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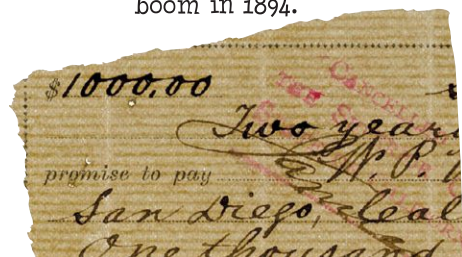
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Reader

WHAT AM I?

CURIOUS
OBJECTS
FROM
SAN DIEGO'S
PAST

- 1 Wyatt Earp used this to speculate during San Diego's real estate boom in 1894.



- 2 In the '60s you could find this laxative in what kind of shelter?



- 3 I am San Diego's greatest original pop tune.



- 4 19th-century San Diego sailors were the main customers for this business.



- 5 My maker made about 100 of me. At auction I sell for \$25,000.



- 6 I was born in 1783 and I now stay in Old Town.



- 7 Who did I keep warm on May 10, 1927?



- 8 What is our glitziest summertime blowout?



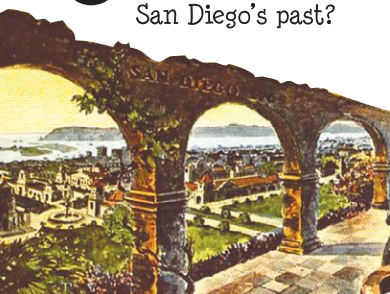
- 9 These shoes and 28% of San Diego County suffered what fate?



- 10 Acrylic is not normally associated with this instrument.



- 11 I'm a postcard for what big bash in San Diego's past?



- 12 I'm the size of a man's hand, made of brass and rooster feathers.



- 13 The greatest moment in Padres history.



- 14 Good heavens! What is this purple sheet?



- 15 This medal was awarded to what famous San Diego mother?



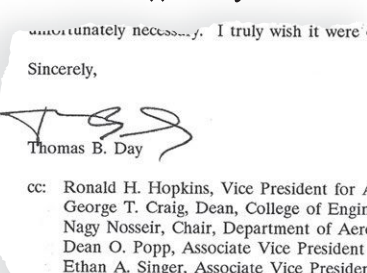
- 16 My owner's descendants are best known for their casinos.



- 17 The Pope gave his permission for my Vista residence to be built.



- 18 111 letters were mailed by Thomas Day in June 1992. Why?

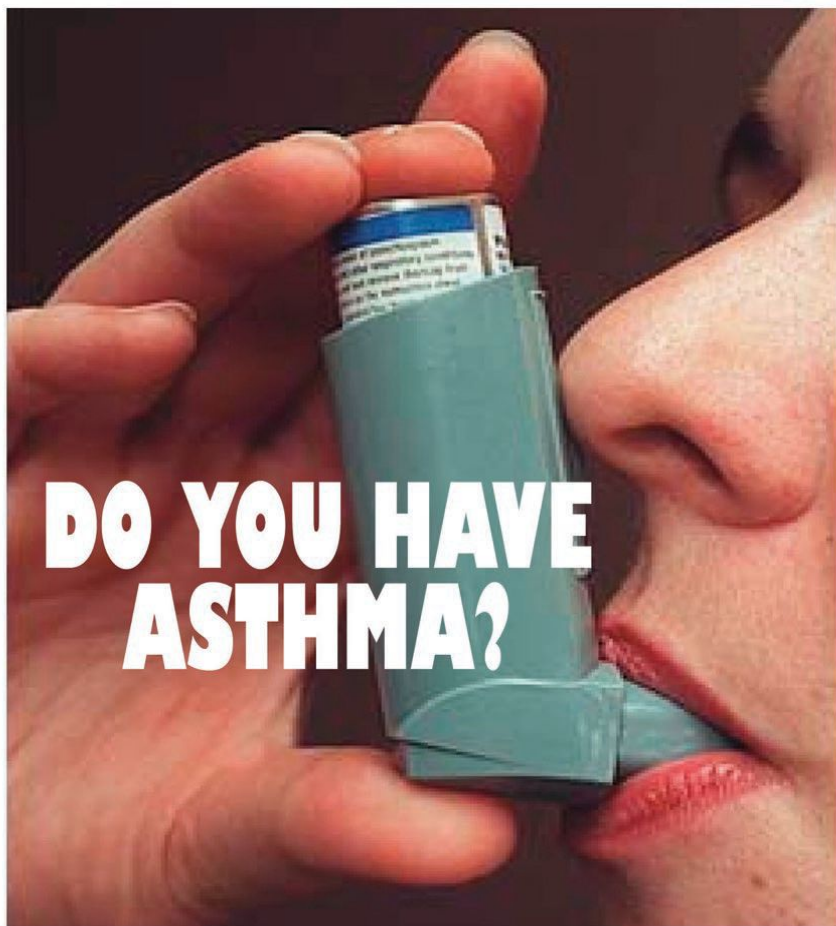


- 19 May be awarded posthumously to a 25-year-old San Diegan (not the Medal of Honor).



- 20 100 years ago, San Diego needed a plan. For what?





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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Cities get bike-friendlier

New bicycle-storage corrals to be installed Coronado/North Park — Add North Park and Coronado to the areas taking action to make the region more cyclist-friendly. Both cities have recently announced plans to install bicycle corrals in car parking spaces so bicycle commuters can store their bikes.

Hillcrest added the first bike corral in the region last May, converting a single parking space into a storage area for up to 12 cycles. Last November, a work station was installed to allow commuters to perform basic repairs, and the City of San Diego last year announced plans to install more bike-parking options downtown.

Last week, Coronado's city council voted 4-1 to install eight corrals along the Orange Avenue business district, *Coronado Patch* reports. The corrals will go in on a temporary basis at first in order to gauge public perception — which some feel may be negative, as tensions already exist in Coronado (as with elsewhere in the region) between drivers and cyclists.

Two corrals turned out to be the winning number for North Park, as *San Diego Uptown News* reported earlier this week. Community reception there appears to trend much more toward the positive, as residents and the business community have embraced the idea, including the owners of Mosaic Wine Bar and the Toronado pub, which will both have corrals installed outside their locations.

"We've been asking for these for 13 months," North Park Main Street executive director Angela Landsberg told *Uptown News*.

Dave Rice, January 25

Convention center outlook is not good

Tourism numbers expected to decline in 2013 due to missed bookings San Diego — In convention business, this year "will continue to be a difficult year for San Diego," says tourism guru Jerry Morrison of Encinitas. He considers it good news that the San Diego Tourism Authority (formerly CONVIS) will be taking over booking of much convention business. That change was approved by the city council in March of last year, partly because booking patterns were irregular and often stagnating.

"However, in the period leading up to the recent change the City missed on the bidding cycles for many conventions and therefore it may take several years to get back on the calendar of these major conventions," says Morrison. "According to [San Diego Tourism Authority] reports, convention center booking will be substantially below what was done in 2012."

He says San Diego won't be able to get back to its prerecession 2007 level in revenue per available room (RevPAR) "anytime soon." San Francisco is already 23.5 percent ahead of its comparable 2007 levels; Los Angeles is up 6.4 percent; and the top 25 markets in the U.S. are up 0.7 percent. Orange County is flat and San Diego is down 8.2 percent.

Don Bauder, January 25

No, it's a fitness pad

New documents reveal representatives from Grand Del Mar denied having dedicated heliport at resort

San Diego — That's no heliport. It's a concrete fitness pad.

That pretty much sums up the response from the president of Manchester Resorts, Tom Voss, to officials from the Department of Transportation when asked about Grand Del Mar's non-permitted heliport back in June of last year.

New documents obtained as part of a public records request shows Voss denying any wrongdoing at Doug Manchester's flagship



"Touch Down. Check In. However you arrive, we look forward to welcoming you to The Grand life."

resort. "Please be assured that we are not operating a heliport," wrote Voss on June 20, 2012, to transportation authorities.

Word about a new heliport at the Grand Del Mar spread quickly, shortly after the resort announced the new amenity in a February 25 post on Facebook. "Touch Down. Check In. However you arrive, we look forward to welcoming you to The Grand life," read the post, which has since been taken down. We reported on the heliport back in November.

Less than two weeks after the plug on Facebook, the city attorney's office sent a letter to the Grand Del Mar's attorney, Paul Robinson, ordering the resort to "cease" any and all heliport operations at the hotel.

Despite promoting the heliport on their Facebook page, Voss denied having a dedicated heliport on resort grounds.

"The site in question is designed to accommodate multiple purposes such as vehicle displays, fitness classes, private banquet events as well as other activities in conjunction with resort with resort operations."

Dorian Hargrove, January 24

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Does TV breed violence?

By Don Bauder

You turn on the TV to a football game. A 340-pound lineman smashes a 190-pound running back to the turf. The violent

collision is replayed twice — along with the sound of the crash — as the play-by-play announcer lauds the lineman as "the National Football League's fiercest tackler." The color commentator exults, "This is smash-mouth football!" Next comes a movie ad: a grimacing guy (perhaps a former governor of California) sprays bullets from an automatic rifle at the bad guys, who fire back with assault weapons.

Next, you watch the news. Three sociology professors — reflecting on the Newtown massacre and football-related dementia — probe the roots of America's violent culture. Nobody mentions the media.

But for decades, scholars have been studying the role of the media (particularly TV, movies, and video games) in worsening our violence/gun-obsessed society. However, not much research has been done on the role of television and video games in highlighting and celebrating football violence. Perhaps the fact that



Former governor Schwarzenegger displays admirable gun control in his new violent thriller.

former Chargers linebacker and suicide victim Junior Seau had chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a brain disease caused by multiple hits, will awaken the nation — if not the National Football League.

A 2006 study by scholars at the University of Michigan and University of California Davis is often considered the bible on the media's role in our violent society. The authors devoured many studies on the topic. Conclusion: "Media violence poses a threat to public health inasmuch as it leads to an increase in real-

world violence and aggression," both in the short and long term. Children are particularly vulnerable. A 1992 study indicated that by the time the average American child graduates from elementary school, he or she will have seen more than 8000 murders and 100,000 other violent acts (such as rapes or assaults) on network television.

The media industry generally asserts it reflects society, not shapes it. Although Hollywood officially deplors such events as the Sandy Hook Elementary School mass shooting, stars and producers insist there are not links between reel violence and real violence. "Keep the two separate," says former California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, whose new film, *The Last Stand*, is a Belshazzar's Feast for lovers of guns and bloodshed.

K. Tim Wulfemeyer, professor at San Diego State's School of Journalism and Media Studies, says "scientific research on this subject is mixed at best," but it's safe to say that media violence can reinforce tendencies toward such behavior that are already

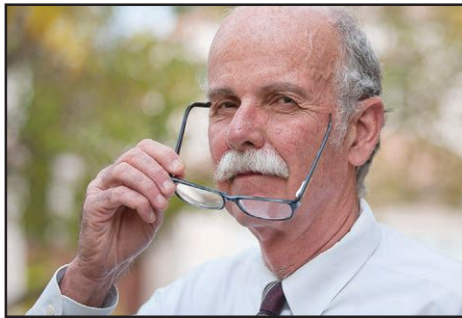
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Long before the Seau suicide, the NFL denied the game causes long-term brain injuries while simultaneously paying off former players complaining of such maladies.



Superintendent Ed Brand received a no-confidence vote from a school-bond board.



Nick Marinovich cites the district as not forthcoming with financial records.



Kevin O'Neill worries about district loans that speculate on rising property values.

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Sweetwater's gathering storm

By Susan Luzzaro

Clouds hanging over the Sweetwater Union High School District have gathered into a storm. Four sitting board members, a former board member, and a former superintendent have been indicted. And serious financial woes may soon threaten the district.

At the December 2012 board meeting, Rick Knott, interim chief financial officer, gave a presentation to the Sweetwater board that enumerated signs pointing to serious financial challenges

for the district. He prefaced his remarks by saying, "I'm not saying we are at risk, but we have some of the factors that could indicate a district getting into a difficult situation."

Deficit spending was the first issue Knott addressed: "This district has a history of spending more money than we take in," he said.

The deficit spending



At Sweetwater's December board meeting, member Rick Knott presented a troubling financial picture of the school district.

bomb is set to explode in 2015. Even with the benefits of Proposition 30 factored in, the district is still in trouble. Knott warned that in 2015, "We will have a negative fund balance, meaning we will have more obligations than we have assets."

On January 18, in a follow-up interview, Knott said his

presentation was meant to be a warning to the board and the public. He explained that the chronic overspending is a result of state revenue streams shrinking and the district's reluctance to cut programs or lay off staff.

Another predictor of poor fiscal health Knott presented in December was the district's cash-flow problems. "We also have not had sufficient cash to meet our obligations on a timely basis, and we've had to borrow from other funds."

In a 2011 article, *U-T San Diego* drew attention to the fact that the district was borrowing from Proposition O funds. (Proposition O was a \$644 million construction bond passed in 2006.) The district borrowed \$40 million from the fund intended to modernize schools in order to pay for day-to-day operations. Following public outrage over this borrowing, the district backed off from borrowing an additional \$58 million.

The district then turned to borrowing from Mello-Roos funds to make payroll. There are 17 Mello-Roos (or community facilities districts) in

UNDER THE RADAR

Strong drinks, stout lobbyists

It hasn't taken very long for freshman Democratic congressman **Juan Vargas** to hit the Washington fundraising circuit. According to a recent online invite from the Juan Vargas for Congress Committee, posted by the Sunlight Foundation's Party Time website, the \$1500-per-guest breakfast is set for February 15 at Johnny's Half Shell on North Capitol Street, Northwest, near Capitol Hill. "Using organic produce, poultry, meat and sustainable seafood, Johnny's

Unidentified flying freebies

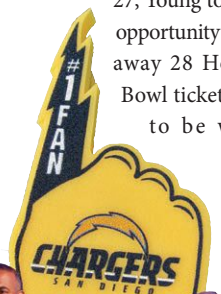
After a grueling election year, things are settling back to normal at San Diego's city hall, with favors and freebies the coin of the city's political realm, and elected officials scrambling to be the first to hand out the traditional goodies to their friends and most loyal constituents. The giveaway bonanza is revealed by so-called Forms 802, public disclosure statements required under state law regarding the source and destination of freebies given away



Juan Vargas

continues to delight Washington diners with its seafood specialties and strong drinks," says the restaurant's website. "With lively jazz and blues playing in the background, three happy hours Monday through Friday and free validated parking nightly, the Half Shell is rocking the Hill." For high-rolling lobbyists who want to check in a little higher in Vargas's pecking order, willing event "sponsors" can fork over \$2500, and hosts \$5000. When last we checked, the Vargas congressional fund owed \$55,000 to the candidate for personal loans he made to the campaign, and \$25,000 to the Primacy Group, run by **Larry Remer**, the San Diego campaign consultant and longtime Vargas political intimate. Contributors have included **Gregg Rothschild**, managing director of the Glover Park Group, a Washington, D.C.-based lobbying outfit that performed \$20,000 of work for Solyndra, LLC, the now-bankrupt solar-panel maker at the center of 2011's \$535 million Energy Department loan-guarantee scandal.

by public officials in California. But not all details, including the identities of who got the politicians' giveaways, are always spelled out. Fourth District Democrat **Tony Young**, who is quitting the council in the midst of his term to become head man at the local Red Cross, showed he was still adept at the art of the political handout. On December 27, Young took the opportunity to give away 28 Holiday Bowl tickets, said to be worth



Councilmembers Tony Young and Marti Emerald gave away thousands of dollars' worth of the Holiday Bowl and Chargers tickets.

\$80 each, provided to him by Bridgepoint Education, the controversial private-school outfit. The spoils went to "various community volunteers," according to Young's Janu-

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Neal Obermeyer

AFTER TRAGEDIES LIKE JUNIOR SEAU, THE NFL'S RESEARCHERS ARE WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK!



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In Plain Sight

I was reading an article in your publication and I found some things that troubled me. On page 28, one of your writers is repeatedly quoting someone using the “n” word in a distasteful way (“I Felt the Bullet Whiz Past My Ear,” January 24 cover story). I’m sure this is a mistake. Being an African-American, I know for a fact that two African-Americans would never use the word nigger in conversation with each other. Maybe “nigga,” but never “nigger.” I’m wondering how this managed to pass by everyone’s eyes and was able to be printed.

Even if this is true that two African-Americans sat in the car and called each other nigger several times, it is still distasteful to print it. It can be “n***er,” it can be “the n word,” it can be a number of things other than the word “nigger” in plain sight for everyone to read.

Travis Gibbs
via voicemail

“N” Not Necessary

This comment is directed at the author Eva Knott. I wonder if you think that the use of the word “n” in your article is necessary (“I Felt the Bullet Whiz Past My Ear,” January 24 cover story). I don’t see why you think it’s ok to use a word in an article that many people are offended by, which really does not need to be there.

You were quoting a report, right? Does that make it ok? I don’t think so.

Even if you felt it important to bring up that quote, you could have put asterisks there instead of spelling out the whole word. Moreover, I’m almost certain that the

men did not actually use that word. I’m sure they used a closer word ending with an “a” instead of the “er” you use.

Does it make a difference? Not really. But at least you would be accurately explaining what happened. In any case, I hope that you refrain from using words that you don’t need which may offend your readers. Good article, bad judgment.

Senay
via email

What Is That?

This concerns your January 24 cover story (“I Felt the Bullet Whiz Past My Ear”). I’m puzzled over two things. It’s a story about some low-life dope fiend who is almost killed and he’s robbed by a couple of “niggers.” (I only say that word because it says it in the story.) The first thing I’m puzzled about is why they’re out on bail. You’d think people that dangerous would be locked up in jail. Those three-time losers should be locked up forever.

But the reason I really called is to find out what thing is on the cover. What is that? Moldy swiss cheese? Some kind of cartridge? If it’s not moldy swiss cheese, what is it? And what does it have to do with the story? It’s very puzzling.

It’s an interesting story: A couple of lowlifes and how they beat each other up. Only in California!

Name Withheld
via voicemail

R.I.P. Pontiac

I’m calling about the January 17 Reader, “Shortcuts” by Karen Boyd. It’s about a 2004 Pontiac Vibe. I didn’t even know that Pontiac was building cars in 2004. I thought I got the last one in 1999. I have a Pontiac Bonneville SSEi. They stopped making Pontiacs that year.

I’d like to know more information from Karen Boyd, namely how Pontiac was making cars in 2004. I don’t want to give my name, but I really do want to know more about the Pontiac.

Name Withheld
via voicemail

The last Pontiacs were built in late 2009. — Editor

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LA MESA

Save our city's legacy Significance of the Spring House discussed at town-hall meeting

At a La Mesa town-hall meeting on January 17, two residents urged the council to preserve the Spring House in Collier Park.

The park on Palm Avenue was named for David Charles Collier, a developer who bought the land in 1905, according to the City of La Mesa website. There are natural springs on the land, and Collier built a bottling facility there in 1907 — the structure now known as the Spring House.

In 1910, Collier designated some of his land for public use. La Mesa, which incorporated in 1912, developed the land as a city park in 1920.

At the meeting, Jim Newland called the building “really significant” and said it should be preserved, not demolished. Rod Whitlow said, “If not for Spring House, La Mesa wouldn’t be where it is. We need to save it.”

Community development director Bill Chopyk said the draft environmental impact report for Collier Park improvements would be available for public comment on January 24.

LIZ SWAIN, JAN. 23

SANTEE

Arson to blame for car fire? Explosion as car catches fire in Santana shopping center

At approximately 3:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 22, a possible car arson occurred in the Santana Village Shopping Center in Santee.



Santee neighbors were woken by a persistent car alarm and a subsequent explosion.

The car was in the parking lot behind the Subway sandwich shop and across Magnolia Boulevard from Santana High School.

Neighbors in the adjoining Carefree East condominium complex were woken by a persistent car alarm and a subsequent explosion as fuel from the car ignited. Those who came out of their homes to investigate the noise saw billowing smoke and sparks arising from the car in the parking lot, illuminated by the flashing lights of sheriff’s deputies and the fire department.

The fire was easily extinguished by the fire department. The car was likely a total loss.

STEPHANIE BOVEE, JAN. 24

DEL MAR

Fly to the races (in the '50s) Looking back at the racetrack's long- forgotten airport

If the recent plan to have a train stop at the Del Mar Fairgrounds falls through, resurrecting the adjacent former airport is certainly a nonstarter.

Located on the San Dieguito River wetlands between the Del Mar Racetrack and (now) the western side of Interstate 5 was once the Del Mar Airport. Over 80 acres of property was used when the U.S. Navy established the San Dieguito Air Field in the 1920s.

In 1938, the property was developed as the Del Mar Municipal Airport to serve racing patrons at the new Del Mar Fairgrounds. The airfield included a 2500-foot-long runway and several support buildings to accommodate daily flights. With the advent of World War II, racing and fairs were suspended at the fairgrounds.

The airfield (then dubbed the U.S. Naval Air Facility Del Mar) was used as a base for blimps, which flew antisubmarine patrols along the West Coast. The base included barracks for over 130 personnel. It was decommissioned and returned to the State of California in 1945.

Once again as a civil airfield, the Del Mar Airport featured a popular restaurant, patio, and lounge, used by visitors to the racetrack and the Del Mar Hotel. By 1955, the airport’s 3500-foot-long hard-surface runway was used for Pacific Southwest Airlines’ DC-3 service from Burbank to Del Mar.

In September 1959, the Del Mar Airport was closed and the property was transferred to the state as a right-of-way for the construc-



A 1950s advertisement for air travel to Del Mar

tion of Interstate 5.

There are still a few traces of the former Del Mar Airport, such as pavement and building foundations. The site, located at the end of Grand Avenue, off of San Dieguito Drive, is now part of the San Dieguito River Regional Park and a historical landmark with a plaque, photos, and maps.

JOHN T. GRIFFITH, JAN. 23

TIJUANA

Filner: Too many nervous Nellies Mayor promises improved border relations, discounts U.S. State Department warnings

Together with Tijuana mayor Carlos Bustamante and border entrepreneurs, on January 21 San Diego mayor Bob Filner dismissed U.S. State Department-issued travel-alert warnings for visitors to Tijuana and Mexicali.

According to *Uniradioinforma*, Filner

said, “I believe that it is the result of nervousness and ignorance and I’ll keep proving it with my example. This is the safest region between our two countries. Here I am today and that shows that I am confident in the security in the region.”

During his presentation on integration between the two cities (including the notion of sharing the same area code), the mayor pledged to raise the issue in Washington, DC, for the need to improve the border-crossing issue to boost development and trade in the region.

“The issue of the border crossing is the biggest problem,” said Filner. “I met with Homeland Security, Border Patrol, CBP, [and] ICE just a few days [ago] to make them understand the need to change the perspective on this, which has become the main obstacle in our relationship, and it is my highest priority.”

To strengthen the relationship between the two cities, the Filner administration will open a liaison office that will operate from Tijuana’s 14-story VIA Corporate building — approximately three miles from the San Ysidro Port of Entry — beginning in February.

GARY CORNAGLIA, JAN. 22

LA MESA

A 24-hour inconvenience Residents seek to stifle 7-Eleven; booze rules and limited hours discussed

At a January 17 town-hall meeting in La Mesa, Ted Crisostomo, Neighborhood Watch captain for the Dalhart Avenue and Dallas Street area, objected to the possible opening of a 24-hour 7-Eleven near the Big Lots! on Lake Murray Boulevard.

“We all know what happens at 7-Eleven at 2 in the morning,” said Crisostomo. “It will get robbed [when] I’m sleeping 100 feet away.”

Crisostomo said residents have a problem with the way Southland Corporation, owner of 7-Eleven, does business. He also

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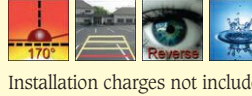
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The two women across the table shared a look and then smiled in sync. "Some of my favorite comedians are Canadian," I added, awkwardly. With nowhere else to go from there, I changed the subject. "So, Dee, what is it you do?"

"I'm a police detective," said the brunette.

"And I work in the office with her," said Amy, whose short pixie 'do was cupcake-pink.

"Do you interrogate people?" I asked. Dee nodded, and I burst out laughing.

"Oh, my God. Can you imagine? I could just see that as a comedy sketch — Canadian interrogation tactics. I bet you're really nice to them."

"I am. You have to gain their trust," she said. Figuring she was offended by my levity, I wiped the smile off of my face. A cop's a cop — I didn't want to get on her bad side. "We offer them coffee," Dee continued. "And instead of regular handcuffs, we have fuzzy ones. You know, for their comfort. We say sorry a lot." (She pronounced it *sore-y*.)

"We don't use tasers or guns, just foam batons,"

offered Amy. A mischievous smile came over her face. "Oh, and when the questioning is all done, we end the session with a group hug."

I raised my spicy serano margarita in a toast. "I like you two. Welcome to San Diego."

We'd met an hour earlier, when I picked them up at the Porto Vista Hotel in Little Italy. David had met Amy through Instagram. For days, he had to remind me who he was talking about every time he referred to her — I still thought of her as Ruby Sparkles, which wasn't even her current Instagram handle; according to David, she'd changed it to Bella-something weeks before. Amy and Dee had some free airline miles to kill and had settled on San Diego — a place they'd never been — for their winter escape.

My man and I take ambassadorship seriously. David doesn't mess around when it comes to hosting, be it a dinner party or entertaining out-of-towners. So when Amy atted him in a comment about her

impending visit to our fair city, David set about making every scrap of the town come to life and open its arms, à la the dishes in *Beauty and the Beast*.

Prior to Amy's arrival, David sent her a ten-page-long "list" that had taken him days to compile. In it, he defined every neighborhood and what it had to offer; he broke restaurant recommendations down into several categories, including "breakfast and brunch," "Italian, Mexican, Japanese, French," "fish tacos by the beach," and "fancy with a view." Cocktails, beers, farmers' markets, live music, comedy, museums and parks, even a recommendation for where to get a tattoo; there was nothing he overlooked. At least, that's what we thought.

Amy and Dee landed at Lindbergh the day before we met up with them. It was David who asked what, if anything, they'd checked out on their first night in town.

"We ended up at this fun bar — it's not on your list, though. It's called the Waterfront," Amy answered.

David's laugh caught Amy off-guard. When she pushed him for an explanation as to what was so funny, he said, "Well, the Waterfront is quirky."

"Come on, it's not that bad," I said. "Remember Kristen's party there? All those newscasters and musicians? We had a blast."

Amy adjusted the top of her white silk embroidered corset and divulged the full extent of their Waterfront adventure. They met a couple blokes at the bar and then, at closing time, walked the guys back

to their hotel. We learned that Dee is the archetypical wingwoman. She led her frustrated escort (who turned out to be a local cop) on a "neighborhood discovery" walk, despite the frigid 40-degree air, to give Amy time to enjoy the hotel room with her chosen local. It wasn't until 4 a.m. (which, according to Amy, was "just in time") that Dee, unable to hold her bladder any longer, bid adieu to her disappointed beau and banged on the hotel door.

"Wow, you Canadians are selfless," I said. "I wouldn't have stayed out in that cold for two minutes, let alone two hours." Dee assured me that, being from Canada, cold wasn't an issue for her.

Before we dropped them in the Gaslamp (where they planned to catch a live music act), I took a detour down Park Boulevard from University Heights to Balboa Park. During dinner conversation, Dee had mentioned that she studied botany in college. "See that bridge?" I said, after pulling to the side of the road. "Inside the park is the botanical garden, but across that bridge is another garden, with all kinds of weird trees and cactus plants that inspired Dr. Seuss, who lived here."

On Sunday, we collected our new friends from their hotel once more and took them to Starlite for brunch. "How was the music?" I asked.

"Oh, we didn't stay there," Amy said, somewhat sheepishly. "We went back to the Waterfront."

"As long as you're having fun, that's all that matters," I said. "Like I said, it's a great

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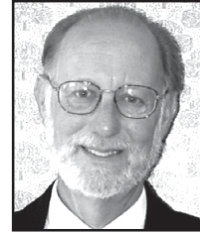
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Mike McCoy has always wanted to live in San Diego. And why not? Between the weather, SeaWorld, the beaches, Legoland, and that one taco joint only you and your friends seem to know about, it's America's Finest City! In fact, he would have come here years ago, but for the longest time, “It seemed like there just wasn't a demand for football coaches in San Diego,” he recalls. “I didn't really know how to do anything else, so I figured I was stuck in Denver — or maybe Philly.”

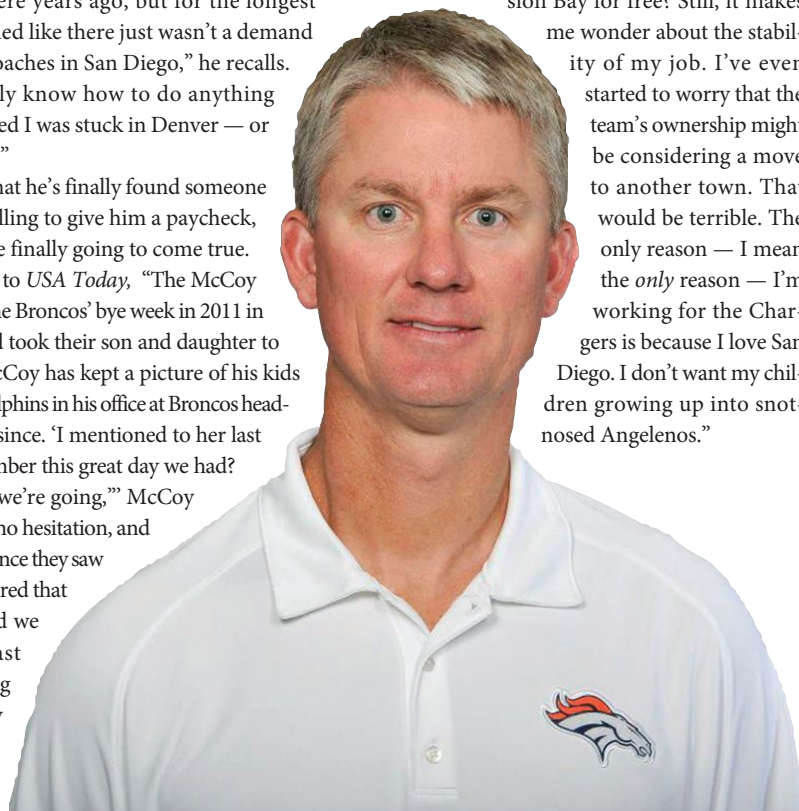
But now that he's finally found someone here who's willing to give him a paycheck, his dreams are finally going to come true.

According to *USA Today*, “The McCoy family spent the Broncos' bye week in 2011 in San Diego and took their son and daughter to SeaWorld. McCoy has kept a picture of his kids posing with dolphins in his office at Broncos headquarters ever since. ‘I mentioned to her last night, ‘Remember this great day we had? That's where we're going,’” McCoy said. ‘She had no hesitation, and the kids, too. Once they saw that, remembered that great weekend we spent here last year, it's going to be an easy transition.’”

His only concern?

“San Diegans don't really seem to give a hoot about football. They had, what, four home games blacked out last season? That's a lot of unsold tickets. Not that I blame them — why go watch football when you could go have a picnic with your kids on Mission Bay for free? Still, it makes

me wonder about the stability of my job. I've even started to worry that the team's ownership might be considering a move to another town. That would be terrible. The only reason — I mean the *only* reason — I'm working for the Chargers is because I love San Diego. I don't want my children growing up into snott-nosed Angelenos.”



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Should folks be worried? Well, they are advertising it.



Chargers hire Terry Richardson as new Charger Girls photographer

Team owner Spanos: “The 2012 Charger Girls' swimsuit calendar just didn't do it for me. It was time for a change.”

Among the hundreds of staff changes at the San Diego Chargers this off-season, perhaps none is more important to team owner Alex Spanos than his hiring of famed photographer Terry Richardson to create his beloved Charger Girls swimsuit calendar. “It would not be an exaggeration to say that the annual creation of this calendar is the reason I still own the San Diego Chargers,” says Spanos. “It sure ain't for the ticket revenue or TV contracts. What did we have, four games blacked out last season? But even the blackest blackout can be brightened by the radiant smile of a bikini-clad Charger Girl.”

Lately, however, those smiles have apparently lost some of their wattage. “I dunno. [Chargers photographer] Mike [Nowak] is a good guy who knows his stuff, and [Charger Girls director] Lisa [Simmons] keeps scoring top talent, but something's off. You know, we have different coaches for offense and defense and special teams. I'm thinking it just makes sense for us to have one



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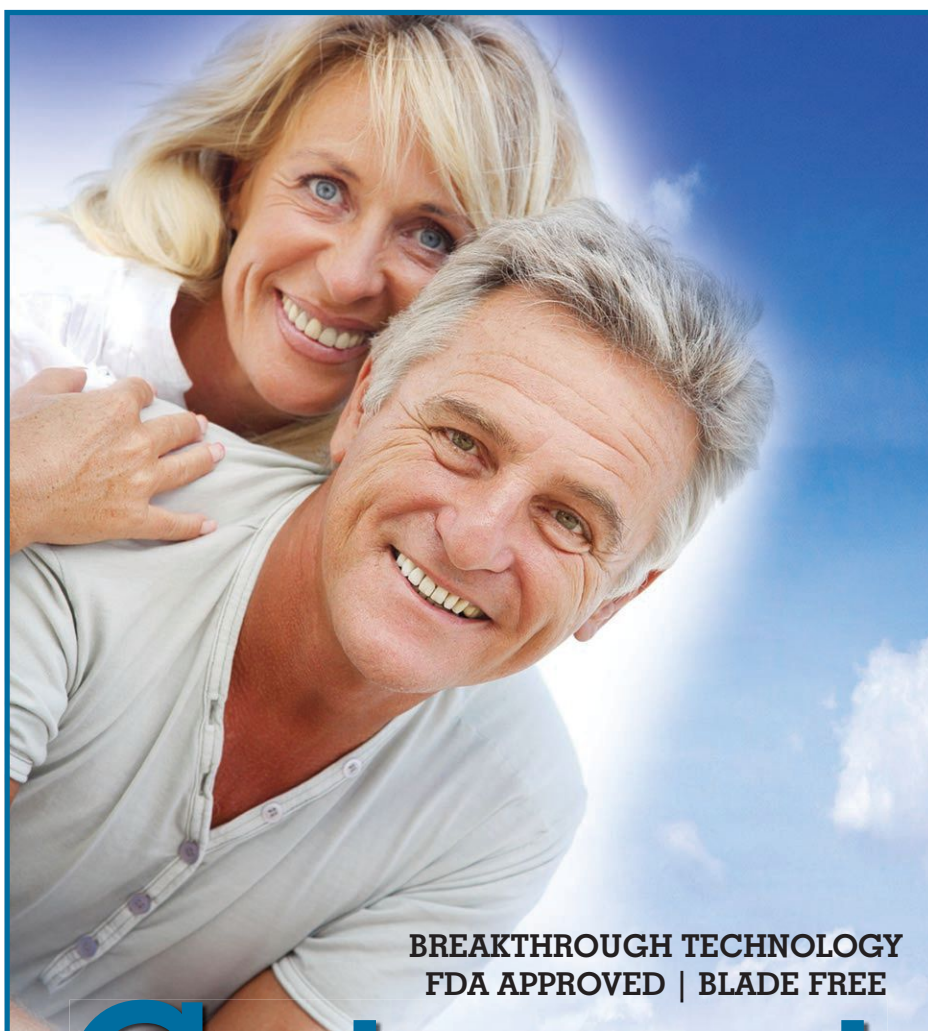


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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Heymatt:

Why do some clubs have such loud music? I know loud volume is a substitute for quality tones, but do they really need to go that far? Some have sound levels of 105 decibels, a level that can cause hearing loss over time. Can employees file a workers' comp claim for unsafe working conditions?
— Don, Ocean Beach

If all you want to do is get the tunes turned down, call Neighborhood Code Compliance at 619-236-5500 and file a complaint or three. The trick is to get your neighbors to do the same; otherwise you're likely to be written off as a lonely curmudgeon. There's no guarantee that the noise will diminish, but it's your best shot at peace and quiet.

Employees at nightclubs probably could make claims against the club owners if loud music caused hearing loss. OSHA has strict regulations about on-the-job noise exposure. Workers' compensation might not be the way to go about it since punitive damages for "pain and suffering" aren't usually covered by that kind of insurance. Instead, employees would be more likely to file a civil claim.

The most interesting part of your letter (at least to me) is that loud music is "a substitute for quality tones." Grouches like you and me are always complaining that pop music is too damn loud and it all sounds the same. Well, it turns out that we're not so wrong. Some Spanish scientists crunched the numbers on 50 years' worth of pop tunes and found out that the "baked in" volume of music has crept up over the decades. Also, the diversity of chord and melody transitions has trended ever downward. Could it be that turning up the volume is a way to make poor music sound better? At least there's some proof that the Beatles are scientifically better than Justin Bieber!

Heymatt:

How come you can "recreate" something (like a Civil War battle) and it would be a "RE-creation," but when you go play tennis (or whatever) it's "WRECK-reation?" Are they different words or just the same word pronounced differently?
— Stanley, North Park

To answer this one, you have to go all the way back to Medieval times and the years of Middle English. We first got the word "recreation" from French (via the French-sih Anglo-Normans in the 14th Century. It originally referred to "a process of creating anew," but could be extended to cover any sustaining act. Meals and rest could be referred to as "recreations" by virtue of their nourishing properties, which were thought to

create anew the body and soul. It's from that root that we get the idea of "recreational activities," the idea being that barbecues and games of horseshoes nourish the spirit.

There's a key difference between that meaning and the usage of recreate (with a long e) that denotes replication and reconstruction.

That form of the word doesn't show up until hundreds of years later and it's almost always used with a hyphen after the first syllable. That hyphen is responsible for elongating the initial vowel, which linguistics tells us should otherwise be in short form. It's not until the 20th Century that you see the hyphen start to slip away when people gained enough confidence in contextual inference to tell the

difference between the two words.

Heymatt:

Curious as to how an international letter works through the United States Postal Service? How does the USPS get paid and how much does the country receiving the letter get? Do both countries just have a "flat fee" program to expedite payment?
— Larry, South Mission Beach

International mailing is overseen by the Universal Postal Union, which maintains headquarters in Bern, Switzerland. The agency was created in 1874, before which time it was a royal pain to send mail around the world. For starters, you would have had to affix a stamp for every country your letter traveled through, which is totally ridiculous but probably the best they could do in a world where heroin was available over the counter. With the creation of the United Nations, the UPU became a specialized subset of that confederacy, despite the fact that both its age and reach are greater than that of the UN.

In terms of compensation for international mail, the standard solution is quite elegant. Participating nations pay what are called "terminal dues" based on the difference in weight mailed between the two countries. Let's say, for the sake of argument, that 42,000 pounds of mail travel from Canada to Russia every year, but only 36,000 pounds go from Russia to Canada. The two countries call the 36,000 pounds a tit-for-tat exchange and Canada gives Russia a little payout to cover the extra 8000 pounds of Canadian mail that was delivered to Russian addresses. It's a little bit more complicated than that in reality, mostly because magazines are heavy and the U.S. has special relationships with some countries, but for the most part it's as ridiculously smart and simple as I've presented it.



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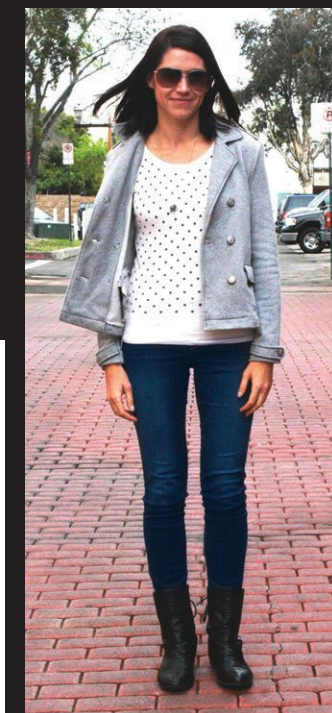
Street Style

BY SIOBHAN BRAUN

Military-inspired fashion

Every few years, the military jacket makes a style resurgence. It's a trend that refuses to die. Its fashion shelf-life has everything to do with its versatility.

Popularized during the anti-war movement of the 1960s, thrift-shopping hippies found ways to modernize the buttoned-up look. Flower children gave the military jacket a facelift by pairing it with flowing skirts and bright fabrics.



NICOLE LETTOW



HEIDI HOFFMAN



IAN OWEN

I've spotted guys wearing military jackets with everything from khakis and dress shirts and ties to jeans and T-shirts. Meanwhile, women often pair the jacket with their favorite feminine dresses or with

skinny jeans and boots.

I ran into 28-year-old Heidi Hoffman at Lestat's in University Heights. She wore a Zara military jacket paired with Urban Outfitters jeans and suede Chukka boots.

Hoffman runs her own small business called Triple Cream Bakery.

Nicole Lettow wore a basic gray military-inspired jacket from the Gap when I met her for lunch yesterday at Swami's in La Mesa.

Nicole paired her Express jeans with lace-up ankle booties from H&M and a delicate polka-dot sweater from American Rag.

Her favorite wardrobe item is her Steve Madden Intyce boots. Lettow lists J.Crew as her favorite store due to its classic designs.

I found Ian Owen on La Mesa Boulevard wearing an olive-green Levi's jacket. The 28-year-old is a guitar instructor at Moze Guitars. He is in the local band Oh Spirit.

Owen wore black Vans, a thrifted button-down, and burgundy skinny jeans paired with Ray Bans. (Anyone else notice a Joseph Gordon-Levitt resemblance?)

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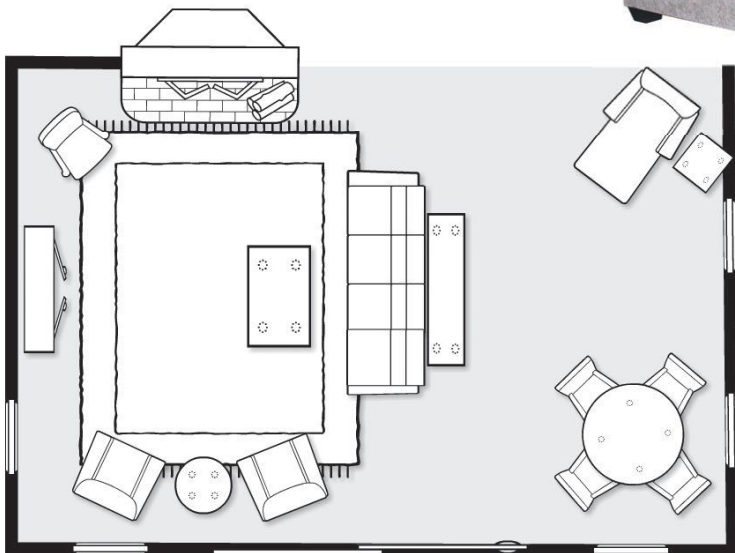
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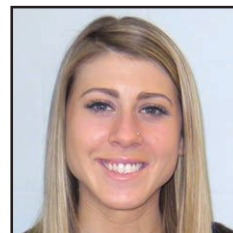
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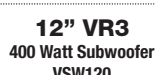
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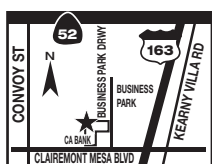
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When I was younger, I used to pore over photos and photo albums that my parents made, looking at them, rearranging them, and remembering the moment that they were taken. I loved those photos.

1989: I buy an Olympus film camera — what a fiasco!

I was 21. I had just graduated from college and decided I had to travel. I bought an Olympus camera and some black-and-white Ilford Film and headed to Central

America with my good friend and roommate, Aaron. Aaron was a great photographer, and I always wanted to capture pictures the way he did. He was observant and patient. I was not. I was young and lacked any attention to the details that matter. I didn't have the patience to learn any of the basics — lighting, focus, composition.

I used up almost all the film during the trip. I took so many pictures of so many interesting things. I was in Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and so many other places. I wanted to take pictures of everything! We traveled by bus everywhere and stayed in hotels that cost 90 cents a night. We ate beans and rice and I still got a deadly stomach virus that made me drop 20 pounds. The trip was hard, but we kept taking pictures and capturing all of those wonderful moments.

I was eager to get home, to develop and look at my first pictures taken with my first camera. And then disaster struck. While we were sitting in a bus station after a grueling 24-hour bus ride, one of my bags and one of Aaron's bags were stolen by thieves. My journal and all of my pictures were stolen. I had a couple of unused rolls of film in my remaining bag, and one in the camera. I was so upset — not necessarily because the bags were stolen, but because all of the moments in time that I had captured were stolen.

I felt as though, somehow, the trip to Guatemala and Central America was all for naught. Just as the tree that falls in the forest

when no one is around makes no sound, a trip to Guatemala never happened without the pictures. That was my first experience with photography, and I decided to abandon it. The Olympus camera was buried in a bag somewhere, and I didn't give a second thought about taking another picture.

For the next 20 years I traveled the world without a camera. I was like a body traveling without a soul.

In 1999, I took a job as a consultant. The job promised to let me travel the world and it did. During the next ten years, I traveled extensively for work. I racked

up over 1.5 million air miles. I traveled to London 40 times, to Toronto 30, to Taipei, Tokyo, Sydney, Europe, and just about everywhere in the U.S.

I saw the world, but I never enjoyed it. I just worked. And I hardly ever carried a camera with me. I never captured any images of the world, of the places I had been to or the people I had met. I had significant experiences that I could barely remember. On top of that, I felt like I never enjoyed a minute during all of those trips. I hated it.

I rediscover photography. I am a man obsessed. But I am a man without talent.

In 2009, I made a resolution to buy a nice camera. Not a camera phone, not a point-and-shoot, but a DSLR camera with a lens I could change. I ended up choosing a Canon D50, which was about \$500. And that is when I went crazy. I would shoot things from ten different angles, stupid angles that made no sense. I would shoot things without paying attention to the light. I took shots in total darkness that would never turn out.

And all my shots were blurry: out of focus, "what's going on?" blurry. But it didn't matter, because I loved it. For every 100 shots I took, I found one that I liked. And for every 100 of those shots I liked, I found one that I loved. That one shot, that was worth everything to me.

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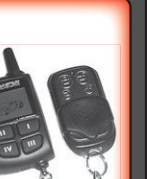
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Odds and Evens



There does not exist, anywhere in the universe, a lucky penny for Niners second-stringer Alex Smith.

This column is for degenerate gamblers, a sporting demographic I've neglected lately. You can see why. When an internet gambling site runs a half-page, full-color ad in the sports section of a Super Bowl team's hometown newspaper (*San Francisco Chronicle*) that banners *BetOnline.net... Because You Can*, you know gambling has become so mainstream that there's little news left in it. Still, if there is any time of year that should bring out degenerate gamblers, that time is now, the week leading up to the Super Bowl and its vast offering of Super Bowl proposition bets.

No matter if the bets have nothing to do with the game. Super Bowl halftime shows are taking the place of Lawrence Welk reruns. If you headline a Super Bowl halftime extravaganza, you are, de facto, ready for Medicare, the exception being this year's Beyoncé. Kindly regard, in descending order, 2012 Madonna, 2011 Black Eyed Peas, 2010 the Who, 2009 Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers, 2008 Prince, 2007 the Rolling Stones, and 2006 Paul McCartney.

But, degenerate gamblers don't care how old these people are or, for that matter, who they are or, for that matter, what they do: they care about the bet. Introducing, Proposition the First. How long will it take Alicia Keys to sing the national anthem? The over/under is 2 minutes, 15 seconds.

The next big play, as Beyoncé lip-syncs her way into your heart, is wagering on the crucial proposition: will Beyoncé's hair be curly/crimped or will it be straight when she arrives onstage? Curly/crimped is Even. Straight is -140.

Turning our minds to the game... Will any Baltimore or San Francisco player — on the active roster — be arrested before Super Bowl 47 starts? (Books only offer a "yes" bet.) Yes, 5 to 1.

Will Alex Smith...this is worth a pause... Niners quarterback Alex Smith is a man living under an eternal curse. He grew up in La Mesa, was All-Everything quarterback for Helix Charter School, then University of Utah. The Utes went 21-1 while he was their starter. Alex was the number-one NFL draft pick in 2005. Mike Nolan, then 49ers head coach, skipped Aaron Rodgers for Smith, and more, agreed to a six-year \$49.5 million contract, which included \$24 million in guaranteed money. Nuts unto crazy.

Smith played nine games in his first year, recording 1 touchdown pass and 11 interceptions. The Niners finished 4-12. In 2006 the team went 7-9, followed by 5-11, 7-9, 8-8, 6-10, which brings us to 2011. Since Smith joined the team in 2005 he has worked his way through four head coaches and seven offensive coordinators, including the brilliant Norv Turner. Nobody cares about that or about all the games he missed — the team stunk, he stunk, fans were in rebellion, and regional media were calling for his head. Going into 2011, his seventh year in the NFL, Smith was a walking dead man.

And then the Niners hired, by way of Stanford, ex-University of San Diego head coach Jim Harbaugh, who proclaimed Smith to be his guy. Fans were too stunned to complain. And then...Smith takes the 49ers to the NFC championship game and would have won it save for Kyle Williams, who fumbled two punt returns, the last one in overtime.

In his seventh year, the guy blooms. This season he's even better: played in ten games, threw for 1737 yards, 13 touchdowns against 5 interceptions, racking a 104.1 quarterback rating and the highest completion percentage in the NFL, 70. Smith is beloved, the media are applauding and apologizing. He's the hot quarterback on a hot team, he is redeemed, and there's no question he's going to lead the Niners into Super Bowl 47.

And then...Smith gets banged in the head during a November game against St. Louis and is taken out in the second quarter with the score tied 24-24. A second-year guy from Nevada comes in, plays brilliantly, and becomes the starting quarterback.

It's a biblical curse. Smith was 20-6-1 under Harbaugh and gets replaced at the first opportunity. There does not exist, anywhere in this universe, a lucky penny for Alex Smith. So, proposition bet is, Will Alex Smith take a snap during Super Bowl 47? Yes +500. No -700.

It could happen. If Kaepernick has a lousy game, Harbaugh will pull him...you know he will. Or if Kaepernick is hurt. Or the Niners could be so far ahead by the fourth quarter Smith gets a mercy nod. The score would have to be something like 77 to 6 for Harbaugh to give a mercy nod, but it is possible.

Wanna bet?

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BestBuys

— EVE KELLY

Casa Kelly's 2013 New Year's resolution is healthier living — nutritious eating, physical activity, and enlightenment of the mind. The easy part for shopper Eve is the eating. Out go the chips, in come the fruit, veggies, nuts. Out cold cereal, in oatmeal. But the kids have grown accustomed to the quickness of cold cereal, and Patrick's an old-fashioned-oats type of guy. He says instant oats are mushy and flavorless. So, I set out to find an instant oatmeal that would please everybody.

I hit the stores and snatched up all the instant oatmeal I could find, and then Pat and I sat down for some tasting.

"For the oatmeal ignoramus, the options in the stores are puzzling," I admitted. "Instant oatmeal, quick oats, old-fashioned oats, and then you add in the multigrain options — it becomes dizzying. I stuck with oats that come in individual-serving packets. And all except one are unsweetened varieties."

"Good. They're all way to sweet," answered Patrick.

"All happiness depends on a leisurely breakfast," I read a quote from John Gunther off the first box of Nature's Path Organic Hot Oatmeal Original (\$3.99 for eight packets at Sprouts).

"But these oats would ruin the most leisurely breakfast," countered Patrick. "They cook up like a big ball of gooey kindergarten paste. You'd have to add a good deal of milk to loosen it up. Kind of a salty finish, too."

Several brands failed the gooey-paste test. "Some raw-grain flavor here," offered Patrick, trying the Essential Everyday Original Flavor (\$3.69 for 12 packets at Albertsons), "but at the same time, gooey."

Some oats failed the texture (or lack thereof) test. "Almost completely homogenous," noticed Patrick, trying the Glutenfreeda Instant Oatmeal (\$5.29 for six packets at Sprouts). "I don't like that at all."

Then there were the packages that were short on oatmeal flavor. "Can't really taste much oats in this," complained Patrick after a steaming spoonful of Wild Harvest Organic Instant Oatmeal (\$3.99 for eight packets at Albertsons).

"And this Trader Joe's Oatmeal Complete looks like gruel and has no smell nor flavor," he added (\$2.99 for eight packets).

After a while we hit some winners. "My



"That's 'cause it has quinoa, millet, puffed amaranth, brown rice, sorghum, and buckwheat in it, along with whole oats."

favorite aroma so far," I noticed, smelling the BetterOats Good 'N Hearty Classic with Flax (\$1.99 for eight packets at Albertsons).

"A rich, oatmeal flavor," added Patrick, "and just a hint of flax. This would make delicious oatmeal cookies."

Another keeper: Organic Mom's Best Naturals Plain Grain Multigrain Hot Cereal (\$2.39 for five pouches at Sprouts). "The packet doubles as a measuring package with a fill line," noticed Patrick. "Super hearty, large flakes, it's hard to believe it came out of a package."

The Quaker Instant Oatmeal Original "tastes like my old-fashioned oats, not like instant oatmeal," Patrick happily noted (\$4.69 for 12 packets at Albertsons).

The Safeway Kitchens Original Flavor oatmeal looked like dry baby food flakes (\$3.79 at Vons for 12 packets). "A little watery, but I do like the oatmeal flavor," offered Patrick.

The 365 Organic Instant Oatmeal (\$3.49 for eight packets at Whole Foods) cooked up a little gooey, "but I like the way it smells and the oatmeal flavor, and it has a little bit of chew to it, not just mush," Patrick admitted.

"You slipped in a sweetened one, you sly one," said Patrick, winking at me and tasting the Bakery on Main Maple Multigrain Muffin (\$5.29 for six packets at Sprouts).

"Not for me, for the kids," I winked back. "Do you like it?"

"I'm sure the kids would love this, but the sweetness of it makes me wince," Patrick said.

"It's 70 percent sweeter than I'd ever sweeten my own oatmeal, but there is a hearty oatiness to it."

Our last nibble was from Eco-Planet Gluten Free Instant Oatmeal (\$5.99 for six packets at Sprouts). "This one smells different...good, but not exactly like oats," said Patrick.

"That's 'cause it has quinoa, millet, puffed amaranth, brown rice, sorghum, and buckwheat in it, along with whole oats," I answered, reading the box.

"Mmmmm," said Patrick, shoveling in a heaping spoonful, "I lub it."

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his and others' money during the real-estate boom. He controlled four saloons and gambling halls, two near Sixth and E Street, and one, the Oyster Bar, in the Louis Bank building on Fifth Avenue. (The district, once the Stingaree, is today's beer-and-burger haven, the Gaslamp.) On a very good night, Earp raked in as much as \$1000. Flush, he spent it on prizefighters and racehorses, games in which, citing Raymond Starr's phrase, the greedy Earp "sought to divest other speculators of their profits." But the law caught up with him. This note, in the research library of the San Diego History Museum, is for \$1000, payable to W. P. Walters, and it is signed by Earp and John Morales, an accomplice, no doubt; it is dated 1894. By then, the lawman was

an outlaw, having ventured as far as Alaska, though Walters's suit forced him to return and pay up. Progress, indeed, since it was a court, not a corral, settlement.

(1600 biscuits in 18-pound tins), water (in 17½-gallon drums), sanitation supplies, a radiation-detection kit, a medical pack, and pamphlets on caring for those poisoned by atomic dust. Among the medicines were eye and nose drops, penicillin tablets, and an extract called cascara sagrada or "sacred bark," a natural laxative. (For those scared s***less.) In America, some 200,000 home shelters were erected while millions of subterranean hideouts were equipped courtesy of the Office of Civil Defense. When the siren sounded, one ran to the nearest sign, often nailed around public schools — three inverted yellow triangles encircled in black.

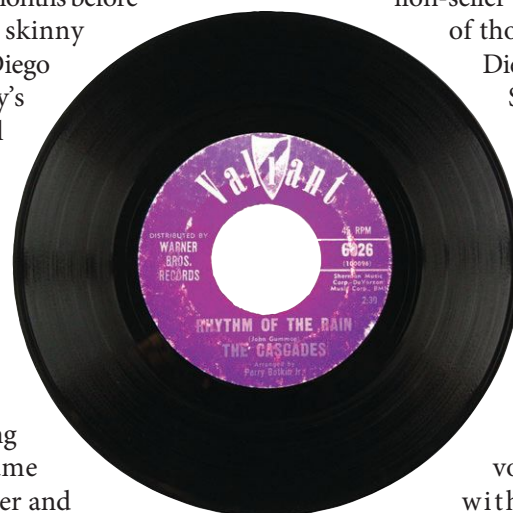
ley's advice: "Go West, young man." His love of gambling brought him to San Diego in 1885. With the hand-rubbing promise of the railroad (which never came), he wagered

2 Bomb-Shelter Pills

Even in paradise, the Cold War occasioned the stashing of survival kits in many a San Diego basement, in homes, businesses, and schools. These three vials were located in supply barrels stacked in the San Diego State College administration building cellar, placed there in January 1964. We tend to date our showdown with the commies to the 1950s, but the fallout-shelter craze occurred from 1962 to 1970. Each person was provisioned for two weeks — the optimal time officials believed it took for nuclear fallout to clear. (An astoundingly dumb notion, considering denizens of Hiroshima were still dying, two decades on.) Shelter kits had food

3 "Rhythm of the Rain," the Cascades

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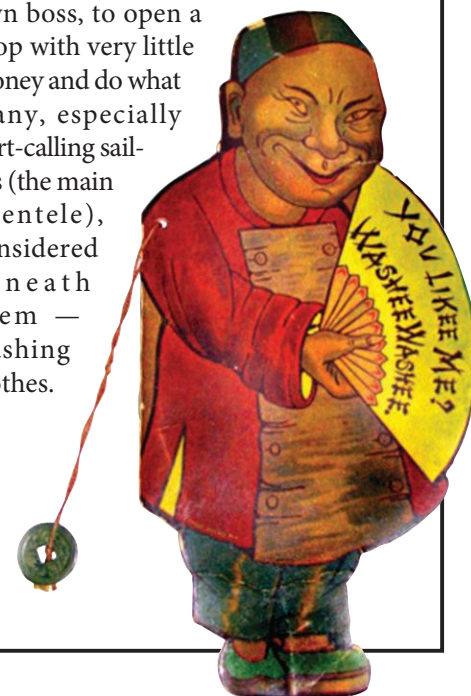


ing a thunderstorm, while on duty in the Aleutian islands. In November 1962, the group cut the single, a million-seller bought by tens of thousands of San Diego kids, at Phil Spector's Gold Star Studio in Hollywood, using an echo chamber to layer voices, instruments, and drums. Gummoe's solo voice combined with the Everly Brothers'-style harmony (ahhhh, gone away; pitter pat, pat-pat-pat), the rinky-ding-ding melody on glockenspiel, and that peerless opening — thunder crash, falling rain, tune rolling in, one of the sweetest blends ever of lyric and sound effect to texturize a pop tune.

4 Chinese Laundry Ticket Pad

One hundred years ago, the local Chinese population got its foothold via hand laundries. Before that, the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 limited the numbers the U.S. allowed in, a response to the fear that foreigners would take jobs from natives. Ticket-printers marketed this fear to the laundries themselves, which were located in Chinatown, near to Earp's gambling dens. Under glass at the Chinese Historical Museum, the pad's cover rings with the stereotype of the Chinaman: sinister grin, pointy fingernails, (probably) high on opium. In the bamboo lettering, you can almost hear the jeering English rhyme. The man's queue, or pig-tail (which runs down his back), was a symbol of

oppression in China; in America, it meant pride in one's heritage and a kind of allegiance to their adopted home. Growing one's queue long and braiding it showed your group that you weren't going back to China. Why a laundry? A small business was a way to be one's own boss, to open a shop with very little money and do what many, especially port-calling sailors (the main clientele), considered beneath them — washing clothes.





5 Bob Simmons's Surfboard

Once, surfboards were made from redwood planks and weighed 75 pounds. But surfer Bob Simmons, an ungainly kid from L.A. who beat cancer with a plant-based diet and lived out of his 1937 Ford Tudor sedan, changed that. During the war, he was a machinist, then studied hydrodynamics at San Diego State. A loner, Simmons loved to mull a board's lift, drag, shape, and weight. As a shaper, he garage-worked

boards, using the new Styrofoam or other materials from the war. Late 1940s, he sculpted a 25-pound balsa board with a fiberglass seal that shimmered like corn syrup. Its rounded bottom, contoured rails, spoonlike nose, wide-and-thin squared-off tail, and skeg, or rudder, made the plank wave-face fast. Simmons rode his last wave in 1954, when he was struck in the head by his board at Windansea beach; a lifeguard buddy found his body days later. (A

fellow surfer rode this board — which can be seen at Bird's Surf Shed — near Windansea the same day Simmons died.) Nowadays, a Bob Simmons (he made about 100) commands \$25,000 at auction. An 11-footer recently went to a Hawaiian collector for \$40,000. A Skip Frye board, with its foiled fins, is a descendant of Simmons's innovations, heir to the master's graceful, curvy contours.

6 "El Jupiter," Presidio Cannon

Cast in the Philippines in 1783, this big bronze gun saw its first action at the Spanish outpost Fort Guijarros on Point Loma. Part of a ten-gun battery, the cannon fired 25-pound shots on smugglers during 1830's "Battle of San Diego Bay." In 1837,

the weapon — its six-foot barrel weighed two tons — was wagoned to the Royal Presidio, a military bulwark protecting Father Junípero Serra's first mission. Ever wary, the *padres* soon moved the mission six miles east. The Presidio, having fallen into Mexican hands, was abandoned, though the



cannon continued to glower at modest farms in Mission Valley at the mouth of the San Diego River. The gun remained in place during the U.S.-Mexican war, 1846–1848, when the United

States acquired a western land mass whose biggest prize, Alta California, became our state in 1850. Geranium-lover George Marston, who owned the Presidio and its grounds and gave it to the city in 1929 (imagine someone doing that today), kept the cannon in the basement of his downtown store. Today, it's housed in the Serra museum. The Presidio is an archaeologist's dream, as many a trowel has exposed artifacts from the Kumeyaay, Spanish, and Mexican eras.

7 Charles Lindbergh's Flight Suit

When Lucky Lindy took off from San Diego on May 10, 1927, in his wicker-seat, single-prop monoplane, he was snug in this A.G. Spalding & Bros. fur-collared, brown



cotton twill coverall. Price, \$50. After 34 hours in the air, he landed in Paris and wrote inside the suit's collar, "Worn on the following flights: San Diego–St. Louis, St. Louis–New York, New York–Paris. Charles Lindbergh." (The suit is on display at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis.) The pilot, as

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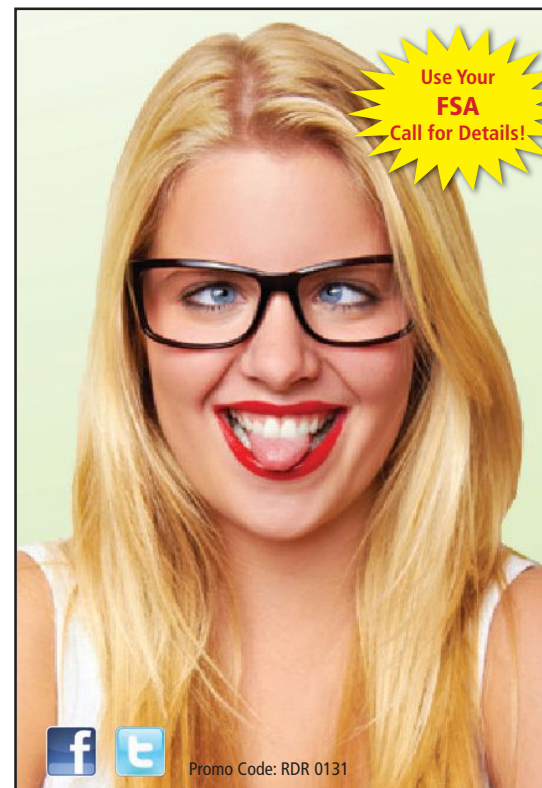
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every school kid knows, flew *Spirit of St. Louis*, designed and built in 60 days by Ryan Airlines Corporation. He oversaw the plane's construction in a vacant cannery building on the site where Solar Turbines is today. Engineers reduced the weight wherever possible: no parachute, no radio, no lights, no windshield. The gas tank was in front of him, so he steered by looking out the window. Why wasn't it the *Spirit of San Diego*? The financial backers — who provided \$15,000 to

build the plane, hoping Lindbergh would win the trans-Atlantic prize — were St. Louisians. The aviation expertise (president Frank Mahoney, chief engineer Donald Hall, a few dozen workers, and lots of overtime) was all San Diego's.

8 First Comic-Con Logo, 1970

Our glitziest summertime blowout is the San Diego Comic-Con International. Its initial offering was held in 1970 at the US Grant Hotel; 300 attended. O'er the



swamp of recent time, the event has mushroomed from a coterie of comic-book and fantasy/sci-fi novel enthusiasts to its present-day circus

of geekdom and fandom: superheroes (the fake real, like Captain America, and the real fakes, like Arnold Schwarzenegger), the newest movie-blockbuster and marquee stars, the Cartoon Network, anime, video games, workshops and panels, a costume contest, portfolio review, an art show, an awards ceremony, collectors and collectibles, trash bags full of free merch, and old bald surfer dudes in

Tommy Bahama shirts. Tickets sell out in the first hour and a half they're offered. The four-day party reportedly generates \$162 million in tourist revenue. Capped now at 125,000 attendees, Comic-Con attracts T-shirted, swag-cut throngs who sardine themselves in the convention center, the one event that Big House by the Bay seems built for. Like the *Alien* series, the affair rebirths itself, every year more corporatized and commercialized, a showcase for a fantasy realm where it's the sponsors' goal that no one grows up.

9 Burned Tennis Shoes, Cedar Fire

Not that San Diegans need reminding, but the Cedar Fire was one of the worst catastrophes in the region's history.

It burned 280,278 acres (roughly 28 percent of the county), 2232 homes were lost, and 14 civilians and one firefighter died. This pair of tennis shoes is kept in the 60-degree storage vault of the Barona Cultural Center. Igniting spontaneously from the heat, the shoes sat on the back porch of Charles "Beaver" Curo, one-



time vice-chairman of the Barona band, whose house was spared that night, October 25, 2003. At its fiercest moment, the fire roared down Wildcat Canyon at 40 miles per hour. The terror for many victims was unthinkable. Three people perished in their bathtubs, where they huddled, trying to outlast the heat and smoke and flames. Hundreds of survivors have scars, grafted skin, lost fingers, ghastly dreams.

10 Justin Pearson's Acrylic Bass

San Diego has fostered very few West Coast musical styles. Except one. Punk. Today, it's variously known as noise rock, screamo, grind-core — bizarre-timed clusters of explosive sounds and blast beats at supersonic speed. But for two decades, punk was largely pure, and one reason is its local crown prince, Justin Pearson. Pearson has played his transparent acrylic bass, built by Dan Armstrong, with the Locust. How

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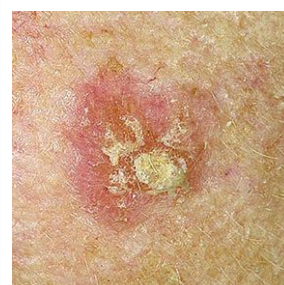
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to describe their music? IED rhythms. Growled/shrieked lyrics. A virtuosic noise, touched by riotous energy. I



recall one Locust tune of 54 seconds and 7000 notes, the playing high-voltage, incandescent. The Locust don matching human-fly costumes

with hoods and mesh sockets for eyes and mouth. Few local punk groups hit it big (some say sold out): Unwritten Law, blink-182, Rocket From the Crypt, Black Heart Procession. But the litany of wild-at-heart bands that played all-ages shows — at such venues as the Ché Café, WorldBeat Center, Soma — are legendary: the Cramps, Nomeansno, Head Wound City, Cattle Decapitation, Pitchfork, Tit Wrench. Half the fun was pissing off the parents. Lest we forget, there's a public service to punk — the audience, mostly teenage men and boys, enjoys

its club sport: mosh-pit slam-bang sweat-frenzy workout. Punk cultures rebellion, and seeds a participatory politics for San Diego's many alienated kids.

11 Panama-California Exposition

Held from 1915 to 1917, the exposition presented our city as the initial stop after ship passengers traversed the just-finished Panama Canal. Expositions and fairs used to peddle a city's newness, all set to grow, by imagining its identity. For San Diego, a few of these events decided that its architectural



face would be Spanish Colonial Revival. The consequence launched an ongoing crisis: Was there a here, here? The answer: it's not necessary. According to our town barkers, Southern California should evoke elsewhere. How strange to think it couldn't be itself: a U.S.-Mexican

crossroads; a marine Eden; abundant, adaptable land, wisely occupied by native peoples for 8000 years. Instead, the park grounds beckoned tourists with what expo builder Bertram Goodhue called "illusion rather than reality." This postcard frames the theme: the viaduct

is a Roman ruin; the city behind and below mixes Florence and Los Angeles; the bay invites ship-ping; and the scurrying Bible-toting friar — well, he's no lover of baseball but a force christening canyons and *camino*s a Catholic colony. That San Diego has been challenging its putative expo identity for nearly 100 years has become its identity. One good thing: the 1915 structures anchor the best stroll in town: Balboa Park.

12 Squid Tuna Hook

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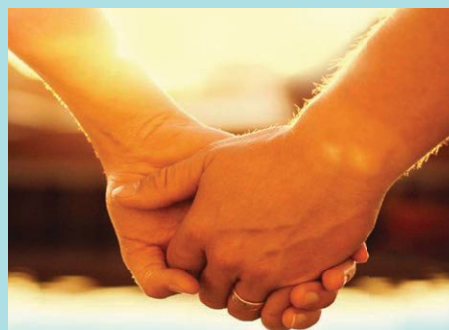
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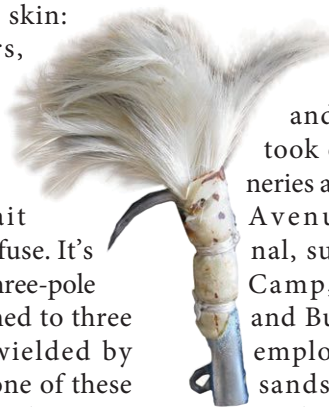
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brass and filled with lead. Its rooster feathers are string-cinched over animal skin: wet feathers, jumping on the ocean surface, resemble a squid, a bait tuna can't refuse. It's known as a three-pole squid: attached to three poles and wielded by three men, one of these hooks landed a 150-pound tuna. (Squids are on display at the Maritime Museum of San Diego.) From the 1930s to 1980s, San Diego was the tuna capital of the world. Catching and canning the Pacific bluefin and the albacore was the third largest driver of the city's economy, behind the Navy and the aircraft industry. Before 1930, the Japanese in

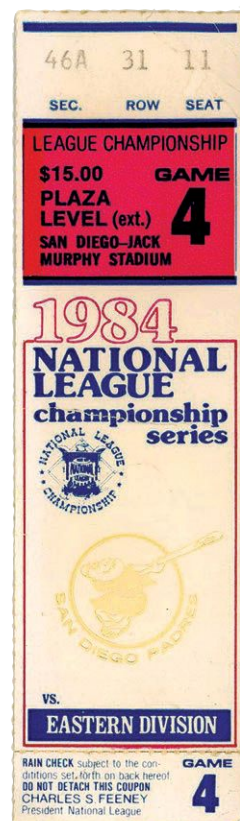


San Diego dominated the trade; after that, immigrant fishermen streamed in from Portugal and Italy and took over. Canneries at the Tenth Avenue terminal, such as Van Camp, Starkist, and Bumble Bee, employed thousands. Day and night, a whistle blew when loaded boats docked and gutters and cooks hustled to work. Small crews on bait boats motored south to the tropics, as far as the Galapagos Islands, for weeks or months. One by one, they caught the fish, slid them into the hold, and covered them with ice. A typical load was 100 tons. After well-enforced laws to protect

the porpoise, a fellow-traveling mammal that got caught in the nets, the tuna industry went belly up.

13 National League Championship, Game 4 Ticket, 1984

Most (middle-aged/older) San Diegans remember where they were when they saw this game, October 6, 1984 — a few at the Murph, hundreds of thousands in front of their TVs. Michael Babida, who works for the Padres today, knows where he was: he saved his ticket. It was the greatest moment in our sports teams' history, brought to us, vexingly, by an ex-Los Angeles Dodger, Steve Garvey, nicknamed "Mr. Clean." In the best-of-five series, the Padres



were down, two games to one, to the Chicago Cubs. The fourth game was tied 3-3 when the Friars scratched ahead

in the bottom of the seventh inning, 5-3, only to be knotted up again by the Cubs in the next inning, 5-5. In the bottom of the ninth, after Tony Gwynn hit a single, Garvey, who arrived from the Dodgers in 1983 — \$6 million over five years — took a ball. But not the next pitch. *Boom!* he connected, and the announcer called it: "Deep right field. Way back. Cato [the right-fielder] going back. To the wall. It's gone. Home run, Garvey — and there will be tomorrow." Like an Olympic athlete in protest, Garvey pumped his white-gloved fist in the air. The clutch hitter had five RBIs for the day, culminating in his walk-off home run. Everyone knew the gods would smile on the Pads again; coming from behind,

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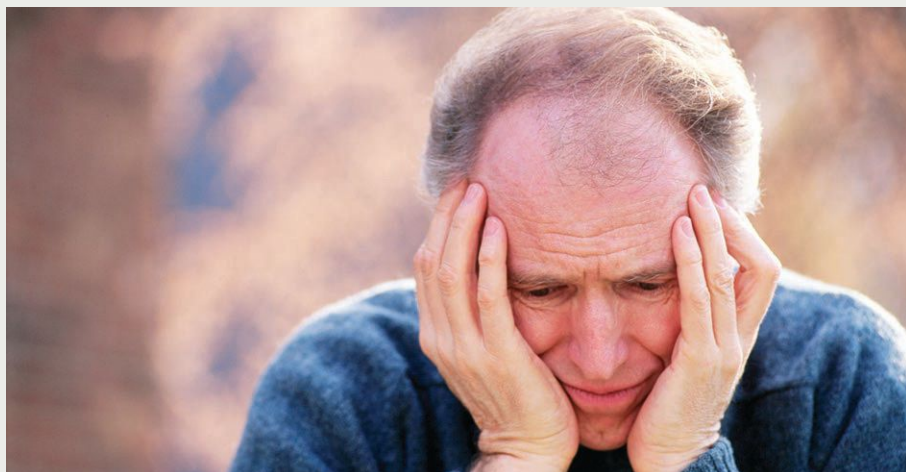
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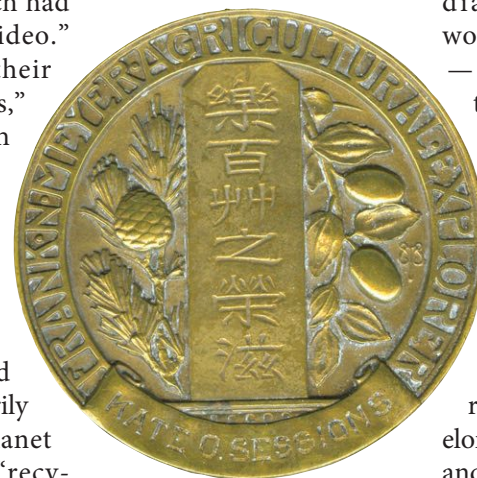
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Museum of Death), probably by their leader, Marshall Applewhite, the last to go. When found three days later by an ex-member and videotaped, a frenzied media revealed the uniformity of the horror. Each had made an “Exit Video.” They described their bodies as “vehicles,” their time on Earth spent “growing a soul.” (Strict cult rules meant behavioral conformity, high-tech jobs, no sex: over-testosteroned men were voluntarily castrated.) The planet was about to be “recycled,” so they “evacuated” en masse for the “Next Level.” Their “out” came as a comet, a 25-mile-wide chunk of ice called Hale-Bopp, passing near enough our solar system to catch. Attached to Hale-Bopp, in its 20 million-mile tail of gas, was, they thought, a spaceship (the Gate) they would board. In their videos, each member offers in the bougainvillea-bordered backyard, on a gloriously bright spring day, his or her unsentimental farewell. In the next life, each would be reborn as “nonhuman.” They would not die but return to space, where they belonged. Heaven, if you will.

15 Meyer Medal for Kate Sessions

In 1939, the American Genetic Association presented its Frank N. Meyer medal, today in the collection of the San Diego History Museum, to the 82-year-old Sessions, the “Mother of Balboa Park,” citing her long career of introducing foreign plants to the region. By turns a schoolteacher, nursery-

owner, flower-shop proprietress, horticulturalist, landscape architect, and seed collector, Sessions was a force in local botany and gardening for 55 years, until her death in 1940. Under a



land-lease agreement for her commercial nursery, every year she planted 100 trees in Balboa Park and 300 throughout the city. Here's a short list of her green-thumbed propagations:

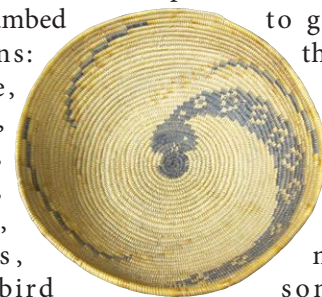
agave, aloe, fig, cypress, pine, oak, pepper tree, eucalyptus, ceanothus, jacaranda, bird of paradise, poinsettia, one mighty still-standing Tipuana tree at the corner of Garnet and Pico in Pacific Beach, and the mesembryanthemum, or iceplant. If you loll in the park's palm grove — she grew those *Brahea brandegeei* from seeds gathered in Baja California — thank Kate's trusty spade and loving touch for the magnificent flora beside and above you.

16 Kumeyaay Rattlesnake Basket

Dating from the 1870s, this basket, from the Barona Cultural Center, belonged to the grandmother of Sister Rosetta, a descendant of the Capitan Grande Indians, who

were split into the Barona and Viejas bands. (Kumeyaay is a language group, spoken by and identifying the 'Tipay/Diegueño people.) One theory of the basket's design is that the white diamondback snake woven into the bottom


— an animation prototype; motion lines indicate its slithering descent — would scare off squirrels, rabbits, and other small game from filching. The bundle coil is made of juncus, a riverine rush or plant stem; the elongated rods, darkened and almost pixel-shaped, are dyed. Alas, rattlesnake talismans didn't stop the human filching. In 1930, the Capitan Grande Indians were ordered to leave one part of their homeland



to greenlight the county's El Capitan dam and reservoir. Pooling buyout money, some members bought land and relocated themselves in the Barona Valley. Not every removal ends badly. Today, the Barona Band is thriving with a mission, a golf course, a casino, and a 400-room hotel.

17 Rancho Guajome Santo

In the Mexican land-grant era, Rancho Guajome was a 2200-acre parcel given to two Luiseño Indian brothers. They sold the property and hacienda to an L.A. investor who gave it, a wedding present, to his sister-in-law, Ysidora Bandini. Her family resided at the site of the Casa de Bandini restaurant, formerly in



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Old Town. Rancho Guajome, with its 20-room adobe, flourished during the cattle boom. In its heyday, it consisted of a dusty spread of beef and leather production, a ranch store and tack room, and annual fiestas and rodeos. (Author Helen Hunt Jackson did research for her romance *Ramona* at the ranch.) Likely kept in Ysidora's private chapel (permission to build granted by the Pope himself) was this 18th-century Santo, an unknown female saint, made of painted wood; her identity is unknown. Beneath her silk dress with cuffed sleeves is a chemise, an underskirt, and a petticoat; a sash, mantle, and shawl complete the ensemble. With her pierced ears and wax pearls in her hair ornament, she seems an everyday type, closer to a ranch socialite than a holy woman. Doña Ysidora raised ten children at Guajome with her husband, Cave Johnson Coutts. One of the luckier post-statehood entrepreneurs — his



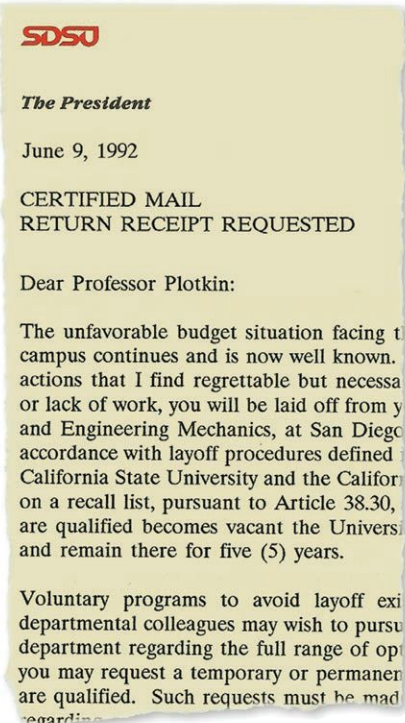
holdings grew to 20,000 acres — Coutts couldn't stop an economic downturn and a punishing drought in the 1860s. Ysidora, no doubt, prayed for better times while

adorning her Santo.

18 SDSU President Thomas Day's Pink Slip

Let the battle to end life-long state employment begin, SDSU president Thomas Day said to the college in June 1992. The shrewd but ham-handed leader sent 111 termination letters to the faculty, cutting nine departments and 662 class sections, and canceling the majors of 1000 students. His surgery was in response to a legislature-mandated 8 percent drop in the state education budget, on top of the previous year's 15-percent plunge.

The ouster included anthropology, German and Russian, and religious studies, as well as recreation, parks, and tourism (who knew *that* was a major), plus this letter's addressee, Professor Allen Plotkin, his tenured job and his department, Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics. (The letter is in the collection of SDSU's anthropology department.) The affair turned nasty three months later when lawsuits were filed, SDSU students protested, and a "Wanted" poster was



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Academic Freedom.” Chastened, he postponed the cuts. Within months, he rescinded the order. How should Day have handled it? His detractors said a humane boss would have rerouted money from infrastructure, travel, and library books. For four more years, Day embroiled faculty by denying new hires until his retirement. His legacy? SDSU became “the university that tried to kill tenure.”

19 Navy Cross

The greatest firefight of the Iraq War was the First Battle of Fallujah. Prompted by the execution, bridge-hanging, and videotaping of four Blackwater contractors in April 2004, the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force tried but failed to take the city from insurgents. A second assault

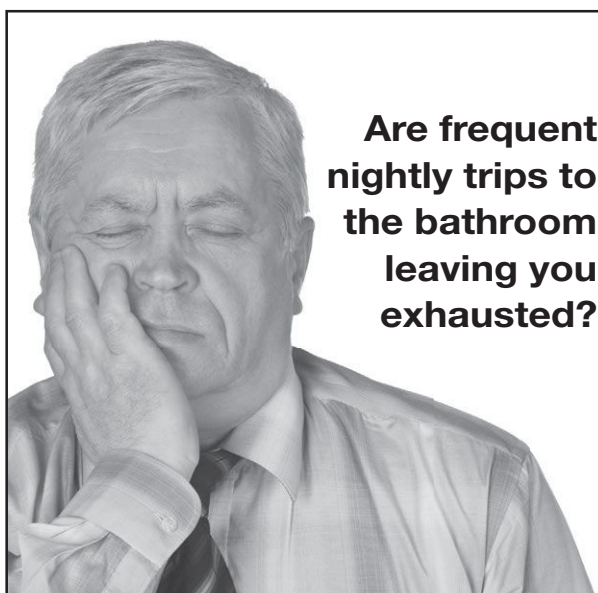


came in November, spearheaded by the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, whose scout leader was Sgt. Rafael Peralta. The 25-year-old San Diegan led his squad in house-to-house combat. Wounded in the back of the head by friendly fire, he was shot by the enemy in the chest and fell. A grenade

landed next to him. He pulled it underneath his body, his death saving six Marines. Peralta’s regiment nominated him for the Medal of Honor, America’s highest military award. The Marine Corps, U.S. Central Command, and the secretary of the Navy agreed. But defense secretary Robert Gates and a review panel voted no, arguing that he probably smothered the grenade “unconsciously.” (The Medal of Honor, given to 3459 soldiers, requires acts of valor “without any possibility of error or doubt.”) The brass gave him the Navy Cross, the second-highest award. His family turned it down. Eight years later, the decision is caving under a storm of protest. Based on new evidence, Gates’s ruling is under review. An act of Congress can overturn it. Meanwhile, the Navy has said it will name a destroyer after Peralta.

20 San Diego: A Comprehensive Plan

In 1908, George Marston hired Boston architect John Nolen to make a plan for San Diego’s growth, one that would join people to the environment. In dignified prose, Nolen lingers on the potential for a “city beautiful.” Its “location and physical foundation” may yet make it “great”; the bay is “one of the safest and most beautiful harbors in the world”; its climate “defies description,” in part, because without “extremes of heat or cold...health is almost guaranteed”; and its backcountry “is an inexhaustible source of commercial and aesthetic wealth.” Neither Marston nor Nolen opposed development.



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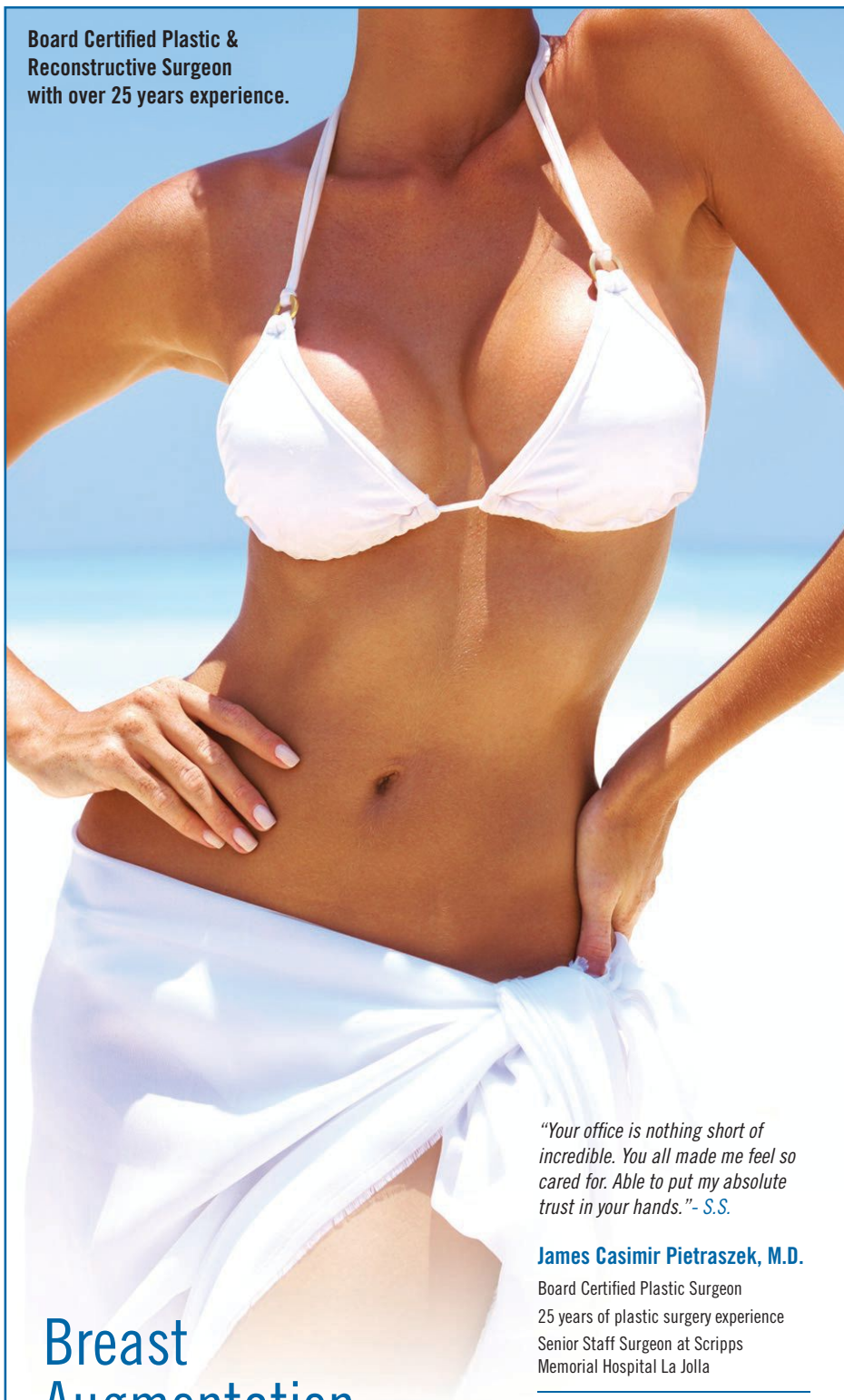
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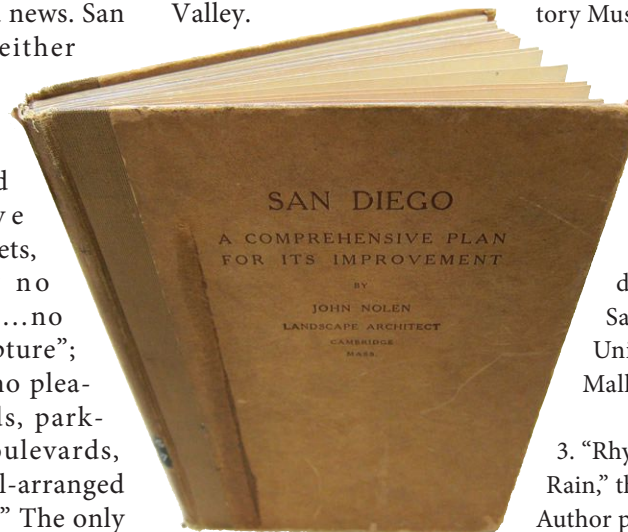


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an airport on the harbor, and a sleek expressway through what was then the unspoiled Mission Valley.



Drive today, though, on the 805 above that valley and behold the mushroom condos colonizing the expanse like *War of the Worlds*. Who the hell planned that? ■

— Thomas Larson

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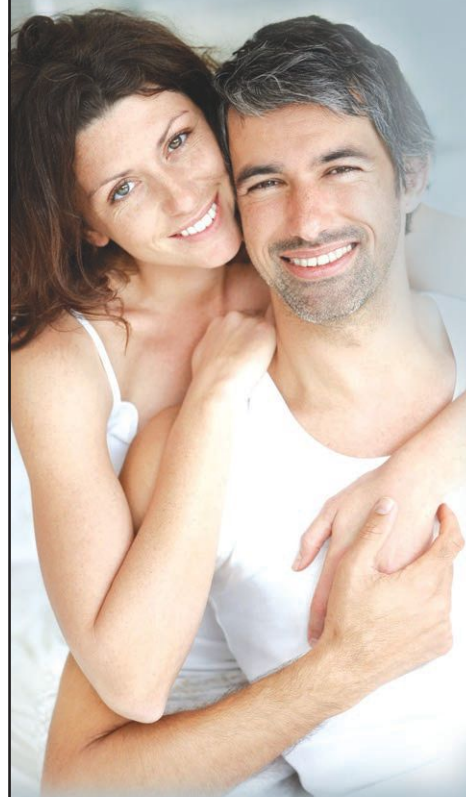
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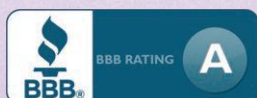
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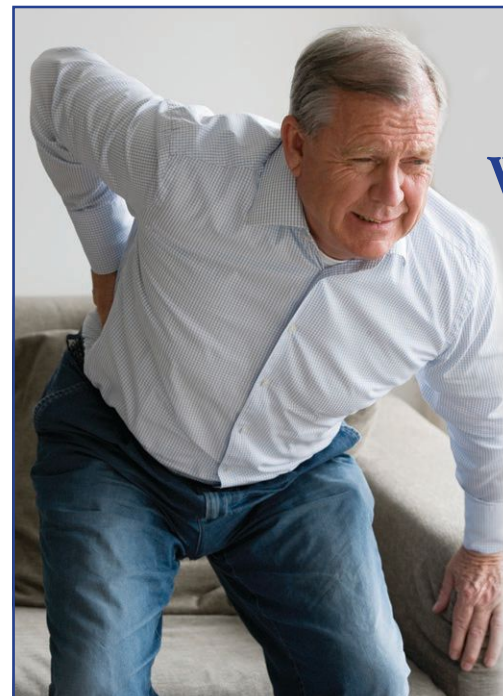
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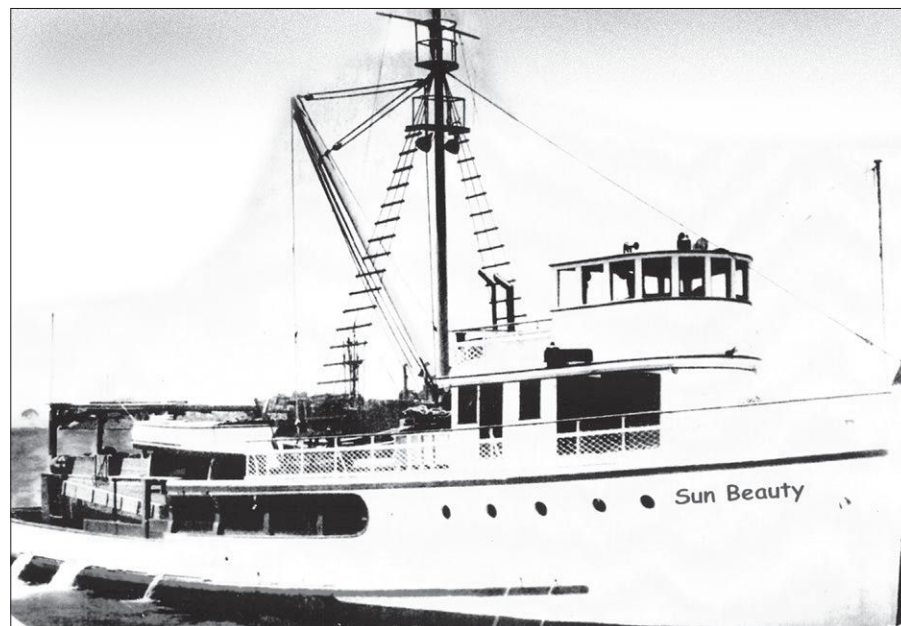
had been on a freighter headed from Ecuador to San Pedro, he learned, that was lost at sea.

Two months later, the *Sun Beauty* sank near Cape Colonet, 110 miles south of San Diego. Clarence, his younger brother Arnold, and ten other men escaped in a 16-foot skiff, in what the Coast Guard

called some of the "roughest waters ever encountered off the coast of Mexico."

In the 1940s, tuna boats had radios, but there were no weather stations. "Someone would say 'Storm coming' on the radio," says Arnold Fernandes, "then no one kept track. You watched the barometer and made a judgment call."

Ask a tuna fisherman about the weather, and no matter how bad it's blowing, he's seen worse. During WWII, Arnold served as sonar operator on two 165-foot Navy cutters, *Perseus* and *Aurora*. In 1943, the *Aurora* was doing search and rescue off the Aleutian Islands in a storm from hell. The Beaufort Scale ranks hurricanes up to Force Twelve. With registered winds blowing up to 200 knots, this one was



Built in 1937, the *Sun Beauty* was originally called the *White Eagle*.

off the scale. Every vessel for hundreds of miles had to make port. When the *Aurora* pulled into the safety of Adak Harbor, the tower flashed a coded mes-

sage: turn around, head back out; two Liberty ships have foundered in the storm.

"We couldn't believe it," recalls

QUOTATIONS

1. Hans E. Rosendal: "Such gales came on with little advance warning, and vessels did not have time to seek the greater safety of the open sea."
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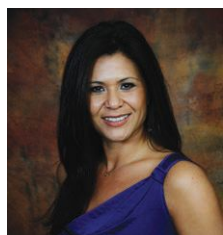
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Arnold. "Back out in *that*? They should've just said, 'Commit suicide.' But the *Aurora* followed orders." They found the *Chief Washakie*, lodged on rocks off Cape Cheerful, in waves as high as 40 feet. It had a two-inch-wide crack just forward of the bridge. The deck beams sagged and threatened to snap the hull in two. Using logging chains, crews kept the bridge and bow together until the winds subsided and help arrived.

The storm off Cape Colonet in 1947 "wasn't as bad as that one," says Fernandes, "but was bad enough."

Sun Beauty left San Diego on July 10, 1947, with a brand-new white paint job. Built in 1937, and originally called the *White Eagle*, the wooden-hulled clipper could hold 100 tons of tuna. Clarence was the skipper. His brother Arnold was 23. "The *Sun Beauty* was a live-bait boat," he says, meaning it used poles and lines to catch tuna. "Most of the fishing was done off the coast of Mexico [and] all the way down to Costa Rica and Panama."

For the first ten hours, the clipper sailed under blue summer skies. By late afternoon, the seas began to build. "A few big swells," says Fernandes, "but nothing, really. You must understand: tuna fishermen're used to that."

Although the radio said a chubasco — a tropical cyclone — was heading north from Cabo San Lucas, southern skies were cloudless.

That can be deceiving, skippers say. Often, when a chubasco nears, the sea calms. The air gets heavy. ("You can smell one coming," says an old adage.) Then iron-gray clouds flatten out overhead and fill the sky. Winds whip and howl, swells steepen, and ships pitch about like drunks.

Toward sundown, about 20 miles west of Cape Colonet, the Fernandes

brothers watched boats steer toward the protected bay under clear skies.

At midnight, Arnold took his four-hour wheel watch. Though the waters were bumpy, he saw no sign of trouble. At 4:00 a.m., relieved of duty, he stopped at the galley "for a quick cup of coffee before hitting the sack."

He shared a starboard cabin with Bill "Red" Morgan, the navigator.

"Red!" Fernandes shook Morgan in the bunk below. "Let's get the hell out of here!"

As Arnold climbed into his upper bunk, the ship rolled "a little more than before, but not enough to be alarmed." Seconds later, he fell asleep.

Around 5:00 a.m., his feet kicked straight up and his head slammed a wall. "I knew then we were in trouble."

Something hit the *Sun Beauty*, jerking it 60 degrees to the right. Water spilled over starboard.

"Red!" Fernandes shook Morgan in the bunk below. "Let's get the hell out of here!"

Outside the cabin door, foamy seawater burst on deck and stamped into his cabin. ("That sight gave me nightmares for years — over the rail *and into your room!*")

The generator flooded: no radio, no bilge pumps. The main engine still ran, and the boat moved in a lazy circle, listing to starboard.

When Fernandes saw no one at the helm, he climbed to the flying bridge, raced into the pilothouse, and tried to jerk the wheel "hard over" to the right. "If a ship's tilting to starboard, turn the rudder that way. Do the opposite, she'll roll over."

The rudder wouldn't budge. "Just too far gone."

From the flying bridge, Fernandes counted only

11 men standing below on the portside rail: the high side. Where was Joe? Sixteen-year-old Joe Cutri bunked forward of the engine room. As the skipper ordered the crew not to jump — because no one would find them in the roiling waters — Fernandes rushed down to the engine room. He shook the knob frantically, but debris jammed Joe's door shut.

"That was the worst

feeling: Joe's *trapped*, and I can't do a thing about it."

When Fernandes climbed the slippery ladder, Joe stood on deck. "He came up through a hatch on the bow. I can't tell you how relieved that made me."

The *Sun Beauty* lurched hard to the right. The hull must have sprung a leak, or hit something? Two of the ship's three small boats — a speedboat and a ten-foot skiff — had tumbled over the side and vanished.

After the roll, the *Sun Beauty* righted itself. Water on board shifted forward. The engine went dead. The bow tilted down. "We had just minutes to launch the net-tender skiff."

Since booms and equipment had failed, it took "brute force" to shoulder the 16-foot craft into the water. Someone salvaged two oars from the others.

The bow slowly nosed downward. While others lowered the skiff, Fernandes cut loose "anything that would float, so passing ships might see the debris — and the crew would have something to hold onto if they ended up in the ocean." To make more debris, he hacked free bamboo poles on the chummer's canopy.

Clarence held the bowline as the crew boarded the skiff. "Stand by astern,"

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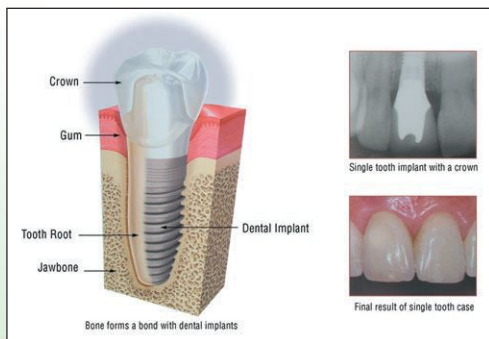
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he told them.

No one wore life jackets. "They didn't like them," says Arnold. "In those days, life jackets were big and bulky and stuffed with slabs of cork. They were too heavy to permit much movement. Even my brother wouldn't wear one. *And he couldn't swim.*"

He told him, "Get your jacket on!"

Clarence shouted, "Don't need it!"

The brothers were the last to leave. They jumped down from the stern, took positions up front. As the winds rose, crewmen pulled hard on the oars.

"Without the large skiff," says Fernandes, "I'm afraid we'd have been lost at sea. Also this: for an unknown reason I picked up a bottle of Seagram's VO and a can of asparagus sloshing around the deck. I threw them into the skiff. Little did I know that the can would save our lives!"

When they were less than 40 feet away, the *Sun Beauty* went down in a whirl of foam. "We were all in our shorts — had no time to dress. Our clothes, all our belongings," including a shaving kit with lucky gold coins that Fernandes had carried throughout World War II, "sank with the ship."

"The last thing I saw I'll never forget: 'Sun Beauty, San Diego' on the stern, before she disappeared in churning bubbles of water. The whole crew had tears in their eyes. And what an eerie feeling: it gets smaller and smaller, then swallowed up. Something you've been living on for weeks and months. Like watching your home sink."

Fernandes estimates that from the time the boat listed to the time it sunk was at most 15 minutes. "All these things ran through my mind," he recalls. But once in the skiff, he had a single thought: "Everyone made it out okay."

"The sea was rough, but skies were clear. It wasn't foggy or raining. Just big

swells, big rolling ones, way over our heads." The real storm, they learned later, was on the way.

When the skiff reached the top of a swell, they could see the horizon. But then it nosed back down into a trough, "and no one could see us."

The skiff began to fill like a bathtub. The crew had just a few inches of freeboard, above the

At the peak of a swell, Fernandes aimed the lid directly at the sun and the boat's flying bridge. "I sent an SOS."

water level. "We bailed and rowed, bailed and rowed. We tried to head toward shore, hoping someone would see us or the debris, but couldn't get any closer." They bailed gallons and gallons of brine, but that only made room for more.

Clarence had a thought. Tie a blanket to one of the eight-foot oars and make a sail. He tried. No go. The wind lifted it.

Around noon, with over six hours in the skiff, the winds picked up. Two nearby albacore boats were headed for Colonet. One was so close that Fernandes could make out the name: *Lusitania*. "We were too low in the water; they couldn't see us."

A crewman handed Fernandes an old flare gun and five or six hand flares. When the skiff reached the crest of a swell, he pulled the trigger. "A dud. Probably put onboard when the ship was built."

Fernandes tried the hand flares. Same procedure: skiff rises, ignite a flare, raise it high. "I did that, and they dripped. Look" — he rolls up a sleeve: thin red scars streak down the inside of his right forearm.

For a few seconds, the ships might have seen something — debris? — then kept going. Men on

the skiff yelled, but roaring winds and walls of water muffled their pleas for help.

The sun sank quickly, as if to avoid the oncoming storm.

Around 5:00 p.m., they spotted a small albacore boat chugging toward Colonet. It bounded like a cork on the mountainous waves.

"I figured this is our last

chance," recalls Fernandes. He picked up the can of asparagus and polished the lid. At the peak of a swell, he aimed the lid directly at the sun and the boat's flying bridge. "I sent an SOS: dit...dit...dit dah-dah-dah. I could see reflections I was making on the windows."

The boat continued south. "Our hearts began to sink. Then all of a sudden, it turned and headed toward us."

But even the rescue was in doubt. The boat was the *Lillian Ann*, a 20-foot albacore vessel out of Fort Bragg. It only had a two-man crew and "wasn't much larger than our skiff." It was seaworthy, though, and roller-coastered up and down rows and rows of waves, the spindrift lit by the setting sun.

"It seemed a lifetime for them to reach us." When they did, they threw the skiff a line and towed it to the harbor at Colonet.

"That was the last vessel headed in before the sun went down. I don't know if we could have made it through the night."

The next day, the *Perseus* (one of the cutters Fernandes served on during the war) came from San Diego and picked them up. "They gave us food

and water, a pair of jeans and a T-shirt, so we didn't have to land in San Diego in our shorts."

A rumor spread through San Diego that the *Sun Beauty* had gone down with all hands. "As we approached the Embarcadero, we could see our worried families. I can't tell you how relieved they became."

The Coast Guard and various insurance companies interviewed the crew about the cause of the shipwreck. No one had an answer.

"My theory," says Fernandes: "The ship took on a large wave from port-side. It rolled her over to starboard. This caused the ice in the hold to shift from port to starboard. I think that's it. But today it still remains a mystery."

Two weeks later, Clarence Fernandes purchased the *Sea Wolf*. "We kissed the family goodbye and headed back out." ■

— Jeff Smith

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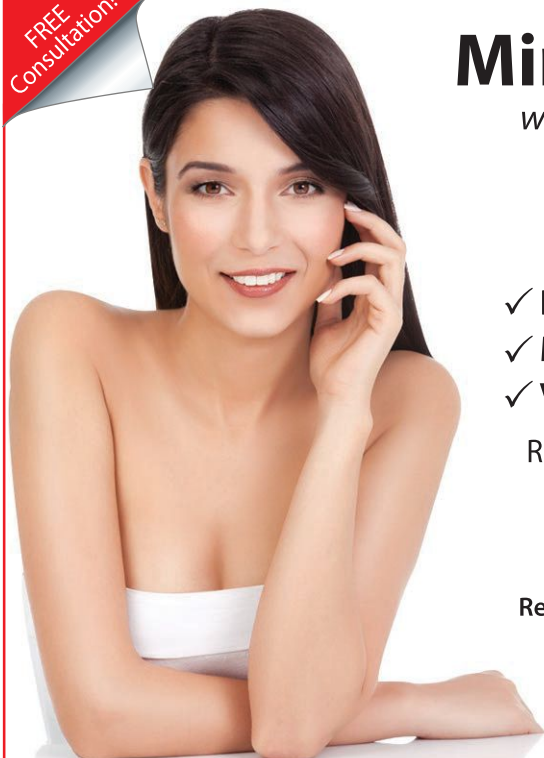
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ingrained in a person. However, media blood-splattering cannot “cause average, normal people to actually commit violent acts.”

William F. Eadie of the San Diego State journalism/media department says, “There is a relationship between people watching media violence and acting aggressively, at least in the short term.” However, “Most people are able to distinguish between fantasy violence and actual violence.” But he warns that those who consume many hours of media a day may “have a distorted view of the world and have a higher chance of acting on these distortions.”

Dean Nelson, founder and director of the journalism program at Point Loma Nazarene University, points out that in court trials in which lawyers argue that a crime “is similar to what recently appeared in the movies or TV, [that argument] almost never ends up in a conviction. Jurors are not convinced there is a cause and effect” — that is, seeing a similar crime committed on TV did not motivate the person to go out and do the same.

As to the relationship of media violence and actual violence, Nelson says, “Correlation? Perhaps. Causation? Probably not.”

In retrospect, it is surprising that dementia and related mental diseases were not linked to football long ago. In the 1920s, doctors knew that repetitive brain trauma produced psychological afflictions in boxers. By the 1950s, many physicians wanted the sport banned. Boxers’ problems have had many names: punch-drunk syndrome, chronic boxer’s encephalopathy, boxer’s dementia, and the like. Among the prizefighters suspected of suffering head trauma-related dementia have been Joe Louis, Sugar Ray Robinson, Billy Conn, and Muhammad Ali (Parkinson’s syndrome probably caused by boxing).

As recently as 2009, the

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National Football League was insisting before an incredulous congressional committee that there was no connection between football head injuries and long-term brain trauma. But ESPN reported that in the 1990s and early 2000s, when the league was denying the connection between the sport and traumatic brain injuries, it was secretly paying off players who had suffered such woes.

Now, with more than 4000 players suing, the league brags that it is spending \$30 million on head-injury research. This is an insult. Most owners are billionaires. The average team is worth \$1.1 billion and enjoys \$276 million in annual revenue. At the same time the National Football League boasts of the piddling \$30 million it spends on research, it is contesting the suits of the 4000 players and still insisting it takes care of injured retired players.

There is a symbiotic relationship between the National Football League and television. Each team gets well over \$100 million a year from the league’s deals with broadcasters. So does this cozy relationship explain why TV glorifies on-field carnage? “When young people see athletes being praised for aggressive (violent) behavior on the field — and in many cases being rewarded for such behavior — it’s not much of a stretch to believe that at least some people are going to try to emulate such behavior,” says Wulfemeyer. “When this happens, I guess you could say media-related praise for violent hits can contribute to cases of [chronic traumatic encephalopathy], crippling injuries, etc.”

Nelson is not sure that media celebration of butchery can be called a cause of the crippling diseases that afflict players, especially retired ones. However, continuous showing of violent action “is going to encourage other players to say, ‘I want to get on the highlight reel, too.’ It does encourage more violence.” ■

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Sweetwater storm

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Sweetwater. Property owners in these districts pay additional property taxes to help fund public infrastructure and services.

The district’s continued borrowing from Mello-Roos funds has caused hard feelings in the community. Even though the money is paid back, Mello-Roos-paying residents believe their money is not being spent the way it is intended and that Mello-Roos-funded schools are being short-changed and falling into disrepair.

A sound household budget has accounts set aside that anticipate the future. But according to Knott’s report and the follow-up interview with him, the district has not been putting money aside for maintenance; he used leaking roofs by way of example. Nor has money been put aside to replace the district’s aging fleet of buses. They also failed to put money aside for elections. (Knott says he has addressed these problems in the new budget.)

Another way to assess the health of Sweetwater’s budget is by comparing it to the Chula Vista Elementary School District’s budget. Sweetwater and Chula Vista have essentially the same tax base and the same Mello-Roos districts.

Anthony Millican, Chula Vista elementary’s spokesperson, discussed in a January 17 email how his district handles budget challenges similar to Sweetwater’s.

On roof repair and such: “We regularly set aside two percent of our total expenditures as a budget for routine maintenance.”

On elections: “When we know a board member election is coming up, we set aside an amount for the cost of holding the election. We allocate about \$51,000 for board member elections. This year (2012) we also allocated \$53,000 for the Prop E election. That is the cost that we

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pay to the Registrar of Voters for holding such elections.”

Another contrast between the two districts is their budget reserves. The state recommends that a district have at least 3 percent in reserve. According to Knott, Sweetwater has 3 percent, or \$7 million. Millican writes: “Our ending balance reserves are 19.18 percent, well above the state’s recommended three percent minimum requirement. That is \$37.3 million in dollar terms.”

In his December presentation, Knott went on to advise the board that a district is in trouble when it has a combative relationship with oversight agencies. While Knott’s comment was not specific to Sweetwater, the district *has* had a combative relationship with the Proposition O bond oversight committee. The committee acts in an advisory capacity to the district on expenditures from the \$644 million bond construction money. At one time, the bond oversight committee passed a no-confidence vote “on [Superintendent Ed] Brand’s interactions with the committee.”

After Knott’s presentation, the board voted to certify the district’s solvency. But since then, others have spoken out regarding Sweetwater’s financial issues.

Nick Marinovich, the committee’s chair, said in a January 20 interview that he finds it a struggle to obtain the financial documents the committee needs in order to do adequate oversight. Marinovich brought up the *Voice of San Diego*’s August report on capital appreciation bonds that will cost Poway residents \$1 billion to borrow \$105 million.

When Marinovich asked district representatives if Sweetwater had any capital appreciation bonds, he says he was led to believe they did not. But he later discovered the district does have capital appreciation bonds related to Proposition BB (a \$187 million bond in 2000). While the bonds do not have the devas-

tating interest rates Poway’s have, Marinovich says the issue points to the district’s lack of forthrightness.

Kevin O’Neill, also a bond oversight committee member, brought forward

another financial concern during a January 20 interview. In November 2012, the board gave the green light for the district to seek a \$38 million bond-anticipation note. A bond-anticipation note

is a short-term bridge loan, according to O’Neill. It comes due in five years or less. Such loans are given in anticipation of increased bond money coming in as assessed property values rise. O’Neill is

concerned that Sweetwater might be buying more financial woes if assessed values do not rise before the note comes due, in which case the debt will have to be paid from the general fund.

O’Neill believes that the district should hold off on construction projects for the time being. However, Knott says the district is going to market on the bond-anticipation notes in February. ■

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ary 16 filing. Three days later, on December 30, Young distributed 28 tickets to the Chargers-versus-Raiders game. The recipients? Also “various community volunteers.” The football team furnished Young with those freebies, said to be valued at \$98 each, according to the disclosure.

Young’s fellow Democrat **Marti Emerald** reported giving 25 of the \$98 Chargers-Raiders tickets, also provided by the team, to the “City Heights CDC Organization.” According to its website, the City Heights Community Development Corporation’s mission is to “To Enhance the Quality of Life in City Heights by Working with Our Community to Create Quality Affordable Housing and Livable Neighborhoods, Foster Economic Self-Sufficiency and Stimulate Investment.” Board members include **Scott Drury**, vice president of “Human Resources, Diversity

and Inclusion” at San Diego Gas & Electric; **Jose Sarmiento**, a branch manager at Citibank, and **Ridham Shah**, a software engineer at Qualcomm. Democratic city councilman **David Alvarez** played angel to the Luckie Waller Winter baseball team with 19 \$30 tickets to the Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam on January 19, courtesy of Advance Auto Parts.

Advice from ex-political boss

Speaking of David Alvarez, his ex-boss in the office of former South Bay Democratic state senator **Denise Ducheny** is raking in some big bucks from border-related city-hall lobbying of her former employee. Falcon Strategies, L.L.C., run by **Clarissa Reyes Falcon**, was paid \$5175 to lobby on behalf of Chelsea San Diego Holdings of Roseland, New Jersey, according to Falcon’s fourth-quarter 2012 disclosure report, filed January 22. The topic involved the proposed development of the “Outlets on the Border” project in San Ysidro, located off Camino de la Plaza. The out-

come sought: “Reject approval... unless the project is modified to reflect less retail outlets.” Falcon lobbied Alvarez, along with two of his staffers, along with the mayor’s office. Then there was ECKO Metals, which paid \$4086 for Falcon to lobby for a “metal recycling operation” and gain approval of a “structure on Commercial Avenue.” Alvarez and fellow Democrat Marti Emerald were lobbied by Falcon for that. And there was Brown Field International Business Park, which forked over \$7000 in an effort to obtain “Certification of [environmental impact report] and required local permits to allow for the development of the Brown Field International Business Park.” For that, Falcon lobbied Alvarez and his aide **Melina Meza**, as well as mayoral aide **Denise Garcia**.

— Matt Potter

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Child abduction suspect at large

Reward being offered for any information on attempted kidnapping Vista — Crime Stoppers is looking for assistance in identifying a kidnapping suspect who attempted to abduct an 11-year-old boy in Vista earlier this month.

On January 10, the boy was walking home from Madison Middle School on South Melrose Drive near an Albertsons grocery store when he noticed a man following him. After walking for another half mile, the suspect began to chase the boy, who attempted to run but was grabbed by his backpack. The victim shrugged out of the backpack, leaving it with his attacker, and continued to flee.

Authorities describe the suspect as “a Hispanic male between 30 [and] 40 years old with a dark complexion.

He has a normal build with a double chin and pronounced ears.”

Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1000 for information leading to an arrest. Tips can be submitted at 888-580-8477

Dave Rice, January 24

What election?

Filner and DeMaio continue to hold big fundraising bashes

San Diego — Last night, Bob Filner attended a \$500-person fundraising party for his campaign, held by the downtown lobbying firm of Public Policy Strategies. The San Diego mayor was ferried to the occasion in a black Toyota SUV, flanked by two beefy plainclothes security men.

As previously noted here, Public Policy is owned by Tom Shepard, the legendary local GOP political consultant who last year worked for ex-Republican-turned-independent-assemblyman

Nathan Fletcher — heavily backed by Qualcomm, Inc., executives — before flipping to take on Filner’s cause in the general election battle against Republican city councilman Carl DeMaio.

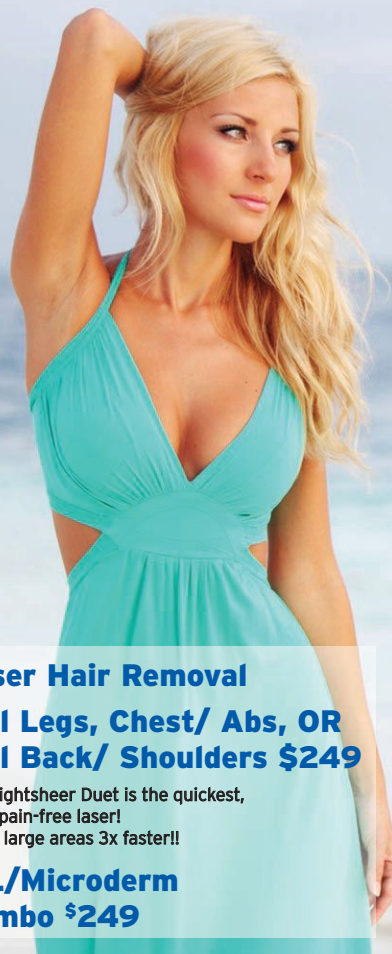
Shepard’s lobbying outfit counts among its clients San Diego Gas & Electric as well as Turner Construction, which, according to a recent disclosure, has hired Shepard’s firm to clear up any remaining obstacles at city hall to the construction of Qualcomm founder and billionaire Irwin Jacobs’s controversial Balboa Park parking and traffic makeover.

Meanwhile, the mayor’s fall rival, DeMaio, has announced a “Reform San Diego Wine Tasting Reception” to be held January 29 at the 57 Degrees Wine Bar on Hancock Street.

According to their website, Reform San Diego is a political committee registered with the state’s Fair Political Practices Commis-

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sion. Information posted online by the state Secretary of State's office shows that the group has been formerly known as Reforming City Hall with Carl DeMaio and San Diego Citizens for Accountable Government.

Matt Potter, January 24

Domestic dispute leads to attack

Deputies say alleged abuser rammed his vehicle into man who rescued victim San Marcos — A man who reportedly rescued a woman from domestic violence got smashed between two cars when the assailant returned and ran him down, according to San Diego sheriff's deputies.

Monday, January 21, at about 7:30 p.m., several concerned persons intervened and stopped a man who was battering a woman, according to a press release from Sgt. Martha Hernandez. The incident occurred near the

corner of Rue de Valle and Margie Place, a residential street with several small apartment complexes.

The allegedly abusive man got into his silver, four-door Mitsubishi sedan and drove away, but then "made an abrupt U-turn and came back to the scene," according to Sgt. Hernandez. The man rammed his vehicle into one of the persons who had helped rescue the woman.

"The victim was pinned between the two vehicles," according to Sgt. Dan Deese in a phone interview. The aggressor abandoned his smashed car "and fled the scene on foot," according to deputies.

The pinned man sustained "serious injuries to his leg" that were not life-threatening, according to deputies, and was taken to Palomar Hospital for treatment.

Deputies said they brought in two tracking

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dogs and a helicopter, but the suspect evaded capture and remains at large. There is a \$1000 reward for information leading to an arrest, and anyone with information is advised to call 888-580-8477.

Eva Knott, January 22

Facebook nabs ATM bandit

Sheriff's page alerts woman to robbery suspect, credited with arrest

Santee — San Diego sheriff's deputies in Santee are crediting a tip received via Facebook for helping them to identify a man associated with a string of robberies that occurred near ATM machines in East County. George Adams, 23, was arrested yesterday afternoon along the 9600 block of Mission Gorge Road, wearing the same hat and driving



Facebook ATM bandit, caught via Facebook tip, faces four robbery charges.

the same car captured on bank surveillance photos. He is being held on \$400,000 bond and faces four robbery charges.

On January 16, authorities believe Adams approached a man at a Mission Federal Credit Union ATM in Santee, brandished a handgun, and demanded that the victim withdraw the maximum allowable from his account, fleeing with the cash. The surveillance photos of the suspect came from the robbery.

On January 21, a suspect matching the description of the previous robber

approached a woman at the same Mission Federal ATM. She ran to her car and saw the suspect fleeing the scene in an older white sedan without money.

A few hours later, the suspect approached a man at a Wells Fargo ATM in the unincorporated El Cajon community of Rancho San Diego. This time he was successful, forcing the victim to withdraw money before he escaped.

Yesterday, after seeing a post on the sheriff's Facebook page, a woman called the station to report that

she had met Adams outside a restaurant, where he was offering car repairs. Using the name and phone number he'd given her, deputies were able to set up a meeting that led to the arrest.

Dave Rice, January 24

Meth in the crib

Couple pleads not guilty to felony child endangerment
Escondido/Vista — A couple was charged with felony child endangerment after police found a bag of meth hanging over their baby's crib, according to testimony in court today.

The detective said police intercepted David Lee Kautz, 44, driving away from the home.

Inside the trailer, Grace Sophia Cuenca, 32, was seated with her eight-month-old baby Elizabeth on her lap, according to police. Over the baby's crib, police found a bag of methamphetamine dangling. The straps of the bag were looped over the handle of cabinets overhead, leaving the meth "within a few inches" of the edge of the crib, according to testimony.

Cuenca and Kautz both told cops that they are the parents of the eight-month-old baby.

The defense attorney for Cuenca stated that her client only stayed at the trailer "occasionally" and that Cuenca actually lives in another part of Escondido with her husband and two other children.

Eva Knott, January 22

Sewer system cover-up

City admits aged sewers illegally discharged millions of gallons of raw sewage into bay and ocean

La Mesa — City officials in La Mesa have admitted to dumping over one million gallons of raw sewage into San Diego Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

The admission comes less than a month after local water-quality officials slapped La Mesa with a

\$948,816 fine for illegally discharging 1,008,000 gallons of raw sewage in San Diego Bay by way of Chollas Creek and an additional 306,700 gallons of muck in the ocean via the San Diego River and Alvarado Creek. On January 11, the city submitted a settlement offer to the San Diego water-quality control board for an undisclosed amount.

The alleged violations, according to documents from the board, occurred in December of 2010, after a heavy storm overwhelmed the city's aged sewage system.

The city's antiquated sewage system is not a new discovery.

In 1998, the water-quality control board discovered four overflows during heavy rains. In response, the board ordered the City of La Mesa "to initiate the necessary remedial and preventative actions to cease the threat of rain-related [overflows]."

According to a technical analysis, the City of La Mesa failed to upgrade the sewage system after the 1998 floods. Then came the rains on December 21 and 22, 2010.

The city claimed the overflows and resulting sewage discharge were caused by a historic downpour. The water board didn't agree.

"The City reported that the storm was categorized as a 40-year storm event; however, the first [sewage overflow] began after only 2.48 inches of rain. The remaining [overflows] began after 3.09, 3.53, and 3.81 total inches of rain, well below the storm total of 8.12 inches."

Dorian Hargrove, January 22

More bad news for Fresh & Easy

Superior court imposes penalty on chain for falsely advertised prices
San Diego County — District attorney Bonnie Dumanis announced in a January 22 press release that a superior-court judge has imposed a penalty of \$833,136 on Fresh & Easy Neighborhood

Market, Inc.

According to the release, "Prosecutors filed a civil complaint alleging that the owners of Fresh & Easy stores posted prices and advertisements in stores of the prices that would be charged for items and then charged more than those prices at the time of checkout."

As part of the penalty, for the next three years, shoppers in California Fresh & Easy stores "will be entitled to get \$3 off the lowest advertised price of an item when they are overcharged at the register. If the lowest advertised price for the item is \$3 or less, then the customer will receive it for free."

But will Fresh & Easy stores be around for the next three years? In December, a *Los Angeles Times* article opened with these words: "Five years after the company landed in California and opened 200 stores across the West, Tesco [the British-owned parent company of Fresh & Easy] said it is preparing to sell its struggling Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market chain and retreat from the U.S. altogether."

The *Times* article reported that the chain had never made a profit and that in the first half of 2012 lost about \$115 million.

Susan Luzzaro, January 22

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place. I used to party there all the time. There are just so many places to see, though. You know what? You're just going to have to come back."

After brunch, we dropped them in Balboa Park to make sure Dee got to see all of those plants before they went back to the Waterfront for a third time. As we said our goodbyes, Dee said, "You guys are so nice...you could be Canadian." ■

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

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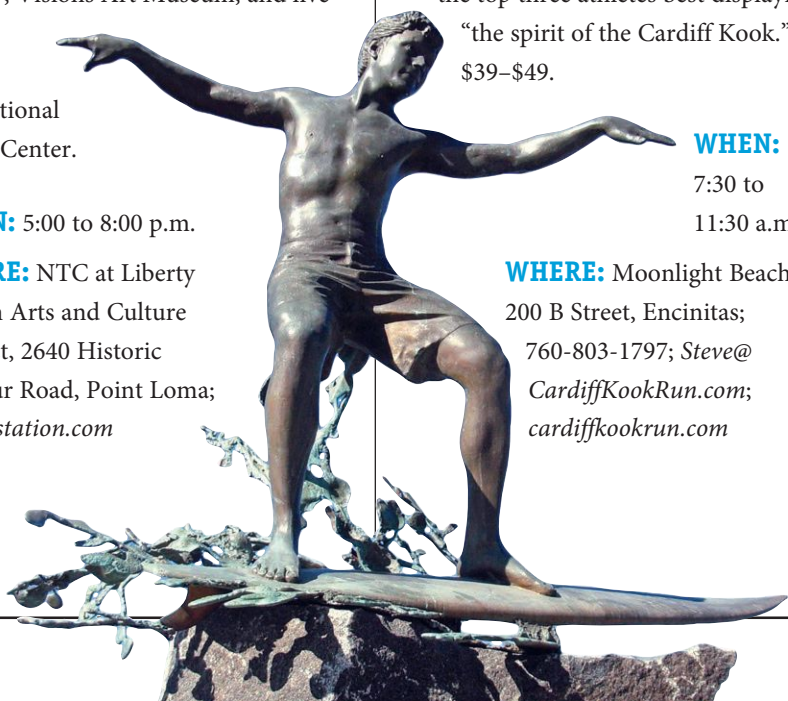
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Celebrate the love of art at Friday Night Liberty, a monthly open studio and gallery event. Performances from San Diego Ballet, San Diego Dance Theater, and Malashock Dance; art exhibitions at Pulse gallery, San Diego Watercolor Society, Visions Art Museum; and live music at the Recreational Music Center.

WHEN: 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: NTC at Liberty Station Arts and Culture District, 2640 Historic Decatur Road, Point Loma; libertystation.com



Saturday | 2

CHANGING OF THE BARRELS

Celebrate 24 years in beer at this annual event at the Main Brewery. The Karl Strauss Brewing Company will debut its 24th Anniversary Flanders Red Ale with a chance to taste its 25th Anniversary Doppelbock before it spends a year in American oak bourbon barrels.

Entry includes a souvenir tasting glass, food, beer-tasting, and live music by Leanna May & the Matadors. Food provided by the MIHO Gastrottruck. Ages 21+. \$50.

WHEN: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: Karl Strauss Brewing Company, 5985 Santa Fe Street, Pacific Beach; karlstrauss.com

Sunday | 3

CARDIFF KOOK RUN

Honor the Magic Carpet Ride sculpture and its frequently costumed "Kook" during 10k (8:30 a.m.) and 5k (9 a.m.) runs. Check-in at 7:30 a.m. There's a costume contest with prizes awarded to the top three athletes best displaying "the spirit of the Cardiff Kook." \$39–\$49.

WHEN: 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Moonlight Beach, 200 B Street, Encinitas; 760-803-1797; Steve@CardiffKookRun.com; cardiffkookrun.com



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5: *IN SEARCH OF SHADOWS*

Monday | 4

MARDI GRAS MASK

Mardi Gras masks are "designed to show off your individuality and flair" while you indulge in pre-Lenten festivities. Create your own and embellish it with sequins, glitter, paint, beads, and feathers under the guidance of instructor Lauren Becker Downey. \$54–\$60.

WHEN: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Road, Studio 206, Point Loma; 619-223-0058; bravoschoolofart.com



stone, highlighting the evolution of his nature-inspired sculptural style and the threads that connect the work across five decades. \$10.

WHEN: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Oceanside Museum of Art, 704

Pier View Way, Oceanside; oma-online.org

Wednesday | 6

TASTE OF OPERA

Nicolas Reveles of San Diego Opera and Jeff Nevin, professor of Mariachi Studies at Southwestern College, lead this informal discussion of the mariachi style and the significance of *Cruzar la Cara de la Luna* as the first opera written in that style. Cost includes appetizer, entrée, and dessert. Vegetarian options available. Reservations required. \$55.

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

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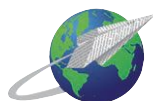
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The Carpathian Range stretches in an arc from the Czech Republic through western Ukraine to Romania in the south.

Who's Ever Heard of Ukraine?

By Kip Madden

"Dude, I think I want to go to Ukraine," I told a friend over a beer-battered fish taco in cloudless San Diego.

"What are you looking for in Russia? Women of dreamy, unworldly beauty, cheap vodka that flows like the Niagara, and one season all year round — winter?" my friend asked.

To be honest, I didn't know what I wanted, only what I didn't want. Much to my friend's surprise, I wasn't chasing any of his preconceived notions about the newly formed country of Ukraine,

not Russia. Maybe I wanted to break away from the idea of packaged vacations thrown at the middle class: "A week in Hawaii, all food included!" "Paris, see the Eiffel Tower and eat crêpes!" "Cancún, Mexico, where every frat boy parties till they drop!"

Maybe it was the fact that this type of trip takes the punch out of "getting away."

Whatever the cause, I one day asked myself in a moment of inspiration, *Where would nobody go for a vacation?*

I was searching for a place unrevealed and unheard of. A place where butterflies would fill my stomach and the dark corridors of my mind would be lit with magic.

So, I decided on Ukraine. I located it on a map, then sat dumbstruck in my attempt to evoke any further information. Who brags about going to Ukraine for spring break when the pack was heading to palm trees, beaches, all-you-can-eat buffets on cruise ships, and fine tanning weather? Well, I did — with unparalleled enthusiasm.

Operating as a democracy since 1991, Ukraine has been free from the iron fist of the Soviet regime for some

time now, and free with style.

Until recently, the country's beauty — with the Carpathian Mountains in the west (as yet untouched by herds of European tourists) and the fairy-tale landscape of the Black Sea along its southern coast — has been underrepresented in the world spotlight.

After the conversation with my friend, I eventually arrived in Kiev, the capital city of Ukraine, welcomed by cold and the brute force of the Russian language. Sure, there were women of angelic, incomparable beauty, and vodka was, in fact, the local drinking water, but

there were more signs of life not webbed into the stereotypes of people like my friend — signs of life that were nonexistent in California culture.

Stepping off the submarine-like metros deep in Kiev's underground, you ride an escalator that takes four minutes to get to ground level. The city then hits you with a labyrinth.

If you're an architecture admirer, fix yourself on the towering 1967 Mother Motherland statue, the largest statue in the world at the time of its creation. The glistening silver monument is larger than

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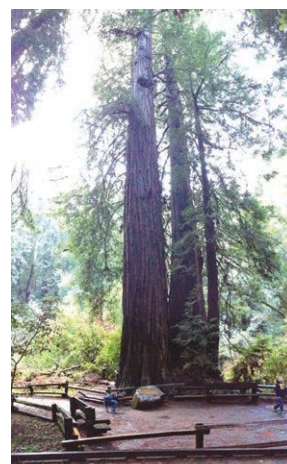
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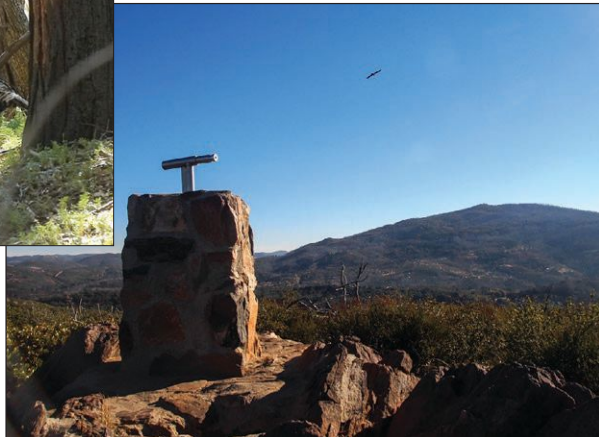
Distance from downtown San Diego: Approximately 65 miles. Julian is approximately 60 miles from downtown San Diego. From Julian, go one mile west, toward Santa Isabel, on SR-78 to Pine Hill Road, where you make a left. Follow Pine Hill Road for 2 miles to its intersection with Frisius Road. Go right on Frisius Road and continue for another two miles to reach the park entrance. Facilities and water. Parking fee subject to change.

Hiking length: 2–4 miles, plus distance from car. **Difficulty:** Moderate with 900 feet gain/loss of elevation. Check for snow in the winter.



Wild turkeys roam William Heise County Park

The next time you visit Julian and find you need to work off that extra serving of apple pie you could not resist, consider taking a hike in William Heise County Park, located just a few miles south of the town. It is a well-maintained public campground located in a beautiful forested setting. Over ten miles of hiking trails, ranging from short and easy to moderately challenging, lie within or originate from this approximately 1000-acre park. There are picnic tables for day use and separate camping

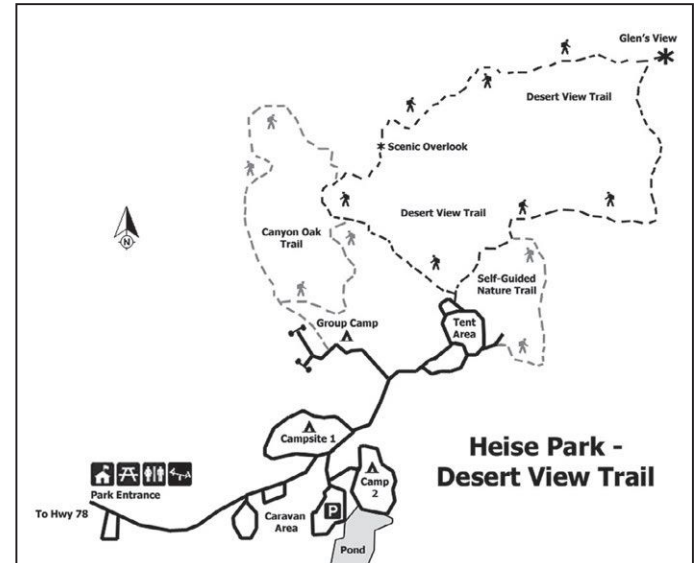


Looking toward North Peak from Glen's View on the Desert View Trail

areas for RVs and tents. It even has a few wilderness cabins for rent. Facilities include electricity, water, picnic tables, fire rings, and hot showers. There are charges for the use of the facilities, including day use. This county park also has equestrian trails, and mountain bik-

ers are allowed on the trails as well as dogs on a leash. Lands for this park were donated to the county in 1968 by successful businessman William Heise, who wanted to preserve an area where families could gather, picnic, and hike as a retreat from city life.

The Desert View Trail leads to Glen's View, at the northeastern corner of the park. It is well worth the time and effort required to reach it for the dramatic views from here out to the Anza-Borrego desert area, as well as a view down into the town of Julian and west out to the ocean. The Desert View Trail leaves the forested slopes and valleys of the campground to take you through chaparral rapidly recovering from the 2003 Cedar Fire. Much of the park burned in the Cedar Fire, and there is little evidence of a recent fire in the developed part of the park. Once you get into the chaparral covered hillsides, the bleached white skeletons of black oaks and manzanitas are stark reminders of that fire. In the case of the manzanitas, white dead branches protrude from a base of healthy green shoots that are sprouting from the burl that was not killed by the fire. The oaks and pines are making a much slower recovery, largely from seedlings that germinated since the fire. It will be many years before anyone will find shade under these trees. On the plus side, spectacular displays of wildflowers can occur in seasons following a fire, if the rains cooperate.



The Desert View Trail is one of three loop trails that intersect at the upper end of the park, so the distance covered depends on how much of these other trails one may want to incorporate into a hike. If Glen's View is your only goal, you will hike a minimum of 2.25 miles with 900 ft. of elevation gain, but this could be extended to about a 4-mile hike by approaching the Desert View Trail from the Canyon Oak Trail.

The higher elevation allows a variety of seasonal changes, including spring wildflowers, fall colors,

and winter snow. Frequently seen in the area are mule deer and large flocks of Rio Grande wild turkey; bobcats and mountain lions are rarely sighted. There is always something to enjoy with every season.

Canyoneers are San Diego Natural History Museum volunteers trained to lead interpretive nature walks that teach appreciation for the great outdoors. For a schedule of free public hikes, refer to the San Diego Natural History Museum website.

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ART

ArtStop: Thomas Sully Amy Galpin discusses Thomas Sully. ArtStops are 15-minute, staff-led tours of one to three works on view. Free after Museum admission. Thursday, January 31, 12pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Inside the Art: Annika Nelson Nelson specializes in collage, block print and scratchboard, and portrays vibrant images of everyday life and the environment through her work. Thursday, January 31, 5pm; **free**. Mission Playground, 2007 San Elijo Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Blizzard Love Triangle Opening reception for a group exhibition highlighting the connection between three female artists with Mexican Roots: Nihura Montiel, Georgina Trevino, and Neidy Godinez. Show will be up until Saturday, February 23 by appointment only. Zepfalt@gmail.com. Saturday, February 2, 6pm; **free**. Zepf Alt.

Gallery, 1150 Seventh Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

In Search of Shadows: James Hubbell Sculpture Featuring over 30 sculptures from the past 50 years of Hubbell's career, *In Search of Shadows* explores the artist's mastery of bronze, wood, glass, and stone. The show highlights the evolution of his nature-inspired sculptural style and the reoccurring threads that connect the work across five decades. Sundays, 1pm; through Sunday, June 2, **free**-\$10. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

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

BOOK SIGNINGS

Gentleman Norman The well-dressed Pomeranian, and author of *How to Be a Man*, will host a book signing, while vendors from along the avenue showcase their newest collections of jewelry and gifts. Gift bags will be provided to the first 50 guests, along with light bites and drinks. A portion of the proceeds from the book will go to Alzheimer's Association San Diego and the Imperial chapter.

Rhyme & Verse

Night. Street. Lamp. Drugstore.
A poem by Alexander Blok

Night. Street. Lamp. Drugstore.
Dull and sleazy light.
Live twenty-five years more —
It will be as now. No way out.

You die — and again you begin.
All is repeated as before:
Night. The canal's icy ripples.
Drugstore. Lamp. Street.

Translated by Ilya Kaminsky

RSVP@circaoncedros.com. Saturday, February 2, 1pm; **free**. Circa on Cedros — 143 S. Cedros Ave. Ste H, Solana Beach.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Adult and Pediatric First Aid and CPR This course teaches students to recognize and care for a variety of first aid emergencies such as burns, cuts, sudden illnesses, head, neck, back injuries, heat/cold emergencies and how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies for victims of any age. Students who complete this course will receive a certificate for

Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED valid for two years. Thursday, January 31, 9am; \$110. San Marcos Community Center, 3 Civic Center Drive. (SAN MARCOS)

Learn Chinese Learn Mandarin for business or pleasure and during the lunch hour. Classes will continue on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month through May. Presented with the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation. Thursday, January 31, 12:15pm; **free**. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Cocktail Hat / Fascinator Learn basic millinery techniques and the art of hand-stitching. Craft your own hat using felt, feathers, netting, grosgrain and more. Little or no sewing experience required. Instructor Jill Courtemanche. 619-



Alexander Blok (1880–1921) was a major Russian poet, possibly the most important Russian poet of his generation. Born into an intellectual and somewhat aristocratic family, he was a poet with great empathy for the poor and downtrodden. At first an enthusiastic supporter of the 1917 Communist Revolution, within a few years he became disillusioned with it and, perhaps, to some extent, with humanity as well. When he became ill, his friend Maxim Gorky pleaded with the Soviet government to permit Blok to leave the country for medical treatment, but the government refused to grant him permission and relented only when it was too late to save Blok's life. This translation by the Russian-American poet Ilya Kaminsky is taken from *The Ecco Anthology of International Poetry*, a brilliant anthology of world poetry published by Ecco Books (ecco.books.com) in 2010 and edited by Kaminsky and Susan Harris.

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DANCE

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

COMEDY

Just for Laughs Jim Breuer's comedy tour. 619-445-6002. Thursday, January 31, 8pm; \$35-\$45. 21 and up. Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, 5469 Casino Way. (EL CAJON)

PMan The stand-up comedian, actor, and writer performs live. Thursday, January 31, 8pm; \$10-\$20. 21 and up. Mad House Comedy Club, 502 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Ukraine

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the Statue of Liberty and sparkles at sunset with towering prominence above the Dnieper River. Feast your eyes on the gold-domed churches resembling Hershey's Kisses wrapped in golden paper.

Food critics, head to the soup kitchen outside of metro stop Maidan Nezalezhnosti and start your meal off with a bowl of aromatic borsch (a traditional Ukrainian soup typically composed of potatoes, meat, cabbage, beets, onions, a touch of garlic, a spoonful of sunflower oil, topped off with a dollop of sour cream) to drown out the cold. Then, stuff your faces with peroshki (a hot, doughy, potato-stuffed roll) and vareniki (a pasta-nugget contraption stuffed with potatoes, mushrooms, onions, or creamy cheese, all smothered in thick sour cream).

Make sure to save room for the Ukrainian ritual of tea-sipping after every meal, known as "chai time" (chai means "tea" in Russian).

Music lovers need to go for

a post-meal stroll down Maidan Nezalezhnosti, where herds of youngsters dressed in '80s hip-hop attire breakdance on cardboard platforms to the sound of Ukrainian pop beats. Flower fetishists, embrace the soothing sights and aromas of the M.M. Gryshko National Botanical Garden, a place that not only boasts romance and botany, but stunning bird's-eye views of Kiev. Daredevils, simply try crossing the street at a green light and cars will attempt to either inch in front of you or, preferably, stop inches from your shins.

"Dude, so I went to Ukraine. I'm actually still here now. I don't know if I'm ever coming back," I told my friend.

"Why would you want to live in Russia, man?"

"Ukraine, not Russia, man," I say.

"Whatever, dude, same thing," he says.

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What are you reading?

"*The Prince of Tides*, by Pat Conroy. It was made into a movie with Barbra Streisand. I've never seen the movie, but I've read great things about the book."

Tell me about it.

"It's about a man from South Carolina, and his sister is going through depression, and so he has to go visit her in New York. It goes into the Southern way of living."

Tell me about that Southern aspect.

"It's all about the way they talk, and the author writes it beautifully. There's one really funny scene — they don't see homosexuals a lot, but they run into one. And the main character says, 'Well, you should have told me he was a homo; I would have liked him a lot more!' It's something

What's That You're Reading?

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we wouldn't say; but in the South, they're so used to it."

Who is your favorite author?

"Well, I just finished *The Time Traveler's Wife*, by Audrey Niffenegger. It's a romance about a man who travels through time but has no control over it, and the woman who loves him throughout. It was made into a movie with Rachel McAdams. This guy has been a part of her life forever; he time-travels back to her at a point where she doesn't know who he is. He's been married to her for years, but he travels back to her. She's written other books, too."

What do you like about her?

"She paints pictures with her words. She's very visual in her language."



What book has been most life-changing for you?

"*Tuesdays with Morrie*, by Mitch Albom. It makes you value life, value your friendships. Morrie is giving advice to the author, and the author is presenting it word-for-word. The author was at a time in his life, middle age, when he was letting his marriage slip away, putting work first. He never had kids because he and his wife couldn't find time. I'm not at that age yet, but I think we all get to a point where we let people slip by. We think, *I have to focus on me, do what's best for me*. But if people live for money and fame, then when they die, that's all they leave behind. There's no one to stand up and say they were great and upstanding people. From the author's perspective, it was enriching, and you glean onto that. It's meaningful because it's coming from a guy who has experience. The guy is in his 80s. I have pages of notes from it — quotes. Gosh, even

thinking about it...it's not a book you can just sit down and plow through. You have to take it a chapter at a time, let it soak in. It goes into marriages, into relationships. He says that if you don't respect the other person, you're going to have a lot of trouble. If you don't know how to compromise, you're going to have a lot of trouble."

Do you read any magazines or newspapers?

"No, I get my news online."

Do you talk to your friends about what you read?

"I work in retail, and we're all avid readers. We're always sharing books. I have lists — my friends will say, 'Oh, read this next!'"

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DISCUSSION GROUPS

East County Gardeners' Get-Together

Learn new gardening tips from experts, swap seeds and cuttings, and meet other gardeners. Sunday, February 3, 2pm; **free**. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

FILM

The Black Kungfu Experience.

This action-packed documentary chronicles kungfu's black pioneers and heroes while 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. Contact blackkungfused@hotmail.com. Sunday, February 3, 1pm to 4pm.

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Dry-Hopped Ballast Point Sculpin IPA Cask.

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Rachel Peter of Spring Hill Cheese explores the magic of milk crafting and cheese making at home. Sample some of Spring Hill's popular cheeses, and learn the steps that set the foundation for a successful mold and cheesemaking experience. Instruction

includes a guide to sourcing the best quality milk, coagulation, hands-on cheese-making, and the preparation of summer appetizers using fresh cheeses. Class will end with a family-style meal and Q & A with Rachel. Everyone will take home their own cheese creation. Thursday, January 31, 6pm; \$75. Cups Lounge and Culinary, 7857 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Imig's Kitchen Events. Harmonica John plays his self-written songs about life, love and loss. Enjoy our new Taco Tuesday, \$2 tacos and \$2 Tecate beers. Friday, February 1, 5pm. Imig's Kitchen and Bar, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard (NORTH PARK)

PubCakes Anniversary Farewell

PubCakes is moving out of the Treehouse but not going away forever. Celebrate their second anniversary at this farewell party. A \$3 purchase also buys a beer taster and a ticket into the beer garden. Additional tasters are \$1 for four four-ounce pours. 619-741-0540. Saturday, February 2, 11am; Tree-

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Changing of the Barrels Celebrate 24 years in beer at the annual "Changing of the Barrels" event at the Main Brewery. Debut of 24th Anniversary Flanders Red Ale and a chance to taste 25th Anniversary Doppelbock before it spends a year in American oak Bourbon barrels. Entry includes: 24th Anniversary souvenir tasting glass, food, beer tasting, and live music. Band: Leanna May and The Matadors. Food: MIHO Gastrotruck. Bring i.d. Saturday, February 2, 6pm; \$50. 21 and up. Karl Strauss Brewing Company, 5985 Santa Fe Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

FOR KIDS

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Kids in the Kitchen Hands-on cooking, gardening, nutrition, and physical activities. There will be a mobile medical and dental clinic on site to provide dental screenings. Families with elementary and middle school age children are encouraged to attend. RSVP: kidsinthekitchen@jlsd.org. Saturday, February 2, 10am; **free**. Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center, 2505 N Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

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LECTURES

Chinese Influence on Japanese Landscapes Sonja Simonis, the present curatorial assistant at the Clark Center for Japanese Art and Culture in Hanford, CA, will speak on the important role China has played in the development of the arts in Japan. This lecture takes a closer look at the connections between Chinese and Japanese landscape painting through the centuries. Thursday, January 31, 1pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

In Search of Gold Mountain: A History of the Chinese in San Diego, California Murray K. Lee, curator of San Diego Chinese Historical Museum, shares "the history of the Chinese community in San Diego and how it developed in the 20th century" in room 201. 760-944-4449 x7782. Friday, February 1, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

MiraCosta College Lectures "Cook to a Better You." Rose Bent discusses cooking with seasonal, local and sustainable foods. "Eradicating Hate and Extremism." Dennis Robinson discusses efforts by The Southern Poverty Law Center in fighting hate, teaching tolerance and seeking justice across the U.S. Event held in the administration building #1000. Free parking pass at

campus police building #1100. 760-721-8124. Friday, February 1, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Sanjay Subrahmanyam "Our Narratives, and Theirs: Recounting the Conquest of India, 1750-1780" looks at how English accounts of the conquest of India by the East India Company made use of, and subsumed, materials in other languages, mainly Persian. It argues that this process of absorption and reutilization was often subtle, and involved shifts in tone and texture as much as content. Subrahmanyam is Distinguished Professor and Doshi Chair of Indian History at UCLA. Held in the Eleanor Roosevelt College administration building, Room 115. Iicas-events@ucsd.edu. Friday, February 1, 2pm; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Dr. Andrew Weil Keynote The physician generally credited with establishing the field of integrative medicine, Dr. Andrew Weil, will discuss true food, optimum diet, and the role of supplements during his keynote at the 10th annual Natural Supplements Conference, presented by Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine. Dr. Weil's latest book, *True Food* is the inspiration behind the True Food Kitchen family of restaurants, including one in the Fashion Valley Mall. Friday, February 1, 7pm; \$35. Hilton San Diego Resort, 1775 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Boycott Divestment and Sanctions Palestinian human rights activist and author Omzxar Barghouti and New York spoken word artist Remi Kanazi will speak on boycott divestment and sanctions for Palestinian rights. Donations welcome. All proceeds go to BDS National Committee in Palestine. Saturday, February 2, 7pm; **free**.

Four Points by Sheraton, 8110 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

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Wildlife Tracking Trek Learn the art of animal tracking, discover and identify tracks, scat, and evidence of critters and their lifestyles. Tracking guide leads you on two-hour dirt-time adventure. Wear long pants. Meet in front of Visitor Center. Saturday, February 2, 8:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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told you, “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” The Almighty Friend will always be at your side to sustain you. — *from an address from the president of the American Baptist Missionary Union to the missionaries of Buffalo New York, by George N. Briggs*

George N. Briggs (1796–1861) was the 19th governor of Massachusetts, serving seven successive terms from 1844 to 1851. Prior to his governorship, Briggs served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for six successive terms from 1831 to 1843. At 14 years of age, Briggs experienced a conversion during the Second Great Awakening

and joined the Baptist faith. He remained a committed believer throughout his political life; for instance, objecting to Congress working on Sundays. In later life, he became president of the American Baptist Missionary Union.

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lection, or nosh on the country's traditional favorites — sliders and hot dogs — for sale on the front steps. Pre-sale tickets are available until noon the day of the event. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door. Thursday, January 31, 6pm; **free**-\$15. 21 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Choraleers Present the Ed Sullivan Show Dinner and variety show featuring The Inflections vocal jazz group, Women of Note, and Men of Note ensembles, and individual performers. Opportunity baskets raffled off after dinner. \$10 for children 3 to 12, \$20 for adults. 619-564-4440.

Saturday, February 2, 4:30pm; \$10-\$20. 3 and up. Patrick Henry High School, 6702 Wandermere Drive. (SAN CARLOS)

“Nostalgia in Miniature” San Diego Miniature Crafters host 39th annual event with exhibits, sales, workshops, classes for crafters, artists, collectors of dollhouse-size miniatures. sd.minishow@gmail.com or 858.231.2612. Saturday, February 2, 10am; Sunday, February 3, 11am; \$7. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Plays by Young Writers The 28th season of Plays by Young Writers presents stories by winners

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So Say We All January Vamp Showcase Featuring: Rebecca Romani, Rory Kelly, Keith McCleary, David Lin, Nas Helewa, Jeremy Cox, Evan Jones, Justin Hudnall. Special after party dance set by DJ Ill Spectre. 619-284-6784. Thursday, January 31, 8:30pm; **free**-\$5. 21 and up. Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Creativity Junkies Open Mike Share poetry, prose, art, humor (four-minute maximum). Live music, food, drink, creative inspiration with author Jill Badonsky. Tickets: \$7 with food, \$12 without. 760-434-3436. Saturday, February 2, 2:30pm; Muse is IN Office, 3023 First Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

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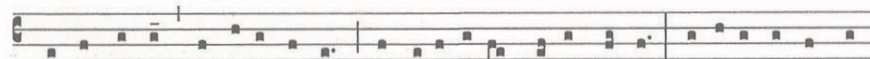
Gentle Yoga Instructor is Sheila Shaw. For adults. 619-527-3405. Friday, February 1, 11am; 18 and up. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA PARK)

Zumba Dance Fitness for Seniors The Zumba Fitness program fuses Latin rhythms with easy-to-follow moves. The routines feature interval training sessions where fast and slow rhythms and resistance training

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Cardiff Kook Run Honor the *Magic Carpet Ride* sculpture and its frequently costumed "Kook" during 10k (8:30am) and 5k (9am) runs. Check-in: 7:30am. Naturally, there's a costume contest with prizes awarded to top three athletes best displaying "the spirit of the Cardiff Kook." Sunday, February 3; \$39-\$49 Moonlight Beach, 200 B Street.(ENCINITAS)

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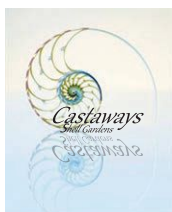


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"I was taught by a Japanese sushi chef, but the guy who was my supervisor was Mexican-American."

Is it Japanese? Or Mexican?

"Yes," says Arturo, the chef. I know what he means: both.

"I use more jalapeño and lime," he says, "and less wasabi. I do things a bit spicier than traditional sushi. I use fruit, like kiwi and mango."

But, but, Ue Kara, where we're at — it's a sushi joint, right? Yet the sushi specials are things like mole roll and adobada roll. Maybe I just don't know enough about sushi and fusion, but I'm confused.

This little lunchtime eatery is a funny space for a meeting of two giant cultures. Then again, it's a funny space, period. Ue Kara (Arturo says it means "from above" in Japanese) sits cheek-by-jowl with a taco shop (Rolando's) and next door to that is a Middle Eastern restaurant (Haji Baba's). They're huddled in a kind of oasis in the desert between Eighth and Ninth, between downtown and City College. East Village hasn't quite taken off at this location, and these places face trolley tracks, a parking lot, and the beginning of Bankers Canyon. It seems just beyond easy walking distance for the hungry suits who pour out of nearby high-rises at midday, looking for lunch in, uh, all the right places.

Me, I pass these three restaurants every time I whisk by on the trolley, and I wonder how any of them will make it. The Churchill Hotel sets the mood, a big ol' dowager of a place that's closed, condemned, not exactly lighting up the area. And yet these three restaurants have survived even though, after two-and-a-half years in business, Ue Kara's sign is still a temporary plastic banner.

Today, heading up C Street toward City College, I finally decided: *Why not stop?* Arturo was outside, leaning against his patio fence and watching the trolleys trundle by. Taking five, I guess, because, basically, there was no one inside. I mean, it's already 2:00 p.m. But, yes, he told me, he was open till 3:00.

Inside, it's all gray and black: gray walls with a black end-wall and ceiling. Black tables, cream-tiled floor. Some colorful Japanese prints hang along the left wall.

At the cash register at the end, Iris has a menu ready. "Sit wherever you want," she says.

Hmm...deals aplenty.

For starters, those appetizers: you can get an egg roll for a dollar, fried soft-shell crab

for \$4.95, wakame salad for \$6.99 (turns out, wakame is a kind of edible seaweed). A chicken teriyaki bowl is \$4.25, and a chicken katsu ("cutlet") with rice and salad goes for \$5.25. So, now I'm kicking myself. How come I haven't been here before?

"We have lunch combos, too," says Iris.

Combo #1 is two egg rolls, two gyoza, and chicken teriyaki, with rice and salad, for \$5.99. Number 2's a four-piece California roll (crab, avo, cucumber, sesame seeds), plus a four-piece spicy-tuna roll and a four-piece crunchy roll, all for \$6.99. Combo #3 is miso soup, edamame, vegetable tempura (fried veggies), rice, and salad for \$5.99.

I order #2. When it comes, it looks pretty, and it's pretty tasty, too.

Talk about fusion: I discover that the California roll was a 1970s invention in L.A. Seems the oils in an avocado make the perfect substitute for fatty tuna (toro). The chef who spotted this, Ichiro Mashita, also had the brain-wave of turning sushi rolls inside-out: putting the seaweed (which Angelenos had a problem facing and eating) in the middle and the rice on the outside. In two strokes, Mashita started sushi on its voyage to American cool. You could say the California roll has led the charge to fusion-sushi worldwide — it's the number-one roll everywhere.

Mine tastes great, but the crunchy roll (it has battered and deep-fried shrimp) is the standout.

It's while I'm chowing away that I notice they have rolls with names such as "The Hank,"



Chef Arturo works Mexican influences into Japanese cuisine. "More jalapeño and lime, less wasabi."

and the "Haji Baba." The Hank seems to have everything in it, from crab, shrimp, yellow-tail, and soft-shell crab, to lime, Sriracha, and chopped jalapeño.

"Well, Hank is a regular customer, and this is the combination he likes best," Arturo explains. "And ones like 'Haji Baba' are to honor our neighbors."

I guess Hank must like the Mexican connection, with all that lime and jalapeño. But how come Arturo is leading the Cali-Japanese-fusion charge here?

"I was taught by a Japanese sushi chef," Arturo says. "But the guy who was my supervisor was Mexican-American. He started giving me these ideas."

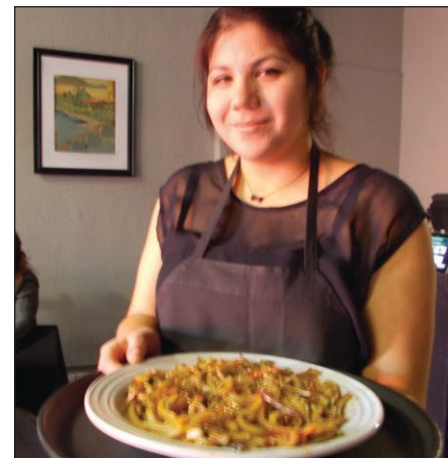
So, Arturo makes sushi specials like his mole, or adobada rolls with salsa in the middle. "I get away with it," he says. "It's a good time to be making sushi. People are always scratching their heads about what new kind of roll they can make. I try to keep them around \$6."

All this talk is getting me hungry again. I go for a piping-hot vegetable yaki-udon (stir-fry): a steamy bowl of broccoli, mushrooms, onions, cabbage, and carrots, all laced with thick noodles (perfect face-whippers if you suck 'em up too fast) and a sprinkling of sesame seeds.

When I come out, I've spent nearly \$13,



These four spicy tuna rolls, plus four "crunchy rolls" and four California rolls — \$6.99



Iris serves up a big plate of Japanese-Mexican fusion

but I could have totally filled up on the \$5.25 vegetarian udon alone.

I want to come back soon for the deals, but also to learn more about different kinds of sushi, this whole galaxy of food I've been avoiding, mainly because, I guess, it seems like a whole 'nother universe. Like learning a foreign language. I didn't know how to handle it. Now I want to learn quick, before it gets so fused with the West, you won't know which side of the Pacific you're chowing into.

Bottom line: I've been coasting on California rolls for too long. Arturo: bring it on! ■

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Escape

A sense of good humor marked the menu at Escape Fish Bar with little snippets and jokes (“stalk us on Facebook!”). The staff, while perhaps a shade overfriendly on a quiet night, came off as hospitable.

Spirits are a new addition there and, while I doubt it will become a cocktail destination, I was given a tasty whiskey sour garnished with a few slices of excellent pickled jicama. Give me more of that sweet, tangy acoutrement anytime!

There’s no doubt that Escape is on the pricey side. Plates of grilled fish run up to \$25, and the bulk of the starters are over \$10. I feel like I could have pushed dinner for two up over \$100 without a small effort. Still, the prices were more or less deserved. Fish chowder, built with a dairy-free coconut base, had unexpected richness and a tangy, almost smoky bite. Topped with a needless (but delicious) fillet of fried fish, I’d call it an excellent variation on chowder as we know it.

Crab cakes (\$15) had plenty of delicate crabmeat and, perhaps most importantly, a generous serving of that marvelous pickled jicama. Neither breadly nor chewy, their texture and composition were spot-on, although the liberal application of spicy tartar sauce overwhelmed the subtle crab flavor.

The most expensive dish on the menu (a \$25 swordfish plate) walked a fine line, in terms of expense. The fish was of exceptional quality, finely seasoned and adroitly grilled, but I have a hard time saying it was worth the price of entry. The portion was generous and the cilantro-lime rice was quite nice, but the simplicity of the plate demanded a more modest price tag. While I enjoyed every bite of the masterfully grilled fish, I would have been more comfortable with

paying marginally less since the preparation was so modest. For a lot of people, that’s a judgment call to be made one way or the other.

Escape, 738 Fifth Avenue.

by Ian Pike

RB Inn’s sign flashes “No (chef) Vacancy”

Last year, Rancho Bernardo Inn (17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo) closed its ancient fine-dining restaurant, El

Bizcocho, in order to refresh the spacious dining room and unveil it later this year as a completely new concept. That’s old news. What isn’t, is RBI’s recent announcement of the chef de cuisine who will take over the venue when it’s born again as a gourmet restaurant called AVANT.

That toque is James Kozak. Kozak graduated from Portland, Oregon’s Western Culinary Institute and was molded by vocational experiences at Napa’s Angele, Charlie Trotter’s and Zealot in Chicago, Larkspur and Juniper in Colorado, and Alaska’s Talon Lodge. It’s a long list, but a solid one. Kozak will be AVANT’s chef de cuisine while Nicolas Bour will remain in his executive-chef role.

He has vested interests in both modernist and farm-to-table cuisine. San Diego has the latter in spades, making it admirable and all, but hardly remarkable. What isn’t in excess throughout our county’s dining scene is a fresh, forward-thinking approach to culinary preparations. That’s not to say we need more gels, foams, anti-griddles, and liquid nitrogen; just a little something different. The restaurants best equipped, financially, to wade in those waters are those owned and operated by hotels. With any luck, Kozak will make good use of their resources and make AVANT notable when it opens this spring.

by Brandon Hernández

FEAST!



Crab cakes (\$15) had plenty of delicate crab meat and, perhaps most importantly, a generous serving of that marvelous pickled jicama.



Even at 11:00 a.m., the line at Las Cuatro Milpas is an hour long. The simple Mexican fare is cheap and worth the wait.

Long line, short menu

I have “almost” gone to Las Cuatro Milpas in Barrio Logan on several occasions, always to be deterred by the long line out the door. I am not a patient woman. But after three people either mentioned it to me in person or posted pics of their “Las Milpas” (as most referred to it) grub, I finally decided to suck it up and check it out.

Even at 11 a.m., the line was long. I’m told some people wait over an hour for rolled tacos served by the third generation of owners of this establishment.

I have no idea why the line moves so slow, as all of the food is pretty much ready when you get to the counter. A glance informed us as to what was available, and the options aren’t vast. Tacos, rolled tacos, tamales, chorizo, burritos, beans, and rice. We were told all of the meat was a mixture of “chicken and pork” together, so no choosing there. You get what they’re serving, which lends to the simplicity of the assembly line. Once you reach the door, you grab a tray and slide it along as the ladies behind the counter hand over the items you want.

Once our trays were filled, finding a table was no problem. The door may be narrow and the line around the block, but that inside space is HUGE, and we did not have to wait for a seat. It took half as long to eat the food as it did to order it. My rolled tacos (filled with that mixture of chicken and pork) were awesome, though a tad on the greasy side. I loved the cool classic combo of sour cream, shredded lettuce, and queso fresco, which serves to balance the severe spice of their homemade hot sauce.

the area.

by Barbarella Fokos

Bring home the bacon!

Carla and I were dining out the other night. Tent City (1100 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4611). We went a little wild, for us. Carla had the beef tournedos (tender cuts with blue crab meat, bearnaise sauce, and crumbled blue cheese). Loved it. As she should at \$24.

Me, I had the Tent City Burger (½-pound patty topped with bacon, avocado, jack cheese in a ciabatta bun) for \$13.

Only trouble? And this has happened with maybe the last three bacon burgers I’ve had at other places, too — the bacon’s as thin as wood shavings. And flavor? Like a Bud compared with an Arrogant Bastard. Is it because it’s thin-cut? Or have hog farms taken bacon flavor out of the bacon? Are they raising salt-free pigs?

The rest of the burger’s squishy and delish, and plenty of it. Yes, one or two eateries have great thick wads of bacon and somehow it gives you the deep, salty taste that lets you know that this is the real thing. The salty reward for chewing through all the bun and lettuce and onion and tomato.

My best bacon experience? No contest: the Big Kitchen (3003 Grape Street, South Park, 619-234-5789). That’s where Judy the Beauty on Duty gives you, like, baaay-konn! Thick, thick, thick! *Muy* crunchy and, best of all, rockin’ with gill-rattlin’ tangyness. Nothing wimpy about it. “It’s 10/12 shingled bacon,” the server Mark told me last time I got me some of that hog-candy. “Ten-twelve shingled’s about as thick as it gets.”

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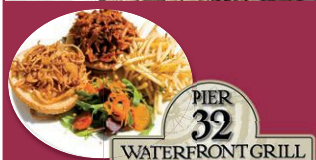
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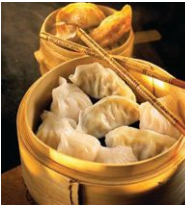
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Sigh. I mean this burger's fine. But am I the only one who's yelling (like in that famous old "Where's the beef?!" ad for Wendy's), "Where's the bacon? Bring home the bacon!"?

by Ed Bedford

No musubi?

I was feeling mighty mainland the other night, freezing in the cold and darkness, so I thought to myself, *hey, I'll check out Tiny's Tavern in O.B. and see if they got da kine make me feel more better.* I liked the look of the bar right away. It was a little seedy, a bit drafty, but altogether neighborly inside. Plus, the bar takes credit cards and the kitchen stays open until midnight!

"Shit or get off the pot — what do you want?" asked the girl behind the bar, not overly occupied with the half-dozen regulars who were the only other patrons. I had been looking at the menu forever, searching in vain for Spam musubi where there was none, so I guess a little friendly ribbing was due. It sure beats condescension!

Speaking of ribs, I ordered some. Hawaiian-style plate lunch with BBQ ribs, two scoops of rice, and mac salad. I was, more or less, let down. The mac salad was non-delicious and the chewy, hard-to-eat ribs drowned in a sea of sweet, salty sauce, a little of which would have gone a long way. The rice was the most well-executed part of the dish, truth be told.

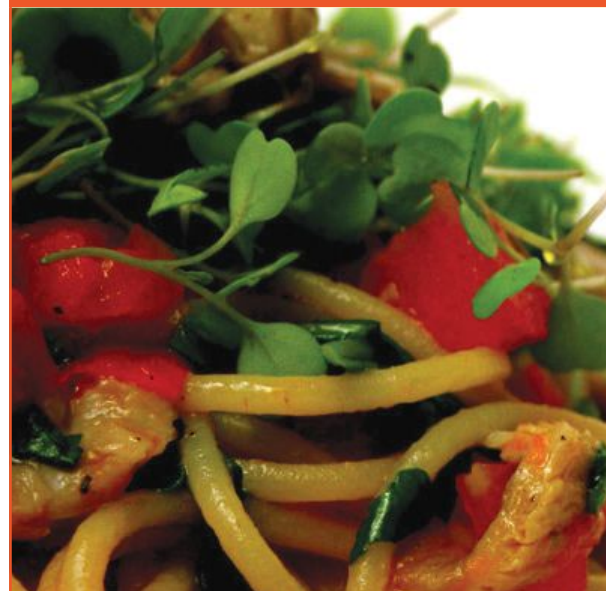
"Da original Tiny's sliders" were a bit better, if only because the tiny burgers came on King's Sweet Hawaiian rolls. Even wack food tastes pretty good when it's stuffed inside a King's roll. Nothing adorned the sliders: neither veg nor sauce nor condiment, but a handy bottle of Sriracha (bless you, Rooster Sauce) proved more than adequate to the task of dressing them up. Really, their biggest advantage was sheer numbers. The full order of sliders had six sandwiches on it for under ten bucks. The same could really be said of the ribs. At least there was plenty of food.

I love Hawaiian food, but Tiny's didn't have what I was looking for. The bar was cool and I'd go there to throw back a couple beers, maybe even watch a little college basketball, but I just can't say "yes" to the food.

Tiny's, 4745 Voltaire Avenue.

by Ian Pike

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Brewski breakfast

Oh, man. I never have beer for breakfast. But here I am, sitting in the Tivoli, just 'cause of the sandwich board outside: "Come in for our beer and food specials, Monday thru Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m."

This is the Tivoli pub (505 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-232-9215), the oldest pub in the Gaslamp, open since 1885.

Came in, looking for the Canadian guys, actually. They used to run the grill in here. Always had poutine on. That's the Quebec dish of fries topped with gravy and cheese curds. Healthy? No. Scrumptious? You betcha.

The grill's open but none of the Canuck regalia no mo'. Instead there's Russ, big red-haired guy who could be a Canuck hockey player himself. "They've been gone two years now," he says. "But we have deals. Cheesesteak, sliders, or you should try Bill the Butcher if you're hungry." Bill the Butcher?

Turns out it's a burger/dog/bacon patty (\$9). Ooh. Could

go for that. Except for the sandwich-board deal. Domestic beer plus a hot dog for \$5. That's what I go for. Sit up to the old bar with Wyatt Earp and his sexy wife Josie looking down from their portraits beside the curved glass corner doors. (I know. It's probably not the actual Josie, but a naughty Victorian substitute model.)

Whatever, I let out a big sigh. Relaxation.

"Their cheesesteak's beyond good," says this guy next to me. Billy. Been all over the world. Tried to swim to Egypt from Aqaba once. Aqaba's where Lawrence of Arabia had his first great victory in the movie. But it's too late for cheesesteak.

Nathalie, the barkeep, brings my beer, a Pabst Blue Ribbon and Russ brings my dog. Puts plenty of sauerkraut on top, squirts mustard. Beautiful.

But the great thing is the bar itself. Unchanged, I swear, since Wyatt's time. You just feel comfortable. Talk to the guy next to you. Soon, Billy and I are yakking about Peru (his ma came from there), Germany (his pa came from there), and the Maldives (that's where he'd go back to at the drop of a hat).

Sigh. Time's flying. And to think I only stopped here

because it had a sunny sidewalk patio. Who knew I'd get sucked inside to a life of sin and likker?
by Ed Bedford

Bento and sandwich shop

Oh, man, this is a great idea. Like, a *really* great idea. Bento and sandwiches living together as one. Two of the world's great foods of convenience under one roof. It's Bentowich and the only thing bad about it is the name.

Well, okay, it also turned out poorly set up for dine-in guests. The few tables were rickety and it was cold in there. But, other than that, the place was a stroke of brilliance, just one designed for take-out diners who manage to park successfully in Old Town.

Ordering was easy. Pick a protein and decide whether to have it as a bento box, sandwich, salad, or noodle dish. Everything was priced under \$10 and the selections mostly looked healthy: grilled mahi, shaved tenderloin, BBQ pork. I grabbed the least-healthy option (coconut-panko mahi) and even that was health food, compared to what I've been eating lately.

The bento had *onigiri* (rice balls), a few slices of fish, sauteed vegetables, "asian" (i.e., spicy and laced with sesame) cole slaw, a side salad with ginger dressing, and some plum sauce for the fish. The best part was that it was properly done. The vegetables were lovely and the fish hadn't been overdone. The plum sauce tasted like, well, real plums and not artifice. The food was actually *good*. Plus, if I'd wanted to, I could have had the same thing as a sandwich!

If I lived or worked down near Bentowich, I could see myself getting a lot of lunches there. I'd just get it to go because, hey, that's what bento is for. I also want to drink more Ramuné soda. Despite its puzzling instructions for opening, the sparkling plum drink was just too weird to ignore.

Bentowich, 2367 San Diego Avenue.

by Ian Pike

Another local anniversary ale

Last week, I noted the trend of local breweries developing anniversary ales for popular beer bars. In doing so, I cited the pair of beers Alpine Beer Co. and Societe Brewing

Company brewed to celebrate O'Brien's Pub's 19th anniversary. The first of those, Societe 10/19 O'Brien's Anniversary IPA, was served last night.

I headed out to get a taste and found it to be easy-drinking and an eye-opening display of the base flavors of Chinook hops. A homebrewer friend of mine who accompanied me remarked at how much brewers Travis Smith and Doug Constantiner were able to extract from that understated hop, which makes up 100 percent of the bill for the beer and comes through tasting like lemon peel mixed with early-season grapefruit.

No sooner had I returned to the homestead than I found myself staring down the specifics on yet another anniversary ale, this one a barleywine celebrating the fifth year in business for Phileas Foggs (11385 Poway Road, #100, Poway). The owner of the Sabre Springs suds standout approached Karl Strauss Brewing Company with the request that they produce a beer they could both release at their anniversary celebration and store in a pair of barrels they had in their storeroom. Brewmaster Paul Segura decided a British-style bar-

leywine best fit that bill.

The beer registers at 12.5 percent alcohol-by-volume and 60 IBUs (international bittering units), which is higher than most barleywines and brought on by Bravo and Willamette hops. Brown sugar and blackstrap molasses were incorporated to help level out the hoppiness. Right now, it should taste good, albeit mighty powerful, but should express expanded flavors after soaking up the wine from those barrels— one chardonnay, one cabernet sauvignon.

The anniversary beer will debut February 8 at Phileas Foggs. It will also be made available at Karl Strauss's Carlsbad location (where it was brewed) as well as the company's new 4S Commons Town Center brewery restaurant. A seven-barrel batch was brewed, so supplies are limited. The barrel-aged versions should debut during San Diego Beer Week and, next year, when Phileas Foggs turns six. Word around the bar is that they may sour the chardonnay barrel with a mixture of *brettanomyces* and *lactobacillus*.

by Brandon Hernández

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Ray's flying over San Diego Bay.

Okay, aboard the 901. Looks down from the Coronado bridge to the 32nd Street Naval Station. "That's where my dad took me to see his ship, before he shipped off for the Philip-pines, back in the day," he says.

Ray's been a cook most of his life. "I've cooked all over the country. Forty-one years," he says.

Turns out Ray has something magic: the secret to the perfect savory crêpe. Cooks at Fabri-son's in Little Italy (1425 India Street, 619-955-8834) and their new place in Coronado (1120 Adella Avenue, 619-435-1322).

But maybe he's most famous at the Saturday Mercato in Little Italy.

He's like a celebrity chef there, working the crowds, telling jokes, above all, rock-ing out those crêpes a mile a minute. "I made well over 100 last Saturday," he says.

Ray says Fabri-son's holds crêpe-making classes. But here's his secret to making their most popular one, the Fabrice, stuffed with sausage, bacon, and an egg:

- Chop up the sausage and bacon
- Make a hole in the middle
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- Grab spinner (the T-shaped batter-spreader), swirl it around, pulling, not pushing
- After 15-20 seconds, flip
- Leave second side cooking 2-3 seconds only!
- Add the sausage/bacon/egg filling
- Fold, shape into a triangle
- Eat quick! Nothing worse

than a cold crêpe

By now we're at 12th and Imperial.

"You should come, take a les-son," he says.

Maybe I will.

by Ed Bedford

Dogs for UH

University Heights' street food scene is exploding! Well, sort of.

I cruised by the liquor store at Texas and Meade the other day and espied the new arrival of a food cart in the parking lot. The combination outfit features Don Pepe's excellent tamales and a hot dog cart that serves up "doggos" in south-of-the-border style (i.e. wrapped in bacon and smothered in toppings).

I had to grab a "Sonoran" hot dog (topped with onions, salsa, tomatoes, and mayo), on top of which I added some crushed potato chips.

The chips were *totally bomb* on the dog; little crispy bits that snapped and cracked and

gave the hot dog the one thing it wants the most — texture.

Hot dogs are \$3 each and tamales (I like the coconut and pineapple best) are only \$2. Both are excellent and supremely convenient for anybody traversing the Texas Street corridor.

Time will tell if the loca-tion proves profitable for the vendors. I hope lots of people get out of their cars and grab a quickie dog so that the carts have an incentive to stick around.

Hint, hint.

by Ian Pike

Time stands still

Farmhouse Cafe is about to celebrate its fifth anniversary with a four-course dinner that will be served for the first three days in February. It had been a number of years since I'd last eaten at the small, quaint French bistro in University Heights. When my friend Han-nah tossed it out as an option

for dinner with our dudes, I said, "Oh, man, I haven't been there in forever. I'd love to see what Olivier is cooking these days."

I remembered, from our frequent visits after they'd just opened, enjoying con-versations with the chef that were just as pleasant as the local fresh fare he served. But, as the traffic of life bumps us from lane to lane, we'd some-how been knocked out of the groove that is Adams Avenue for a while.

When we arrived, Hannah's other half, Allard, immediately made himself comfortable. The space feels cozy, partly because of how small it is and how close together all the tables are placed, but mostly because of the welcoming smiles from the warm staff.

After a little toast, we checked out the menus, of which there were two that night: a three-course prix fixe and the regular menu, which, to my surprise, looked to be about 80 percent the same as the last time I'd been there. Allard struggled over whether or not to get the burger. "It's the best burger, and I always get it when I'm here, but I've had a few this week already, and I probably should try something else." I remembered the burger, and I agreed that it was a damned good one. But I, too, was in the mood for some-thing a little more...French.

Both David and Allard went for the prix fixe, and Hannah and I ordered off the regu-lar menu. I was happy to see the burrata was from Gioaia Cheese, where third-genera-tion Italian cheesemaker Vito Girardi (whose grandfather was one of the first to make this style of handmade cheese) ensures his product lives up to his claim that "burrata is to mozzarella as foie gras is to chicken liver."

Everyone at the table enjoyed the chicken-liver mousse (aka "legal foie"),

served with house pickled veg-gies, whole-grain mustard, and toasted baguette.

At first I'd wrinkled my brows when I saw the house-made fettuccine with Moroc-can spiced lamb bolognese and lemon confit. "This is still on the menu? I'd think they'd change it up some." But then Allard explained that it had gone off for awhile and was back on. I couldn't remember if I'd liked it or not, so I ordered it. Bolognese is my comfort-food dish of choice at Italian restaurants (and David often cooks an everything-but-the-kitchen-sink version at home), so it's always a risk because I have my favorites for com-parisons. The pasta was over-cooked (the chef was not in the kitchen that night), but the flavor combination was exotic and tasty, and the lemon confit added just the right amount of sweet and sour to counter the rich lamb.

David and Allard both got the duck, which I didn't try. Allard loved his, but David's was a bit overcooked and somewhat bland.

Hannah had the pan-seared sea bass (which I'd considered getting) with fingerling pota-toes, green-leek purée, and caramelized onion.

Because they'd gotten the prix fixe, David and Allard both got dessert, which they shared with the ladies, though at that point we were too full to sample more than a spoonful.

We also shared a couple bottles of wine, though our choice of reasonably priced wines was limited. Most bottles on the list were over \$50, some into the hundreds. Allard and Hannah said they usually bring their own bottle and pay the corkage. We settled for a dark and flavorful \$40-something Cabernet, which went down as smoothly as the rest of the evening.

by Barbarella Fokos



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No Hipsters, no Canines. “We opened in 10 cities,” says Ron Najor. “We did a one-week run in L.A. It’s still playing in theaters in Seattle and Michigan.” He’s on the phone from his home in El Cajon to talk about a film he produced titled *I Am Not a*

Cretton, *I Am Not a Hipster*, as Najor explains it, is about “A singer/songwriter moves to San Diego from Ohio [and] writes an indie rock album. He releases it. He becomes a phenomenon in the San Diego music scene.” The movie screened January 10 at the Ken

“There’s references all over to San Diego,” he says of the final cut. The bulk of the movie was filmed here, with the Casbah as one of the locations. Najor recalls being nervous about asking owner Tim Mays for the use of his venue. “Destin went over and talked to him about shooting there. Mays was sitting at a desk working. ‘Film school, huh?’ Mays said. ‘I went to SDSU. Okay, you can shoot here. Let me know what dates.’ And then Mays just walked out and disappeared. Destin couldn’t find him. Later, when I asked if we had the location, Destin said, ‘Yeah, like, I think we do.’”

Najor, who was born in Detroit, went to film school at San Diego State University. That’s where he met Cretton, a Point Loma Nazarene grad.

“Dominic [Bogart], our lead actor, actually sang all of those songs in the film.” Naturally, being a story about a musician, there’s an accompanying soundtrack. But Najor says it was prereleased as a band called Canines — “this kind of fabricated band.” Even though there is no actual Canines, Najor says the CD is “selling pretty well.” The disc also includes tracks from San Diego artists the Donkeys, the Tree Ring, John Meeks, Keith Sweaty, Joel P. West, Pebaluna, Cuckoo Chaos, and Black Mamba.

Will the producers make any coin from the venture? “If

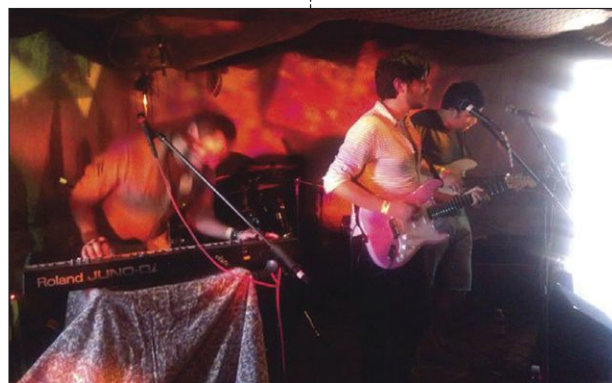
everybody buys a copy, yeah, we’ll make money,” Najor says. “If they don’t, no.”

— Dave Good

Bonanza of bands. Last year’s inaugural Desert Daze was an 11-day psychedelic

nizer with the Pomona-based Moon Block Party collective, told the *Reader* last May.

“We decided, let’s just go for it and do every single day. It was like boot camp, man. Everyone on our crew is a musician or an artist, and we have



Psych-rocking Pilots landed at the Desert Daze roadside fest last year.

bonanza held in the town of Desert Hot Springs, about 30 miles from the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, which took place during a couple weekend days of Desert Daze.

The roadside music festival featured over 100 acts, including Dengue Fever, Akron/Family, Moving Units, Crystal Antlers, Dead Meadow, DJ Nobody, Nocando, Dante vs. Zombies, Here We Go Magic, the Fresh & Onlys, Breakestra, the Entrance Band, Free the Robots, and Bleached; San Diego’s presence was made known by groups such as the Soft Pack, Tropical Popsicle, Joy, Pilots, and analog visual artists Operation: Mindblow.

“We were asked to throw some Coachella parties,” Phil Pirrone, a Desert Daze orga-

nizer with the Pomona-based Moon Block Party collective, told the *Reader* last May. “We decided, let’s just go for it and do every single day. It was like boot camp, man. Everyone on our crew is a musician or an artist, and we have

Desert Daze was a hit, filling the 400-person capacity Dillon Roadhouse both weekends.

This spring, Desert Daze Music and Art Festival returns as a one-day camping jamboree on (*ahem*) Saturday, April 20, at Sunset Ranch, “a beautiful desert oasis set against a backdrop of purple mountains and miles of palm trees,” in the town of Mecca, located about 25 minutes southeast of Indio,

near the Salton Sea.

Headliners include Tinariwen (a world-music group formed in a Libyan refugee camp), Los Angeles occult drone-folk artist Chelsea Wolfe, Warpaint (L.A.), and the Entrance Band (ex-The Convocation Of...).

For tickets, lineup, and accommodations: desertdaze.brownpapertickets.com.

— Chad Deal

Culture’s poets. “On one day in particular,” Dean Nelson says, “we’ll focus on songwriting.” Nelson checks in by phone to talk about the annual Writer’s Symposium by the Sea he founded some years ago at Point Loma Nazarene University. “And, we’ll feature some local musicians who are also our alums.” I ask him to explain how indie songwriters fit in at a big literary conference.

“It’s actually not a different animal, in my mind. We operate from the premise that good writing is good writing, and if it’s good, we want to celebrate it.”

Years past have seen screenwriters, journalists, and bloggers as part of the conference. Visiting singer/songwriters have included PLNU alum Greg Laswell, Richie Furay, and ex-San Diegan Chris Hillman, who cofounded the Byrds. “If we wanna go lofty,” says Nelson, “songwriters are culture’s poets. They have a prophetic view of life. Bob Dylan would be an ex-

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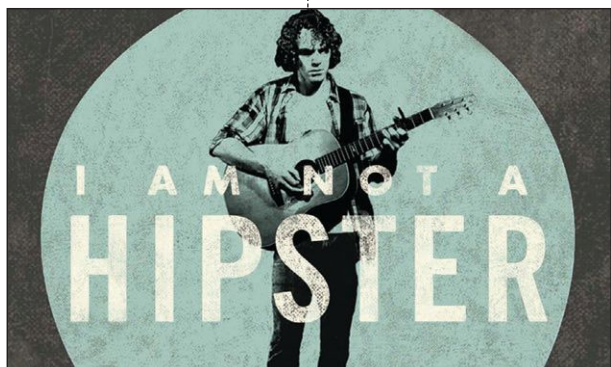
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Hipster.

But the big news (aside from being screened at Sundance as part of that festival’s official selection), says Najor, is that the film has just been

Cinema in Kensington to an audience of over 200 people.

“It’s been a roller coaster ride. It’s been really hard.” Then, in the same breath, Najor says, “It’s been really great.”



It’s a movie, it’s a record, and it’s chock full of San Diego scenesters.

released digitally, on Blu-ray and DVD, and on Cox, Time Warner, Verizon, and Comcast cable. “It’s all over the country now. It’s in 50 million homes.”

Written, directed, and coproduced by Destin Daniel

Production began in June of 2011 after another project that he and Cretton had been considering fell apart. The two raised some of the nearly \$100,000 production budget on Kickstarter.

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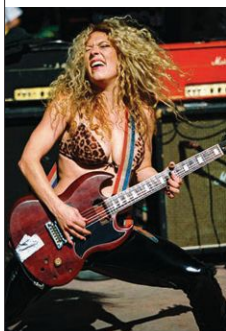


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This Week In Music

Thursday 31

Atlanta band **Nashville Pussy** plugs in at Casbah Thursday night. Hubbie and wife guitarists Blaine Cartwright and Ruyter Suys (pronounced *Rider Sighs*) have been riding this eight-legged Southern-fried sleaze-rock beast since 1996, garnering a Grammy nomination for their song "Fried Chicken and Coffee" along the way. Lead guitarist Suys is annually mentioned as one of the best female guitarists in the world. She should be — she started playing when she was nine years old and was weaned on Hendrix, Page, and Angus Young, whom the she-shredder tends to emulate onstage. The band's



NASHVILLE PUSSY AT CASBAH

out to tout the remixed/remastered *From Hell to Texas*, which includes a live set for you completists. Hit up the merch table and help them keep their boner fide rock rolling. Like-minded locals **Low Volts** and the **Marsupials** will open the show.... Else: "Bloodclot" McGowan and his NYC hardcore crew the **Cro-Mags** will stack 'em at Brick by Brick with **Rail Them to Death and Take**

Friday 1

Offense...round the bend at the Griffin, South African indie hits the **Parlotones** headline sets by **New Kinetics** and **Irontom**...and L.A. garage-pop act **Detective**, featuring ex-*Spin* editor and Guided by Voices bassist/vocalist James Greer (*Alien Lanes*, *Under the Bushes*...), will follow **Sick Balloons** into Soda Bar.

Remedial math-rock duo **Pinback** plays House of Blues on Friday. The local favorites, featuring the Heaviest Vegetable, Rob Crow, and Three Mile Pilot bassist Zach Smith, have conquered indie world with their infectious jazz-influenced pop form; most recently on last year's well-received *Information Retrieved*, which includes one of the pair's best slow-builders in lead single "Proceed to Memory." Pinback is wrapping up a brief tour of the Southwest. Bay Area-based string-metal band (violin, cello, heavy metal) **Judgement Day** up first.... Best of the rest: L.A. punk perennials the **Generators** join **Smogtown** at the Shakedown after **Wooly Mammoth** and the **Devereauxs**



PINBACK AT HOUSE OF BLUES

for one beast of a bill on the little Midway stage.... **Ray Wylie Hubbard**, the Okie folkie, will spin his country-western yarns at Acoustic Music San Diego (amsdconcerts.com)...Doods Foods will celebrate a year of feeding faces at Tin Can Ale House with music by **Manuok**, **Former Friends of Young Americans** (AZ), and **Oh Spirit** (Blackout Party, Fire Eaters)...**Stephen Steinbrink** (French Quarter), **Upside Down**, **Jehovas Fitness**, **Mandarin Dynasty**, and **Bogsey & the Argonauts** fill a folk-punk bill at Ché Café...and the Museum of Making Music in Carlsbad will host another installment of the Local Flavor Concert Series — number V — featuring **Jack Tempchin**, **Joey Harris**, Get Back Loretta's **Kevin Martin**, Celtic fiddler **Patric Petrie** (among other soloists), and full-band performances by **Neon Cough** and **True Stories**. The shindig starts at six and Stone Brewery's onboard. Should be a good one up in the Lego land.

Saturday 2

Canuck punks **D.O.A.**'s "farewell tour" will bring the trio to Brick by Brick Saturday night. Joey Shithead's been hurling hardcore into pits since 1978, culminating in last year's retiring *We Come in Peace*, which includes a cover of the Beatles' "Revolution," if you can believe that. One of hardcore's original soldiers is ready to hang up his combat boots, so go check it out and give him a shout — *Long live D.O.A.*! **CH3** and **Sculpins** will set it up.... Miss the door in Bay Park, L.A. pop-punk trio the **Dollyrots** ("Because I'm Awesome") roll into town to Shakedown. The 'Rots recently started their own label (Arrested Youth), which will carry the DIY outfit's imprints,



D.O.A. AT BRICK BY BRICK

like last year's s/t set that found the band exploring new-wave forms. **Payoff**, **Images**, and **Focke Wolves** are also on the bill.... Otherwise: London-based blues-rock band **Smile**'s at Casbah with **Reeve Oliver**, **Creepy Creeps**, and **Dumetown**...San Diego's brassy big band **Supertasty** blows into Til-Two...**Gilbert Castellanos** and 98 Bottles host a Thelonious Monk tribute with San Diego's Monk master **Joshua White**...and UCSD campus collective Ché Café stages local alt-rock faves **Weatherbox**, **Tan Sister Radio**, **Crooks**, and **Throne**.

Sunday 3

Super Harbowl Sunday. I got the 'Niners by a Kaepernick.... Afterward, English singer/songwriter **Benjamin Francis Leftwich** will lay bare his Elliott Smith-inspired soul at Soda Bar after **Tori Rogg** and **Mostly Sunny**...and Epic recording artists, the roots-rocking San Diego band **Augustana**, will take the stage at the Griffin. Soulful chanteuse **Lauren Shera** will open the show.

Monday 4

"With one foot in the same Bay Area bayou that the Fogerty brothers once walked and the other foot in the same Bay Area bayou that birthed the Dead," SanFran urban hillbilly band **T.V. Mike & the Scarecrows** set up at Soda Bar in advance of next week's release, *Weeks to Days*, after **Drew Andrews** and **Nathan Hubbard**.... From Eugene in Oregon, soul-pop sister **ZZ Ward** ("Put the Gun Down") will be playing the Belly Up with North Carolina's "well-oaked" folkies **Delta Rae**, which will *Carry the Fire* in first.... And from Lafayette, Louisiana, three-headed doom-metal monster **Red Shield** will take down the Shakedown with Nawlins tourmates **Solid Giant**.

Tuesday 5

The **Who** brings Quadrophonia mania to the Valley View Casino Center Tuesday night. The British rock band is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the



THE WHO AT VALLEY VIEW CASINO CENTER

release of their mod-rock masterpiece *Quadrophonia*, the title of which is said to represent a mental disorder of possessing four personalities (Peter, Roger, John, and Keith?) and the recent (1973, remember) advent of "quadraphonic" sound. It's all right there on *Wikipedia*, so it must be true. Learned this, too: Johnny Rotten screen-tested to play the rock-opera's lead character, Jimmy, in the fillum, but the movie people wouldn't insure the Sex Pistol.... Tickets beyond your modest means? Mine, too...Borderland garage bands **San Pedro El Cortez**, **Sixties Guns**, and **Dancing Strangers** will fill a bill at Tin Can Ale House...and *Mirror Gazer* **Onuinu**'s (aka Dorian Duvall of *Portlandia*) will deliver the hip-hop-atronica off of his debut to Soda Bar after **Glass Canoe** and **Keith Sweaty**.

Wednesday 6

The hump-night highlight'd have to be L.A.-based "drone-metal-art-folk" femme fatale **Chelsea Wolfe** at the Loft at UCSD. Ms. Wolfe is touring in support of *Unknown Rooms: A Collection of Acoustic Songs*, a well-received doom-folk disc resurrecting cuts that were "once-orphaned, [and now] given a home" Otherwises: Southern blues-rock brothers the **North Mississippi Allstars** will be at Belly Up...local alt-pop acts **Yovee** and **Interrobang** clang at Hillcrest hideaway Ruby Room...and **That 1 Guy** splits a bill with **Wolff** at Casbah. You know That 1 Guy, from Vegas, plays homemade gear he calls "the Magic Pipe," "the Magic Boot," and "the Magic Saw." What's that? Does he know any magic songs? I don't think so, though I hear his rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" slays 'em in Vegas.



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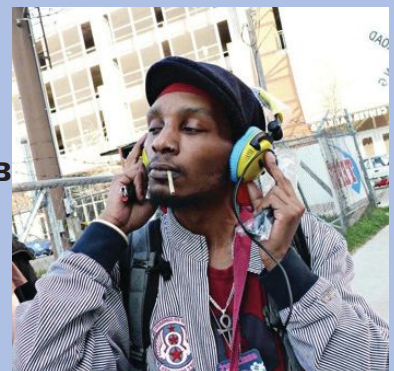
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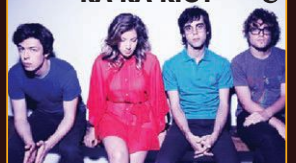
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BY DAVE GOOD

USA Today once identified the Generators as one of America's most underrated of punk bands. In truth, a punk-revival band from late 1990s Los Angeles, the Generators owe much to the Britpunk of the 1970s. But then, what punk band doesn't? Great Britain was the mother ship of punk. That ancient sound, hybridized with U.S. bands such as the Dead Kennedys (and maybe the Minutemen and Bad Religion) is more or less what the Generators chose to bring. They avoided the cheery music one could sing along to that we called pop punk, which bands and clones of bands brought to the nation's airwaves and arenas in large numbers in the '90s.

But one wonders about punk as a career

choice: pop punk in its day was lucrative, while true punkers seemed generally to have a short life span. To wit, three records into a deal with Warner Brothers as Schleprock (this is the band that more or less became the Generators), and the members were burned out. They broke apart, they regrouped, and they returned as something bigger and better. At the center of both bands is a singer named Doug Kane who goes by the pseudonym "Dagger."

When Dagger was a teen, he weaseled his way into L.A.'s best post-punk rock clubs of the day: Godzilla's, the Vex, Cathay De Grande. Cathay de Grande was where bands like the Knack gigged before gaining fame. The club shuttered in 1986. The Circle Jerks were among those who played the farewell show. Consider the club a training ground for the fiercely competitive climate that would eventually spawn the Generators, which, after better than 15 years, is still generating. These days, the Generators



THE GENERATORS

may be aging guys with sleeves and attitudes and mortgages, but the band has a new record due out in May and a Euro-tour in the works. Good times while you can get them.

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Saturday, 6pm — Big Shot Rueb & the Reloaders.
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Wednesday, 6pm — Too Rude For Sunday.

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A Thing Called Divine Fits

By Dryw Keltz

A Thing Called Divine Fits could also be called a thing that Britt Daniel (Spoon) and Daniel Boeckner (Wolf Parade) came up with during downtime from their full-time bands. *A Thing Called Divine Fits* could also be called a thing that sounds very similar to the herky-jerky *Kill The Moonlight*—era Spoon, with an emphasis on synthesizers instead of guitars.

One's apprecia-

tion of Divine Fits relies (heavily) on one's tolerance for '80s synth-pop. For example, if you hold fond memories of INXS' chart domination during the Reagan years, you will probably really dig this disc. If the same memories induce suicidal tendencies (the thoughts, not the band), avoid this disc as you would SARS.

What works best for me on this CD are the songs that veer the most into krautrock territory. "Like Ice Cream" nails it in this respect by riding a fantastic groove straight into the sunset. Who needs changes when you have the perfect feel from the start? Just sprinkle on some synth hooks and hand claps and you have a delicious treat. "Would That Not Be Nice" works this motif as well, the difference on this one being its expertly crafted reprise, which kicks the song back into gear just when you think it's winding down.



A thing called downtime,
with synthesizers

Music Reviews from Our Readers

The Soft Pack storm the Griffin

By Kip Lyda

Former San Diegans the Soft Pack stormed back into town for a one-off at the Griffin in Bay Park. Playing short, sweet, three-minute pop-punk songs, the band entertained the sparse, rain-dampened crowd for over an hour, fusing the sounds of surf-influenced SoCal guitar rock and the pop hooks and grit of bands like the Replacements.

Lead guitarist Matt McLoughlin led the way with shimmering leads while vocalist/rhythm guitarist Matt Lamkin delivered powerful, uplifting vocal hooks. The rhythm section moved the sound in propulsive shifts, light and dark, yet always forward.

Highlights from the show included a violin-tinged version of "Bound to Fall," from their latest disc, *Strapped*. Toward the end of the show, the band performed an inspired version of "Answer to Yourself," which somehow manages to be both nihilistic and hopeful.



Nihilistic and hopeful?

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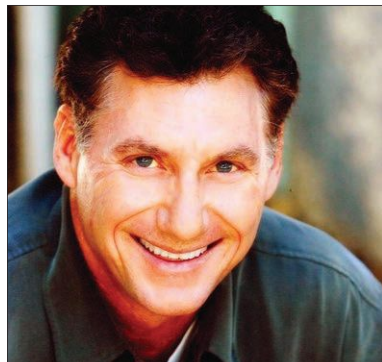
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The Daughter of the Regiment Gaetano Donizetti's opera, in a production by Italy's Teatro Comunale di Bologna, boasts "nine high Cs for the tenor in one aria, and brilliant coloratura for the soprano." Cast includes Slovakian soprano L'ubica Vargicová, American tenor Stephen Costello, Polish contralto Ewa Podle?, Italian bass Donato DiStefano. Conductor is Yves Abel; Emilio Sagi directs. Sung in French with supertitles. 619-533-7000. Friday, February 1, 7pm; Sunday, February 3, 2pm; \$35-\$210. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Walter DuMelle: Songs of Love Bodhi Tree Concerts presents an evening of love songs, featuring bassist Walter DuMelle and colleagues Molly Whittaker (mezzo), Bryan Verhoye (piano), Alison Luedecke (harpsichord), and Jory Herman (double bass). Repertoire to include two

rarely performed works: Bach's Cantata #203, Amore traditore, and Mozart's Per questa bella mano, along with duets from American musicals featuring, Sondheim, Coleman, Rodgers, and Berlin. The concert is a benefit for Knots of Love. Friday, February 1, 7pm; \$20. St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Camarada, "Latin Postcards" Composer Juan Ramirez-Hernandez will be arriving from Atlanta to introduce his composition "Latin Postcards" for string trio. The program will also include music from Gabriel Pierne and Villa-Lobos, running around 75 minutes without intermission. Friday, February 1, 7:30pm; \$20-\$25. St. Paul's Cathedral, 2728 Sixth Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

Endre Hegedus Hungarian pianist Endre Hegedus' only San Diego appearance of his current North American tour will include works by Bach, Schubert, Schumann, Chopin, and Mussorgsky. Mr. Hegedus has performed extensively in most countries of Europe, as well as in Canada, Australia, Japan, South Korea, and the United States. The concert is co-sponsored by the House of Hungary, San Diego, and the Scripps Ranch Friends of the

Library. Saturday, February 2, 7pm; free-\$15. Scripps Miramar Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. (SCRIPPS RANCH)


Russian Strings with Vladimir Chernov Saturday, February 2, 3pm; \$25. Smith Recital Hall at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Violinist Jennifer Koh Karatz Chamber Concert Series continues with performance by the violinist, who is "dedicated to performing the violin repertoire of all eras from traditional to contemporary, believing that the past and present form a continuum." Reservations: 858-454-5872. Saturday, February 2, 7:30pm; \$40-\$45. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Zephyrus Winds and Vanstrum/Bak/White Two ensembles will cover the Renaissance through romantic compositions: Zephyrus Winds, a quartet of oboes, bassoon and English horn specializing in 16th-18th century works, and Vanstrum/Bak/White, a piano/violin/cello trio with a 19th-20th century repertoire. Sunday, February 3, 2pm; City of Carlsbad Dove Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

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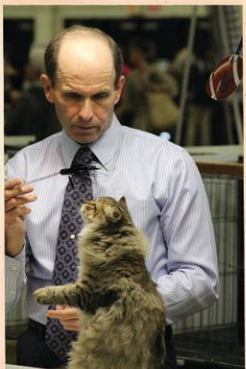
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San Diego Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 select house & domestic beers, house wine, well drinks. 1/2-off appetizers.

ALPINE

Donato's Italian Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 glass Bud Light, \$6 pitcher; \$3.50 house wine.

BALBOA PARK

The Prado: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$4.50 wells, wine, draft ale, margaritas, mixed drinks.

BANKERS HILL

Bertrand at Mister A's: Monday-Friday, 2:30-6pm: \$5 wells, \$6 wine, \$13.50 cocktails, \$6 nonalcoholic drinks, \$7 appetizers. Bar or patio only. No Happy Hour in December.

Wet Stone Wine Bar and Cafe: Tuesday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$5 glass of wine or sangria, \$20 carafe of sangria. \$3 bottles of craft beer. \$6 salads and starters.

BAY PARK

The High Dive: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 off local San Diego craft beers. \$1 off house wine by the glass.

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

BONITA

Villa Capri: Wednesday, 4-7pm: Half-off bottles of wine.

CARDIFF

Chart House: Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$4 wells, drafts. \$5 cocktails, wine. \$6 martinis. \$4 spinach & artichoke dip, \$5 firecracker shrimp, \$6 wood-fired pizzas.

CARLSBAD

Board & Brew: Daily, 4pm-close: All beers two-for-one. \$1 tacos.

On the Tracks Brewery and Tasting Room: Thursday, 5-7pm: Ladies, \$3 pints.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Conway's Irish Pub: Daily, 10am-8pm: \$2.75 domestic drafts and bottles; \$2.75 and \$3.75 wells.

CARMEL VALLEY

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

Twenty/20 Grill & Wine Bar: Daily, 4-6pm: \$2 off drinks. 1/2-off seasonal spreads and pizzas. Excludes special events and promotional nights.

CHULA VISTA

Achiote Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 beer, \$3.99 margaritas.

BJ's Brewhouse: Monday-Thursday, 3pm-7pm: \$1 off draft and cocktails. 10pm-close: 1/2-price mini pizzas, \$2 off appetizers (snacks and small

bites not included). Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off beer and cocktails.

CITY HEIGHTS

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

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

CLAIREMONT

Blarney Stone Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

Fat Tony's Pizza: Monday-Thursday, 4-8pm: \$2 glass/\$8 pitcher Yellowtail, Blue Moon, Big Eye, Coors Light. \$5 pizza, wings, salad.

COLLEGE AREA

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

CORONADO

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 Bavarian pretzel. Sunday, 3-6pm & 10pm-midnight: \$5 bloody marys & mimosas, featured skinny cocktail.

DEL MAR

Bully's Del Mar: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: Discounted food, beer, cocktails. Sunday, all day: \$3 Bud Light, Coors Light. \$4 bloody marys, margaritas, mimosas.

Zel's Del Mar: Daily, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off drafts & premium drinks, \$2 off wines by glass, \$3.50 wells. \$4 fried calamari, \$5 fish tacos, \$10 burger & beer.

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

Altitude Sky Lounge: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$5 premium wells. 1/2-off artisan flat breads.

Analog: Tuesday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$5 house wines, \$6 specialty drinks. 1/2-off loaded skins, hummus, sweet-potato fries.

Dobson's: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts and margaritas.

La Gran Tapa: Daily, 5-6:30pm: \$3 artisan drafts, \$4 wines. \$3 marinated mushrooms, bread/dipping sauces; \$4 salad, frittata.

House of Blues: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wines, \$3 wells, \$4 martinis. Killer happy hour menu.

Patrick's Gaslamp Pub: Daily, 10am-8pm; 11pm-close: domestics from \$2.50, wells from \$3.25.

Sevilla: Daily, 5-7pm: tapas starting at \$3; half-off select menu items; \$4 glasses of sangria; \$14 sangria pitchers.

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

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

EAST VILLAGE

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 keg beers;

\$5 liquor, house wine. Free pizza samples.

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

EASTLAKE

Chili's: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 3pm-close: \$1 off drafts, discounted margaritas. Discounted nachos, fried cheese.

EL CAJON

Blarney Stone Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1-\$2 off liquor.

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

ENCINITAS

D Street Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$3 wells, \$4 beer of the month. \$2 off ahi sliders, nachos, wings.

Union Kitchen & Tap: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 off craft cocktails; \$4 drafts, \$6 select wine glasses. \$9 flatbreads.

ESCONDIDO

Escondido Sports Pub: Daily, 6am-8pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles/ drafts, wells; \$3 well pints; \$4.50 tall domestic drafts.

Tango Restaurant & Lounge: Monday-Saturday, 3-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. 1/2-off Caesar salad, shrimp tacos, steak nachos. Wednesday, all night: 1/2-off wines (excludes private-cellar selections).

FALLBROOK

Aqua Terra: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3 domestic, \$9 pitcher; \$4 imported, \$12 pitcher; 1/2-off sushi rolls (no sushi on Monday).

GOLDEN HILL

Turf Supper Club: Friday-Sunday, noon-4pm: \$1 off beer/wine/spirits. \$5 burger, chicken sandwich, hot links + chips.

GRANTVILLE

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

HARBOR ISLAND

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

C-Level: Monday-Friday, 3:30-5:30pm: \$4 brews, \$5 specialty drinks.

HILLCREST

Busalacchi's A Modo Mio: Monday, 4pm-6:30pm. 1/2 off Wine Bottles. Tuesday, 4pm-6:30pm. Wednesday, 4pm-6:30pm. All martinis 1/2 off. Live Music. Thursday-Friday, 4pm-6:30pm. Live Music. Saturday, Brunch 9am-2pm; \$2 Mimosas. Live Music. 4pm-6:30pm. Sunday, Brunch 9am-2pm; \$2 Mimosas. 4pm-6:30pm.

IMPERIAL BEACH

The Salty Frog: Tuesday, 6-10pm: "Toss it Tuesday" — each drink has 50/50 chance of costing a quarter. Thursday-Saturday, 9pm-close: \$5 Jäger bombs and Fireball shots. Sunday, 1-9pm: \$4 bloody mary bar; \$3 Smirnoff flavors.

KEARNY MESA

94th Aero Squadron: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2.75 glass wine, draft beer; \$3.25 most domestic bottled beer; \$3.50 margaritas. Free buffet: pizza, quesadillas, veggies.

Rayo Grill: *Daily*, 4:30-7pm: \$4 drafts, wines; \$3 domestic bottles.

Shogun Kobe Restaurant: *Daily*, 3pm-close: 30% off beer, sake.

KENSINGTON

Kensington Cafe: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 Bohemia, Fat Tire; \$6.50 Duvel. \$3 red/white wine special, mimosas; \$5.50 pinot noir. \$4 taco, \$8 ahi crunch.

Til-Two: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and imported drafts.

LA JOLLA

Café Japengo: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, sake; \$4.50 wells. \$4 chicken spring rolls, duck potstickers; \$6 soy-cured salmon. (All night Sunday.)

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

Su Casa: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

Whaling Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: 1/2-off specialty cocktails, wines by glass, drafts. 1/2-off Spanish torta, chicken tandoori kebab.

LA MESA

The Go Lounge: *Monday, Wednesday-Saturday*, 2-7pm: \$3 draft beers, Smirnoff shots, glasses of wine, and well drinks. \$2 Jack shot with beer purchase. *Tuesday*, 2-7pm: \$3 draft beers, Smirnoff shots, glasses of wine, and well drinks. \$2 Jack shot with beer purchase. 9-11pm: \$2 you-call-its.

San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery: *Friday*, all day: \$5 glass of sparkling wine.

LAKESIDE

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

LEMON GROVE

Dirk's Niteclub: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks \$4.50 or less.

Sunday, 6am-2pm: \$1 off bloody marys.

LEUCADIA

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

The Calypso Café: *Daily*, 5:30-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

LINCOLN PARK

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

LINDA VISTA

Bull's Smokin' BBQ: *Daily*, 2-6pm: \$3 pints; \$9 Bud & Coors Light pitchers; \$12 Sierra Nevada, Red Trolley pitchers. \$2 pulled pork or beef brisket sliders, \$4.95 1/2-sandwich & side.

LITTLE ITALY

El Camino: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 margaritas, sangria, Corona, Corona Light; 1/2-off quesadillas and nacho plates. *Tuesday*, 5pm-1am: \$3 margaritas, sangria, Corona, Corona Light. 5-7pm: 1/2-off quesadillas and nacho plates. 5-11pm: 1/2-off taco plates. *Sunday*, 10am-4pm: \$1 mimosas.

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

MIDWAY DISTRICT

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

MIRA MESA

Bamboo Hut: *Daily*, 3-6pm: Buy large beer, get small house sake free. \$2.75 small beer, \$3.25 house wine. \$2.95 gyoza, \$4.95 lumpia, \$5.50 tempura crab roll.

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

MIRAMAR

Abbey's Real Texas Bar-B-Q: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$2.99 draft, \$9.99 pitcher draft. \$1.49 hot link, \$2.49 small brisket, pork, ham, or sausage sandwich.

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

MISSION BEACH

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

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

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Daily*, 2pm-2am: \$.50 off beer and wells.

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

City Wok: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-5pm: 1/2-off beer, wine, sake, appetizers.

Lucha Libre Gourmet Taco Shop: *Monday-Thursday*, 2:30-5pm: \$2.50 for Tecate & koozie.

Saffron Thai Grilled Chicken: *Daily*, 3-5pm: 1/2-off all beer and wine. \$1 off box of salad rolls, egg rolls two for \$5, \$2 Thai ice tea.

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

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

MISSION VALLEY

Randy Jones All American Sports Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3.75 selected craft beers, \$5 specialty drinks, \$2 off wine by the glass and grazing menu.

NATIONAL CITY

Buster's Beach House & Long-board Bar: *Daily*, 2-7pm: \$2.25 Bud drafts; \$3.50 mai tais, Long Beach tea, margaritas.

Pier 32 Waterfront Grill: *Friday*, 3pm-sunset: \$2 domestic beer, \$3 import and local beer, \$5 house wine, mimosas, bloody marys.

NESTOR

Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

The Air Conditioned Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$3 draft, bloody marys; \$5 you-call-it; \$6 Jayne's Gastropub fare.

Jayne's Gastropub: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 5-6:30pm: \$3 Trumer & Guinness drafts, \$3 red & white wine, \$5 cocktails.

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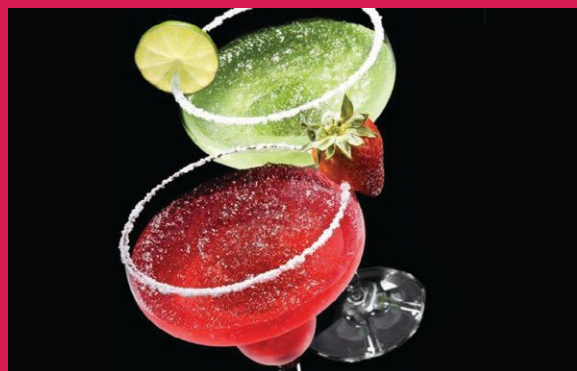
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Bar Pink: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$1 off drafts and calls.

Imig's Kitchen and Bar: *Monday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2 off wines by the glass; \$3 beers; \$4 well cocktails. 5-9pm: \$5 burger and a draft beer. 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*, All day: \$15 bottomless mimosa; \$22 bottomless mimosa with (1) brunch item; \$5 bloody marys. \$3 12oz can Bud Lite and Tecate, \$3 24oz can Rolling Rock and PBR.

Lips Restaurant: *Sunday*, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

The Office: *Daily*, 5-8pm: Two-for-one price on all drinks.

Redwing Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles.

The Smoking Goat: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: 1/2-off select bottles of wine.

Splash: *Tuesday*, all day: 1/2-price wine. *Wednesday, Sunday*, all day: \$3 select wine and beer. *Thursday-Saturday*, 4-6pm: \$3 select wine and beer.

Toronado: *Daily*, 11:30am-5pm: \$1 off drafts.

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Aryana at Holiday Inn: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$2 domestics, wells; \$3 premiums, glass of wine. Appetizer specials.

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The Flying Bridge: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wine. 20% off appetizers.

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OLD TOWN

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Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant: *Daily*, 3-6pm: House wines and drafts, \$4. House drinks, \$4.50.

Old Town Mexican Café: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials. \$2 Taco Tuesday (chicken, beef, fish, carnitas); \$2.50 margaritas, Tecate, tequila.

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: *Daily*, 4-7:10pm: 1/2-off food & booze.

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Tony Roma's: *Daily*, 1-4pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$3 off appetizers.

The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: \$2 drafts; \$3 cask wine, sangria; \$4 wells.

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Paradise Lounge and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2.50 well drinks, domestic bottles; \$6.50 domestic pitchers. 8-9:30am: 1/2-off breakfast.

The Pearl: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wells, \$5 wines.

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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.

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Fannie's Nightclub: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

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JP's Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25 house wine.

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Porter's Pub at UCSD: *Daily*, 11am-7pm \$3 Menu; 4pm-7pm \$1 off all beer.

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A Feminine Ending

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.

Birds of a Feather

Diversionsary presents the comedy about two bird families raising their brood on a 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.

The Brothers Size

The Old Globe Theatre stages Tarell Alvin McCraney's tale of two brothers: Oshoosi and Ogun, and the bond they forge. Tea Alagic directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 24.

Clybourne Park

If you compare Bruce Norris's sequel to *A Raisin in the Sun* to the original, it pales by comparison. Instead of deeply developed characters, the ones in *Clybourne Park* speak snippets and most prove to be narrow-minded racists. But that's the author's point, which he leavens with sitcom humor and masterful dialogue that — under Sam Woodhouse's excellent direction — crackles like a dissonant musical score at the Rep. A spec-

tacular ensemble plays characters from 1959 and 2009. Robin Sanford Roberts's set is practically a character in itself. The living room at 406 Clybourne Street (where Hansberry's characters moved in 1959) feels old. If it could speak for itself, it could tell a goodly amount of American history. **Critic's Pick.** SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 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 comedy-drama, 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 deshabelle.

Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 3.

Gem of the Ocean

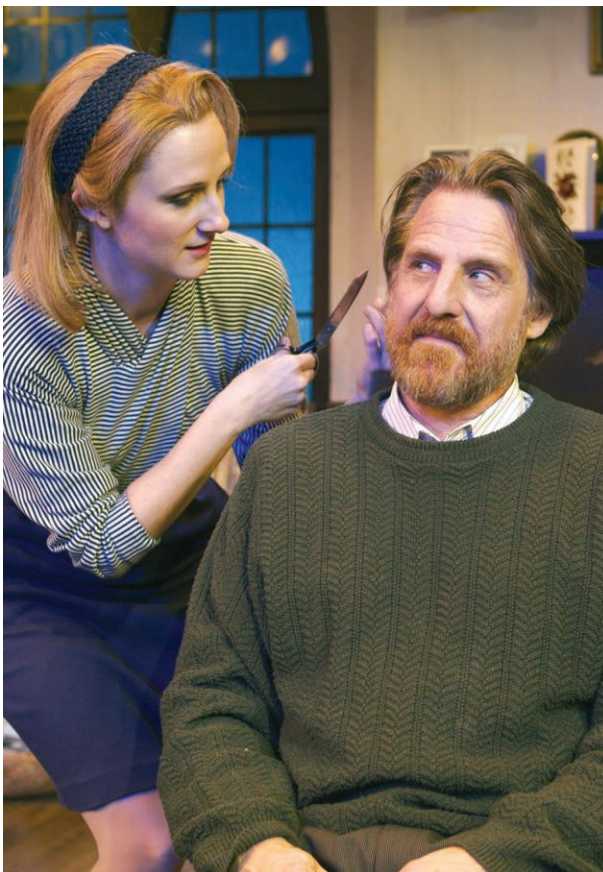
Cygnat Theatre presents August Wilson's drama, set in 1904. Citizen Barlow seeks absolution, so 287-year-old Aunt Esther takes him to the mythical City of Bones. Victor Mack directed. CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 3PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 24.

Hamlet

Intrepid Shakespeare Company stages the Bard's tragedy of dilatory revenge and a "noble mind here o'erthrown." Christy Yael directed. SAN DIEGUITO ACADEMY, 800 SANTA FE DR., ENCINITAS. 760-752-1121. 8PM SATURDAYS, 3PM SUNDAYS AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 17.

The Kitchen Witches

PowPAC stages Caroline Smith's



North Coast Repertory Theatre stages Willy Russell's comedy-drama *Educating Rita* through February 3.

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 SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 3.

miXtape

Jon Lorenz and Colleen Kollar Smith, creators of this revue of 1980s music, say that favorite songs "mark your memories." *miXtape* is performed with rampant energy

and polish by an eight-person cast. Memory-triggers zip past: Pet Rocks, Pac-Man, Nelson Mandela, AIDS. Most of the songs are actually song-bites. But backed by Andy Ingersoll's versatile band and under Kerry Meads's feisty direction, *miXtape* is always entertaining — and memory-provoking. (Note: Lamb's Players has extended the run several times.) 619-437-0600.

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND HOTEL, 311 ISLAND AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 800-542-1886. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 4PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 30.

National Comedy Theatre

The National Comedy Theatre, now in its 14th season, presents a 100-minute improv comedy show based completely on audience suggestions. The show is "appropriate for all audiences."

NATIONAL COMEDY THEATRE, 3717 INDIA ST., MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM AND 9:45PM SATUR-

DAYS, 7:30PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JANUARY 1.

Night Stage to Big Shaft

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 PARKWAY, 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. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 3.

Plays by Young Writers

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LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-544-1000. 7:30PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

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

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8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 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 THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 1PM SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS, 1PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 17.

The Surreal Show

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A love story with guns

For 28 years, two loyal friends serve a concurrent prison sentence: Val (Al Pacino), behind bars for refusing to finger an associate, and Doc (Christopher Walken), on the outside, waiting to perform the hit when his partner is released.

The notion of a group of over-the-hill mobsters reuniting for one last job could lead audiences into believing that there isn't much to this gangster fable that hasn't already been depicted in similar outings (*Going in Style*, *Tough Guys*). But then, you've never seen it played by Pacino, Walken, and Alan Arkin. As with most films of this type, *Stand Up Guys* is a love story between men, but for a change, it's not simply a boys' club. Lucy Punch, Julianna Margulies, Vanessa Ferlito, and newcomer Addison Timlin all add credence and consequence to our trio's decisions.

For his first big-budget film as a director, Fisher Stevens's greatest sin

is keeping the camera in too close. But with this trio of wizened, aged-in-elegance mugs, one can't really fault him. Considering how much my contrary ass enjoyed the picture, it comes as no surprise that the film is receiving a critical drubbing. You'll have to move fast, but it's worth it.

— Scott Marks

MOVIES

FISHER STEVENS IS A STAND-UP GUY: AN INTERVIEW WITH THE DIRECTOR OF *STAND UP GUYS*

Many of you are familiar with Fisher Stevens's work before the camera in such films as *Short Circuit*, *Reversal of Fortune*, and *Factotum*. Stevens's latest gig finds him directing three of the screen's most formidable forces — Pacino, Walken, and Arkin. *Stand Up Guys* opens Friday. For the rest of the interview, visit *Reader* movie blog *The Big Screen*.

Scott Marks: How did you manage to get these three heavyweights



Walken and Pacino rage against the dying of the light (by shooting at it)

together in one film?

Fisher Stevens: I got lucky. I had a good script. They all responded to the material. When I got the job, the producers told me Chris Walken was going to play Val, the part that Al actually played. I haven't worked with Chris, but I know him and have run into him in places. I told him that I was going to direct this and asked

if he was going to play Val. He said, "Well, I'll play either part." I had been told that Al had already basically said he wasn't going to be in it, so I didn't think I had a shot with him. I went around with a couple of people, and out of the blue, Al, who was my friend for years and who I hadn't seen — we used to play poker together — called me about maybe working on a docu-

mentary with him. I told him that I was directing *Stand Up Guys* and he was, like, "You're directing it now? Can I read it?" Yes! Please! He read it and wanted to play Val. We told Chris, who said he'd play Doc. The first person we wanted to play Hirsch was Alan Arkin. I acted in a movie with him 20 years ago. I called him, he read it, and I got him. That was it.



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IN THEATERS FEBRUARY 8

SM: Why a February release? All three of your leads turn in awards-worthy performances. Why didn't they release it in November or December, when it might have done the picture some good?

FS: To be honest, we did make it eligible and it was overlooked. It played in New York and Los Angeles for a week. It's very political. We're not a big studio. I don't know what happened. It's just one of those things. I think all three of them are amazing.

SM: At what point in your career did you decide that you wanted to direct?

FS: Well...I'd say once I did *Early Edition*, this TV show, that was when I realized I couldn't just be an actor anymore. I always loved independent films and thought I'd do some indie films. I was very inspired by Jim Jarmusch, John Sayles, and Spike Lee's first movie. When I saw their work, I wished that I could do that. When I hit 30, I was, like, *I think I can do that*. My wish had become a desire. That's when I started directing and fell in love with it. Then I did a tiny movie after that, *Just a Kiss*, for, like \$700,000. I wanted to direct after that, but it took something like 11 years. I'm not going to wait that long for the next one.

— Scott Marks

FOUR KINDS OF CRAZY: RANKING THE INSANITY OF JOHN GOODMAN'S CHARACTERS IN THE FILMS OF THE COEN BROTHERS

So, the trailer for the Coen bros.' latest, *Inside Llewyn Davis*, just came out, and it features a wonderful shot of John Goodman sporting a massive goatee and a neat-n-tidy Nutty Professor set of bangs. That magnificent haircut got me thinking fondly of the

astonishing and insane range of characters that Goodman has created for the Coens, and I thought it might be worth a look back.

Number 4: Gale Snoats, *Raising Arizona*

Insane behavior: babynapping, bank-robbing, jail-breaking, violently turning on a friend and associate when there's money to be made.

Killer bellowed catchphrase: "Never leave a man behind!"

Number 3: Walter Sobchak, *The Big Lebowski*

Insane behavior: threatening to shoot a man for mismarking a score during a league bowling game, assaulting a car with a crowbar, other examples too numerous to mention.

Killer bellowed catchphrase: "Who's the fucking nihilist here?" (I know that "Shut the fuck up, Donny" is the expected selection, but, hey, it's my list. Others have voted for, "This is what happens when you fuck a stranger in the ass!" but to me, it lacks a certain Sobchakian intellectual *je ne sais quoi*.)

Number 2: Big Dan Teague, *O Brother Where Art Thou?*

Insane behavior: assault and robbery upon kind souls who bought him lunch, selling Bibles without faith, leading a KKK rally, crushing your friend who's been loved up and turned into a horny toad by sirens.

Killer bellowed catchphrase: "It's all about the money, boys!"

Number 1: Charlie Meadows, *Barton Fink*

Insane behavior: killing folks, burning buildings, delivering boxes that may contain your mother's head.

Killer bellowed catchphrase: "Look upon me! I'll show you the life of the mind!"

— Matthew Lickona

HANSEL & GRETEL: WITCH HUNTERS MADE NEARLY \$20 MILLION THIS WEEKEND, BUT THAT'S NOT THE REAL HORROR

I mean, sure, it was awful. But Jeremy Renner is handsome and muscley, and there are steampunk crossbows, and everybody is tired of the *Twilight* trend of making monsters into loveable outcasts. Bring on the bad witches! Me, I'm looking forward to seeing what they do with *Rumpelstiltskin*.

No, the real nightmare is a little further down in this week's box-office standings. *Hansel & Gretel* cost \$50 million, after all, so it's still a long way from successful. Meanwhile, *A Haunted House* has pulled in \$35 million in three weeks on a \$2.5 million budget. I am mystified. We are witnessing the birth of a newer, crappier spoof franchise, and nobody is out in the streets, covered in sackcloth and

ashes, begging forgiveness from an obviously angry God.

— Matthew Lickona

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.

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 fourteen seven-year-old British schoolkids. The directorial reins were later handed to Michael Apted, who has since gone back at regular seven-year 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.

★★★★

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

The New York Times, Stephen Holden

"A BAD-BOY 'BUCKET LIST'."

"STAND UP'S GOT THE GOODS. CLEVER, ENTERTAINING AND FUN."

Los Angeles Times, Betsy Sharkey

"PACINO, WALKEN AND ARKIN ARE AT THE TOP OF THEIR GAME."

Hollywood Reporter, Duane Byrge

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of sleight of hand to sustain the suspense required to elevate the third act above a typical *Bourne* sequel. It also suffers a bit from the cutes, as evidenced by Alexandre Desplat’s syrupy score and one “Argo ‘f yourself” too many. The cast helps to keep things moving — particularly the hilarious interplay between Arkin and Goodman. And is it me, or should Bryan Cranston be in every film released? Worth seeing, but nowhere near the movie people are going to tell you it is. Make sure not to leave before the obligatory closing credit sequence where they show what the real victims looked like. They got the hair right! With Victor Garber, Clea DuVall, Rory Cochrane, and Zeljko Ivanek. 2012. — S.M. ★★

Broken City — 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. ★

Bullet to the Head — A bullet rips through the heart of two studio logos, announcing the return of Walter Hill to the genre that brought him fame, the action comedy. Sylvester Stallone and Sung Kang perform a nifty reversal on the characters Nick Nolte and Eddie Murphy played in Hill’s *48 Hrs.* With a Kevlar toupee and tanned bark that resembles wax burbling in a double-boiler, Sly hasn’t had a role this meaty in decades; his “dead inside” narration is one of the film’s highlights. Hill’s regular DP, Lloyd Ahern, is back onboard and Alessandro Camon’s screenplay reads like a greatest-hits compilation of the director’s preoccupations. It’s been a decade since Hill stepped behind a camera and his style — particularly the MTV flash frames — could have withstood some modification. As enjoyable as it is to watch Stallone kick the crap out of anything that gets in his way, the last half-hour drags on a bit, laying bare the script’s graphic -novel origins. Still, you’re not likely to find a more enjoyable action picture this year, and the presence of any Walter Hill film is just cause for a trip to the multiplex. With Sarah Shahi, Jason Momoa (this year’s Channing Tatum), and an abundance of comeuppance for Christian Slater haters. 2013. — S.M. ★★

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 location in KKK cowsls.) Once they reach Leo’s Candyland, however, the film becomes talky and set-bound, and the third act is little more than an excuse for bloodletting. Still, politically speaking, there’s more truth told here about money and its ability to buy 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, reheate, and serve. With Josh Brolin,

Nick Nolte, Robert Patrick. 2013. — M.L. ●

The Guilt Trip — Babs dearest. Barbra Streisand could write her own first-class ticket on any project in Tinseltown but instead chooses to ride shotgun for Seth Rogen in this terminally cute justification for matricide. Rogen — an uptight organic chemist shopping around a new environmentally safe cleaning product — decides to play Cupid by dragging Yentl the yente along on a cross-country business trip. (Mom’s lost love now resides in San Francisco.) Streisand and Rogen have what it takes to pull it off, but the material and execution quickly reduce what little potential this joyride had to a humiliation derby. Their car just happens to break down in front of a PG-13 gentlemen’s club where mommy is exposed to strippers who wear more clothes than their patrons. At least Jane Fonda knew that *Monster-In-Law* was crap; Streisand looks to be trying for another Oscar. The posters and print ads proudly boast, “From the director of *The Proposal*,” and if you check the fine print, you’ll find Lorne Michaels’s name attached as producer. Don’t say they didn’t give you advance warning. With Kathy Najimy, Miriam Margolyes, and 30 seconds of Ari Graynor as Streisand’s vindication. 2012. — S.M. ★

Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters — The only honest one in the cast of this fractured fairy tale is Famke Janssen. When asked why she took the role of the witch, the actress acknowledged that she had a mortgage to pay off. Director Tommy Wirkola, who knew full well how to wrangle Nazi-zombies in *Dead Snow*, can’t muster more than the background atmospherics and practical effects needed to give the stupidity a stage on which to play out. Jeremy Renner and Gemma Arterton star as the fabled Teutonic twins.

FILM FESTIVALS

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The Son of the Sheik Fox Theatre Film Series continues with organist Russ Peck playing for this 1926 film starring Rudolph Valentino and Vilma Banky. “Ahmed, son of Diana and Sheik Ahmed Ben Hassan, falls in love with Yasmin, a dancing girl who fronts her father’s gang of mountebanks. Yasmin and Ahmed begin to meet secretly until one night her father and the gang capture and torture Ahmed.” 619-235-0804. **Saturday, February 16, 8:00pm**

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Grace Quigley Kathryn Hepburn plays an older woman who finds a hit man, played by Nick Nolte. She convinces him to visit her elderly friends who welcome him as their savior because he can bring them a peaceful death. This classic film from 1994, raises real issues of old age rational suicide. Discussion to follow. **Sunday, February 3, 1:30pm**

THE LOFT
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The Animal Cracker Conspiracy San Diego artists Bridget Rountree and Iain Gunn are the Animal Cracker Conspiracy, a contemporary hybrid puppet company. Performed with toy theatre, tabletop puppets, and film, the story slowly unfolds and draws you into an Orwellian, neo-Victorian world. Accompanying is a live quadraphonic sound mix by composer Margaret Noble. ArtTalks! postscreening conversation with the artists. **Thursday, February 7, 8:00pm**

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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**

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Spike and Mike Festival of Animation The festival’s anniversary celebration features appearances by Disney Pixar and *Simpsons* celebrity guests as well as an abundance of short, award-winning, and award-nominated animations from its 30-year history. Animator David Silverman, of *Simpsons* fame, will be present for Q&A discussion on opening weekend. Runs through March 22. 858-459-8707. **Saturday, February 9, 7:00pm, Saturday, February 9, 9:15pm, Sunday, February 10, 5:00pm, Sunday, February 10, 7:00pm**

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48 Hour Film Project Meet and Greet Mix and mingle with local filmmakers and find out more about the international timed film-making competition that takes place in over 100 cities worldwide. This year’s San Diego competition will take place in July. **Thursday, January 31, 7:00pm**

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Jewish Film Festival The 11-day festival features 47 films, including comedy, drama, documentary, music, war and peace, full length and shorts, and more. Popular festival draws over 16,000 patrons. Opening night *Under African Skies* documents Paul Simon’s emotional return to South Africa. It reveals the back story of *Graceland* (the album), breaking the UN boycott of South Africa, political backlash, and more. Festival runs through February 17. 858-362-1348. **Thursday, February 7, 7:00pm** **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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(He’s 42, she’s 27.) Their impoverished upbringing at the hands of a witch finds them snacking on candy-coated walls, not lead paint chips. Instead of waging war against diabetes, the pair mature and confront anything that flies on a broomstick. It’s more grim than Grimm; the stench of Comic-Con filled the theater the moment the image hit the screen. D.W. Harper’s plotless script even comes equipped with its own built-in fanboy (Thomas Mann) who follows our heroes around with scrapbook in tow. Will Ferrell produced, which should account for the film’s adventitious comedic touches. (Pictures of missing children are slapped on milk bottles.) *H* sat on the shelf for a year while the studios waited for Renner’s star to rise. The best that can be said of mannequin Arterton’s performance is the costumes fit and she can take a good punch. 2013. — S.M. ●

A Haunted House — Upon moving into the title abode, Damon Wayans purchases a video camera and promises girlfriend Essence Atkins that he’s going to “film everything: Christmas, New Year’s, vagina.” One of the first images Wayans’s camcorder captures is the imprint of Atkins’s rear tire just moments after it ran over his pooch’s head. A most imaginative sight gag soon cleans the air. Wayans reimagines *Paranormal Activity* godhead Orin Peli’s shape-shifting, sheet-fluffing specter as his galpal’s blanket-ballooning nocturnal flutter-blasts. The cast of hedonistic house guests includes a gay psychic, a determined couple of swingers, a “Mandingo party” that puts Tarantino’s to shame, and a surprisingly flat Cedric the Entertainer in the role made famous by Max Von Sydow. Worth seeing for Essence Atkins, who alternates between comic underplaying and demonic flamboyance with the greatest of ease. The Wayans family withdrew from the *Scary Movie* franchise after the second installment. With *SM5* just around the corner, series co-creator Wayans decided to beat the Weinsteins to the draw with a *Paranormal* parody of his own. His scheme paid off. *SM5*, set to open last concurrently, pushed back its release date from January to April. Certainly not for everyone, but I must confess to chuckling at a few of the film’s buster moments. Michael Tidde directs. 2013. — S.M. ★

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey — More of the same from director Peter Jackson, here pulling a proper Lucas and giving us the first installment of a prequel trilogy to his earlier three-parter, *The Lord of the Rings*. (Then, he was adapting three books; now, he’s stretching just one, packing a straightforward quest with all manner of history and political intrigue.) And like Lucas, he has fallen in love with technology; in this case, High Frame Rate visuals that highlight every pore and strip-mine the magic from a movie that should be laden with it. (Do yourself a favor and stick to plain old 2D here.) The story involves 13 dwarfs (plus a helpful wizard) who hire a diminutive burglar to help them take back their mountain kingdom and its treasures from an invading dragon. Again, Jackson manages the creation of a believable fantasy world through well-pitched performances (Martin Freeman makes a fine homebody hobbit, and Andy Serkis’s Gollum gets to mix comedy with his menacing pathos), resonant themes (the dwarfs are seeking to regain their homeland after a diaspora), and really fine costumes. And again, he indulges his taste for overlong action set pieces, special effects that lean heavily on cartoon physics, and weepy-eyed alpha males. With Ian McKellan, Hugo Weaving. 2012. — M.L. ★

Hyde Park on Hudson — Bill Murray goes fishing for Oscar in shallow water. In the spring of 1939, Franklin D. Roosevelt (Murray) was the first-ever president to host 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 Ji-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.

★ **Lincoln** — Four score and 150 minutes ago, Steven Spielberg shifted into his John Ford mode with this giant, myth-bolstering Golden Book of a movie. As the Civil War rages on, we open with a moment lifted from *Saving Private Ryan*: a shorter, but equally anonymous massacre. Inasmuch as it fails to properly set the mood and tone of this other-wise setbound gabfest, the scene is as spectacularly executed as it is worthless. (As my friend Jim Hemphill said once the initial bloodbath was over, “The closest thing to an action sequence is Tommy Lee Jones taking off his hairpiece.”) Moving on, we find Lincoln’s ear being bent by a returning black soldier while The Great Emancipator is seated at a railway station. The soldier, after spelling out the future of African-American relations for both the audience and Honest Abe, is conveniently bounced from the proceedings. In his place, comic relief appears in the form of James Spader, Tim Blake Nelson, and John Hawkes. Their schtick feels like a reprise of Sneak, Snoop, and Snitch from Fleischer’s animated version of *Gulliver’s Travels*. And what of the rest of the cast, you ask? For the first time in his career, Daniel Day-Lewis lets the costume and the adenoidal voice do much of the acting for him; he needed a little more Bill the Butcher here, and a little less *Left Foot*. Sally Field performs as if she *really* wants the Academy to like her again. The good news is that scenarist Tony Kushner’s authentic-sounding period dialog flows in abundance, helping to make this the closest I’ve come to not wanting to walk out on an Amblin production since *Catch*

Me if You Can. You’ll want to cheer when, as Number 16 is getting set to spit out yet another platitude, Bruce McGill turns on him with, “No! Not another speech.” If the real Lincoln was this dull, can you really blame the South for seceding from the Union? Ultimately, it’s Spielberg, with his lumbering pace and “Hall of Presidents” anamorphic tableaux, who assassinates this *Lincoln*. 2012. — S.M.

★ **Love (Amour)** — So far, Michael Haneke has specialized in focusing his clinician’s eye on tests of morality that arise during life’s deeply unsettling transgressive moments. A film about losing one’s spouse to Alzheimer’s seemed to be a logical progression. Selecting French acting legends Jean-Louis Trintignant and Emmanuelle Riva to star as the 80-something couple makes it all the more bittersweet; Haneke also bids adieu to what Francois Truffaut once called, “A Certain Tendency of the French Cinema.” Don’t expect a sentimental send off: when it comes to caring for Riva, the ferociously cognizant Trintignant does it his way, and that includes keeping his wife’s pride intact by prohibiting their daughter (Isabelle Huppert) from seeing mom in a state of decay. The cast aren’t the only ones to add color to the proceedings. Kudos to the director and cinematographer Darius Khondji for not adhering to form by casting sorrowful shades of gray as far as the eye can see. Haneke is as cold and unsympathetic as they get, a personality trait that in this case helps to make the subject matter go down easier. It’s a tough film, but sometimes one has to work a little for their art. Rise to the occasion. 2012. — S.M.

★★★★ **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 Mama-induced 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.

● **Movie 43** — Hugh Jackman has testicles where his Adam’s apple should be. Richard Gere attempts to finger-bang a robot. Halle Berry dips a giant, unsheathed latex breast into a vat of guacamole. A cartoon kitty uses Elizabeth Banks’s face to mark its territory. *Movie 43* has gag potential, just not in the comedic sense. It’s being hyped as “a series of interconnected short films,” but given its open-ended, start-and-stop design — 15 one-joke scatological sex skits slapped together under the



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guise of a script pitch — only a few of the segments could stand on their own, and even then they’d need a truss. It heralds Peter Farrelly’s solo debut (brother Bobby must have read the script), and the only strand holding it all together is his ability to call in favors. Farrelly solicits the aid of 11 directorial cohorts, 9 screenwriters, and a number of big-name actors, all of whom seem to be willing contributors to the ghastliness. Farrelly made the film as a goof after overhearing his son and a friend sing the praises of a nonexistent but wild-sounding internet production called *Movie 43*. (Insanity doesn’t run in the Farrelly household, it hurtles.) The MPAA should have awarded this a G rating. After all, only a seven-year-old (and a pretty stupid one at that) would find this material even remotely amusing. 2013. — S.M.

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The Oscar Nominated Short Films 2013: Animation — Score one for mass culture: the animating forces behind *The Simpsons* aren’t about to teach you anything new about the possibilities inherent in illustrated storytelling, but “Maggie Simpson in “The Longest Daycare”” dominates this year’s field through old-school craft and wit and offers a politically topical Ayn Rand hook to boot. (You can’t debate laughter.) Of the remaining entries, only the stop-motion “Head Over Heels” feels like an exercise of imagination as well as technique as it tells the story of an old couple who have found opposite centers of gravity. “Adam and Dog” (yes, *that* Adam) is beautiful but aimless, while “Fresh Guacamole” and the Bill-Peetish “Paperman” play like warm-up exercises for larger projects. Program hosted by last year’s winners, William Joyce and Branden Oldenburg (“The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore”). 2013. — M.L.

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The Oscar Nominated Short Films 2013: Live Action — By turns exhilarating and devastating, the 2013 live-action short-film lineup serves as a reminder of why movies matter, what they can do, and why they needn’t be larded up into three-hour epics that hit all the expected beats. Every entry confronts the blunt fact of death; every entry provides a vital and honest response to that fact. The French-Canadian entry “Henry,” a smart, gorgeous account of love and loss, is perhaps the most accomplished and also the saddest. The entries from Somalia (“Asad”) and Afghanistan (“Buzkashi Boys”) give us boys for whom coming-of-age means coming-to-grips, while the U.S. (“Curfew”) and France/Belgium (“Death of a Shadow”) give us men for whom love is literally a matter of life and death. Program hosted by last year’s winner, Luke Matheny (“God of Love”). 2013. — M.L.

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Parental Guidance — A nonstop joke machine (Billy Crystal) and his equally overbearing wife (Bette Midler) are forced to spend time with their work-obsessed daughter (Marisa Tomei), son-in-law (Tom Everett Scott), and a trio of estranged grandchildren, all of whom have Dr. Kevorkian on speed-dial. The set-up seemed idiot-proof: stick a pair of technologically inept oldsters in a voice-controlled prototypical “Smart House” (it’s a Type-A A-frame) and watch the gags begin. But how far the mighty have fallen: Crystal, the self-appointed corporate spokesperson for American comedy, vomiting on a child for laughs. By the time it’s over, Billy and Bette have the kids buzzing

on sugar, watching *Saw* films, and playing with guns. The tykes would have stood a better shot at life had they been raised by wild dingos. Bonus: when was the last time you laughed at a score? It’s not fun, it’s not funny, and the fact that this thing is bankrolled by the family-friendly folks at Walden Media makes it even more so. A motherlode of awful, destined to delight even the most jaded bad-film connoisseurs among us. As for the four-star rating, it’s there to punish those who only look at the numbers without reading the review. 2012.

★★★★

Parker — Director Taylor Hackford gives author Donald Westlake’s famous thief another crack at the big screen. The effort probably won’t make anyone forget Lee Marvin in *Point Blank*, but it just might eclipse Mel Gibson’s *Payback*. Parker is a man of principle; if he weren’t played by Jason Statham in perpetual glower, he might come off as crazily prissy, nitpicking about the details of a caper, fussing over who’s allowed to pay him back after things go south, and talking about how civilized people should behave as he plans to commit both theft and murder. As it is, he seems more like a meticulous, fair-minded Man out for Revenge. The (perfectly serviceable) story takes him to the island kingdom of Palm Beach, a wealthy enclave that Hackford, to his credit, refuses to glamorize. The same goes for the action and the romance. Jennifer Lopez bravely parodies her Latina heritage as a middle-aged, divorced real estate agent who drinks too much Chardonnay and lives with her mom, while Nick Nolte continues his dominance of the grizzled-bear role. A modest film that doesn’t overreach. 2013. — M.L.

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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 10 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.

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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

Picture Show



Breaking! Johnny Depp signs on for *Pirates of the Caribbean X: The Rime of the Ancient Mariner!*

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.

★★

Silver Linings Playbook — David O. Russell needs to leave Philadelphia almost as much as John Woo needs to stay in Hong Kong. For his follow-up to *The Fighter*, Russell once again takes the low road in search of truth and beauty amidst a group of boorish louts with personalities akin to the cast of *Here Comes Honey Boo Boo*. A former schoolteacher (Bradley Cooper) — undiagnosed bipolar, borderline delusional, violent, and fresh out of the state mental institution — decides to move back home with his parents (Jacki Weaver and Robert DeNiro, both phoning it in). Not since *Do the Right Thing* have so many characters in one movie spoken with the same identical voice. Close your eyes during one of the film’s numerous screaming matches and you won’t be able to distinguish between Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence. To add injury to the insults, Russell’s camera covers the action either in constipated close-up, as a “walk and talk” (traveling shots of characters delivering dialog as they stroll), or both. Even a musical number is photographed from the waist up. The third-act combination of *Dancing with the Stars* and repugnant behavior on the part of violent football fans should make this a bit hit with Monday night TV viewers. Apart from Ms. Lawrence’s electrifying turn as the tough-talking dame who plans on mending Cooper’s heart by putting him

Stand Up Guys — Reviewed this issue.

★★★

This Is 40 — This is 134 minutes! Paul Rudd and Leslie Mann star as the now-married couple Judd Apatow first introduced us to in *Knocked Up*. (Katherine Heigl, who told *Vanity Fair* that the original “paints the women as shrews, as humorless and uptight, and it paints the men as lovable, goofy, fun-loving guys” was not invited back for the sequel.) Rudd has a dream of introducing a new generation to Graham Parker, while Mann is desperately clinging to 39. The largely improvised marital skit-com marks Apatow’s fourth jaunt in the director’s chair; at least this time, he has the good sense to feature Albert Brooks in a meaty supporting role as Rudd’s dependent father. There are the usual amount of gross-out jokes one associates with the Apatow factory, along with the usual featherweight observational material — he sneaks cupcakes, she hides cigarettes — sprinkled with topical references. And what would a Viagra opener be without a subsequent stream of penis jokes? As much as I enjoy watching Albert on screen, in this case, his comedic timing would have been put to better use if he’d been hired as an editorial consultant to whittle away a half-hour. With Jason Segal, Robert Smigel, and Megan Fox. 2012. — S.M.

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West of Memphis — The “West Memphis Three” — Jessie Misskelley, Damien Echols, and Jason Baldwin — were teenagers in 1993 when they were wrongfully convicted of the murders of three 8-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 leave 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 consider waiting for it to hit HBO. 2012. — S.M.

★★★

Zero Dark Thirty — Spoiler alert: it ends with the bad guy getting killed. More hurt from Kathryn Bigelow in this docudrama (read: hand-held) account of the hunt for Usama Bin Laden. From its conception to execution, the American government’s “Yippee ki yay!” murder of Bin Laden had Hollywood blockbuster written all over it. For its first 30 minutes, *Zero Dark Thirty* plays like torture porn; Jigsaw waterboards Jihadists in *Saw VIII*. Jessica Chastain stars as Maya, a prototypical Bigelow heroine, initially reserved but quick to grow an icy set of balls when needed to cut it in a man’s world. She is a “Hawksian” professional of the highest order: the real-life person upon whom the character is based spent 12 years — her entire career with the CIA — doggedly pursuing the mission at hand. The Agency accuses the film of taking “significant artistic license, while portraying itself as being historically accurate” in its depiction of the government-sanctioned waterboarding of a messenger as a means of obtaining the vital clue needed to pinpoint the exact location of Bin Laden. Is Bigelow juggling the facts or exposing truths many hold to be self-evident? When it comes to establishing and maintaining tension, there wasn’t a better American genre picture released this year. Refrain from viewing it as historical record and you won’t leave disappointed. 2012. — S.M.

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Museum of Photographic Arts

Combat Girls (Kriegerin) (Not Rated) Sat 6:30p.m.; **Cracks In The Shell (Die Unschtbare)** (Not Rated) Sun 7:00p.m.; **German Film Festival:** (Not Rated) Sun 1:30p.m.; **Home for the Weekend (Was bleibt)** (Not Rated) Sun 4:00p.m.

San Diego Natural History Museum Bugs! A Rain Forest Adventure in 3D (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 11:15, 1:45, 3:15; **Ocean Oasis** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 12:00p.m.; **The Last Reef 3D: Cities Beneath the Sea** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 2:30, 4:00

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Quartet (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (1:40), (4:15), 6:45, 9:15, Sat - Sun: (11:20), 1:40, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15; **The Impossible** (PG-13) Nominated For An Academy Award* For Best Actress (Naomi Watts), Fri, Mon - Thu: (1:50), (4:25), 7:00, 9:35, Sat - Sun: (11:10), 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; **Beasts Of The Southern Wild** (PG-13) Exclusive Engagement, Nominated For 4 Academy Awards*, Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:00), (4:45), 7:10, 9:25, Sat - Sun: (11:30), 2:00, 4:45, 7:10, 9:25; **56 Up** (NR) Exclusive Engagement, Nominated For 4 Academy Awards*, Fri, Mon - Thu: (4:00), 7:30, Sat - Sun: (11:40), 4:00, 7:30; **West Of Memphis** (R) Exclusive Engagement, Fri, Mon - Thu: (4:35), Sat - Sun: (11:00), 4:35; **Quartet** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: (2:10), 7:45, Discount Shows at Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “()”

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11:15 Sun. 11:10, 1:35, 4:00, 6:20, 8:40, 11:00; **Django Unchained** (R) Fri. 11:15, 2:50, 6:35, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 2:50, 6:35, 10:10; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri. 10:55, 4:40, 10:35 Sat. 10:55, 4:40, 10:30 Sun. 10:55, 4:40, 10:25; **Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:05; **Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D** (R) Fri.-Sun. 2:30p.m.; **Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters An IMAX 3D Experience** (R) Fri. 10:50, 1:15, 3:50, 6:15, 8:45, 11:20 Sat. 10:50, 1:15, 3:50, 6:15, 8:45, 11:10 Sun. 10:50, 1:15, 3:40, 6:00, 8:20, 10:50; **A Haunted House** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:35, 12:50, 3:20, 6:10, 8:25 Sun. 10:35, 12:50, 3:20, 6:15, 8:35; **Mama** (PG-13) Fri. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:35, 11:10 Sat. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:35, 11:05 Sun. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:25, 10:55; **Movie 43** (R) Fri. 10:40, 1:05, 3:40, 5:35, 8:15, 11:05 Sat. 10:40, 1:05, 3:40, 5:35, 8:15, 11:00 Sun. 10:40, 1:05, 3:50, 5:35, 8:10, 10:35; **Parker** (R) Fri. 10:45, 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10 Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:25 Sun. 10:45, 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri. 11:05, 1:55, 4:50, 7:50, 10:50 Sat. 11:05, 1:55, 4:50, 7:50, 10:45 Sun. 11:05, 1:55, 4:50, 7:50, 10:40; **Stand Up Guys** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:20, 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40; **The Impossible** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:35, 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; **Warm Bodies** (PG-13) Fri. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:55 Sat. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:50 Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:30; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri. 11:30, 3:00, 6:45, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 3:00, 6:45, 10:15

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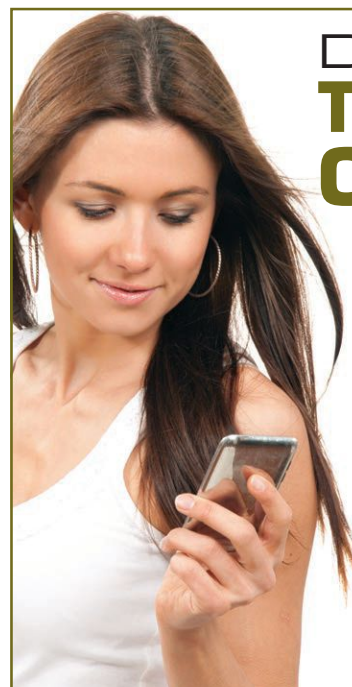


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acknowledged there is a “limited scope” to what the council and police department can do, comments that some residents applauded.

City manager Dave Witt addressed the suggestion to limit store hours. “We can’t decide one grocery store is open 24 hours and make one close at 1 [a.m.],” he said.

Police chief Ed Aceves said 7-Eleven stores were the locations of 5 of the 88 robberies committed during 2012.

LIZ SWAIN, JAN. 22

Comments

MNGCORNAGLIA JAN. 22@ 9:34 P.M.

Funny to remember when 7-11’s were only open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

LAKESIDE

Goodbye longhorns, hello pixels

Rodeo trades in '70s-era sign for big-screen marquee

In Lakeside on January 17, the finishing touches were put on the new Lakeside Rodeo marquee. The old sign was put up in the early '70s and was showing signs of wear.

The cost of the new sign was more than \$100,000, according to the El Capitan Stadium

Association, owners of the sign and property on the corner of Vine Street and Maplevue Avenue. The association is a nonprofit run by volunteers. They say their plan is to optimize every inch of its 12-foot-wide sign to help raise money for the youth of Lakeside.

Besides announcing events, the sign will be rented out for advertising. And because it is close to State Route 67, it is possible that it could be used for AMBER alerts, to notify the public of child abductions. The rodeo grounds are used for the Miss Rodeo Lakeside Pageant, Lakeside Chili Cook-Off, weddings, BMX races, team-penning and barrel-racing exhibitions, fairs, and other community events.

The Lakeside Rodeo has gained national exposure over the past 44 years, from a small, hometown event to being named the International Professional Rodeo Association’s Rodeo of the Year four times.

Some in Lakeside will miss the old sign with the boots, longhorns, and blue stars. For 35-plus years, folks from all over the country knew they were in Lakeside when they came into town and saw that old rodeo sign.

BILLY ORTIZ, JAN. 22

Comments

JAVAJOE25 JAN. 24@ 7:34 P.M.

Electric sign? What’s next — remote-control calf roping? Bucking robo-broncs? Virtual barrel races? Change may be inevitable, but it is not

always good. I’ll know it’s not my world anymore when all the cowboys are gone. Giddyap.

UCSD

Gamers, unite! “Fluff” crushes the competition at school’s Winter GameFest

Professional gamer Brian “Fluff” Lee led a team that crushed the enemy in

Defenders of the Ancients on Sunday, January 20, at UCSD’s Price Center. Gamers surrounded the tables and watched over the players’ screens while Fluff led the team through strategies and steps the spectators had never seen before.

“This game is the pioneer of its generation of multiplayer strategy games,” said Adrian Wong of Sixth College’s Technology Committee, a group of UCSD students that has been holding Winter GameFest since 2006.

This year, more than 2000 players signed up for the free three-day event. Players entered tournaments for *Defenders of the Ancients* (DoTA), *Call of Duty*, *Halo 4*, *Star Craft II*, *Super Street Fighter IV*, and other games.

Playing video games, according to a 2011 *Wall Street Journal* piece, is mostly good for



Brian “Fluff” Lee shows spectators and enemies strategies they’ve never seen before.

people. The “Be a Gamer, Save the World” article noted that gamers rate high in resilience and innovative thinking, and that gamers are good learners because failure is built into playing and accepted as the path to learning.

But for all the time they spend together in cyberspace, gamers don’t have a lot of opportunities to get together in the same physical space.

“We’re not given the opportunity to be social,” said Wong. “For sports, they have places to go to games — like stadiums and arenas — to meet other fans and be part of the event. We get an enthusiastic reaction to these events.”

Winter GameFest wrapped up its three-day run on January 20.

LUCY D. BARKER, JAN. 21

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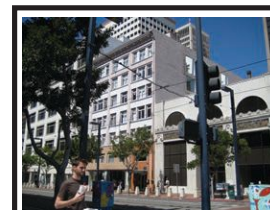
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- 1) Submit your completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results and ranking are posted online each week to SDReader.com/puzzle. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
- 2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name.
- 3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
- 4) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489**; or mailed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy; or scanned and e-mailed to puzzles@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

And now for the really small print:

- 1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 2) Late entries will not be considered.
- 3) We will draw 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.
- 4) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 5) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

1. X-rated stuff
5. Declare openly
9. Z-Series Blade maker
14. Yothers of "Family Ties"
15. Prefix with gram
16. Sticky
17. Jump shots have them
18. Talk like thish
19. Adams who photographed Yosemite
20. VP of the CIA?
23. Suffix with legal
24. Battleship letters
25. "Lost" actor Daniel ____ Kim
26. Denom. established in 1830
29. Like some modern pirates
31. Has title to
32. "My lips ____ sealed"
33. Work (up)
34. Country music's Paisley
35. "Garfield" dog
36. VP of the KGB?
39. New York's ____ Field
40. Final four?
41. Class that might have finger painting and naptime
42. Prefix with lateral
43. Mia of "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"
44. Just enough to whet one's appetite
46. Saldana of "Avatar"
47. Cy Young Award factor
48. Writer Umberto
49. One of a snorkeler's pair
50. VP of the Screen Actors Guild?

53. South American capital city whose name translates to "the peace"
56. Pop ____
57. Big boats
58. Sundance entry, usually
59. ____ contendere (court plea)
60. Fraction of a min.
61. Burn badly
62. Bite like a rat
63. "Sock ____ me!"
- Down**
1. Fights (off)
2. 1995 Best Supporting Actress winner
3. Affectionate nickname for the TV comedian called "the thief of bad gags"
4. "Don't ____ me, bro!"
5. Birthplace of St. Francis
6. Crop-damaging animals
7. "Movin' ____" ("The Jeffersons" theme)
8. 2013 Brad Pitt film
9. Skateboarders and snowboarders compete in them
10. Four-star
11. NYSE listings
12. Thing to drive off of
13. Olive ____
21. Announced a decision
22. Classic John Updike short story set in a grocery store
26. Tenet of chivalry
27. It may be requested when approaching the bar
28. "Get it?"
30. Jai ____
31. Language of eastern India

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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34. It became an Olympic sport at the 2008 Summer Games in Beijing
35. Neither esta nor esa
37. "Didn't ____ you?"
38. Slangy request for a high-five
39. Informal comeback to "How come?"
43. Took by force
44. "Don't delay!"
45. "Romanian Rhapsodies" composer
48. ____ Gay, historic plane displayed by the Smithsonian
50. Colorado ski resort
51. Nobel Prize subj.
52. Eastern royal
53. Fleur-de-____
54. Nelson Mandela's org.
55. iPhone, e.g., briefly

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- ✦ Jennifer Vuksinich, El Cajon, 11.
- ✦ Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 5.
- ✦ Ron Hootman, Santee, 4.
- ✦ Ramie Tateishi, University City, 2.
- ✦ John Gagliano, Poway, 1.

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- 2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name. Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are cut into pieces will be disqualified.
- 3) We will draw 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.

EASY:

	3	4	5	8	9			2
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1						5		9
9			3	6	1	7	2	

HARD:

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7		4				9		6
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	2		8				9	
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- 4) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
- 5) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489**; or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy; or scanned and e-mailed to Sudoku@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.
- 6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 7) Late entries will not be considered.
- 8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 9) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

MEDIUM:

		6			8		3	4
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EVIL:

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:

5	3	8	1	4	7	9	2	6
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4	1	9	3	8	6	5	7	2
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3	6	5	4	7	2	1	8	9
7	8	4	6	2	5	3	9	1
9	5	1	7	3	8	2	6	4
6	2	3	9	1	4	7	5	8

HARD:

3	2	7	9	1	5	8	4	6
1	9	4	2	6	8	3	7	5
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6	4	1	3	9	7	5	2	8
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MEDIUM:

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EVIL:

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3	5	7	9	2	6	1	4	8
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Prizes will be available for pickup at the Reader offices front desk from the Thursday your name appears in print to the following Thursday at 5 p.m.

- Wayne Mathieu, San Diego, 7.
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- Todd Kupras, San Diego, 1.
- Sara Williams, San Diego, 1.
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LEAD STORY

— The Wolong Panda Training Base in Sichuan, China, released a series of photos to *China Daily* in October to mark the graduation from captivity, and into the wild, of the two-year-old Tao Tao. Sure enough, Tao Tao and his mother, Cao Cao, were shown frolicking in the woods, accompanied by trainers each dressed in full-length panda suits, including panda heads, as they appeared to demonstrate climbing trees and searching for food.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

— At the recently opened Soineya “cuddle cafe” in Tokyo, men buy hugging privileges (but no “sex” allowed!) with young women for from 20 minutes to 10 hours at prices (gratuity optional) ranging from the equivalents of \$40 to \$645, with surcharges for special services (e.g., foot massages, resting heads in each other’s laps). — The Deluxe Comfort Girlfriend Body Pillow, which began as a boutique-only niche product, recently became available at Amazon.com and Sears.com for around \$25. The bolster-like, cuddling-enabled pillow is augmented with two strategically placed mounds and a snuggle-up arm hanging to the side. (There’s also an Original Soft and Comfy Boyfriend Pillow,

without the mounds.) — “You have wrinkles,” the inquiring customer was told, “and your left cheek is larger than your right,” explained “Tata,” the Bangkok-born woman who recently opened a salon in San Francisco to employ the supposedly traditional Thai art of face-slapping. Frown lines and droopy skin are curable with a ten-minute regimen of well-placed whacks across the cheek (and payment of the \$350 fee), Tata told the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* in October. Masochists are warned that Tata deals in therapy, not punishment. “If you want someone to hit you, go on Craigslist.”

Ironies

— A 21-year-old man was killed crossing a highway at 5 a.m. in Athens, Ga., in September. Police said he had just dined-and-dashed out of a Waffle House restaurant and into the path of a pickup truck. — Devoted Catholic David Jimenez, 45, had been praying regularly to a large crucifix outside the Church of St. Patrick in Newburgh, N.Y., having become convinced that it was responsible for eradicating his wife’s ovarian cancer. He even got permission from the church to spruce up the structure, as befit its power. Then, during a cleaning in May 2010, the 600-pound crucifix

came loose and fell on Jimenez’s leg, which had to be amputated. Jimenez’s \$3 million litigation against the archdiocese goes to trial in January.

Compelling Explanations

— James White, 30, was arrested in Grove City, Fla., after being stopped by police patrolling a high-burglary neighborhood, and in a consensual search of his pants, officers found a packet of Oxycodone pills for which White did not have a prescription. However, according to the police report, White suddenly exclaimed, “Oh, wait! These aren’t my pants!” — Ms. Vida Golac, 18, was arrested in Naples, Fla., in October, and charged with possessing marijuana, which police discovered in her genitals as she was being strip-searched. According to the police report, Golac denied that the pot was hers and explained that she was hiding it for friends.

Perspective

— As a service to taxpayers, the IRS’s longtime policy is to pay tax-refund claims promptly and only later to refer the refund files for possible audits and collection, in the event of overpayments or fraud. This policy, though, means that ordinary taxpayers are treated better than the

nation’s wounded warriors who file disability claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs. The VA’s assumption seems to be that wounded veterans are cheating — and thus most veterans receive at least five evaluations, and each one reviewed over a period of several years, before full benefits can be awarded.

People Different From Us

— An articulate, functional “cave man” of El Paso, Texas, continues to roam his neighborhood, often naked, and to resist efforts to bring him back onto the grid, according to October coverage by El Paso’s KVIA-TV. His mountainside subterranean structure, described as “intricate,” might be on land owned by the local water utility, which, pending an investigation, could evict him. Some neighbors say they fear the man, who has allegedly swam in their pools and swiped items from their laundry rooms, but nonetheless, he swears that he is harmless. “I’m a plasma donor...drug-free” and “sin-free...baptized and saved.” Other neighbors have supported him, he said, and the complainers need to “help the community more.”

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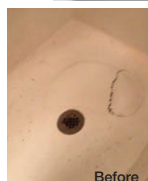
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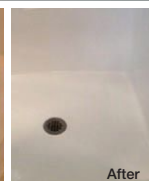
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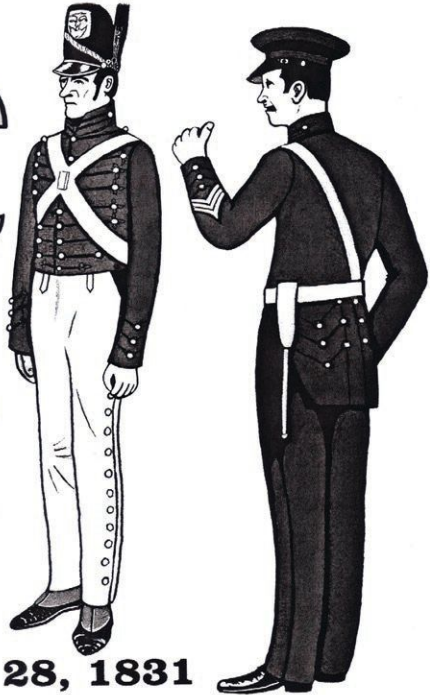
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WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SHORTCUT IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY? Freeways. Honestly, it's faster to take the freeways than city streets, even though I'll travel more miles on I-5 to get to downtown Carlsbad than taking El Camino Real. El Camino is the devil's road.

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Interstate 5 "Up through Camp Pendleton is kind of fun. It's scenic."

HOW DO YOU LIKE DRIVING IN SAN DIEGO? Well, SD is better than Tacoma and Seattle, but it has less freeways than the [San Francisco] Bay Area and more traffic than the Bay Area. There are really just two main freeways going north and south, and the county is pretty big, so if you're trying to travel north or south, it's harder to get where you're going using mostly freeways. I just find it frustrating that many city centers in the county are not accessible by freeway. Take La Jolla: you pretty much have to take city streets to get anywhere near downtown.

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