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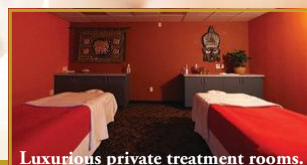
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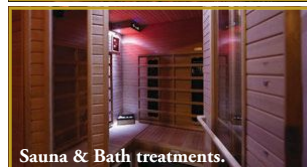
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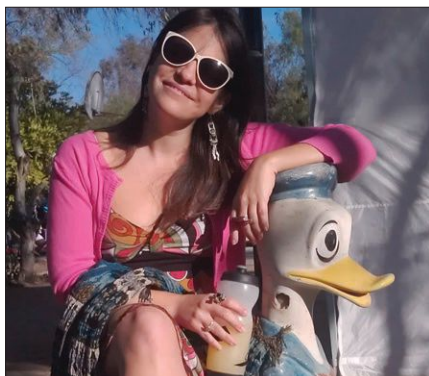
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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

City's red-light cameras nixed

August Reader story on Sanders's secretive bid solicitation preceded dumping of cameras
San Diego — Back on August 22, 2012, we reported here on a plan by Republican then-mayor Jerry Sanders to extend the city's controversial red-light camera program.



Red-light cameras "photograph over 4000 potential violation events each month."

There was no notice to the public, other than a request for proposal quietly posted by the Sanders crew on the city's procurement website.

"Currently there are fifteen intersections equipped with an automated red light photo system and photograph over 4,000 potential violation events each month," according to the document. "Based upon the analyzed benefits of the current [red light camera] program, the City has determined that the program be continued, [and the] City desires to operate [the red light cameras] at a minimum of 15 sites."

Then in September, the Sanders administration quietly amended the plan to include the possibility of more cameras.

The items here triggered an outpouring of comments, most of them opposing the automated traffic ticketing.

After *U-T San Diego* picked up on the story on September 7, Sanders backed away from the plan and mayoral campaign rivals Bob Filner and Carl DeMaio both expressed opposition to it.

Today, Democratic mayor Bob Filner finally made it official: he is turning off the cameras for good: "These cameras are history on San Diego streets."

Matt Potter, February 1

Still peddling Plaza de Panama

Irwin Jacobs-backed committee continues to send lobbyists to city hall

Balboa Park — The Plaza de Panama committee, the group heading up the controversial project to remove traffic from Balboa Park's hub, hasn't halted their efforts to gain approval for their project even as the project is hung up in court.

Instead, the committee has done its

best to chip away at the city during the past several months, lobbying mayoral aides and staff members from the City Attorney's Office, Development Services, and the Park and Recreation Department.

From July to December 31 of last year, the committee paid lobbying firm Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek \$7000 to meet with former Sanders aide Gerry Braun, deputy city attorneys Brant Will and Andrea Contreras, debt management employee Lakshmi Kommi, and members from the Development Services and Park and Recreation to gain "approval of the Plaza de Panama restoration project; authorization to issue bonds," reads the past two lobbying disclosures.

It appeared as if their work paid off. On October 2, city councilmembers approved issuing bonds through the Public Financing Authority, an arm of the former, and now defunct, redevelopment agency.

But now, just days after a superior-court judge indicated that he may rule against the city in a lawsuit filed by preservationist group Save Our Heritage Organization, one would think that would be the end of the lobbying efforts.

That doesn't appear to be the case.

Just after the new year, the Plaza de Panama Committee once again hired the lobbying outfit to win support at city hall. According to the January 14 disclosure, Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek was hired by the "non-profit charitable corporation to restore the Plaza de Panama in Balboa Park."

Dorian Hargrove, January 31

Filner ok'd on lobbyist firing

City attorney opines that mayor did not need approval from council before firing state and federal lobbyists
San Diego — Mayor Bob Filner was fully in line with the law when he fired the city's longtime state and federal lobbying firms, writes the City Attorney's Office.

In a January 29 memo, deputy city attorney Carrie Gleeson determined that Filner didn't have to gain council approval before firing state lobbyist Sloat Higgins Jensen & Associates and federal firm Patton Boggs on January 2.

The issue caused quite the stir, mainly from the *U-T San Diego's* editorial board, which accused Filner in a January 5 editorial of "threatening to further strain an already tense relationship between his office and the City Council."

What the *U-T's* editorial board failed to mention, though, was Patton Boggs

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San Diego, haven for pyramids

By Don Bauder

Former San Diegan Herb Greenberg, a senior stocks correspondent for the busi-

ness news channel CNBC, last year spent ten months investigating multilevel marketing, the controversial strategy by which salespeople are not only paid for the products they peddle but also for goods sold by other people that they recruited into the web.

Multilevel marketing is often called "pyramid marketing" because if the salespeople make more money recruiting other salespeople than they do selling products, then the government may consider the enterprise a pyramid.

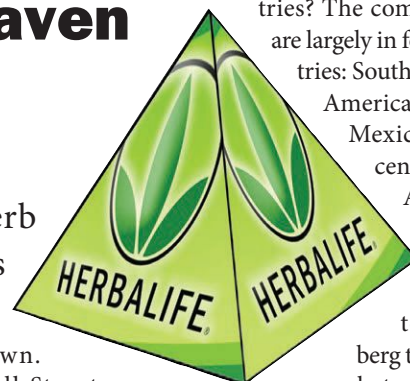
Greenberg did several TV reports on the topic, and that proved timely. In December, Bill Ackman, who runs a big hedge fund, bet \$1 billion that the stock of Herbalife, a multilevel marketer selling mainly weight-loss products, would

go down.

In Wall Street parlance, that's going short. In a highly detailed study, Ackman said Herbalife is a pyramid scheme. But then another hedge fund speculator, Dan Loeb (joined by corporate raider Carl Icahn), tried to thwart Ackman by buying Herbalife stock. That's going long. On January 25, Icahn and Ackman had a profanity-laced

TV shouting match that riveted traders' attention.

Now, the Herbalife story is essentially a poker game among Wall Street longs (Loeb, Icahn, et al.) and shorts (Ackman). But more is at stake: the *Wall Street Journal* says that the Securities and Exchange Commission is



lion salespeople in 87 countries? The company's sales are largely in foreign countries: South and Central America, 16 percent; Mexico, 12.7 percent; and North America, only 20.2 percent. Herbalife told Greenberg that the Latin market accounts for 63.7 percent of business.

In several CNBC shows, Greenberg interviewed economically pinched people who had listened to the Herbalife get-rich-quick pitch, plunked down money, then lost a bundle. Greenberg interviewed an expert in multilevel marketing who says that most participants lose money and the annual turnover rate exceeds 90 percent. Greenberg summed up, "Multi-level marketing, which has been dogged by the same legal questions and controversies for 65 years, needs to be cleaned up."

Indeed, Greenberg believes that congressional staffers, looking for the next financial scandal, "are likely to see multi-level marketing as red meat in predatory business practices."

If there is such a probe, San Diego should be a target. That's because San Diego isn't just a haven for telemarketing, hard money lending, penny stock, and Ponzi schemes. It's also a multilevel marketing trap: through the years, San Diegans by the thousands have plunged into multilevel marketing scams — many homegrown — and been wiped out.

The most infamous local one was Metabolife, which peddled an ephedra-based diet supplement. Metabolife was *not*, however, a pyra-

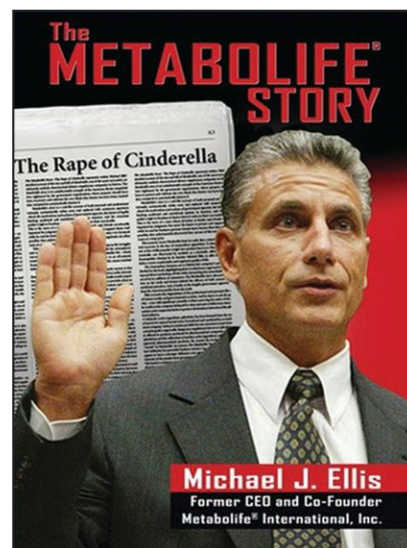
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Herb Greenberg spent 10 months investigating multi-level marketing.



Barry Minkow criticized, then took hush money from, multi-level marketers.



Founder Michael Ellis went to prison following the Metabolife debacle.

Parking police privatized

By Dorian Hargrove

Duy Nguyen stared at the parking ticket that had been placed under his windshield wiper. Something didn't seem right about it. The \$37.50 ticket

(for parking at an expired meter) listed a post office box number in Inglewood, California. The officer's identification number was 12345. The citation was from "Ace Parking - Chula Vista Parking Enforcement Center."

"I thought it was a scam at first," says Nguyen in a Jan-

uary 11 email. "I called the Chula Vista Police Department, and the officer that I talked to said that the ticket was legitimate, and that the registration could be withheld by the DMV if I didn't pay. I asked about the legality of the ticket and got an annoyed response from the officer."



This car parked in downtown Chula Vista was ticketed by an Ace employee.

Nguyen now wonders if he should even pay the ticket. "A lawyer friend of mine said that there probably wouldn't be any repercussions if I don't pay it, since the payment would go to Ace Parking, not the city."

But the ticket wasn't a scam, at least not within Chula Vista city limits. Since 2009, the city has contracted with Ace Parking "to provide enforcement and maintenance in the City of Chula Vista Downtown Parking District," says a city spokesperson.

According to their agreement, Ace employees are responsible for enforcing the

following violations: "non-payment of parking meters, parking at an expired meter, improper parking in a parking stall, backing into a stall, and parking over the time limit (for signed parking)."

To do so, the company employs one full-time enforcement officer, one part-time collections and maintenance person, and a supervisor. All are based in a storefront on Third Avenue, where appeals and payments can be made.

Ace Parking is no stranger to government contracts. The San Diego-based parking outfit manages 450 public and private parking applications in nine states and employs more than 4500 people.

The company's owner is Scott Jones, who took over the business from his father, Evan Jones. Scott's son, Keith Burnham Jones, is the company's top executive. During their 70 years in business, the Jones family has been awarded multimillion-dollar contracts from public agencies throughout San Diego County.

A few of the current contracts include: five contracts with the County of San Diego for \$1,613,580, four contracts with the City of San Diego worth \$7.6 million, and the mother of all public parking-lot agreements; Ace's \$58.5 million contract to manage parking and shuttle services at Lind-

UNDER THE RADAR

Airport lobbying: not priceless

Some longtime San Diego lobbyists and Republican political players are picking up major change from the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority in the form of a lucrative "public outreach" contract — which during a 24-month period ending this coming June will net the group a cool \$1.55 million. The information is revealed in a document obtained following a request to the authority under the California Public Records Act. The pact, between the airport author-

and communications tools for the Authority's communications and interaction with elected officials and local, state and federal agencies on the Authority planning and initiative process."

Porter Novelli, which is not registered as a city lobbyist, isn't handling that aspect of the work. Instead, it is subcontracting with California Strategies, the Sacramento-based public policy and lobbying shop founded by **Bob White**, onetime top aide to ex-San Diego mayor and GOP governor **Pete Wilson**. The contract calls for White's firm to be paid \$12,000 a

PORTER NOVELLI



Porter Novelli's Linda Martin (left) and lobbyist Bob White (right) stand to benefit from lucrative PR deals made by the airport authority's Thella Bowens (center).

ity and the downtown public relations and lobbying operation of Porter Novelli, was initiated July 1, 2011; it paid \$775,000 the first year, and has been extended through 2013 at the same rate, according to a May 15, 2012, letter to Porter Novelli executive vice president **Linda Martin** from airport authority president and CEO **Thella Bowens**. According to the contract, its "scope of work" is broad, ranging from "public opinion research," including "research, surveys, focus groups or other means," to "expanding the Authority's Speakers Bureau Program," to "identifying media opportunities," and "pitching story ideas to the media."

But the most intriguing aspect of the deal involves not the news media, but the airport authority's lobbying of politicians in other government agencies, including San Diego's mayor and city council: "Contractor shall provide strategic guidance, messages

month for the life of the contract. Though the airport's document doesn't go into details about the specific role of White's firm in advancing the authority's agenda, California Strategies' lobbyist disclosure filing this month with the City of San Diego says its job is to "Inform and update city council and mayor on long-term and short-term improvements to Lindbergh Field." The document lists "outcomes sought" as "Consensus on Green Build Plan; support for airport improvements and operations as appropriate."

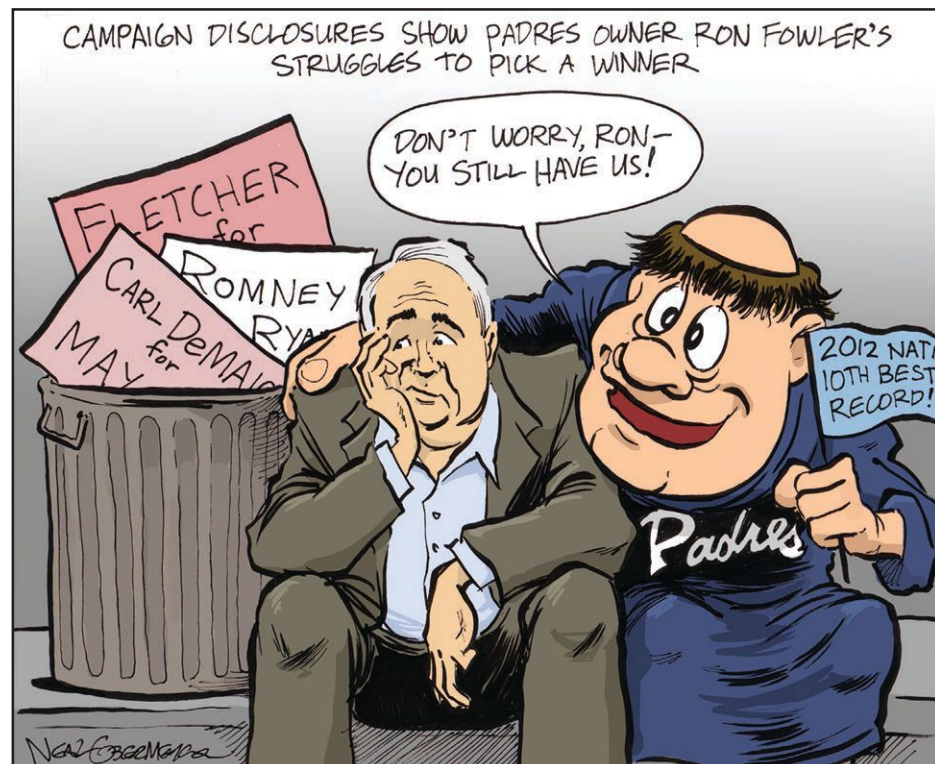
Ben Haddad, who was onetime head of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce and former top aide to Republican mayor **Susan Golding**, among other gigs, is one of the firm's lobbyists on the job, along with **Craig Benedetto** and **James Lawson**. California Strategies employees have given money and held fundraising parties

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"Parking enforcement," reads the window at Ace Parking's downtown Chula Vista storefront. But can a private company enforce laws?

Neal Obermeyer



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In Honor of Glen

I found the Desert View Trail Roam-O-Rama hike description by the Canyoneers (January 31) to be somewhat bittersweet. Although the description of the hike to Glen's View is accurate in all aspects, and the article even includes a photograph of Glen's Memorial, I was saddened that there was no mention at all of Glen.

Glen was a park ranger at William Heise Park when he cut the Desert View Trail to the viewpoint. He did this so others could also enjoy the view of both the Salton Sea and Pacific Ocean from that one special place, which is why his memorial is located there.

Glen was a Sierra Club member, an accomplished climber, Eagle Scout, and much more. The memorial was placed there as an Eagle Scout project. Glen is survived by his mother, Edith, who at 98 years of age is still active with the Boy Scouts, his widow Darlene, and brother David.

Steven Tatreaux
via voicemail

Wasabi Memories

I'm reading your January 24 issue of the Reader. I was reading about all these restaurants and my mouth was watering — some of them sound so terrific! There's an article on page 60 by Ian Pike ("Fresh Wasabi at Ikuru") that brought back a bittersweet memory.

Many years ago, my now-deceased, much-adored husband of 40 years and I were on our way home. I hadn't thought of anything for dinner and we didn't feel like eating out. So we stopped by

the supermarket in Hillcrest. I ran in to pick up some steaks so we could grill them really quickly when we got home.

While at the meat counter, I was perusing all the adorable-looking sushi rolls. They were so cute — they make them look like animals and things. My husband would try anything once. And there was one that looked like a centipede or something. So, I bought that, along with the steaks.

We were driving home and my husband was so hungry, I started feeding him the pieces of sushi as he drove. I'd put a bite in his mouth, and he'd chew it up. He thought it was really good. After he'd eaten all the pieces, there was a blob of dark green left on the plate. Being a California girl, I thought it was guacamole. So, I picked up the plastic spoon and scooped up the entire amount and put it in his mouth. Well, we nearly ran off the road. It was wasabi! I had never heard of such a thing before!

My husband was a Cajun, so he really liked spicy food, but I don't know that he'd ever had wasabi before either.

Ian Pike said he had fresh wasabi. Whether this was fresh or not, I have no idea! But this article really brought me back to that day, and how much I miss that terrific guy. Thank you so much.

Veronica
via voicemail

In Quotes

I enjoyed Richard V. Lawhead's letter to the Reader (January 24) along with others you publish weekly.

Here is how I took his letter, and I quote, "Your policies concerning the voices you print in the letters section are very...right and your right to print them.... That includes e-mail, as well.... You're allowing some real...responsible journalism."

Thanks, Rich! I couldn't have said it better.

Jason Robinson
via email

Don't Go into Engineering

Concerning Don Bauder's article in the January 10 Reader, "Engineers Dislike

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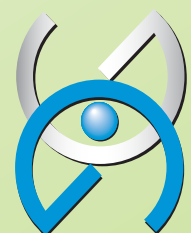
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MIDWAY DISTRICT

Pot-lab explosion: "It felt like an earthquake"

Burn victims processing marijuana, not meth, in room at Heritage Inn

What was first thought to be a meth-lab explosion at the Heritage Inn in the Midway District on the morning of January 30 is now being reported as a different sort of drug-related disaster that left three people badly burned.

NBC News San Diego reported that the



Several Heritage Inn tenants suspected illegal activity in room 227.

Heritage Inn rents out certain hotel rooms on a weekly basis and that room 227 was one of those. Several tenants told NBC News that they suspected illegal activity in room 227, as people were continually visiting the room at all hours of the day and night.

"The explosion was caused by ignited butane gas to make a certain type of marijuana oil," SDPD Cpt. Brian Goldberg told NBC News on January 31. "The man inside

the hotel room lit a cigarette while he was dealing with a flammable substance."

The explosion was so powerful that several walls were blown out. Haz-mat crews and the DEA were at the Heritage Inn all afternoon conducting investigations, while Channel Way was blocked off in both directions by police officers.

A neighbor said, "It felt like an earthquake." Another neighbor, walking by with her dog, heard screams and noticed white smoke pouring out of the motel.

The three victims had burns "all over their bodies," said San Diego Fire Department spokesperson Maurice Luque. "The male victim has life-threatening injuries, while the woman has severe burns."

GAIL POWELL, JAN. 31

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Hot prowls

Neighborhood burglaries all happened while victims were home asleep

Police are warning Normal Heights residents about a series of middle-of-the-night burglaries that occurred with the victims at home asleep. The "hot prowls" all occurred in a small area of the neighborhood.

"Hot-prowl burglaries are bold and dangerous, but pretty rare," said Lt. Mark Bennett of the Mid City Division. "The three cases on 'beat 811' are certainly cause for concern."

The burglaries happened on January 21 and 22 during nighttime hours. In one case, someone entered an apartment in the 4500 block of 34th Street by removing the victim's living-room window screen while she was asleep. The suspect (or suspects) took her 42" Sony flat-screen TV, police said.

Another hot prowler, at an apartment in the 4400 block of Cherokee Avenue, was interrupted when the male resident woke up and found two suspects in his home, trying to carry off his TV.

"The suspect threw the TV at the victim, striking him in the face," Bennett said. Both suspects fled out the door; the victim described one as a heavy-set Hispanic adult male

Police are warning residents to secure their doors and windows and keep an eye out in the neighborhood. Suspects are usually caught when an alert resident reports window tampering or other suspicious behavior.

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Former Coors/Cricket Wireless amphitheatre gets another corporate sponsor — and name change

Coors Amphitheatre became San Diego County's largest concert locale when it opened in July of 1998 (the Spice Girls put on the first sold-out concert a month later). In April of 2008, the Chula Vista venue became the Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre — a provincially celebrated sponsor shift from gas-station brewskis to contract-free cell phones.

In mid-January, Sleep Train, the mattress retailer, purchased naming rights in a five-year deal. (The corporation also recently put its name on an amphitheater near Sacramento.)

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Which cop won't take your pot?

Border Patrol confiscates medical marijuana, others don't

What's a medical cannabis patient to do in a

routine encounter with the police? Depends on the police, it seems.

Judging from a bust at an I-8/East County Border Patrol checkpoint on January 7, it might be legal to carry cannabis and paraphernalia for a card-carrying patient — but good luck getting it back. (It didn't help that the Border Patrol agents found a 12-gauge



Confiscated January 7 at a Border Patrol checkpoint

shotgun in the driver's car.)

While state law allows qualified patients to possess up to eight ounces (a half pound) of medical marijuana, enforcement can be unpredictable. The largest law-enforcement agency in San Diego County, the U.S. Border Patrol, with 2600 agents, will seize the cannabis, according to agent Jerry Conlin.

"We're federal, and under federal law, marijuana is a narcotic," Conlin says. "In the least, our agents will seize it and it will be destroyed."

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department, with 2328 badge-wearing deputies, will let you keep your medicine, according to department spokeswoman Susan Jankola, as long as you're not driving while medicated and can prove you're allowed to have it. They provide police services in Imperial Beach, Del Mar, San Marcos, and other cities.

Likewise, the San Diego Police Department will let you keep your cannabis as long as you have a legal amount and can prove you've gotten the necessary prescription, according to Lt. Andra Brown.

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Bedtime Proposals

Whoa, what is that on your finger?" Shawn reached out to grab Jordan's hand. "Did you guys get married? What is that, titanium?"

Jordan smiled sheepishly and then removed his ring and handed it over so his friend could inspect it. "It's actually tungsten carbide," he said. "And we're not actually married, we're just fake-married."

"I wasn't going to say anything, but I noticed Katie's ring earlier," Kimberly said. "Girl, that is some ring," she added as Katie held it up for inspection.

"It was Jordan's grandmother's," Katie said. "It's not an engagement ring; an engagement ring implies that a wedding is going to happen, and I don't want to have a wedding. So, instead of being engaged, we're fake-married — that's why I wanted him to wear a ring now, too. And when he's out of school, we'll be real-married."

"So, you proposed?" I asked Jordan. "You can't just leave us hanging. We need details." Katie and Jordan both resisted, insisting that it was not a great proposal story.

"Come on. It can't be any less romantic than mine," I said.

"Or ours," Shawn offered. "I didn't even have a real ring."

"We still don't have a ring," I countered. "Let's hear the fake newlyweds' story, then yours, and then mine, and we can decide whose proposal is the most pathetic." Kimberly, the most enthusiastic among us, couldn't lean in farther without climbing onto the dining table.

David made the rounds, refilling everyone's glass with their preferred beverage

(white wine for Kimberly, rosé champagne for me, scotch for Jordan, bourbon for Katie, beer for Shawn) as Jordan began. The couple, both in their mid-20s, had developed a routine in their eight and a half years together. Jordan always wakes up first and then returns to make sure Katie gets up.

"I got up and did my morning stuff and, 40 minutes later, Katie was still groggy and trying to wake up. I went back in the room and, while she was still lying there, I tried to ask her to marry me. But when I get nervous I get giggly and I stop breathing. I couldn't say anything without stammering. So, it took a good couple of minutes to come out with it, and Katie had to translate what I was saying." Finally, Jordan explained that even when he got the "Will you marry me" part out, Katie said, "I thought we were waiting till you got out of school." They'd discussed marriage before and had agreed to wait because Jordan's financial aid relied on his status as a bachelor. After more stammering, he finally got it across that he wanted her to start wearing

his grandmother's ring.

"And she said, 'If this is important to you, then of course I will,'" Jordan finished.

"Aw, come on, that's sweet," I said. "Not terrible at all."

"Kimberly was half asleep when I asked her to marry me, too," Shawn said. Now it was the rest of us who leaned in. "Her absolute favorite holiday is Valentine's Day, and I wanted my proposal to be the very last thing she heard on her favorite day." Shawn went on to explain that after a nice dinner and a few drinks, both he and his lady love began to fall asleep earlier than expected. "I set my alarm for just before midnight. I knew she'd want to have a say in picking out her own ring, so I got this plastic duck ring from a gumball machine."

"We friggin' love gumball machines, those things are so much fun," Kimberly interjected. "I love that duck," she added under her breath.

Shawn smiled at her and continued. "I set the alarm so that I would wake up just before midnight, because I knew I was going to fall asleep. When the alarm went off, I got up and got the duck ring and then woke Kimberly up and said, 'I love you deeply and want to share the rest of my life with you. Will you marry me?'"

Kimberly cut in: "I had been totally out of it, so it took me about 15 seconds to respond, but when I realized what he was saying, I woke up, looked at him, and said, 'Of course I will.' And then I fell back to sleep."

"You know what's weird? We were all in bed when we got engaged," I said.

Jordan smiled at this. "I felt like I did such a terrible job, by proposing while Katie was all groggy and in bed, but knowing that you guys all did it that way makes me feel like, *Okay, it wasn't so bad.*"

"You want to feel a lot better?" I asked. David gave me an encouraging smile. "Well, we had just gotten into bed one night after a month of meeting with lawyers to find out how much it would cost to draw up legal documents that would give us 'pull the plug' rights. We discovered it would take months and cost thousands of dollars." I sipped from the cocktail David had supplied me with after I'd finished my glass of champagne. "So, we're laying there, adjusting our pillows in the sleep position, and David asks, 'How much does it cost to get married?' And I was, like, 'I think it's 100 bucks; 50 for the certificate, 50 for the license.'"

"So, I said, 'Why cut off our nose to spite our face?'" David explained. "Maybe we should just get married."

"Oh, and in terms of not having a wedding," I said to Katie, "We went to the county offices on Wednesday, between errands. In jeans. We didn't tell anyone. They had to pull a file clerk from the office to be our witness."

Kimberly held up her glass. "Here's to you guys getting fake-married," she said.

"And here's to all of us getting engaged while in bed," I added, raising mine. "Also, David, we seriously need to look into getting rings." David smiled his *Sure, but probably not* look and raised his glass to clink with all of the others. ■

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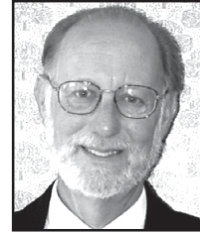
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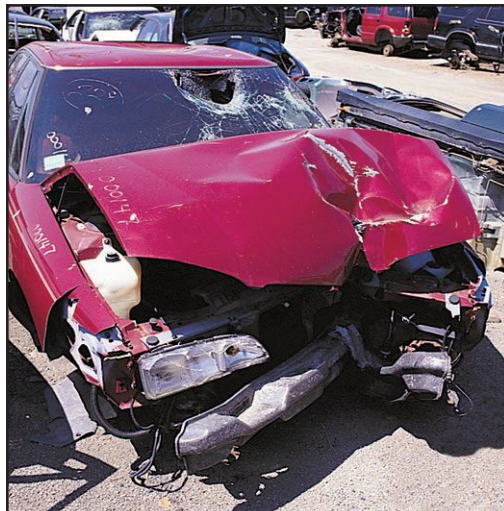
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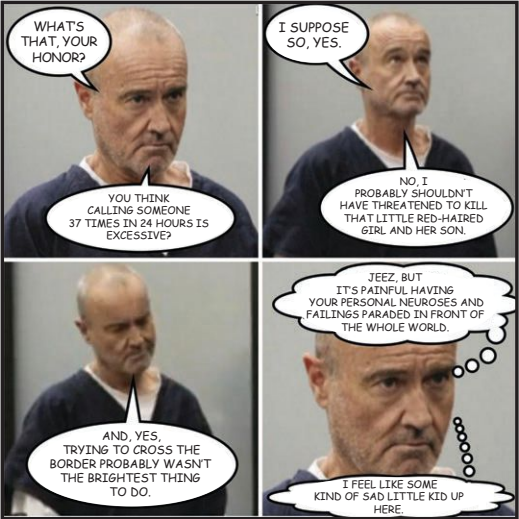
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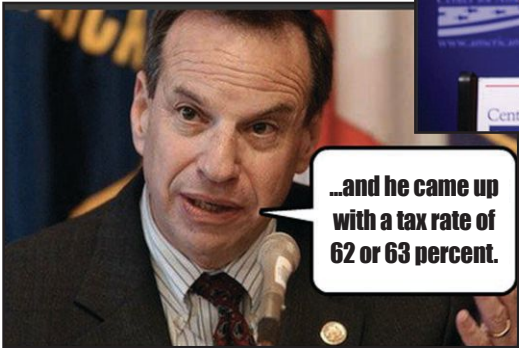
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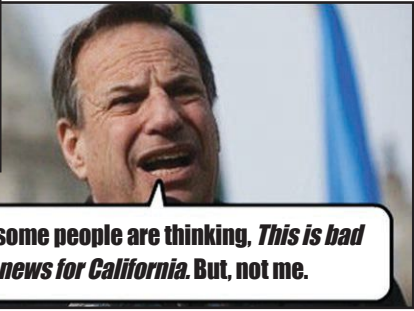
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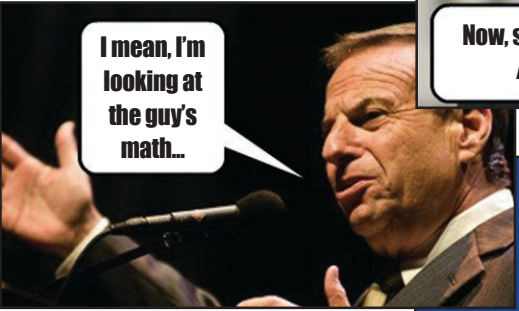
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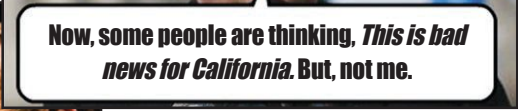
So, Phil Mickelson added up his federal taxes, state taxes, unemployment, Social Security, and disability...



...and he came up with a tax rate of 62 or 63 percent.



I mean, I'm looking at the guy's math...



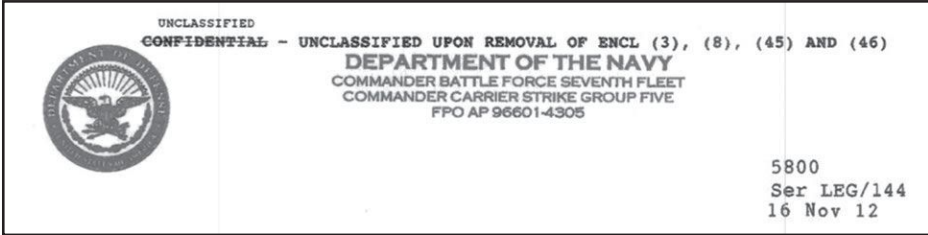
Now, some people are thinking, *This is bad news for California.* But, not me.



...and the people I'm worried about are the guys who let him handle the scorecard on the back nine!

Naval Ninnies: Vandegrift Scandal Reveals So-Called “P***y Protocol”

Apparently, Our Boys Just Don't Have What It Takes to Go Toe-to-Toe with the Russians



HANGING OUR HEADS IN SHAME DOWN AT THE VFW HALL — Fallout continues following the Navy's astonishing decision to not only relieve commander Joseph Darlak of his post following his frigate's rather liquid stopover in the Russian port city of Vladivostok last September, but also to release a report detailing their investigation into the matter.

Whiny people are bemoaning the report's accounts of excessive drinking, strip-clubbing in dress blues, and loud music onboard ship. But the real horror, according to the grizzled veterans who spend their days within the dim confines of the VFW Post 1392 Canteen in Point Loma, is the revelation of the Vladivostok Directive, or, as it has come to be known 'round here, “the pussy protocol.”

“Dammit, what is this country coming to?” asks Joe Smith, an ex-infantryman who, at 87, can still drink stout from noon until closing time. “In my day, news about the strength of local vodka would have been met with shouts of ‘Hallelujah!’ Now, it comes as a dad-blamed warning.” Smith is referring to paragraph nine of the report, which reads:

9. During the days preceding arrival in Vladivostok, the crew is given port call briefs via site television, at department quarters and division quarters. The CO conducts multiple IMC announcements regarding the upcoming port visit. In addition, the CO, XO and CMC hold an “All Hands” call with the crew on 19 September. NCIS agents (b)(3) and (b)(3) participate in a port brief given in the wardroom to several officers and senior enlisted; the attachés are not there. Among many other things, the NCIS agent warns the crew of the potency of the local vodka and to not go “drink for drink” with either the Russian military or local populace. For safety reasons, the ship is directed to have personnel go on liberty in the dress blue uniform. [encl (6), (8), (10), (13), (17), (24), (30),

“And what the hell is this about not going shot-for-shot?” asks Smith. “What the hell are you supposed to do when a Russian officer proposes a toast to your health, or to your country, or to better times ahead? Tell him you're watching your figure and decline?”

The report goes on to answer that question, in part one of its Directive:

“No bottoms up?” asks ex-Marine Rock Manley. “NO BOTTOMS UP? You're supposed to look a Russkie in the eye when he hands you a shot of his country's single greatest achievement, raise your glass in soldierly solidarity, and then take a polite sip when he knocks it back? Why don't you just hand him your weapon and your United States government-issued condoms while you're at it? Because, congratulations, you've just declared that you won't be needing them, on account of how you're a pretty little princess.”

12. At approximately 1300, the CO, in company with (b)(3) the XO, CMC, Operations Officer (OPSO), Supply Officer (SUPPO), Navigator (NAV) and Communications Officer (COMMO), embark RNS VARIAG as guests for a tour and lunch. During the lunch RNS VARIAG crew members provide vodka for toasts. Depending on the USS VANDEGRIFT attendee interviewed, the number of toasts varied from 4 to 10. Prior to the lunch, (b)(3) again cautions the USS VANDEGRIFT attendees not to “go drink for drink” with the Russians, and to not “bottom's up” each toast. Multiple

The second part of the Directive came in for equal scorn:

13. At approximately 1530 the Chief Engineer (CHENG), Damage Control Assistant (DCA), (b)(3) and (b)(3) depart USS VANDEGRIFT liberty policy established for together. IAW the USS VANDEGRIFT liberty policy established for Vladivostok, each liberty group is required to have at least three members, one of which is to be a non-drinker. According to the statement of the CHENG, (b)(3) was the non-drinker for this group. [encl (14), (18), (30), (31), (32), (33), (53)]

14. The liberty policy described above is established specifically for Vladivostok and is more restrictive than USS VANDEGRIFT's standing liberty policy (VANDEGRIFTINST 1050.1B). The ship's standing policy requires at least a two person liberty party and does not require either buddy to refrain from consuming alcohol. All ship personnel interviewed indicated they knew the Vladivostok policy required three liberty buddies and that one of the three could not consume alcohol. [encl (14), (18), (30), (31), (32), (33)]

“So let me get this straight,” offered former Ranger Ed Fume. “In every other city in the world, a sailor can get off the ship with a drinking buddy and head out into the night. But in Vladivostok, *in that one godforsaken city*, they've got to take along a nanny? Am I in the Twilight Zone? Did the Cold War go the other way? Is Russia the sole

remaining superpower? Because, otherwise, I'm not sure how to explain this. I guess we've been allowing women in combat for longer than I thought.”



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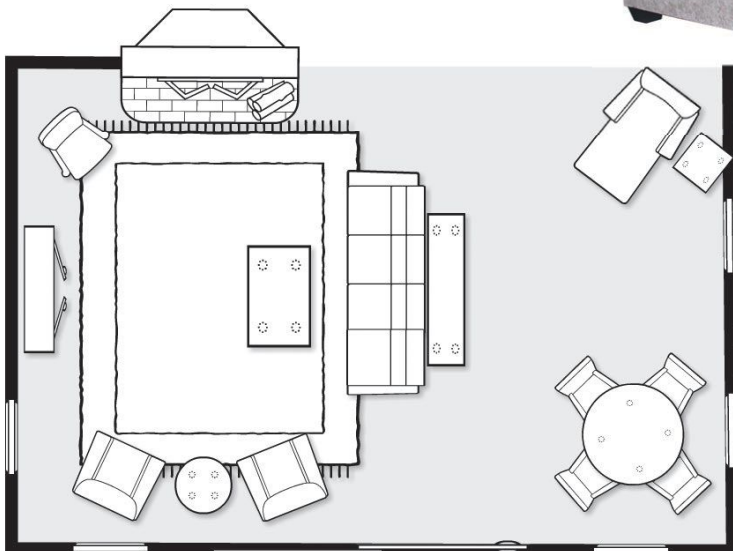
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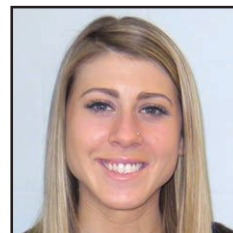
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Heymatt:

My brother-in-law used to tell me this riddle all the time, but he passed away a few years ago and now none of my family can remember the answer, if ever there was one: "Three guys check into a hotel and each pay \$10 to share a \$30 room. Later, the clerk realizes the room was supposed to be \$25 and he takes five \$1 bills to the guys in the room. Each guy takes \$1 back and they give the clerk a \$2 tip. Since the guys got one dollar back, they each paid \$9 for the room. $3 \times \$9 = \27 . Add the \$2 tip and you have \$29. Where did the other dollar go?"

— Ken, Cardiff

More than a riddle, this is a classic example of deceit via misdirection and logical fallacy. The exercise describes a bogus sort of "cash reconciliation" that sets up some false premises and makes you assume some things that aren't true. "The guys each paid \$9" is the biggest lie. Just look at it this way, if they each paid nine dollars for the room, they would have paid \$27 for a \$25 hotel room! We know the room was \$25, because the guests shelled out \$30 at the beginning and then \$5 comes back. It's easy to lose track of the real monies when following a series of dubious facts and misdirected assumptions. The classic change-raising con works in much the same way. A grifter can convince a hapless store clerk to miscount cash by setting up bogus math that works out in the con-man's favor.

Hey Matt:

A colleague and I were at the Tierrasanta post office. It's located in a typical shopping center with enough room for traffic lanes in each direction, yet they have signs showing only one way in and one way out. A tad odd, we thought. Then, as we were discussing the issue, we realized that EVERY post office, at least that we can think of in San Diego, has only one way in and one way out. What's the deal?

— Joe, El Cajon

Well, it's not because the post office designed them that way. A lot of San Diego's post offices (including the one in Tierrasanta) are in leased buildings, so it's really up to the buildings' owners, not the USPS, to determine the direction of traffic flow.

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the post office generates enormous traffic all on its own. Minimizing the potential for free-for-all driving probably cuts down on postal parking-lot fender benders come Christmas time and the mad dash to rush that box of tchotchkes to great-aunt Alice (who always sends me cinnamon buns) in Walla Walla. Another sensible reason to have one-way trips through the post office-lot concerns mailboxes; you know, the outside ones that you can drop the mail in from the comfort of your bucket seats. You'd have a hard time reaching them while driving in the wrong direction.

Heymatt:

About 30 years ago I heard about some concrete stairs leading from the area around UCSD Medical Center in Hillcrest down to Mission Valley. I went exploring and found them, but I only went part way down because it was overgrown and creepy. I think they were around Bachman

Place, so maybe the street has replaced the stairs? If you know anything about their history or construction, I'd love to know.

— Terri

Rumors and tales of the lost staircase are plentiful, but actual evidence is hard to come by. I asked a series of friends, many of whom would have been young troublemakers during the age of the steps, if they had any memory of the fabled stairway, but nobody could do any better than, "Oh, I remember hearing about them, but I never used them." I'd been scratching my head and trying to put together half-remembered facts until it hit me that the U-T had actually published a kind of obituary for the stairway during the '80s. A little bit of rifling through the musty Alice archives later, and I can confidently report that the 344-step stairway stood for almost 75 years until old age brought it into disrepair and forced its removal. It was 1984, to be exact, that the stairs were demolished to make room for the Bachman Street parking garage. Initially constructed as a part of the old County Hospital complex in the early 20th Century, the stairs connected the hospital with Anthony Home, a juvenile-detention facility. Later, hospital employees and patients would park their cars in Hotel Circle and use the stairs as a shortcut out of Mission Valley. There are also stories about a series of ladders that supposedly led from University Heights down to the TGI Friday's in Mission Valley, but that's a tale for another day.

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CHRIS LALAS

ing Lestat's. Dent is a 33-year-old Chicagoan visiting San Diego.

"I'm disappointed that it's cold," she said of the cold snap we've been having.

Dent's favorite things about San Diego are the fish tacos and all the outdoor activities.

"I went for a jog this morning, and the hills are really intimidating."

Stacey is a self-proclaimed bargain-shopper. She says, "I think it's unfortunate when people spend too much on fashion."

Stacey wore a Forever 21 faux leather jacket that cost \$20, Gap Jeans bought on sale for \$12.99, a \$20 H&M shirt, and \$7 beanie. Her canvas cat tote was scored in the lost-and-found at her work, Hubbard Street Dance, where she works as an accounting director. Stacey wore \$50 boots by Blowfish from DSW.

Thirty minutes later, after I scarfed down a smores sandwich from the Devilicious food truck, I found Chris Lalas, also sporting a leather jacket. His is by Marc Ecko and was purchased at Macy's. The 30-year-old works in loss prevention. "I catch shoplifters for a living," he said. Both his sweatshirt and button-down are from H&M. He purchased his hat in San Francisco.

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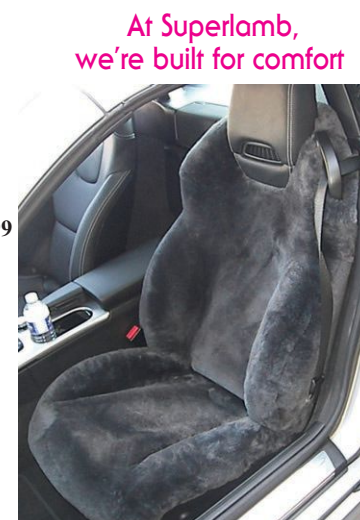
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I BEGIN MY QUEST TO HOARD MORE CAMERA GEAR. I MAKE AN
INTERESTING DISCOVERY.

As I began to take more pictures, I started to
crave better and better equip-
ment, things that could increase
my range.

I always thought that the
better the camera, the better the
pictures I would take. I soon
realized that I was sorely mis-
taken. Sure, the cameras helped
to a certain extent, but even
after I upgraded a camera, my
images almost always looked
the same as before. Maybe
photography was less about the
camera and more about me?
Could that be the case?

THE GREAT IRONY — PHOTOGRAPHY ISN'T
ALWAYS ABOUT WHAT YOU SHARE, BUT ABOUT WHAT YOU DON'T.
My photography really changed when I took a
significant step in sharing it. I stopped posting
thousands of marginal-looking pictures on
Facebook every month and focused on build-
ing my own website and a photography blog.
I learned something from my friend Aryo
(another brilliant photographer that I always
try to emulate): good photographers know
that it is more important to learn what not
to share than what to share. In this day and
age of Instagram, Facebook, Google Plus, and
Twitter, people are inundated with pictures.

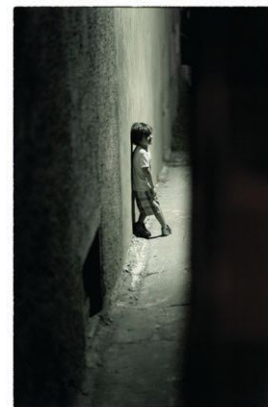
In short, less is more, and how you present
your photographs is just as important as the
photography itself. Don't show everything.
Show only your best work. Put your work into
a larger context that tells a story. Keep your
work interesting.

I BEGIN TO LIVE BY THE MOTTO, PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!
My blog was a huge help. I started posting
photos and stories behind them three times a
week. The blog taught me to take photos with
a purpose and to make sure that the photos
were able to support a story or, better still, to
tell the story in and of themselves.

The blog helped me add context to my
pictures and it helped me practice. And that
was the key — Practice, Practice, Practice. I
began shooting every day. I began to read the

camera manual to figure out how to control
the aperture, the shutter speed, and the ISO.
I slowed down and put the camera into full
manual mode.

As I slowed down and became more
thoughtful, I took fewer pictures. Surprisingly,
though, as I took fewer pictures
on each outing, I began to
take more good pictures. I was
shooting more often, taking
fewer pictures each time, but
keeping more good pictures. I
was learning, and I was happier
with the result.



*I was shooting more often, taking
fewer pictures each time, but keep-
ing more good pictures.*

I ASK THE QUESTION, TO PHOTOSHOP OR
NOT TO PHOTOSHOP? THERE WAS NEVER A
QUESTION.

There is no question that Pho-
toshop can change your pho-
tography and skills. Photoshop
and editing became 50 percent
of each picture I took. I started

to practice every night for at least two hours. I
started learning and using techniques to make
my pictures look better and more interesting. I
found plug-ins like Color Efx Pro and Viveza,
which I could use to make my photos look
more professional and vivid. I learned that
Photoshop was an absolute must if I wanted
my pictures to become more interesting.

LEARNING A LESSON. POINTING THE CAMERA AT THE WORLD, TO
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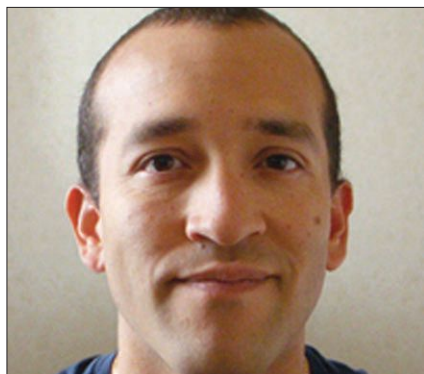
Gradually over the past year, I have found my-
self becoming more accepting of my photog-
raphy — of what it is and what it is not. I have
learned to accept what I am good at and what
I am terrible at. Through all this, I like where
photography has taken me. It has pushed me
to live more, to see more of the world, and
to become more understanding of what is
important to me.

I am not a fashion photographer. I am not
a landscape photographer. I am not a photo-
journalist. I am not a street photographer. I
am not a professional photographer. I am a
Frank Photographer. I take pictures of the way
that I see the world and of the way I see people
and who they are. When I take pictures of oth-
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Border born



A reporter from our border brings a bicultural sensibility — and Xolos — to his journalism.

This column came about because of an article written by Jorge Aranguré. The piece interweaves the stories of a Tijuana professional soccer club, Xolos, defending champion of Liga MX, Mexico's first-rank professional soccer league, and being a kid living on both sides of the border. It's a beautifully written, wonderfully layered article worth your time to read (sbnation.com/longform/2013/1/24/3904180/tijuana-xolos-profile-mexico-soccer). One wants more.

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I have Aranguré, born in Tijuana 37 years ago, on the phone. "When did you move to the United States?"

Aranguré says, "Moved when I was five. My dad was born near Los Mochis but moved to Tijuana when he was young. My mom was born and raised in Tijuana.

"It's funny when you grow up on the border and then go away and encounter people who have no conception of what life is like there. The border is such a unique place. It seems natural for me to be living in two different countries.

"We would go back and forth [across the border] regularly, especially when we were young and it wasn't that difficult to cross. We crossed a lot. Having grown up in two countries, you take that for granted. For me it's always been a passion, getting people to understand where I'm from. When I had the opportunity to write this article, I really wanted to let people know what it was like."

I offer, "The border is its own world."

"Yeah, it is its own world, without a doubt," Aranguré says. "We'd visit family. We probably crossed three times a week. It was so easy. We lived ten minutes away from the border in San Ysidro, so it was no hassles. I remember it seemed like we were

waiting ages in line, but really it was 30, 40 minutes, which is nothing compared to what it is now. It wasn't that big of a deal; we would just cross.

"My grandparents lived down there. Several aunts and cousins, too. It was fun. It was interesting because my mom's side of the family kept the house. They still have the house where my mom grew up. My grandparents moved to the U.S. and in their final years moved back to Tijuana. So, it was cool to see the neighborhood where my mom grew up and see how that changed and in some ways how it didn't change. She still knew a lot of people who lived in the neighborhood, even though she hadn't lived there in years."

I say, "Tell me about high school in America. What was that like?"

"I went to Southwest High School. The makeup of my high school was probably 70 percent Mexican, 20 percent Filipino, and the rest black and white. It was very Mexican. It's all I knew. I remember when we went to support friends who played on sports teams. We'd go up to Bonita, and it felt like we were going up," Aranguré laughs, "way north. It felt like a different world even going to Bonita. As kids we didn't go into downtown; we stayed in the South Bay. When I left and went to college, the first week of school...a very different racial makeup."

I ask, "Did you write for the student paper in high school?"

Aranguré says, "We didn't have a school paper. We were the type of school that didn't have a lot of special programs like that. It wasn't a very high level educational school. I can't say that when I was in elementary or even in junior high, writing was something I felt was my strength. I did read a lot. It wasn't like my parents, not that they didn't encourage me to read books in English, but my parents, when I'm home, we spoke Spanish. It wasn't like they were saying, 'You should pick up Steinbeck.'"

Circling back, I ask, "Going to college must have been like being in the United States for the first time?"

Aranguré says, "Yeah. Yeah. Exactly. It did feel that way. I encountered many more white people than I'd ever encountered in my life. I did feel like, for the first time, I was a minority," Aranguré laughs. "Where I grew up I didn't feel like a minority."

Jorge Aranguré Jr. attended University of Southern California, graduated with a degree in history, then went to graduate school at Syracuse University on a full scholarship; earned a degree in journalism and went to work for the Bergen Record of Hackensack, New Jersey. Since then, he's been a staff writer for the Washington Post, senior writer for ESPN the Magazine, contributing writer for the New York Times, SB Nation, Sports on Earth, and more. He lives in Brooklyn, New York.

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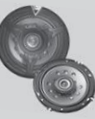


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‘Didn’t you used to want to be an artist?’ I asked Patrick as I dragged him out the door. “At least I’ll get a drink,” he grumbled.

We were on our way to a Painting and Vino event in Little Italy (619-246-3448; paintingandvino.com). “It’s a fun painting class where you can have some food and drinks and socialize and walk away with a piece of art,” explained owner Chris Muylle. “You just go to our website and look at the events calendar. Peruse the paintings, pick the one you want to paint, and attend that class. When you show up, you’ll check in, and everything will be set up for you — the 16”x20” wrapped canvas, table-top easel, paints, brushes, protective clothing. An instructor will then offer step-by-step instruction. And besides the instructor, we also have artists’ assistants available to help those who are having issues. We get people from 21 to 70, but most folks are in their 20s or early 30s. Some mothers come with their daughters. And it makes a great date night.”

Muylle explained how Painting and Vino chooses particular paintings to teach: “We try to choose paintings that will transcribe well to being taught. We do a lot of paintings that people will recognize — famous masterpieces by Van Gogh or Picasso. And we choose things with a fair amount of detail, works like Gustav Klimt’s *The Kiss* or Matisse’s *The Goldfish*. But our instructors are all trained professionals and local artists, and sometimes they’ll create their own material for class. That helps to keep it fresh.”

The setting, of course, is key. “We reserve three hours at whatever venue we’re in; two and a half hours are for instruction, and the rest is for short breaks. We tried to avoid paintings that keep you glued to the canvas — we want socializing and fun. We have classes in 98 Bottles, off Kettner in Little Italy. They have a great staff, jazz, and a big open space. We can fit 50 people in there comfortably. Plus, they do food and drink specials. We also use Village 631 in East Village. It’s a coffeehouse/wine bar with high, vaulted ceilings, and the front opens up so you get a nice breeze. And if you can’t come out at night, we have Saturday-afternoon events at Roppongi in La Jolla.

“We choose things with a fair amount of detail, works like Gustav Klimt’s *The Kiss*.”

You can get a mimosa or a bloody Mary or just enjoy the sushi.”

Painting and Vino “offers enough support to make it worry-free, so that people can enjoy themselves. The instructor is there to guide you, but we also realize that what you are doing is creating your own interpretation, your version of whatever we’re painting.” They charge \$45 per class, but clients who use code READER2013 when signing up during the month of February can get a class for \$25.

Jeff Remmer of Paint and Vineyard in Scripps Ranch (858-504-7128; paintnweb.com) offers a similar deal in a set location. “We do different themes — landscapes, cubists, flowers, etc. We can fit 47 people in our studio. We have good lighting and music playing. Our instructor is up on a stage with a PA system, so everyone can hear and see. The atmosphere is fun — people relaxed and laughing. People enjoy seeing what the other folks are doing. Most of our clients are beginners, and we take the guesswork out of it by showing you how to mix colors, what brushes to use.” Cost for a two-hour class is \$35.

Bonnie Stomer of Xpressive Arts Center in Poway (858-679-2787; xpressivearts.com) offers a BYOB painting class on Tuesdays. “It’s very intimate, only about five or six in the class. It’s held in a little stone cottage. People bring their favorite wine or beer or nonalcoholic beverage. It’s very relaxed. You bring in the picture you want to paint or sketch it out ahead of time. We have the canvases and all the supplies, and you get step-by-step individual instruction. Even people who have never painted before can leave with a picture to put on the wall.” Cost is \$50; mention this article for a discount.

Other places around town offering painting and an evening out: Wine & Canvas, various locations (619-207-9431; wineandcanvas.com), \$35; Paint and Palate, various locations (760-500-0383; paintandpalate.com), \$35.

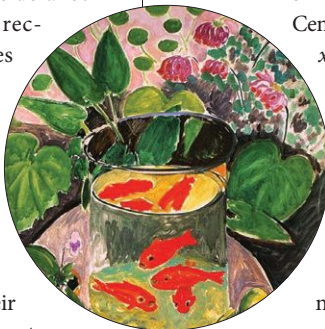
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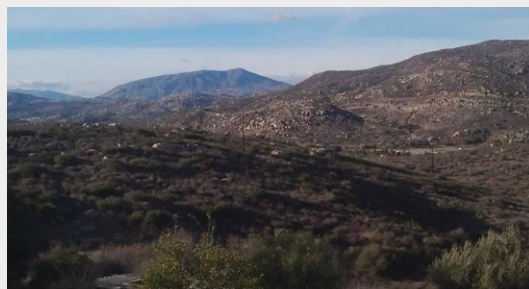
by Chad Deal

I don't know what you know about big cats," Emilio says as he reclines in his chair and draws from a glass of whiskey, "but one thing you have to know is to always look them in the eyes and they will be tame. You can pet them and they will roll over. The moment you turn away, they will try to kill you."

It's a little past midnight at Emilio's rancho along the Ruta del Vino in the hills of Tecate. Emilio's vast patch of wine-country real estate was formerly the site of Centro Recreativo la Sirena, his own private zoo (one of three in all of Mexico) and home to over 470 animals. His villa served as a work-trade hostel for about a decade. Travelers from around the world would show up at his door, eager to push a broom in exchange for lodging.

"Then someone got drunk and let the tiger out," Emilio continues. "The tiger bit them on the leg" — Emilio grasped a hand around one thigh — "and was shot."

Emilio gestures to the orange-and-black-striped hide splayed across the wall behind him. Next to it stands a stuffed mountain lion ("some of the people out here paint eyes on the back of their hats to trick them"), a young alligator skin ("a guest brought it alive, all the way from Florida"), a boar, and



Looking out to Tecate from the Ruta del Vino

some mounted deer.

At \$10,000 a week in upkeep, Emilio Garnica — a CPA by trade — retired the zoo and now has many of his animals on display in a rustic saloon overlooking the swimming pool.

Outside, eight boxes pulse

**"The moment
you turn away,
they will try to
kill you."**

through various shades of neon at the DJ booth, where party organizer Jorge Castillo (SD/LA/TJ) plays minimal house beats to a crowd of maybe 12 partygoers. We all have theories as to why so few showed up. Most revolve around the smattering of rain the night before, the difficult location, and general borderphobia. Whatever the case, we make a night of it — chatting in amoebic circles, sipping whiskey

and tequila, and dancing around to the sounds of Memo Rex (SD), Machino (TJ/SD), S-Chuy (TJ), JC Carmona (LA), and Chris Groove (LA).

"I was looking to get a special place and not just a random venue," says Jorge, who established his business, Groovebeat, in 2007 as a San Diego-based recording and mastering service for DJs.

"I really wanted to have a place that has history and has been a sacred spot for others [the Kumey-aay, in this case] throughout the years, and I wanted to transmit this to everyone who would come to the event. I was introduced to [Emilio's] neighbors and I just fell in love with them."

I, too, fell in love with the neighbors. Earlier that day, I poked in at the bistro across the street.

"Come in," said Irma. "I make the best paninis in the world."

Z and I drank local wine with Irma's nephew Jorge and his wife Maria (who were visiting from Playas de Tijuana) as Irma prepared



Former inhabitants of Emilio's zoo



CPA and retired zookeeper, Emilio



Irma makes the best paninis in the world (or at least Tecate)



Z and a rare specimen from the zoo

our lunch, all the while regaling us with stories, political convictions, and life philosophies. Hours later, we were getting on so well that Irma invited us up to her house on the hill overlooking the vineyards. We ate edamame and leftover shrimp pasta as the lasers and strobes began firing off at the party down below.

By common standards, the party should have been deemed a flop, but somehow it didn't matter. We ended the night sitting around a small fire on the side of Highway 3, watching embers become indistin-



Chris Groove spinning for the tenacious few

guishable from stars, forgetting to think about big cats. ■

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MY LIFE

has been tossed like a salad, mixed like a drink, and pushed off the cliffs into the ocean so many times I don't even remember.



The day was October 31, 2010.

You might say I got into a car accident. My opinion is that my lifted SUV ate this very sad Acura. My car drove away with a broken headlight, and this other woman's car was driven away on a tow truck. Fourteen-thousand dollars in damage.

"Are you okay?" Mom asked. She freaked out when I called her but wasn't really mad. Even though she had to pay for my mistake. She still brings it up.

"Why are you asking me for money, when I'm still paying for your insurance premium?" she says.

"That's not fair."

"You're in college now. Real life. You should be paying this."

That Halloween night, I just wanted to get to the party, with people I didn't even like — that was the extent of the relationships I had at the time.

Three weeks later, it was an elderly couple in a teal Camry.

I was blaring the latest and greatest Eminem song through my subs, so loud I didn't even realize I'd hit anybody, until my car wouldn't reverse.

My life has been tossed like a salad, mixed like a drink, and pushed off the cliffs into the ocean so many times I don't even remember. I have never lived in a house for more than three consecutive years. I might as well be a scrambled egg or a protein shake. All I have known my entire life is divorce and dealing with people I secretly loathe.

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I am just a girl who could spend every day sitting in a cross-legged position facing the ocean. But when May hits, the kooks come out in full swing. By the time June is here, forget getting all the way up Garnet in under 25 minutes. You've got to scavenge for silence up the coastline.

Police officers clocking people left and right on Mission Boulevard. Hair extensions on sidewalks from last night's bar fight. The shadows from late-night escapades linger on the morning streets.

This young gentleman was slung across the marble countertop at my retail job in Mission Bay.

He purchased something simple: batteries. When tourists come in to a place where all the knick-knacks are plastered with *San Diego*, this is what they tend to buy.

"Hello," I said, "is this going to be all for you this afternoon?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"Enjoy your stay in San Diego?"

Nothing out of the ordinary, but there was that pinched feeling you get in your cheeks when you try not to smile.

He had some leftover sunburn on his nicely chiseled abs. I could see them because he was shirtless. He leaned over my counter, and I had the idea he was getting that same pinching feeling until finally a smile cracked from both of us.

When he spoke, I pinpointed the accent: Texas.

I prefer pineapple to corn-fed.

He was not from around here, and I had to work my counter.

But coming up with a reason not to jump on

a flight to Austin after my shift was harder than expected.

* * *

There are 12 letters in the Hawaiian language, near half the amount in the westernized English we hear in America today. The beauty of the Polynesian culture radiates from my brown eyes. Behind my curly brown hair, I have always felt that San Diego isn't the place for me. I was born here, but my soul is Polynesian.

Ho'oiipoipo, Pilialoha, 'ao'ao — the love I have for you, the friendship we acquire, and the way of life.

I get my height from the Swede half of the family, though I rack in at a whopping five-four. I have the ability not to use sunscreen, from my Chamorro ancestors.

Now my life has holes, and gaps. Whether that's common or not, to me it is fact.

One thing I do remember is the day I was reading through a book on Guam. There were beautiful photos, page by page, each one with a legend. This book was given to my mother by her biological father — the Chamorro bloodline.

There is a legend on the island of Guam. It tells of a woman and man who were madly in love. She refuses to marry her destined suitor and runs away with her native soulmate. When they reach Tumon Bay, they hear footsteps approaching. With the promise of eternal devotion upon their lips, they tie their long, beautiful hair together and throw themselves into the cruel waters below. Puntan Dos Amantes, or Two

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Lovers Point, in Chamorro. It is an actual place, beautiful, overlooking the thrashing blue ocean.

I have a troubled heart. I now believe that falling in love is like falling for make-believe. Yet this story is so beautiful. Polynesia runs in my veins. Island culture is so beautiful. It is what helps push me to get through these years of community college and to save every dime that I have. I'll sell my beast of a truck, buy a Vespa, sign my life away for student loans, and become a University of Hawaii student.

At my retail counter, this curly-haired man bought a T-shirt with a credit card. I asked for his ID.

It read "Hawaii."

I felt my face light up, and then turn to jealousy.

I said, "I cannot wait

to see that ID with my name on it."

He was confused. I elaborated.

"I want to go to school out there. That's my dream."

"You better save every last cent you can."

"I have family out there." I paused. "I know what I'm doing."

"Good luck!" he said, and walked away.

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It was my first summer out of high school. I remember crying on my way to the airport from my cousin's house on West Oahu. I did not want to leave — which was pretty much me fighting for a new start. I flew from Honolulu to Las Vegas and then drove to Laughlin. I didn't want to go to Nevada, but I ended up falling in love there.

He lived in Yucaipa.

It is beyond ironic that I drove the distance between San Bernardino and San Diego 12 times in a month that summer and I didn't get into one accident.

I found myself in this

would be making a trip back down to San Diego from the 909. Later, I was struck by the irony.

I was in the number-two lane, passing by Auto Park Way, going 70 miles per hour, and a car accident happened. It wasn't

Nesian N.I.N.E. or one of the Marleys."

There was always that one flaw in the relationship: he wasn't a reggae fan. It might as well have been over before we even started.

Mom would say, "Honey, you can't force things. Just let them happen. Hawaii might happen, but if you are happy, don't end things because of your future plans."

That was the usual mother-spillage I'd hear between my failed relationships or when they were in the process of failing.

My mom makes up these crazy thoughts in her cranium about young Filipino men that are in her Spanish class, men I should be betrothed to in future years. Not that I'm objecting.

"See, isn't he cute?"

He's the sweetest thing. He loves his mom and sisters and cousins, that's how I know he's great."

Little does she know that one day I'll run away

and get married in Tahiti and no one will know.

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My first car accident happened when I was four.

A sunny day in Pacific Beach. My eyes were as big as marbles. I clung to my SeaWorld cup while my mom clung to me. Half of my face was bubbly and charred, which would surely be a scarring burn. Now, I can't even see it.

It was the year Notorious B.I.G. was shot, the year Princess Diana was killed, the year *Titanic* won 11 Oscars. It was the year my parents had their irreconcilable differences. The start of mother's and father's single status.

Now this seems like an everyday commodity. Divorce. But when I was not even in my adolescence — still a baby, I didn't even know the difference between Britney Spears and Bob Marley — it was all only noise in my brain, my life perspectives unconscious for years to come. From that day on, my relationships skills lagged and my future driving skills were destined for failure.

My dad or mom, depending on whether it was Wednesday or Sunday, would drive on Highway 67, through Scripps Poway Parkway, down Interstate 15 that merged into the 163, all

I have always felt that San Diego isn't the place for me. I was born here, but my soul is Polynesian.

little town where family was key. If you didn't have four dirt bikes or didn't ride motorcycles at Glen Helen every other weekend — on top of not owning three Ford vehicles — you were dirt. This family I was in love with. But the distance was too far. It got old, and my mentality thrust me back into reality when I realized this wasn't what I wanted.

It was the last time I

even me — I got lucky. A Mustang spun across my path and hit an SUV. I drove right through where they had collided. It was crazy. Irony saying to me: get the hell out while you can.

"Blue Slide Park. Mac Miller."

We'd argue about the music driving to and from Los Angeles or Long Beach.

"Is that even music?" I'd say. "Let's listen to

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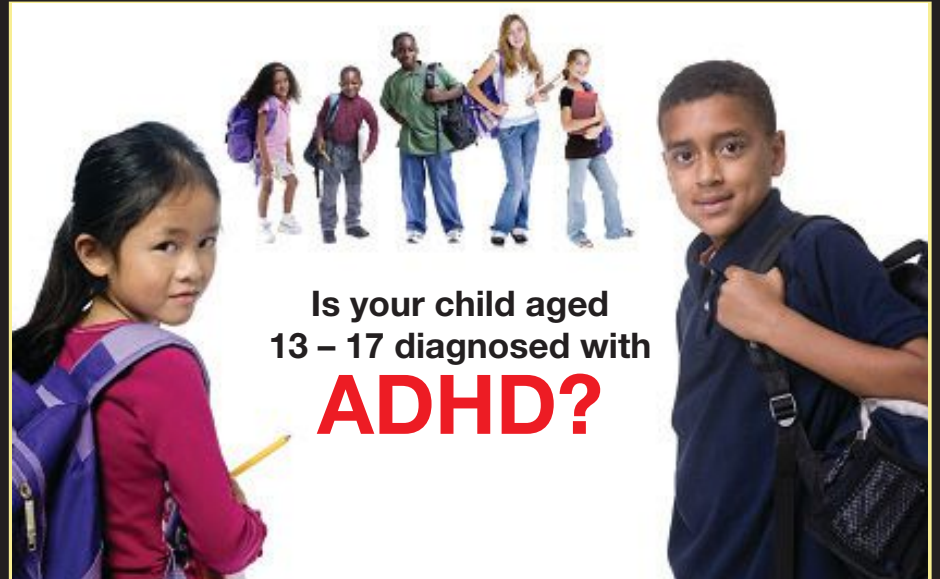


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the way through Sixth Avenue. Times like these made me feel like a nomad.

There's a lot I don't remember, but I do recall controversy over weekly visits, a routine I hated at such a young age. Dad's new girlfriends. Mom's new boyfriends. Constant new homes — five in Ramona alone by the time I was 11. My mother and I began life with a new family. We packed and moved down the hill to Santee. That was my introduction to the wild ways of East County.

Usually I was an observer in toxic situations, taking part in nothing but

conversation.

Just two years ago, when I was living here, some kids found themselves in endless amounts of mischief, a place where accidents cause death. Manslaughter.

Families were split and cracked apart that night in April. A Volvo. A Passat that flipped multiple times, killing all the passengers in the car.

The 52 plus the landfill equals death-by-car-racing. Decisions that now reap regret.

The driver of the Volvo, Michael Johnson, was a boy I met in the sixth grade.

It's been at least two years since we've

spoken. Kindness and a good sense of humor are all I remember of him. Not the third-degree murderer. That's what the cops busted him

"Is that even music? Let's listen to Nesian N.I.N.E. or one of the Marleys."

for, though he wasn't even driving the car that crashed.

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Throughout the '90s I lived off Laurel, where today I spend a

good amount of time. Ramona is where I used to play cowboys and Indians. I've seen San Diego in its multitude of diversity.

I lie in bed during the week in Bankers Hill and let the sounds of Boeings put me to sleep, and on the weekends, the sound of my ceiling fan and the crickets out my bedroom window.

"Yeah, I live in Ramona and downtown: five minutes to the beach, twenty minutes to Julian," I told a coworker.

"I wouldn't mind that. You get it all."

Many say I live the life. Downtown, in Ramona, working in Mission Bay, and taking naps on the beach. Most days I'd agree.

My grandparents live in a house on Bankers Hill that could legally be considered historical, built in 1916. The wood paneling in the upstairs bedroom is the epitome of old-school. Two blocks up, there's a high-rise building that was built not too long

ago. Block by block, you are never quite sure what you'll find between Front Street and Sixth Avenue. It's a surprise, like Christmas morning: a homeless man wearing different shoes on his feet, then... look at that multimillion-dollar home.

The other morning, I ate at the Hash House for breakfast.

My unbending mind, which is set on college — that's always a feisty topic, when someone tells me it'll be too hard or too expensive. Don't be surprised if I reach across the table and smack you at dinner. Because college is what I live for. My mentality stems from

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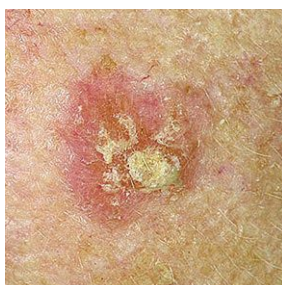
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Grandmother.

She is the only known human being whose eye contact is more piercing than my own. She's strong, 83 years young. She and my grandfather both were born and raised through the Great Depression in none other than the Dust Bowl. In the state of Nebraska, she had dental-hygiene license number one. Yes, the first one. She and Grandfather moved to San Diego in the mid-1950s. They spent many years walking their doberman in Ocean Beach. Now, it has come down to neighborhood walks, where they stop at Einstein Bros off Sixth.

It has been almost two years since my last car accident, and I am such a tightwad I refuse to get the little nick below my headlight repaired. Life of a college student is to blame, and the genetic traits I believe I inherited; 40 percent of our intelligence is probably inherited. To me, money has no value, only when used to pay for college and gas. Four dollars and change per gallon, all day every day.

Two-thousand-twelve seems to be the Year of the Ticket. Moving violations and citations are my new thing.

Whoop-whoop, sang the sirens.

Sometimes, I wonder if they ever feel guilty for pulling over a broke college student whose car is falling apart.

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The 163 area is riddled with bad drivers. People who forget the use of a blinker. That hasn't changed since 2004, when gas was approximately two dollars and ten cents a gallon.

My father, my dog Coco, and I once left our mark on the cen-

ter divider in front of Fashion Valley. We were driving back to Bankers Hill from a night of the teenager Nazi regime — *gymnastics*, that is. Five hours of brutal workouts. For me, it was routine.

Just like the car accidents I found my life stumbling against, routine. I saw the lights from Fashion Valley Mall spin slower and slower as my

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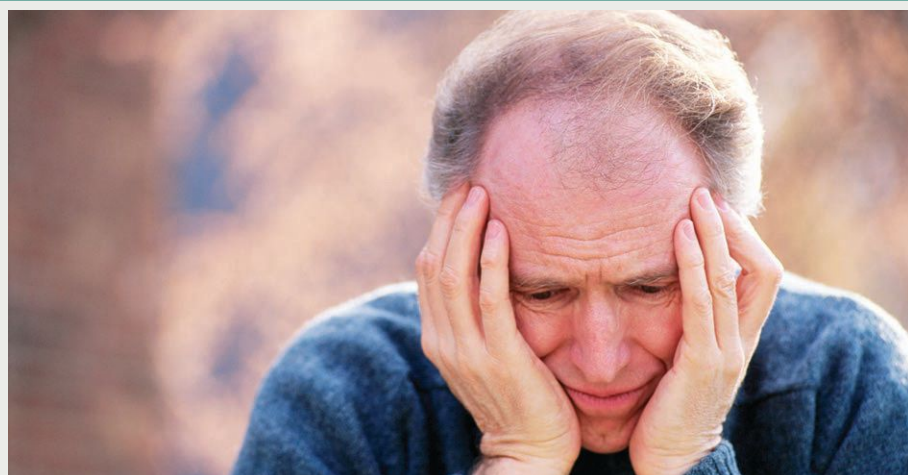
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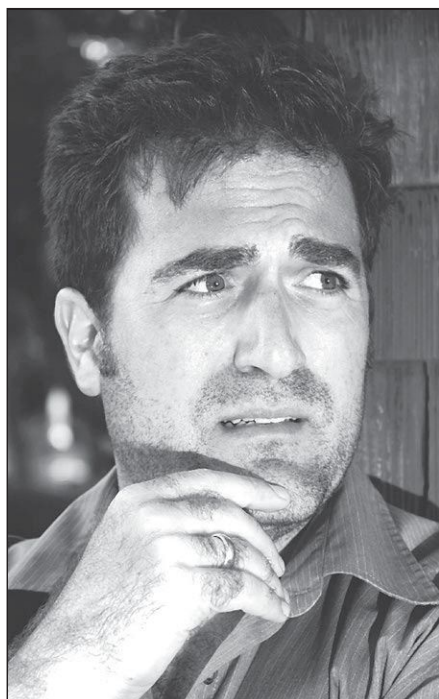
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father's eyes got larger and larger. As quickly as that Chrysler came, it was gone.

My dog hit the dashboard. Coco was shaking. I was not. Lying back on the doctor's table, my vision turned to orange. Shards of glass afflicted my retina. My eyeball was intact, my stability was not.

I acknowledge the fact that my young years were far from perfect.

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We knew we were in love when he stroked the guitar for me for the first time. He gave me a slight smile out of the side of his mouth. Right then and there, I was as good as gone. He left a week after we marveled about our infatuation. Standing on the Ocean Beach Pier,

we saw a seal. The ocean so green, the weather so pure, the love so bold. We were creative and in tune. *All along the watchtower*, I must wait for his return.

The military sure puts

chair with nothing more than the scrapes from his silverware against the plate coming from his direction. I cannot help but let my heart break for my grandmother, over the man she loves.

Half of my face was bubbly and charred, which would surely be a scarring burn.

up a stiff fight for successful relationships.

This wonderful grandmother of mine talks to me about how her loving husband's personality is beginning to change. She asks if I have noticed, and I say, "Of course." During our frequent dinners, he sits in his

His memory is fading, quicker and quicker. We sit and play gin rummy. I find hope and love in his silent presence. I want to soak in his knowledge and remember everything he's said in the past and cherish it. Love it. Remember it. ■

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Hasno Ali says, "I want to be outside, seeing the good people every day. Happy."

“What’s in them sambusas?”

On a warm Sunday afternoon in late September, the San Diego Public Market teems with socially responsible shoppers toting reusable bags.

A crowd of eight to ten people is in front of a booth marked with a canvas sign that reads “East African Cuisine.” Some browse the menu or reach for the small sample cups filled with a purple-hibiscus iced tea. Others peer through the glass in front of the steam table to get a look at the food. The rest wait for their turn to order.

“I just want you to make me a plate,” a woman in a fuchsia tank top says, leaning against the glass, “like you did for my husband.”

Hasno Ali, the round-faced, 46-year-old owner of

East African Cuisine, grabs a large Styro-foam container from a stack on the table beside her and begins to fill it with rice, lentils, and cabbage.

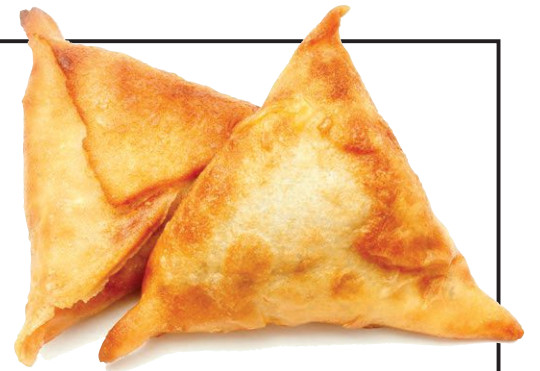
The woman in fuchsia claps her hands in anticipation. “I want it all!” she says. “How much for the sambusas? I want a chicken and a beef.”

Ali’s face beams at the woman’s enthusiasm, and before she closes the container, she adds a chicken kebab.

“No charge,” she says, smiling.

A man in a faded denim cap that reads “Santa Barbara” bypasses the crowd in front of the booth, approaching from a side angle, and asks, “What’s a sambusa?”

Ali’s 25-year-old son



Hamsa points to a pile of the triangular fried pastries (also known as samosa, sambosa, sambusak, sanbusaj) on the steam table. He explains that the man has his choice of six flavors: chicken, beef, curry potato, lentil, spinach, and cream cheese.

“One dollar each,” Hamsa says.

“Cream cheese?” the man asks. “Sounds rich.”

“Yeah, they’re good,” Hamsa replies.

The man’s mouth turns down at the corners and he turns to leave, pausing to

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take a sample cup of the purple iced tea on his way.

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Every week, Hasno Ali spends a total of \$200 (\$40 per day) to rent space in a commercial kitchen at the Minnehaha Somali supermarket on University Avenue in Rolando. Once

a week, she and her oldest daughter spend a day in the kitchen making 500 sambusas to sell at this market on Wednesdays and Sundays, at Pacific Beach on Tuesdays, and in North Park on Thursdays. Ali rents the kitchen again each market day, getting up at 3:00 a.m. to make the lentils, cabbage, rice, and chicken.

This booth costs \$65 a day. The cost is the same at Pacific Beach. At North Park, it's \$15 cheaper. At 2:00 p.m. today, after she pays the booth cost to the wiry, tan woman who comes to collect the rent, Ali will count up \$155 in her steel cash box. Last Wednesday, she grossed \$180 in sales here.

The next few people in line order two, three, four sambusas, which Ali drops into paper bags with a pair of tongs.

When the small rush is over, she turns a knob on her Camp Chef Expedition 3X triple-burner stove and begins to heat up a large pot of oil. She instructs her 12-year-old, hijab-clad daughter Amina to stand up from the cooler where she's been sitting and to reach in for a bag of frozen lentil sambusas. The girl does so, and then she returns to her seat, to the coloring pages with which she's occupying another, much smaller girl.

A middle-aged man in a contemporary Hawaiian-print shirt steps up to the

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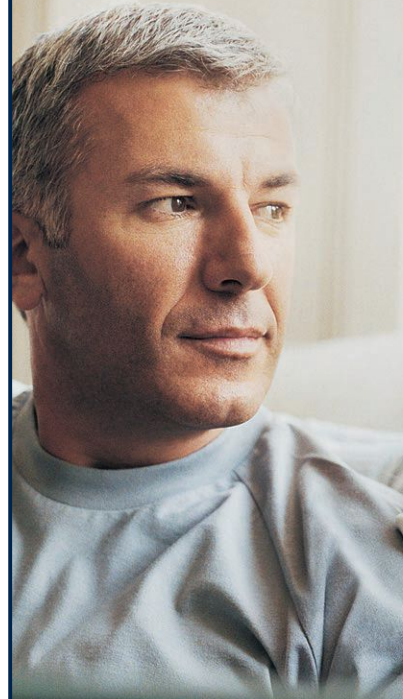
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booth and asks, "What's in them sambusas?" He speaks with what is apparently an ironic country accent. His companion, a woman in a black-and-white-striped maxi-dress and a lace shawl, laughs, peers over the top of the glass, and asks for a taste of the cabbage.

In the end, after much discussion, the couple orders three sambusas (chicken, lentil, and spinach) and a small plate of cabbage. The total is \$7, but the man only has \$6. Ali tells him it's no problem.

"Yeah, okay," the man says, laughing as they walk away. "We'll bring you an extra dollar next week."

Ali turns back to her camp stove. She uses the tongs again to drop frozen sambusas into the pot of hot oil. It bubbles and hisses. While the sam-

busas cook, she uses the ladle that sits in a tea jug to pour herself a cup of hibiscus tea. She refers to both this and the lemonade as "waters."

In 1995, Ali tells me, she and her husband and six of their children

baby at that time," she says. "My husband told us we got to go. We didn't bring anything. We just picked up the kids and [left]."

Three years after the family's arrival in San Diego — they lived in City Heights — Ali's husband

"She didn't pay me a penny. Even for the grocery. She can get away from me, but she can't get away from God."

arrived in San Diego by way of Fort Worth, Texas, where they'd lived for three months. For the two years prior, they'd lived in a refugee camp in Kenya, following their escape from Somalia during the country's now decades-long civil war.

"I was having a new

died. He left her with three boys and three girls.

"I was sad for 11 years," she says. "I stayed home and didn't want to go anywhere."

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dren moved to a smaller two-bedroom apartment in the same area, which they rented for \$525 per month.

In 2009, Ali offered to help another Somali woman make sambusas to sell out of her booth at the North Park market.

"I didn't want to stay home sad anymore," she says. "I want to be outside, seeing the good people every day. Happy."

The agreement was that Ali would be paid in sambusas to take home to her family. The gig lasted for three months, until the relationship between the two women deteriorated over a catering job that included an order for 2000 sambusas. For a week, Ali worked to fill the order. She claims that, although the other woman was paid \$700 for the catering job, she never gave Ali a dime.

"I showed her how to make sambusas," Ali says. "I showed her how to keep them fresh. If you make sambusa and put it in the refrigerator, and then take it back to the market, it will have bacteria. I taught her."

She turns away, ending the conversation with a flick of her hand. But a half-second later, she turns back and adds, "She didn't pay me a penny. Even for the grocery. She can get away from me, but she can't get away from God."

After the 2000-sambusa incident, Ali decided to venture out on her own.

For the next three years, she sold her own food out of booths at the Mission Valley (on Fridays) and Point Loma (on Sundays) markets. She eventually came off public assistance, save for the food stamps. In November 2011, however, she took a month off to travel to Kenya to visit her ailing mother, and when she returned to San Diego, her space at both markets had

been filled. It took four months to get back into the market system. When she did, the booths were at unfamiliar markets.

"It's hard to come back," she says. "I have a good reputation, but people don't know me [at the new markets] yet."

Three people stand reading the canvas menu from a distance of a couple of feet. When Hamsa greets them, they smile and

daughter of a friend) demands that Amina teach her how to draw stars with the *pink* marker, not the *blue* one.

The man running the next booth over offers baby carrots to passersby. He encourages them to try his organic hummus and creamy-garlic spreads. Some smile, shake their heads, and keep walking. Others step in closer and accept the hummus-laden

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move on.

Ali assesses the iced tea. The lemonade, held in a jug half the size of that which holds the hibiscus tea, is almost gone. The tea jug is still half full.

"Next time," she tells Hamsa, "we'll put the lemonade in the big one."

Hamsa laughs. "Yeah, I think so."

Ali uses a large, flat spoon to remove a batch of lentil sambusas from the oil. Then she reaches into the bag of frozen sambusas with her tongs, grabs a few more, and drops them into the oil.

One of the three noncommittal browsers returns. He wears a Steel Pulse T-shirt and has patchy facial hair.

"What's the most popular sambusa?" he asks Hamsa. Then to Ali, "How about you? What are your favorites?"

Hamsa says spinach. Ali leans in and says her favorite is the lentil.

"But what about the beef, and the curry potato?" Steel Pulse asks.

"They're all good," Hamsa says.

"Okay, give me that," Steel Pulse says. "One each. Beef, and curry potato."

At the back of Ali's booth, the small girl (the

carrots.

The Spanish guitar music piped into the cavernous warehouse space echoes off concrete walls and cement floors.

Before Ali continues her story, she pushes Hamsa out of the booth with both hands.

"Two women are talking, and you want to stand between them," she says. "Go on."

He smiles mischievously at me, as if he knows he has pushed just the right buttons.

"Okay, okay, okay," he says. "I'm going."

He wanders off into the market.

Ali continues her story. In late 2011, one of her daughters bought an old food truck from a Chinese man. Ali planned to use it to sell her food, but it sat for a year before she took out a \$1500 loan from the International Rescue Committee to outfit the truck with a sink and a water heater. It also needed beautification.

Last week, Ali took the truck to El Cajon to be painted. She was disappointed, however, to discover that \$500 only afforded her the name of her business (East African Cuisine) and the menu



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painted on the side of the truck. She was hoping to get the whole truck done, and with a little more pizzazz. For that, however, she'll have to pay another \$2000, which means taking out another loan. Ali already owes Minnehaha and one other local Somali market a total of \$3000 for groceries, and so, for now, she'll leave the truck as is.

In March, she purchased a \$440 permit to sell out of the truck. Later in the month, she did a trial run at Mission Bay. Within the first hour, she received a warning from a police officer for selling without the permits necessary for operating a mobile food unit in Mission Bay, specifically. She is currently in the process of obtaining the proper paperwork.

"It's not easy," Ali says, dabbing at her forehead with a paper napkin.

For a moment, she stands still. She rubs at her lower back, saying nothing. Then she takes a look around the booth, grabs a plate, and scoops the last of the rice and lentils onto a plate.

Amina comes around from the back of the booth and stands at the front.

"Can I have some sambusas?" she asks her mom, holding out a container. "I want to go get cupcakes."

It's nearly 2:00 p.m.,

and vendors are packing up their goods and their gear. There's nothing more to browse for or buy. The market visitors have all left. Hamsa has still not returned. Ali puts her plate down and gives Amina four sambusas. The 12-year-old skips off, leaving her little friend with all the markers to herself.

Ali picks up the plate again.

"That's another thing about that woman. The one who didn't pay me for making 2000 sambusas?" She points her fork in my direction. "She never drinks her own waters or never eats her food. That's why I don't like her."

Amina returns with a small cake box filled with seven luxuriously frosted cupcakes. Ali peeks into the box, assesses the fairness of the trade, and sends Amina back to the vendor with the last of the sambusas.

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Two weeks later, I return to the San Diego Public Market on a Wednesday morning. I don't see Ali in her usual spot. After asking around, I find her in a back corner, selling not from a tent but from her new truck. It is shiny and clean, white and chrome.

"I'm not making any money at all," she says, leaning out the window.

"I have to pay for gas, and the people don't know me, so I'm selling less."

This morning, she wears a purple head-wrap, purple sweater, and an orange dress. Hamsa stands beside her. Drum-and-bass music plays overhead. Aside from a few shoppers and a handful of school groups, the market is quiet.

Ali explains that she had to start using the truck because she was cited for not having the \$500 permit required to sell out of the tent. The truck is already permitted.

"I'm losing money," she says again. "If I were a normal person, I'd go sit at home. But if I sit in the house, I'll get anxiety attacks, and they'll have to take me to the emergency room every week. Here, when I work, the anxiety goes away."

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After another two months, I again return to the market, and again I cannot find Ali. The truck is not there. But she has seen me looking for her and calls out, "Look who's here!" I turn to find her waving from a tented booth. The truck, she tells me, was getting too expensive.

"Did you sell it?" I ask.

"No!" she says. "Who would buy it?" ■

— Elizabeth Salaam

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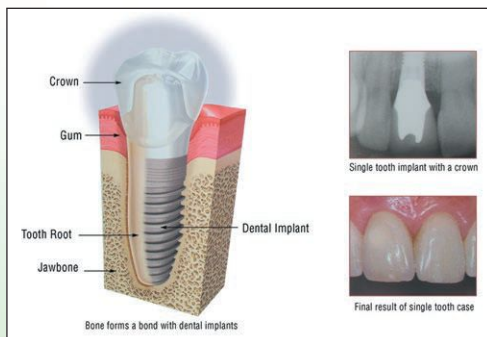
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mid scheme, because people actually bought the stuff — tragically. Some experienced serious side effects, such as strokes, and some died. A founder, Michael Ellis, went to prison for lying to the Food and Drug Administration about those adverse effects. The company went bankrupt in 2005.

Ackman is not the first short-seller to attack Herbalife. Back in 2008, a San Diego self-professed man of God (now in a high security prison) attacked Herbalife with the intention of driving its stock down. He is Barry Minkow. His charge was similar to Ackman's: the company is a pyramid because it makes its money recruiting salespeople; product sales are not so important. Minkow compared Herbalife to Usana, another multilevel marketing organization. Both had something in common: entanglements with offshore tax havens. (Herbalife's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission list its main office in the tax and secrecy haven of the Cayman Islands, although it primarily operates out of Los Angeles.)

Minkow's Fraud Discovery Institute made money on its short position. The business press picked up the story, as did the *Reader*. Minkow's research was almost always thorough. That's why government agencies would take information from him and invite him to speak before employees.

Minkow could spot a scam because he had pulled an amazing one — San Fernando Valley-based ZZZZ Best, whose sales, it turned out, were 90 percent fraudulent. He was sentenced to 25 years in prison but found religion and was sprung in 7 years. He became senior pastor of the Community Bible Church in Mira Mesa,

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splitting his time between saving souls and chasing crooks.

But he got in trouble when he took on the big builder Lennar. He denounced the company as "a financial crime in progress." The stock plunged. Once again, Minkow cleaned up on his short position. Lennar sued. A judge found Minkow had repeatedly lied under oath and concealed evidence and witnesses. Criminal authorities investigated. Eventually, Minkow admitted that he had used nonpublic information to drive down Lennar stock. He pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit securities fraud. Admitting he was unworthy to be a pastor, he resigned from the Community Bible Church and was sentenced to prison. He is now in the Federal Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky, and is due to be released January 28, 2016. The facility is known for treatment of addicts; Minkow admitted to *Fortune* magazine that he became addicted to OxyContin.

Digging through documents, Greenberg found that, after Minkow leveled his charges, "Herbalife paid Minkow \$300,000 to shut up." Good sources also believe that Minkow got paid off by Usana and Nu Skin, another multilevel marketer.

Did Community Bible Church get a piece of those alleged payoffs? The church isn't talking. Minkow admitted to *Fortune* that he commingled the church's funds with his own. However, he claims he was the church's biggest donor, so members came out ahead. Some parishioners lost bundles helping to finance an autobiographical film he was making, and a former church member took Minkow to court. A judge has ordered him to pay Lennar \$584 million. Amen. ■

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bergh Field. That contract was awarded against the wishes of airport staff.

Ace's presence at public parking lots, influence with local politicians, and its parking-enforcement activities have raised some concerns about privatization of governmental duties. "It feels wrong to get the ticket," says Nguyen, "because I don't like the idea of private companies handing out citations like they're public authorities. I don't think most people would."

The debate over privatization isn't the only issue. Program revenues have fallen short of initial projections. In its original proposal to the city, Ace estimated that by the third year of the contract the city would collect \$623,745 in total revenue; in fiscal year 2012, the company fell \$46,969 short of projections.

From July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012, Ace Parking collected \$237,205 worth of parking citations, around \$24,000 short.

Expenditures were also higher than expected. Last fiscal year, the city paid Ace \$195,000 a year to run the parking operation in downtown; that amount is more than \$61,000 higher than what the company promised.

Total revenues have come in \$158,588 short of what was promised back in 2008.

Currently, state law prohibits private agencies to be responsible for law enforcement. In December of 2011, California's attorney general, Kamala Harris, issued a statement on public agencies entering into contract with private companies for parking enforcement. The state's top attorney reaffirmed a 2002 court opinion that outlawed the practice for general law cities.

"No specific authority," Harris wrote, "has been given to cities to have the

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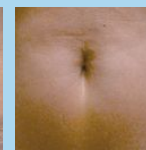
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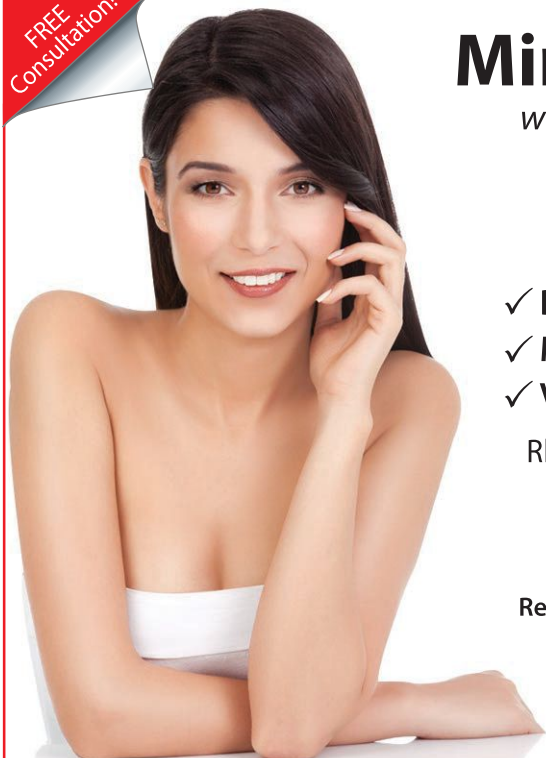
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employees of private companies issue parking citations." She added, "We conclude that a general law city may not enter into a contract with a private security company authorizing the company's employees to issue citations for Vehicle Code parking violations."

But Chula Vista, like San Diego, is not a general law city. It's a charter city responsible for drafting its own laws. In October 2009, Chula Vista did just that when it amended the municipal code to allow the arrangement.

"When the City Council approved the Ace contract in 2009, the City Attorney's office advised them that while the law in this area was not clear, an argument could be made that because the City was a charter city, and it was enforcing its own municipal code, the city could lawfully contract with a third party vendor to issue parking citations," reads a statement from city attorney Glenn Googins. "Chula Vista Municipal Code was modified at that time to expressly provide for this type of arrangement."

The pertinent section of the code states: "The City Council may contract with the governing body of a city or county within this state, or with a state department or other public or private

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agency for the preparation or conducting of examinations for positions in the City service or for the performance of any other personnel administration service."

To the concern that laws are being enforced by private employees, not sworn officers, a city spokesperson responds that all parking officers are fully vetted before being hired. "All Ace employees are required to go through both Ace's background checks and an extensive city background check through our Police Department."

That doesn't comfort opponents such as Nguyen, who contends, "We have police officers for a reason. I realize that cities are strapped for cash right now, but privatizing law enforcement seems like a stupid idea."

Representatives from Ace Parking declined to comment for this story. ■

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Dorian Hargrove, January 31

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Baja — A string of homicides

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in Tijuana began Tuesday evening, January 28, when a man killed from a head injury was found near the La Mesa penitentiary. The body of another man was found in the eastern part of the city on Wednesday evening. Not long after, another man's burnt body was discovered in the Rio Tijuana canal.

According to local authorities, the homicides continued throughout Wednesday, as a strangled woman was discovered in the Mariano Matamoros area, in the southeast of the city, later in the night. The fifth homicide in the city was a man found near the Rio Tijuana canal, discovered in a dumpster.

K. Mennem, January 30

No more golden handshakes, say UC protesters

Students and workers to protest the school system's bloated executive pay
UCSD — "They get golden handshakes when they retire, and we get cat food!" That will be the rallying cry tomorrow (January 31) as University of California workers and students stage protests at UC medical facilities and all ten UC campuses.

The demonstrations are sponsored by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). Locally, the protests will be held at the University of California

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Actual patient and model

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San Diego (UCSD) Thornton Hospital, UCSD Medical Center-Hillcrest, and UCSD campus.

The protesters point out that outgoing UC president Mark Yudof, after only five years of service, will retire with a \$230,000 annual pension. Since 2002, in-state tuition in the UC system has more than tripled as the burden of supporting bloated pay and pensions shifts to students. UC will spend \$400 million in retirement benefits for 140 UC top executives after they retire, says the AFSCME. But a new employee hired after this year, making an average \$30,000 a year, will face a 110 percent pay cut after retiring with 20 years of service, says the union.

Don Bauder, January 30

Mayor backtracks on medical marijuana

Filner and city attorney agree to draft new zoning law allowing med-pot, but city won't drop lawsuits *San Diego* — It appears as if the city's fight, and the lawsuits, against medical marijuana dispensary owners is back on.

Today, mayor Bob Filner met with city attorney Jan Goldsmith and city councilmembers to discuss the fate of the cases after the mayor announced earlier this month that he and the city will ease enforcement on medical marijuana dispensaries.

But in a joint statement after the closed-session meeting, it appears as if the mayor is the one backtracking.

Filner's office released a statement announcing that the city attorney will not drop the lawsuits, nor will the city call off enforcement of current code. Instead, reads the statement, Filner and Goldsmith will present a new zoning ordinance to the city council at an upcoming meeting.

ing meeting.

"I will be working very hard in the next 30 days to bring an ordinance to the city council that ensures that the zoning law allows for reasonable regulation of medical marijuana dispensaries in the city of San Diego," stated Filner.

Dorian Hargrove, January 29 Comments

Visduh Jan. 29@ 7:49 p.m.

Could it be that the "Mare" has heeded the commentary from the US Atty, Laura Duffy, in regard to the weed peddlers? The last thing he needs to kick off his term in office is a down-and-dirty, roll-in-the-mud fight with the feds. Methinks he stuck his head and neck out way too far on this issue, and now he's taken a more sober and mature (after all, he's 70, for pity's sake) turn and decided that this is not the time, place, nor issue for a big showdown with his fellow Dem, the Prez, and that Prez's local prosecutor.

Man shoots neighbor over petty theft

Twenty-year-old pleads not guilty to shooting man and his girlfriend in the middle of the street

Oceanside — A man was shot dead and his girlfriend was shot in the face because a neighbor got fed up with the man's petty thieving, it was suggested in courthouse testimony today.

Diego Arturo Martinez, 20, is charged with murder in the shooting death of Robert Robbins, 47, in Oceanside last August.

Lisa Badgett, the 49-year-old girlfriend of the man who was shot dead, was reportedly sitting in the driver's seat of a truck, in the street between the two homes, when the shooting started. Her boyfriend, Robbins, was in the passenger seat.

The woman testified today that she was shot in the face and arm immediately after the shooting.

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diately before her boyfriend was fatally shot in his face, neck, chest, arms, and legs.

Detective Torino Valdivinos testified today that he spoke with Martinez the same day as the shooting, after the suspect was arrested, in an interview recorded at Oceanside police headquarters. The two men were speaking Spanish, the detective said, when Martinez told him he had caught Robbins stealing or siphoning gasoline from his family's vehicles. The defendant also stated that he saw Robbins take a "black bag" from the Martinez's

garage, according to the detective.

Eva Knott, January 29

Bring your own fists and knives

Three men stabbed at North County party after huge brawl

Rainbow — Three men were stabbed at a house party in Rainbow earlier this month, and investigators have no suspects yet in the case, according to San Diego County sheriff's detectives.

"All partygoers were gone by the time we arrived," sheriff's Sgt. Patrick Yates reported. "We saw a large number of cars driving in the opposite direction while responding to the call."



A birthday party got out of control, the sheriff's detective said.

It was 12:52 a.m. on Sunday, January 6, when deputies got a report that gunshots were heard. Neighbors reported hearing four to six shots in the 2600 block of Huffstatler Street in Rainbow. The rugged community is located at the northern edge of San Diego County.

When deputies responded they did not find any gunshot victims, but three men received at least two stab wounds each at the party. Those men were driven to local hospitals in private cars by friends, according to investigators. All three stabbing victims were interviewed, and they reported feeling "pokes" during a crowded fight but were not able to identify who might have stabbed them.

The investigation found that an adult male posted a notice on his Facebook

page, advertising that he was hosting a bring-your-own-beer birthday party. This apparently got a better response than he anticipated, and when two cars full of strangers from Escondido arrived, a confrontation developed.

Detective Dan Laibach said that anyone who has information about the incident can phone him at the Fallbrook station or remain anonymous by visiting the San Diego County Crime Stoppers website.

Eva Knott, January 30

Manchester's politickin'

New filing shows U-T mogul gave heavily to GOP supporting his litigation-beset Navy Broadway Complex project

Downtown — Combative U-T San Diego publisher Douglas Manchester, whose development company was sued last week by the California Coastal Commission over

Manchester's plans to turn the U.S. Navy's waterfront real estate into a giant hotel, office, and retail complex, remained busy through the end of last year handing out political largesse to local Republican causes, according to a financial disclosure statement posted online by the California secretary of state's office.

The document says that, among other contributions, the newspaper publisher's Manchester Financial Group gave \$50,000 to the GOP Lincoln Club of San Diego and \$140,000 to the Republican Party of San Diego County. Both organizations were big cash backers of Carl DeMaio, the former Republican city councilman and pro-Navy Complex development ally, who lost his bid for mayor to Democrat Bob Filner.

DeMaio and many of his allies in the local GOP are staunch supporters of Man-

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chester's multibillion-dollar Navy Broadway Complex proposal, currently targeted by the coastal commission's lawsuit.

As reported here previously, Patton Boggs, the city's contract lobbyist in Washington, D.C., under GOP mayor Jerry Sanders, disclosed it had lobbied the Navy Broadway development issue throughout last year. Late Friday, the U-T's Watchdog unit broke word that new mayor Bob Filner had fired the firm, playing the story as a clash between the Democrat and the city council.

Matt Potter, January 27

Comments

monaghan Jan. 28 @ 9:30 p.m.

The point is not that Doug Manchester is rich, but that he gave and gave and gave at the office to conservative candidate Carl DeMaio in his failed bid for Mayor. When new mayor Bob Filner up and fired the D.C. lobbyist who had been getting paid to push Manchester's huge Broadway/Navy redevelopment, Manchester's newspaper played that bold act as if it were an example of shocking mayoral incivility toward city council. Ridiculous, of course, and fortunate that Filner knows how to play hardball.

Under the radar

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for San Diego mayoral and city council races, meaning that some airport money may have at least indirectly found its way into local politics.

Haddad did not respond to a message left with his office.

In addition to White's firm, according to the contract, another local lobbyist working for the airport authority is Peter MacCracken, proprietor of Strategic Communications, which is being paid \$211.50 per hour; no accounting of MacCracken's time is provided in the document furnished by the authority.

Ironically, one of the most influential members of the

CITY LIGHTS

airport authority's board is the city's dean of lobbyists: attorney Paul Robinson, who represents such high-dollar clients as U-T San Diego owner and GOP hotel magnate Douglas Manchester and Las Vegas developer Irwin Molasky, onetime associate of the late mobster Moe Dalitz.

Sodium-free milk of politics

Poseidon Resources, the desalination outfit that finally got a contract from the San Diego County Water Authority last year, spent heavily on local political campaigns, according to its recent disclosure filing. Enjoying the staunch support of ex-GOP mayor Jerry Sanders and employing Tom Shepard's Public Policy Strategies and his close friend and associate Nancy Chase's Public Policy Partners, Poseidon spent a total of \$84,799 on an array of local politicians and water officials. On November 2, just four days in advance of election day, \$10,000 went to A Better San Diego Issues Committee, "a sponsored committee of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO." Big labor here backed Democrat Bob Filner's successful run for mayor over GOP city councilman Carl DeMaio. Poseidon also kicked in \$10,000 for the San Diego Jobs PAC, which distributed its campaign cash to Republicans, including DeMaio. Then there was Democratic state-assembly speaker John Perez, who got \$3900 from Poseidon in September; Orange County water-board candidate Jeff Thomas (\$1000); Denis Bilodeau, another water-board candidate (\$500); Anaheim city councilman Jordan Brandman (\$1000); Huntington Beach City Council candidate Barbara Delgleize (\$500); and OCTaxPAC, the political action committee of the largely GOP Orange County Taxpayers association (\$30,000).

— Matt Potter

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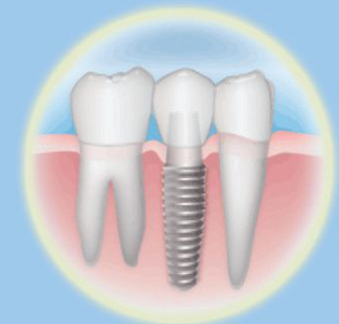


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LETTERS

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H-1B; Bosses Gloat" (City Lights). That's been going on in San Diego for at least 40 years, probably longer.

I have three master's degrees in engineering, and I've been laid off many times from San Diego-area defense contractors, along with a lot of other engineers. At the same time, these companies kept a lot of low-paid, foreign engineers on the payroll that were here on H-1B visas. I've also found myself competing when applying for jobs with foreigners who could barely speak English. It's nothing new, and I don't think it'll ever stop.

It should be no surprise that none of my children went into engineering. They had better sense after they saw what happened to Pa.

Name Withheld
via voicemail

Kudos, Don

Really good investigation, research, and reporting by Don Bauder on the H1-B visa program (City Lights: "Engineers Dislike H-1B; Bosses Gloat," January 10). It's bad enough that our large corporations, such as Microsoft, Intel, IBM, and Oracle outsource plants and jobs from the U.S. But it's salt in the wound to deny 85,000+ yearly. Shame on the San Diego Chamber of Commerce for promoting more job losses so that corporate profits can increase. Kudos to the *Reader* for courageously supporting investigative reporting.

Margaret Carlson
El Cajon

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When the author of "Yellow Deli People" (January 3 cover story) asked about reviewing IRS Form 1065, Mr. Mevaser responded by email. I didn't know that there was email in biblical days.

Terry Powers
La Mesa

Picking on the Decent

Your article, "Yellow Deli People," (January 3 cover

story) was interesting, and a bit devious in nature.

I will tell you from the outset that I was raised in the Twelve Tribes communities and have been gone for about six or seven years now. If anyone should know of the goings-on there I certainly would, as I remain personal friends of many of the members, some of whom you mentioned by name in the story. I also have family still residing in the community.

The Yellow Deli People, as you referred to them, are a small group of individuals seeking to live a wholesome lifestyle and serve God in sincerity. No one is forced to do anything while residing there, and no one is forced to be there. If people had negative experiences, they have themselves to blame. When I decided that I didn't have the level of commitment needed to remain, I left. I've become quite successful in the meantime and I owe a lot of that to the good value system I was raised with. I visit on occasion and I'm always welcomed and treated with respect.

Using big words like "cult" often conjures horrible images in many people's minds. They are different, I'll admit, but since when has that been a bad thing? And since when do we, as a society, have the moral high ground to start dishing out judgements on people who are actually trying to make a difference in the world and live a sustainable lifestyle?

Perhaps we should spend a little more time trying to figure out how to keep our teenagers from going on murderous rampages. Or maybe how to stop the massive flow of illegal substances across the border, or really anything besides picking on a small, decent group of people who have never harmed anyone. And since when have religious organizations' finances been anyone's business? Just saying.

Gidon Carlin
via email

Cult Promotion

I see that you guys did an article on the Yellow Deli and that you put them on your

cover ("Yellow Deli People," January 3). Why are you feeling like you want to advertise for them?

My son disappeared into that cult after going there for dinner one night. He changed his name and disowned our whole family. They hid him from us and they moved him out of state. They don't let him talk to us. I lost my son to that cult. It's not just some place.

I just think it's despicable that your magazine is putting those people on your front cover, dancing around like it's cool. That cult has devastated my family. I think that what you're doing is wrong, and I'm pretty disgusted by it. I saw you guys did an article on them last year, and now you're putting them on your cover?!

It doesn't even matter if you're saying it's an occult or not. Why would you put them on your cover? Do you realize that young kids look at that, and go there, and join up? Those kids do not get paid a dime. They live in squalor. They work 14 hours a day, 6 days a week. They're kept busy with cult activities — dancing isn't one of them. They're just like Nazi, Germany. It's called brainwashing. Your magazine is supporting that by advertising for them. You should be disgusted and ashamed of yourself.

I'm pretty disgusted by you people. What mongers you are, that you would do that. Do you realize the number of families who have lost their children to that cult and how many people are suffering because of them?

Dawn T.
via voicemail

Size Gripe

I am an avid reader of the San Diego *Reader*; however I have one major gripe. Why did you change the font size of the weekly crossword puzzle? I am a huge fan of the puzzle, but with my failing eyesight and vision, the new format is much too small for me to complete. Please do your best to return to the old, larger-size font format.

Melanie Wilner
via email

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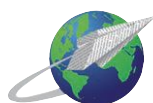
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There's no more beautiful colonial city in the Americas than Cartagena, Colombia.

Must-See Colombia

By Jim Eliason

There are still a few places in the Caribbean where you can find pristine beaches and authentic, unique culture. One of these is the Caribbean coast of Colombia.

Avianca, the national airline of Colombia, offers direct flights to Cartagena from Miami and connecting flights from other major East and West Coast cities. No visa is required for U.S. citizens for stays up to 60 days.

If you have not been to Cartagena, go! There's no more beautiful colonial city in the Americas. Add cheap prices

and beautiful beaches, and you have an excellent vacation destination.

The Old City of Cartagena is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and you should set aside at least two days to roam its streets. Be sure not to miss the cathedral, the Convent of San Pedro, and the Iglesia Santo Domingo.

The major beaches and resort hotels in town are on a peninsula known as the Boca Grande. Here you'll find modern resort hotels, restaurants, and nightclubs.

Once you have soaked in the culture in Cartagena and are ready for some serious nature and beach time, head east to Santa Marta.

You can get there by local collective taxi (which takes about four hours) or by plane. If flying, however, you'll need to connect in Bogotá — so it will only save hassle, not necessarily time.

Santa Marta is every bit as old as Cartagena but not nearly as well preserved. Still, there are a few historic sites worth seeing. But, the name of the game in Santa Marta is the beach. Most resorts have their own beaches, but for the best beach experience, a trip to Tayrona National Park, just 30 minutes east of town, is in order.

Tayrona features some of the best beach snorkeling in the Caribbean, but facilities are limited, so bring your own gear.

Despite the colonial architecture and pristine beaches, the best parts of any visit to Colombia are the friendliness of its people and vibrancy of its culture. You can feel the pent-up passion and pride of these people — free of the dark years of violence — in their music, their cuisine and their inviting smiles.



The Tuaregs of Mali dye their blue robes with a pigment derived from sea urchins. Eventually, their skin takes on the blue hue.

Timbuktu, Mali

By James Michael Dorsey

Photographing in Mali, West Africa, I spent two weeks traveling with Tuareg nomads, the famed "blue men" of the Sahara.

The Tuaregs are known not only for their brilliant blue robes and turbans but because they dye them with ink purloined from sea urchins that over time permeates human skin — so they really are blue

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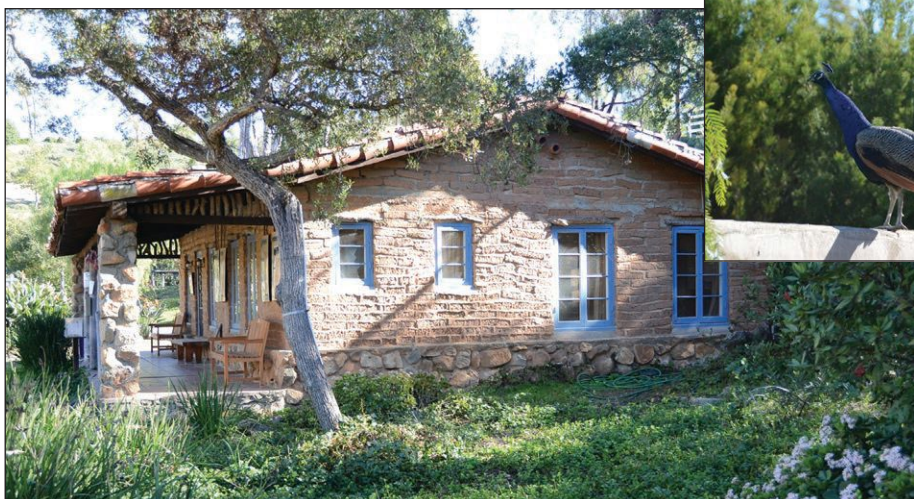
San Diego Outdoors with the Canyoneers

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Once a mecca for the Hollywood set; includes trails connected to the City of Carlsbad

Distance from downtown San Diego: 35 miles. Allow 45 minutes. From I-5, exit at Palomar Airport Road and drive east to Melrose Ave. Turn right on Melrose and travel south to Carrillo Way, make a right on Carrillo Way, then right again on Flying Carrillo Ln.

Hiking length: Approximately 4 miles with access to other city trails. Difficulty: Easy with elevation change dependent on trails taken.



A quaint caretaker's cottage and roaming peacocks are among the sights to be seen as one strolls the four miles of trails on and around the Carrillo ranch.

Leo Carrillo, a well-known film and television actor during the middle of the last century, had deep roots in Alta California. He was the great-great grandson

of José Raimundo Carrillo, one of the original Spanish settlers of San Diego and a member of the 1769 Portolá Expedition. In 1937, Carrillo purchased 1700 acres that had

been part of the original Spanish land grant given to Juan Marron, known as Rancho Agua Hedionda, and now a major part of the City of Carlsbad. Between 1937 and

1939, Carrillo built a large hacienda, carriage house, and barn, as well as a deep pool with a white sand beach and a cantina on his newly acquired property. Eventually Carrillo's Rancho de los Quiotes, as it was called, became a mecca for Hollywood actors and other notables, but it was also a working cattle ranch that ultimately included over 2500 acres. Carrillo died in 1961 and over the years much of the ranch land was sold off for development.

However, 27 acres, containing most of the historic buildings, were acquired by the City of Carlsbad and are now the Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park. The ranch is a designated Historic National

Landmark that was opened to the public in August 2003. The buildings and grounds have been or are being beautifully restored or preserved. The roads and trails connecting the historic buildings and parts of the ranchlands are now incorporated into the Carlsbad trail system. It has become a great place to learn about the area history and to get some exercise on the trails.

Approximately four miles of trails are available for easy hiking through the open space around the



historic park. The city hiking trails are connected to those within the park and are open for hiking even when the park is closed. A high wall surrounds the 27-acre historic park. Peacocks patrol the grounds while its roads and trails are lined with blue agave, *Pyracantha*, eucalyptus, and Peruvian pepper trees. The city trails leading from and around the historic park are on both sides of an intermittent stream containing an abundance of native sycamores, willows, and a few oaks, and also many non-native, invasive species such as the giant reed, *Arundo*, and the pampas grass, *Cortaderia*. Clearly, this is not pristine native California habitat, but it is a pleasant place to walk, particularly if you can incorpo-

rate your hike on the city trails with a visit to the historic park.

The park is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed on Mondays). Guided tours are given on weekends at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., but to make sure, call 760-476-1042 to verify these times before your visit if you want to take a tour.

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

Artshow Nudes Nudes presented by Point Loma artist, Michael Gunderson. Live music by Ken Stokes. Beer, wine, drink specials, and Cajun food. 619-523-5540. Thursday, February 7, 4pm; **free**. Red's Espresso and Wine Gallery, 1017 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

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 a diverse range of media including bronze, wood, glass, and stone while highlighting the evolution of his nature-inspired sculptural style and the recurring threads that connect the work across five decades. Thursdays, 10am; Fridays, 10am; Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 1pm; through Sunday, June 2, **free**-\$10. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Feast for the Eyes Three-day, one-man show for "Painter of Chefs" Christopher M., showcasing new original oil paintings that

highlight the commitment connecting both chefs and artists to their craft. Featuring a special cooking demonstration by Chef Mandy Braidic of The Inspired Gourmet. RSVP: pr@ecgallery.com or 800-599-7111. Friday, February 8, 6pm; Saturday, February 9, 6pm; Sunday, February 10, 12pm; **free**. 21 and up. Exclusive Collections Seaport Village, 835 West Harbor Drive suite AB. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Gotta Have Heart In this exhibit, artists started with a bolt of 100% wool felt material, which they hand-dyed into soft muted tones. Then they cut, stitched, and stuffed the felt as they developed collages. Reception includes wine, live music, and hors d'oeuvres. Sophiesgallery@stmsc.org or 619-578-2207. Friday, February 8, 5pm; **free**. Sophie's Gallery NTC, 2825 Dewey Rd., Gallery 101. (POINT LOMA)

Trees and Ocean Temes Reception Martin Nasim reveals his recent work, "Trees and Ocean Temes." Color markers on plexi-glass. Runs through February 28. 760-402-1622. Saturday, February 9, 5pm; **free**. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Brooklyn Memories. Nathan's Famous, to the place where Ebbets Field once stood. Twenty photographs from this trip, printed on large canvases, in strong and vibrant colors, will be displayed. A portion of the proceeds will be donated for the relief of victims of hurricane Sandy. The images can be viewed at jflphogallery.com. Please check the Galleries menu under

Brooklyn Memories. For more information please contact me at 760-807-7823 or at olyirv2@aol.com. Saturday, February 16, 2pm to 5pm. Calumet Photo, 830 W. Valley Pkwy (ESCONDIDO)

Waking Life Reception Featuring San Diego's Raw Artist of the Year Stefanie Bales, architectural photographer, and painter Maha Comianos. Beverages and light refreshments will be served, and a DJ will be spinning throughout the night. Cocktail attire optional. Saturday, February 9, 7pm; **free**. Brokers Building Gallery, 402 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Ray at Night Explore North Park's heart of art and culture during gallery walks featuring over 25 neighborhood galleries, businesses. 619-299-4278. Saturday, February 9, 6pm; **free**. Cirello Gallery, 3803 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Stories of Tenacity and Courage Craig Smith lectures about his book, *Counting the Days: POWs, Internees and Stragglers from WWII in the Pacific*. Smith will discuss six prisoners of war—both Japanese and allied—including their struggles to stay alive, the small daily triumphs that kept them going, and, for some, their almost miraculous survival. Q&A and book signing to follow the lecture. Info@coronadohistory.org or 619-

435-7242. Thursday, February 7, 7am; **free**. Coronado Museum of History and Art, 1100 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Writing for Comics covers the specifics of script writing and story creation for comics, with a focus on how to collaborate with other artists and writers. Littlefishcomicbooks, Thursday, February 7, 5:30pm; through February 28, \$150-\$300. Little Fish Comic Book Studio, 4831 Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

The Elements of Fiction Writing This is a four-week course for beginners, intermediate, or advanced writers who want to write literary (character-driven rather than plot- or formula-driven) fiction. Taught by Kate Sayre. Thursdays, 7pm; through Thursday, February 28, \$120-\$144. 18 and up. Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Beginning the Memoir Part 2 In part two of Beginning the Memoir, instructor Thomas Larson will focus on reading and critiquing other students' work with detailed feedback. Participants will also study Patricia Hampl's *The Florist's Daughter* and discover how she structures her book by using strategies of narrative, descriptive, and expository writing. Saturday, February 9, 10am; \$150-\$180. 18

and up. Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Filmmakers Seminar Designed for future television and film producers, students, and industry enthusiasts who desire to learn the step-by-step process of getting a project running all the way to the finish line. Struans Media, Inc. will be talking about the "three P's", as they're known in the business as: packaging, pitching, and producing. Speakers include John Cole and Dennis Lorrig. Contact: Mitch Feingold, mitch@mfpresents.com or 858-550-8088. Saturday, February 9, 9am; \$65-\$80. 18 and up. Video Gear 8969 Kenamar Dr., Suite 104 San Diego, CA 92121

Newborn Baby Photography Workshop Author and photography instructor Mark Holmes teams up with baby and family photographer Angela Levy (Casually Candid Photography) to present a full day of newborn photography instruction and studio shooting. This workshop is ideal for enthusiastic amateurs and aspiring professionals who shoot with a DSLR camera. 858 361 6682. Saturday, February 9, 8am; Sunday, February 10, 8am; \$500. Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Wearable Computing Workshop Today, our phones are as powerful as yesterday's computers. Tomorrow, our glasses, shirts, pants, hats, and socks will be just as powerful. In this series of workshops presented by ThoughtStem, students will come up with their

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COMEDY

Nick Thune is known for his absurdest view and deadpan wit. He has appeared on the *Tonight Show*, *Conan*, *The Late Show with Jimmy Fallon*, and has his own Comedy Central Special. 619-795-3858. Thursday, February 7, 8pm; Friday, February 8, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, February 9, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$18-\$22. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

DANCE

Intro/Beginner Modern I Instructor Stephanie Harvey introduces students to the fundamentals of dance in order to provide an outlet for creative expression. The class is designed to increase strength, flexibility, coordination, and body awareness. No experience necessary. Thursdays, 7pm; through Thursday, March 28, \$9-\$15. 18 and up. Malashock Dance, 2650 Truxtun Rd., Suite 202. (POINT LOMA)

Swing Jam Dance Party Dance party with beginning and intermediate lessons before DJ dance. Free snacks. 619-291-3775. Fridays, 8:30pm; through Wednesday, February 27, \$6-\$20. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

DanceJam Revival Alcohol-free and smoke-free Friday night event. Headliner DJs, healthy lounge, and movement class beforehand. Fridays, 7:45pm; through Friday, February 22, \$10-\$20. Eveoke Dance Theatre, 2811 University Ave., Suite A. (NORTH PARK)

Contra Dancing No partners needed, and no experience necessary. Calling by Jonathan Southard. Live music by the Crooked. Teaching from 7:30-8:00, dance

Timbuktu

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men. For more than 2000 years they have operated the trans-Saharan caravan routes, hauling salt from the mines in Mauritania down to Timbuktu, where it is shipped across Africa and into Europe.

I was traveling with them, by camel, dressed in blue robes to facilitate my entry to nomad camps along the way, and simply because these are the most practical clothes to wear in the blowing sand and heat of the southern Sahara.

We had ridden for five days, making a wide sweeping arc north of Timbuktu, and were on our final day in the saddle, about to return to the ancient city that many people are surprised to learn actually exists. The trip had been a great success and I had thousands of photos documenting the harsh nomadic life in the desert.

As we neared the mud battlements that surround this oasis town, I noticed a man standing on a wall. Dressed like an ad for REI with three cameras hanging from his neck, he was clearly a tourist. As we rode near, he raised his telephoto

lens to take our picture.

Without thinking I raised my hand and called out, "Cadou!"

In this part of French-speaking Africa, that translates loosely into "Give me money," a common practice of the locals whenever they spot a camera aimed in their direction. My Tuareg guide began to giggle, knowing full well what I was doing.

The unsuspecting photographer hopped off his wall and walked toward us, digging into his pockets, and produced a bill, which he handed up to me.

I made a great show of holding it up to the light and examining it. I tugged on it, turning it over and over. I finally tucked it into my robes, raising myself in the saddle like a noble warlord, and said, "Okay, take photo."

With that, the man backed up and took what he thought was a *National Geographic* shot of us Lords of the Desert astride our camel mounts.

My Tuareg guide and I continued on into Timbuktu, laughing to ourselves, and that poor photographer may never know he has a photo of a middle-aged white guy from Los Angeles.

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DISCUSSION GROUPS

San Diego's Coasts - Treasure and Trouble Examine the issues related to our ocean and coastline with Serge Dedina, PhD, executive director of Wildcoast; Haley Jain Haggerstone, coordinator of Surfrider Foundation, S.D. Chapter; and Megan Baehrens, executive director San Diego CoastKeeper. 619-234-1088. Thursday, February 7, 5:30pm; **free**. World Resources Simulation Center, 1088 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

FOOD & DRINK

College Night Beer Pong Tourney Cover: \$5 (no beer pong). \$10 (cover + beer pong entry for each team member. \$20 (cover + beer pong entry for 2-person team). Winning team/individual gets half of the pot. Music: DJ DatGuy E spinnin': Free Spin from DJ, Shay Da Truth Performance Thursday, February 7, 9:30pm; \$5-\$20. 18 and up. Red Crab Lounge, 3825 Plaza Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Chinese New Year Celebration The Year of the Snake Celebrate the beginning of the Year of the Snake, learn the meanings behind the foods served during this auspicious event and the secrets to making the most delicious feast you have ever imagined. Bring an apron, closed toe shoes, chef knife, and containers to transport your creations home. 760-233-2433. Friday, February 8, 6pm; \$65. 18 and up. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Dr., Suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

2nd Saturday with Karl Strauss San Diego's original. Dueling Casks: Pintail pale w/Orange Peel vs. Graham Cracker Wreck Alley Imperial Stout Complimentary Food Pairing: crawfish & shrimp etoufee, alligator puppies w/ cajun cocktail sauce, greens & smoked hocks, fruitcake truffles. Saturday, February 9; Hamilton's Tavern, 1521 30th Street. (SOUTH PARK)

A Celebration of the Lunar New Year Two local meet-up groups (San Diego Travel Buddies and San Diego Lovely Ladies Who Travel) come together for a no-host luncheon to celebrate the year of the snake. Participants

Rhyme & Verse

Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight
A poem by Vachel Lindsay

It is portentous, and a thing of state
That here at midnight, in our little town
A mourning figure walks, and will not rest,
Near the old court-house pacing up and down,

Or by his homestead, or in shadowed yards
He lingers where his children used to play,
Or through the market, on the well-worn stones
He stalks until the dawn-stars burn away.

A bronzed, lank man! His suit of ancient black,
A famous high top-hat and plain worn shawl
Make him the quaint great figure that men love,
The prairie-lawyer, master of us all.

He cannot sleep upon his hillside now.
He is among us: — as in times before!
And we who toss and lie awake for long
Breathe deep, and start, to see him pass the door.

His head is bowed. He thinks on men and kings.
Yea, when the sick world cries, how can he sleep?
Too many peasants fight, they know not why,
Too many homesteads in black terror weep.

The sins of all the war-lords burn his heart.
He sees the dreadnaughts scouring every main.
He carries on his shawl-wrapped shoulders now
The bitterness, the folly and the pain.

He cannot rest until a spirit-dawn
Shall come; — the shining hope of Europe free:
The league of sober folk, the Workers' Earth,
Bringing long peace to Cornland, Alp and Sea.

It breaks his heart that kings must murder still,
That all his hours of travail here for men
Seem yet in vain. And who will bring white peace
That he may sleep upon his hill again?



Vachel Lindsay (1879–1931) studied art in Chicago and New York but, unable to find suitable employment and encouraged to concentrate on his poetry and public readings by a teacher at the New York art school he was attending, became instead a troubadour poet, touring the country by walking from town to town and reciting his poems and prose. Carrying little money on those early excursions, he exchanged his poetry for food and shelter along the way. By 1920 he was famous and greatly loved. "Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight," written in 1914, depicts the ghost of Lincoln pacing the streets of Springfield, Illinois (the city of Lindsay's own birth), tormented by the dreadful slaughter of war.

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are encouraged to wear red and to come knowing their Chinese Zodiac sign. Sunday, February 10, 11am; **free**-\$30. Dumpling Inn, 4619 Convoy Street. (KEARNY MESA)

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Mardi Gras 10-Course Pairing Menu A twist on an authentic New Orleans-style feast paired with five different drinks, starting with an

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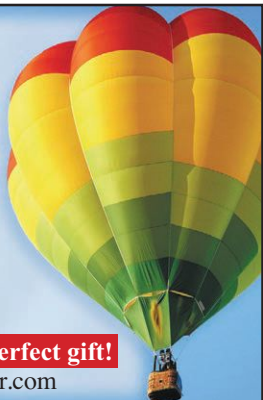
explore one artist of the 1960s, such as Peter Max, Andy Warhol, or Alexander Calder. By studying their art and the culture of America during this time, students will create exciting pieces of art. Projects will be different each week and the media used may include markers, wire hangers, water-based paints on paper, beads, and more. Instructor Shari Roberts. 619-223-0058. Saturdays, 11am; through Saturday, March 2, \$97-\$109. 6 and up. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Tidepooling Adventures Visit a local tide pool to learn how these habitats and their inhabitants truly survive "between a rock and a hard place." Trained naturalists show participants how to tread lightly during the visit and help them discover the world of tide pools. February 9: Dike Rock. February 24: False Point. 858-534-733. Saturday, February 9, 1:30pm; \$12-\$15. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

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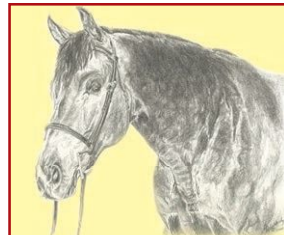
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LECTURES

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Instructor Rose Stanfill Thomas shares the long and storied history of chocolate as well as its medical benefits, particularly concerning cardiovascular health. 619-692-4910. Thursday, February 7, 7pm; **free**. Mission Hills Library, 925 West Washington Street. (MISSION HILLS)

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will be served. For more information see *narfe-sandiego.org* or call 619-226-4108. Monday, February 11, 2013 at 1:00 to 2:30pm. War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Dr. (BALBOA PARK)

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This annual winter show features winter-growing cactus and succulents from around the world. Exhibitors will be in on hand to answer questions concerning culture of these plants. Room 101. Saturday, February 9, 10am; **free**. Casa del Prado, 1800 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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Years Ordained: 39

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

Pastor Jim Garlow: My passion for Christ — the

excitement and joy of serving Him, the desire to see other people come to Him, the sheer delight in people when they come to an understanding of how incredibly great it is to have a walk with our Savior. I am deeply concerned that many people go to church and don't understand the excitement, joy, and delight of being a follower of Jesus Christ.

SDR: What is your main concern as a member of the clergy?

PG: As it relates to the American scene, if I can nationalize it, my concern is the failure to see how biblical truths apply to community and national life. It is easy for people to understand the application of biblical truth to personal life;

it is reasonably easy for most people to understand how the Bible speaks to family life; most people get it that the Bible speaks to well-ordered church life. There is often-times a break at that point — a failure to grasp that God is the God of nations as well. He has an understanding of how a nation's life is to be ordered to bring peace to the people. "Blessed is the nation whose God is Lord" (Psalm 33:12), says the Scriptures.

SDR: Where is the strangest place you found God?

PG: A few days after my wife was diagnosed with cancer in June 2007, on a late Thursday night or early Friday morning, we knew we were in for a tough journey. She's been

battling now for five and a half years and she has stage-4 cancer. She's miraculously survived — she's in the 99.99 percentile — only 1/100 of the people diagnosed with this form of cancer are still alive after this length of time. It's been tough. When she was first diagnosed, we realized how serious things were, and we resolved an issue that night. The pains and heartaches of life do not mitigate God's grace and God's love. He is most present when he feels most absent.

SDR: Where do you go when you die?

PG: I've written two books on heaven — I coauthored one book called *Heaven and the Afterlife* and a second book



Jim Garlow: "The pains and heartaches of life do not mitigate God's grace and God's love."

titled *Encountering Heaven and the Afterlife*. We interviewed people for our book, people who experienced both heaven and hell and were brought back to life. No one who experienced hell has any desire to have any touch with that place again; and yet those who experienced heaven in near-death experiences lost

all fear of death and were so eager to go back to that place they experienced.... It is a breathtaking place of perfection and permanence. We know we're made for these things and we know we're not experiencing either of those. God created the Earth this way, but we lost it because of Lucifer's fall and humanity's sin. Still, God is going to restore a new heaven and Earth someday. God desires all to be there; hell was never designed for humanity. If humans go to hell, they go by their own choosing and not because God ever wanted it.

— Joseph O'Brien

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Valentine's Day Pet Fair Meet five local animal welfare organizations, browse merchandise, mingle with other pet parents and animal lovers. Enter to win a prize on the half-hour, enjoy treats for two-legged and four-legged-guests (while supplies last), and visit the

kids' corner for face painting. Please note that pets are welcome with proper restraints or in carriers. Pet parents bear responsibility for pet behavior. Contact: animalblog-ger@cox.net. Saturday, February 9, 12pm; **free**. Images of Nature Gallery, 7916 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Palm Springs Modernism Week 2013! An amazing 11-day celebration of mid-century modern and contemporary design, architecture and lifestyle. Attendance beyond last year's estimated 35,000 is expected. Will feature more than 100 events including, our ever-popular architectural bus, cocktail parties, home tours, lectures, films, and much more. If you haven't yet purchased tickets, it's not too late to plan to be a part of it all in beautiful Palm Springs. If you have purchased tickets don't forget to check out the recently added events. For all the latest information and update on ticket sales please visit modernismweek.com. February 14-24, 2013. (PALM SPRINGS)

SPOKEN WORD

The Gelato Poetry Series Featuring Terry Spohn. An open mike will follow. 760-434-1240. Friday, February 8, 7pm; **free**. Korky's Ice Cream and Coffee, 2375 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Derby Dolls: Wildfires vs Steel City Steel Hurtin' of Steel City Roller Derby comes into town from Pittsburgh, PA to show the Wildfires what they've got on the banked track. Full bar for ages 21+ with i.d. Friday, February 8, 8pm; \$13-\$20. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

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Diego Rovira will also attend, along with special guest athletes from the San Diego Olympic Training Center. Saturday, February 9, 6pm; \$50-\$100. Kearny Mesa Bowl, 7585 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Cribbage League and Pick Up Games Saturday afternoon Cribbage league open to players of all levels. "Pick-up game" period begins after league play. Saturdays, 1pm; through Saturday, March 30, **free**. 18 and up. Phileas Fogg's Bar & Restaurant, Sabre Springs Plaza, 11385 Poway Road #100. (POWAY)

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Yves Abel appears to have been almost everywhere: Berlin, London, New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Rome, Palermo, Paris, Nice, Lisbon, Naples, Dallas, Calgary, Santa Fe, Seattle, Leeds, San Diego — and on and on and on. In these cities he has influenced thousands of people with a mere wave of his hands.

Abel is in his ascendancy as one of the world's great conductors, and he was here, in San Diego, to conduct four performances of Donizetti's *La fille du regiment* (The Daughter of the Regiment) for San Diego Opera.

San Diego Reader: What's the difference between working with San Diego Opera and, say, Covent Garden or La Scala?

Yves Abel: Absolutely nothing, to be perfectly frank, in the sense that you are given a cast, you are given a chorus, and you're given an orchestra.

You hope that in these different places the chemistry is going to be right between you and the cast, and that your ideas are going to be similar with what the singers come up with. You hope that you're going to connect with the chorus and with the orchestra. A conductor can succeed in one place and then bomb in another place on the very same piece.

It depends on so many factors, such as the tradition of the orchestra — if they're used to playing in a certain style they might be looking at the conductor as if he's from planet Zepton.

Another factor is how the orchestra is feeling. For instance, they may be going through contract

negotiations. I've had to conduct rehearsals while the orchestra was in the midst of horrible managerial problems. It's very difficult to do a comic opera with lots of energy when that's the case.

SDR: I've witnessed artists performing music so selflessly that there was something true occurring.

SDR: How does a conductor get there musically?

YA: I have to say that it totally depends on the conductor's personality.

For example, we all heard incredibly riveting productions from tyrants like von Karajan or Toscanini.

We've also heard incredibly moving productions from Giulini and Carlos Kleiber and from James Levine, who are the complete opposite of those dictator-type conductors. These conductors are interested in drawing the music out of people in a way in which we share community.

However, that doesn't mean that one way is better than the other. What is important to everybody is getting the results.

It's a tricky thing. What is great creation? What is a great creator? Is it a more communal creation, or is it the Ayn Randian egotist — the person who has a vision and sticks to that vision with their fingers clenched? I think the world is big enough for both views.

SDR: I'm guessing you're not on the autocratic side...

YA: Uh, no.

SDR: We've seen conductors who have been very positive but haven't always maintained a high standard. You appear to be able to stay positive and keep a high standard.

YA: I'm not going to say that the relationship between conductor and musicians is like that between parent and child, but hear me out. I have



Conductor Yves Abel: "I always have to tell singers, 'Take chances, take chances,' because that's how you truly move people."

a child. Rearing children is a difficult balance, because on one hand you want them to discover things on their own, but you have to be the guide, and you have to be strong in helping them make good choices.

Orchestras are obviously on an adult-to-adult level, but essentially it's the same thing. Somebody has to lead, and you can't be afraid to lead and insist [on high standards] for the good of the piece. You have to show people that you care deeply about this music and let them understand that this is the real motivation behind, "Let's do it again" or "Let's do it better."

SDR: The thing that draws us to athletics is watching people exceed the perceived limits of human ability. I think it's kind of the same with opera. We want to hear the loudest, longest, fastest singing. However, that seems to be going away to some extent and is being replaced by more refined artistry and musicality. I want to hear both. I want to

hear the tenor hold a high C for as long as he can and I don't think it is artistically bad for a singer to do that. I think it adds to the opera experience.

YA: Yes, you want the added thrill of it. I think music is a real balancing act.... Old-time singers and pianists...may not have been as technically polished as we are now. You can't make a mistake on the piano anymore. You really have to be perfect or as close as you can be. In the old days they used to make fistfuls of mistakes.

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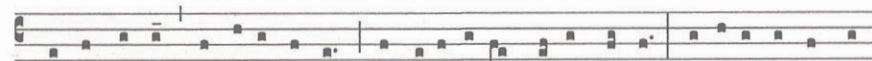
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Emerson String Quartet The string quartet's final tour with cellist David Finckel, who will be leaving the quartet after the 2012-13 Season. Eugene Drucker, violin; Philip Setzer, violin; Lawrence Dutton, viola; David Finckel, cello. PROGRAM: Franz Josef Haydn: String Quartet No. 27 in D major, Op. 20/4, H. 3/34; Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: String Quartet No. 20 in D major, "Hoffmeister," K. 499; Ludwig van Beethoven: String Quartet No. 7 in F major, "Rasumovsky No. 1," Op. 59/1. Preperformance conversation with the artists at 6:45pm. Sunday, February 10, 8pm; \$66. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Gil Shaham Recital Gil Shaham, violin; Akira Eguchi, piano, performing

Walton's Violin Sonata, Bach's Partita No. 3, Beethoven's Violin Sonata No. 9: Kreutzer, and a new work from Bolcom. Thursday, February 7, 7:30pm; \$20-\$85. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Hutchins Consort: Git Along Little Adagios Local chamber music group Hutchins Consort will perform "Git Along, Little Adagios" accompanied by harpist Elena Mashkovtseva and keyboardist Gabriel Arregui in a program that pairs works from classical music literature with vibrant Americana. The performance will include three famous adagios by Barber, Mahler, and Albinoni, as well as Appalachian songs based on traditional melodies from England, Ireland, and Scotland. Friday, February 8, 7:30pm; \$15-\$25. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Encinitas, 890 Balour Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Scheherazade Mei-Ann Chen, conductor; Benjamin Jaber, horn.

Performing Price's Mississippi River Suite, R. Strauss's Horn Concerto No. 1, and Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade. Friday, February 8, 8pm; Saturday, February 9, 8pm; Sunday, February 10, 2pm; \$20-\$96. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

La Jolla Symphony: Inside/Outside Steven Schick conducts orchestra and vocal soloists in a program that begins with Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Fantasia on a Theme" by Thomas Tallis, followed by Luciano Berio's "Folk Songs" sung by Jessica Aszodi, and concluding with Carl Nielsen's Symphony No. 3, "Espansiva," featuring soprano Bonnie Lauder and baritone Austin Thompson. Saturday, February 9, 7:30pm; Sunday, February 10, 2pm; \$15-\$29. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Piano Masterclass with Gordon Cheng The masterclass series

for amateur pianists features an open forum discussion and instruction on how to improve your mastery of the piano. Locale address provided upon RSVP. Saturday, February 9, 10am; \$20-\$40. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Benjamin Grosvenor Presented by the La Jolla Music Society, the opening event of this season's Discovery Series features British pianist Benjamin Grosvenor, winner of the 2004 BBC Young Musician of the Year Award. Sunday, February 10, 3pm; Auditorium at the Scripps Research Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

New York Polyphony The four-man a cappella quartet performs sacred and secular Renaissance music, sung in the cathedrals and castles during the Age of Humanism. Sunday, February 10, 3pm; \$10-\$38. Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts, 2400 South Stagecoach Drive. (FALLBROOK)

Nordic Voices Nordic Voices is a six-voice a cappella ensemble

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red fish blue fish Directed by Steven Schick, UC San Diego's percussion ensemble gives a rare performance of Gerard Grisey's cosmic *Le Noir de l'Etoile* ("The Black of the Star"), with six performers spread among the audience to provide complete immersion in sound. Inspired by the discovery in 1967 of pulsars (pulsing radio waves from massive stars that disintegrated eons ago), Grisey composed *Le Noir de l'Etoile* in 1989-1990 for his son Raphael. Thursday, February 7, 8pm; **free**-\$15. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Bach Collegium San Diego "When Cupid Strikes" The Bach Collegium San Diego presents "When Cupid Strikes," a program on the subject of love, with music by Bach, Purcell, Monteverdi, and Handel, followed by a chocolate and wine reception. Friday, February 8, 7:30pm; San Diego History Center, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)



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As I chew

*“Oh, you don’t have to stay here.
You can sit at the bar if you like.”*

Best reason to come into Sora is Bek. Bek Allen’s the mixologist imported from New York’s Pegu Club. Mixologist? Cocktail creator. Pegu? The Soho place Bek says has been named “best cocktail bar in the world” seven times by various cocktail and gastro publications. So, okay, I’d never heard of it, either.

Of course, Sora being the swank joint that it is, I’ve come in strictly for happy hour. Thursdays and Fridays, you buy a drink, you get free food, such as pasta and pizzas and edamame. Guess the choice isn’t surprising, since Sora is all about fusing Italian and Japanese food. Turns out, chef Noriyoshi Teruya was tempted away from Nobu. In the sushi world, can’t do better than Nobu.

It’s twilight, around 5:30 p.m., as I step into this big square room of cream-and-pink walls with natural wood panels and metal highlights and explain to the welcome gal that I’ve come for happy hour.

“You have to go to the back,” she says.

Ho-kay... I make the long journey through tables, around the square bar, past where all the cool people are, to an alcove facing windows that look into the kitchen. On a high table they’ve set three smallish pizzas. Two are chestnut and romanesco (Italian broccoli); one is gorgonzola and tomato sauce. In between, there’re a couple of bowls of pasta and another of edamame.

Hey, this stuff is free, which makes the glass of wine or beer that you gotta buy to qualify for it seem more reasonable. Even though there are no happy-hour drink prices. They run maybe \$7–\$8.

But it’s kinda lonely back here. You feel like you’ve been told to go sit in the corner till you’re ready to pay full price.

Then Christina comes up and says, “Oh, you don’t have to stay here. You can sit at the bar if you like.”

So that’s what I do. And that’s where I meet

Bek, the exotic-drink mixer. Bek Allen, floating like a butterfly, mixing stingers like a bee, heh-heh. You can see she knows her stuff. Says

the big red Japanese symbol erected on some scaffolding in the middle of the bar means *sora*, which means “sky.” Also here: Nicolae, the wine guy. Oh, I recognize him. Nicolae Stefan. Used to be at Cafe Chloe in East Village. What he didn’t know

about wine wasn’t worth knowing.

“Good choice,” he says when I randomly stab my finger on a red wine called Nero d’Avola (\$8). “It’s from Sicily. A very ancient vine. Oldest in Italy. The grapes are so dark they look black. That’s why they call it ‘Nero.’”

I take a slurp of the inky-black stuff. Ooh... Yes. Kinda rough, earthy, but fruity. I like it. Then I head off for the food, grab a couple of slices of that chestnut-and-broccoli pie, two more of the gorgonzola. I add some pasta and a clutch of edamame, and, hey, I’ve got myself a meal.

The pizza has a nice crust that’s thin but not too thin. Not cracker-hard, but not doughy, either. That chestnut-broccoli combo is good, too. There’s no spectacular flavor-burst, but it is nice and savory.

“You might say I’m a classicist,” says Bek, as I chew. We’re talking about cocktails. “I believe in learning the classics in the cocktail world. Why ruin something that’s been perfected?”

She reckons San Diego is two years behind New York on this stuff. The difference? “New York’s cocktail world has technique, discipline.”

Bek knows of what she speaks.

I mean, OMG. She’s learned from, and served up cocktails to, Audrey Saunders and Dale DeGroff. Had I heard of them? No. Do they turn out to be gods of the hot-hot cocktail cult? You betcha. (I googled them on the spot.)

Bek worked for Audrey Saunders at Pegu Club for seven years, serving up such cocktail “classics” as the Gin-Gin Mule and Old Cuban.



Bartender Bek created the Flower Drum Song, a cocktail using St. Germain, sake, soju, and lemon.

Had I heard of them? No. Would I like to try them? You betcha, if you’re paying.

She says she had to be prepared to *work*. Like, squeezing fresh fruit rather than pouring syrup. Or mixing difficult cocktails, like the Ramos Gin Fizz. “For that, you mix gin, lemon juice, lime juice, egg white, sugar, cream, orange-flower water and soda water, and then shake for 20 minutes.”

Twenty minutes!

As we talk, Bek’s making something that involves this kinda Art Nouveau bottle. Hmm... through the clear glass it looks yellow, but the bottle’s shape makes you think of absinthe.

Always wanted to know what those tortured artists of 19th-century Paris drowned their sorrows in.

This liqueur mix is from Paris, but it ain’t absinthe. Called St. Germain. Made from elderberry flowers. Smells of lychee.

“So,” Bek says, “I created this cocktail, Flower Drum Song, using St. Germain, sake, soju [a distilled Korean rice liquor that tastes a bit like vodka], and lemon. Like one?”

They cost \$9. Lord. Right now, I’m just fin-



This slice of chestnut and romanesco pizza was free at happy hour, but the drinks were full price.

ishing up my Nero d’Avola. I’m already down ten bucks, adding tax. With this green devil drink, it’ll be up to \$20.

But...heck. Flower Drum Song. Who can resist the name? Plus, interesting to see what Bek’s invented.

“Okay,” I say.

She shakes, stirs, pours, then lays a champagne glass full of this greeny, creamy mixture before me. I take a sip. Still get that lychee thing, but more lemony now, fizzy. Interesting, but not spectacular, especially once I figure out how much each gulp’s costing me. At least, now I know. Next time, I’ll have the St. Germain straight. And that tells you where I am on the totem pole of cocktail aficionados.

Whatever, I’m happy. And spinning a little. I come out of Sora feeling full, and glad I don’t have to drive anywhere. That green stuff...20 percent alcohol (and isn’t that low for a liqueur?). Or maybe it was just chowing free chow in that heady atmosphere. Either way, I float up Broadway to the stretch-limo stop on at least Cloud Eight. ■

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Tomatillo tang

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This Burro blind, not dumb

I didn't sob when the Fleetwood closed its doors. Despite its sleek appeal, it always came across as another style-over-substance downtown blemish. I was glad to see the space boarded up for installation of a new concept. Now, when I heard the name of the new venue it would become, that made me feel like shedding a tear: the Blind Burro (639 J Street, downtown). Not exactly a handle that inspires much faith in an eatery, but if names dictated the worth of a restaurant, we could just write off places called Bo-Beau, Burlap, Crab Catcher, and the Smoking Goat. That would be (75 percent) criminal! So, rather than be an ass and hold nomenclature against the new Mexican-inspired eatery on the corner of Seventh and J, I went in with both eyes and my taste buds open.

I arrived during the Blind Burro's soft-open period. Checking a place out so early in its existence often yields service problems, inconsistent seasoning, and problem dishes, all of which have the potential to work themselves out later. A writer in my position has to take

that sort of thing into account and, often, return later for a follow-up to make sure what appear to be soft-open kinks are just that, versus long-term problems. I will certainly dine at the Blind Burro again, but not to see if they shored up shortcomings. Over the course of my hour-and-a-half-long meal, there really weren't any. Service is smart and hospitable, allowing the Blind Burro to remain what it's meant to be — whimsical and relaxed.

This place is all about fun and intelligent spins on well-known Mexican favorites. The menu is stocked with a plethora of shared plates and entrées that sound good enough to make selecting a dish the only stressful part of a visit. The individuals responsible for the bill of fare share my mindset that, a life spent eating Mexican food every day

would make for happy and satisfied existence. As such, they're offering up mole sauces, cotija cheese, *pepitas*, chilies, and a salsa flight. That's right — a salsa flight! I was instantly endeared to the place based on this alone.

While the salsa wasn't the best I'd had, it was a pleasant and welcomed palate-awakener served with salty, extra-thick tortilla chips. It consisted of

a red roasted tomato-pasilla salsa, serrano-laced *salsa verde*, triple-cheese sauce, and *escabeche* (the

pickled-carrot nosh we're all familiar with from taco shops). The best of the bunch was the *salsa verde*, thanks to its bright tomatillo tang and its being the spiciest of the bunch. I saved some and poured onto jalapeño popper tacos, which sound like a gringo bastardization of a noble handheld treat, but turned out to be so much more. In reality, they're small corn tortillas (nice to have one sturdy wrap versus a doubled-up, gut-filling package) packed with tender

pulled chicken and topped with fried *queso panela*, roasted jalapeños, and *chicharrones*. It's a mix that tastes as good as it sounds and brings on a variety of textures.

Taquitos are made interesting with a filling of mashed sweet potatoes spiced up with house-made chorizo, and leveled out with a sweet, earthy *mole negro*. Add on some candied

jalapeños and you have something easy to fall in love with. An almond-and-pumpkin-seed-crustured cylinder of goat cheese is simultaneously soft and crunchy, and served with a stylish smear of smoky-sweet chipotle-flavored syrup plus a clever reduction of *jamaica* (a hibiscus flower-infused beverage popular south of the border) that's, sadly, served in too small a portion to be detected. The coolest dish of the night, for sure, was barbecued yellowtail collar. It's tough to find this delicacy (only one other downtown restaurant I know of, Katsuya by Starck, serves it). Having tender, blackened, chipotle-orange glazed chunks of tuna melt in your mouth will make you wonder why so many restaurants fail to utilize this lovely part of the fish. Delicious!

FEAST!



Blind Burro's pumpkin-seed-and-almond-crustured goat cheese with chipotle syrup and jamaica reduction



Next to this Chinese curio shop stands El Patio de Old Town, where the tortilla soup has not been Americanized for the tourists.

In addition to a variety of flavorful food, the Blind Burro sports an extensive array of tequilas with plenty of interesting selections to appeal to aficionados. Their margaritas make for early hits and something for the bar to hang its sombrero on, and there's also plenty of beer — especially by downtown standards (though the East Village has really upped urbanites' options over the past few years). Most notable on that front is the presence of beers from Cucapá, a Mexicali-based craft brewery. Cucapá's Chupacabras American (ironic) Pale Ale and Runaway IPA (which sports artwork that is so wrong...but kinda hilarious) were on tap. I tried them both and was impressed by their hop forwardness. The IPA left an especially good impression on my taste buds, thanks mostly to a blunt earthiness that's rare in an India pale ale.

All in all, I found the Blind Burro to be a hit and will be looking forward to coming back when baseball season starts. Provided, of course, the Padres can field a squad worth driving downtown for. On second thought, probably better hedge my bets on something more reliable — like *salsa verde* and yellowtail collars!

by Brandon Hernández

Hot soup, cold night

Is it cold? *Claro que sí*. Is it crowded? *Claro que no*. Is the soup *sabroso*? You betcha.

Especially sitting round one of the patio fireplaces of El Patio de Old Town (2611 San Diego Avenue, 619-260-8389).

Actually, fire is why I'm back here. Fire just about destroyed this place last spring. Here and Gum Saan the Chinese curio emporium named after what the Chinese used to call California: "The Land of the Golden Mountain."

It took months for them both to get back on their feet, so I've been giving them a miss.

But tonight (and ever since July, turns out), they're back.

El Patio has everything but crowds. The whole of Old Town's suffering from the cold snap. A few forlorn figures wandering round, huddled, trying to be interested in the history when you know they're just dreaming of home or the warm hotel lounge. For sure, not shivering outside sipping

soup.

Their problem, my luck. Get the best table in the patio, right next to the best fire.

And the best service: Jesús waits patiently while I look for the cheapest, best option on the menu. He says the most popular are the *molcajetes*, those volcanic rock bowls loaded with choices of meats, cactus, grilled onions, and cheese. Not cheap. Carne asada is \$17.95. The trio of steak, chicken, and shrimp costs \$32.95, but that's for two.

I go for the tortilla soup. Uh, \$6.95. Jesús approves.

"Just right for the night," he says, "and it's not only hot. It's hot, too."

One slurp and I know what he means. Hot and *picante*.

"This is Michoacán-style. Peppery," he says. "The family's from Michoacán. The tortilla chips are corn, of course, and it's filled with garbanzo beans, Mexican Monterrey cheese, and plenty of avocado.

And the heat?

"The peppers are guajillo. They give the flavor, the red color, and the heat. So, they haven't Americanized this soup by toning it down."

I mean, tourist trap? Of course. But I like the flavor. Right down to their *molcajetes* and beautiful wood-plank tables.

Even the fact that they have a troubadour every lunchtime and evening, and mariachis on the weekend. So they play "Cielito Lindo" for the umpteenth time? Good revolutionary song! I'd be happy.

But the thing about this place for me is it *feels* Mexican, even more than the frontline places in the plaza. Maybe because we're talking dirt driveway, adobe walls, and beautiful timbers in this off-Broadway site.

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That's the other benefit of living in Diego: you get access to it off-season, when it's more like its real self.

by Ed Bedford

Scoops and stamps

I saw a cool and random thing the other day in Old Town — a combination post office and ice cream parlor.

I'm about 110 percent sure I've been in Korky's (2371 San Diego Avenue) before, but I didn't remember the postal outlet. For the sake of accuracy, I don't think it's an actual post office *per se*, but it might as well be. You could buy stamps, mail mail, send a package, and

probably even wait in an endless line while the overwhelmed employee(s) scramble hopelessly against the tide of improperly stamped envelopes and questions such as, "Can I send this with one stamp even though it weighs too much?"

Yup. Going to the post office can be a real hassle.

It's really a shame that the ice cream isn't better. I paid almost \$4 for a single scoop of Butterfinger that had an imperfect, icy texture. It was a generous scoop, but still only *one* scoop. At that price, Ben and Jerry's is cheaper. I'm unsure of Korky's ice cream purchasing practices, but knowing the confection's origins wouldn't make it any tastier, so I didn't bother to ask.

Maybe their shakes and such would be a better bet. Even bad ice cream improves with blending and the addition of sugary syrups. For my money, I'd rather walk the single mile down San Diego Avenue to Washington Street to visit Gelato Vero.

by Ian Pike

The Prado at Night

There are exactly 200 restaurants participating in San Diego Restaurant Week this year. So far, I've only been able to make it to one: the Prado at Balboa Park. It wasn't until we were seated beside trees on the outdoor patio that it occurred to me I couldn't remember how long ago it had been since I'd seen the Prado at night, and even on those occasions, I was seated in the lounge area, enjoying live music and the bar menu.

David and I think of the Prado as a location for special lunches. After all, that's where we went directly from the courthouse the day we eloped. The trees, the fountain, the little birds, the bougainvillea...it all has a fairy-tale quality to it.

At night, strung lights add a festive flair. We were in the park for an event at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. It was the first warm night after a cold snap that lasted for weeks, a perfect night for wandering

the park. So, after the event at the Fleet, we strolled over to the Prado for dinner.

I ordered a bottle of wine solely for the name. "It's like me," I said. But David disagreed. He laughed and shook his head. "You are *not* a pessimist," he said. "You may think you are, but you're not."

David got the "Prado Caesar," a simple salad with romaine lettuce, croutons, and poblano-chili Caesar dressing. Though he said he couldn't really taste the flavor of the poblano, there was a little bit of heat on the finish.

My spicy calamari fries, a dish with which I was familiar, was as solid as ever. The tender slices of calamari were served hot — the high temperature combined with the serious kick of the Korean chili sauce warmed both my body and mood. The fresh, cool slaw beneath it was the ideal complement.

David's been having a tough time finding duck he likes lately. Here, the duck was served with caramelized pineapple sauce. David thought the dish as a whole was overly sweet, overwhelming the flavor of the duck.

I got the red-wine-braised short ribs. I was pleased to find that a gentle hand had been used on the horseradish in the

mashed potatoes. The saltiness of the spuds paired well with the tender beef.

We rarely get dessert when we're there for lunch, but since it was part of the deal, we both opted for our favorite, the cream-cheese flan. Traditional flan is a little too gelatinous for me, but this version gives it a creaminess that is somewhere between cheesecake and flan. It's served with fruit and an almond cookie and a light sugary sauce so tasty that David was sure not to leave any on the plate.

Unlike most of the other restaurants, the Prado (and all of the Cohn restaurants) extends restaurant week to two weeks. So, though "restaurant week" technically ends tonight, you can still sample this prix-fixe menu for lunch or dinner through next Friday.

by Barbarella Fokos

Dick's cleaning up (its patio, not its act)

Dick's is all screwed up. You know Dick's Last Resort (345 Fourth Avenue, downtown, 619-231-9100). It's the place that's famous for its shenanigans, where the waiters are there just to mess you up, bad.

(Like, last time I came in, the waitress was barking at a customer who wanted to pay up and go. "Besides, you haven't drunk enough yet. We have rules!" Okay, she was just giving him a hard time, like she's paid to.)

Well, it's cleaning up. Not the waiters. Not the service. Just the patio.

Was it this cold snap we've just had? Whatever, they're digging trenches for gas lines for new, mo'better heaters on the patio.

And while they're at it, they're repainting and — best part — adding new off-color jokes all over the walls.

But the food carries on. Those delectable tidbits like Crabby Balls, Mother-Cluckin' Good Chicky Wings, and Love Me Tenders (chicken tenders). Me, I'd go for the Crawdaddies or the Gator Bites. About eight bucks.

Actually, there may be better eateries, but if you're in a party mood, there ain't no *fun-ner* place to go to in this town. Some of those waiters should have their own TV show. With you, the customer, as their victim, natch.

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tomorrow (Saturday). But they sound like it's a race, like, "Are you sure, dude?"

by Ed Bedford

Sea & Smoke flowing into Flower Hill

Chef Matt Gordon was once the darling of North Park. A bearded, burly guy whose pork belly and brown liquor serve as dual calling cards, he's perhaps the manliest guy to ever qualify as a "darling," but when he opened his restaurant Urban Solace in the heart of hardly-as-grown-up-as-it-is-now North Park in 2007, the community glommed onto it and has yet to let go. Their fingers are probably glued by globs of sinful cinnamon-roll icing.

That strong support allowed Matt and his wife Young-Mi to open a second restaurant in 2011, Solace and the Moonlight Lounge. While enough like Urban Solace to qualify as a part two, the fare at the Encinitas offshoot is less heavy, decadent Southern-comfort food and more coastal Califor-

nia with trademark touches of Matt's base sensibilities, including his focus on sustainability. Two different experiences — both very satisfying.

Coastal life must appeal to the Gordons, because they just announced their plans for a third restaurant and it's in Del Mar's Flower Hill Promenade. Scheduled to open in summer, the new "American brasserie" will be called Sea Smoke (2720 Villa de la Valle, Del Mar). It will go into the 7500-square-foot space formerly occupied by Paradise Grill.

Gordon's kitchen will be serving up three squares a day, consisting of unique spins on traditional American dishes. Dishes being teased early include Elysian Farms leg of lamb with chimichurri; baked diver scallops with oil-cured black olive crust; a vegetarian entrée of carrot confit with multigrain risotto, pickled tangerine, and a red-wine reduction; and charred octopus with avocado, pepita, and guajillo chili salsa. That last one will utilize Sea Smoke's wood-fired oven, a fun new piece of equipment for Gordon to add to his repertoire. In keeping with Gordon's culinary and nutritional ideals, Sea Smoke's offerings will be

devoid of artificial ingredients. Designed by Bells Whistles Design Firm, the space will include a dining room, sunken bar, and plenty of patio space for a planned outdoor lounge. The atmosphere will be reminiscent of the '50s. The drinks will be culinary inspired, based on classic American tipples and made primarily from small-batch American spirits.

by Brandon Hernández

McDesi at Kasi

Naked Pizza tried to simplify 'za with iPhone apps and pictographic menus. While the P.B. franchise is still in operation, the Hillcrest branch didn't last very long in the tough-to-fill spot on Fifth Avenue. Now, Kasi is trying the same trick with Indian food and they've picked the former Naked Pizza spot to expand their North County business into Uptown.

The simplistic menu offers mainstay Indian curries, rice, salad, naan, and tandoori chicken. That's it. It's a streamlined, nearly fast-food approach to Indian cuisine that's not without its advantages.

For starters, the menu's been restricted to the most popular dishes from globalized Indian

cooking. There's chicken tikka masala, saag paneer, and aloo gobi for days. Maybe that's not the most "authentic" selection, but it's definitely what people like the best. And the kitchen's preparations of those dishes are spot-on. McDesi at its finest.

I tried the chicken tikka masala and some curried chickpeas (\$8 for a combo plate with basmati rice), both of which were excellent in their way. Sort of spicy and very rich, the curries made a filling meal. Served lightning-fast, it was an awesome alternative to a burrito. When you boil it down, westernized Indian cuisine bears the same relationship to its native food as burritos do to Mexican culture. It's syncretic fusion cooking at its best (and worst), but there's a certain appeal to that.

While I wouldn't call it a destination restaurant, for a quick bite to eat there's a lot of advantage to choosing curried vegetables over a California burrito or In-N-Out every now and again.

Kasi, 3803 Fifth Avenue.

by Ian Pike

Boar burger fail

I've been seeing everyone and

his cousin lined up at Burger Lounge in Hillcrest as of late. This is probably because Burger Lounge mailed the entire city of San Diego a buy-one-get-one-free coupon. Under normal circumstances, I'm averse to the over-designed burger joint, but what's the harm if it's free? Plus, they've been advertising a wild-boar burger topped with onion rings and barbecue sauce, which compels me, since wild boar can be pretty darn tasty when it's done up right.

Sad to say, the wild-boar burger disappointed. I was skeptical from the beginning when I asked if it was a combination of beef and pork, only to be assured that it was a 100 percent organic, free-range, wild-caught, sustainable, Leed-certified, wild boar named "Sybil," or something to that effect. *Portlandia* jokes aside, it probably should have contained a little beef for the sake of culinary aptitude.

The off-round patty was dry, devoid of flavor, and almost McDonaldsy to the eye.

Yup, that's two McReferences in as many days!

In all seriousness, I was let down by the boar burger, which could have been so much, but turned out to be so little. The best part was the bread...and

I'm not in the practice of eating burgers for the bread. I'd advise avoidance of this particular delicacy to any and all San Diegans turning in their Burger Lounge coupons in the coming weeks!

by Ian Pike

Kamikaze 7 crashing into Gaslamp

Kevin Roberts. That name rang a bell when someone brought it up late last week. Then it hit me, a memory flash transporting me back to 2008 when a local restaurateur of the same name appeared on Food Network's reality competition *Next Food Network Star* and competed in a handful of challenges, only to find his way out in the early rounds of the competition. He didn't make the director's cut there (though he did host a TLC show called *BBQ Pitmasters* and just shot a pilot for the Discovery Channel), but as the man behind the nightlife-geared Tavern+Bowl chain of alleys — East Village Tavern, Eastlake Tavern Bowl, North County Tavern Bowl — he's done just fine beyond his 15 minutes of fame. And that's not even counting his gigs as consulting chef to the New York Yankees.

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bringing another venture to life. This time, it's a sushi restaurant called Kamikaze 7, which is slated to open at 411 Market Street in the Gaslamp Quarter this March. That space was formerly occupied by Shorelines Gallery, meaning repurposing will be in order to get it up to code and ship-shape for restaurant use. That process is under way under the oversight of Jaime Partners, whose clients include the Enlightened Hospitality Group restaurants — Searsucker, Burlap, Gingham, Gabardine, and Herringbone — as well as Cinopolis Luxury Cinemas.

K7 is being designed to double as a DJ-equipped evening spot for cool kids and a place where sushi seekers can get their fix. In order to do that, Roberts is employing as much edginess and playfulness (think samurai-sword chandeliers) as he is freshly dispatched sea life and Kobe beef (he'll have the real stuff). Smartly, he's also leading with alcohol, offering 15 different types of sake bombs and Japanese whiskey.

Roberts is a national spokesperson for Yuengling Beer, but since they don't distribute to California, we're more than likely to see local beer and every sushi joint's Japanese-beer standbys sharing space behind the bar with all that sake. Of course, he also reps Frank's Red-Hot sauce, which, as any trip to the grocery store will tell you, is plenty available in these parts. Could an orange American condiment find its way into the fold with green Japanese horseradish? Let's hope not.

by Brandon Hernández

Pacifica's iWine

Last night, I journeyed up to Del Mar to check out a tasting menu from the new-ish chef at Pacifica. Since I got the invitation to visit the place, I can't deliver a binding verdict considering that I usually dine on the sneaky-sneaky. I will say that most of the meal wasn't up to the level I'd expected, though that's probably because the restaurant had press dinners while they still had their Restaurant Week menu out.

The wahoo with tarragon remoulade was excellent. A melange of herbs, briny olives, and deep green sauce surrounded the tender fish, but the most exquisite touch was the inclusion of a few little raisins, nuggets of chewy sweetness hidden in the dish and adding a stroke of genius to an otherwise great plate. Kudos. More of this, please,

and less undercooked pork belly and overcooked scallops.

For now, it's a "wait and see" situation for Stephanie O'Mary-Berwald wearing the big hat at Pacifica.

What I *really* want to talk about is the iPad wine menu. I've somehow missed out on the experience during the past two years.

My verdict? Wine as a video game isn't all bad.

Because the data storage for an iPad is effectively limitless (as far as wine cellars are concerned), app developers can put a glut of information a mere finger-swipe away from diners. That's huge for people who are intimidated by austere paper wine lists and the arcane knowledge of estates and bottlings. Plus, it's just *fun* to flip through the digital pages and pick a wine. It's like, wine Pokémon or something: "Cali-

fornia chardonnay, I choose *you!*" Maybe, in all that flipping, people will absorb a little knowledge. At the very least, it emboldens the timid and entertains the callous.

On the cynical side, I do worry that the experience is cheapened somewhat, as if the cartoonish appearance of the wine list on an iPad encourages people to falsify their knowledge to the point that they're ordering the simulacrum of the wine instead of the wine itself. Imagine, if you will, that the iPad claims a certain bottle of wine has "smoky tobacco over blackberry and vanilla flavors, great to pair with wild boar sausage," or whatever. Something tells me that people risk embracing the sizzle, as it were, and forgetting the steak.

by Ian Pike

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that there was an immediate reaction to the fatal accident from Humphreys management: two bartenders and one barback were fired. The insider says that the three employees were terminated because they engaged in after-hours drinking with Smith.

It wasn't like these bartenders over-served him. He was their boss. One of these bartenders who got fired had been there for 28 years."

Sergio Davies, general manager of Humphreys, responded this way about Smith's arrest: "This is not a story. It is too early, and the facts are not all in." But what about the three fired employees? "What happens to employees on our property, we don't divulge that information."

Because Smith was so closely tied to booking bands at Humphreys, some local musicians wondered if Smith's legal problems may impact Humphreys' entertainment schedule.

Mike Blake, Humphreys food-and-beverage manager who oversaw Smith, says there are no changes afoot in their seven-night-a-week live-music commitment. "We are still going to have the same mix of blues, jazz, rock, and '80s that we have always had."

The 160-capacity Humphreys Backstage Lounge has just undergone significant interior improvements, including upgrades to its sound system.

"It's too bad this happened right now," says a local promoter. "Now that [the 300-capacity] Anthology has gone away, this means that Humphreys could arrive as the premier San Diego venue to host all the smaller national touring acts that aren't big enough for the Belly Up or the House Blues. But, I guess

they could still pull it off."

In January, Humphreys presented blues players Robin Henkel, Chet Cannon, and Bill Magee; smooth-jazz musicians Jesse Davis and Stelita; and Beatles and Billy Joel tribute acts.

— Ken Leighton

Jam for Jesus. It is the rock music echoing off the concrete-and-glass storefronts of Mission Valley mall that draws a reporter to the front doors of the place that used to be Seu's. There's a band playing inside on a makeshift stage under the giant flat-screen TV. A couple of hundred people stand with their hands raised in the air. That old mural of Junior, surrounded by a corona of airbrushed lightning bolts, looks down on the assembled masses. But no more football Sunday — this is a sanctuary now, and it has been ever since Eastlake Church took over the venue last September.

Outside, pop-culture references abound: there's an image of an electric guitar and the Hunter S. Thompson-esque slogan, "Weird, because normal isn't working." Later, I ask Kevin McPeak, who is the creative director for Eastlake Church, if the music and such are just a Trojan horse designed to bring young people into the fold.

"I wouldn't say 'Trojan horse.' What we're trying to do," he says by phone, "is get the exact response I just heard from you: 'I haven't been to church

in a long while, the people were nice, and I had a good time.'" He explains that rock and roll helps break down barriers stemming from negative church experiences people may have had in the past. "In all due respect to the tradition of church music, not a lot of people are interested in going to a pipe-organ concert."

McPeak, 42, is a former music instructor at Southwestern College and plays guitar and bass. Eastlake Church simulcasts their morning sermon to three other satellite locations, including Seu's. "We have one or two musicians on staff at each location who are pros. They coordinate schedules, make sure everybody has charts, and they lead rehearsals." The remaining band members are volunteers. But McPeak says Eastlake is particular about who they choose to jam for Jesus. "There's kind of a high bar to get on the [music] team."

Junior Seu opened the 15,000-square-foot sports bar in 1996. It closed in May 2012, following the former Charger's suicide. McPeak says that Eastlake contacted Seu's family when they learned they would be granted the use of the facility. "We didn't want them to read about it in the newspaper," McPeak says. "Junior's brother

came to our first service." Otherwise, Seu's remains the property of the mall. "Their interest is in finding a long-term restaurant tenant. In the



It's not easy getting on Eastlake's music team.

meantime, we're there as long as they want us."

— Dave Good

A project full of projects. "With our original guitarist Jerry Flack out of commission last year due to back surgery, and too many family obligations to ignore, I found myself with a new decision crossroad," says Jim Ryan of the oft-reunited punk band Cardiac Kidz. "Do I sit on the shelf and continue on with my life minus the music performance, recording, and creations that came from the resurrection of the Cardiac Kidz? Or do I get off my ass and go forward with my music and creative flow of things to say and stuff to play?"

Choosing the latter resulted in the Jim Ryan Project, which so far has included Billy Rath (Johnny Thunders and the Heartbreakers, the Street Pirates) and Joey Pitner (the Waldos), though the lineup

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the inside track blurt

The *L.A. Times* reported that a 42-year-old Mexicali man was standing on the freeway shoulder next to a vehicle speaking to his wife following mechanical problems to one of their cars.

"That is complete bullshit," says the insider. "They were there having their shift drink after the bar was closed, just like they have done for years and years. They have cameras

up the ass all around Humphreys [Lounge]. These guys have been taking their completely legal after-closing-shift drinks since 1975, or

whenever, and all the managers knew it. Now they want to fire the underlings because their boss got too drunk and killed somebody. That guy [Smith] was the boss of these guys who were fired. He could just go around the bar and help himself to as much booze as he wants.



No changes afoot after the arrest of Humphreys' talent buyer

The accident, which occurred at 4:10 a.m. on Saturday, January 26, threw the man hundreds of feet. He died at the scene.

Smith was arrested and held on \$100,000 bail.

An insider close to Humphreys' staff reported

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remains fluid, pending schedules, locales, and requirements.

“This is a project full of projects. I have to adapt songs from the Cardiac Kidz catalog to allow different genre musicians to play comfortably onstage with me — an exciting challenge — and it ensures that I get the right

mix of growth and experience to push me off the comfy couch of life and expand as an artist.”

With only a handful of performances so far, Ryan is hard pressed to describe the new

band's sound. “As an artist, you don't want to limit descriptions to a parameter of measurement, but I can report how my fans have described it. It's a cross between the Ramones and the Monkees, with a twist of power



Jim Ryan: “All roads seem to lead to punk.”

pop, a thrust of Black Flag, and a hint of Bowie.”

Ryan also works as a graphic designer specializing in marketing and display art, as well as occasionally authoring

books such as *The Revelation Handbook: Surviving the Great Tribulation*, published in 2005. However, “All roads seem to lead to punk,” he says, tracing his muse all the way back to

daily blogs

Clarinet Fever in La Mesa

By Dave Good — Feb. 4, 8:06 a.m.

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when he caught the Clash at downtown's Golden Hall in the early 1980s.

“This was a great show, I jumped out of the mosh pit and climbed up onto the stage and sang ‘I Fought the Law’ with Joe Strummer! I only got to the second line when I had to jump back into the pit because the bouncers were on their way across the stage. By the time I reached outside the mosh circle, I found that my jacket was literally ripped to shreds. Pure punk rock.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

An earnest mess. “I went crazy writing this and it all came out,” says Jesse Eisner. “‘Esse Jeisner’ says all the stuff that is hard to think about and all the shit we don't like to acknowledge.”

Shit like leaving an infant brother in a high chair while you hide in the living room because a maniac is run-

ning laps on your porch demanding admittance to the homestead.

Eisner spent four months at a creative fever pitch, writing songs and music to try and contain the life story of a young man from a broken home who has raised a grip of kids, watched family members descend into drug addiction, and found God in some strange places. His new musical project, *Esse Jeisner Retakes the States*, puts all those words in the mouth of a crazy, old, homeless man; the eponymous Esse (which Eisner says “should be pronounced *ese*, like an L.A. gangster”), who disjointedly chronicles key points in the life of the alter-ego's alter-ego.



As “Esse Jeisner,” Eisner retakes his states

Catching up with Eisner before and after a show, he tries to explain that the project is supposed to be a big rock opera that somehow contains the often-contradictory twists and turns that push a guy's life

in all directions. It's a mess, but it's an earnest mess with just enough love to survive.

At his best, Eisner occupies the hypnotic drones of low-fi shoegaze and breaks lyrical repetition to deliver thoughtful lyrics: “I'll follow you into the woods and we'll drown out our moms and dads.”

The show vacillates between on-the-nose Christianity and

artful use of Jesus as metaphor for a loved one. It bounces between uncanny Cat Stevens covers and distorted noise that leads to inexplicable in-jokes and spoken-word poetry.

At his worst, Eisner tries to do too much with a simple show. He struggles with reaching out and trying to wrestle abstruse metaphors into submission. That's not without a little irony, as the story behind *Retakes the States* is a Bildungsroman in musical guise, and great opportunities for growth don't always come out of successes.

States' biggest novelty (and strength) is that it fights through all its own weirdness and ends up being a regular tale from a regular guy.

— Ian Pike

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OFF! AT EPICENTRE

Thursday 7

Like the very best punk rock, **OFF!** songs are short, sharp, violent shots that don't connect with your flesh as much as they insert themselves into your head and proceed to bang their way out with jackhammer jabs. You nod your noodle and scream along — *You wonder why I'm always screaming! You wonder why I talk so loud!* It's cathartic. The pedigree of the players speaks volumes even before Dmitri Coats's (*Burning Brides*) skin-ripping guitar begins to feed and bassist Steven McDonald (*Redd Kross*) and drummer Mario Rubalcaba (*Hot Snakes, Rocket*) push the pedals to the floor. I've been listening to frontman Keith Morris (*Black Flag, Circle Jerks*) scream/sing for most of my life; his thrashed-throat Cali kid timbre describes angst and carries weight, his deceptively simple verbiage has depth and truth. Like the very best punk rock. **OFF!** will pack the house Thursday night at the all-ages Epicentre in Mira Mesa with Motor City stalwarts **Negative Approach** and Fullerton hardcore four-piece **Bad Antics**.... There's some other stuff, too; e.g., *Fee Waybill's Tubes* will be at Ramona Mainstage...new rare-groove group **Sure Fire Soul Ensemble** sets up shop at Bar Pink...UK mix-master duo **Psychemagik** will fill the floor at El Dorado downtown...and there will be a benefit for Southwestern College student paper *The Sun* at Tin Can Ale House, with music by the **Natives**, **PL DVNA** (featuring members of Electric Healing Sound and Dancing Strangers), and **Voice Actor**.

Friday 8

Soda Bar sets up an early show for Austinites **What Made Milwaukee Famous.** Always a bridesmaid, the indie-rock quartet "left" the Barsuk label to self-release this year's *You Can't Fall Off the Floor*, a power-pop set that nods, winks, and blows a kiss



WHAT MADE MILWAUKEE FAMOUS AT SODA BAR

to fellow Texans Spoon. They're a solid early-show band...up to you if you want to stay and pay for British guitar-pop trio **Sea Pony**, which headlines the late sets behind **Rose Melberg** and **Neon Cough**.... I'll be getting my recommended daily allowance of soul-funk jazz jams, thank you very much, at Bar Pink with retro rollers **Pocket**.... Else: SD metal heads **Psychothermia** will celebrate a CD release for *Fall to the Rising Sun* at Ruby Room in Hillcrest, after **Warner**

Drive and **Eken Is Dead**...alt-rockers **Hargo**, **Subsuffer**, **Gone Baby Gone**, and **Duping the Public** fill a locals-only bill at Casbah...“veteran bass peddler” and half of the genre-melding mash-up duo Ludachrist, **Bro Safari**, will be down at House of Blues... and Bay Area bad boys **Tommy Castro & the Painkillers** bring award-winning blues-rock to Belly Up in Solana Beach. TC’s got a new full-length in the hopper, due out this year, but the merch guy’s got the tour-only 45 teaser, “Greedy” b/w “That’s All I Got.” Maybe one of my blues-loving Crawler followers will grab me one of them.



DIRTY DOZEN BRASS
BAND AT BELLY UP

Saturday 9

Saturday sees psych-pop desert lop **Gram Rabbit** (Gram Parsons + Jesika von Rabbit) hopping onto the Casbah stage. The Josh Tree duo are touring in support of last year's *Welcome to the Country*.

a collection that garnered some commercial attention in, well, commercials — Fruit of the Loom commercials, to be specific. “It’s pretty surreal,” Ms. Rabbit mused to the *Hi-Desert Star* about her single “Desperate Heart.” “I was, like, Wow, *my voice is going to help sell underwear.*” Indeed. Those ads ran during last year’s summer games, btw. Solid opening slots, too, with indie-rock acts **Hills Like Elephants** and **Privet**

and local lo-fi folkies **Midnight Pine**.... Best of the rest finds retro-pop five-piece **Get Back Loretta** at the Griffin in Bay Park after **Jackson Price** and **Deadly Birds**...a reunited **Swim Party** will drip

dry on the Soda Bar stage after **Sleep Lady** and **Kalashnikov My Wife**...and from Kingston, Jamaica, reggae royalty the **Wailers** visit Belly Up on their West Coast swing.

Sunday 10

Cribbed from the Soda Bar site: "If you're in the mood for some dirty, fuzzed-out psych-blues, look no further than SanFran band **Buffalo Tooth...** recommended for fans of Blue Cheer and *Slip It In* era Black Flag." Hm. With local faves the **Natives** and **Harsh Toke**, I'll get in the mood... Not your cup of mushroom tea? Tower Bar booked **Pagan Funeral**. The Baltimore-based old-school doom-metal band will headline sets by **Lenore** and **Gloomspan**...Nawlin's son Freddie Ross, aka **Big Freedia**, will introduce "bounce music" to Casbah after **Keith Sweaty...** and outlaw aper the **Highwayman** rolls into Belly Up. Dude's got four grizzled old country singers inside him. Check out this week's "Of Note" for his schizophrenic story.

Monday **11**

Is it "Fat Monday"? I dunno. Anyway, there's going to be a brassy pre-Gras at Belly Up with New Orleans originals the **Dirty Dozen Brass Band** and like-minded locals the **Euphoria Brass Band**. Bead up, get horny.... Otherwise: celebrate 20 years of New York citified metalcore with

Merauder, which takes the stage at Ché Café after **Murder Death Kill**...and Tin Can Ale House's "Tin Can Country Club" welcomes folk-pop singer-songer and Raincoat Records purveyor **Gayle Skidmore**, who last week released her latest EP, *Zombie Heart*.

Tuesday 12

I Love You, *This Is a Robbery*. **Spoonboy** (David Combs of D.C. pop-punk trio Max Levine Ensemble) has been called "a poor man's Belle & Sebastian." Not sure I really appreciate the rich man's B&S, but I do like the lo-fi whimsy off of Spoonboy's latest, *The Papas*. Lists a lot more toward American folk-diarists such as Conor Oberst and John Darnielle than the fey Brit preening of Stuart Murdoch, imho: *spoonboy.bandcamp.com*. Spoonboy digs in at Ché Café after **Black Panther** and **Golos Truda**.... While uptown, there'll be some heavy petting at Soda Bar, where Austin, TX punk'd power trio **Blind Pets** wander onstage after the **Paper Thins** and **Love & the Skull**.



SPOONBOY AT CHÉ CAFÉ

Wednesday 13

Badass bassist **Kevin “Brandino” Brandon & Friends** visit Seven Grand in North Park. The L.A.-based playa/producer has won seven Grammys in his storied career, which has featured work with artists such as Justin Timberlake, Beyoncé, Mary J. Blige, Stevie Wonder, Outkast, and, oh yeah, cat daddy toured with Aretha freaking Franklin for more than 20 years.... Too high for your brow? Silver Lake country skunks the **Lonely Wild** set up at Soda Bar...Swedish metal vets **In Flames** light up House of Blues after Seattle’s Christ-rock-



BRANDING AT SEVEN GRAND

ing **Demon Hunter...**
Brooklyn-based electro-pop act **St. Lucia's** at the Griffin with **Wildcat!**
Wildcat!...
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"I played music at Robin Williams's most recent wedding...even though I'm Asian, I'm taller."

What kind of music would Mozart make if he were currently living on the beach in southern California? "The Swarmius-Hausmann Project is a new melding of two groups that have each been around for several years," says Joe Waters of the seven-piece collaboration of the Swarmius Trio and the Hausmann String Quartet. "We merge classical music with rock, hip-hop, jazz, and world-music genres by creating music that's easy to get into, with strong hooks and grooves, that also has additional levels with all sorts of things to discover, like musical references, juxtapositions, and palindromes."

Though ostensibly rock and roll, Waters notes that performances demand classically trained players. "The music is extremely demanding, like extreme sports. The songs are composed, not improvised, and the musicians are reading music onstage or have their parts memorized. The electronic sounds are all created from scratch, a painstaking process that's necessary in order to realize the unique vision of the band. There are elements of electronica, surf, dubstep, gypsy, video-game sounds, and thousands of other things."

Waters sums up their sound as "Moby gone

over to a dark side, where Yoko Ono is the dungeon master and Brian Eno keeps score. We're trying to make music that is classic, not classical." All seven members responded to our queries: Waters, Isaac Allen, Eric Chin, Angela Choong, Jeremiah Shaw, Todd Rewoldt, and Justin Dehart.

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WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

Joe Waters: "Radiohead's *Kid A* is an open, emotionally profound record that sounds unique and is very well crafted."

Isaac Allen: "The Pixies' *Doolittle* and Schubert's last string quartet, *D.887 in G major*. I don't know why, but I find aspects of both of these to be similar. Both offer wide ranges of expression, from minor to major, from tender to anguish."

Jeremiah Shaw: "Sara Tavares, *Balance*. I love listening to music that's so compelling that it doesn't even matter if I can't understand the lyrics."

Todd Rewoldt: "NOFX, *Punk in Drublic*. Faster than the Ramones, and vocal harmony chops like Boyz II Men."

Justin Dehart: "Michael Gordon's *Timber*, one of the most profound sonic experiences I've

had while listening to a CD."

BEST CONCERT?

Joe Waters: "It was a brass band in Sharp Park, on the bandstand near the Cascades in Jackson, Michigan, when I was three years old. All I remember is the incredibly gorgeous golden blast of the sound, like the sun's reflection off the beautiful instruments."

Todd Rewoldt: "Nine Inch Nails at the Detroit Fairgrounds, around 1994. Finally, the tune 'Reptile' from the *Downward Spiral* album made perfect sense."

SOMETHING YOU NEVER RUN OUT OF?

Isaac Allen: "Potato chips."

Angela Choong: "Crunchy foods, like carrots, and Persian cucumbers."

Jeremiah Shaw: "Party favors."

UNFULFILLED AMBITION?

Joe Waters: "I'd like to convince the world that art and science are complementary and opposite sides of the same coin."

Angela Choong: "Start a concert series on Mars."

Jeremiah Shaw: "Win a Grammy."

ANY FEARS OR PHOBIAS?

Joe Waters: "Never having sex again."

Isaac Allen: "Bees, to the point where I can't even listen to 'Flight of the Bumblebee.'"

WHO DO PEOPLE SAY YOU LOOK LIKE?

Eric Chin: "Jet Li, Jackie Chan, and Bruce Lee. Do we really all look that similar?"

WHAT WOULD YOU TELL THE YOUNGER YOU?

Joe Waters: "Don't squander time being angry."

Eric Chin: "The more you practice and the better you get, the harder it becomes."

BEST THING ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Joe Waters: "I live in a hidden pocket neighborhood in La Mesa, a post-WW2 housing project. It's situated on a loop that's connected to the outside world by a single umbilical, so there's no through-traffic and only folks who live on the circle know it exists."



PHOTOGRAPH BY AMY HECHT

The seven members of the Swarmius-Hausmann Project say they're "trying to make music that is classic, not classical."

WHERE DO YOU TAKE OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS?

Joe Waters: "The cactus garden in Balboa Park, which looks like the flora in Dr. Seuss books."

Justin Dehart: "The desert."

BIGGEST REGRET?

Jeremiah Shaw: "I don't regret the partying, I just wish I'd balanced out the work and play thing a little better."

BRUSH WITH FAME?

Eric Chin: "I played music at Robin Williams's most recent wedding...he may be famous and successful, but, even though I'm Asian, I'm taller."

USELESS TRIVIA?

Jeremiah Shaw: "The last Olympic gold medal that was made purely from solid gold was [awarded in] 1912."

SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

Joe Waters: "I always eat with chopsticks."

Jeremiah Shaw: "I used to sell toilet paper for a living." ■

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Saturday, 7:30pm — Spider John Koerner. \$20.

Analog:
Friday, 8pm — Gigamesh.

ArtLab:
Friday, 8pm — Still Ill and DJ CHuckie V.

Balboa Theatre:
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Suzanne Vega. \$36-\$46.

Bar Pink:
Thursday, 9pm — The Sure Fire Soul Ensemble.
Friday, 9pm — Pocket.
Saturday, 9pm — The MillkCrates.
Sunday, 9pm — Happy Endings.
Tuesday, 9pm — Adrian Demain's Exoticatronica.
Wednesday, 9pm — DJ Ratstar.

Belly Up:
Friday, 9pm — Tommy Castro and the Painkillers. \$20-\$22.
Saturday, 9pm — The Wailers. \$23-\$25.
Sunday, 3:30pm — Brad Steinwehe Big Band (matinee). \$10.
Sunday, 7pm — The Highwayman. \$13-\$15.
Monday, 8pm — Dirty Dozen Brass Band. \$14-\$16.
Wednesday, 8pm — Hot Rain and Siao Si. \$21-\$37.

Belo:
Saturday, 10pm — Wale.

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

Boar Cross'n:
Friday, 9pm — Club Musae.
Saturday — High Tide.

Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts:
Sunday, 3pm — New York Polyphony. \$10-\$38.

Brick by Brick:
Friday, 7pm — Ronny North, Temporal Riff, Cabuloan. \$10.
Wednesday, 7pm — Locked Out of Eden.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido:
Thursday, 7pm, Friday, 7pm — 1st Marine Division Band. Free.
Sunday, 7pm — Keith Sweat. \$35-\$99.

Caribe Nightclub:
Saturday — Little Black Dress.

Casbah:
Thursday, 8pm — Gayle Skidmore, Goldenboy, Leanna May.
Friday, 9pm — Gone Baby Gone, Subsurfer, Hargo.
Saturday, 8pm — Gram Rabbit and Hills Like Elephants. \$10-\$10.
Sunday — Big Freedia, Keith Sweaty, DJ Claire. \$14.
Monday — Sir Sly and Miner. Free.
Tuesday — Oceanside Sound System, the Amalgamated, Unsteady. \$6.

Ché Café:
Friday, 7pm — Entities, Big Bad Buffalo, Tona Grad. \$7.
Saturday, 7pm — Creative Conspiracy, Some Kind of Nightmare, Denied Youth. \$7.
Monday, 7pm — Merauder, Murder Death Kill, Brawl, Halftime. \$12.
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Thursday, 7:30pm — Gil Shaham Recital. \$20-\$85.
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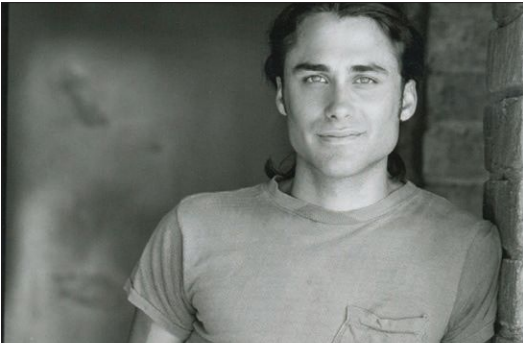
"About six years ago, I had an epiphany of sorts." Tony Suraci, aka the Highwayman, explains how he came to front such a complicated show. "For a long time I performed Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson, and Waylon Jennings songs," he emails from Fallbrook. "And then one day, it just crystallized in my mind that I should put together a tribute act that honored these four." And so he did just that, with a backup band and himself in the role of each. As a performance, it is seamless, impressive, considering how different each singer is and how close to each one Suraci can get. No — he nails each of them.

"There's actually a fifth voice in the High-

wayman Show. Merle Haggard sings with Willie on the song 'Poncho and Lefty,' and, yes, I do Haggard's voice on that one, too." How, exactly, does one train for such an endeavor? "I have been mimicking my whole life."

In their time, which was roughly from 1985 to 1995, the Highwaymen were a so-called outlaw-country super-group that consisted of Jennings, Nelson, Kristofferson, and Cash. But outlaw country dates back to the 1950s, say some, and may have started with Elvis. Suraci, who resembles none of the five (other than vocally), claims Willie Nelson as his personal favorite. He writes about how some songs have a performance burn factor, that he's gotten tired of doing certain Bad Company tunes in years past. "But, Willie Nelson's 'Angel Flyin' Too Close to the Ground'...I still love it every time."

Suraci writes that he's been woodshedding on some new Johnny Cash material. "For the first time, the public will hear me sing 'Man in



THE HIGHWAYMAN

Black,' 'I've Been Everywhere,' and 'City of New Orleans.' This show at the Belly Up," he claims, "will be the highlight of a lot of hard work and dedication to the outlaw-country movement." Lee Koch of *The Voice* also performs.

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Dizzy's:
Friday, 8pm — The Mike Garson Quartet. \$10-\$15.
Saturday, 8pm — Mikan Zlatkovich & the JazzMikan Trio. \$10-\$15.

E Street Café:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Joseph Angelastro Trio. Free.

El Cajon Brewing Company:
Wednesday, 6pm — Robin Henkel Blues Trio.

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Friday, 6pm — What Made Milwaukee Famous. \$8-\$10.

Soma:
Sunday, 6pm — The Toasters. \$12.

Space 4 Art:
Wednesday, 8pm — The Larry Ochs/Don Robinson Duo. \$10-\$15.

Spreckels Theatre:
Tuesday, 8pm — Ed Sheeran. \$35-\$45.

Stage Rock Bar & Grill:
Thursday, 10:30pm — Bass Tribe. **Free.**

Friday, 8pm — Cathouse Thursday.

Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre:
Sunday, 6pm, Sunday, 8:30pm — Oak Ridge Boys. \$35-\$45.

Til-Two:
Thursday, 9pm — Girl is Tough and Memo & Rex.

Tin Can Ale House:
Friday, 9pm — The Flowerthief and St. Cloud Sleepers.

Today's Pizza & Salad:
Monday, 6pm — Joseph Angelastro Trio. **Free.**

Typhoon Saloon:
Friday, 8pm — Red Not Chili Peppers.

Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House:
Saturday, 7pm — Stacey & the Stimulators. **Free.**

VFW Post #3788:
Friday, 8pm — The Silver Spurs Band. \$5-\$10.

Via Lago Trattoria:
Tuesday, 7pm — Mardi Gras with David Owen & Damion Willis.

Villa Musica:
Saturday, 8pm — The Joshua White/David Borgo Duo. \$15.

Vision Center for Spiritual Living:
Thursday, 7pm — All You Need is Love: Beatles Love Songs.

Zel's Del Mar:
Saturday, 8pm — Robin Henkel.

UPCOMING SHOWS

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.
February 14 — Rock Out Karaoke.
February 19 — PB-OKE Karaoke.

98 Bottles: 2400 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-255-7885.
February 14, February 14 — Jazz Valentine.
February 15 — The Peripherals and Julia May & the Penguins.
February 17 — Brandon Primus.

AMSDconcerts: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
February 15 — Ellis Paul.
February 16 — John Gorka.
February 17 — Guy Davis.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
February 14 — J. Blow, Daeta, the Fresh Yard, Premiere Fits.
February 15 — Nathan James

Trio.
February 16 — Neon Beat.
February 17 — Happy Endings.
February 18 — The Husky Boy All-Stars.
February 19 — Adrian Demain's Exoticatronica.

Belly Up: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
February 14 — The Hives.
February 15 — Ra Ra Riot.
February 16 — Steve Poltz's Annual 50th B-Day Party.
February 19 — Reeform.

Boar Cross'n: 390 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-2989.
February 14 — Taken By Canadians and Goodnight Ravenswood.
February 15 — Club Musae.
February 16 — Hi Roots.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
February 14 — Soulfly, Incite, Lody Kong.
February 15 — T. Irie Dread, the Amalgamated, Soul Ablaze.
February 16 — Madman and Rattz.
February 17 — Cockney Rejects and Youth Brigade.
February 19 — Velvet Acid Christ, the Twilight Garden, Squirrelly Arts.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
February 14 — Wallpaper and Con Bro Chill.
February 15 — Transfer, Nervous Wreckords, Boy King.
February 16 — Om and Sir Richard Bishop.
February 17 — Old Tiger, Sundrop Electric, Bart Mendoza & True Stories.
February 18 — Graveyard.
February 19 — Night Beds and John Meeks.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311.
February 15 — Ed Tucker Ghost and Button Willow Locomotive.



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Saturday • Feb 9
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February 16 — The Mighty Untouchables.

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B St., Downtown San Diego, 619-235-0804.
February 15 — BBC Concert Orchestra.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.
February 14 — The All Stars.
February 15 — Mystique Element of Soul.
February 16 — Not Katie.
February 17 — Jerome Dawson.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.
February 15 — West of 5.
February 16 — The Farmers.

Dizzy's: 4275 Mission Bay Drive (in the showroom at San Diego Jet Ski Rentals), Pacific Beach, 858-270-7467.
February 15 — Danny Green plays the music of Chick Corea.
February 16 — Bertram Turetzky.
February 17 — Brasil Jazz Festa with Allison Adams Tucker.

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge: 1030 Broadway, East Village, 619-237-0550.
February 14 — Lonely HeART's Club.
February 15 — Hickies & Dryhumps.
February 17 — Dag Savage.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.
February 15 — He is the Painter.
February 16 — Undead Garden.

EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

Lonerism
Tame Impala
By Robert Duffy

Lonerism is the second outing for Perth's Kevin Parker, for it is he who composes, produces, sings, and plays (almost) everything on Tame Impala records. He's even responsible for the sleeve photography.

Kicking off and fading in with a mantra chant ("Be Above It"), the tones are set with space-rock electronics before heading into an orbit of flanged guitars and swirl-

ing, multilayered vocals. Think Syd-era Floyd, White album Beatles, 13th Floor Elevators.

However, lead single "Elephant" stomps along to a fuzz-tone bass and a T. Rex groove and sounds slightly out of sync with the rest of the collection.

Usually, when an artist's influences are rooted in the '60s, they look and sound past their sell-by date. Parker & Co. find something fresh to add to the psychedelic smorgasbord. "Feels Like We Only Go Backwards," with its beautiful summer melody and organ, could be their potential hit 45. "Sun's Coming Up" brings us to the end of the trip. It's an awkward ending to the album, with a dour vocal and piano before breaking up and into guitar fragments. "Are you too terrified to try your best?" is asked in "Apocalypse Dreams." This record shows its author is not.



Think Syd-era Floyd

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Trash Talk in Mira Mesa
By Daphne White

Wrapping up its West Coast tour, Sacramento hardcore band Trash Talk left it all onstage at the Epicentre in Mira Mesa. The intensity of the show came from every angle of the room, from the circle pit to the kids flying off the stage.

Trash Talk's most recent album, *119*, brought several new additions to the short-lived, fast-paced songs on their set list. "Awake," one of the band's most intense



Spielman accompanied fans in the rafters

and popular songs, was two minutes of instrumental havoc. For one of the songs, lead singer Lee Spielman accompanied the fans above the stage as he hoisted himself onto the rafters, while guitarist Garrett Stevenson climbed onto a speaker.

The eccentric frontman made positive remarks about the crowd and location. When he asked if anyone came from Mexico for the show, he was handed an ID as proof. Crossing borders seems to be the extent people will go for a Trash Talk show.

Concert: Trash Talk
Date: December 21
Venue: Epicentre
Seats: General

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Flame: 3780 Park Bl., Hillcrest, 619-546-4642.
February 16 — MayStar's Diamond Dust.

Flying Elephant: 850 Tamarack Ave., Carlsbad, 760-434-2660.
February 14 — Love Stinks.
February 15 — Paragraphs.
February 16 — The Great Electric Quest.
February 19 — Open Mic.

Four Points by Sheraton: 8110 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa, 858-277-8888.
February 16 — Steam Powered Giraffe.

The Griffin: 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-684-1816.
February 14 — The Red Paintings.
February 15 — Blackliquid, Tristan D, Electrichead.
February 16 — Salvador Santana, Soul Water, Todo Mundo.
February 17 — Days to Change, Gabriel Valentin, Sensory Stations.
February 18 — Retox, Secret Fun Club, Ghetto Blaster.
February 19 — Oliver Trolley, the Short Eyes, Mothlight.

Hard Rock Hotel: 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 866-751-7625.
February 17 — Wintervention.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-299-2583.

February 16 — GONE9, Dirty Birdz & the Horn Starz, Hitman Honey.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
February 14 — Eleonor England.
February 18 — Open Mic with Chad Taggart.

Little Italy Spaghetteria: 1953 India St., Little Italy, 619-398-2974.
February 14 — Valentine's Day dinner show. Novamenco (flamenco fusion). Two shows. Includes dinner and show. To purchase tickets: www.VinaliaProductions.com. Cost: \$35.

Thursday, February 14, 7pm & 9pm. Little Italy Spaghetteria, 1953 India Street (LITTLE ITALY)

Local Habit: 3827 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-278-0057.

February 17 — San Diego Mixtape Society.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497.
February 14 — Toubab Krewe.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252.
February 16 — Don Rickles and Debbie Reynolds.

Prohibition: 548 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego.
February 15, February 22 — Jonny & the Wiseguys.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.
February 14 — Eddie Money.
February 17 — Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra.

Rosie O'Grady's: 3402 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-284-7666.
February 16 — Brothers Gow.

Ruby Room: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.
February 15 — OOA, PRSN, MK Ultra.

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100 Third Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-570-1100.
February 16, February 19, February 22, February 24 — *Samson and Delilah*.

Seven Grand: 3054 University Ave., North Park, 619-269-3819.
February 14 — Cherries Jubilee Vintage Jazz Cabaret.
February 15 — Sure Fire Soul Ensemble.
February 16 — Burnett's Bliss.

The Shakedown Bar: 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-487-0373.
February 14 — Desecrate.
February 16 — the Lonesome Ones, Hard Fall Hearts, Pass the Axe.
February 17 — The Wastrels and the Dirty Panties.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.
February 15 — Mouse On Mars.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
February 14 — Memphis Mayfire and Killing the Messenger.

Stingaree: 454 Sixth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-544-0867.
February 15 — John Martin.

Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre: 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002.
February 22 — Air Supply.

Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-955-8525.
February 27 — Theresa Votolato and Ash Reiter.

The Tower Bar: 4757 University Ave., City Heights, 619-284-0158.
February 16 — Dirty Panties, Wastage, Revenge Club.

Winstons: 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.
February 17 — Mojo Nixon, Joey Harris, Jeff Berkley, Pony Death Ride.

THURSDAY 2.7

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SUNDAY 2.10

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THURSDAY 2.14

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THURSDAY 2.21

MOSTLY SUNNY

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SATURDAY 3.2

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SATURDAY 3.16

AUDIO ADDICTION

THE IMPLANTS

SATURDAY 4.6

AMERICAN AQUARIUM

ALEX WOODWARD, NANCARROW

FRIDAY 2.8

MICAH BROWN

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TUESDAY 2.12

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SATURDAY 2.16

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ALLIED GARDENS

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, \$10 cocktails, \$4 local brews. Bar or patio only.

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.

CARDIFF

Beach House: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2.95 draft/domestic beer, \$3.45 wells, \$3.95 bloody mary & house wine, \$4.95 well martini, \$5.95 cosmopolitan, mojito, margarita, bloody mai tai.

CARLSBAD

The Alley: *Daily*, 11am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestics.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

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

CHULA VISTA

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

CITY HEIGHTS

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

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

CLAIREMONT

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

COLLEGE AREA

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

CORONADO

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

DEL MAR

Brigantine: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$4 Brig brew, \$4.75 margarita, \$5.50 chardonnay, \$1 off featured wine. Discounted fish tacos.

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

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

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

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

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

EAST VILLAGE

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

Set 'Em Up, Joe!

BY JOSEPH O'BRIEN



JAKE SOUTHWORTH
Whiskey Girl
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It was an atypical day, bar manager Jake Southworth recalls, that led to an atypical cocktail for San Diego — the hot whiskey drink.

“Someone came in looking for something warm on a cold day,” Southworth tells me, “so it was a little drink I made up.”

That drink eventually made it onto Whiskey Girl's menu as “Warm Whiskey Cider” — the perfect antidote to Jack Frost's California vacation.

“We don't see too many hot drinks here in San

Diego — maybe an Irish-coffee order or two during the winter months, but not too much. But on that cold afternoon, the day I made it, a couple people saw me making it, and about five more people ordered it right after that.”

Southworth says fellow bartenders helped him perfect it, changing out whiskeys and other flavors until they hit upon the right mix with the Spicebox and Sour Apple Pucker.

“I was going for an apple-cider flavor,” he adds. “Spicebox Canadian whiskey was perfect because it has a vanilla flavor with a little apple and brown sugar to it.”

The finished product, Southworth says, puts a new sort of polish on the hot apple cider he wanted the drink to emulate.

“It tastes a lot like an apple cider,” he says. “It's smooth with a vanilla and apple taste. The brown sugar mixes well with the whiskey, too — so it kind of tastes like a caramel apple as well.”

WARM WHISKEY CIDER



In an Irish-coffee glass rimmed with a mixture of equal parts brown sugar and cinnamon, add:

- 1¼ oz. Spicebox Canadian spiced whiskey
- ¼ oz. sour-apple schnapps
- 1 pinch cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar

Fill with boiling water, garnish with an orange twist.

EASTLAKE

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

EL CAJON

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

ENCINITAS

Bullpen Pub & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 2-7pm, 10pm-2am: \$1 off draft beer, \$3 off pitcher, \$2 off wine.

ESCONDIDO

Brigantine: *Monday*, 11:30am-close: \$6 vodka cosmo, merlot, chardonnay. *Saturday*, 11:30am-7pm: \$6 vodka cosmo, merlot, chardonnay. *Sunday*, 3:30-7pm: \$6 vodka cosmo, merlot, chardonnay.

FALLBROOK

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

GOLDEN HILL

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

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

HILLCREST

Busalacchi's A Modo Mio: *Monday*, 4-6:30pm. 1/2 off bottles of wine. *Wednesday*, 4-6:30pm. All martinis 1/2 off. *Saturday*, 9am-2pm: \$2 mimosas. *Sunday*, 9am-2pm & 4pm-6:30pm: \$2 mimosas.

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. *Sun-*

day, 1-9pm: \$4 bloody mary bar; \$3 Smirnoff flavors.

KEARNY MESA

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

KENSINGTON

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

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

LA MESA

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

LAKESIDE

Coo Coo Club: *Monday-Friday*, 6-8pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

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.

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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

The New Morena Club 1 M1319: *Daily*, 2-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.50 wells and domestic bottles.

LITTLE ITALY

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

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Desi's Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 2-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic beers. 11pm-midnight: \$3 drafts.

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.

MIRAMAR

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

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

NATIONAL CITY

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

NORMAL HEIGHTS

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NORTH PARK

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OCEAN BEACH

Mother's Saloon: *Monday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: \$3 Jägermeister shots. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Tuesday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: \$3 Fireball shots; \$1.50 tacos. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Wednesday*, 7pm-close: \$5 Rolling Rock and shot; \$1.50 TJ dogs. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Thursday*, 9pm-close: \$3 you-call-its; \$1.50 sliders. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers; \$2.75 well. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts.

OCEANSIDE

Aryana at Holiday Inn: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$2 domestics, wells; \$3 premiums, glass of wine. Appetizer specials.

OLD TOWN

Old Town Mexican Café: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials. \$2 Taco Tuesday (chicken, beef, fish, carnitas); \$2.50 margaritas, Tecate, tequila.

PACIFIC BEACH

Sinbad Café: *Daily*, 4-8pm: \$1.50 drafts, \$2 wells, shots, \$2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

Tony Roma's: *Daily*, 1-4pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$3 off appetizers.

POINT LOMA

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

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POWAY

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$1 off all wells, drafts, bottles, wine.

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Kelly's Public House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$3.50 wells, house wines.

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Press Box Sports Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Half-off appetizers, \$1 off drafts, house wine, and wells.

RANCHO SANTA FE

Delicias: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$5 draft beers, house wines, wells.

SAN MARCOS

Cowshed Bar and Grill: *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$3 domestic. \$3.50-\$4 wells. *Tuesday*, 4pm-2am: \$3 domestic. \$3.50-\$4 wells.

SANTEE

Landre's Sports Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. \$5 appetizers: potato skins, garlic/bacon fries, shrimp cocktail, more.

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Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: *Sunday*, \$2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. \$3.50 mimosas, bloody marys.

SHELTER ISLAND

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SOLANA BEACH

The Saddle Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$1 off drinks and drafts.

SORRENTO VALLEY

Ali Baba's Cave: *Daily*, 3-7pm: 22-oz. beer \$4 (including tax). \$12 hookahs, \$5 refills.

SOUTH PARK

Hamilton's Tavern: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.

South Park Abbey: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 wells, beer specials.

Whistle Stop Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints. *Saturday-Sunday*, 2-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints.

SPRING VALLEY

Fannie's Nightclub: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

TIERRASANTA

JP's Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25 house wine.

UCSD

Porter's Pub at UCSD: *Daily*, 11am-7pm \$3 Menu; 4pm-7pm \$1 off all beer.

UNIVERSITY CITY

Apollonia Greek Bistro: *Daily*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 ouzo apéritif, \$2 bottled beers, \$3 wine by the glass.

Donovan's Steak and Chop House: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$8 martinis (complimentary steak sandwiches and burritos 4-6pm).

Michael's Lounge in the Hyatt Regency: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts and well cocktails.

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Babbos Bar and Grille: *Daily*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3.95 wells, drafts, wine.

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VALLEY CENTER

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: \$2 domestic. \$3 imports, wells. Discounted appetizers.

VISTA

Chili Coast Burgers: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$.50-\$.75 off tap beer.

Jumping Bean Cafe & Mexicali Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic, imports, \$2.75 margaritas, \$3 wells, microbrews, \$4 Leaping Horse wine. 3-5pm: \$1.50 chicken or carnitas street tacos.

Vista Entertainment Center: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-6pm: \$2 domestic and \$3 premium drafts; \$3 wells.



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Into temptation

If your brother is your “keeper,” how does it feel to be kept?

They are three African-American males at San Pere, Louisiana, near the Bayou. Ogun Henri Size, a mechanic, prides himself for being a responsible adult. Free-spirited younger brother Oshoosi's back from two years in prison. Now on parole, he's trying to decide what's next. Sly Elegba's also on parole, after two years in the same prison. He claims a bond with Oshoosi greater than any family relation. Ogun feels a threat to his lifelong connection.

Tarell Alvin McCraney's *The Brothers Size* sets up a tug-of-war between Ogun and Elegba. The pattern's familiar enough: the orderly Ogun and the trickster Elegba suggest good and evil angels pulling Oshoosi in different directions.

But the playwright layers in multiple dimensions, and facile labels don't apply. The names come from Yoruban deities, to whom people pray for specific wants and needs. Ogun, god of iron, fire, and war, is the patron saint of metalworkers, be they surgeons or mechanics. Oshoosi's the hunter-wanderer, moving alone, often in the struggle to survive (in some ways his cunning intelligence resembles Homer's Odysseus). Elegba stands at life's crossroads. He's a teacher, often with tough love, since he leads his subjects into temptation. The only way they can survive is to mature.

McCraney sets *Brothers* in the “distant present” — at once here and now, and in a myth-scape outside of time, or before it began. Although they live in San Pere, the trio reenacts a cosmic event waged by archetypal forces. You can almost see the ancient ghosts hovering above.

The playwright uses a similar technique on a larger scale with *In the Red and Brown Water* (the first of his *Brother/Sister* trilogy of plays; *Brothers Size* is second, and *Marcus; or the Secret of Sweet*, third). He also creates the then/now impression by having the actors read the stage directions for their characters.

Boundaries blur in the story itself. How far should responsibility for someone else extend? If your brother is your “keeper,” how does it feel

to be kept?

Poor Ogun. In *Red and Brown Water*, he was deeply in love with Oya, a miraculous athlete. But she found him too ordinary. She fell so hard for Shango, the dashing warrior-womanizer, she broke two hearts: hers and Ogun's. Possibly as a result, he has pushed his care for his brother to such an extreme that he imprisoned Oshoosi long before the judge banged his gavel.

Elegba wants to set Oshoosi free, but to do what? In the Old Globe production, Antwayn Hooper makes Elegba a near-impossible read — beautifully. In mythical terms, he's chaos where Ogun is order. But in human terms, Elegba talks the talk about a spiritual bond, but does he mean to walk it? Does he just want to be Oshoosi's lover or, as his devilish grin suggests, does he have a more sinister intent? Or, deeper down, is he an agent of Chaos Theory, which finds order inside randomness?

Joshua Elijah Reese gives Ogun an iron will, admirable at first, but maybe too much so. Ogun is duty, even to the point of personal sacrifice. He's like a surveyor, a marker of borders. But as the story proceeds, he too has caged himself.

Okieriete Onaodowan has a tricky task as Oshoosi. Where Ogun is rooted, Oshoosi begins unformed, floating, yet to find his true self. Though he can be “on the cusp of crazy,” he wants to believe that “life can be sweet still.” Performing with an impressive lightness, Onaodowan treads a narrow ridge: crazy on one side; sweet, maybe, on the other. Which way he'll tilt remains in doubt.

In the *Red and Brown Water*, at UCSD last November, is an epic dream-fable. *The Brothers Size* is more a chamber piece. The playwright once again shows a remarkable gift for language, sudden bursts of theatricality, and dramatic intensity. But in *Brothers*, the visual symbolism — bare stage, flat stones in the center, circle of sand marking inside and “outside” — feels a bit tacked on. And the play has both flashes of brilliance and lulls, when the various elements don't quite coordinate. The overall effect is mixed: a survey of brotherhood's many sides; and, during the lulls,

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Joshua Elijah Reese as Ogun Henri Size, Okieriete Onaodowan as Oshoosi Size, and Antwayn Hopper as Elegba in *The Brothers Size* at the Old Globe through February 24.

The Brothers Size, by Tarell Alvin McCraney
Old Globe Theatre, Balboa Park

Directed by Tea Alagic; cast: Joshua Elijah Reese, Okieriete Onaodowan, Antwayn Hopper; scenic design, Peter Ksander; costumes, Michelle Hunt Souza; lighting, Gina Scherr; sound, Paul Peterson; original music, Jonathan Melville Pratt

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an oddly cerebral quality.

The actors do excellent work throughout. As does the indefatigable Jonathan Melville Pratt. Along with a nonstop preshow on congas and

other drums, he accompanies the 90-minute, intermissionless piece with Cuban-Caribbean percussions.

Program notes suggest that *Brothers* is more

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about rhythms than, say, its mythical dimension. Pratt's work underlines this notion, but the production could highlight it more; the speech patterns in particular, since they at times verge on mere declamation. If each character is a drummer, Ogun's beat is rock steady, a regular pulse gradually clogged by high blood pressure. Elegba's is an improvisational jazzy backbeat. He delights in turning a melody on its ear. Both want to impose their rhythm onto Oshoosi. Caught in between, he wants to march to a different drummer and must discover just who that drummer is. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Birds of a Feather

Diversionary 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. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 3.

The Bluest Eye

Mo'olelo Performing Arts and Moxie Theatre co-present Lydia Diamond's stage adaptation of Toni Morrison's first novel. Pecola, a young black girl, develops an inferiority complex. Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directs. MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL.,

SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 858-598-7620. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 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 directs. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, 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 spectacular ensemble plays characters from 1959 and 2009. Robin Sanford Roberts's set's 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.

Danny and the Deep Blue Sea

PowPac presents a reader's theater presentation of John Patrick Shanley's comedy-drama about Danny and Roberta, "two of society's rejects," who meet in a dive bar and may have found a spark. POWPAC, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 7PM SUNDAY.

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 deshabille. **Worth a try.** NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAYS, 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 directs. CYGNAT THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM



San Diego Repertory Theatre stages Clybourne Park through February 10.

THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 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 directs. SAN DIEGO ACADEMY, 800 SANTA FE DR., ENCINITAS. 760-752-1121. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 3PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 17.

The Kitchen Witches

PowPAC stages Caroline Smith's comedy about "mature cable-access cooking show hostesses who have hated each other for 30 years, ever since Larry Biddle dated one and married the other." POWPAC, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 17.

Laundry and Bourbon/Lone Star

OnStage Playhouse offers staged readings of James McClure's one-act comedies about marriage, infidelity, and the adoration of a car. Tony Bejarano directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 7:30PM SUNDAY.

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 SATURDAYS, 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.

Once Upon A Wedding

Once Upon A Wedding follows Daisy Dudley and Davis Do-Wright as they celebrate their love in front of family and friends on their wedding day. But what should be the happiest day of their lives quickly turns into mayhem. LAFAYETTE HOTEL & SUITES, 2223 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 7PM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, AND 7PM FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

Pete 'n' Keely

Okay, they've gone their separate ways since the divorce. But those rumors about his womanizing and her thirst for firewater? Tabloid palaver. Pete Bartel and Keely Stevens, America's Singing Sweethearts, are not only doing just fine, they're reuniting on live TV. The premise is familiar; entertainers seeth behind wide smiles. And James Hindman's two-character musical sticks to the predictable formula. You know where it's headed before it starts. What also becomes predictable at Lamb's Players: Phil Johnson (who must have majored in Lounge as a Second Language) and Eileen Bowman (whose excellent vocals make kitsch resonate) will nail every number and entertain in spite of the creaky vehicle. **Worth a try.** 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

The 28th season of Plays by Young

Writers presents stories by winners of the California Young Playwrights Contest. Scripts are evaluated in two age groups — winners age 14 and under receive readings, while writers ages 15–18 work with Playwrights Project to stage full productions of their scripts. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-544-1000. 7:30PM FRIDAY, 2PM SATURDAY.

Pygmalion

What a treat! Director Nicholas Martin and a stellar cast have given George Bernard Shaw's comic masterpiece vivid, funny, thought-provoking life. Robert Sean Leonard makes Henry Higgins a spoiled-brat genius with romper room energy; as Eliza, Charlotte Parry blooms and grows (beyond Higgins' reach, even). The supporting cast includes Craig Noel favorites: Paxton Whitehead, Kandis Chapell, Don Sparks, Deborah Taylor and they cavort as if to things Shavian born! Although Lerner and Loewe used much of the dialogue, people expecting the ur-*My Fair Lady* will be surprised. The play, especially the ending (which the director nicely complicates) does not conform to the musical. **Critic's Pick.**

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 17.

San Diego, I Love You

Circle Circle dot dot presents a "site-specific walking adventure play for the Romantic in us all," written by Katherine Harroff and Soroya Rowley. JAKE'S ON 6TH — A WINE BAR, 3755 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-291-9463. 1PM, 1:30PM, 2PM, 2:30PM, 3PM, 3:30PM, 1PM, 1:30PM, 2PM, 2:30PM, 3PM, 3:30PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 17.

South Pacific

Randall Dodge gives a standout performance as Emile de Beque, in the Welk's production of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. Others vary in quality. Except for Benjamin Lopez, whose rich tenor does full justice to "Younger Than Springtime," many in the cast sing better than they act. And Hannah M. James disappoints as Nellie Forbush. Her portrayal is so stiff and superficial you wonder what the worldly Emile could see in her. Ray Limon's choreography vitalizes the randy SeaBees. But the technical work's a mix. And when someone sings upstage, they cast shadows on the sketch of Bali Ha'i painted on a drop. Dodge's effort (and the great musical) merits a recommendation. **Worth a try.** WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1PM THURSDAYS, 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 1PM SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS, 1PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 17.

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Nasty mechanics

Back in 1989, indie film director Steven Soderbergh broke onto the scene with his first film, *Sex, Lies, and Videotape*, a seamy, sticky drama about sex, lies, and videotape. Here in 2013, he is giving us what he says will be his last film: a seamy, sticky drama about sex, lies, and digital images. Also, psych meds, because the modern anxiety over how a pill can or cannot change a persona is ripe for exploitation.

Soderbergh does a fine job of intermingling the smooth, clinical world of Dr. Jonathan Banks (Jude Law) with the jagged, messy life of depressed young wife Emily Taylor (Rooney Mara). And for a while, he does an even better job of keeping the viewer uncertain about who, if anybody, should be rooted for. Some dodgy casting decisions — Law never manages real desperation — do little to get in the way of the story's gleefully nasty mechanics.

— Matthew Lickona

AFTERIMAGE: CLOUD ATLAS

Oh, boy, this is a sad story. Not the story in the movie — that was meant

to be hopeful and even happy in places. No, I'm talking about the story of the movie.

So, the Chinese distributor for *Cloud Atlas* decided to cut about 40 minutes from the version of the film released in that country on January 31. (Some reports say 30, some 40.)

On the one hand, no big surprise: they invested \$10 million in what turned out to be the most expensive indie film ever made, they wanted a chance to make their money back, and they knew that some things just weren't going to fly with the Chinese authorities.

On the other hand, 40 minutes is a lot of cutting, even for a film that was 172 minutes to start with. And the distributor didn't bother to run the cuts past the directors and producers but still expected them to come to China and stump for the finished product. Which they did. Ouch. Small wonder that codirector Lana Wachowski said of the situation, "It sucks, really."

Why did Wachowski go to China? Because of the money. After a dismal



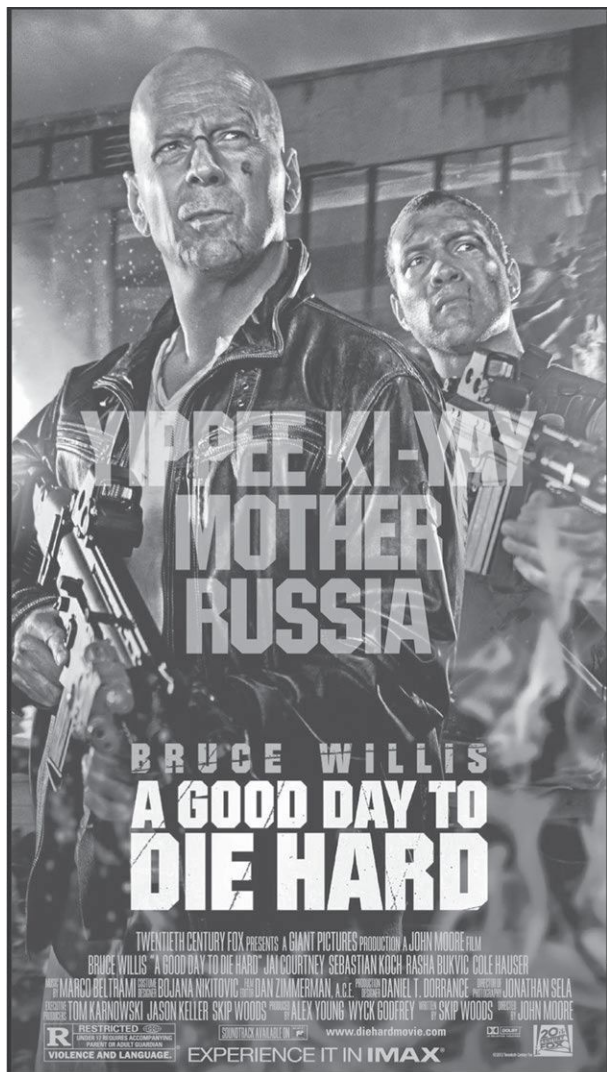
In what Steven Soderbergh says will be his final film, the indie director offers up a seamy, sticky drama about sex, lies, and digital images. Also, psych meds.

domestic run, the film has clawed its way to \$85 million worldwide, but with a reported production budget of \$100 million (and that's before marketing), it's still a commercial failure with a lot of disappointed investors behind it.

Yeah, yeah, it's a tough business.

Artists have to make compromises with business realities. But this time, there's a special twist to the economic knife, and not just because the directors invested some of their own money in the film. Again and again over the course of its six storylines, *Cloud*

Atlas asserts the absolute autonomy of the individual against an oppressive system or culture. That's the point of the film. And here we are, with the autonomy of the individual (in this case, the directors) being compromised by an oppressive system or culture.



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MOVIES

Ouch again.

Oh, it gets better (worse). Lana Wachowski is transgendered and says she made the film because she is “interested in engaging with the world, hopefully in a way that makes some people not as afraid of people like me or view people like me as these others who aren’t as human as them or different than them.” She compares herself to the film’s android, Sonmi, who dares to live and love as a human. “Like Sonmi, there are people who will spit on me, want to lynch me, want to crucify me,” she says. Among the cut scenes? You guessed it: Sonmi’s android-on-human sex scene. Sure, you can make a case for the film surviving such a cut, but given that sexuality is at the very heart of Wachowski’s perceived otherness, the removal of that scene has to be a bit of a blow for a director who identifies with the character.

On top of that: Lana Wachowski is married to a woman. Also cut from the film: the gay love scenes between a young composer and his boyfriend.

Warner Brothers didn’t even offer Christopher Nolan’s blockbuster *The Dark Knight* to China for distribution, citing “prerelease conditions” and “cultural sensitivities.” No doubt, they also didn’t feel much need to do so, citing “massive quantities of box-office cash.”

But *Cloud Atlas* needs the dough, and so it seems that they can’t play artistic hardball. Or, you know, hold to the principles espoused in the film.

— *Matthew Lickona*

THEATER ENCOURAGES PATRONS TO TEXT ALONG WITH THE MOVIE

Studios, fearing a bad review will put a dent in the opening-weekend take, frequently slap critics with embargoes that prohibit us from blogging our opinions prior to opening date. That goes double for Facebook and Twitter.

Fox 5’s Josh Board and I frequently share adjoining seats at the office, and we were both a little taken aback by what popped up on the screen prior to last night’s preview of *Warm Bodies* at AMC Mission Valley. The slide read: “Let us know what you think of *Warm Bodies*. Tweet your review of the film with #zombiethoughts.”

Critics are banned from sharing their thoughts via social media, while any schmuck with a smart phone is encouraged to tweet away. Has Summit Entertainment taken a giant leap away from common sense? Is one damning critical review worth more than the hundreds of swipes the audience could potentially take at it? And does one really need to encourage people to tweet? Twitter is a proving ground for narcissism and banality. I already know what half my friends ate for breakfast and how terrible their commute to work was. Do studios really think

people are not going to tweet about a free movie screening they attended?

Josh and I are good critics. We would never, ever think of breaking a review embargo.

At least Summit Entertainment didn’t encourage the audience to tweet along with the movie. Josh called this morning and hipped me to a piece he saw on CNN. A theater in Rhode Island is asking audiences to text during the movie. The Providence Performing Arts Center in Rhode Island is allowing patrons — who can’t, for two hours, give up the illusory contact the internet provides them with the outside world — a chance to text from their back-row seats.

The same mental patients who refuse to watch a subtitled movie are now being asked to text their own commentary track. Once again I am forced to raise a salient question: Have you people lost your fucking minds?

The worst part of my job is having to jot down notes in the middle of the movie. The thought it takes to scribble a thought momentarily draws me out of the action. Considering how many movies I see, notes are a part of the job. I cannot imagine why a paying customer wouldn’t want to get lost in the dark, void of any distraction.

Erika Niedowski with the Associated Press quotes supporters of the idea, who argue that “theaters can’t afford not to engage the digital generation, and that the way performances were once enjoyed, in a vacuum,

doesn’t hold up anymore.”

Interrupting a film by serving alcohol and bar food is hateful enough. Get smart: either bring down the Cone of Silence on texters or bring back soundproof crying rooms in which these babies may tweet.

— *Scott Marks*

MAZEL TOV! THE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL FOUND A HOME IN CLAIREMONT

With the *meshungina v’toit* over at AMC La Jolla still deciding whether they want to run a movie theater or a glorified Brew ’n’ View (and Arlight pricing themselves out of the game), it looks like the San Diego Jewish Film Festival has permanently set up shop at Reading Cinemas Town Square 14 in Clairemont.

Mazel tov! You couldn’t have picked a better home base to complement this year’s impressive lineup of movies than the most friendly theater in the county.

Normally the first to kvetch, this year the festival programmers appear to have worked overtime in assembling the best that cinema has to offer when it comes to reflecting contemporary Jewish life in relation to the arts, history, politics, and personalities.

Not unlike a full-service Kosher deli, the San Diego Jewish Film Festival has something for everyone. New York is a sub-theme of this year’s festival. Patrons will experience “the pleasure of hearing music that thrives in the Big

Apple, from Juilliard to the Bowery, watching the cacophony of political life and personalities, absorbing the visual images captured from immigrant life, the theater and more.”

This year’s festival is brimming with celebrity documentaries, including profiles of Bert Stern, Art Spiegelman, Joe Papp, Roman Polanski, Garth Drabinsky, the late Ed Koch, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, and even SuperJew himself, Jerry Lewis. For those who missed Gregg Barson’s *Method to the Madness: Jerry Lewis* when it played Encore, here’s your chance to catch the rare archival footage from Mr. Lewis’s vault on the big screen.

General admission for opening- and closing-night films is \$15.75. Festival passes range from \$40 to \$210. Single tickets are \$11.75 for JCC members and \$13.75 for nonmembers. Knock off a buck if you’re a student or over 62.

The majority of films are shown at Reading Cinemas Town Square 14. There are also several screenings at the San Marcos Stadium 18, the Dove Library in Carlsbad, and the JCC’s David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre. Visit sdjcc.org/sdjff for a complete lineup of dates, titles, and venues.

— *Scott Marks*

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by David Elliott, Matthew Lickona, John Rubio, Scott Marks, and Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release, and by rating are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

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.

★★★★

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

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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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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** **Canela Canela** (Cinnamon) tells the story of a girl, her grandmother, and their love of cooking. 7pm food; 8pm movie. \$10 movie only; \$34 food + movie. **Wednesday, February 27, 7:00pm**

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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** **Even the Rain (También la lluvia)** “Idealistic filmmaker Sebastian (Gael García Bernal) and his cynical producer Costa (Luis Tosar) arrive in Bolivia to make a revisionist film about Christopher Columbus’ conquest of the Americas” in Iciar Bollain’s 2010 film, screening in room 204. In Spanish with English subtitles. **Friday, February 22, 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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Adult Puppet Cabaret Film Festival

Animal Cracker Conspiracy’s first event of 2013 features Heather Henson’s *Handmade Puppet Dreams Vol.4*, a touring festival of independent artist films exploring their handmade craft specifically for the camera. Sam Koji Hale will also present his short film, *Yamasong*. Event also includes puppet making, audience interaction, and adult refreshments. 619-887-1451. **Friday, February 22, 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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Film Movement: Corpo Celeste Thirteen year-old Marta has recently moved back to southern Italy with her mother and older sister and struggles to find her place, restlessly testing the boundaries of an unfamiliar city and the catechism of the Catholic church. **Saturday, February 16, 12:00pm**

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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 preceptions. 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 placement in KKK cowls.) Once they reach Leo’s Candyland, however, the film becomes talky and set-bound, and the third act is little more than an excuse for bloodletting. Still, politically speaking, there’s more truth told here about money and its ability to buy miscegenation than anything on display in *Lincoln*. Worth seeing, but not a good enough romp to justify its 165-minute running time. With Kerry Washington, Don Johnson, Franco Nero, and Samuel L. Jackson as the spitting image of cotton-haired Woody Strode in Ford’s *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*. — S.M. ★★

Gangster Squad — *Gangster Squad* may lack brains and heart, but it’s got guts. You get to see ‘em right at the outset, when a Chicago crook who dares to cross power-

mad Los Angeles gangster Mickey Cohen (a guttural Sean Penn) gets ripped in half by a couple of sedans. (Then again, you get to see brains, too - but that’s not until later on.) So yeah, there’s plenty of violence. And Ryan Gosling is handsome, and Emma Stone is old-fashionedly pretty. And Los Angeles circa 1949 looks great. Beyond that, this tale of a good cop in a crooked town who tries to clean things up by forgetting about the law and treating American gangsters like an enemy army is a casserole made from tired leftovers. Blend up *The Untouchables*, *Dick Tracy*, and *Mulholland Falls*, drain off the moral intrigue, sprinkle with bits of soul-searching, reheat, and serve. With Josh Brolin, Nick Nolte, Robert Patrick. 2013. — M.L. ●

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. (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 fan boy (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 to 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’ 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 baser moments. Michael Tiddes 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’ 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. ★

Identity Thief — Review forthcoming.

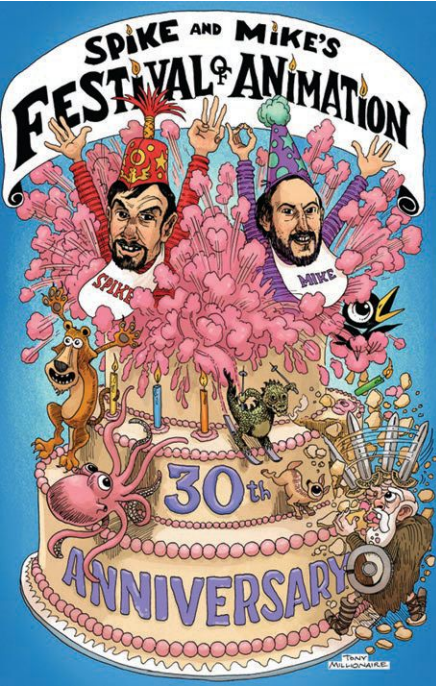
The Impossible — An account of a family caught, with tens of thousands of strangers, in the mayhem of one of the worst natural catastrophes of our time.

Jack Reacher — “A Tom Cruise Production” —it’s the first thing you see on the screen, and it’s all there is to know. Here, he plays Jack Reacher, an invincible, invisible genius who appears out of the mists of cliché to investigate a rogue sniper’s shooting spree. (The opening scene, in which a rifle scope follows first one pedestrian and then another and then another, is both chilling and promising, as is the dialogue-free investigation that follows. Then suddenly, we’re deep in TV procedural territory.) Reacher teams up with the sniper’s lawyer (Rosamund Pike) who we’re told is a smart crusader-type out to beat her dad the death-penalty DA, but whose real job is to have boobs and listen, open-mouthed with both desire and amazement, as our hero tells her what’s what. The only parts that aren’t formula are just weird — most notably, a Stooges-style attempt on Reacher’s life by a couple of clumsy thugs. You might find some joy in Robert Duvall as a crusty gun range owner, or in Cruise’s gradual demolition of a beautiful muscle car during a drawn-out chase scene. And there are a couple of jokes. But not much else. 2012. — M.L. ●

The Last Stand — Weary screen warrior Arnold Schwarzenegger returns to Hollywood in a film about a cop who got old and left LA 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. ★

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 François Truffaut once called, “A Certain Tendency of the French Cinema.” Don’t expect a sentimental send-off: when it comes to caring for Riva, the ferociously cognizant Trintignant does it his way, and that includes keeping his wife’s pride intact by prohibiting their daughter (Isabelle Huppert) from seeing mom in a state of decay. The castmembers aren’t the only ones to add color to the proceedings. Kudos to the director and cinematographer Darius Khondji for not adhering to form by casting sorrowful shades of gray as far as the eye can see. Haneke is as cold and unsympathetic as they get, a personality trait that in this case helps to make the subject matter go down easier. It’s a tough film, but sometimes one has to work a little for their art. Rise to the occasion. 2012. — S.M. ★★ ★★



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 — fifteen one-joke scatological sex skits slapped together under the 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 eleven directorial cohorts, nine screenwriters, and a number of big-name actors, all of whom seem to be willing contributors to the gashliness. 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

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Three O’Clock High: Obviously, I like funny movies. This is one of those quintessential ’80s movies that sticks with you. There are so many great scenes, especially the book report. Watch the movie, you’ll see what I mean.

HOT ROD (USA) 2007, Paramount
List price: \$8.99

THREE O’CLOCK HIGH (USA) 1987, Universal
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Anchorman

DOUG VANNIER

Podcast host, *347steps.com*

I once thought of *Jaws* as a movie about a big, mean shark with huge jaws that kept eating people. It was pretty good, but I can’t remember the name. I think the director did another movie that was pretty good, too.

Anchorman with Will Ferrell has the best DVD commentary I’ve ever heard. From the beginning, they refuse to talk about the movie at all and instead see how dirty they can get on commentary. Also, out of nowhere, Lou Rawls comes in and has no idea of what is going on but helps out anyway! Brilliant!

JAWS (USA) 1975, Universal
List price: \$19.98

ANCHORMAN (USA) 2004, Dreamworks
List price: \$12.98



Down by Law

LAUREN HODSON

Podcast host and owner, Lefty’s Pizza, *leftyspizza.com*

Down by Law: I love anything by independent filmmaker Jim Jarmusch, but *Down by Law* has amazing Super 8mm, black-and-white cinematography. I also love the simple humor of this film.

Wings of Desire: Another black-and-white movie with incredible cinematography — this one about an angel. Director Wim Wenders’s film has such depth and soulfulness.

DOWN BY LAW (USA) 1986, Criterion
List Price: \$39.95

WINGS OF DESIRE (West Germany) 1987, Criterion
List price: \$39.95

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all, only a 7-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 of 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 Brandon 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 exhilarat-

ing 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”) Afghanistan (“Buzkashi Boys”) give us boys for whom coming-of-age means coming-to-grips, while the US (“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.

★★★★

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’ 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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A Royal Affair — It ain’t easy out there for an Enlightenment physician in medieval-minded 18th-century Denmark. You have the people — so in need of your tender regard for the masses, yet so easily led astray by monsters who play on their fear and superstition! You have the king — such a trusting and influential ally, yet so simpleminded and erratic! And you most definitely have the queen — such a deliciously progressive soulmate, yet so unfortunately married! And then, to top it off, the story goes and makes *her* the central figure! Why, it’s almost as if she possesses some secret, hidden power that makes her more important than all of your beautiful ideas. But what could it be? Mads Mikkelsen stars as the physician who struggles to operate on the body politic, while the court struggles to put him into exile, or worse. *A Royal Affair* is a handsome, stately film that isn’t afraid to go hard to its liberal message even as it marches toward its inevitable conclusion (high-minded love affairs, like all other love affairs, can get messy). It is not, however, without some dashes of warm humanity and wit — the queen’s giddiness over an approving note from Voltaire is a hoot, as if she had nabbed a Twitter shout-out from her favorite Disney heartthrob. With Alicia Vikander. 2012. — M.L.

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Side Effects — Reviewed this issue.★★★

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 personali-

ties 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 De Niro, 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 conspicited close-up, as a “walk and talk” (traveling shots of characters delivering dialog as they stroll), or both. Even a musical number is photographed from the waist up. The third-act combination of *Dancing with the Stars* and repugnant behavior on the part of violent football fans should make this a bit hit with Monday night TV viewers. Apart from Ms. Lawrence’s electrifying turn as the tough-talking dame who plans on mending Cooper’s heart by putting him back in touch with his ex, this couldn’t have ended soon enough for me. With incessant jabbering from Chris Tucker, a welcome, albeit brief appearance by Julia Stiles, and brilliant background work by Paul Herman. 2012. — S.M.

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Stand Up Guys — 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 old partner is released. You might think there isn’t much to this gangsters-get-old 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. 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. 2012.

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Zero Dark Thirty — Spoiler alert: it ends with the bad guy getting killed. More hurt from Kathryn Bigelow in this docudrama (read: hand-held) account of the hunt for Usama Bin Laden. From its conception to execution, the American government’s “Yippee ki yay!” murder of Bin Laden had Hollywood blockbuster written all over it. For its first 30 minutes, *Zero Dark Thirty* plays like torture porn; Jigsaw waterboards Jihadists in *Saw VIII*. Jessica Chastain stars as Maya, a prototypical Bigelow heroine, initially reserved but quick to grow an icy set of balls when needed to cut it in a man’s world. She is a “Hawksian” professional of the highest order: the real-life person upon whom the character is based spent 12 years — her entire career with the CIA — doggedly pursuing the mission at hand. The Agency accuses the film of taking “significant artistic license, while portraying itself as being historically accurate” in its depiction of the government-sanctioned waterboarding of a messenger as a means of obtaining the vital clue needed to pinpoint the exact location of Bin Laden. Is Bigelow juggling the facts or exposing truths many hold to be self-evident? When it comes to establishing and maintaining tension, there wasn’t a better American genre picture released this year. Refrain from viewing it as historical record and you won’t leave disappointed. 2012. — S.M.

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MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

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Combat Girls (Kriegerin) (Not Rated) Sat 6:30p.m.; **Cracks In The Shell (Die Unsichtbare)** (Not Rated) Sun 7:00p.m.; **German Film Festival:** (Not Rated) Sun 1:30p.m.; **Home for the Weekend (Was bleibt)** (Not Rated) Sun 4:00p.m.

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UPTOWN

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3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
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), (4:35), 7:10, 9:25, Sat - Sun: (11:30), 2:00, 4:35, 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; **A Royal Affair** (R) Exclusive Engagement, Fri, Mon - Thu: (3:45), 7:20, Sat - Sun: (11:50), 3:45, 7:20, Discount Shows at Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "()"; **John Dies At The End** (R) Exclusive Engagement, Opens Friday, February 15

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

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EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

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Bullet to the Head (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40; **Django Unchained** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 3:00) 6:25, 9:50; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri. (11:50, 2:45, 5:20) 7:55, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:45) 5:20, 7:55, 10:30; **Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters** (R) Fri. (2:30, 4:40) 9:20 Sat.-Sun. (2:30) 4:40, 9:20; **Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10) 7:00; **A Haunted House** (R) Fri. (11:55, 2:20, 5:30) 7:45, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:20) 5:30, 7:45, 10:10; **Identity Thief** (R) Fri. (11:35, 12:05, 2:15, 2:45, 4:55, 5:25) 7:35, 8:05, 10:15, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 12:05, 2:15, 2:45) 4:55, 5:25, 7:35, 8:05, 10:15, 10:45; **Les Miserables** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:55) 6:30, 9:55; **Mama** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:25, 9:50; **Movie 43** (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:45p.m.; **Parental Guidance** (PG) Fri. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05; **Parker** (R) Fri. (11:45, 2:30, 5:10) 7:50, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:10, 7:50, 10:40; **Side Effects** (R) Fri. (11:50, 2:40, 5:15) 7:55, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:40) 5:15, 7:55, 10:30; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:20, 5:05) 7:45, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:05, 7:45, 10:25; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35) 10:05; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:05) 6:35; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:35, 10:15; **Top Gun: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; **Warm Bodies** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 12:25, 2:25, 2:50, 4:45, 5:20) 7:05, 7:40, 9:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 12:25, 2:25, 2:50) 4:45, 5:20, 7:05, 7:40, 9:30, 10:00; **Wreck-It Ralph** (PG) Fri. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15

LA MESA

Reading Grossmont

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)
Argo (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:05) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; **Bullet to the Head** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:15) 5:35, 7:50, 10:05; **Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:45; **Identity Thief** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 12:30, 2:00, 3:05) 4:35, 5:40, 7:10, 8:10, 9:40, 10:40; **Mama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:05, 3:25) 5:45, 8:00, 10:25; **Side Effects** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:15, 3:40) 6:05, 8:30, 10:50; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; **Warm Bodies** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:20, 10:35; **Zero**

Dark Thirty (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 3:30) 7:00, 10:15

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego

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EASTLAKE

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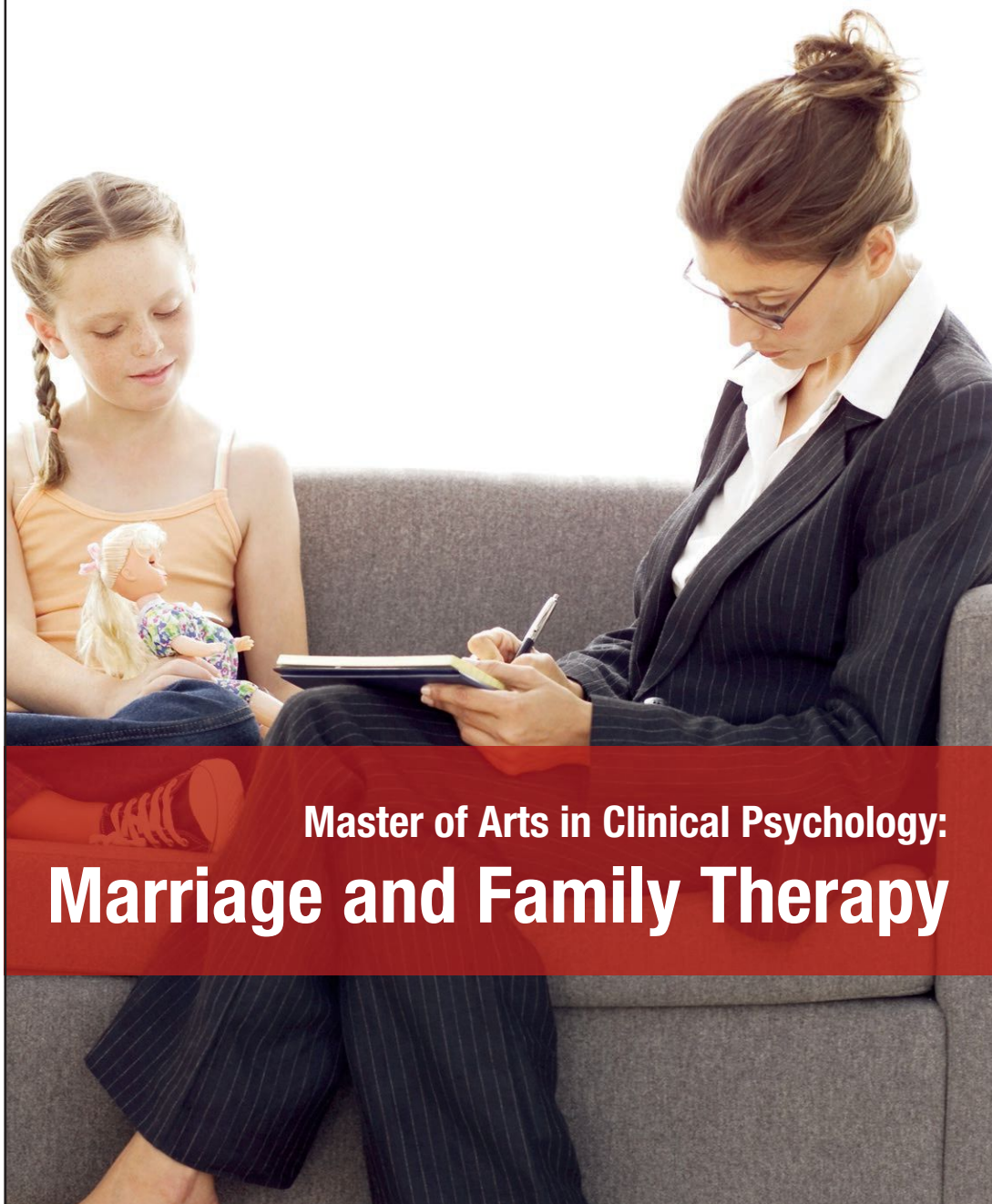
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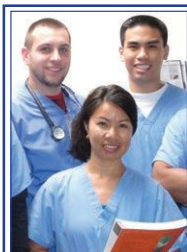


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A student attending a private prep school in Ensenada was murdered — reportedly shot at least ten times — on the afternoon of January 24.

The recent arrival from Durango, Mexico, was reportedly lured from his family's house by a quartet of youthful assassins who were in a blue Kia automobile bearing California license plates.

A witness reported that the shooting occurred at around 1 o'clock, after the victim had gone outside to talk with the group of youths who had followed him to his house from school. The witness reported that the youths had called to him by name.

The group escaped in the car, speeding toward the center of Ensenada. The vehicle was later found abandoned on Calle Guadalupe, near Teatro Universitario and the Caliente casino. A subsequent report stated that two of the suspects were captured by Ensenada police.

Police investigators picked up 22 shell casings from the street. Since the investigation began, it's been learned that the victim's father was also a victim of assassination in Durango.

T.B. BEAUDEAU, JAN. 28

LA JOLLA

Traffic a bear to see Tiger Drivers clog streets for hours for a chance to see Woods win Torrey Pines' Farmers tournament

The announcement of free entry to watch the Farmers Insurance Open golf tournament at Torrey Pines on Monday morning, January 28, created a run on parking spaces at the Torrey Pines Gliderport. The parking area, situated along the northern edge of the golf course, is San Diego city property.

Heading north on the I-5 at 10 a.m., traffic began to back up a mile before the Genesee Avenue exit and then crept forward very slowly. The short distance of just a few miles from the off-ramp to the glider port — where available free parking had been advertised — took about an hour.

Finally reaching the lot entrance, officers were turning away most of the traffic at "Lot Full" signs. Convincing officers of the glider port or Black's Beach as a destination, passage was permitted.

Later, at 1 p.m., traffic-control officers



Tiger traffic: officers turned hopeful golf fans away at "Lot Full" signs.

remained on the job, turning away still-arriving golf fans that hoped to park and see some of the event.

GARY CORNAGLIA, JAN. 28

CHULA VISTA

Indignation ripples through South Bay

Sweetwater board proposes changing meeting times to early afternoon

The official Sweetwater Union High School District calendar says the next board meeting will be held on January 28 at 6:00, the usual time board meetings are held. However, over the January 19-20 weekend, an enthusias-

tic blogger on the *Reader* website informed the community that the meeting would be changed to much earlier — 1 p.m.

Shortly after that, *Star News* reporter Allison Sampite tweeted that Sweetwater's public spokesman, Manny Rubio, said it was his understanding that the Monday closed session of the board meeting would begin at 1:00 and the regular session at 2:30.

Indignation rippled through the South Bay at this seemingly arbitrary change in meeting time. Community members began to call the district and the Chula Vista mayor's office to complain.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Then, on January 23, the Sweetwater Education Association put out a communiqué with a letter from member Helen Farias. The letter announced Brand's intention to change the start time of the board meetings henceforth.

Farias responds: "This move is clearly intended to prevent district stakeholders from scrutinizing Board decisions, and will, in essence, silence students, parents, and community members. Not only will they be unable to personally speak to the board regarding school and student issues, teachers will not be able to represent [the Sweetwater Education Association] in large numbers regarding critical board actions."

Finally, late Friday evening, January 25, the agenda for Monday's board meeting was posted. Though the meeting will commence at the regular time, the agenda verifies that Brand has proposed changing the bylaws so

that regular board meeting closed session will begin at 2:00, open session at 3:30, and "public communication will be held immediately following the open session or at 6:00, whichever comes first."

Changing the time to earlier in the day (as the City of Chula Vista did last year) creates a host of problems: it changes the pool of candidates for elected seats; a person who has a full-time day job that requires his or her consistent presence would be excluded.

SUSAN LUZZARO, JAN. 26

Comments

VISDUH JAN. 26 @ 3:04 P.M.

Just when you think that maybe, just maybe, Brand is trying to do an honest job and be open in his dealings, he clears up any doubt. That is, doubt that he's just hoping to run the district his way, on his timetable, without any scrutiny from the public. Sure, have the meetings in the afternoon and they will be almost sedate, sort of like meetings of a corporate board. No pickets with signs outside, few angry residents wanting to speak, and few there to witness the double-dealing.

CHULA VISTA

Parents and teachers get a win Public outcry prevents Sweetwater board's drastic meeting-time change

On Monday, January 28, concerned parents, teachers, and community members packed the Sweetwater Union High School District board meeting. One reason for the big draw was the district's proposal to move evening board meetings to early afternoon.

Last week, it was learned that Sweetwater superintendent Ed Brand was going to propose changing the bylaws so that regular board meeting closed session would begin at 2:00 (instead of 5:00), open session at 3:30, and "public communication will be held immediately following the open session or at 6:00, whichever comes first."

At Monday's meeting, parents and teachers reminded the board that the early start time would preclude many working people from participating and that it would be undemocratic to hear public comments after decisions had been made.

The board succumbed to the public out-

cry and voted to start closed sessions one half hour earlier — at 4:30. Open session will begin at 6:00.

SUSAN LUZZARO, JAN. 29

GOLDEN HILL

From post office to fancy lofts Signs of a neighborhood in flux as multistory loft residences added to lot

Major renovation is under way at 2692 C Street, the address that was previously home to the George Washington Station post office, which served Golden Hill from the '60s until it closed permanently in February 2011.

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LEORAH GAVIDOR, JAN. 29

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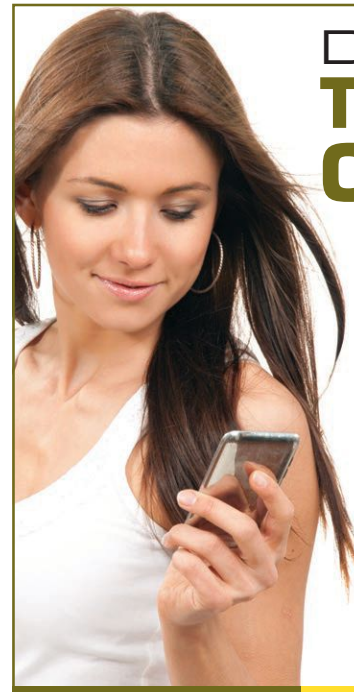
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Across

1. Inductee at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1995
6. Emulates a llama
11. Underwear letters
14. Expression
15. Ute hostel?
16. Island garland
17. "Evita" Tony winner
19. It's often framed
20. Ave. crossers
21. "____ everything you'd hoped for?"
23. Assassination victim of 2007
28. Ape
30. It wasn't permitted to be read in the U.S. until 1933
31. Asian cartoon style
32. Underling in "Peter Pan"
34. Oscar nominee for "Auntie Name"
41. One-time Soviet news agency
42. Actress Shire
43. Acquire information about
48. Activity on a range
49. "In My Dreams" Grammy winner
52. Investigate
53. "Are you a man ____ mouse?"
54. "Esq." titleholder
55. "Alice's Restaurant" singer
63. Unimpressive grade
64. Omega rival
65. Elton of the NBA
66. Initials in fashion
67. Unexpected change

68. Alphabet quintet showcased 1) at the start of the clues and 2) in 17-, 23-, 34-, 49- and 55-Across

Down

1. Energy
2. Org. mentioned on some toothpaste tubes
3. Olive ____
4. It may let off steam
5. Athos, to Porthos
6. Early automaker Harry C. ____
7. Its ads have featured Britney Spears and Michael Jackson
8. One can take stock in it: Abbr.
9. End of a boxing referee's count
10. "Understand?"
11. Excellent times
12. It's the truth in France
13. "I second that" replies
18. Exam for a future D.A.
22. E.U. member
23. It's performed by a mohel
24. "At Wit's End" author Bombeck
25. Advent song
26. Ones with regret
27. Azul, across the Pyrenees
28. Equal footing
29. Abril to Abril, e.g.
32. Utter mess
33. OB/GYNs, for example
35. "Am ____ late?"
36. Use a swizzle stick
37. It's a wrap in "Slumdog Millionaire"
38. Inventor Whitney and others
39. Architect Maya

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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40. Interval
43. Inheritance
44. Overacts
45. Import since 1870
46. Alternative to seven-grain
47. Atl. is one of five in it
48. Essen woman
50. Angler's supply
51. Insider's vocabulary
56. Opposite of FF on a VCR
57. Ovid's 52
58. Unfilled, in TV listings: Abbr.
59. Otto I's realm: Abbr.
60. Aishwarya of "Bride & Prejudice"
61. Italian diminutive suffix
62. End of a school Web address

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- **Tabitha Thompson, San Diego, 1.**
- **Patrick Whalen, El Cajon, 1.**
- **Kris de Young, San Diego, 1.**

Typo Patrol Results

Issue of January 31, 2013

This is Typo Patrol's last week – Look for a new contest soon

Events listings

p.54 *stray comma*

p.57 *missing space*

Breanne Petre (City Heights) \$20

Events listings

p.54 70s *should be* '70s

p.54 *excess space*

Music listings

p.72 CHuckie *should be* Chuckie

Classical listings

p.75 Podle? *should be* Podles

Karen Guarnotta (Kensington) \$40

Straight From the Hip

p.14 French-sih *should be* French-ish

News of the Weird

p.97 swam *should be* swum

Herb Spark (Del Mar Heights) \$20

Best Buys

p.20 to *should be* too

Theater listings

p.79 LeBeque *should be* de Becque

Ramie Tateishi (University Heights) \$20

Straight From the Hip

p.14 8000 *should be* 6000

Kimberly Fiskratti (San Diego) \$10

SD on the QT

p.12 that. *should be* that."

Events listings

p.54 North *should be* North.

p.55 Road *should be* Road.

p.57 details *should be* details.

Film Festivals

p.82 Kathryn *should be* Katharine

Charlene Chavoya (City Heights) \$50

Movies listings

p.84 *missing text*

V. Slipper (Del Mar Heights) \$10

Unforgettable

p.42 lufted *should be* luffed

Of Note

p.70 underrated of *should be* underrated

Music listings

p.74 February 10 *repeated*

Theater listings

p.79 Diversionary *should be* Diversionary

L. Barling (El Cajon) \$40

News Ticker

p.2 with resort *repeated*

Events listings

p.54 1960's *should be* 1960s

p.54 Care *should be* "Care

p.55 World, *should be* World.

p.56 w-2 *should be* W-2

p.57 including, *should be* including

p.52 Street *should be* Street.

Clyde Christie (Coronado) \$70

Events listings

p.55 Omzxar *should be* Omar

p.55 Jr's *should be* Jr.'s

p.56 Santa Fe *should be* Santa Fe.

Feast!

p.60 acoutrement *should be* accoutrement

p.64 Gioaia *should be* Gioia

Events listings

p.57 \$49 *should be* \$49.

What Am I?

p.30 Capital *should be* Capitan

Dale Chock (Pacific Beach) \$70

What Am I?

p.22 islands *should be* Islands

p.30 20 *should be* 20-

Your Week

p.49 Decatur *should be* Historic Decatur

p.49 the the *should be* the

Rhyme & Verse

p.52 ecco.books.com *should be* eccobooks.com

Events listings

p.52 23 *should be* 23,

p.52 Decatur *should be* Historic Decatur

p.54 D.C., *should be* D.C.,

p.55 Saturday *should be* Saturday,

p.55 True Food *should be* True Food,

p.56 7:30pm *repeated*

Gather No Moss

p.52 borsch *should be* borscht

Sheep and Goats

p.56 you *should be* You

Blurt

p.65 about *should be* about how

p.66 promises *should be* promises,

Music listings

p.71 Rebellion *should be* Rebellion

p.72 MillkCrates *should be* MilkCrates

Classical listings

p.75 featuring, *should be* featuring

Lee Bolin (San Diego) \$180

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2BD+1BA upstairs apartment. Close to Ocean Beach. Brand-new building. Washer/ dryer in unit, tiled and carpeted floors. New stainless steel appliances. All new amenities. 2731 Camulos. 858-270-4674; 619-224-0306.

OCEAN BEACH, \$1950.

2BD+2-1/2BA, plus extra room, townhome. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer/ dryer in unit. Private patio. Fireplace. Cat OK with extra deposit. Parking. Available 3/14/13. 4846 Del Monte. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1095.

1BD+1BA upstairs unit. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, laundry room, parking. No pets. 1735 Reed Avenue #17. Agent. 619-232-6811.

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1BD+1BA upstairs apartment. 1/2 off first month of rent. Gated complex, mahogany floors, coin laundry. 4077 Lamont Street. 858-768-4311, www.cal-prop.com.

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PACIFIC BEACH, \$1195.

1BD+1BA upstairs apartment with private balcony. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Small pet OK with extra deposit. Garage. Available 3/10/13. 1539 Grand Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1200.

2BD+1BA large duplex. Refrigerator, stove, 700 sqft, street parking. Close to I-5. Available March 1. No cats. 858-270-4411.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1200.

1BD+1BA, downstairs remodeled unit in North Pacific Beach. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Shared courtyard. Coin laundry. Parking. No pets. Close to shops, restaurants and public transportation. Available 2/20/13. 1546 Diamond Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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2BD+1BA cottage with shared yard. Close to all. Walk to bay. Laundry, parking, patio. No pets. 4117-1/2 Ingraham Street. 858-270-4674.

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PACIFIC BEACH, \$1250.

2BD+1BA upstairs unit in duplex behind 1427. Stove, refrigerator. Parking. Small pet OK with extra deposit. Seven blocks to ocean. Available 3/1/13. 1429 Grand Ave. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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1BD+1-1/2BA townhome behind 912. Stove, refrigerator, private patio, parking, spiral staircase leading to bedroom and balcony. Walk-in closet. 2 blocks to ocean. Small pet OK with extra deposit. Available 3/14/13. 914 Missouri Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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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:

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK’S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

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THIS WEEK’S WINNERS:

Prizes will be available for pickup at the Reader offices front desk from the Thursday your name appears in print to the following Thursday at 5 p.m.

- Pauline O’Malley, Point Loma, 1.
- Robert Crumrine, San Diego, 1.
- Jeff Loeb, San Diego, 1.
- Sheng Li, San Diego, 1.
- Gnen Lo, La Mesa, 1.

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- PACIFIC BEACH, \$1495.** 2BD+1BA. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, parking, laundry room, patio. No pets. 1735 Reed Avenue #9. Agent, 619-232-6811.
- PACIFIC BEACH, \$1525.** 2BD+1BA cottage in East PB. Stove, refrigerator, laundry hookups. Garage. Fenced yard. Small pet OK with extra deposit. Rear unit on 3-unit property. Available 2/25/13. 2036 Diamond Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.
- PACIFIC BEACH, \$1550.** 2BD+1BA, cottage with fenced yard. Wood floors! Stove, refrigerator. Parking. Seven blocks to ocean. Small pet OK with extra deposit. Available 3/1/13. 1427 Grand Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.
- PACIFIC BEACH, \$1650.** 2BD+2BA upstairs apartment. Off-street parking. Laundry on site. No pets. Fresh paint, new carpet. Available now! 4451 Haines Street. Chris. 858-270-4492 x203 or CDunphyPacwest@san.rr.com.

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- PACIFIC BEACH, \$2095.** 2BD+2.5BA townhome, end unit in triplex. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, fireplace. Twin master suites. Fenced yard/ patio area and two balconies. Garage plus 2 parking spaces. Laundry hookups. Available 3/1/13. 4228 Faniel Street. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.
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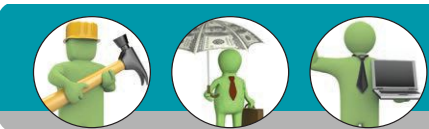


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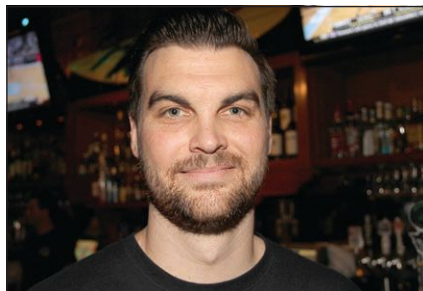
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If you were given \$10,000 to start your own business and follow your dream, what would you do?



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I guess I would try to start a mobile development company making Android apps. Currently I'm working on a picture-sharing app, so I'd scale that up.



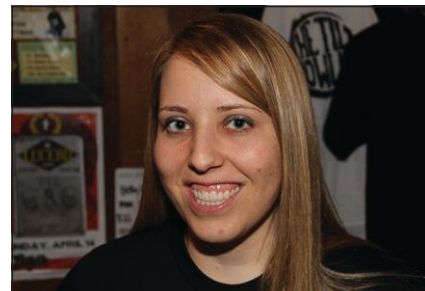
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I would probably open up a baseball camp here in Southern California. That's what I used to do, and it's my passion, so I'd open it up to help kids in the area.



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Latest Religious Messages

— At the religious festival of Pon, thousands of Muslims travel to Gunung Kemukus, on Indonesia’s main island of Java, to have the required sexual intercourse with a stranger. The experience, which supposedly brings good fortune, has become heavily commercialized, but nevertheless, about half the participants are “pure,” in that no money changes hands. More than a quick tryst is involved, according to an October *Global Mail* dispatch. The pilgrims must first pray, then bathe themselves, then select their proper stranger, then bathe themselves afterward (carefully saving the water for later re-

use), and finally return seven times at 35-day intervals to refresh their ritual.

— According to testimony in Perth, Australia, in November, a retired priest, Thomas Byrne, 80, bit off the ear of another, Thomas Smith, 81, in a brawl over a parking space. Father Byrne and Father Smith are residents of the same retirement home in the Perth suburb of Dianella.

— For centuries, some residents of India’s Madhya Pradesh state have allowed themselves to be trampled by garishly dressed animals in periodic attempts to have their prayers answered. The November “Ekadashi” (the 11th day of certain months of the Hindu calendar) this year began with prayers, followed by the liquoring up of the animals (cows in Ujjain and buffaloes in Bhopal, for example) to “remove their inhibitions,” according to a *WebIndia*123 report. Even so, according to local press reports, hardly anyone ever gets hurt.

Cultural Diversity

— Personalities are heavily influenced by blood types, according to the Japanese. People with type A blood are thought to be “sensitive perfectionists and good team players, but over-anxious,” according to a November BBC News dispatch, while O’s are “curious and generous but stubborn.” Some industries market blood-type-specific products rang-

ing from soft drinks to condoms.

— Names given by their parents heavily influence a person’s fortunes in life, according to many Thais, but that means relief from misery is just an official name-change away, according to a November *Wall Street Journal* dispatch from Bangkok. Services are available (for a fee) to help find prosperous names, with one smartphone application suggesting five for the equivalent of about \$10.

— Japanese and Chinese traditions reject the idea of reusing wooden chopsticks, and for many years Japan’s (and then, China’s) forests easily met chopstick demand. But Japan requires 23 billion pairs a year, and China 63 billion, which the wood industry (even China’s) eventually could not provide. In 2011, Korean-born Jae Lee built a factory in Americus, Ga., near forests of poplar and sweet gum trees that proved the ideal combination of softness and hardness for the sticks. In 2011 and early 2012, he supplied Japanese, Chinese, and Koreans with 20 million pairs of “Made in U.S.A.” chopsticks every week. (In June, Georgia Chopsticks, LLC, was inexplicably closed by court order, even though its sales had remained brisk.)

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People Different From Us

— There was no one more different from us than Dennis Avner, last reported here in 2005. Having transformed his body through surgery, tattoos, and implants, he had almost completely adopted the persona of a cat (“Stalking Cat,” as he was known in the body-modification community). Avner had tiger-stripe tattoos covering most of his body, dental implants sharpened to points to resemble tiger teeth, and metal-stud implants around his mouth to hold his long, plastic whiskers. Ear and lip surgery had made his head more catlike, and special contact lenses made his eyes appear as ovals. Mr. Avner passed away in Las Vegas in November at the age of 54, reportedly of suicide.

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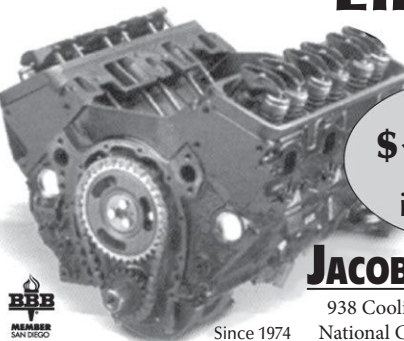
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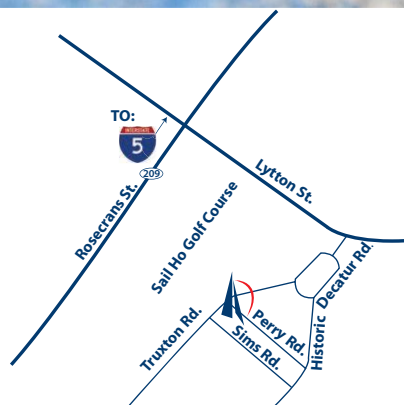
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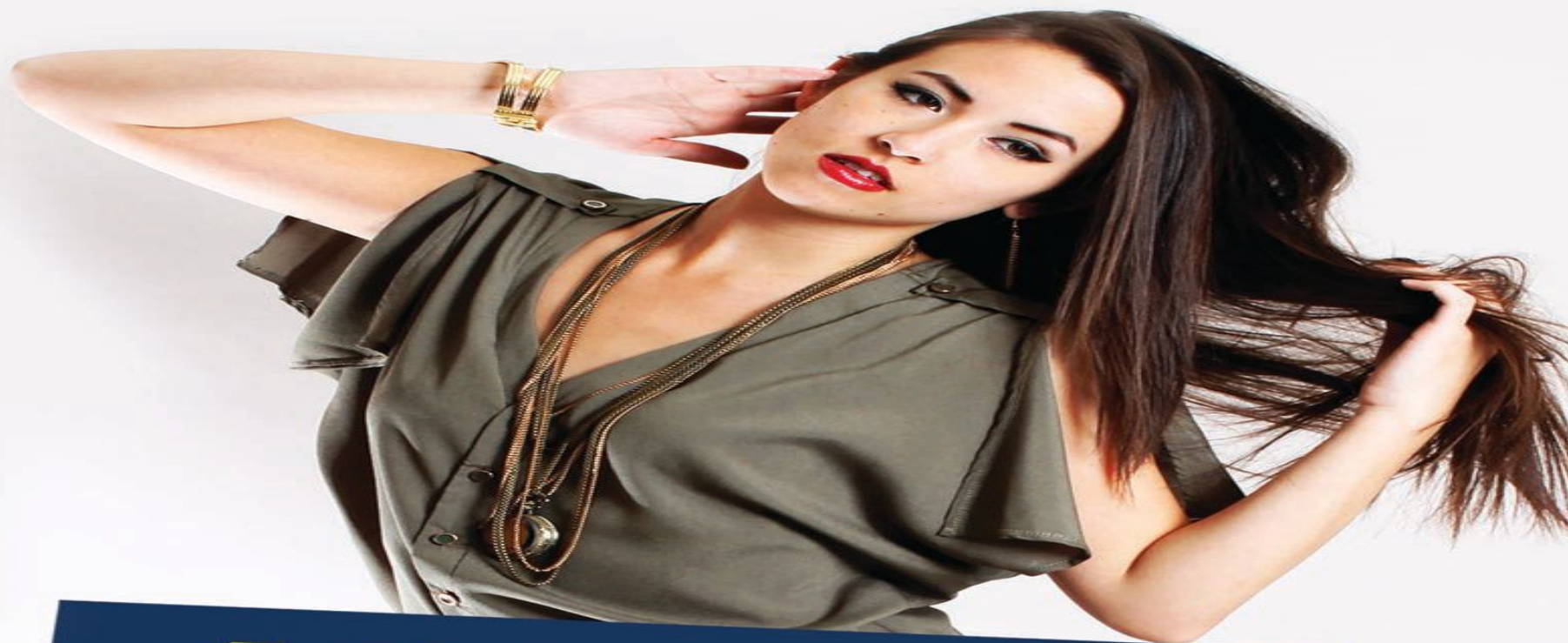
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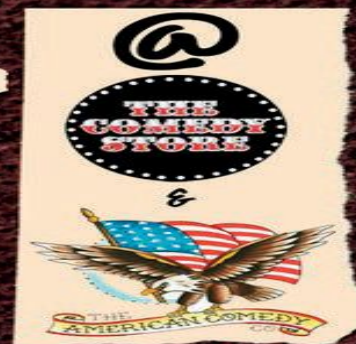
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