (The King's Speech) builds a rich world, full of muck and majesty, but can't resist prolonged closeups come solo time. And solo time comes often. With Anne Hathaway, Amanda Seyfried. 2012. — M.L.

Mama — Boy kills girl and self, thus forcing their young daughters, Victoria (Megan Charpentier) and Lilly (Isabelle Nélisse), to spend five years in a deserted cabin being raised by mom's ghost. The feral siblings are eventually captured and placed in the home of their father's twin brother (Nikolaj Coster-Waldau) and his girlfriend, a brunette, bobbed, and raccoon-eyed Jessica Chastain. Unless your nerves can't stand the shrieking violins that accompany every popping head, there is not a legitimate jolt in the entire picture. Logic never enters into it: noontime sun pours through the windows as Chastain chastises the girls for being up past their bedtime. When a Mamainduced fall places Coster-Waldau (or is it Scott Speedman?) in a comatose state, a nonplussed Chastain goes about her life as if nothing happened. The lifts from Marnie, Rear Window, and Un Chien Andalou show that director and co-screenwriter Andrés Muschietti did his homework. But the manner in which he smuggles in the homages proves that he learned nothing from his teachers. With only two expressions in her acting kit — pained and more pained — Chastain is rapidly becoming her generation's answer to Harrison Ford.

The biggest stiff in this spook show is Daniel Kash, who barely registers in the perfunctory role of an earnest sawbones bent on rescuing the girls. Throw Mama from the multiplex. — S.M.

Parker — Review forthcoming

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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Quartet — Good acting has seldom been more excellent than in this, Dustin Hoffman's directorial debut. Dusty lives up to his nickname with a whiskered senior moment of a movie. (It's best that Hoffman started late in the game; audiences won't have to put up with too many more vanity projects like this.) A group of opera singers sequestered in a lavish retirement home are thrown into a tizzy by the arrival of Jean (Maggie Smith), a prima donna's prima donna and the former

wife of one of the pampered residents (Tom Courtenay). Each year, the group celebrates Verdi's birthday with a public performance, but rigor mortis sets in long before they get around to Rigoletto. There is one "f" bomb, but the most profane term, according to playwright Ronald Harwood's big-screen adaptation, seems to be "story development." After ten minutes of Pauline Collins's doe-eyed dementia, one wishes Amour was playing on an adjacent screen so that Jean-Louis Trintignant could jump auditoriums and bring a pillow with him. Hoffman fans would be better off renting Racing Stripes. With Michael Gambon and Billy Connolly. 2012. — S.M.

The Rabbi's Cat — A shaggy-dog story about a nearly hairless cat in 1920s Algiers. He serves his master, the rabbi, but he loves his mistress, the rabbi's fleshy daughter. When he eats the family parrot and so gains the power of speech, he seizes the opportunity to begin pitching woo. The rabbi will have none of it, so the cat proposes converting to Judaism in order to take off the curse. But the rabbi's rabbi won't grant the cat a bar mitzvah, not so much because of the cat's sophisticated, skeptical theology but because he's, well, a cat. It's a sharp setup, and so gorgeously rendered that religious folk shouldn't mind playing along with the sacrileges, and unbelievers shouldn't mind listening to all the God talk. 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 they religion, language, or art. Something else to do with the primacy of decency over devotion, and of eros over all. 2011. - M.L.

West of Memphis — Reviewed this

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.

FILM FESTIVALS

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9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD 858-534-8497

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Spotlight on the San Diego Asian Film Festival Film screening and presentation by Brian Hu, artistic director of San Diego Asian Film Foundation, in honor of Chinese New Year. Hu is selecting the film and "will lend his expertise and insight to lead a discussion on the film" in room 204. Friday, February 8, 1:00pm

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART SAN DIEGO, LA JOLLA

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FlixMix: Dorfman Deb Dorfman is a young lady living out her dreams... sort of. Nebbish, incidentally complacent, and prone to more than a little magical thinking Deb gets a chance to leave her parents' home in the San Fernando valley-where she cares for her ailing, widower father, played by Elliot Gould—to spend a week housesitting in Los Angeles for the man of her day-dreams. 3:00pm Mixer in the Underwriter Lounge 5:00pm Film screening. 858-362-1348. Sunday, February 10, 3:00pm

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Film Movement: Hospitalité Mikio Kobayashi lives quietly with his wife, daughter, and divorced sister in downtown Tokyo. One day Kagawa appears, claiming to be the son of a financier who once helped Kobayashi's company. In return for his family's past help Kagawa requests to move in, and Kobayashi's quiet lifestyle is quickly forgotten when Kagawa invites his wife and a myriad of eclectic and foreign visitors to join him in the cramped apartmartment. Saturday, January 26, 12:00pm SchlockFest Revisits 1955 This film's plot concerns a biotech engineer who is trying

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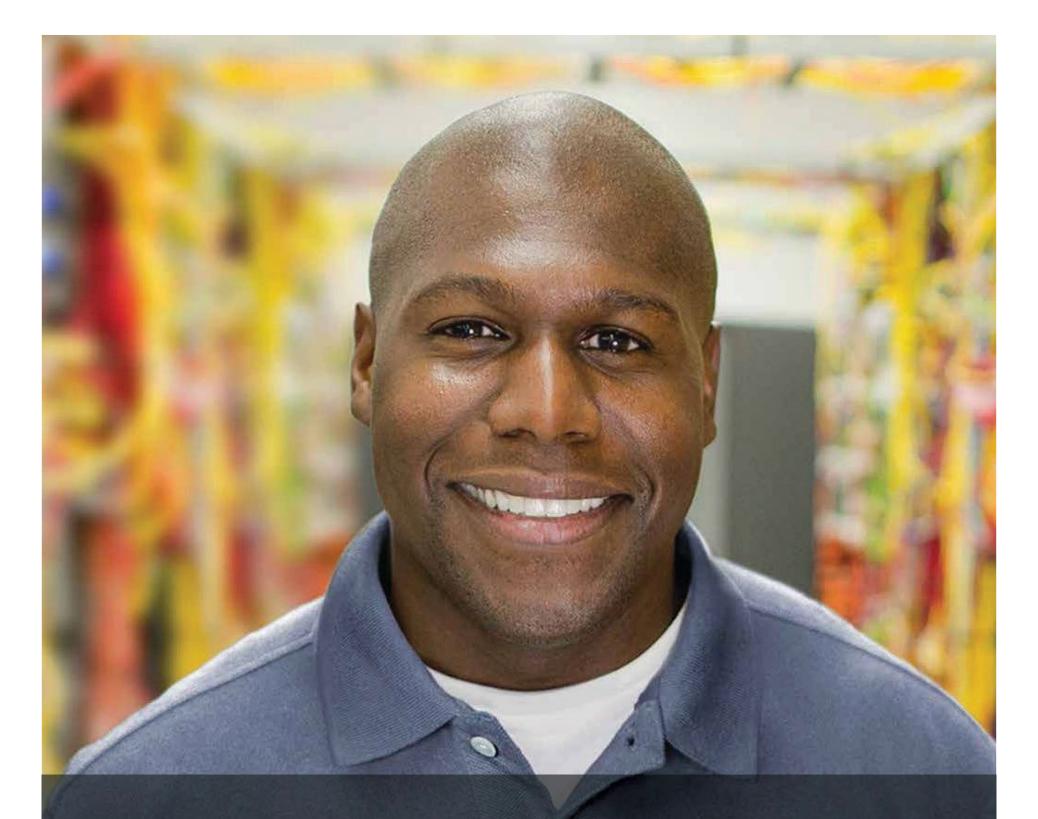
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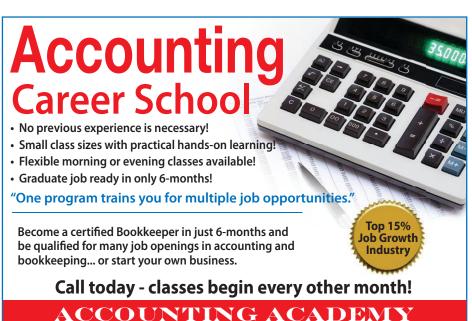
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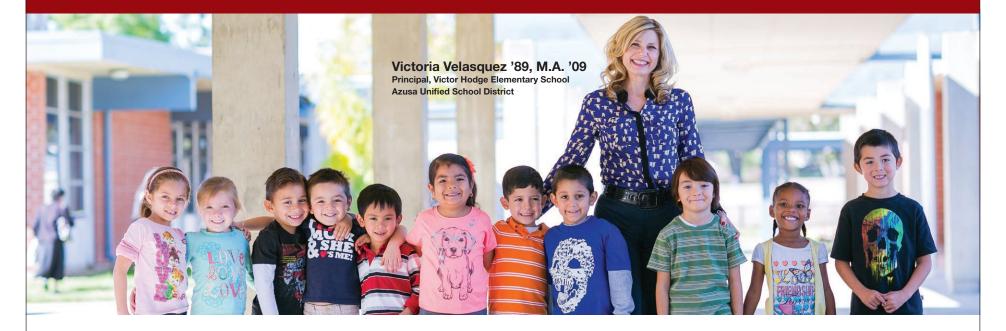


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DOWNTOWN

Ugly, indeed

Supporters of Sweetwater trustee Pearl Quiñones get confrontational after hearing

It's no secret that the allegations of long-term corruption in the Sweetwater Union High School District have roiled the South Bay waters. A recent *U-T* article even calls on South Bay politicians to discuss the region's negative image.

In the recent election, Jessica Saenz-Gonzalez was a candidate against Sweetwater trustee Pearl Quiñones. In November 2012, NBCLatino ran a story titled "School board race in California turns ugly." In the story, Saenz-Gonzalez alleged that a supporter of Quiñones's campaign had harassed her and her children and thrown rocks at her car.

In December, another incident roiled the waters. Alex Anguiano, president of Sweetwater Education Association, addressed the Sweetwater board about comments he deemed menacing from someone he referred to as "witness #4." Witness #4 refers to Jimmy Delgado, a witness who gave testimony in a failed restraining-order hearing launched by trustee John McCann against parent and activist Stewart Payne.

Anguiano also told the board that Jimmy Delgado heads the Latino Political Action Committee of San Diego, which contributed \$1000 to Pearl Quiñones in the recent election.

All of these developments took a new turn January 7 in the entryway to the San Diego Superior Courthouse, following the hearing of 15 defendants in the Sweetwater case.

Maura Larkins, who was at the scene reporting for her San Diego Education Report blog, wrote the following account:

"San Ysidro Schools employee Jimmy Delgado provided some drama after the hearing by aggressively pointing his finger in the face of Alex Anguiano, president of Sweetwater Education Association, and threatening to sue him if he said anything untrue about Delgado. Apparently Mr. Delgado was angry that Mr. Anguiano (and the large group of Sweetwater teachers accompanying Mr. Anguiano) were NOT supporting Pearl Quiñones. The teachers were quite miffed with the arraigned board members and with former superintendent Jesus Gandara, another defendant."

SUSAN LUZZARO, JAN. 16

Comments

ALEX ANGUIANO JAN. 16@ 11:25 A.M. In the Hall of Justice, I was referred to as a "joto" by one supporter of an indicted school member. Outside of the entrance to the Hall of Justice, I was referred to as a "faggot" by another supporter (the man in the picture that is pointing his finger at me) of the same school board member and challenged to meet him around the corner.

I'm still reflecting on those comments. I plan to continue attending the court proceedings.

OCEAN BEACH

Hot dogs for the homeless Free barbecue in Saratoga Park draws a crowd

I was riding my bike along Abbott Street and Saratoga Avenue on January 13 and smelled the smoke of a barbecue coming from Saratoga Park, right next to the sand. I saw a long



Couple brings food and ministry to the homeless in O.B.

line and wondered what was happening on such a cold yet sunny day. There were over 40 people scattered about, eating, conversing on the picnic benches, and sprawled on blankets on the ground.

Lauren Bailey and Alex Fine bring food and ministry to O.B.'s homeless population. They say they started the program almost four years ago through their church, Harbor Presbyterian.

Even though she no longer lives here, Bailey says she and Fine come back every Sunday to barbecue some hot dogs and sometimes they bring fruit. They pay for the food out of their own pockets.

MERCY BARON, JAN. 16

ENCINITAS

Recycle dude steps down Leaving post at Re-Planet recyling center, to spend more time with band

A longtime fixture at the recycling center behind the Vons on El Camino Real has left his Encinitas post. After nine years of lifting large blue barrels, weighing in cans, bottles, and plastics, recycler Steve Pearce's last day at the Re-Planet recycling center was January 13.

Well recognized by his 18-inch-long ponytail (which he's been growing since age 13), Steve says he will miss seeing his regular customers.

Several customers stopped by last week to thank him for always keeping the usually long line of recyclers moving. One woman,

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when finding out about his departure, said, "No, he can't leave. He's been here forever."

The 27-year-old will still be working for Re-Planet, roving around at one of the 14 Re-Planet sites found north of Hwy. 56. He hopes the shorter commute from his North Park home will allow him to spend more time as the bassist in his band Ritual Torture.

KEN HARRISON, JAN. 15

HARBOR DISTRICT

Rich and...rich

Abramovich yacht on the Embarcadero has two helicopter pads, a pool, spa, and hot tub

Anyone strolling along San Diego's Embarcadero might wonder who owns the superyacht docked at the B Street/Broadway Pier. The yacht, named Luna, is 377 feet long

and is owned by Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich. It's been docked here since December, but no one knows if Abramovich is onboard, according to staff at the cruise-ship terminal visitors' center.

The yacht is equipped with two helicopter pads, a pool, spa, medical center, hot tub, and a crew of 40. Abramovich, reported to be a billionaire 12 times over, is the main owner of Millhouse, LLC, an investment company. He also owns the Chelsea Football Club, one of England's premier football (soccer) teams.

The yacht is reputedly popular with a number of high rollers and was borrowed by Madonna back in 2010 (according to Luxist. com), when she was filming her movie about the Duke of Windsor (W.E.).

J. VINCENT PILUSO, JAN. 15

Comments

LICKONA JAN. 15@ 4:32 P.M.

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IMPERIAL BEACH

King tides, king problems Unusually high tide floods parking areas, requires bulldozer work

Residents in Imperial Beach were dealing with more flooding as unusually high "king tides" hit the California coast last week. Condominiums along Seacoast Drive were inundated with water on Friday morning, January 11.

The high tide sent water over the rebuilt beach, pooling in lower areas and forming a "river" between the ocean and the condos along the southern edge of Seacoast Drive.

A crew from SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments) — responsible for rebuilding the beach last October as part of a \$22.5 million sand-replenishment project returned this past Friday and Saturday to dig trenches and divert the water back to the ocean.

The bulldozer operator said he had watched the waves early Friday morning as they came over the beach, the water settling in an area considerably lower than the shoreline. "I



SANDAG crew called in to restore beachhead that they built — at a cost of \$22.5 million

watched a guy in a canoe go all the way to the pier in it. He loved it."

Marcos, who didn't offer his last name, was busy pumping water out of a nearby building's ground-level parking garage.

"This is saltwater," he said. "Since they put new sand down, we've had this problem every other week. The owners are talking about cutting up the concrete and installing a sump pump, then suing the city. Saltwater's not good for the cars."

King tides occur several times a year, when Earth, the moon, and the sun align in a way that gives the seas an extra gravitational pull toward the shore.

PETER C. SALISBURY, JAN. 14

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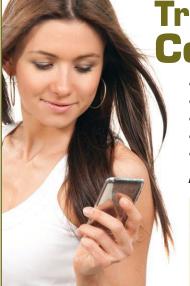
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Across

7. Perky spokeswoman in Progressive Insurance ads 10. Beehive St. capital

13. Franklin born when Franklin D. Roosevelt was president

14. Parched

15. Viking ship need

16. Columbus, by birth

17. Full or twin, é.g.

18. Wedded **19.** USMC truant

20. "Why, uncle, shame": Romeo and Juliet

22. Beefy entree 23. Cooking fat

24.

"____ right?" ____ Tzu 25.

27. Wearer of una corona

28. NFL three-pointers

29. Bobby-____ (1940s teenagers)

32. Lash ¹ (attack) **34.** Where a young girl lost her whey?

35. Hot: Fr.

38. Go on and on

40. Kept for future use Sean Penn film whose title is taken from "Green Eggs and Ham

43. Like some checking accounts 45. Refrain from the Buster

Poindexter song "Hot Hot Hot" **46.** "___ Calling" (2000s TV drama) **47.** Pro___ (for now)

50. Can, province

51. Veep before Al

52. Sch. with a Berkeley campus **54.** Head line?

We cannot a

Name:

Address:_

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56. Fashion designer Vera

57. 7ilch

58. Important time

59. [lt's gone!]

How a performer named Patty O. Furniture or Ivana B. Astar dresses, perhaps

63. Make some calls

Frequently

"Little Shop of Horrors" demand

Yoga equipment

67. Adobe file format

68. More to the point

1. Katey of "Married ... With Children" 2. Antebellum

Poe's "rare and radiant maiden"

"Ouch! You're ignoring my request for a relaxing massage!"?

Govt. mortgage agency Cool off the 27th U.S. president?

Cold, to Conchita

8. 2012 Lindsay Lohan TV movie

& Dick 9. Lyrical tribute

10. Load carried by a chimneysweep?

Swim meet assignment

All hands on deck?

14. Reason why the manager couldn't get a logical response from his aide?

22. Popular 2000s HBO series ... and

this puzzle's theme

Air France flier until 2003 26. Medical drama set at the Princeton-Plainsboro Teaching Hospital

30. Yank's foe

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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31. Teen's room, to many a parent

33. 1976 Democratic presidential

candidate Mo

35. AFL-___ 36. Actor Linden or Holbrook

37. What churchgoers used on their

whitewater trip?

39. It's a mosque read

42. Scribor **44.** What any kid wants on Christmas morning?

48. Hallmark.com offerings

49. Emma Boyary's title

Tavern selection

54. Salon treatment

55. Environs

59. Mushy food

school

62. Once called, in wedding notices

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Vincent Cuseo, San Marcos, 1.

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"Bunny Bunny Bunny"

p.24 years, should be years." p.28 BMV should be BMW

Gather No Moss

p.46 gigling should be giggling

Feast!

p.60 pre-fixe should be prix-fixe

p.64 looks he should be looks like

Music listings

p.70 Ho Ho should be Hi Ho p.73 Royal Fam should be Fam Royal

Happy Hour

p.74 9m should be 9pm (x3) p.74 pm:: should be pm:

Film Festivals

p.82 apartmartment should be apartment

Open Letters

p.95 dillemma should be dilemma p.95 intertested should be interested

Sara Beck-Pancer (City Heights) \$140

"Bunny Bunny Bunny"

p.20 underserved. " should be underserved."

Unforgettable

p.34 lea should be lee

Events listings

p.50 you the should be you to p.51 Care should be "Care

Tin Fork

p.55 Mex should be Med

Feast!

p.58 a piece should be apiece

Movie listings

p.80 to host to should be to host

Armin Moths (North Park) \$70

Events listings

p.50 Ballet should be Ballets p.50 Trocadero should be Trockadero p.54 Along should be along

John Mann (Linda Vista) \$30

Happy Hour

p.74 Glass.. should be Glass.

Film Festivals

p.82 duplicate listing

V. Slipper (Del Mar Heights) \$20

Music listings

p.72 23s should be 23 p.72 30s should be 30

Robyn Johnson (Vista) \$20

Events listings

p.51 17 should be 19

p.51 missing break between events

p.51 hors doeuvres should be hors d'oeuvres

p.51 Vista)) should be Vista)

p.53 ideas!. should be ideas.

p.53 52st should be 52nd

p.53 including glass should be including glass

p.54 event listings merged/incomplete

Breanne Petre (City Heights) \$80

Music listings

p.70 Tthe should be The

Brian Albers (San Carlos) \$10

Best Buys

p.19 Smokey should be Smoky

Mark Myers (Coronado) \$10

He woke up with a knife...

p.40 2 should be 3

Events listings

p.48 30 should be 30.

p.50 106 should be 106.

p.51 Street should be Street.

p.53 Boulevard should be Boulevard.

p.58 for for should be for p.60 the the should be the

p.63 it his should be it is

Charlene Chavoya (City Heights) \$80

He woke up with a knife...

p.2 out." should be out.'"

Sporting Box

p.18 Chi's Chi's should be Chi Chi's

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p.19 parentheses should be brackets

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p.46 Massai should be Maasai (x5)

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:

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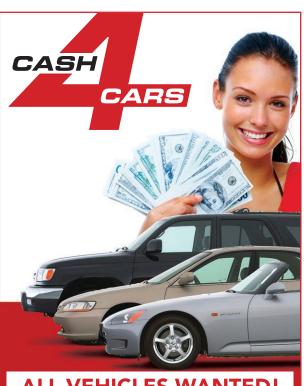
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 In October, a federal appeals court overturned the bribery conviction of a City of Chicago zoning inspector — on the grounds that the bribes he was convicted of taking were too small to be covered by federal law. Dominick Owens, 46, was convicted of taking two bribes of \$600 each to issue certificates of occupancy, but the law applies only to bribes of \$5000 or more. (Also in October, Chicago mayor Rahm Emanuel disbanded the city's ethics board after a 25-year run in which it never found an alderman in violation — even though, during that time, 20 aldermen were convicted of felonies.)

 The government's Health Canada agency announced in October that Avmor Ltd. had agreed to recall one lot of its Antimicrobial Foaming Hand Soap — because it was contaminated with microbes. (The recall did not disclose whether the danger was due to too many microbes overwhelming the soap or due to the inability of the antimicrobial soap to kill any microbes at all.)

The Litigious Society

- Samuel Cutrufelli, 31, filed a lawsuit in October in Sacramento County, Calif., claiming that Jay Leone, 90, "negligently" shot him. Cutrufelli had burglarized Leone's home in Greenbrae, unaware that Leone was home. When Leone reached for one of his stashed handguns, Cutrufelli shot him in the jaw and then pulled the trigger point-blank at Leone's head, but was out of bullets. Leone then shot Cutrufelli several times, which Cutrufelli apparently felt was entirely unnecessary.

- In October, the former captain of the Italian cruise ship Costa Concordia (on which 32 people died after it ran aground in January 2012) filed

a lawsuit against Costa Cruises for "wrongfully" firing him. Francesco Schettino is awaiting trial for manslaughter, accused of sending the ship dangerously close to shore on a personal lark, and was also charged with abandoning ship, since he was spotted in a lifeboat in the midst of passengers' escape. (Schettino said he wound up in the lifeboat only because he "slipped" and fell in.)

 China's legal system apparently is growing to resemble America's. A well-covered (but incompletely sourced) story from Chinese media in October reported that Mr. Jian Feng won the equivalent of \$120,000 in a lawsuit against his well-to-do wife for deceiving him and subsequently giving birth to what Feng thought was an ugly baby. Feng discovered that his wife had had cosmetic surgery — and thus was not, genetically, the beauty that he married but, in reality, plain-looking.

Least Competent Criminals

- William Keltner, 52, was arrested in Abilene, Texas, in November, after he underestimated the security at a Walmart self-checkout line. He had taken the barcode off of a \$1.17 item, placed it on a \$228 TV set, and checked himself out, assuming no one would notice.

- Kerri Heffernan, 31, was charged in October in Massachusetts with robbing banks in Brockton and Whitman. Heffernan perhaps acquired a feeling of doom when, in the midst of one robbery, a teller-friend appeared and asked, "Do you want to make a deposit, Kerri?"

Readers' Choice

- Robert McDonald tied Olivia Ballou for the final seat on the city council of Walton, Ky., with 669 votes, but only later found out that his wife (exhausted from a hospital's night shift) had not made it to the polls. The following week, as per voting rules, McDonald and Ballou held a coin flip. Ballou won but relinquished the seat to McDonald for an unrelated reason.

- Holly Solomon, 28, was arrested in Gilbert, Ariz., a few days after the election when, police said, she chased her husband with her Jeep and rammed him during a drunken rant, blaming him for President Obama's victory (though Arizona's electoral votes went solidly for Mitt Romney). Daniel Solomon was hospitalized in critical condition.

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