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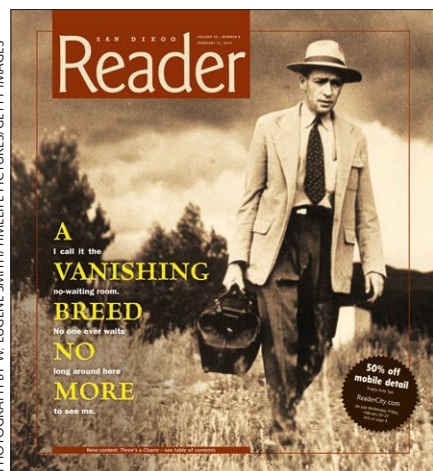
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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

CPUC: what over-billing scheme?

Commission rejects complaint of Edison overcharging for nuclear plant generators *San Onofre* — A complaint filed February 13, alleging that San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station operator Southern California Edison potentially overcharged by as much as \$100 million for installation of new steam gen-



The California Public Utilities Commission promptly rejected a complaint filed by the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility.

erators (which failed less than two years into their service life periods), was promptly rejected by the California Public Utilities Commission.

“The Docket Office Advisor, John Wong, who is also an Administrative Law Judge, directed that the complaint be rejected for the following reasons, to wit: The complaint alleges violation of securities laws and unfair competition/false claims, over which the Commission has no jurisdiction. Moreover, the complaint fails to allege any violation of a PUC code section or of a Commission decision,” reads the commission’s response to the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility, a nuclear watchdog group that had filed the complaint.

The Alliance’s lawyer, former commission member John Geesman, quickly fired back a protest of the rejection:

“Your rejection narrows A4NR’s rights as a Complainant considerably more than the Legislature or the Commission intended, respectively, under § 1702 and Rule 4.1(a) (1).”

Secondly, A4NR’s Complaint asks the Commission, pursuant to Cal. Pub. Util. Code § 2101, to request the Attorney General institute court actions for the recovery of damages and punishment of the violations of law alleged therein. Again, this statutory authority is not confined to violations of the Public Utilities Code but rather “the enforcement of the provisions of the Constitution and statutes of this State affecting public utilities and for the punishment of all violations thereof.”

Dave Rice, February 15

“Mayor Mo” stole \$2 million

Caught taking from late husband’s foundation to cover gambling debt *San Diego* — Maureen O’Connor, mayor of San Diego from 1986 to 1992, entered into a “deferred prosecution” agreement today (Feb. 14) for plundering \$2.088 million from a foundation set up by her late husband, Robert O. Peterson. She was a trustee of the foundation and prohibited from receiving its funds. She took the money to cover gambling debts.

According to the U.S. Attorney’s office, she made \$1 billion between 2000 and 2009 at casinos in Las Vegas, Atlantic City, and San Diego. But then she lost that sum and even more and by 2008 had large outstanding debts at casinos.

Between 2008 and 2009, she misappropriated more than \$2 million from the foundation and initially characterized the sum as loans. And, says the U.S. Attorney’s office, she continued gambling. The foundation went bankrupt.

In 2011, surgeons removed a large tumor from O’Connor’s brain. She suffered complications, including a pulmonary embolism and cognitive impairment. She was found



Former mayor Maureen O’Connor’s brain tumor resulted in cognitive impairment.

competent to enter into the deferred prosecution agreement, but all parties agreed that it would be improbable or impossible that she could be brought to trial. She agreed to pay back the money to the foundation and undergo treatment for gambling addiction.

(Full disclosure: I learned in 2011 of the brain tumor but had received the information off the record and could not reveal it. I talked briefly with her that year and haven’t talked with her since. Although she had

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Unite Here, the union that represents hotel, gaming, and food-service workers, in front of the Mission Valley Hilton

San Diego hotels: labor in revolt

By Don Bauder

Owners of San Diego’s hotels “will do anything they can to stay nonunion,” says Brigitte Browning, and she plans to do

something about it. For six years, she has been president of Unite Here Local 30, the labor union that represents 4000 hotel, gaming, and food-service workers in the county. “I would like to be at 7500 members in the next five years.”

It won’t be easy. There is a long tradition of anti-unionism in San Diego. The Unite Here national union has been rife with turmoil in recent years; there have been some dissidents and resignations in Local 30, too, but nothing extraordinary.

For some time, conservative and liberal economists have realized that San

Diego tourism — while a key industry — does not generate sufficient income that is spent locally. Thus, there is much less of a ripple effect than other industries provide. Hotel and restaurant workers are among the lowest paid in the county. Years ago, the big hotels were owned by local entrepreneurs who would plow their profits back into the San Diego economy. But now only a few of the big hotels are owned by local families. Profits flow back to national chains or real estate investment trusts (REITs) that own the big



Brigitte Browning (with megaphone)

properties. Similarly, too many national chains dominate the restaurant scene.

Browning says that 22 percent of workers in major

San Diego hotels — those that have restaurants and multiple services — are unionized. Here are comparable estimated percentages from some of the major North American

markets: New York and San Francisco, 85 to 90 percent; Boston, Honolulu, and Toronto, around 70 percent; and Los Angeles and Chicago, about 50 percent. Las Vegas is so heavily unionized that Unite Here is a political powerhouse in Nevada.

Smaller hotels and motels in San Diego are generally not unionized. Ditto for restaurants, with the exception of food ser-

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In addition to the Hilton, the union is also targeting the Marriott La Jolla and Humphreys Half Moon Inn & Suites.

Poke the pig

By Dave Rice

Robert Garner feels like he's being watched. He's felt that way since early 2010, when San Diego Gas & Electric installed high-tech security cameras on property it owns adjacent to Garner's property.

"I expressed my concern about the new tilt and pan cameras because they have the ability to not only observe my backyard, but they can see directly into the sliding glass doors at the rear of my house," says Garner in a June 2010 letter to Sempra, SDG&E's parent company, following up on phone calls inquiring about the camera

bility that would permit the reading of a vehicle license plate or recognizing a subject's face at a distance of 300 feet," Garner says. "[These] cameras could probably see the zits on my daughter's face as she watches the television [in Garner's living room]. She wouldn't like that.

"Per our telephone conversations...I appreciate your assurances that you will respect my privacy rights. However, I insist on

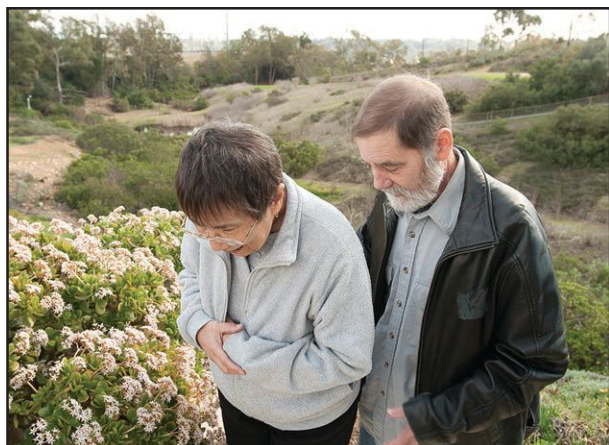
view that once it became clear he wasn't going to get a response from SDG&E, he began having some fun with his correspondence.

The first suggestions were relatively simple. On June 15, 2010, Garner requested what he called a "defensive shield solution," whereby a sheet of metal would be affixed to the camera mounting to limit its range to cover only property owned by the utility. "As long as the shield blocks my view of the lower lens when viewed from my house, my privacy is verified," Garner said in endorsement of the relatively simple fix.

Although SDG&E would ultimately ignore this suggestion as well, Garner wasted no time, suggesting the very next day a solution he called STARTc — "Strategic Talks About Relocating The Camera." The plan suggested moving the camera to a spot where it didn't interfere with his privacy. Garner pointed out that, in his educated opinion, the initial installation was subpar in that the large wooden pole it was mounted to made it effectively useless in monitoring a portion of the utility's property, anyway.

Garner then developed his most ambitious plan of all — the "Star Wars Solution," whereby he proposed to mount a laser in his house aimed at the camera. "Remember, if you can see me, I can see you. As long as your camera is never focused on my house, your security is secured," he wrote in a June 17 letter to Sempra. "However, panning and tilting the camera to observe my house will inhibit the operation of your equipment."

In a follow-up e-mail, he tells the *Reader* that modern cameras "can withstand the beam from 'legal' lasers such as those used for pointers (unless SDG&E went with really cheap cameras). You



Robert Garner, with his wife Mary Ann, worries that SDG&E cameras installed nearby allow strangers to peer into his backyard and house.

installation.

Having prior experience working with similar cameras — Garner says prior to retirement he worked on the design and installation of a battery of high-resolution cameras for the Port of San Diego — he initially asked for a meeting with the utility to visit the control area of the camera operator and determine to what extent his property was visible. The request was promptly denied.

"Tilt, pan, and zoom cameras as used at the Friars Road Substation that I am familiar with...have a zoom and resolution capa-

[adhering to a theory of 'Trust, but verify.' Is that unreasonable?"]

Next, Garner went on a letter-writing spree, firing off five more letters within the span of a few weeks in June 2010. These included a sketch of his home as well as photos of his backyard and of the offending camera. Garner also proposed a handful of solutions that he believed would be reasonable for SDG&E to undertake while still satisfying his request for privacy.

The suggestions range from the mundane to the amusingly bizarre. Garner admitted in a later inter-



SDG&E mounted this camera to monitor property it owns. At least one neighbor worries that his property could be monitored as well.

can buy higher powered and probably illegal lasers from China."

Though he says he elected not to go the laser route, Garner provided an advertisement for a "military-grade" device from a company called Wicked Lasers, which claims its most powerful handheld units can

project an uninterrupted beam for over 80 miles and can be seen from space.

Garner also contacted San Diego police, inquiring about the cameras and asking if they had any access to or knowledge of their capabilities. In July of 2010, SDPD Community Relations officer Edward Zwibel

responded, stating that the police had no access to the cameras but that "[n]othing related to those cameras is confidential as far as the neighborhood police department is concerned."

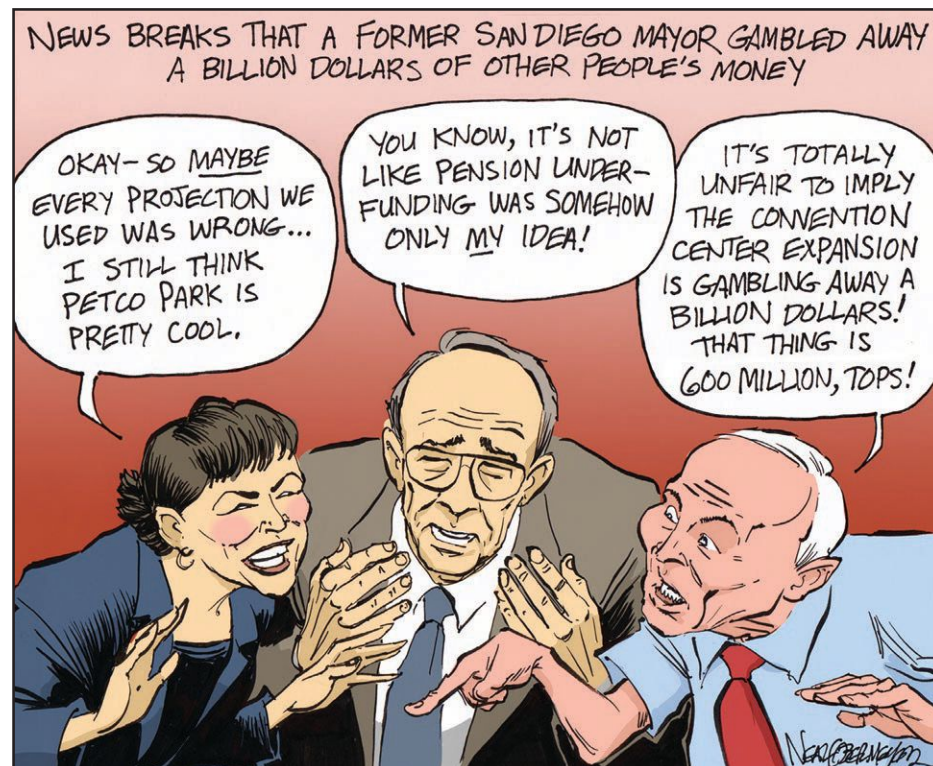
The *Reader* contacted SDG&E in January and requested further insight as to what the facility was used for, why and when the cameras were installed, and whether Garner's concerns about their capabilities might be warranted. Copies of Garner's past unanswered correspondence were provided to the utility to facilitate their research into the issue. Their response: "SDG&E is committed to customer privacy and our security cameras are used only for the purpose of keeping our facilities safe and secure," reads the entirety of the response provided on January 18.

Garner wasn't surprised, calling the response, "Exactly what I would expect."

He adds, "My correspondence with SDG&E has been an amusement.

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In Defense of Bears

I just wanted to say that I think you completely misrepresented Rich Sweeney in this cover article (“Temporary TV Fame,” February 14). Rich is a really nice guy who has done a ton for the community, including donating 100% of his restaurant’s proceeds to HIV research during Dining Out for Life.

It just seemed to me that this article was tunnel-visioned to gay stereotypes. If I was writing an article I wouldn’t refer to anybody as “big effeminate” *anything* without talking to them first. It makes you look kind of ignorant in a time where antibullying and social equality mean a lot to the LGBT community. Yet, the article continues to criticize Rich as speaking “with exaggerated and somewhat lady-like gesticulations that add an unexpected dimension to his well-trimmed beard and bearlike body.” Was that necessary? Would you say a straight man was speaking with an unabashed sense of manhood? I do not think so.

One more thing. Speaking as a representative for bears, we all have very well-trimmed beards, so that should not have been a surprise.

Look forward to reading more of your articles, guys.

Timmy Pickles
via email

Not So Mysterious

Somebody asked Matthew Alice about some “mysterious, windowless building” on Balboa Arms Drive, just off Mt. Abernathy Avenue (Straight from the Hip, February 14). Matthew checked, and found out it was an AT&T installation center.

I think most of those mysterious, windowless buildings

are the same thing: some bank’s computer center or data center, or both. There was one like that when we lived in New Orleans, at the southwest corner of Chef Menteur Highway and Michoud Boulevard. Some people visiting from New York wanted to know what in the world that building was. That was where the Bank of Commerce had their computers and their processing center. Same thing Matthew Alice said — there’s no windows because they don’t want people trying to hack their system or get hold of their secrets. I would guess anytime you see a building like this, it’s a computer or data-processing center.

My wife says there’s another one in San Diego at 805 and Miramar Road — the northeast corner. But that’s just where the waterworks was trying to convert sewer water into drinking water and trying to get us to drink that stuff. That was when [Harry] Mathis was on the city council. I don’t know what they use it for now. Maybe they use it to water plants on the freeway.

Name Withheld
via voicemail

Classical Search

I’ve had big difficulty finding your classical listings. I finally found them on page 77 this week, far away from the rest of this week’s events.

Classical music has only two listings. There’s no listing for the organ concert in Balboa Park. There’s no listing for the public library concert downtown; there’s no listing for the La Jolla Music Society concert. What’s happened? How come we’re not getting any classical music listings? And why are they way in the back, not up front with all the other listings? I hope the Reader will continue to carry classical music listings, such that we can find them.

Ken Cowlin
via voicemail

CliffsNotes Required

Regarding your cover story of February 7, “My Life.” What, exactly, is that story about? I read it and I still don’t know.

Andy Robinson
via email

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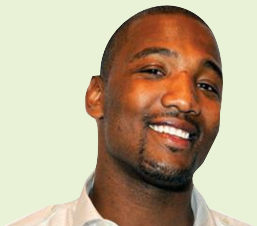
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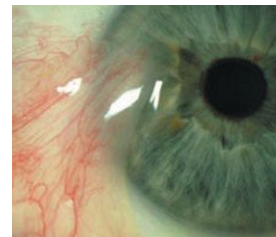
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

SAN YSIDRO

Stuck!

Illegal immigrants were trapped for more than 12 hours in sewer pipe

Four illegal immigrants were rescued from a sewage-filled pipe by San Diego Fire and Rescue on the night of Wednesday, February 13. Afterward, the men were hosed off and handed over to Customs and Border Protection officers.

According to the fire department Communications Division, the men had been trapped for more than 12 hours.

"The call came in at 21:40," the dispatcher said. "We extricated four people from a sewer manhole behind the port of entry at the end of Rail Court."

The rescue required a fire truck, the rescue equipment truck, and several ambulances. The men, who emerged covered in sewage, were stripped and hosed off, then wrapped in blankets and transported, the dispatcher said.

The trapped men were heard calling for help on the short street that runs east and west just south of the McDonald's building by the San Ysidro trolley station, near the bright yellow International Building east of the tracks.

LUCY D. BARKER, FEB. 14

GRANT HILL

Blow to revitalization?

Council grants Ekco Metals permit in area described as "junkyard"

Despite an appeal of the permit for Ekco Metals International by the Southeastern

San Diego Planning Group, the city council voted unanimously on Tuesday, February 12, to allow Ekco to run its recycling facility in Grant Hill.

The defeat for the planning group left its chair, Maria Riveroll, asking why she bothered to work so hard on the community plan — first in 1987, and again in 2009.

"We are supposed to start all over again on the 2020 plan and we worked so carefully and thoughtfully on the last one, so the city can ignore it and issue permits," Riveroll said. "They're telling us to update the plan



Ekco Metals building on Commercial Street

and then they ignore it."

The 2800 block of Commercial Street in Grant Hill is by no means scenic — the trolley runs down the middle of the street lined with recycling operations. Cars are towed in and out, and lines form early in the morning with people hauling bounty bottles and aluminum cans.

"We don't want to chase the existing businesses away," said Riveroll, "but we don't want any more, and we hope they'll become less dominant and we can have a revitalization — our neighborhood is historic and it's a gateway to downtown."

"Our councilman, David Alvarez, told us he doesn't like the yards any more than we do, but because we didn't rezone by 1997 to not allow those [commercial] uses, the city doesn't have a legal leg to stand on."

To get their permit, Ekco Metals volunteered to pull the fences back and add some landscaping — the only landscaping on the block.

The company says it will only accept larger items — including the city's old water meters, if they get the contract. Ekco will accept, sort, and ship materials.

After the council win, Riveroll went and shook hands with Ekco's owner, Ely Keenberg, congratulating him on the win. "I'm not a sore loser," she said. "It's not a bad company; we just didn't want any more junkyards. We want the chance to be an area that isn't defined by junkyards."

LUCY D. BARKER, FEB. 13

OCEANSIDE | CARDIFF

Wounded Warriors bike Coast Highway

Thirty-mile sponsored ride for vets part of rehabilitative program

Local representatives of the Wounded Warrior Project sponsored a group of 45 veterans in a 30-mile bike ride along Coast Highway 101 on February 9.

Starting off at Buccaneer Beach in Oceanside, the riders were taking a much-needed rest by noon, at the halfway point — Seaside Beach in Cardiff — before turning around and heading back up north.

Most of the riders had battle injuries to their arms and legs and were pedaling specially equipped recumbent bikes. An international manufacturer, Trek Cycles, donated all the special bikes.

Known as the Soldier Ride, the Wounded Warrior Project organizes around 20 bike rides a year for disabled vets in various parts of the country.

"We offer a four-day rehabilitative program," explained Pete Calaldo, the ride's coordinator from the group's New York headquarters. "The riders also have classes on yoga, health, nutrition, and wellness issues."

Former Marine Sgt. Eric Delion, from San Diego, was one of the participants. He suffers from a brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder from "being blown up too many times," he said. In Iraq, he was attacked several times by roadside bombs. Delion said the ride was helping him to "build morale and release energy."

About twice as many volunteers rode along with the vets or drove support vehicles. The slow-moving contingent was escorted

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Opponents and small-business owners made a final effort to stall the project as the Coastal Commission noted its objections to the narrowing of the road that extends from Oceanside to La Jolla. Even with the advice of city staff, which feared the Coastal Commission may levy financial penalties, the council voted 5-0 at their January 30 meet-

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Uncle Jimmy flashed his Cheshire cat-wide grin at me as we were led to a small room in the back by senior zookeeper Tommy. Our guide was a herpetologist, which, I quickly learned, has nothing to do with any simplexes. Herpetology is the study of amphibians and reptiles, and the root — herp — stems from a Greek word used to describe “crawling or creeping.”

Tommy — a tall red-head with an almost imperceptible soul patch beneath his lower lip — selected a plastic container from one of the temperature-and-humidity-controlled shelves. Just before he lifted the lid, his face took on a proud smile. Inside the container were three perfectly spherical white eggs half buried in sand and remnants of shells from other turtles that had already hatched; they had been incubating for 12 months.

“A year?” Uncle Jimmy asked in disbelief. Tommy

explained that, to ensure successful survival rates, the zoo re-creates the conditions of drought and flooding that would occur in the turtles’ natural habitats.

While my uncle was marveling at the effort and exactitude that goes into breeding such creatures, Tommy reached into the container and lightly scratched each egg with his fingernails. He explained that scratching the eggs imitates the sensation of hatched siblings ambling around the nest, which sends a message to the little ninja inside that it’s time to come out.

After the plastic container was returned to the shelf, Tommy selected another. This time, when he lifted the lid, instead of sand and eggs, we saw a damp white towel and six tiny — well, at first, I wasn’t sure what they were. They looked like fallen wet leaves, each so small I could fit two of them in the palm of one hand. Their orangey-brown heads were little leafy triangles extending

from the edge of their shells. They were mata mata turtles, freshwater turtles found in the shallow waters of the Amazon River. In the wild, mata mata mothers bury their eggs in leaf mold and leave them to fend for themselves.

I stared into the container until I realized that one of those little heads was facing in my direction; I finally spotted its eyes, and then I felt an irrational shame for having been caught staring so hard. By a turtle.

I stood around and waited as Uncle Jimmy, like *Charlie in the Chocolate Factory*, asked Tommy to explain each gadget and gizmo we came across in the Reptile House. I’m not sure how it escaped me that my father’s younger brother was so into turtles. Uncle Jimmy is a landscape designer in New York City. He’s responsible for Bay Ridge’s Narrows Botanical Gardens (4.5 acres of carefully tended gardens, including a native-plant sanctuary).

When he told us he was coming for a visit, Uncle Jimmy mentioned that he’d recently begun to rescue and rehabilitate native New York turtles, some of which are endangered. He ensures their comfort and survival during the winter, and then they have free rein of the gardens come springtime. As soon as he told me this, the proud San Diegan within me knew I had to take him to see the new Reptile Walk at the San Diego Zoo. But the chance to speak with Tommy and get a peek inside the Reptile House, where keepers do all

their behind-the-scenes work, was an added bonus.

After having grown accustomed to the tropical air of the Reptile House, stepping back outside was like having someone rip away my warm comforter on a cold morning. Along the walk, we found both juvenile and adult mata mata turtles (the mother and father of the hatchlings we’d met). They no longer looked like little fallen leaves. They were big spiny rocks and swam around the clear water with their mouths open and throats expanded, funneling in water and any bits of food that might be floating in it.

While gazing at an enclosure, Uncle Jimmy said, “I wish we could adopt state-of-the-art facilities like these in our little sanctuary. This zoo is like an ark. It’s like Noah’s Ark.” When we came upon the Galápagos exhibit, my uncle told me about his trip to the islands. “It was amazing how the birds just came right up to us — they didn’t know enough to be afraid,” he said. He described how, in the 1800s, sailors would collect the giant, ancient tortoises and stack them upside down by the hundreds in the holds of their ships. “They could live for a year like that, without any food or water, so the sailors used them for food on long voyages,” he explained. As the 150-year-old a few feet away stretched his neck toward us for a better look, I wondered if he remembered seeing his brethren taken like that, or if he was even

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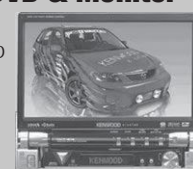
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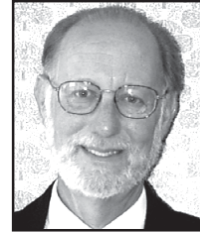
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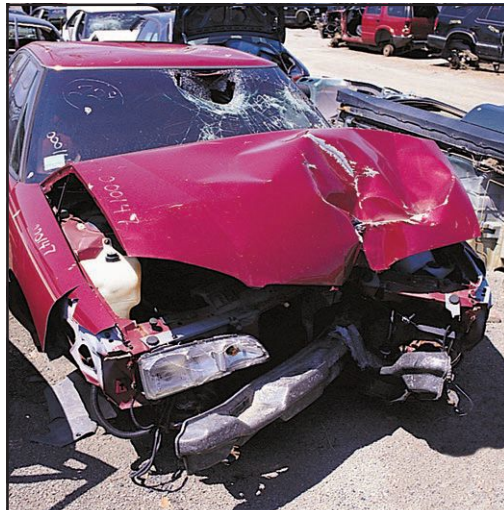
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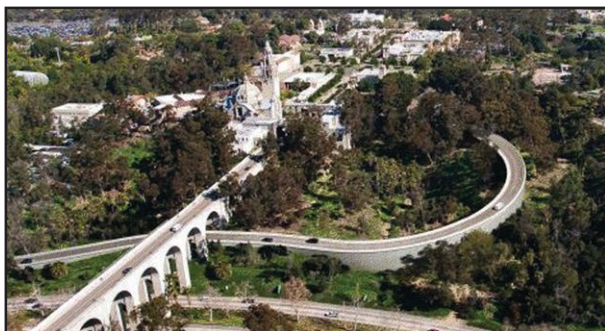


Something to cheer you up on your afternoon commute!

The San Diego Coalition of Reason, a collection of local groups of non-theists and church-state separation activists, has teamed up with American Atheists, a national organization, to purchase ad space on a billboard along Interstate 5 in North County.

"With many of our previous billboards, we've made it a point to challenge traditional religion. But this time we want to show the other side of our coin, that atheism is a breath of fresh air," said American

Atheists president David Silverman in a joint release. "It's wonderfully freeing to remember that we're all headed for a hole in the ground and endless oblivion. I also wanted to show that atheists are not a bunch of humorless jerks. Did you see how I slipped in a joke about the idea of a personal relationship, when the very notion of 'person' indicates nothing more than a bunch of neurochemical reactions? We're all just bone and meat! Ha ha!"



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"4S Parking Pass" Seeks to Maintain GHQ



Won't somebody please think of the hotties?

SAFELY INSIDE THE VELVET ROPE, FLUXX NIGHT-CLUB — San Diego's Gaslamp has been in an uproar ever since Westfield Horton Plaza announced yesterday that it would no longer provide free validated parking for the many people who use the mall's garage while they get their groove on at the neighborhood's many restaurants, bars, and clubs. Many owners worried that, without free parking, the GHQ, or Gaslamp Hottie Quotient, would drop to unsustainable levels.

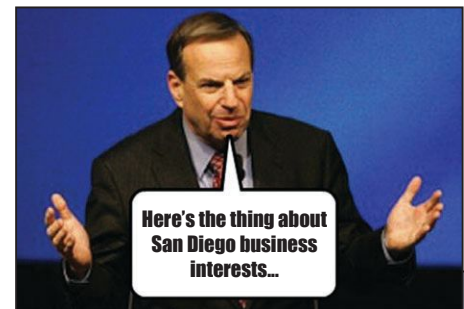
"Unattached young hotties are the engine of nightlife," said FLUXX owner Burl Grabasski. "Everybody knows that. Without them, you might as well be running a sports bar. But here's the thing about unattached young hotties: they don't, as a rule, have a lot of money. That's why they come here, where interested young men will buy them drinks and dinner, and, if everything goes well, a room at the Ivy. It's not rocket science. But if we start making these poor girls pay \$10 for their parking — if we ask them to make a financial commitment at the start of an evening, while they're still sober — then the whole system breaks down. It could mean the end of the Gaslamp."



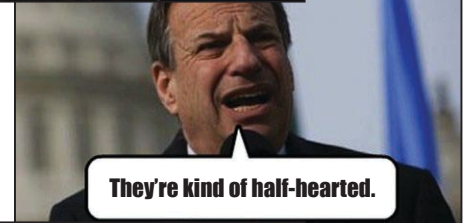
Horton Plaza officials initially considered a compromise called Panty Parking, which would allow hotties to purchase a \$3 G-string from a panty vending machine outside of the mall's Victoria Secret store. Receipts from the machine would then serve as parking validation. But when it was pointed out that unattractive women — or even men — could use the machine, the plan was quickly scrapped, because, said Grabasski, "Ew."

Happily, the Gaslamp Business Association has banded together to find a workable solution: the 4S Parking Pass. "Hotties will be able to obtain free parking validation by passing through a full-body scanner, similar to the ones you see in airports," explained Grabasski. "The machine will analyze the hottie and her outfit according to the 4S criteria: shape of body, snugness of outfit, sexiness of outfit, and quantity of exposed skin. If she meets the minimum requirements in all four categories, the scanner will issue a parking pass good for four hours, plus a coupon for a half-priced cocktail at participating Gaslamp establishments. Because sometimes you don't want to wait for someone to buy you that first drink of the night."

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TITLE: **Indiaphile** | ADDRESS: **Indiaphile.info**
AUTHOR: **Puja Patel** | FROM: **Mission Valley** | BLOGGING SINCE: **June 2012**

ABOUT: I grew up living back and forth between India and California. I was born in the U.S., but India holds a special place in my heart because of the many childhood years I spent there. My husband, Steve, and I started *Indiaphile* after years of endlessly talking about Indian food and culture with each other, friends, and family.

I am a major foodie. I cook foods from all around the world. But my comfort foods are almost all Indian. I especially love to take traditional Indian dishes and fuse them with Western dishes, techniques, and ingredients.

the harvest and the end of winter. In addition to the kite flying, we celebrate by eating *chikki* (brittle), made with sesame seeds, peanuts, or puffed rice, and by flying kites. The puffed-rice brittle was always my favorite.

I made some puffed-rice brittle today in honor of this special celebration. I often think about heading out to the beach here in San Diego with a kite but never do. I haven't flown a kite in more than a decade. I don't imagine it'd be much fun without the adrenaline-filled battles and the promise of victory.

POST TITLE: **Kite Wars and Puffed Rice Brittle (Chikki) Recipe**

POST DATE: **January 14, 2013**

January 14th is one of the most exciting days of the year in Gujarat. Growing up, my brother and I looked forward to it every year. It's the day of the Kite Festival.

The Kite Festival in India is not the peaceful event you may be picturing. In India, flying kites is a war game! The object is to cut the opponent's string and steal their kite. First step is to find a target kite. Next, approach the target as stealthily as possible, get your string around theirs, and pull! We would spend all day out flying our kites, attacking unsuspecting neighbors and trying desperately to save our kites from being cut.

If you've never been a part of a kite fight, you're missing out. It is a battle of speed, stealth, agility, and sharpness of string. Sharp string might sound a little strange, but that is literally what it is. The kite string is infused with either powdered glass or some other abrasive. When my dad was a kid, he used to make his own kite string by running regular string through a mixture of powdered glass and rice cut.

Often, when my kite was being attacked, I had to call in Dad for backup. He'd take over my string and somehow eke out a victory. I'd run off to claim my prize. I loved coming home with a stack of hard-won kites.

Brutal *melée* aside, the festival is truly a beautiful site, as the sky is filled with hundreds, if not thousands of kites. The festival, known as Makar Sankranti or Utrayan, celebrates



My comfort foods are almost all Indian food.

Puffed Rice Brittle (Mamra Chikki)

3 cups puffed rice
1 cup brown sugar or jaggery
2 tbsp butter (or Earth Balance to keep it vegan)

Toast the puffed rice in a 300-degree oven for 10 minutes.

Grease a 9" x 12" baking dish and set aside.

Melt the butter in a saucepan on medium heat.

Add the brown sugar or jaggery. Stir and let the sugar come

to a hard boil. (You can test to make sure it's at the firm-ball stage, if you want.)

Add the puffed rice and stir until the sugar evenly coats the puffed rice.

Pour the mixture into the greased baking dish and spread out evenly using a spatula.

Careful — it's hot!

Cut into squares while it's still warm and let cool.

I like to sprinkle some sea salt over my puffed-rice brittle. I love the contrast of sweet and salty.

Note: Traditionally, *chikki* is made with jaggery, but I made mine with brown sugar and it tastes very similar to the jaggery version I grew up with.

When I tried to double the recipe and make a second batch, I had some trouble when I added in the puffed rice to the boiling brown sugar. The sugar turned granular instantly. If this happens, it's no big deal. Just keep stirring the sugar and puffed-rice mixture in the pot with the flame on medium-low. The sugar will melt. Just be careful to stir often so that the sugar does not burn.

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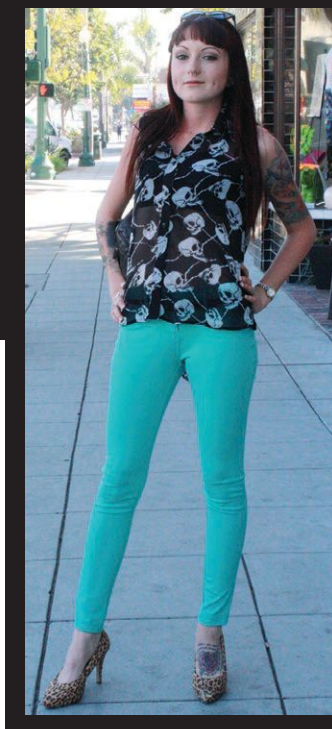
BY SIOBHAN BRAUN

Wannabe Tinkerbell

In the quaint beach community of Encinitas, I was surprised to find that many residents had an edgy style to them. Perhaps they draw from their community's famous big-wave surf spot, Swami's, or maybe it has more to do with the laid-back artsy culture of Encinitas.

On a sunny Thursday afternoon, I ran into three residents with unique styles.

I found 20-year-old Rachel Gemmel heading into Flashbacks



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KRISTY LARA

on Coast Highway 101, lugging an enormous trash bag filled with clothing to trade at the popular vintage shop.

She wore Express mint-green jeggings, a Hot Topic blouse, and shoes she scored

at a thrift store in Portland.

Nearby, I spotted Kryshelle Oldfield sitting on a bench enjoying her lunch break.

Oldfield wore Dolce Vita for Target

boots. Her green velvet top and western-inspired belt were both thrifted.

Oldfield works at Flashbacks. Her favorite style piece is her oversized black felt hat from Forever 21. (little fish)

Kristy Lara just got back from Orlando, where she auditioned to be a Walt Disney World theme-park character. Her dream is to one day be Tinkerbell.

"They didn't need any Tinkerbells, and I'm too short to be a princess," she said with a sigh.

The 20-year-old works at Detour Salon. Her favorite wardrobe item is the Mickey Mouse shaped necklace.

"I got it at Coast Highway Traders, which is a really cool random shop," she tells me.

Lara wore Miz Mooze platform shoes from Nordstrom rack and shorts from Detour.

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aware. I hoped not.

When we left, Uncle Jimmy elaborated on the reasoning behind his passion for preservation. "Our goal, our mission statement at Narrows, is to educate people about native animals. They don't know about them. There's an incredible amount of ignorance, and meanwhile these creatures are being destroyed. Some lady could have a country house and a painted turtle could be making its way up the bank of the lake to lay eggs and she wouldn't even know."

"So what if she didn't?" I asked.

Uncle Jimmy looked at me, his permanently amused look covered with a mask of sincerity. "In my lifetime, I'm watching species evaporate to nothing and it's overwhelming and it's sickening. If I can just make people aware... If I can help just a little bit with these guys... They can't speak for themselves. Someone has to be their voice."

"No, I get it." I said.

The familiar permanent grin flashed back onto Uncle Jimmy's face. He held up a piece of paper. "Tommy gave me his email. I'll be able to email a zoologist from the San Diego Zoo. How cool is that?" ■ (@barbarellaf)

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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

National News Edition



Larry Lucchino, "the only man in the world with a Final Four ring, Super Bowl ring, and World Series ring."

I have a folder on my internet browser's bookmarks bar labeled "Sports Pages." Inside are links to the sports section of every NFL and MLB team's hometown newspaper. Occasionally, I'll trawl through the tabloid briar to see if I can find column fodder in the underbrush.

It's been awhile since my last tour, so this morning I clicked on the first link and found myself at *jacksonville.com*, the *Florida Times-Union* to you. As always, my first thought is, *Why does Jacksonville have an NFL franchise?*

Jacksonville sports news: "JU falls to Ohio State... On a big-time stage in a big-time atmosphere, Jacksonville University's men's lacrosse team showed it's capable of competing with a national power." JU lost 9 to 6. Their coach explained, "We battled really hard and played our hearts out."

The *Boston Globe*. You get a sports section with headlines and a couple sentences. More requires a subscription. Of note to San Diegans is Dan Shaughnessy's column, "Why we love Larry Lucchino." Lucchino is CEO of the Red Sox, was a despised Padres CEO. I run a search with the column title, click on the provided link, which brings up the entire column. Not much there. I did learn one new thing: Lucchino is "The only man in the world with a Final Four ring, Super Bowl ring, and World Series ring."

The *Washington Post*. "NBA set to have fewest 20-point scorers in 47 years." Turns out to be a fact-free article, "Defenses have adjusted... Coaches have changed offensive approaches..."

New York Daily News sports news: "Braun, A-Rod, Cervelli, Melky linked with dollar amounts..." blah, blah, blah. Miami and bio-chemist and steroids and I wonder if I should get new tires for the truck?

New York Daily News news: "Whiskey win! Maker's Mark reverses decision to cut alcohol content. The famed distillery will keep the alcohol volume of its bourbon at 45 percent,

following an intense backlash from customers..."

New York Post sports news: Mike Piazza has a memoir out. Says he's not gay. Says he hates Roger Clemens. News news: "Jay-Z and Beyoncé toured Neverland Ranch..."

Houston Chronicle sports news: Roger Clemens turns up in Kissimmee, Florida. He has a "spring training instructional role" with the club. Says receiving only 37.6 percent of the votes for Hall of Fame entry is not a big deal.

Houston Chronicle news news: "Beaumont cemetery gets state help against hogs. Spokeswoman Jessica McDunn says...additional fences have also been built to keep the feral hogs at bay."

Chicago Sun-Times sports news: White Sox not lacking for leaders with A.J. Pierzynski gone." *Sun-Times* news news: "Woman bites off boyfriend's tongue after Valentine's spat... returned to her apartment and got in a fight. She asked him to leave, but he wanted to end the argument. So he leaned in for a kiss."

Denver Post sports news: "Woody Paige: Nuggets don't look good enough to wear NBA crown." News news: Attendance at the annual National Storm Chaser Convention, held in Denver for the 15th year, fell to 300 after setting a record of 350 people last year.... What tornado researchers are learning as they track more hurricanes is that the vaunted storms are much weaker than advertised...."

The *Arizona Republic* sports news: "Phoenix Coyotes scoring without offense. 'Points are indicative of us finding ways to win games, which is good,' coach Dave Tippett said."

Dallas Morning News sports news: "Unlike with its players, the NFL doesn't have a salary cap for coaching hires. [Cowboys owner Jerry] Jones hasn't held back in adding seven new coaches to the Cowboys' staff."

The *Times-Picayune* sports news: "New Orleans Hornets forward Ryan Anderson says he had fun competing in 3-point shooting contest."

Detroit Free Press sports news: "TV ratings: More Detroit residents watched State of the Union than Michigan-MSU," and, "Ticker: Urban Meyer tells a tale of Woody Hayes' private parts and a turtle." Detroit news news: "An emergency financial report to Gov. Rick Snyder makes it clear that a six-person team poring over Detroit's financial records does not believe that Mayor Dave Bing and the City Council are capable of turning the city around on their own...."

Minneapolis' *StarTribune* sports news: "Gophers blow 16-point lead, collapse against Hawkeyes." News news: "There's a movement to declare 'Minnesota Blue' the official state poem. It was written in 1985 by a guy in Hawaii, but it's otherwise modern and local."

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BestBuys

— EVE KELLY

My friend Smokee Wilson ain't so smoky anymore. She recently started "vaping," as she calls it — getting her nicotine fix by way of an electronic cigarette. I've got some family members who smoke, so I thought I'd look into it.

Christine Gentry, chief of operations for Vapure in Mission Valley (888-261-0026; vapure.com) gave me an introduction to the product. "Electronic cigarettes produce vapor instead of smoke. There is no sec-

ondhand smoke and, overall, it's more cost-effective. Plus, you get 4000 fewer chemicals than you do in cigarettes. An electronic cigarette is essentially a battery connected to an atomizer. The battery heats the liquid in the atomizer, and that creates a vapor. The vapor is what is inhaled. Our two most basic kits are sold under our own brand, the Ego-C [\$64.95] and the Ego-S [\$79.95]. The C is for a lighter smoker, someone who doesn't smoke several packs a day or who doesn't require a strong sensation. The S gives a stronger sensation — in industry lingo, it's called a 'throat hit.' You actually feel the vapor in your throat, more like a strong cigarette. And the vapor itself is a little bit hotter."

Both kits come with "two complete electronic cigarettes, a USB charger, a wall charger, and a user manual. You want two units so that you're never caught without a charged battery — that's the worst. And if you purchase it in our store, we'll give you enough e-liquid to last as long as ten packs of cigarettes."

Vapure also sells mods (modified electronic cigarettes). "Mods used to be something created by an individual. They would use an Altoid tin or a soda can, and they'd hook a battery up to it. The setup allowed them to change the voltage, make it super strong. We never recommend doing that because it's dangerous. But now, 'mod' just means an electronic cigarette that is larger than what you usually see that also has variable voltage. The higher the voltage you get, the stronger the vapor and the stronger the sensation without having to up your nicotine level."

Nicotine is delivered via the e-liquid. "We have a lab in South County where we produce the e-liquid. The main components are vegetable glycerin, propylene glycol, food-grade flavoring, and pharmaceutical-grade nicotine. We sell over 120 flavors — our top five are the

"Our top five flavors are dry-blend, snickerdoodle, strawberry-mango freeze menthol, and manic melon."

dry-blend tobacco, snickerdoodle, strawberry-mango freeze menthol, and manic melon. One milliliter is equivalent to a pack of cigarettes, and we sell in three sizes: 5 ml, \$3.95; 10 ml, \$6.95; and 30 ml, \$16.95. Each flavor can be purchased with 0 milligrams of nicotine, 11 milligrams, or 24 milligrams."

Gentry explained that, unlike other companies, Vapure doesn't mix water with its e-liquid. "Water reduces the vapor and dilutes the product. Also, there are fewer regulations on overseas manufacturers, and they will sometimes add a dangerous chemical called diacetyl. We're extremely strict on the production end; if a flavor contains diacetyl, we won't use it."

Finally, she suggested that prospective customers visit establishments that let customers try different models. "We'll try to tailor the product to the user, get them the sensation they're looking for. You can try out our hardware and our e-liquids with no obligation to buy at any of our four locations around San Diego."

Mike Touma at the Smoking Section smoke shop in Mira Mesa (858-549-7777; sandiego-smokeshop.com) said, "People really like electronic cigarettes. You don't light them

up; you just push a button. The vapor looks like smoke, but it's not smoke. You inhale your nicotine, but there's no tar and no smell. We sell Vapure, which is the best product, but we also sell cardomizers [\$20 starter kit from Green Smart Living]. Those give you a prefilled cartridge that you screw on. They

look more like traditional cigarettes, and they're cheaper and easier to use, but you don't get nearly as much vapor as you do with e-liquid."

John at Ciggy's on the Beach in Pacific Beach (858-272-4554) told me that his best selling e-liquid was "strawberry mint [\$5 for 10 ml or \$9 for 20 ml], and the most popular model is the V-Max [\$90]. It takes two lithium ion batteries, and it comes with a refillable atomizer. It will last you a lifetime and give you triple the hit of a regular e-cigarette."

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A VANISHING BREED NO MORE

A thin column of steam rises from a 12-ounce styrofoam bowl of artichoke-and-kale soup cooling on a dinner cart in the break room of Dr. Patrick Yassini's office, which is located next to Sharp Coronado Hospital. It's a scene familiar to many doctors — just moments ago, Dr. Patrick Yassini rushed out to attend to a patient.

Unlike other doctors, however, Yassini is off to see one patient only. He does not feel the mounting pressure to process, examine, diagnose, and get that patient out the door so he can move on to the other five or six patients in adjacent exam rooms or out in the waiting room. This is because Yassini practices medicine at his own pace — anywhere between a few seconds for a prescription refill, to a ten-minute visit, to an hourlong session which might include a full exam, tests, even time to chat and answer questions about more than what hurts at the moment.

The present visit is brief. After a quick question from a patient and a look at the vitals, Yassini returns to the break room. He sits in a chair in the corner. Cradling the bowl of soup in one hand, he blows on it, and, half smiling, gingerly spoons a bit of the soup into his mouth.

Yassini is a family doctor, and he calls his practice Total Priority Care.



He offers a raft of services, everything from sports and occupational medicine to weight management and skin care. Yassini examines mostly Coronado residents, youngsters, young adults, career-makers, home-makers, retirees — practically anyone with a pulse. This, for Yassini, is the perfect clientele. Rather than work with insurance companies, he charges patients an annual membership fee according to a sliding scale based on age. The scale starts at \$1200 for patients 18 or younger and tops out at \$2400 for patients 50 and over. Yassini is one of a handful of direct-pay doctors in San Diego intent on sheering off the rivets from boilerplate “patient care” with a new model of medicine based on an old set of criteria.

What these doctors practice has been described in different ways — concierge, subscription-based, direct-pay — but whatever it’s called, Yassini hopes his patients see this not as savvy pay-as-you-go lip-service but as part of a sincere effort to let the physician’s healing hands do the talking when it comes to quality healthcare.

With this approach, Yassini explains, doctor and patient agree to bypass the insurance system — any insurance system, private or government-sponsored. Wishing a polite yet firm pox on both their houses, Yassini enters into a one-on-one financial and medical relationship with his patients. He offers a third voice in the debate over healthcare by delivering a calculus of liberal personal care and conservative financial management, which,

proponents claim, yields better results.

Come as you are
Yassini’s practice is on Coronado’s south end, in a medical park located on the same palm- and live-oak-shaded street as Sharp Coronado Hospital. Up two half-flights of stairs, there is a spacious waiting room surrounded by a suite of doctors’ offices. These have been leased by independent and group practices.

While the chairs in the waiting area are three-quarters full this morning, none outside Yassini’s reception window are occupied.

At the front desk, Yassini’s two staff members greet patients on their way in. Denise Lloyd and Haifa Libed serve double-duty as nurses and receptionists, and, in Lloyd’s case, triple duty as book-keeper for the practice.

It’s midmorning and Yassini is seeing his first patients of the day. Among them is retired special-needs teacher Lee Booth, who has been coming to Yassini since the day he saved her life.

A resident of Scripps Ranch, Booth is a small woman with a fierce smile and gentle grayish-blue eyes that seem to say *I’m still alive, and, well, that’s all there is to it.*

“I was brought into the emergency room here with a failed liver and kidney, at Dr. Yassini’s request,” she explains. A special-education teacher at Decatur High School in Seattle, Booth fashioned a career out of making herself clear to students. Upon retirement in 1992, she was drawn south to San Diego’s better weather.

Her husband, Booth says, began to see Yassini as his personal phy-

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sician soon after the couple arrived in San Diego. Hearing good reports about the new doctor, Lee was considering switching when events forced the issue.

"I was going to switch over to Dr. Yassini even before this all happened," she says.

"This all" is Lee's way of describing the liver and kidney failure, an alcohol-induced crisis, which, compounded by diabetes, crippled her body's filtration systems and nearly killed her. Almost as an aside, she mentions that she's a breast-cancer survivor.

"When I came into the emergency room, the doctors told me they

probably couldn't keep me alive through the day. So, it was ten days in the hospital and the understanding that they were going to do a transplant — which I ended up not having."

A recovering alcoholic, Booth says that excessive consumption induced her body's various organs to put up a white flag against the daily abuse.

"I was told that, if I ever had another drink, I wouldn't be alive, and I was lucky that they got me through that."

Other doctors, she claims, never picked up on the heavy alcohol use that increased after she retired from teaching.

"It was a daily thing

that went on mainly in the nighttime because, obviously, I was a teacher and would work. Then, when I retired, it was pretty much from eight

"Drugs are cheaper and faster when you only have five or ten minutes with a patient."

in the morning onward."

Lee says it wasn't AA or rehab that eased her down the road to recovery; it was Dr. Yassini's custom-made treatment

program. From the moment he met her in the emergency room, he's helped her every step of the way.

"In rehab centers or

alcoholics]. People don't get retrained in their thinking and don't understand what's going on in the thought processes when you're drinking that much."

Through Yassini's approach to medicine, Lee has also been able to avoid the forest of red tape that usually accompanies the sort of treatment she sought for her alcoholism.

"Being able to see him every week — even every day, if I needed to — that just wouldn't have happened," she says of the doctors she had in Seattle. "And that's not even considering insurance coming in and saying, 'Well, if you're not dying,

we ain't going to pay for it,' so you'd have to have their approval, as well."

Healthy style

As I'm talking with Lee, Yassini pokes his head into the exam room to greet his patient.

"Good to see you," he says. His words to Lee are neither forced nor rushed.

"Good to see you, Doctor," she replies with an exuberant smile.

"Today, Lee is in for a check-up, is all," Yassini announces. He sits on the edge of the exam chair.

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to vitamin supplements. He says the default position of most insurance companies would discourage patients from taking advantage of this program.

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The current system, with its high turnover and low expectations, can make even well-intentioned doctors nothing more than pharmaceutical vending machines.

"Drugs are cheaper and faster when you only have five or ten minutes with a patient," Yassini says. "You don't even want to start talking about anything important, like the patient's mood. Sometimes, we need hours to discuss the things going on in our lives that are affecting our health. I know doctors — I've been there — with a busy schedule and 40 patients to see in a day; you just do not want to ask that



Dr. Martin Schulman

question. It's easier to write the prescription for Prozac and send them on their way."

Yassini's comments strike a bell for Lee, who has seen firsthand the inflated worth of pharmaceuticals.

"It's a huge problem," she says. "In my AA group, I think I'm the only one not on Valium or Vicodin. But it's so easy, like you said, because, what with the [limited] time that a doctor usually has with a patient, it's easier just to give them something, a drug of some sort."

Father and son

Yassini came down to the U.S. from north of the border in 1987. His parents were Iranian immigrants to Canada, and his father, Dr. Hossein Yassini, had finished his internship in Toronto. For 35 years, Yassini's



Dr. Pamela Brar

father, now retired, made a living in and around Wheeling, West Virginia, present at the births, deaths, illnesses, and recoveries of the rich, poor, and in-between.

"I grew up at a time when my father was the family doc in town," Yassini tells me in the office's break room. "He delivered babies and ran into the hospital in the middle of the night to take out people's appendix. He made regular rounds at the hospital and the nursing homes, and people would knock on his door in the middle of the night and phone him at all hours of the day."

Because his father's devotion to his patients often evolved into friendship, interruptions dogged the normal rhythm of family life.

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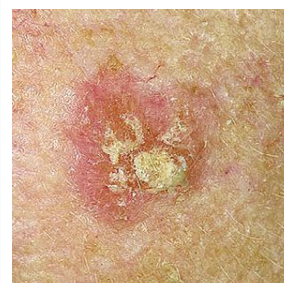
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father would run into patients who would say 'hi' to him and ask him to take a look at something," Yassini recalls. "He was very giving with his time and his art, and I saw the impact he made on people's lives. I'm sure that shaped me."

After four years of medical school, followed by five years in residency, Yassini discovered that the world of medicine he'd left behind in West Virginia seemed to have been abandoned by the rest of the world, too.

"Nine years after entering medical school, I'm walking out into the real world, and I found that the practice of medicine was totally foreign to me. It's nothing like what my dad did. Nothing at all."

One of Yassini's receptionists pokes her head in to announce another patient's arrival. Yassini gestures for me to follow him down the hall to an exam room.

Extra innings

With other business to attend to, Yassini leaves me with the second patient of the day, Phil Kincaid, who makes it clear that, as far as he's concerned, Yassini has found the perfect niche.

Kincaid stands at six-foot-four inches in height — he looks as if he's confident he's earned his relaxed yet jovial self-possession through nine decades of practice.

"I'm 91...and a half!" he exclaims. He laughs.

A retired lineman for Semptra Gas and Electric, Kincaid last saw a regular paycheck 30 years ago, and he attributes any extra innings he gets to play in this life to Yassini's ministrations.

"He's kind of a holistic doctor, and not only that, he's a good friend and a good person, and I just

can't say enough about him," Kincaid says. "I don't think, honestly, I'd be here if it wasn't for him helping me along."

One of Yassini's first patients to subscribe to Total Priority Care, Kincaid considers it a hit.

"You pay about \$200 a month, \$2400 a year," he explains. "For that, he'll see me any time of the day or night, and he'll come to my house, come down here at different times of the day or the

this tumor there. I met with the doctor who was going to take care of this, and I asked Dr. Yassini to come down with me. My son was also there, and they told me what the problem was and told me how they're going to fix it. They're going to zap it off, they told me — so I had five treatments and it's gone. It's gone — the tumor is completely gone. I had a check-up a year afterward, and it's still gone. I'm going in for

"Nine years after entering medical school, I'm walking out into the real world, and I found that the practice of medicine was totally foreign to me."

night. And if I make an appointment, I can get right in. They take care of me right now, and that's a big relief. Although I have Medicare and other programs, this is extra. I'm more than willing to pay for it."

The door swings open, and Yassini enters the exam room.

"Hi, Patrick," Kincaid says, the smile returning to his face.

"Hello, Phil. How are you doing?"

"Well, I'm here," he says, as if the act of living were the greatest medical feat he's ever heard of.

In a way, it is. A while back, Kincaid explains, he began experiencing problems with balance and having headaches.

"So, Dr. Yassini said that it's better to get a scan of your head," Kincaid recalls. "They checked it out and found

another one pretty soon to check it again."

"We had to coordinate care with a radiation oncologist, a regular oncologist, and a neurologist," Yassini says. "That's not an easy feat, staying in contact, and making sure everyone is communicating and understanding everyone. That takes time."

The breaking point

Until five years ago, Yassini tolerated the typical, grueling medical schedule. Then, one day, in a moment of clarity, he realized he didn't have to do it.

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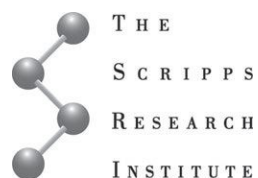
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As we head down the hall to see another patient, Yassini says that, these days, his usual workload is a handful of patients and a few afternoon home visits a day.

Time and time again

Like Yassini, internal and holistic-medicine specialist Dr. Pamela Brar has given up the hectic pace of the turnstile approach to medicine to embrace the most important ally of any doctor.

"Time is the currency of excellence," she says, quoting direct-pay pioneer Steven Knope. Brar has taken this adage as her mantra.

"I remember hearing that expression and feeling so frustrated, because that was the one thing I didn't have in my practice — time." We are in her office at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla. "These patients would wait to see me for months, and there were patients of mine who were elderly people, hobbling along in their walkers and going to see their doctor, and I only had 15 minutes [with them]. I felt so terrible that I wasn't able to sit with them and talk about what was happening in their lives."

A New Orleans native with elegant Indian features, Brar sits behind her office desk with relaxed confidence. Fixing her gaze on the ceiling, she

seems to consider every angle of each question.

"Sometimes, it's just the listening that helps people," she says. "When my time is so greatly restricted, that restriction interferes with my ability to be present and to provide the best service for my patients."

Charging a fee similar to Yassini's, Brar asks for \$2500 for individuals, \$4500 for couples. She offers a reduced fee based

high volume in the exam rooms by adopting the concierge model Brar practices today. Two years later, having learned the value of keeping the patient front and center, she opened a solo practice.

Brar went from 3000 patients a year to 300 patients in a short time span. It was a drastic change, but the results were remarkable. For what she'd lost in volume

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on a sliding scale for children of patients — from \$500 for children ages 15–18, to \$2000 for children over 35.

After finishing her residency in 1998, Brar entered what she calls "a more standard, large medical group." For nine years, she put time in with Scripps Medical Clinic Group of San Diego, averaging 15–30 patients a day. Her appointment book was filled three months in advance, and she often worked from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 or 8:00 p.m., five days a week. Looking back, while she acknowledges that parts of the experience were "gratifying," she describes the constant high volume of patients visiting the office as a "treadmill."

"When my patients needed me, I was fully booked up," she says. "Often, they would end up in urgent care. It was a very frustrating way to practice."

In 2007, the group sought to alleviate the

of patients, she more than made up in more reasonable work hours.

"The flip side," she says, "the difficult side of this sort of practice is that you are on call pretty much 24 hours a day. So, you trade the pace for being available all the time. But it's much better for me."

No-waiting room

The direct-pay approach allows a doctor to hang out a shingle on his own terms, as Dr. Martin Schulman has done in a tony strip-mall in Encinitas. His 1048 square feet of rented office space consists of two exam rooms, a back office, a restroom, and a reception area. He shows me a room set aside for a high-powered laser to treat tendonitis, bursitis, and any other "itis" that comes down the pike. (A few months after we spoke, Schulman moved his office a mile south to Cardiff. An even more Spartan setup, the new 165-square-foot digs consolidates exam room

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Schulman takes me on a tour. He’s organized everything toward economies of scale, cutting expenses so close to the bone that he’s intimate with the contents of the office’s storage closet.

“I do the cleaning around here,” he says, gesturing at the vacuum and cleaning supplies.

As we round the corner back to the reception

desk, Schulman stops short. He picks up and holds out a white cotton laundry bag half filled with patients’ hospital gowns — the kind that show more than they hide.

“It is happenstance that these are here today,” he says with a small, embarrassed shrug. “But I also do the laundry. We don’t go through a lot of the gowns, but when we wash them — well, to have a professional service would be ridiculous, so we just bring them home, and I wash them there.”

Teach and heal

A graduate of UC Berkeley and UC San Diego, Schulman tells me that, after completing his residency at UC Irvine, he joined a three-man private practice.

“I liked the patients,”

he says, “I liked the office. I liked everything about it, except, at that time — we’re talking 1989ish — I wasn’t sure about buying into a practice.”

After a year, Schulman and his partners parted amicably — one former partner remains Schulman’s family’s doctor — and for the next 15 years, Schulman worked as a teaching and clinical physician at UCSD.

While Schulman appreciates the work done by doctors who provide a full range of advocacy for their patients, he decided to make his own practice as simple as possible, focusing on keeping overhead down so he could spend more time with the patients. He took on a UCSD teaching position to supplement his income.

He also looked at the

higher rates among other direct-pay docs and realized he wanted to keep his charges lower.

“What I ended up with is a bit of a hybrid,” he says. “I knew I needed to have an annual fee, but I didn’t want to be in that \$1800 range.”

Schulman charges \$800 a year for an individual, \$500 for each additional family member; the fee can be paid quarterly, or in a lump sum, and is refundable at any time. He hopes patients see the fee as a rolling investment in the medical practice.

“I do tell patients that, in a sense, they are investing in the practice, and the return on their investment is that they can get me anytime they want,” he says. “They can get in that day, they can be seen on time and after hours. They can reach me on my

cell. Basically, patients get all the things you can’t normally get out of a medical practice.”

Schulman dropped Medicare and refuses to contract with insurance companies. He works for cash or credit card. He also takes checks.

“I charge a fair price and get 100 percent of what I charge,” he says, “and I don’t have Blue Cross telling me I only get so much of a percentage out of a charge.”

Without the overhead of an accounts-receivable department, Schulman only needs to reserve a small amount of time for bookkeeping.

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If patients want to claim services with their insurance company, Schulman says, the codes allow them to go online, download a claim form, and deal directly with their insurance company.

Sticking with it

According to Schulman, once his patients make the commitment to accompany him on his experiment in this alternative medical practice, they tend to stick it out.

“Pretty much whenever patients come in for the meet-and-greet, I can’t think of anyone who hasn’t signed up and stayed,” he says.

His cell phone rings, and Schulman moves with a sure foot around to the other side of the reception desk to take the call. In the meantime, a brunette woman in her

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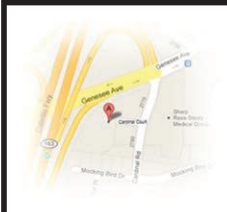
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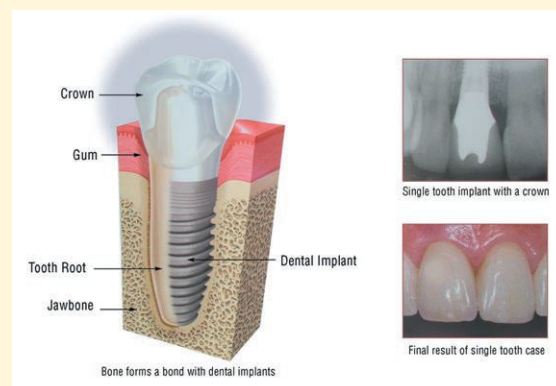
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late 30s, early 40s enters Schulman's office. The woman looks healthy and athletic in loose warm-up pants and a matching sweatshirt.

Schulman finishes his call. The woman does not give her name, but Schulman knows her immediately.

"Hi, how are you?" she asks with a smile.

Schulman smiles back. "Hello. What's up?"

The woman tells Schulman she's been to the chiropractor and is looking to see if Schulman will fill a prescription.

"Ooh..." It's half question, half warning that this request is dubious, at best.

She hangs her head in exaggerated shame. "I guess I should come see you first, huh?"

The woman knows how Schulman operates. Walk-in appointments are welcomed, of course, but the office is not a dispensary — not even for subscribers.

"This is a chronic thing," she says, meaning to shore up her weak case by offering her own diagnosis.

But Schulman will have none of it. "Have we talked about it before?"

"I don't know." The woman changes tack. "I don't care. I'll see you if I need to."

"Would that be okay? Even if it's just a quick look? Would you like to set something up?"

"Sure." The woman glances at me. "Do you want me to call when you're less busy?"

"No, no!"

Schulman sets up their meeting for the next day at 1:00, before his daughter's 3:30 soccer game.

The woman now heads to the door but brings herself up short before opening it. "And would you mind checking some-

thing else?" she asks. "I've got this spot on my skin. I want to make sure it's not turning into melanoma."

Have stethoscope, will travel

One of the more rewarding features of his practice, Yassini says, is the ability to meet his patients — often literally — where they live.

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We roll at a steady 15 miles per hour along Coronado's B Avenue. Yassini tacks perpendicular to the traffic on 3rd and 4th streets, then picks his way down side streets, headed to the first of two house calls on the afternoon schedule.

At one point during the short trip, Yassini pulls over to the side of

"The cost of an ambulance coming here and picking him up and putting him on a gurney and taking him in... My time is cheap, compared to those guys."

spread hangs on the wall in a frame and includes a picture of Yassini astride an oversized tricycle, the kind used by tourists and taxi drivers in the Philippines. The doctor, however, usually rides around town on a beach bicycle, his medical bag stuffed into one of two large saddle baskets.

The morning's appointments all met, Yassini explains that afternoons are reserved for house calls. Today, with two home visits on his schedule and a reporter in tow, Yassini decides to take his two-tone gray-and-black Kandi COCO. There are bucket seats for driver and passenger, and a back seat for two more passengers — more than enough room. Advertised as "the cheapest car in

the road to take a call on his cell phone. Like a Marcus Welby for the digital age, Yassini talks to another doctor about a patient's current status in fast snatches of medical jargon. Then we start out again. After a few blocks, we park in a residential area. Yassini grabs his medical bag, a tan leather double-buckled satchel, and we head for his patient's house.

Vincent Lovejoy's hospital bed takes up most of the small room where we meet him. Sunlight streams in through a bank of windows, turning the space into a terrarium, but Lovejoy doesn't seem to mind. The bed reclines at 45 degrees, allowing him a comfortable sitting position.

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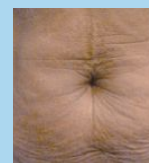
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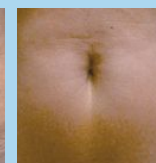
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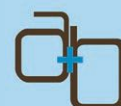
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wife's garden room," he says, referring to his late wife. "That's why there are all the windows. Because it's closer to the bathroom, they turned it into a sick room for me."

Lovejoy wears a hospital gown, a sheet pulled to his waist. His feet stick out at the bottom, and the tip of one big toe is in terrible shape — black and blue, and gnarled as a root.

Yassini breaks open his medical bag. He takes Lovejoy's blood pressure, then listens to Lovejoy's pulse.

"What's it like, not being able to put any weight on this hip?" Yassini asks.

"Well, I've been walking around on it some." Lovejoy sounds tentative, as if unsure whether he should have been walking. But Yassini nods and smiles. Lovejoy continues with more confidence. "I've been getting exercise. I don't spend so much time here."

"After his brand-new hip repair, it slipped a little bit," Yassini tells me. His voice has an academic tone — this might be how he sounds with residents. "Normally, the reason we repair fractures is so they can walk on them right away and avoid all the things associated with prolonged bed rest, while we're trying to get the hip repaired. Unfortunately, with Mr. Lovejoy...it was too good to be true. On day three, it started giving him a lot of pain. We X-rayed the hip repair and saw that the hardware had slipped a little bit. Now he has to sit and not put a lot of weight on it for several weeks until it heals up."

One step at a time

Yassini now attends to Lovejoy's toe.

"How long have you had this issue here with

the tip of this toe?" he asks.

"I've had it for awhile, and I've wanted to go to the podiatrist, but I've been tied up with this accident. So, otherwise..."

"Podiatrists don't make house calls, do they?" Yassini says, and everyone in the room laughs. "Well, we'll get you back on your feet in no time, with all the hard work you're doing. I hear you're doing very well

the exercise man says, the way I'm going, I'm walking enough I should be able to take the catheter out pretty soon."

"Do you think 'pretty soon' means within a week or two?" Yassini asks.

"I don't really know." Now Lovejoy sounds resigned. "I...I imagine a week or two."

"So, let's give it a week," Yassini says. "Okay?"

"At least a week." Love-

"When I was growing up, they always came to your house with the little black bag."

with the therapy."

"Oh, good, I'm glad you heard that," Lovejoy says. "The therapist thinks I'm doing it well."

The last issue of the visit is the urinary catheter. And, finally, it seems, Yassini gets to the real purpose of his visit.

"I hear you want to keep it in," he says.

Lovejoy offers what he clearly considers his best argument. "Yes, the reason is, I can't maneuver to the bathroom yet. So, if I get up to go to the bathroom — well, I can't do that now."

Yassini isn't sold. "How about using the bedside [bed pan] or using a urinal?"

"I use the bedside pan, but the urinal doesn't work very well." A sour look passes over Lovejoy's face. "It's very messy."

Yassini's still not sold. "The longer we keep this [catheter] in, the more dangerous it is [from the risk of infection]. Sooner or later, we have to decide to do something about it."

Lovejoy offers last argument. "From what

joy's smile turns into a desperate frown. "Please."

"We'll give it a week and touch base," Yassini reassures him. "And if things are continuing to get better, and if we think within two weeks it's going to work, we'll leave it in. Sound good? But if it looks like it's going to take longer than that, I recommend we take it out as soon as possible. All right?"

Final exam

Yassini grabs his stethoscope. He pulls Lovejoy's hospital gown away from his chest, stoops, and places the chestpiece over Lovejoy's heart. Yassini nods at what he hears and returns the stethoscope to his bag. Then he straightens up to deliver a final lesson.

"You can see this is a narrow little room," he tells me. "So, you can imagine it's a huge deal to get him into the office. There are stairs, and the orthopedic surgeon said [that Lovejoy's hip] is toe-touch weight-bearing — he can't put more than a

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toe touch on that side, or he runs the risk of slipping it some more.

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"Otherwise, the cost of a paramedic and an ambulance coming here and picking him up and putting him on a gurney and taking him in — look how much that costs. My time is cheap, compared to those guys."

As if this is news to him, Lovejoy perks up. "How much does it cost?"

"It would probably be about \$800, and that's just for one trip," Yassini says. "Then they have to wait for you until you're done with your exam and wait until you come back."

Yassini reaches into his bag for his ophthalmoscope.

As the doctor begins this final examination of his patient, Lovejoy tells me about his life.

A San Diego native and retired chemical engineer, Lovejoy bought his house from his parents. He

estimates it's about 100 years old. Lovejoy says he enjoys the doctor's home visits, if only because it avoids the hassle and indignity of being frog-walked from his bed to a wheelchair. Besides, Yassini's visits remind Lovejoy of his youth.

"When I was growing up, I don't remember any office calls," he says. "They always came to your house with the little black bag."

He glances at Yassini's bag and, noticing that it's light brown, shrugs his shoulders and smiles.

"I don't think I ever went to a doctor's office when I was growing up," he says.

In the bag

His day almost over, Yassini relaxes a bit behind the wheel of the COCO and reflects on his reasons for choosing San Diego — more precisely, Coronado — as his base of operations.

"I came here for my residency," he says as he navigates traffic. "I rented a room over someone's house here in Coronado and fell in love with the community. It reminded me of the small town in West Virginia where I grew up. I met some of the older doctors who practiced here and

realized that, gosh, it's a lot like the way my dad practiced. So I was kind of excited about it. I thought maybe there was a glimmer of hope that I could have the kind of practice I was intending when I went into medical school."

We pull into the office suite's parking lot, and Yassini reaches into the storage space behind the seats to grab his medical bag. He opens it for me. The contents are the tools few people remember — those of a doctor who makes house calls.

"It's a pretty good bag for what I need," Yassini says. He points out the mix of newfangled tools and old standbys. "There's a blood-pressure cuff, a glucose meter, an otoscope for inspecting ears, an ophthalmoscope for the eyes, dressing supplies, a pulse oximeter [to check oxygen levels in the blood] — some swabs, latex gloves. All the basics. I take other things as I need them."

We part then. But Yassini soon turns back, a glimmer in his eye.

"My goal is to get an ultrasound someday and take it with me." He pats his bag. "You should see the new ones they have now. They're only as big as laptops these days." ■

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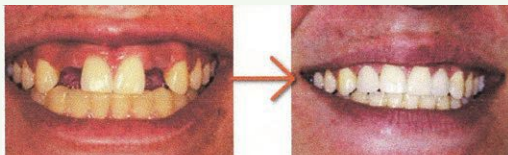
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Labor in revolt

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vice at places such as the convention center, Qualcomm Stadium, Petco Park, the airport, and the Del Mar racetrack.

Wages and fringe benefits rise with higher unionization. The rates vary in San Diego, but "a union room cleaner will make \$14 an hour and a non-union room cleaner \$11," says Browning.

"The biggest difference is healthcare," she says. "Our most expensive healthcare is \$50 a month for the family." But a non-union hotel worker would pay \$50 monthly for his or her health coverage alone; insuring the family could cost as much as \$500 a month.

With such stark wage differences and a labor surplus in San Diego, employers strenuously resist unionization. But the union can put on pressure: "When we are organizing [a facility], we have actions, including picket lines," says Browning. "We call for a boycott of the property. We do active outreach to the hotel's customer base; we often get large swaths of customers to stop coming to the hotel. We wouldn't get an agreement without this kind of pressure." Some hotels will finally agree to refrain from pressuring their workers not to unionize. "Eventually, smart employers will decide to become partners, not adversaries."

Right now, the union is targeting the San Diego Marriott La Jolla, Humphreys Half Moon Inn & Suites, and the Hilton San Diego Mission Valley. It's been a bitter fight at the Hilton, part of an effort by the national union against the owner, Connecticut-based HEI Hotels & Resorts, which owns and operates hotels around the country.

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In May of last year, a hundred Local 30 workers, chanting and beating drums and pots, picketed the Hilton. In August, more than 25 workers at the hotel filed claims with the state labor commission for wage theft and related labor violations. The workers complained that they were not compensated fully for hours worked and were denied breaks and rest periods. The claims came to \$250,000. In November, Unite Here workers picketed again.

Seven other Unite Here locals around the country picketed HEI facilities. University endowment funds invest heavily in HEI properties. The national union pressured several universities, including Harvard, Yale, and Princeton, to jettison their HEI investments.

HEI has announced it is selling the Mission Valley Hilton to Orange County-based Tarsadia Hotels. Some in the union believe that HEI is selling hotels, including the one in Mission Valley, to raise cash to pay off disaffected universities as their investments mature. Wade Gates, spokesman for HEI, denies that. "While we recently sold properties in Boston and Minneapolis, we also acquired properties in Dallas, Newark, Clearwater, Arlington, and Houston," he says.

The hotel notified employees and others under the state's Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification system that there could be layoffs of 148 workers on March 2. "In accordance with employment law, we have only warned of a 'possible layoff' while the new owner [Tarsadia] makes its own decisions about re-employment of our associates at the hotel after the sale," says Gates.

"We were not warmly received by Tarsadia," says Browning. "We took

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employees to the corporate headquarters in Newport Beach. All we were asking was for them not to fire employees; we were not asking them to go union. We got thrown out. [Tarsadia] called the police." Tarsadia did not respond to my queries.

There have been many labor-union abuses in San Diego — construction unions scheming with downtown overlords to grab corporate welfare and City employees enjoying excessive salaries and pensions.

But there is a different economic dynamic with extremely low-paid hotel workers. "According to Census data released last year, median earnings of accommodations and food-service workers in San Diego are less than \$25,000 a year," says Corinne Wilson, research and policy lead of the labor-oriented Center on Policy Initiatives. "In San Diego, a family of four, two adults and two kids, to make ends meet without having access to social programs, needs \$68,000 a year."

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the 2007–2011 median household income in San Diego County was \$63,857. Obviously, you, the taxpayer, are not only subsidizing hotels in the multifarious public-private construction scams, but you are paying for things such as food stamps and medical care that underpaid hotel and restaurant workers must have to stay alive. ■

Contact Don Bauder at 619-546-8529

Poke the pig

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I never expected anything would come of it," and at this point he's "just having fun poking the pig." ■

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earlier been a good source of mine, from 2003 to 2011, she almost never returned my calls. I had no knowledge of the gambling problem.)

Don Bauder, February 14

Comments

SurfPuppy619 Feb. 14@ 2:16 p.m.

She is getting a sweetheart deal like nothing I have ever seen before in my life. A DEFERRED prosecution, which means it will never have been deemed to have happened if she stays clean for a short period of time. Unbelievable. Rob a 7-11 for \$50 and you get 25, rob a charity and you get no jail and a deferred plea deal that goes "poof" in two years.

Packed courtroom for hit-and-run

Korean teen sentenced to two years in state prison. *Del Mar — Rancho Santa Fe —* A Korean immigrant was sentenced to two years in prison today for a hit-and-run collision last summer in which he killed an 18-year-old bicyclist.

Jin Hyuk Byun was 19 years old when he drove his black pickup truck into Angel Bojorquez, who was walking his bicycle up a hill on Via de la Valle on his way home from his job as a grocery clerk in Del Mar. The teen's body was found at the side of a road, still wearing a reflective vest, by a private security person in Rancho Santa Fe in the early morn-

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Jin Hyuk Byun

ing hours of July 6, 2012.

A resident of Del Mar saw a television news story about the incident two days later, and he contacted authorities about a damaged truck that he saw parked next door. California Highway Patrol officers investigated and arrested Byun within hours.

Byun pleaded guilty to hit-and-run causing fatality in October 2012.

This afternoon, February 13, every seat was taken in the North County courtroom of judge Michael Kirkman, to hear the sentencing.

The defendant's father, Moon Joo Byun, wept and whispered as he spoke to the court, with the assistance of a Korean interpreter. The elder Byun said that Jin Hyuk Byun was his "first son" and that he has two other sons, and "I try to teach them good attitude and character." He wept when he said, "Today I am standing here as the father of a criminal" and "I am here with great shame and guilt." He offered an apology and expressed regret to

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the family of the deceased teen, who filled half the courtroom.

The defendant also wept when he spoke to the court. His defense attorney, Charles Quirk, asked the judge to notice that if a prison sentence was ordered, it would probably result in Jin's deportation.

Judge Michael Kirkman said that "probation is not appropriate" and "this is a state prison matter" before he ordered a two-year prison term. "Clearly the defendant knew he struck a human being."

Eva Knott, February 13

Return of the Kiss statue

Bayfront gets new bronze version of *Unconditional Surrender*

Downtown — Installation began Monday, February 11, of a bronze recreation of *Unconditional Surrender*, the controversial statue depicting a sailor kissing a nurse in celebration of the end of World War II, on the San Diego bayfront, near the U.S.S. *Midway* museum.

The original foam-and-urethane statue, loaned to the Port of San Diego in 2007, ended up staying much longer than anticipated. When plans were finalized for the artwork to be transported to its next scheduled stop at a sculpture garden in New Jersey, factions emerged both supportive and critical of the

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statue.

Detractors called *The Kiss* a gaudy tourist attraction that insulted the sincerity of other works of art along the bay, but fans lamented its removal, staging a "kiss-in" to protest their loss. Eventually, the *Midway* museum staff stepped in, orchestrating a \$1 million fundraiser to recreate the traveling work in a more durable bronze, which would be repainted to match the original.

Dave Rice, February 12

San Diego ranked 2nd-safest city

U.S. list based on FBI stats puts America's Finest City second, behind El Paso *San Diego* — A recently released list created by CQ Press and based on FBI statistics ranks San Diego as the second-safest city in the United States with a population above 500,000. The annual list was compiled on crime statistics to rate the cities for the beginning of 2013.

El Paso topped the list with the lowest crime-rate ranking. Other California cities made the top-ten safest, with San Jose at fifth and Los Angeles at sixth. Detroit was listed with the highest crime-rate ranking. No California cities or cities near the Mexico border made the "most dangerous" category.

K. Mennem, February 12

Gloria: It's not over yet

Asks city attorney for guidance to get ball rolling on Plaza de Panama. *Balboa Park* — Opponents of the Plaza de Panama Project should have known it would take more than a decision from a superior-court judge to keep it from coming back.

Today, council president Todd Gloria sent a memo to city attorney Jan Goldsmith looking for guidance on ways to resurrect the project.

Reads Gloria's memo: "I understand that your office has analyzed Judge

Taylor's ruling and the Municipal Code and can now recommend a path by which the city council could, if it chose, overcome the legal roadblock that Judge Taylor identified so that the Plaza

de Panama Project could proceed forward.

"I understand that the timeline for enactment on this legislative solution is relatively short and that, if it found support with my

colleagues on the City Council, could result in project completion in time for the 2015 Centennial Celebration in Balboa Park."

The memo comes less than a week after the proj-

ect's main proponent and financial backer, Irwin Jacobs, waved the white flag, saying he would no longer pursue the project as presented. Of course, not everyone was pleased

with Gloria's allegiance to the plan. Shortly after the memo was posted, Bruce Coons of Save Our Heritage Organisation fired back with a letter of his own:

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"Please take a moment to express your displeasure over Councilman Gloria's attempt to end run the system and the law.

"The proposed Centennial Bridge would cause significant impacts to the Balboa Park National Historic Landmark District and was opposed by thousands of San Diegans....

"The Court has now approved a writ that will compel the City to comply with its own historic preservation ordinance. We would strongly oppose any effort by the City Attorney or any members of the City Council to now attempt to pass any amendment to the existing historic preservation ordinance. The ordinance provides important protections to the City's historic resources, and no such resource is more important than Balboa Park. Such an attempt to 'move the goal posts' after the case is finished and the Court has made its Order is wrong."

Dorian Hargrove, February 11
Comments

Javajoe25 Feb. 11@ 7:30 p.m.

I seriously doubt Mr. Gloria could give a flying fig about the bridge to Balboa Park and just wants to remain on the right side of Big Daddy Jacobs. I also believe the majority of Todd Gloria's district residents live around Balboa Park and they do not want to see this hair-brained idea go forward. What is wrong with these people?

A big, fat pile of money is hard to ignore, but the collective wisdom and experience of so many knowledgeable individuals, groups, and organizations is even harder to ignore. Mr. Gloria needs to take a breath, and maybe a walk in the park, and reconsider.

Twelve murders in a week

Increase in T.J. homicides; violence mainly isolated to two neighborhoods

Baja — According to figures

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released by the Secretaría de Seguridad Pública Municipal (SSPM, or Secretary of Municipal Public Security), Tijuana recorded 12 homicides from Monday, February 4, to Sunday, February 10. The most publicized of the 12 was the murder of a state police officer.

The majority of the homicides during the week occurred in two neighborhoods: the *delegación* San Antonio de los Buenos had five, while four occurred in the *delegación* La Presa.

Tijuana's murder rate so far in 2013 is above that of 2012. Despite the slight increase in the early part of this year, the area has seen a solid decrease in homicides during the past two years.

K. Mennem, February 11

Need a driver's license? Pay a bribe

DMV office supervisor one of those charged in bribery conspiracy

El Cajon — Rancho San Diego — Jesse Mario Bryan, who supervised licensing examiners at the Department of Motor Vehicles in El Cajon, was criminally charged today (Feb. 11) for his involvement in a bribery scheme in which drivers who had failed tests, or not taken them, could get a license by paying bribes. Nine defendants were arrested earlier today.

According to the complaint, from December 2010 through April 2012, Bryan supervised DMV employees at the El Cajon and Rancho San Diego offices who falsely entered passing written and driving test scores for prices ranging from \$75 to \$600 per license. The scheme also involved fraudulent license production. Class C, or regular, licenses would go for \$400 to \$500 each. Class A licenses, which go to drivers allowed to drive vehicles weighing more than 10,000 pounds, went for \$2500 to \$3000.

Don Bauder, February 11

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WHEN: 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

WHERE: Fifty Seven Degrees, 1735 Hancock Street, Mission Hills. 619-818-9080; hillaryhenderson79@yahoo.com

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WHEN: 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Sunset Temple Theater, 3911 Kansas Street, North Park. 858-344-2774; sunsettemple.com

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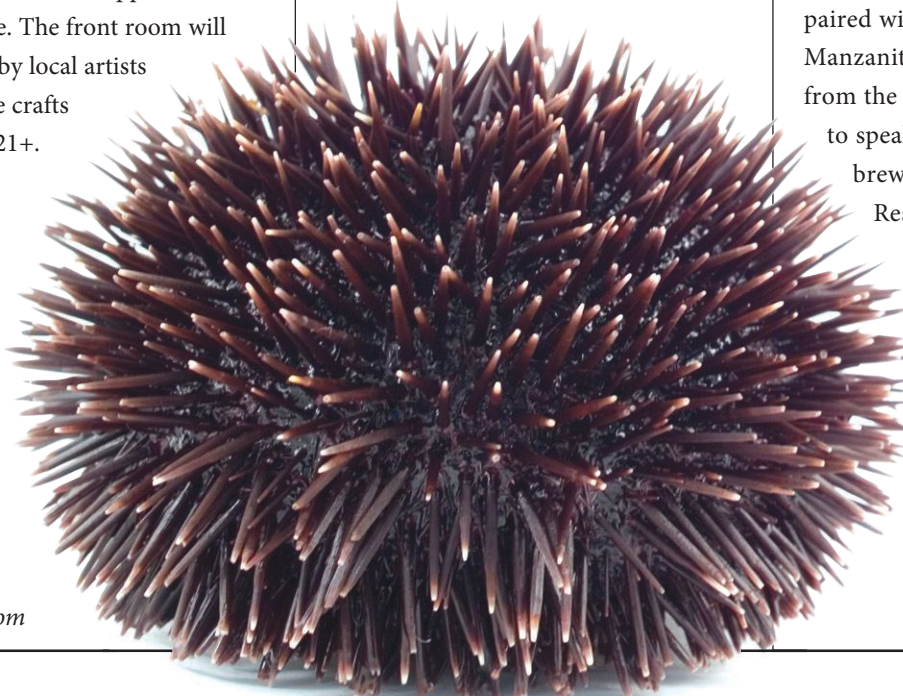
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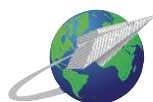
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The 200-foot Temple of the Jaguar in Tikal, Guatemala, was once painted bright red.

Guatemala: My First Trip Abroad

By Max Zapata

I'm 11 years old and I just took my first trip overseas to Guatemala. I was very excited about taking the trip, especially after I got my passport. I went with my father and my grandmother. Years ago, my grandmother worked in Guatemala while in the Peace Corps. She wanted to show us around the country.

We landed in Guatemala and then took a small plane to Tikal. Both my dad and I were excited to see the Mayan ruins. Before I left, I had watched YouTube videos of the pyramids and ruins at Tikal.

Tikal is amazing because there are so many pyramids. Many of them are unexcavated, and one was in the process of being excavated. We were shown Mayan governmental buildings. During the time of the Maya, the Temple of the Jaguar was painted bright red. Our guide told us that Mayan villagers kept the Mayan ruins a secret for years.

The tallest pyramid is 70 meters high. It was a long climb to the top, but it was definitely worth it. After reaching the top, I looked out across the jungle. It was an amazing view of green as far as the eye could see. There was silence except for the sounds of howler monkeys in the distance. Their cries reminded me of the sounds of the dinosaurs in the *Jurassic Park* movies. One of the monkeys threw a branch down and hit some guy in the head!

After leaving Tikal, we explored Lake Atitlan. It is big, blue, and beautiful (but also polluted). Three huge volcanoes ring the lake, and puffy clouds hang low in the sky. As I looked to the top of the volcanoes, I could see steam rising. My dad and I climbed up one of them. It was desolate, and I could feel heat from the ground. My dad and I were alone except

for a stray dog. We stopped and roasted marshmallows over the steamy volcanoes.

Finally, we visited Rio Hondo, the little town where my grandma lived while in the Peace Corps. It is not a safe place now. The roads are poor, and there are gangs in the area. I saw many kids doing chores to help support their families. But they also get to have fun.

I went to a fair with some of the kids in Rio Hondo. They did not speak English, and I don't speak Spanish, so we communicated with hand gestures. We still had a great time. The rides at the fair were fun, but they were also dangerous.

Half the rides were operated by hand and there were no safety straps.

Orcas and Kayaking in the San Juans

By Mary Spierling

We were shivering under cloudy skies on the top deck of the 114-foot ferry as it entered Friday Harbor in the San Juan Islands. The overcast sky suddenly parted, as if on cue, and there was a

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hanatakashima: Beautiful scene of Mount Fuji in July



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Hiking length: 0.6 mile round trip. Allow 30 minutes. **Difficulty:** Easy, but steep and rocky in places. Elevation gain/loss 220 feet. Okay for children. Watch for cactus.



Cholla cacti line the trail and hillsides on the Cactus Loop Trail.

One of the easiest ways to compare the differences between the various types of cacti and to learn how plants survive on steep, rocky slopes is on the Cactus Loop Trail. A nature-trail guide, available at the trailhead, provides interpretive information at 14 numbered

stops along the loop.

Cacti found on this trail include hedgehog, fishhook, Gander's cholla, beavertail, teddy bear cholla, pencil cholla, and barrel cactus. The most notable is the teddy bear cholla, which is literally a forest of shrubs on this trail with some

specimens almost six feet tall. Contrary to its name, it is not a cactus that one would cuddle. It is fiercely armed with joints that easily detach, hence its other name of "jumping cholla." Mature specimens are surrounded with cholla balls that can easily and quickly catch a ride on hiking boots, clothing, and passing wildlife. The fallen balls are able to root and grow into a new plant. Look for small teddy bear plants surrounding mature larger plants.

Use caution when extracting cactus, as thorns easily pierce the skin. A comb and/or tweezers are recommended gear for desert hiking but are not enough for an encounter with a beavertail cactus. The beavertail is deceptive in its appearance, with its flat, rounded pads. There are no visible long thorns. Instead, it has very tiny, almost microscopic barbed bristles called glochids that can easily penetrate the skin. The best way to

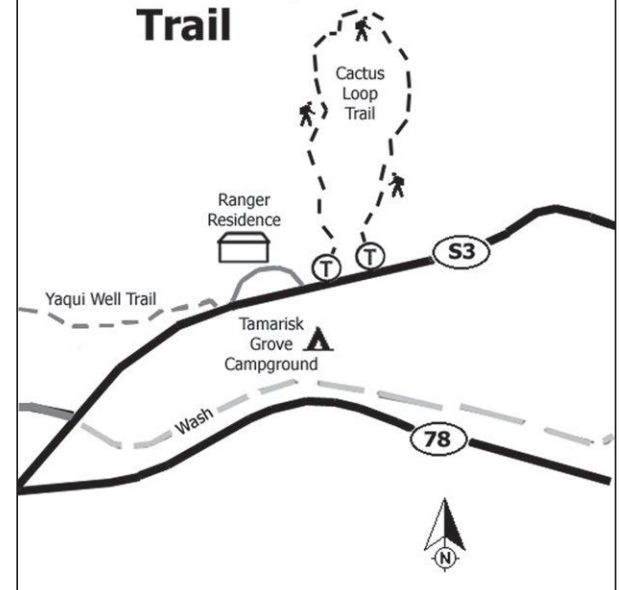
remove these barbed bristles is with a piece of duck tape.

One desert animal that is seemingly unaffected by cactus thorns is the desert pack rat, which gathers cholla balls around its burrows as a defense against predators. Look for burrows on this hike.

The Cactus Loop trail gradually climbs up and over a ridge. From the top of this ridge there are views out toward the Mescal Bajada — overlapping alluvial fans — to the southeast that are covered with agave (mescal). The trail also provides a close-up view of the San Felipe fault trace. One of the numbered stops overlooks a desert wash that clearly shows the work of water during flash floods that can move massive amounts of material to help form the landscape.

This trail is also a study on how perennial plants are able to survive the extremes in temperature found in the desert. Some plants have tiny leaves or even a shiny, oily coating on their leaves to reflect sunlight, like the creosote, while another will have a hairy leaf surface that provides shade when it is hot, like the brittlebush. Other plants will quickly drop their leaves if dry and grow leaves anew if they receive moisture, like the ocotillo. The barrel cactus expands to store water during dry times, and the agave has thick leaves that also store water. The spines and thorns of cacti help protect the plant from browsing animals. All of these are examples of

Cactus Loop Trail



some of the techniques plants use to survive desert heat and the lack of moisture.

Another thing to note on this hike is the rust-colored stains found on the rocks. Known as desert varnish, it is not clear as to how it has formed over thousands of years, but it is conjectured that bacteria that live on the rocks absorb manganese and iron oxide, giving the reddish hue. It is further believed that the

bacteria cements tiny particles of clay to themselves to prevent drying out, also giving a brownish hue.

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Human Recession Pop-Up Art A group art show featuring Andrew Colin, Jennifer Kerezi, and Jeremy Raab. Drinks, light appetizers, and raffle. Friday, February 22, 6pm; free-\$10. Sole Lab, 605 Mission Ave. (OCEANSIDE)

In Search of Shadows: James Hubbell Sculpture Featuring over 30 sculptures from the past 50

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Will Gullette, New Paintings North County artist and photographer exhibits landscape paintings, both plein air and studio, during opening reception on February 23, and through March 30. 760-765-1676. Saturday, February 23, 4pm; free. Santa Ysabel Art Gallery, 30352 Highway 78. (SANTA YSABEL)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Don Miguel Ruiz, Jr. The author of *The Five Levels of Attachment* and his father, Don Miguel Ruiz, author of *The Four Agreements* discuss how to live purposefully, be happier, and let go of attachments. Saturday, February 23, 7pm; \$50-

\$100. Unity Center, 8999 Activity Road. (MIRA MESA)

F. James Greco Greco, Encinitas resident and author, features the Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation Garden and other San Diego area locales in his history-based debut novel, *Falling Down: A Tale of Addiction, Betrayal & Murder*. Greco will sign books and discuss the novel. Event also will include live music. Sunday, February 24, 3pm; E Street Cafe, 128 West E St. (ENCINITAS)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Adult and Pediatric First Aid and CPR This course teaches students to recognize and care for a variety of first-aid emergencies, such as burns, cuts, sudden illnesses, head, neck, back injuries, heat/cold emergencies, and how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies for victims of any age. Students who complete this course will receive a certificate for Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED valid for two years. Saturday, February 23, 9am; \$110. Libby Lake Community Center, 4700 North River Road. (OCEANSIDE)

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 23, 10am; \$150-\$180. 18 and up. Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Build a Website Tonight Instructor will demonstrate how to quickly structure a website, the do's and don'ts, and the low-cost tools to create a website in one day. 619-482-6391. Friday, February 22, 9am; free. San Diego SBDC, 880 National City Blvd., Suite 103. (NATIONAL CITY)

Computer Class Jerry Goldstein instructs participants in internet basics, such as how to use a mouse, how to search the internet, preview and print web pages, and how to get and use e-mail. 858-538-8163. Saturday, February 23, 10am; free. 18 and up. Rancho Bernardo Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

How to Write Your Book in a Weekend Author Tom Bird teaches how to master writing a book in the fastest, most efficient and expressive way possible. Fiction and nonfiction writers welcome. Open to both new and experienced writers. Saturday, February

23, 1pm; \$45-\$54. 18 and up. Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Painting Party — Van Gogh-Style Irises Guided by instructor/artist Nancy Isbell, paint a masterpiece step-by-step on a 16 x 20 canvas. Take home a finished painting. Cost includes paint, canvas, use of brushes, easels, and apron. Feel free to bring a bottle of wine. Cups and corkscrew available for use. Chocolate, snacks, and sodas available for purchase. No special talent or experience required. Saturday, February 23, 6pm; \$45. 18 and up. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Show, Don't Tell The most common advice given writers is "Show, don't tell." But what exactly do those words mean? And how do writers put it into practice? This workshop led by Judy Reeves takes a close-up look at detail — that most important element of craft — and how to reveal rather than explain. Sunday, February 24, 1pm; \$45-\$54. 18 and up. Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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@gmail.com. Thursdays, 5:30pm; through Thursday, February 28, \$150-\$300. Little Fish Comic Book Studio, 4831 Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

COMEDY

"Daves of Our Lives" Comedy Night Headliner Rajan Dharni. Saturday, February 23, 7pm; free-\$5. 10th Planet Jiu Jitsu, 800 Civic Center Dr., Suite K. (VISTA)

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pretty little town complete with megayachts in the harbor and palatial homes amid dark green forests and fjord-like inlets.

The ferry to San Juan Island was recently ranked number four out of the top ten ferry rides in the world! The ride is beautiful and you'll see many islands on the way.

The next morning we boarded Maya's Whale Watching, which came highly recommended on the web. We saw eight whales (an unusually high number) on our morning trip. They seemed to be performing in the ocean just for us. Captain Jim of Maya's Whale Watching is very knowledgeable and takes a maximum of 6 people, unlike many boats that carry up to 16. He also performs research activities for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. We also saw eagles soaring above hillsides and harbor seals hauling off to nap on the shoreline.

For those who prefer to be landlubbers, a local told me about Whale Watch Park, in Lime Kiln Point State Park, along a 36-acre rocky shoreline. It features a lighthouse and rough trails



A lighthouse stands at Whale Watch Park within Lime Kiln State Park in the San Juan Islands.

winding through gigantic evergreen trees.

The San Juan Islands are considered one of the prime kayaking areas in the U.S., so I did a daylong excursion around San Juan Island with a highly recommended company, Crystal Seas Kayaking. Whale-watching season runs from April through September.

Many say the end of August is the best time to visit, with fewer visitors (most kids are in school by then) and lower prices on lodging. The islands are accessible only by water and air, and most visitors travel by the Washington State Ferry system out of Anacortes. There's seaplane transport (from Seattle) for those who prefer to be in the air rather than on the water.

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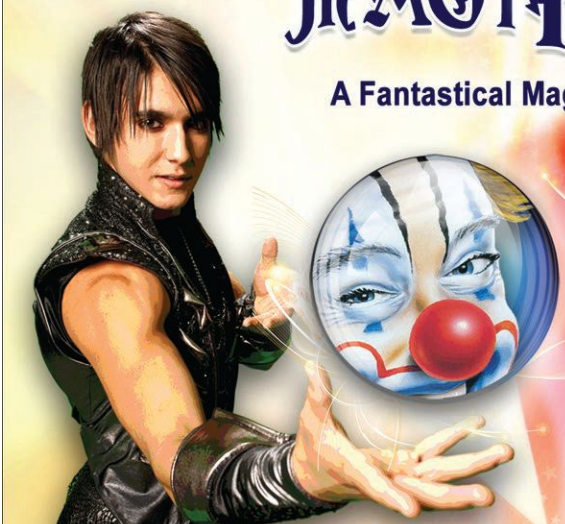
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Age: 45
Born: Los Angeles
Formation: University of California-San Diego; Jewish Theological Seminary, New York
Years Ordained: 18

San Diego Reader: How long do you spend writing your sermon?
Rabbi David Kornberg: High Holy Day sermons I spend sometimes all through the summer finishing them and polishing them; but the typical Saturday morning Sabbath sermon I work on for a couple days beforehand during

the week.
SDR: What is your favorite subject on which to preach?
RK: I love to take a text and make it relevant. It’s not a particular topic, but that’s what I try to do on a weekly basis — take the Torah text or other texts we have and make them relevant today.
SDR: What is your main concern as a member of the clergy?
RK: I think it goes back to relevance. I think that religion in general and Judaism for me in particular has a lot to offer. We as clergy need to find ways to share that with people that are out there, and get the message across that the world is challenging and difficult, and we have tough

choices to make. Fortunately, we have a great place to go to get guidance — moral and ethical guidance, personal guidance in terms of how to progress and handle some of those difficulties in life.
SDR: Why Judaism?
RK: Judaism for me is a great balance between ideas and actions. I think we need both in this world. Judaism finds the mix between those two concepts — allowing us to take the ideas and values we have and put them into action. Judaism really believes that ideas that are not put into action are sort of meaningless — and to simply act without the moral and ethical backing behind it doesn’t get you where you

want to go. So, I think you have to have that mix — and Judaism does that very well
SDR: Where’s the strangest place you ever found God?
RK: I was working as a hospital chaplain and I was struggling with my own beliefs at that particular time, as we do sometimes. I was asking all sorts of questions — such as “Where’s God?” and “Wouldn’t it be great if we could see God and know Him without any doubt?” Then I met with an AIDS patient, and I was able to hear God’s voice through this patient. As he asked me those same sorts of questions, he had me try to answer them. It was a very powerful moment.



Rabbi David Kornberg: “I think that religion in general and Judaism for me in particular has a lot to offer. We as clergy need to find ways to share that.”

RK: Where do you go when you die?
SDR: There are actually a lot of different views in Judaism. I actually taught a class on the Jewish views of life after death. When I titled the class “The Jewish Views,” my assistant tried to edit it to “The

Jewish View.” I went back and told him that it had to be “Views” because there are a lot of them. But if we crystalize it to its most basic, there’s a part of us which comes from God, and that’s eternal and can’t die. That part is rejoined with God and those are the parts in people that continue on after we die. What it looks like and where we go when we die — whether we’re going to be in houses or whatnot — I don’t know. But that sense of self and who we are, that identity of who we are as a person and the things we’ve done — all that remains.
— Joseph O’Brien

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(March, 1841)

What a herd of slaves Jackson brought in last month.
No sooner had their strength returned
after the long march to the farm from Lynchburg
but they began to plot another run.
We didn't know they'd planned to leave
until they were already gone a day.
All manner of neighborhood men
came around to tip Jackson's whiskey
and help him on the hunt, though
all they brought back for their trouble
were two bodies. One dead,
one fighting off living. That boy
I told you about, Ben with the slashed cheek?
At the stony fork of the river
Doc Jackson found his body, cut up,
twisted as if it had fought long

under water, a dead hand pointing
in the direction his netted sister and the "damned
lost lot of niggers" had run. I guess
he was too obstinate even for the water
to hold down easily. Jackson used Ben
like a scarecrow, his shirt hooked on a pole,
his body meant to warn us from the road.
Lila's still not certain that the girl will live.
Until tomorrow, I am ever your Joe.



Camille T. Dungy is the author of the poetry collections *Smith Blue*; *Suck on the Marrow*; and *What to Eat, What to Drink, What to Leave for Poison*. She edited *Black Nature: Four Centuries of African American Nature Poetry*, and co-edited the *From the Fishhouse* poetry anthology. Her honors include an American Book Award, two Northern California Book Awards, a California Book Award silver medal, and a fellowship from the NEA. Dungy is a professor in the creative-writing department at San Francisco State University.

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Dance, 2650 Truxtun Rd., Suite 202. (POINT LOMA)

Middle-Earth Ensemble belldance showcase Annamarie, Claudia, Heather, and Rachel will perform to live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble. Thursday, February 21, 8pm; \$10. Tango Del Rey, 3567 Del Rey Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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)

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Milagro Farm Vineyards Day Trip Bring a picnic, stroll the vineyards, and view the release of the wine in the adjacent production facility. Cost includes transportation, tasting, morning coffee, pastries, departing refreshments, and snacks. RSVP: 858-459-0831. Saturday, February 23, 10am; \$40-\$60. 21 and up. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Porkapolooza Everything pig. Alchemy serves up a special engagement afternoon of pork — whole roasted, bacon, loin, ribs — with an array of sides. 619-255-0616. Saturday, February 23, 1pm; \$30. Alchemy, 1503 30th Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Soul Food Cooking Demonstration Celebrate Black History Month with a cooking demonstration by Lance and Robin Crooms, owners of Chula Vista's Crooms Catering and BBQ. There will be samples. All are welcome. Saturday, February 23, 2pm; **free**. Bonita-Sunnyside Library, 4375 Bonita Road. (BONITA)

Wiggin' Out Don your favorite wig and have a glass of wine. In

addition to fine wines, craft beers, charcuterie boards, and small plates, event also features live music, dancing, and opportunity drawings. Benefits the National Alopecia Areata Foundation and Junior League of San Diego. Contact: hillaryhenderson79@yahoo.com or 619-818-9080. Thursday, February 21, 6pm; \$15-\$30. 21 and up. Fifty Seven Degrees, 1735 Hancock Street. (MISSION HILLS)

Wine and Cheese Pairing 101 Venissimo Cheese and Wine Connection come together for an evening of wine and cheese. Participants will go home knowing how to pair their favorites in the future. Thursday, February 21, 6pm; \$60. 21 and up. Venissimo Cheese Del Mar, 2650 Via de la Valle, #C140. (DEL MAR)



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Celebrate Reading and Art Kick off the Family Lounge and PlaySpace sponsorship. The New Children's Museum and partner ScholarShare will be on hand with live music, story time, and art activities outside the food-court entrance. Saturday, February 23, 11am; Westfield University Towne Centre, 4425 La Jolla Village Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Finger Painting Friday: Love Bug Children paint a pair of love bugs, explore patterns, shapes, and tiny things with big meanings. Friday, February 22, 10am; New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Project Art This four-week series of art classes is designed to encourage children's creative side. Each week, students will start and finish a different project designed to explore imagination and/or observation. Students will develop basic drawing skills and learn about color using markers, color pencils, colored paper, oil pastels, and watercolor. Ages 6 to 11. Instructor Patricia Hyman. 619-223-0058. Saturdays, 2pm; 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: Dikey Rock. February 24: False Point. 858-534-7336. Sunday, February 24, 1:30pm; \$12-\$15. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Young Scientists: "Artology" This hands-on preschool science program explores color, shapes, textures, and three-dimensional art. Preschoolers age 3-5 (and a parent) experiment and investigate. Four 4-week sessions offered. Thursdays, 9am; Fridays, 9am; Saturdays, 9am; Sundays, 9am; through Sunday, March 3, \$75-\$85. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

MiraCosta College Lectures "Guys and Dolls at MiraCosta College." Tracey Williams discusses the the play. Also, film critic and KPBS contributor Beth Accomando discusses "The Academy Awards" — its history, the stories, how the nominees are chosen, and who gets to vote in each category. Held in administration building #1000. Free parking pass at campus police building #1100. Friday, February 22, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

The Resurrection of Mary Magdalene Professor Rebecca Moore will speak on Mary Magdalene in her historical context as one of the few women mentioned in all four Gospels. 619-222-5676. Thursday, February 21, 7pm; **free**. Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 2696 Melbourne Drive. (SERRA MESA)

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Birding Basics Learn to identify birds at a glance. Birder Guide Winona Sollock's class explains the five simple ways and gives tips on field-guide use. Bring your bird book if you wish. Inside Visitor Center. Saturday, February 23, 1pm; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Black Mountain Arsenic Mine Cleanup The Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve seek volunteers to help clean up the old Black Mountain Mine for future public viewing. Involves moving rock and wood debris. Bring water, gloves, and flashlight. 858-484-3219. Saturday, February 23, 9am; **free**. Black Mountain Open Space Park staging area, 14850 Carmel Valley Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Nature Preserve Cleanup Volunteers needed to help remove

trash and debris from the riverbed in the Mission Valley Preserve. No experience necessary. All tools and supplies provided. Community service hours can be verified for those that need them. Closed-toe shoes required. Hat and sunscreen are recommended. Light rain does not cancel the event. Park in the lot of the SDPD Western Division at 5215 Gaines St. Meet across the street from the police department at the western end of the YMCA parking lot. RSVP: volunteer@sandiegoriver.org or 619-297-7380. Saturday, February 23, 9am; 14 and up. Mission Valley YMCA, 5505 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Pierre Bovet Adobe History Hike Hike into Carroll Canyon to visit the ruins of the Pierre Bovet Adobe. Learn about Bovet and his family and their place in San Diego history. Meet at the corner of Youngstown Way and Carroll Canyon Road. 858-484-3219. Sunday, February 24, 3pm; **free**. 5230 Carroll Canyon Rd. (MIRA MESA)

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\$40-\$125. Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Care Fair San Diego The first annual event to learn about assistance agencies, programs, and ministries in the San Diego area. Participating organizations will have informational booths about what services they offer, how to receive those services, and how to volunteer. Saturday, February 23, 9am; **free**. Evangelical Free Church, 5777 Lake Murray Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Colombia is Passion The evening includes a mobile consulate for Colombians, an art exhibition, a music and dance show (at 8), and raffle prizes. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase during the event. Event not recommended for children under 5. RSVP encouraged. Arrive for show by 7:45, or seats may be given away to non-RSVP guests. Saturday, February 23, 5pm; **free**. Joan B. Kroc Theatre, 6611 University Avenue. (LA MESA)

K9 Cancer Annual Walk Dog lovers are invited to join the 1.5-mile walk with their dogs or in memory of dogs that have lost their battle with canine cancer. Vendor expo and a celebration after the walk. Free for children under 10. Saturday, February 23, 9am; \$20-\$35. Walnut Grove Park and Barn, Olive Street at Sycamore Drive. (SAN MARCOS)

Library Book Sale Most hardcover books will be 50 cents and most mass-market paperback books will be 25 cents. All children's books are priced at 25 cents each. All proceeds will help the Poway library with programs, needs, and supplies. 858-513-2900. Saturday, February 23, 10am; **free**. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Pirate Murder Mystery Expect dead pirates, missing treasure, and a ship full of suspects in this interactive murder mystery voyage. Attendees will have the option of participating in the mystery as a

character/suspect or sleuth/innocent bystander. 619-781-8013. Saturday, February 23, 6:30pm; \$69. 18 and up. Pirate Ship Adventures, 1450 Harbor Island Drive. (HARBOR ISLAND)

So Long, Sailor Technomania Circus presents this navy and nautical-themed circus show, a story of mermaids, mayhem, secret agents, and real American heroes. Featuring sirens on the silks and serenades sung by scrubby sailors. Friday, February 22, 8pm; Saturday, February 23, 8pm; Sunday, February 24, 2pm; \$17-\$20. 18 and up. Victory Theater, 2558 Imperial Avenue. (GRANT HILL)

Special Needs Dental Clinic Open House The King-Chavez Health Center invites patients registered with regional centers, families, and other caregivers to tour the dental facilities, meet dentists and staff members, and receive oral-hygiene instruction. Saturday, February 23, 9:30am; **free**. The King-Chavez Health Center, 950 South Euclid. (SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)



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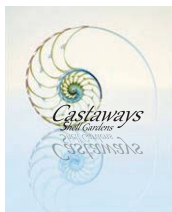


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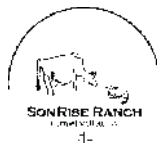
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I swear, Ida Bailey’s ghost is a-hovering, trying to tell me something.

This town’s most famous madam lived in a cottage up this very alleyway off Third, here in the heart of Chinatown. It’s beside an old brick building that they say has been everything from an opium den to a trading house to a theater to a house of, well, joy.

And, guess what? I spot a plaque that reads — hey! exactly a century ago — “1913.” So, this building will be 100 years old this year. Okay, Ida, I get what you’re saying. “Let’s celebrate!”

Natch, have to wander in.

This is the original Candelas — I’ve been to the Coronado one. That has beautiful views and an awesome happy hour (once had a four-cheese soup to die for there, *crema de cuatro quesos al chile pasilla* — cost me four bucks), but it’s less atmospheric than this.

No views here, except that this is the interesting Chinese end of Third Avenue, just past the Chinese Benevolent Association and not far from the original waterfront, where the Chinese once moored their fleet of fishing junks.

You certainly get that vibe inside: lives have been lived here. I imagine respectable gents lying down with their opium pipes, Ida’s ladies bringing them drinks, making jokes, checking their wallets...

It’s easy to imagine because they’ve cleaned the old brick and exposed the old timbers. But also it looks like, say, a cellar in the Latin Quarter of Paris. Giant candles that hang low from the ceiling, glowing orange. It’s open only in the evenings and is a more formal setting all ’round. Which worries me. Formal means expensive.

“Can I help?” asks this gal in a black dress.

“Uh, yeah.” I say. “You have a happy hour? And is it still on?”

“We’re in happy hour till 9:00. Half off everything on the bar menu.”

Big sigh of relief, because now I’m seeing how the main items on the regular menu are mostly in the (whoa) \$20–\$40 range.

“And drinks?” I ask. “Are they included in the happy hour?”

“Not everything,” Christina says. “But you get half-off on plenty of wines and beers.”

I look around at the bottles listed on the backboard. A lot are L.A. Cetto, the winemaker from Baja. Never see those here in *el norte*.

The bottle right in front of me: L.A. Cetto, Cabernet Sauvignon 2008. I ask Christina for a

glass. “Long as it’s in happy hour.”

Christina nods.

So, great. Get a \$10 glass for \$5. I take a sip, and it’s what you’d call robust. Guadalupe Valley, Ensenada. Has the taste of the earth in it.

I check the bar menu. There are eight food items, including

guacamole and chips, normally \$10; a cheese platter that goes for \$18; tuna carnitas tacos, \$12; taco gobernador (three shrimp-and-cheese fried tacos), \$12; three fish tacos for \$12; a little casserole of cheese fondue with Spanish chorizo (\$12); a small pizza with eggplant, artichoke, and crabmeat, with tomato sauce, blue cheese, and mozzarella (sounds delicious at \$12); and a burger for \$13.

Cut these prices in half for happy hour.

Christina says they’re known for sophisticated tacos, but for me, it’s down to the pizza or the fondue. Fondue wins out, this being a cold night and all, ’specially since it only costs \$6. It comes in a little ceramic dish, bubbling away.

Oh, Lord. This is good. I’m dipping my corn



The downtown Candelas offers more atmosphere than the Coronado version but no view.



Chef Martin San Roman cooks French-influenced Mexico City-style fare and stars in a Spanish-language cooking show.

tortillas in the cheese and scooping the chorizo discs up, dunking it all in the green tomatillo salsa, chowing into it, and gulping a mouthful of that Guadalupe red. I love the hard chorizo slices, the salsa that tangs up the cheese.

Christina says it’s French-influenced Mexico City-style cooking, thanks to the executive chef, Martin San Roman, a famous guy.

“He’s cooked all over the world,” Christina says. “He has his own TV cooking show on Spanish-language TV, on both sides of the border.”

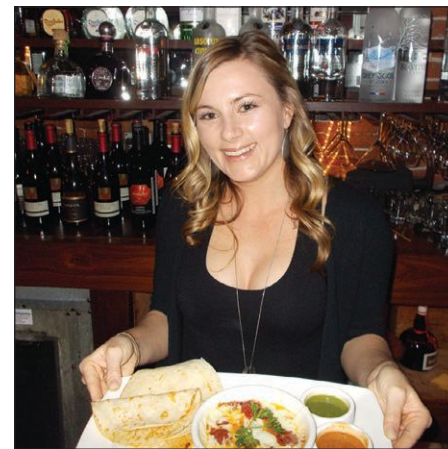
Then the man himself turns up to check on his guests. “It’s just typical Mexican cheese from Oaxaca,” he says about the fondue. “The chorizo is hard, Spanish-style.”

Turns out Mr. San Roman has cooked for two Mexican presidents and for assembled world leaders at Davos, Switzerland. He’s been a Mexican culinary ambassador in 14 countries.

When he came here a year ago (Candela’s has been open since 1999), he changed 80 percent of the menu.

“But there’s nothing exclusive about this fondue,” he says. “Fondue with chorizo is a dish all Mexico eats. Rich, poor, everyone. It’s great for cold weather like this.”

I like it. And the wine fits right in. “But,



Christina serves up fondue and chorizo, and, O Lord, it’s good.

Mexican wine?” I ask. “I thought you couldn’t get it here. You never see it.”

“Oh, but you can get it here,” says Chef San Roman. “In fact, it’s 40 percent cheaper than if you buy it in Mexico.”

“Why is that?”

“The Mexican government slaps a 40 percent tax on its own wines. Down there, good French imported wines are the same price, or cheaper. It’s crazy.”

Couple of days later, I’m back. I want to try that \$6 pizza. Turns out, it’s a lush little baby, piled with eggplant, artichoke, crabmeat, and a nice, crispy pita. Again, the salsas give it perk.

But the main thing that gives this place perk is an interesting crowd. Like Zondra, who’s one of the movers and shakers (from what she and others here are saying) behind the Gaslamp itself. If people hadn’t fought the bulldozers back in the day, maybe this 100-year-old house of joy would be history, too.

Hot news: Mauricio the manager tells me new menus are happening (the pizza and burger are gone), and the happy hour has been extended till 10:00 p.m. ■

(@SDReader_EdBed)

The Place: Candelas, 416 and 420 Third Avenue, downtown, 619-702-4455

Prices: Generally high (entrées \$20–\$40). But happy-hour prices include: tuna carnitas tacos (\$6); taco gobernador (three shrimp-and-cheese fried tacos), \$6; three fish tacos, \$6; cheese fondue with Spanish chorizo, \$6

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Wackness at the Joint

A Newport Street hotspot, the Joint is a weird place. It appears appropriately seedy and OBecian from the outside, promising the beachy awesomeness of a Hodad's or South Beach, but the interior had an aura of North Park hip, courtesy of moody lighting, contemporary art, and subtle decorative nods toward romantic visions of Belgian beer halls.

No one could say it lacks character.

"Sushi and tapas" go together well enough. Small portions. Good for sharing. It makes a degree of sense. The Joint's menu spans a few pages of tiny print and differentiating between happy hour, lunch, and dinner demands careful reading. Prices run toward the high end of cheap, with lots of big sushi rolls well under \$10 and similar pricing on the tapas. Drinks are cheap-ish, beer on tap is plentiful, and the sake selection merits exploration.

The food threw me for a loop, as it was hard to say exactly what was going on in the kitchen. From the tapas section, salt-cod fritters were, for all intents and purposes, hand-made fish sticks.

Don't get me wrong — they were deliciously filled with sweet, delicate fish and fried in perfect little golden quenelles. But there was something Gorton's or Van de Kamp's going on there.

Shrimp and grits, a visual treat, let me down none too gently with overcooked shrimp and oversalted grits. Why is this dish so hard to get right, kitchens of San Diego?

The sushi menu is where things got really weird.

The Joint doesn't appear to focus on "conventional" sushi, but the weird, off-kilter stuff they do is actually pretty damn good. For example, their "nigiri" includes the "Mac Daddy." It's a couple pieces of raw salmon wrapped around a chunk of rice, some fried eel, and, of all things, macadamia nuts...and it *totally* worked. It's a bit of an affront to decency, but I'm willing to overlook it.

Similarly, there was this "Granny's Grinds" roll on the menu that had apples, asparagus, and salmon in it, and that wasn't far from yet another roll that included mac nuts. Biting into a roll that was filled with cream cheese and otherwise debauched by non-sushi ingredients, I had to admit that the Joint seems to have gotten this indulgent, clownish breed of sushi figured out. Someone in the kitchen has an inspired mind when it comes to oddball combos. It's as if the logic of the munchies-ridden stoner prevailed over conventional wisdom, and maybe that's not such a bad thing. I kind of like

that the best way to handle the place is to order the weirdest thing I can find on the menu.

The Joint, 4902 Newport Avenue.

by Ian Pike

Nonnative Native Foods in Encinitas

A new restaurant just opened in Encinitas and its staff is officially on

the clock. I'm not talking about 15 minutes of fame or the brief window a debuting eatery has to make a success of itself before it fades into obscurity. In this case, it's an internally imposed game of beat-the-clock, mandated by the business' owners Daniel Dolan and Andrea McGinty.

The basis of that tick-tockery is that all of the orders at their from-scratch chain of vegan/vegetarian Native Foods Cafés — including their

FEAST!



No one could say the Joint lacks character. And someone in the kitchen has an inspired mind.



Roasted corn and polenta bites — for under \$10 and brought to your table in ten minutes or less.

newest outpost (127 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas) — make it out to patrons in ten minutes or less. Seems a bit daunting, but nowhere near as hard as making love connections as the duo did when founding the popular It's Just Lunch match-making business.

Apparently, the number 10 means a lot to these two. All of the dishes at their fast-casual (or else) spots are 10 dollars or less. Those offerings are made from all-natural ingredients and include salads, bowls, sandwiches, and snacks. Among those are the Asian-inspired Bangkok curry bowl and "indie" noodle salad, the south-of-the-border Ensalada Azteca and Nuevo Native nachos, and Italian offerings including a super meatball sub.

Meatball? Wait, didn't I just type the words "vegan" and "vegetarian?" Indeed I did. House-made seitan and tempeh are widely utilized throughout the menu to provide a wide array of options that provide an alternative to ground beef and sausage in a number of dishes.

Instead of soft drinks, Native Foods makes their own line of beverages, including lavender lemonade and watermelon Fresca. There's also craft beer, of which organic and gluten-free versions from Bison Brewing Company, Eel River Brewing, and New Planet Beer are available.

Decor includes a mural featuring the Swami's surf break and the Native Foods Cafés mantra, "In Photosynthesis We Trust," scrolled over the coun-

ter. Dolan and McGinty, who have family in coastal North County, plan to open three more Native Foods Cafés in San Diego County by year's end. The Encinitas location is the company's 14th.

In celebration of the recent opening, the restaurant will hold two "Native Community Days" each month where a portion of proceeds benefit a local nonprofit organization (which people can nominate by emailing native-days@nativefoods.com),

and guests receive a free dessert with the purchase of an entrée, side, and Native drink.

by Brandon Hernández

Lunch at Saigon on Fifth in Hillcrest

Finding an available parking meter in the heart of Hillcrest is like finding a stiletto in Ocean Beach. Fortunately, there's a parking lot few people know of beneath Saigon on Fifth, which is accessed off of Fifth Avenue (despite the signage and main entrance to the restaurant, which is on University, equidistant between Fifth and Fourth). The sign at the entrance to the garage implies you will be charged to park within, but the restaurant validates your parking ticket — so as long as you're just there for a meal, you get a guaranteed parking spot without having to dig for change.

Because of long work hours at home while David was too sick to cook (my poor man succumbed to a variety of the colds that have been going around), I've been using the Restaurant Connection to deliver Saigon on Fifth's fare directly to my place for dinner. When he was suffering from a stomach bug, chicken pho was the only thing David was interested in eating.

I hadn't physically been to the restaurant in many months, mostly because I'd forgotten about how easy it could be to park underneath. So,

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because we'd been stuck working at my place all morning, when my sister Jane and I lifted our heads in hunger, I suggested we get out of the house, away from our papers and laptops, and dine in at Saigon on Fifth.

It is at Saigon (I'm losing the "on Fifth" from here on out) that I find my favorite fresh spring rolls — mostly because I don't have to specify "no cilantro"; they're already prepared with just the lettuce and a bit of mint. Jane's a vegetarian, so when I dine with her, we get the tofu version. It's simple, fresh, and tasty, but I prefer the traditional version with a thin slice of pork and shrimp.

Jane ordered the yellow curry with tofu. Her lunch came with a clear-broth soup and a salad topped with pickled ginger. Unlike the yellow curry at a traditional Thai restaurant, such as Amarin, which is a favorite of ours, the yellow curry at Saigon is more of a brown color. Flavor-wise, it seems to have more of a sweeter spiciness to it than the lighter yellow versions.

I've been getting the same thing for awhile now — the

dumpling soup. I love this soup because there's no oil in the broth — it's light and clear, and leaves me feeling energetic and satisfied rather than weighed down and stuffed, as oilier broths tend to do. I add a little chili sauce for spice (I prefer most things with a kick), but aside from that, I enjoy the fresh and natural flavors of veggies (such as broccoli) and lean proteins, chicken and shrimp. The pasta envelopes (dumplings) are thin but not overcooked, and filled with a small chunk of the same chicken that is in the soup.

I'd been accustomed to pouring the soup out of a styrofoam cup, so it was nice to enjoy it directly out of the hot iron pot. At least, I think it was iron. I'm more of a foodie than a metallurgist. All I know for sure is that the stuff inside of it tasted damn good.

by Barbarella Fokos

Great little wine bar but...

I'm not the first to bust into this cubby-hole of cool. Ian Pike gave a connoisseur's four-course breakdown last year that says it all.

That said, I came in here,

spent a short time, and left wanting to love it more than... well here's what happened:

It was in happy hour (5:00-7:00 p.m. daily). I was at this small white-walled bar, Voyou (it means "ruffian" in French), in a li'l ol' black-and-white house at the corner of Fifth and Pennsylvania (3696 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-297-9720).

But nothing rough inside: you have a sleek, white U-bar, black-and-white tables, red cushions for the wall bench, plus Marilyn art (two eyes, two nostrils and lips, anyway), and a way-cool crowd filling the bar.

The appetizers go from \$8 to \$12. Like an ahi tuna tartar plate is \$12. So is the cheese plate. The goat cheese tart is \$8, and so is the Caprese. Most glasses of wine are \$8, too.

Basic happy-hour idea is \$2 off apps and wines. So, I order the first white wine on the menu, "Orval Chardonnay," from France. There goes \$6.

Then I ask for a lobster bisque ("real lobster, sherry wine, shallots, touch of cream," also \$6 at HH).

And then can't help going for the goat cheese tart ("bucheron goat cheese, puff pastry, toasted almonds"), \$6 at HH, too.

Here's the rub: The bisque is

certainly tasty, pink, and beautiful in its white bowl and all, with, like, baked bread crusts to dunk in it.

Except I can't help comparing it to Spike Africa's clam chowder. That was full of stuff, lumpy, interesting, and, bottom line for me, twice as filling. And, at \$3, half the cost.

Likewise, the goat cheese tart. It's this long pastry thing not exactly overflowing with cheese, and a tart dark sauce squizzed over it. It just feels kinda empty. What you're eating is mainly the pastry. Hate to bring up Spike's again, but for the same price, \$6 at HH, their oyster roast, four fully laden shells with really tasty oysters and a pile of other stuff, gives you so much more.

Ian found really good dishes here, and I'm probably way out of my league in the sophistication stakes, but this little trip to France has just cost me \$20 and I'm still hungry. Happy-hour-wise, I'm hearing the drums of Africa.

by Ed Bedford

Is everything still tasting great?

Good service can turn even a bad meal into something with

redeeming memory hooks, and can turn a great meal into the stuff of enduring personal legend. I often talk about how, for me, the food always comes first — and it does. But at the same time, exceptional service is something to be relished. That's why I always take time to mention it in my articles and posts. And while I don't make a point of always calling out bad service, it can have a great influence on one's perception of a restaurant.

Bad service, at its least imposing, slows things down a bit. At its worst, it makes the person forking over their money feel awkward, disappointed, angry, or a combination of all three. Many actions contribute to the broad umbrella term that is "bad service," many of which take a great deal of server self awareness to avoid.

Let me make one thing clear. I do *not* envy restaurant staffers. Getting through a night's service can be like negotiating a minefield littered with countless, constantly varying explosive devices, many of which are looking for any opportunity to go off. Getting through without becoming a casualty can be tough. So, allow me to offer a

bit of advice to servers everywhere, straight from the landmine gallery. Please quit asking diners the following question: "Is everything tasting great?"

This also includes all ill-advised permutations of that query, examples of which include: "Isn't that delicious?," "How good is that?," "Everything still tasting amazing?"*

I'd say be careful what you ask for, but that aphorism is worn out. How about you just stop asking! There's nothing wrong with asking "How is everything?" That's an honest question. But this ill-conceived bastardization of that legitimate question leaves nowhere to go but down. Few dishes register on palates as flawless. So, even meals that are truly a cut above include minuscule errors, meaning the answer to the question "Is everything tasting great?" almost always leaves room for a diner to tell a server what isn't so terrific about the night's offerings. Asking all of one's customers if everything's "great" is like recklessly skipping through that landmine-riddled dining room.

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ones itching to detonate — love this question. It's the perfect segue for a venomous, angry Yelp-appropriate account of everything that fails to meet their standards. It's hard to complain about the big hunk of shrapnel protruding from the meaty portion of one's work slacks when you're the one who lit the fuse.

Even in the cases of those willing to shine servers on, simply being confronted with the "great" question leaves a bad taste in their mouths. Nobody likes to be put on the spot, especially in public and with an uncomfortable query like this. I'm among them. As you've probably noticed, I'm opinionated and don't pull punches. So, this common question, while harmless and fun to the server asking it, puts me in a tough position. Do I tell some white lies? Answer — nope!

If the meal's actually great, I'll happily tell a server that and, so it's not mistaken for the standard placcation they're so used to, explain why I think the dish or meal is good. If things are sub-par in a severe

way, I'll note what can use some work. If the shortcomings are minor enough that they render a dish good or so-so, far less than "great" (or, Lord help us, "amazing"), but by no means bad, I simply don't answer and ask for the refill on water they probably should have asked me about instead of my opinions.

So, why don't I just tell them about the deficiencies in the minor cases? Two reasons. One — other than tell the individuals who prepared the food about a tiny thing like slightly salty but edible potatoes or a just-a-tad-too-spicy-for-most-folks broth, there's really not much they can or should do and, therefore, no reason for me to tax them. Two — they don't really want to know. I mean, seriously, while good servers want to be accommodating and give customers a quality experience, they don't really want to have a rundown on the food diners are consuming, positive or negative. What they require to be effective is just enough detail to know everything's all good or, when it's not, the absolute minimum info to allow them to correct any errors.

Before anybody waiters or waitresses get riled and start in with the countering com-

ments, allow me to throw this out — I know that, in the case of most service staff begging this query, it's not your fault. Many restaurants create a prescribed regimen for interacting with customers. I have written several communications policies for employers in my day and understand the benefits of providing cross-company interactional uniformity. But if a restaurant is going to dictate its servers' one-liners, the least they can do is keep things engaging enough to simultaneously keep patrons comfortable and happy, and increase their employees' ability to earn a good tip instead of forcing them to say things that tick customers off and, hence, hack away at their generous natures.

On two occasions at a particular restaurant, two servers asked me in a way-too-enthusiastic tone, "Is everything still tasting perfect?" It was obvious this was the SOP at that venue and I instantly felt sorry for them, but didn't hold it against them. But not everybody is as savvy about the inner-workings of restaurants, and I fear the incomes of these otherwise fine waitresses have suffered from the negative impact of that sophomoric, mandated brand

of space-filling chit-chat.

And, speaking of adjectives—"perfect"? *Really?* Talk about setting the bar impossibly high. A perfect meal? I'll let you know when and if that ever happens for me. So, too will the likes of Ferran Adria, Thomas Keller, and Grant Achatz, all of whom probably operate under the wise assumption that, as close as they've come in their storied careers, the Jesus equivalent of cuisine doesn't exist. "Fantastic" isn't far off and "great" is subjective. Both are over-reaching in most cases. If this question must be asked, maybe shoot for something more realistic and far less dangerous, like, say "Okay" or, the sadly devalued food adjective, "good."

Another negative aspect of these questions (especially the "perfect" query) is the fact they also double as statements presenting the opinion of the restaurant that the food at said venue should be "perfect," "amazing," or "great" and that the diner should think so, too. Or at least that it was at some point since they almost always ask, "Is everything *STILL* tasting great/perfect?"

Think about it. If an actor turned in a disappointing per-

formance in a musical and then proceeded to greet guests on their way out, glad-handing them and asking them "Wasn't I amazing?" with a beaming smile on their face, it would sound ludicrous. A portion of the playgoers would look that on- and off-stage emoter in the eye, tell him "nope," and spend several minutes elaborating. An even larger portion would nod silently, letting them bask in their misconception, then go on to share with the world the story of the naive, self-aggrandizing Broadway aspirer with junior high glee club skills and an unrealistic sense of self. The same thing happens in the restaurant biz. I'm presented with far too many opportunities to share the "Is everything tasting perfect?" story not to tell it. And it's always met with laughs.

Servers, please stop asking if everything is still tasting great (or any over-the-top variant thereof). And those who employ wait staffers, please quit making them ask. Instead, stick to time-tested questions that are actually helpful, like, "Can I get you anything?" or "Would you like a refill?" Friendly, accommodating engagement with no room for negativity. Is that so hard? Answer — nope!

by Brandon Hernández

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That's what stops me, at the head of the menu. A kinda quote from that David Carradine TV series, *Kung Fu*. Carradine played Kwai Chang Caine, who tried not to fight at least until the last five minutes of each show.


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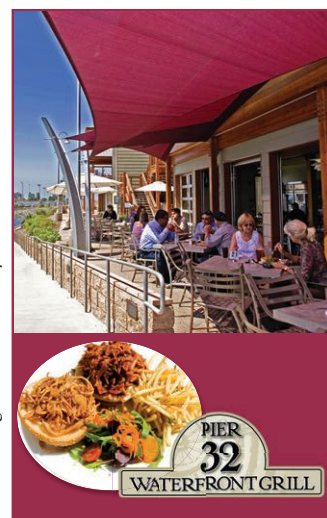
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head to the sushi bar. Then I know I'll get the best answers when I ask what each thing is. That's where I am with sushi.

Two sushi chefs are busy rolling rolls when I sit down in the red-black bar in the rear. Rogelio, Maria.

She's the second female sushi chef I've met. It's still a man's world here at the front end. And, yes, Rogelio says he has heard about women being warmer than men and affecting raw fish...like, cooking it slightly when they handle it. "But I don't think they're really warmer. Maria is the best."

HH bargains? Sure. Thirst and foremost: sake. You get a pot of the hot stuff for \$3. Deal! I order that, then whine at Rogelio and Bobby (the server) about too much to choose from. On their recommendations, I go for a tapa sashimi called Crispy Onion Albacore. It's a "seared albacore with garlic ponzu sauce, crispy onions and wontons, served with organic micro greens." Costs \$5.25.

Then, for a roll, Bobby says everyone picks the #1 item on the menu, Viva Las Vegas, with crab, cream cheese rolled in rice and seaweed, plus bits and pieces like sliced lotus root, spinach, spicy tuna, crab...

But then Bobby says how about a Pacific Roll (\$6.25), "if you like spicy." I do. I take it. It's albacore, cilantro, and jalapeño — Mexican influence! — plus cucumber, rolled, then topped with avocado and mango salsa (more Mexico!), plus red beet tempura bits and sautéed cashew nuts.

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I'm sure Japanese purists would say, "What is *this*?" But for me the sweet-mango thing is great, I like the cashews, and I like the heat. Also, the whole crunchy thing about the albacore sashimi.

"So, what's the biggest, dumbest mistake we guys make from this side of the sushi counter?" I ask Rogelio.

He doesn't hesitate. "Guys think the wasabi is guacamole."

Ow! That mistake would hurt. He says the difference between Japanese and Americans eating here is the Japanese order everything at once and pick at everything, whereas Americans order one dish at a time.

So, hey, I was kinda cool ordering both at the same time, after all.

In the end, I screw up courage to ask Rogelio one more dumb question: "What's the difference between sushi and sashimi?"

"Very simple," he says. "Sushi is always with rice."

Seems sashimi is just raw fish. Not rolled in rice.

So, the art of eating at a sushi bar? "Get to know your sushi chef, let him get to know you. So you know his specialties and he knows your tastes. It's a relationship thing. Often, people will say, 'Just give me what you feel like tonight.' They trust you."

Huh. A relationship. I really like the sound of that. I know Ra is a massive chain and all, but this is a little corner you could get used to. Won't be long before I'm taking a gulp of sake and telling him how the beautiful Carla doesn't really understand me... kidding. She does. Too well.

by Ed Bedford

New wine bar in Talmadge

I Followed a tip out to Talmadge's sleepy neighborhoods and the unlikely corner of Monroe and 47th. There, lo and behold, sat Romeo and Julieta's Wine Cafe, new (and only) kid on the block for wine, espresso, and Polish-inflected tapas. It is *super* new, mere weeks old, but I already like what I see.

The outside's not much to look at from the vantage point of a darkened evening, but the warm interior is airy, well-lighted, and outfitted with the abundant exuberance of the excited owners. I suspect it will improve with a little patina.

It seems to be a labor of love, perhaps even a family affair, and the proud, eager, somewhat nervous energy that the staff displays is endearing in its earnestness. I couldn't help but notice the admiring glances the proprietors cast about, taking in the sight of customers sipping wine and noshing on the smallish plates of food. There was a certain degree of unpolished amateurity about the place, but I think that's acceptable when that's accompanied by a degree of raw talent.

Short on my usual appetite, I tried an order of pierogies with bacon, which could be stuffed with half-a-dozen varieties of meats and vegetables. The dough, supple and chewy but never tough, was dead-on and

the choices of fillings were all equally good, although I particularly liked the spinach and beef for its texture. Best of all was the mild cooling effect of the dilled cucumber salad served alongside, although it did release a lot of water by the end.

The wine list is short and not too expensive, though there is plenty of room for exploration. I managed to get a tasty glass of white Burgundy for \$9.50, so I am not complaining! Beer drinkers won't find much variety — the bar serves only two brews from Iron Fist — so anyone visiting Romeo and Julieta's should be prepared to drink wine.

I believe that breakfast service is in the cards for RJ's immediate future, but for now the name of the game is small plates and vino. They're closed on Mondays, but other nights the hours are 5–10ish, though I wouldn't be surprised if that changes around as the kinks are worked out. Best to give them a call at 619-546-6919 and see.

by Ian Pike

Beer of the Week: SD TapRoom Coconuts on Rye

I love it when I effectively spot a trend. Granted, trends, by their very nature, are relatively easy to spot so long as you're looking. I'm always paying attention to beer, especially the varieties produced in San Diego County. A few weeks ago, I started reporting on the rising prevalence of beers produced by local breweries to celebrate anniversaries of local bars and restaurants. What was meant to be a onetime entry has evolved

into something of a regular feature. Every time I turn around, I spot another anniversary beer on the horizon. Here's news on the latest.

SD TapRoom (1269 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach), a business that debuted as PB Tap Room in 2008 and has since gone on to be a champion for local product, is coming up on their sixth anniversary. To commemorate this milestone, they sought out the services of brewmaster Kevin Buckley at Latitude 33° Brewing Company (1430 Vantage Court, Suite 104, Vista) — a business that's cel-

ebrating their one-year anniversary on March 9, early details of which are listed here.

Buckley will be gifting SD TapRoom with a rye stout flavored with a "more than generous" addition of shredded coconut: 200 pounds of toasted and untoasted flakes, to be exact. That limited edition libation will be available at SD TapRoom and the Latitude 33° tasting room starting on February 23, when SD TapRoom puts 60 to 70 beers on tap for a party, complete with an outdoor beer garden.

by Brandon Hernández



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Soulless P.B. In the past 12 months, 4th&B, Anthology, Kadan, Bar Leucadian, the Metaphor, and Calypso have pulled the plug on live shows.

Now it seems the Mission Beach venue once known as

building to be converted into a Mexican cantina-style restaurant/bar.

She says that a smaller stage will be built in the bar area, but the days of large-stage concerts are over for the building that

operations, Leitstein said it had 100 employees. The building has been dark for almost two years.

“They are turning the place into a bar like any other bar in P.B., where all the douchebags go to get drunk and get in fights,” says one insider. “There is hardly any live music left in P.B. It’s too bad because [Canes] could have come back from the dead and become the Belly Up South. There’s now less music. Less culture. Less soul.”

The insider admitted that Canes had its share of problems.

“They used to let under-age kids into shows. That’s when they had fights and stabbings. Then, about eight years ago, the city told them, ‘[Ages] 21-and-up only or close down.’ For the two years that it was SoundWave, I don’t think they had any problems...but they also didn’t have much business.”

Eat.Drink.Sleep’s Warner says that the format of the restaurant/bar may change. “We are rushing just to get the place up and running again by the summer.”

Meanwhile, Eat.Drink.Sleep has acquired the adjacent WaveHouse restaurant/surf emporium. Named for its wave-making attraction, the 1100-capacity outdoor venue has hosted summertime concerts by Ziggy Marley, Ozomotli, and Unwritten Law. The WaveHouse last summer started focusing on big-name DJs who would headline well-

attended Sunday EDM events.

This summer will be a little different for the WaveHouse, which may be renamed.

“The city prefers that we go less in that concert-venue direction,” Warner says. “That is the direction we are going right now. But nothing is carved [in] stone.”

— Ken Leighton

Progamundo. Mexicali progressive music event Baja Prog is returning to Baja California’s capital this spring, following a

who has been making music with CAST for 34 years and is part of a Genesis tribute band.

The prog scene has grown since the festival debuted in 1997 with a lineup of just three bands: Lands End from Los Angeles, Ekus from Argentina, and CAST (not to be confused with the Britpop band of the same name).

“Ekus came to Mexicali to do a recording at my studio, and when they were here we said, ‘What are we going to do with our friends for two

two locations: outdoor concerts will be held at noon daily at Hotel Colonial and evening concerts will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Teatro del Estado.

The festival will feature music clinics and performances from the Crimson ProjeKt (King Crimson virtuosos Adrian Bellew, Tony Levin, and Pat Mastelotto), Steve Hackett, Eddie Jobson, and many more.

— Chad Deal

Gimbel’s Gambit. Adam Gimbel has an obsession. “I’ve been working on a countdown of all of the top 91X acts based on [the radio station’s] year-end countdowns.” This, he says, has been his pastime for going on 30 years.

“Twenty years ago, when I was still in college, 91X was coming up on their tenth anniversary. I pitched doing a countdown to [Mike] Halloran, and he loved it.” Gimbel says the station spent the weekend counting down the hits to number one. “For a 20-year-old, that was a super kick.”

Gimbel, who fronts a somewhat playful Weezer tribute called Geezer, admits that he first became interested in 91X and their annual countdowns in 1985. “I wondered who the most popular band was for the year,” he blogs in Yer Doin’ Great (yerdoingreat.wordpress.com.)

“Using basic math, I gave

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the inside track blurt

Canes, which hosted Snoop Dogg, Linkin Park, Maroon Five, and Prince over its 13 years as a music showcase, will not be coming back as a concert venue.

“The city really wasn’t too happy with that place as a concert venue,” says Stacy Warner, the spokesperson for Eat.Drink.Sleep, the company

once hosted 900 music lovers at a time.

Canes was run from 1996 to 2009 by founder Eric Leitstein, who was squeezed out by Belmont Park leaseholder Tom Lochtefeld. Lochtefeld attempted to continue Canes’ success, renaming the club SoundWave. SoundWave failed, as did Lochtefeld, who



Beachfront venue coming back — as a cantina, not a concert hall

that owns and operates Pacific Beach bars Moondoggies and the Dog as well as the Tower 23 and Padre hotels. She tells the *Reader* that the two-story

last year filed for bankruptcy and surrendered the Belmont Park complex to the City of San Diego.

When the venue ended



Prog act CAST a mainstay at Baja Prog, which returns this year!

four-year hiatus.

Festival director Alfonso Vidales pulled the plug on Prog in 2008 after some of the event’s major sponsors backed out.

The 12-year-strong showcase averaged 1500 attendees daily (over 1000 of whom were traveling from outside Mexicali) to see acts from Japan, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Poland, South America, and Vidales’s own group, CAST.

“There is a strong prog scene in Mexicali,” says Vidales,

weeks?’ And then a brilliant idea came in and that’s how the story began,” Vidales tells the *Reader*.

“We had a sold-out audience, and that’s why we decided to launch a bigger edition the next year.”

Since then, the festival has seen eight marriages and has hosted over a hundred international prog-rock acts with the support of local government, private donors, and volunteers.

Baja Prog 2013 will take place from April 3 through 6 at

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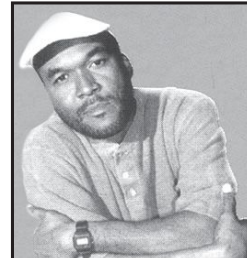


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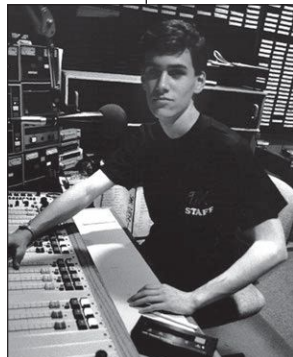
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acts 91 points for a number 1 song, 90 points for a number 2 song, and so on down to 1 point for the number 91 song.”

But this time, Gimbel’s created a contest that runs February 18 to March 4. Anybody can enter, he says. “Thirty

years of 91X countdowns will become the top 888 modern rock and roll acts of all time,” he advertises on the blog.

“Whoever guesses the top five, or is closest, I have a ton



Gimbel: “Carry the one. Don’t use spreadsheets.”

of prizes to give out. And in the case of a tie,” he says, “whoever gets their correct answer in first wins.”

According to Yer Doin’ Great, the rules are based on assigning points to songs

based on past chart position. “Now, do that math on 2730 songs and figure out how many points each act has. Carry the one. Don’t use spread-sheets.”

Gimbel says contestants can message their answers to his Facebook page at [facebook.com/youre-doingreat](https://www.facebook.com/youre-doingreat).

— Dave Good

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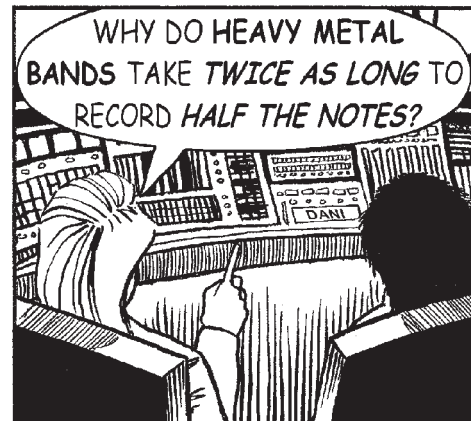
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Hair Rock Cafe. “With my ability to custom-build many of the items and memorabilia being loaned or donated for display, the total cost for construction has been around \$2000, but it looks like a million dollars,” says Robert Munger of Oceanside’s Rock Your Loxx, a new music-themed hair salon. Describing himself as the operation’s “visionary, designer, and craftsman,” Munger is working with owner and stylist Stephen Jerome, who fronted local ’80s glam band X-Factor, to convert the salon (formerly known as Hair Quest) into a sort of hairy Hard Rock Cafe.

“The decor includes signed memorabilia, numerous album covers, posters, books, and rock magazines. The mirrors feature hand-painted piano-key frames, and the album covers that span the entire upper perimeter of the shop can be changed, allowing the look of the salon to constantly evolve.

There’s a small stage with a set of Ludwig drums, amps, and guitars, and the cabinets at each stylist’s station are custom-built Marshall amplifier replicas with working drawers. Rock music is always playing.”



Where can hair bands get their hair done? Rock Your Loxx in O’side.

Munger met fellow Carlsbad High grad Stephen Jerome in 1991, when the rocker-turned-hair-farmer joined Munger’s metal band Menace, while attending a North County beauty college. After the band split, Jerome cut hair for Supercuts before purchasing the existing

Hair Quest salon in south Oceanside, where Munger went to see him for a trim in late 2011. “At this point, the place didn’t have much appeal as far as the look of the interior or exterior. No music playing and

very little in the way of decor... He was contemplating closing his shop because of the bad economy. He was struggling to make a living.”

This gave Munger an idea. “Steve looks like a rock star with long, curly hair...he loves and plays rock music. Why not

convert [the shop] into a rock-themed salon? I’m passionate about music, and I hate going to the salons in the area for a haircut. This would be a place where I’d love to go.”

Services priced from \$23 to \$100 range from “General Admission” up through “Loge,” “Front Row,” and “Backstage Pass,” which includes a two-song performance by stylist-singer Jerome. “We’ll also have open-mic karaoke nights and after-hours listening parties for new releases and historical rock anniversaries,” says Munger.

The grand opening on Saturday, March 16, will feature an in-store signing with Iron Maiden cover artist (and “Eddie” zombie mascot creator) Derek Riggs.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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club crawler

This Week In Music

Thursday 21

NYC "tropical grit pop" duo **Ghost Beach** popped into the electropop atmosphere last year with the release of their well-received EP *Modern Tongues*. Imagine Daft Punk remixing Depeche Mode, the Police, Tears for Fears...many '80s alt-radio staples, actually, shot through a punk-blown



GHOST BEACH AT EL DORADO

cone. I don't have a ton of patience for sudsy synth baths, but these guys got that "contagious let's-not-stop-partying-until-we-throw-up" thing. And guitar solos. So, I'm down. And I always have a hella good time at El Dorado downtown. Local rock-roll trio **Bangladesh** opens the show.... Best of the rest: South Park bar Whistle Stop hosts its Makeout Weird dealio, with borderland garage band **Electric Healing Sound** laying on hands after **O.P.P.** Resident **DJs Mnstrpsy** and **Freak Sauce** spin 'round sets...SanDago alt-pop quartet **Hargo** takes the stage at Bar Pink...Soda Bar serves **Warm Soda**. The Bay Area "syruupy, garage-cooked pop" band headlines sets by punk'd-pop locals **Teenage Burritos** and **Shiva Trash**...Chi-town flower punks the **Orwells** will be at Casbah behind their well-received debut, *Remember When*, which apparently has "a Zeppelin in Memphis sorta thing." **Pangea** and **New Kinetics** up first...and there's a nice Thursday-night trifecta of local up-and-comers on the big stage at Belly Up, with **Harsh Toke**, **Ninja Love**, and **Wild Wild Wets**.

Friday 22

Oakland native Teren Delvon Jones, aka **Del the Funky Homosapien**, aka Ice Cube's cuz, will take the mic at Porter's Pub at UCSD. The West Coast rapper stretches some smooove flow over last year's *Root Stimulation*. Bend an ear to "Up Early" for a taste...also on the La Jolla college campus, rocking

string quartet **Sybarite 5's** at the Loft. The NYC-based classical crossovers "gained a reputation for juxtaposing the likes of Stravinsky with Radiohead, Dvorák with Zeppelin." And, the babe-to-dude ratio in the band is three-to-five and the cellist freaking shreds: sybarite5.org.... The world's "first and only heavy-metal mariachi band," **Metala-chi**, will rock *con queso* the Royal Dive in O'side after pop-punk four-piece **Hula Guns**.... 'Round town: Strung Out singer/songwriter **Jason Cruz & Howl** will play *Loungecore* at Shakedown...SD supergroup **Midnight Rivals** (Lucy's, Rocket, Louis) rolls into Whistle Stop after "sci-fi garage" rockers **Shake Before Us**...and Soda Bar stages some old friends from aMiniature — What's up, Dirkes? — as indie throwbacks **Takahashi** headline sets by **Beautiful View**, the **Yawmen**, and **Shark Blood**.



DEL THE FUNKY HOMOSA-PIEN AT PORTER'S PUB

Saturday 23

Gonna be a grind behind the Shakedown, as the Midway punk club hosts another Saturday SK8 & BBQ, featuring skate-punk sets by "the master of disaster" **Duane Peters**, **Angry Samoans**, and **Dime Runner**....



THE ALLAH-LAS AT CASBAH

When you get your fill of food and fooling with your crew, L.A. garage-rock purists (Kinks, Zombies) the **Allah-Las** take the stage at Casbah Saturday night. With some sand in their sneaks and sun on their faces, there's more than a touch of that stoned-blue SoCal sound (Byrds), too, on their v. recommendable s/t debut. It is, according to *Pitchfork*, chock full of "starry-eyed, minor-key beauties." **Tomorrow's Tulips**, **Barbarian**, and **New Mexico** fill the bill.... Liquid-light artists Operation: Mindblow present **Gary Wilson** at Bar Pink. Wilson's that New York experimental-pop singer who disappeared himself for about 25 years after the release of his essential collection *You Think You Really Know Me*. The "cult bandleader," as

the *Reader's* Jay Allen Sanford wrote in '08, turned up here, in San Diego, with an artsy lounge act and then a trio of releases with all-new material — *Lisa Wants to Talk to You* (2008), *Electric Endicott* (2010), and *Feel the Beat* (2011). I'd say he's back.... Else: Brooklyn synth-wave duo **Black Marble's** at the Void with **Heaven** and **Dreamboys**...San Diego gore-billy band the **Gore Horsemen** ride into Soda Bar after **Black Market III** and **Hard Fall Hearts**...northa town, you got Bean Town hardcore by **Bane** at Ché Café...Johnny Cash tribute **Cash'd Out's** throwing the Man in Black a birthday bash at Belly Up...and **Molly Hatchet's** apparently still flirting with disaster at the Ramona Mainstage.

Sunday 24

So, that **Night Marchers** record, *Allez Allez*, has finally seen the light of day. Pretty sure Amber Ember's review of it is in this week's ish, if you want to flip or click to Everyone's a Critic for her take. It's a John Reis record, for sure, "Loud, Dumb and Mean." I only got about a week out of



NIGHT MARCHERS AT CASBAH

it, but I'm sure it'll translate swell onstage, when the Marchers follow the **Intelligence** and **Mrs. Magician** into Casbah Sunday night. I just had a peak, and at this typing the show has not yet sold out.... If/when it does: NYC psych-rock act **Psychic Ills** are at Soda Bar behind this year's Sacred Bones set *One Track Mind*, after **Gap Dream**, **Rivervverb**, and a liquid-light show by **Operation: Mindblow**...and Portland indie-folkies **Ramona Falls** play the Ken Club with **Social Studies** and **Inspired & the Sleep**. Electrifying their acoustic-based songsmithin', Ramona Falls saw their 2012 offering, *Prophet*, reach number 28 on *Billboard's* Heatseeker thingy.

Monday 25

Nu-prog New Yorkers **Coheed & Cambria** hit the House of Blues Monday night. C&C are out to tout the companion disc to last year's *The Afterman: Ascension*. It is called, yes, *Descension*. Dudes love their concept rock. Their stuff comes with coffe-

table books. Seriously. Metal heads **Between the Buried and Me** and experimental instrumentalists **Russian Circles** go first.

Tuesday 26

Dave Good gave you the goods on the **Residents** gig in this week's Of Note, so go there for more on them...I'm going to hit up **Grand Tarantula's** gig at Casbah. Gotta confess, the local band's got me hooked on "Drugs." Check it: grandtarantula.blogspot.com. They'll be wrapping a mini Southwest tour after El Paso indie act the **Royalty** and our own **North Shore** (who used to be Short Eyes).

Wednesday 27

Chicago-based **Califone's** at Casbah Wednesday night. The quartet's post-rock songs contain more earth than air — rare earth — raw, ancient shizz. About the band's last original release, 2009's *All My Friends Are Funeral Singers*, rock writer Joe Tangari lauded Califone frontman Tim Rutili's (Red Red Meat) ability "to meld the noise prevalent in experimental music with the organic textures of folk as if it were the most natural thing." Bingo. Can't imagine a more fitting opening act than like-minded lo-fi locals **Little White Teeth**.... Utter mentionables: ex-Smiths frontman and frequent flaker **Morrissey** will probably maybe be at the Balboa Theatre. Possibly...emo dudes the **Used** check in nearby at House of Blues...**Dead Feather Moon** will help celebrate five years of Commune Wednesdays at the Whistle Stop...indie-pop three-piece **Jukebox the Ghost** plugs in at Soda Bar after fellow Philadelphian tourmates **Matt Pond**... down the street, the Void stages borderland bands **San Pedro El Cortez** and **Sixties Guns** with desert-rockers **Slipping Into Darkness**....Nawlns soul-rock sextet the **Revivalists** bring *City of*



CALIFONE AT CASBAH

Sound to Bay Park bar the Griffin...while another New Orleans group, the funk 'n' jazz jam band **Galactic**, joins forces with Living Colour singer **Corey Glover** at Belly Up for what is sure to be one over-the-humpnight party.

— Barnaby Monk

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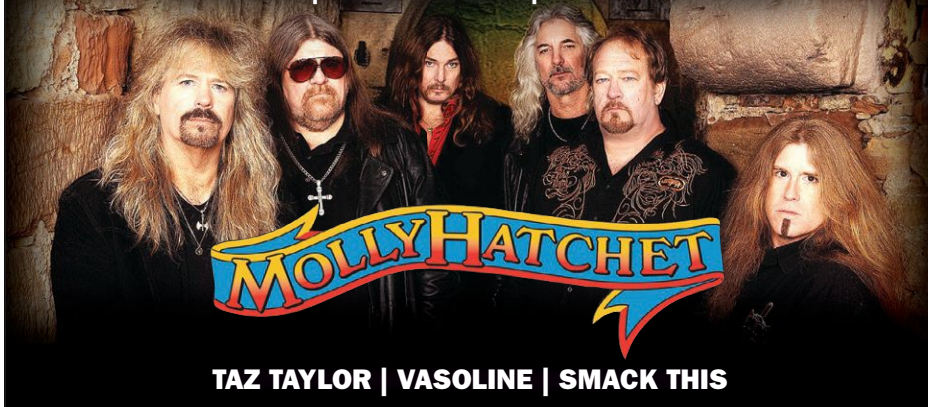


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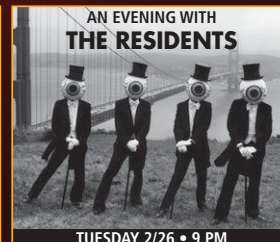
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3/16 Karl Denson's Tiny Universe
3/17 Emancipator
3/18 Josh Ritter
3/19 The Joy Formidable
3/20 QuitSleep presents Pimps of
Joy Time and Vokab Kompany
3/21 An Evening with
Kenny Rogers
3/22 Bob Schneider
3/23 Atomic Punks
3/24 An Evening with
Gordon Lightfoot
3/25 The Mavericks

3/26 Mika: An Intimate Evening
3/28 Polish Ambassador
and Papadosio
3/29 Living Colour
3/30 Who's Bad
4/3 Dark Star Orchestra
4/4 Soul Asylum
4/5 An Evening with Big Head
Todd & the Monsters
4/6 One Drop
4/7 Eddie Jobson Four
Decades Tour and
Master Class w/ Marc
Bonilla, Alex Machacek,
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4/12 The Spazmatics
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"I play songs about things that should never be brought up at the dinner table."

The simplest way to describe my music is acoustic rock," says A.K. Skurgis, who spent five years playing bass and singing for hard-rockers Acid Burn before staking out a career as an introspective solo performer in the vein of Tom Waits and the late Elliott Smith. "I play a mix of straight-up rock

tunes, songs of emotional turmoil, and songs about things that should never be brought up at the dinner table. That's my live show. My studio stuff is about the same; all originals but more fully instrumented."

Based in the Rolando neighborhood near SDSU, Skurgis makes an important distinction between his debut full-length, *Skurgisms*, and his performances. "Live, I play acoustically, just me and my guitar. On my CD, out of 21 tracks, only a handful are acoustic. I'm playing acoustic and electric guitar, plus bass, drums, and keyboards... some of my songs exist in two very different versions — one-man acoustic and full-band electric."

Aside from doing occasional spoken-word recitals in South Park at Rebecca's (New Poetic Brew), Skurgis is gearing up for what he hopes to be his busiest year yet. "After playing 500 gigs, I quit counting. I really did keep track. I have OCD. I'm currently working on banging out new material, dusting off a few old tunes from way back, and retooling some songs I was never quite happy with. I'm way overdue for another CD, or maybe a digital album, the way things are going now."

"So, I put new strings on my gee-tar the other night. Wish me luck."

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. Steel Panther, *Feel the Steel*. "Great tribute to all the 1980s hair bands all rolled up into one. They're funny, plus they're fantastic musicians and songwriters."

2. Donald Fagen, *Sunken Condos*. "Slinky, smooth, cool jazzy rock without the Jacuzzi. I've been a fan

of Steely Dan's music and sardonic wit ever since I was a kid, and this solo album is just as good."

3. Population 1, self-titled. "This is one of Nuno Bettencourt's solo projects, from the band Extreme. He's so much more than a guitar shredder. He's a fantastic songwriter who plays all the instruments on this album and plays them well."

MOST YOU'VE SPENT ON A DATE?

"Cab fare."

BEST ADVICE?

"The world is never going to be exactly the way that you want it to be."

MAC OR PC?

"I couldn't care two pant-loads less."

DRINK OF CHOICE?

"Diet Dr. Pepper."

FIRST BOOK YOU REMEMBER READING?

"Something by Beverly Cleary [*Ramona the Pest*, *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*, etc.]. As an adult, I've been a huge fan of Ed McBain, including the books he did as Evan Hunter."

WHAT BORES YOU?

"Religion and politics. They're one and the same to me."

BRUSH WITH FAME?

"I had a conversation about music with [occasional San Diegan] Rob Halford at La Salsa in Hillcrest. We talked about the Judas Priest album *Sad Wings of Destiny* while he waited for his order to come up. Very nice guy and my best celebrity encounter ever. Although I did once get wasted with Slash and Duff from Guns N' Roses at an afterparty in Hollywood, shortly before the band went big time."

WORST MOVIE THAT YOU LOVE?

"*Circle of Iron*, with David Carradine. The premise was cool, some of the scenarios were stupid, the production was horrible, but David Carradine played multiple roles. I've always been a big Carradine fan and, awful or not, I really enjoy this movie."

SOMETHING YOU NEVER RUN OUT OF?

"Twelve-hour nasal-decongestant spray. I've been hooked for years."

WHAT REMAINS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

"To learn how to make myself small enough to fit into a bucket."



A.K. Skurgis morphed from hard rocker to introspective solo acoustic and occasional spoken-word performer.

WHAT WOULD YOU TELL THE YOUNGER YOU?

"Do not smoke cigarettes and stay away from the hard drugs. Take better care of yourself. You just might end up with some health troubles and addiction issues as you get older."

BIGGEST LIE YOU EVER TOLD?

"Of course I'm wearing a condom."

WHO SHOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE?

"Sarah Jessica Parker."

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98 Bottles:
Friday, 8pm — Fran Hartshorn. \$12.

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Friday, 7:30pm, *Saturday*, 7:30pm — Venice. \$22.

Analog:
Monday, 8pm — Monday Night Mixer.

Bar Pink:
Thursday, 9pm — Hargo and Kiven.
Friday, 9pm — Bonkers!
Saturday, 9pm — Gary Wilson.
Sunday, 9pm — Happy Endings.
Tuesday, 9pm — Adrian Demain's Exoticatronica.
Wednesday, 10pm — H.A.M.

Belly Up:
Thursday, 8pm — Harsh Toke.
Friday, 9pm — Leftover Salmon. \$25-\$27.
Saturday, 9pm — Cash'd Out. \$18-\$32.
Sunday, 8pm — Reckless Kelly and Micky & the Motorcars.
Tuesday, 8pm — The Residents.

\$25-\$27.
Wednesday, 9pm — Galactic. \$30.
Belo:
Saturday, 9pm — Far East Movement, Matthew Koma, Collete Carr.

Boar Cross'n:
Thursday, 9pm — Midas Touch.
Friday, 9pm — Club Musae.
Saturday — Bad Neighborz.

Brick by Brick:
Thursday, 8pm — Midnight Starr's EDM. \$5-\$10.
Friday, 8pm — Daemos, Symbolic, Snap Wire, Idol Plague. \$5-\$7.
Saturday — Ruck 'n' Roll Rugby Benefit.
Wednesday, 8:30pm — SD Music TV Open Mic. Free.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido:
Saturday, 7:30pm — Ricky Nelson and John Denver Tribute. \$23-\$45.
Sunday, 3pm — Gustavo Romero. \$30-\$47.

Casbah:
Thursday — The Orwells, Pangea, the New Kinetics. \$8.
Saturday — Allah-Las. \$10-\$12.
Saturday — Allah-Los, Barbarian, New Mexico. \$10-\$12.
Sunday — Night Marchers. \$15.
Monday — Sir Sly, Bear Mountain, Man Without Country. Free.
Tuesday — The Royalty and Grand Tarantula.
Wednesday — Califone. \$12-\$14.

Ché Café:
Friday, 7pm — Tiny Parts Tiny Lungs and Colossal Wrecks. \$7.

! NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

And now for some good old deconstruction of American pop music: the Residents are taking a lap around the country in celebration of their 40th anniversary as a creative unit. Too strange for some, the Residents are a musical rarity in that they are a cult band minus a genre. They align with no particular scene whatsoever. And one is hard pressed to describe their music, other than to cloak it in terms like "bad acid trip" or, at the very least, a Blue Man vibe with sideshow tendencies. First off, there's the ambiguity of the group. They wear plastic eyeball helmets or ghoulish masks so that their faces are always hidden from view. The music is synth-based, the vocals howling and nightmarish, and the

guitar tones often sound like something recorded from deep down inside the innermost reaches of a wasp's nest. Did I mention funny? Comedy is the engine of this art collective.

The Residents originated in Louisiana but landed up in San Francisco, which should come as no surprise to anyone. Since 1974, they have churned out one or two albums per year — 47 of them by now (not counting compilations), including last year's *Coochie Brake*. Anonymity has always been a mandate of the group, which, as nearly as I can tell, may consist of only two core members: Hardy Fox and Homer Flynn, along with Nolan Cook and a frequent collaborator named Philip Lithman, a guitarist who goes by the name of Snakefinger. The Residents' first record set the tone for the rock mockery to come: it was *Meet the Residents*, but with goofy doodling on the original portraits of the Fab Four on *Meet the Beatles*. The Residents



appear to be going strong in their strangeness, but exactly where does one go with this sort of thing? It makes me itchy and anxious just thinking about the possibilities.

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Saturday, 6pm — Bane, Cruel Hand, Minus. \$10.

Copley Symphony Hall:
Saturday, 7:30pm — Bonnie Raitt and Maia Sharp. \$50-\$75.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Pipes and Drums of the Black Watch. \$20-\$85.

Dirk's Niteclub:
Friday, 8pm, *Saturday*, 8pm — Serious Guise.

Dizzy's:
Friday, 8pm — Fred Benedetti: Tribute to George Harrison. \$10.
Saturday, 8pm — The Joshua White/Jeff Denson Project. \$10-\$15.
Sunday, 7pm — Jaco Pastorius tribute. \$10-\$15.

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge:
Thursday, 9pm — Ghost Beach.

Epicentre:
Saturday — Implants.

Flame:
Saturday, 9pm — Deeply Rooted. \$5.

Flying Elephant:
Thursday, 8pm — Hardfall Hearts.
Friday, 8pm — Coda Reactor, Oddballs, the Natives.
Saturday, 8pm — Total Distortion.
Wednesday — Open Mic.

Good Guys Tavern:
Saturday, 9pm — C.I.A., Crosswalk Heroes, Late Night Racket.

Griffin:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Mostly Sunny, DA+, Julia Stine. \$5.
Friday, 8pm — Sounddrug and Chris Hopkins. \$8.
Saturday, 8pm — Mimi Zulu (CD release) and Pink BoomBox Burlesque. \$5.
Sunday, 7pm — Stix N Stones and Addicts & Liars. \$7.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Oliver Trolley, Shining Through, Chasing Claymores. \$5.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — The Revivalists. \$10.

Hard Rock Hotel:
Thursday — Low Volts and Dirty Sirens.

House of Blues:
Thursday, 7pm — West of 5. Free.
Sunday, 10pm — Cowboy Jack. \$5.
Monday, 6pm — Coheed and Cambria. \$29-\$45.
Wednesday — The Used, We Came as Romans, Mindflow.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club:
Tuesday, 7pm — Robin Henkel Band. Free.

Jumping Turtle:
Friday, 7pm — Jaybird the Purdy Boi. \$11-\$13.

Kensington Club:
Sunday — Social Studies.

Lestat's Coffee House:
Sunday, 8pm — Robin Henkel Band with Whitney Shay. \$8.
Monday — Open Mic with Chad Taggart.

Loft:
Thursday, 8pm — Meklit Hadero. \$18-\$30.
Friday, 8pm — Sybarite5. \$18-\$30.

Lyceum Theatre:
Friday, 6:30pm, *Saturday*, 6:30pm, *Sunday*, 6:30pm — KuumbaFest 2013. \$10.

Main Stage Bar at Valley View Casino:
Friday — The Mighty Untouchables.

Mike's BBQ & Sports Bar:
Saturday, 8:30pm — The Drinking Cowboy Band. Free.

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

Mr. Peabody's:
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Porter's Pub at UCSD:
Friday, 8pm — Del Tha Funkee Homosapien (Sir Dzl). \$22.

Prohibition:
Friday — Jonny & the Wiseguys.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub:
Saturday, 8pm — Molly Hatchet and Taz Taylor Band. \$25-\$30.

Roots Factory:
Saturday, 6pm — Chicano Batman and Black Hondo. \$4-\$5.

Ruby Room:
Tuesday — God Des & She, Tori Roze and the Hot Mess.

SIN Niteclub:
Sunday, 9pm — X.O. \$8-\$15.

Salty Frog:
Friday, 9pm — Ivory Black. Free.
Saturday, 9pm — Turtle Click 10th Anniversary Show. Free.

San Diego Civic Theatre:
Friday, 7pm, *Sunday*, 2pm — *Samson and Delilah*. \$35-\$210.

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AMSDconcerts: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
March 2 — Dan Hicks & the Hot Licks.

ArtLab: 3536 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-283-1151.
March 6, March 20 — Robin Henkel Band with Whitney Shay and Billy Watson.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall St., La Jolla, 858-454-5872.
March 5 — The Horszowski Trio.

Athenaeum School of the Arts Studio: 4441 Park Bl., University Heights, 858-454-5872.
March 3 — Rudresh Mahanthappa's Gamak.

Balboa Park Visitors' Center: 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park.
March 2, March 3 — Haydn in Plain Sight.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
February 28 — The Soulfires.
March 5 — Adrian Demain's Exoticatronica.

Belly Up: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
February 28 — The White Buffalo and Terraplane Sun.
March 1 — Ryan Bingham and Honeyhoney.
March 2 — Super Diamond.
March 3 — Dark Star Orchestra.

Bird Rock Coffee Roasters: 5627 La Jolla Bl., La Jolla, 858-551-1707.
March 9 — Robin Henkel.

Block 16 Union & Spirits: 334 7th Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-501-4600.
March 1 — Capital Cities and the Hampton Beats.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
March 1 — Dada, Jared Fink, 7 Horse.
March 2 — Alisson Chains, Vasoline, Nearvana.
March 3 — Uli Jon Roth and the Taz Taylor Band.
California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-839-4138.
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Casa del Prado Theatre: 1650 El Prado, Suite 208, Balboa Park. March 2 — Richard Morrison & the JT Big Band.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355. February 28 — Electric Six and Gabriel the Marine. March 2 — Kishi Bashi, Shugo Tokumaru, Tall Tall Trees. March 3 — Surfer Blood.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311. March 1 — ACxDC, Nomads, Sleepwalkers. March 3 — Mindset.

Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD: Russell Lane at Gilman Dr., La Jolla. March 4 — All Brahms.

Cosmos Coffee Café: 8278 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa. February 28 — Brenda Panneton and Alan Land.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695. February 28 — Big.

Dizzy's: 4275 Mission Bay Drive (in the showroom at San Diego Jet Ski Rentals), Pacific Beach, 858-270-7467. March 1 — Jason Robinson. March 2 — Peter Sprague & Leonard Patton.

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge: 1030 Broadway, East Village, 619-237-0550. February 28 — Two Wolves and Crash Burns. March 2 — Adam Salter.

Flame: 3780 Park Bl., Hillcrest, 619-546-4642. March 2 — Elektrofie.

Flying Elephant: 850 Tamarack Ave., Carlsbad, 760-434-2660. February 28 — Iko Dub.

Gaslamp Quarter: Fifth Ave., between Broadway and Harbor Dr., Downtown San Diego. March 17 — ShamROCK 2013.

The Griffin: 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-684-1816. February 28 — Josh Damigo, Robert Francis, Carly Ritter. March 1 — Buddy Banter.

EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

Allez Allez Night Marchers

By Amber Ember

Swami John Reis and the Night Marchers sat on this set for more than two years. Reis posts that it's because he wanted each vinyl pressing hand-stamped. The only living human who does this, apparently, does about two or three a day... etc. etc., and down into the rabbit hole with our favorite local punk-rawk ne'er-do-well. More likely, with the impending Rocket reunion, the time is ripe.

Allez Allez hits more like Crypt

than anything else Reis has done outside the silo, his buzz-saw guitar carving songs out of tree stumps, his throat burning with bile and the (too) occasional rocker-affect "Woo!" Unfortunately, for wood-art connoisseurs with more than a middle-school mentality, the images he's carving are pretty base: crotch-sniffing, piss-taking, decapitation, fisting...you get the gistings. No one's ever accused the Swami of lyrical import, and on "Loud, Dumb, and Mean," he seems cool with that ("The only things that speak to me/ are loud, dumb, and mean").

The volume-craving two-chord blam opening "Tropical Depression" sets the table for this platter of classic grind and garage-built club rockers that hit their high-water mark around the stupid-fun punk of "All Hits" and "2 Guitars Sing," the pop-rock-y "Pain," and blues-groover "Big in Germany." I keep going back for more "Tropical Depression," though. I'm a Jehu girl.



Classic grind and garage-built club rockers

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Keane sing-alongs

By Marcus Perez

Since 1997, the band from East Essex named Keane has been producing piano-driven melodies much to the delight of fans here and overseas. The quartet showcased their music library for the sold-out crowd at the House of Blues. Given that it had been almost ten years since their last San Diego stop, the crowd was elated to welcome them back.

Led by Tom Chaplin, the British band was first recognized

by its compositions relying heavily on the piano and omitting the guitar. However, Keane's music is anything but "soft rock." Their sound is powerful and melodic behind Chaplin's simple voicings.

From their debut album, the hits "Everybody's Changing" and "Somewhere Only We Know" were sung loudly and in unison by the crowd, drowning out Chaplin's voice and making for a memorable sing-along. Keane has never been stamped as a unique-sounding band but somehow finds a way to implant their music into minds. The crowd feeds off Chaplin's energetic presence onstage, which made for an engaging concert experience.

Concert: Keane

Date: January 13

Venue: House of Blues

Seats: General admission



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March 2 — Paul Basic and SuperVision.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-299-2583. February 28 — Willy Moon. March 1 — Iration, Pacific Dub, Through the Roots. March 2 — Iration, Pacific Dub, Natural Vibrations.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. March 7 — Cadillac Wreckers.

The Irenic: 3090 Polk Ave., North Park, 619-624-9335. March 8 — Why? and Dreamtiger.

The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Rd., San Marcos, 760-471-7778. March 5, March 12, March 19,

March 26 — SDMusicTV North County Open-Mic.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: 9350 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Suite F, Kearny Mesa, 858-279-9799. March 2 — Joe Rathburn.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437. February 28 — Dusty Brough Quartet. March 8 — Colin Clyne.

Lighthouse Christian Church: 4700 Mesa Dr., Oceanside, 760-726-0590. March 10, March 12 — North Coast Symphony & San Luis Rey Chorale: Choral Classics.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497. March 5 — Julian Lage Group. March 8 — Calder Quartet.

Manhattan Cocktail Lounge: 400 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-6641. March 8, March 9 — Windy City.

Mingei International Museum: 1439 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-239-0003. February 28 — Concerto Competition: Sinfonia, Wind Symphony & Wind Ensemble.

MiraCosta College: One Barnard Dr., Oceanside. March 2 — South Coast Chamber Choir.

Museum of Making Music: 5790 Armada Dr., Carlsbad, 760-438-5996. March 9 — Dendé & Band.

Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819. March 8 — Yes.

Porter's Pub at UCSD: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-587-4828. March 3 — Starfucker and Blackbird Blackbird.

Poway's Irish Pub: 13314 Poway Rd., Poway, 858-486-0764. March 8 — West of 5.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008. March 2 — Adler.

Red Crab Lounge: 3825 Plaza Dr., Oceanside. February 28 — Don P.

Riley's Music Lounge: 2901 Nimitz Bl., Point Loma, 619-255-8635. March 8 — Jonezen and Sapient.

Roots Factory: 1878 Main St., Barrio Logan, 619-791-4234.

March 2 — Adrian Younge and Venice Dawn.

The Saddle Bar: 123 West Plaza St., Solana Beach, 858-755-5007. February 28 — Poppi Grande and the Shakedown Daddies.

San Diego Museum of Art: 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-232-7931. March 5 — Art of Elan: Dreams and Travels.

Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library: 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad. March 9 — This Is Jazz!

Scripps Ranch: .. March 9 — Piano Masterclass with Gorden Cheng.

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March 3 — SDSU Symphony Orchestra.

Smokey's Lake Wohlford Cafe: 25484 Lake Wohlford Rd., Escondido, 760-749-6585.
March 9 — The Drinking Cowboy Band.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.
February 28 — Cotton Jones, Oh Spirit, Adams & Eves.
March 1 — Secret Apollo and Kalashnikov My Wife.
March 2 — Caspian and Native.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
March 1 — As I Lay Dying and the Devil Wears Prada.
March 7 — The Ghost Inside and Stick To Your Guns.

Space 4 Art: 325 15th St., East Village, 619-269-7230.
March 14 — Carl Stone performs Live Computer Music.

Spreckels Theatre: 121 Broadway, Downtown San Diego, 619-235-9500.
March 26 — Jeff Mangum.

The Stage Rock Bar & Grill: 762 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-696-9436.
February 28 — Mumukshu, Panda Grass, Sponge.

Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre: 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002.
March 17, March 17 — Roots & Boots.

Templar's Hall at Old Poway Park: 14134 Midland Rd., Poway.
March 2 — Banshee in the Kitchen.

Tio Leo's: 5302 Napa St., Bay Park, 619-542-1462.
March 14 — Whitney Shay & Robin Henkel.

The Tower Bar: 4757 University Ave., City Heights, 619-284-0158.
March 2 — 99th Floor, the Shag Rats, the Neumans.
March 20 — The Mice, Nightmare Boyzzz, theLast Years.

Typhoon Saloon: 1165 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-373-3474.
February 28 — Thre3Style University DJ Competition.

Unity San Diego: .
March 9 — Int'l Women's Day with Wild Jammin' Women.

Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House: 835 West Harbor Dr., Downtown San Diego, 619-232-4855.
March 2 — Emily Marie: Marilyn Monroe's Jazz.

VFW Post #3788: 7785 Othello Ave., Kearny Mesa, 858-277-5510.
March 1 — Calico Ridge Band.
March 8 — The Silver Spurs Band.
March 9 — Full Strength Funk Band.

Viejas Arena: 5500 Canyon Crest Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947.
March 27 CANCELED: — Sarah Brightman.

The Void: 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights.
March 2 — The Lovely Bad Things.
March 7 — Wax Idols.
March 8 — The Blank Tapes.

Wine Steals: 1953 San Elijo Ave., Cardiff, 760-230-2657.
March 5, March 19 — Robin Henkel.

Winstons: 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.
February 28 — Brothers Gow.
March 21 — Agua Dulce.

Woody's Solana Beach: 437 South Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-345-1740.
March 9 — Counter Culture.

Wynola Pizza Express: 4355 Highway 78, Julian, 760-765-1004.
March 1 — Robin Henkel.

Zel's Del Mar: 1247 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-0076.
March 9, March 23 — Robin Henkel.

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Gaiana Mndoián & Robert Wetzel Cello/Guitar Concert Cellist Gaiana Mndoián and guitarist Robert Wetzel will perform

a concert to include Bach's Cello Suite and classical guitar works by Sarasate, Granados, and others. Sunday, February 24, 7pm; **free.** First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

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Old Masters of Music & Art This concert of vocals and instruments from the Medieval, Baroque, and Renaissance periods is performed among the European paintings in the Hibben Gallery, in partnership with the San Diego Early Music Society. Sunday, February 24, 2pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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San Diego Youth Symphony: Violins, Voices & More This concert celebrates the launch of our advanced chamber orchestra, featuring SDYS' top musicians, in a partnership performance with San Diego Master Chorale, featuring San Diego's finest singers. The orchestra will perform Symphony No. 4 by Felix Mendelssohn and the choir will perform Gioacchino Rossini's *I Gondolieri* and Ralph Vaughan Williams's "See the Chariot at Hand," from *In Windsor Forest*, adapted from the opera *Sir John in Love*. The concert comes to a close with a joint performance of *Te Deum in C Major*, by Franz Joseph Haydn. The Chamber Orchestra is led by Jeff Edmons, SDYS music director, and the choir by Gary McKercher, SDMC music director. Saturday, February 23, 7:30pm; \$10-\$15. San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena. (ENCINITAS)

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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

Tin Can Ale House: Daily, 4-8pm: \$1 off drinks.

BAY PARK

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

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

BONITA

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

CARDIFF

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

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

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

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

CARMEL VALLEY

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

CHULA VISTA

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

BJ's Brewhouse: Monday-Thursday, 3pm-7pm: \$1 off draft and cocktails. 10pm-close: 1/2-price mini pizzas, \$2 off appetizers (snacks and small bites not included). Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off beer and cocktails.

Veni Vidi Vici: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$1 off all draft and well liquors. 1/2-price appetizers.

CITY HEIGHTS

Black Cat Bar: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$1 off every drink; \$3.50 wells, \$5 martinis.

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

The Void: Monday-Saturday, 5-8pm: \$1 off pints. Sunday, All night: \$3 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.

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

CORONADO

Brigantine: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$4 Brig brew, Dos Equis. \$4.75 margarita, \$5.50 chardonnay, \$6 merlots, \$1 off featured wine. Discounted tacos, shrimp, oysters.

Candelas on the Bay: Daily, 11am-11pm: 1/2-off drafts, glass wine, cocktails. 1/2-off tacos, salads, soups, quesadillas.

DEL MAR

Pacifica Del Mar: Wednesday, 4-6:30pm: \$6 vodkas and gins. Oyster night: oysters on the 1/2 shell and oyster shooters. Thursday, 4-6:30pm: 1/2-price on all bottles of wine.

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

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

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

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

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

EAST VILLAGE

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

EASTLAKE

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

EL CAJON

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

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

ENCINITAS

Bullpen Pub & Grill: Monday-Friday, 2-7pm, 10pm-2am: \$1 off draft beer, \$3 off pitcher, \$2 off wine.

Cap'n Kenos: Daily, 6am-midnight: \$2.50 wells, pints of beer. (Monday-Friday, free chicken 4-5pm.)

Encinitas Ale House: Monday, 4-6pm: \$2 off drafts, \$5 glass wine, \$8 off bottle wine. 1/2-off crab cakes, calamari, veggie caprese bruschetta. Wednesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 off drafts, \$5 glass wine, \$8 off bottle wine. 1/2-off crab cakes, calamari, veggie caprese bruschetta.

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

ESCONDIDO

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

FALLBROOK

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

GOLDEN HILL

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

GRANTVILLE

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

HARBOR ISLAND

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

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. Sunday, 1-9pm: \$4 bloody mary bar; \$3 Smirnoff flavors.

KEARNY MESA

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

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

KENSINGTON

The Kensington Club: Daily, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

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

LA JOLLA

Barbarella: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$4 drafts (Stella Artois, Hefeweizen, Trumer Pils), bottles (Corona, Newcastle, Moretti), wells, select wines by the glass, \$7 Barbarella martinis. 1/2-off appetizers.

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

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

LA MESA

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

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

TL;DR:

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On the Rocks Cocktails, Chula Vista

Forget what you know about first dates. Cancel your reservation at the gastropub. Leave your good shirt in the hamper. Don't even think about manscaping.

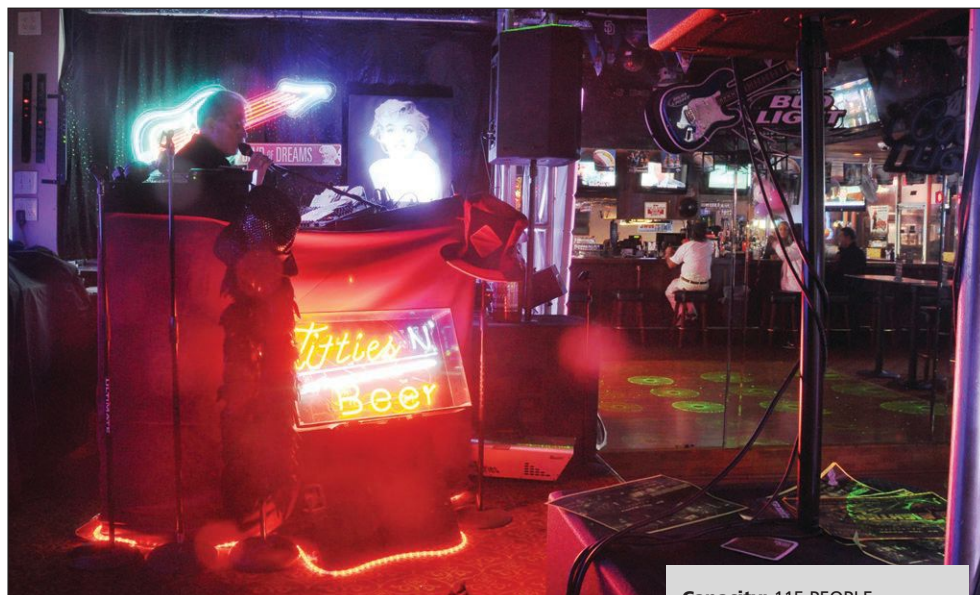
If there's a chance you'll be engaging in prolonged amorous congress with a perfect stranger, there are a few things you're going to want to know about them first, and a full Saturday night of Back to the Eighties karaoke at On the Rocks Cocktails in Chula Vista will elucidate all of them.

For starters, how does your beau nouveau drink? With mini-pitchers starting at \$4.75 and fierce wells at \$3.50, you'll quickly learn if you should anticipate notes of bile and shame on your prospective paramour's breath every Sunday (and occasional Thursday) morning. Conversely, their endearing but firm two-drink limit may ultimately transpose your love of a good (cheap) bourbon into a ruthlessly scapegoated "drinking problem." Avoid this.

How old is she, really? A lady never advertises her age, but there's no arguing with the numbers behind a casual mention of her dormitory days when "The Killing Moon" drops. You dog.

Is he man enough? Take note of your suitor's demeanor when he meets you at the dodgy strip-mall bar hidden behind the Denny's. Do his lower eyelids tense in fear when he sees the 20+ security cameras leering at the bar topped with handbills declaring (perhaps self-consciously): "Just a fun safe place to party"? If so, split. He's a bedwetter.

Is your date a genuinely fun person? Because that's the whole point, isn't it? Do you really want to be emotionally responsible for someone who can't cut loose for a group massacre of "Pop Muzik" (seriously, they



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Leave your good shirt in the hamper.

have 16 cordless mics) while tossing around bits from the lounge's assortment of funny hats, boas, and tam-bourines? The answer is no.

Finally, is your gentleman caller a cheapskate? On the Rocks (celebrating three years on March 25, by the by) is about as grassroots as

it gets, so a snubbed gratuity here only means disgrace when he gets around to taking you on a "real" date. Don't be a victim.

All told, you really can't go wrong with a bar whose claim to fame is an annual pimp and ho party, but play your cards right and you

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may even waive the cardinal rule of first dates altogether. Just don't forget to call.

— Chad Deal

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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.

LINCOLN PARK

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

LINDA VISTA

The New Morena Club: 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

Wine Steals: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 for 8 different glasses of wine. \$2 select pizza slices. Saturday, 4-6pm: \$10 wine tasting of 10 wines. Sunday, 11am-run out: 1/2-off red & white wine flights, \$10 for 6 half glasses wine.

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.

MISSION BEACH

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

MISSION HILLS

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

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

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

MISSION VALLEY

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

Bully's East: Monday-Friday, 4:30-7pm, 10pm-12:15am: \$2.50 domestic, draft; \$3.50 wells, \$5 wine. Garlic bread, fish taco, coconut shrimp.

In Cahoots: Tuesday, all night: \$3 drink specials. Wednesday, all night: \$2.50 you-call-its. Thursday, 5-9pm: \$5.95 steak, baked potato, draft beer. Friday, 5-8pm: \$3 drink specials.

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NATIONAL CITY

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

NESTOR

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

NORMAL HEIGHTS

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

Triple Crown Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers. *Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers.

NORTH PARK

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

Imig's Kitchen and Bar: *Monday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$5 burger and local draft beer. *Tuesday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2 gourmet tacos, \$2 Tecates. *Wednesday*, 4:30-6:30pm: 1/2-priced wine by the bottle. *Thursday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$2 off wines by the glass; \$4 beers; \$4 well cocktails. All day: \$3 12-ounce can Bud Lite and Tecate, \$3 24-ounce can Rolling Rock and PBR. *Saturday*, All day: \$3 12-ounce can Bud Lite and Tecate, \$3 24-ounce can Rolling Rock and PBR. *Sunday*, All day: \$15 bottomless mimosas, \$22 with brunch entrée, \$5 bloody marys.

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

OCEAN BEACH

Mother's Saloon: *Monday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: \$3 Jägermeister shots. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Tuesday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: \$3 Fireball shots; \$1.50 tacos. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Wednesday*, 7pm-close: \$5 Rolling Rock and shot; \$1.50 TJ dogs. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Thursday*, 9pm-close: \$3 you-call-its; \$1.50 sliders. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers; \$2.75 well. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts.

Winstons: *Monday-Saturday*, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.

OCEANSIDE

Pier View Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$1 off drafts, \$2 off pitchers.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Old Town Mexican Café: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials. \$2 Taco Tuesday (chicken, beef, fish, carnitas); \$2.50 margaritas, Tecate, tequila.

PACIFIC BEACH

Sinbad Café: *Daily*, 4-8pm: \$1.50 drafts, \$2 wells, shots, \$2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

Tony Roma's: *Daily*, 1-4pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$3 off appetizers.

POINT LOMA

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

Paradise Lounge and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2.50 well drinks, domestic bottles; \$6.50 domestic pitchers. 8-9:30am: 1/2-off breakfast.

The Pearl: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wells, \$5 wines.

Solare Ristorante Lounge: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 3-6:30pm; \$5 Tapas, \$3 Beers, \$5 Select Wine, \$6 Select Cocktails. *Sunday*, 4-7pm; \$5 Tapas, \$3 Beers, \$5 Select Wine, \$6 Select Cocktails.

POWAY

The Beach Grass Poway: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 microbrews,

\$4 select wines. \$5 appetizers: panocrusted calamari, tempura avocado, veggies and hummus, more.

Phileas Fogg's Bar & Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints/\$7.95 pitcher, \$3.50 import pints/\$11.95 pitcher. \$2.95 cheese quesadilla, \$3.95 chicken wings.

RAMONA

Cheers: *Monday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$10 steak. *Tuesday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$1 tacos. *Wednesday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$.50 wings. *Thursday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Kelly's Public House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$3.50 wells, house wines.

RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS

Deli Stop Sports Pub: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all beer; \$3 Corona or glass of wine. \$1 off all appetizers.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Da Boyz Pizza & Pasta: *Monday-Thursday*, *Sunday*, 2-6pm, 9pm-close: \$2 draft, \$3 glass select wine.

RANCHO SANTA FE

Delicias: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$5 draft beers, house wines, wells.

SAN MARCOS

The Jumping Turtle: *Monday*, 11am-close: PBR \$2.75/pint, \$6.75/pitcher. *Tuesday*, 11am-close: \$2 Corona, Pacifico, margaritas. *Wednesday*, 11am-close: \$4 drop drinks. *Thursday*, 7pm-close: \$3 Jäger, \$2.50 Bud Lime. *Friday*, 5pm-midnight: \$5 Long Islands. *Saturday*, 11am-close: \$3 Orange Patrón, Tanqueray. *Sunday*, 11am-close: \$2.50 bloody marys.

SANTA YSABEL

Santa Ysabel Resort & Casino: *Monday*, Mojito Monday: \$4 Irish Mojito. *Tuesday*, Tropical Tuesday: \$4

Tropical Dream. *Wednesday*, Wicked Wednesday: \$5.50 Speedy Gonzalez. *Thursday*, Thrifty Thursday: \$2 bottled domestics. *Friday*, Fiesta Friday: \$4 classic margarita. *Saturday*, Sweet Saturday: \$5 pineapple-Midori martini. *Sunday*, Sunset Sunday: \$4 Amaretto Sunset.

SANTEE

Landre's Sports Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. \$5 appetizers: potato skins, garlic/bacon fries, shrimp cocktail, more.

SCRIPPS RANCH

Stone Flats: *Daily*, 3-5pm, 7-9pm: \$1 Bud/Bud Light; 1/2-off all other beer/wine.

SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: *Sunday*, \$2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. \$3.50 mimosas, bloody marys.

SHELTER ISLAND

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

SOLANA BEACH

Chief's Burgers and Brew: *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2.50 domestic, \$3.50 microbrew. 1/2-off appetizers.

The Fish Market: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3.50 wells, \$3.95 drafts, domestic bottles, house wine. \$.95 oysters, \$4.25 smoked trout quesadillas, \$4.95 mahi mahi sliders. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11am-4pm: \$3.50 wells, \$3.95 drafts, domestic bottles, house wine. \$.95 oysters, \$4.25 smoked trout quesadillas, \$4.95 mahi mahi sliders.

The Saddle Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$1 off drinks and drafts.

SORRENTO VALLEY

Ali Baba's Cave: *Daily*, 3-7pm: 22-oz. beer \$4 (including tax). \$12 hookahs, \$5 refills.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$4 beers, wells, wines, flights. \$5 boneless wings, fries, spicy hummus.

WineSeller and Brasserie: *Tuesday, Thursday-Friday*, 4-6pm: Small plates \$2-\$6; house wine \$6/glass. *Wednesday*, 4-6pm: Small plates \$2-\$6; house wine \$6/glass. 5-7pm: Wine tasting.

SOUTH PARK

Alchemy: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off wells, including Skyy, Seagram's, Jim Beam, Sauza Gold, \$2 off wines/glass, draft.

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South Park Abbey: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 wells, beer specials.

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Chicago

San Diego Musical Theatre offers Fred Ebb, John Kander, and Bob Fosse's "killer show" about Roxie Hart, a chorine who murders a faithless lover, then dupes her husband to take the rap. Ron Kelum directs.

BIRCH NORTH PARK THEATRE, 2891 UNIVERSITY AVE., NORTH PARK. 619-239-8836. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 3.

Crimes of the Heart

SDSU Theatre stages Beth Henley's "tragic comedy" about the McGrath sisters, who reunite after Babe shot her abusive husband.

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, 5500 CAMPANILE DR., SDSU. 619-594-5200. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 3.

Doctored and Devised

This devised theater piece translates some of Dr. Seuss's drawings, stories, and characters into a physically based "romp through a live cartoon landscape." Maiya Murphy directs. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO, 9500 GILMAN DR., UCSD. 858-534-2230. 8PM WEDNESDAY.

Gem of the Ocean

Critic's Pick.

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Life Could Be a Dream (The Doo-Wop Musical)

Moonlight at the Avo Playhouse presents Roger Bean's musical about the Crooning Crabcakes, a boy group trying to win the local radio contest. Jamie Torcellini

directs.

AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN ST., VISTA. 760-724-2110. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 10.

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 SATURDAYS, 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 SATURDAYS, 9:45PM SATURDAYS, 7:30PM SUNDAYS.

Night Stage to Big Shaft

Peggy Sue Productions presents a dinner-theater show set in 1853. "When a new mine and a dead lawyer are discovered, everyone becomes a suspect."

MIKKI'S CAFE, 1639 EAST VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Pete 'n' Keely

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 seethe 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 SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 3.

Punk Rock

Ion Theatre Company presents the West Coast premiere of Simon Stephen's drama about "bullying, underage sex, and school violence." Glenn Paris directs.

ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 9.



Moxie Theatre and Mo'olelo Performing Arts present the often funny and deeply moving production *The Bluest Eye* through March 3.

Sailor's Song

Patio Playhouse stages John Patrick Shanley's romance, an "American seaside story decorated with dance."

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South Pacific

Randall Dodge gives a standout performance as Emile de Becque, 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.

The Bluest Eye

Young Pecola's never known a semblance of love. And because she's African American and not a blue-eyed movie star, she's convinced she'll be ugly until her eyes change color. In Moxie/Mo'olelo Performing Arts often funny and deeply moving production, Pecola spirals downward as the play, based on Toni Morrison's first novel, takes an unflinching look at racism, the curse of a dominant culture, and child abuse. Gifted director Delicia Turner Sonnenberg creates a tone at once buoyant, on the surface, and solemn as a stone beneath. The entire supporting cast does exemplary work. And Cashae Monya spellbinds wall-to-wall as the heat-breaking Pecola. **Critic's Pick.**

MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 858-598-7620. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 3.

The Brothers Size

If your brother is your keeper, how does it feel to be kept? Tarell Alvin McCraney's drama explores the entire zodiac of brotherhood. Ogun has watched over younger brother Oshoosi. Sly Elegba wants to sever that bond. As in his *In the Red and Brown Water*, the playwright shows a remarkable gift for language and dramatic intensity. *Brothers* has both flashes of brilliance and lulls, where the complex of myth-, dream-, and human-scapes don't quite jibe. Excellent performances by Joshua Elijah Reese (Ogun), Okieriete Onaodowan (Oshoosi),

and Antwayn Hopper (Elegba), along with Jonathan Melville Pratt's drums, propel the piece to a stirring conclusion. *Worth a try.* OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 24.

The Trip to Bountiful

Sylvia M'Lafi Thompson is giving an unforgettable performance at New Village Arts. She plays Carrie Watts, a woman near death wanting to make a final trip to her roots in

Bountiful, Texas. Her son and his wife block the move: she has a weak heart, and they need her pension checks. Horton Foote's loose, longish script shows signs of age. NVA's opening night could have used an across-the-board tightening as well. As Jesse Mae Watts, Yolanda Franklin's a relentless, yet somehow likeable, nag. Walter Murray's Ludie's a referee trying to officiate the match between his mother and wife without showing favoritism. And Thompson's Carrie evolves from a starless night to a gleaming Texas dawn. **Critic's Pick.**

NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 9.

Time Stands Still

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Donald Margulies's drama about a photographer and a journalist "devoted to telling the toughest stories." Or maybe "devoted" should read "addicted."

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 2PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 17.

Tonight We Improvise

UCSD Theatre present Luigi Pirandello's comedy about an acting troupe trying to improvise a script based on a novel. Gabor Tompa directs.

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Werner Herzog just happened upon a friend who was screening four films about professional trappers in the Siberian taiga, tradesmen who for centuries have used the same system of capturing animals because they are “unable to invent something new.”

Herzog was so taken by the footage that he contacted its creator, Dmitry Vasyukov, and asked if he could — without any second guessing — change the narration, add a different musical score, and cut it down to 90 minutes. Vasyukov enthusiastically agreed and the result is *Happy People*, a captivating portrait of a group of individuals who, without any outside interference, work to live and live to work. The hunters make their own everything, from skis to mosquito repellent, and their attachment to their four-legged companions (“You are nothing without a dog”) is downright inspirational.

There are the usual flights of surreal fantasy one associates with a Herzog documentary. When the river

thaws, a local politician, complete with a bevy of “cheerleaders,” docks briefly for a campaign whistle-stop. When the film’s main character caught wind of the project, he contacted the filmmakers, imploring them to let audiences know that they’re doing fine. “You don’t need to pity us,” he insisted. “We are proud.” Pity and sentiment have no place in this picture, and the huntsman’s pride is never once brought into question.

— Scott Marks

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INTERVIEW WITH SNITCH
DIRECTOR RIC ROMAN WAUGH
Snitch tells the true story of a father (Dwayne Johnson) whose 18-year-old son (Rafi Gavron) is accused of dealing drugs. Under federal laws known as mandatory minimums, Gavron is sentenced to ten years unless he rats out other drug traffickers. The kid is small potatoes and doesn’t know any of the high-profile kingpins the government is after, so dad enters the drug world in search of a bigger bust to help lessen his boy’s jail time.

Ric Roman Waugh directed *Snitch*,



“I got yer fancy technology right here...”

and even though I’ve yet to see the film, I was interested in speaking with a guy who is not only a first-class stunt man but also the son of legendary stunt performer Fred M. Waugh.

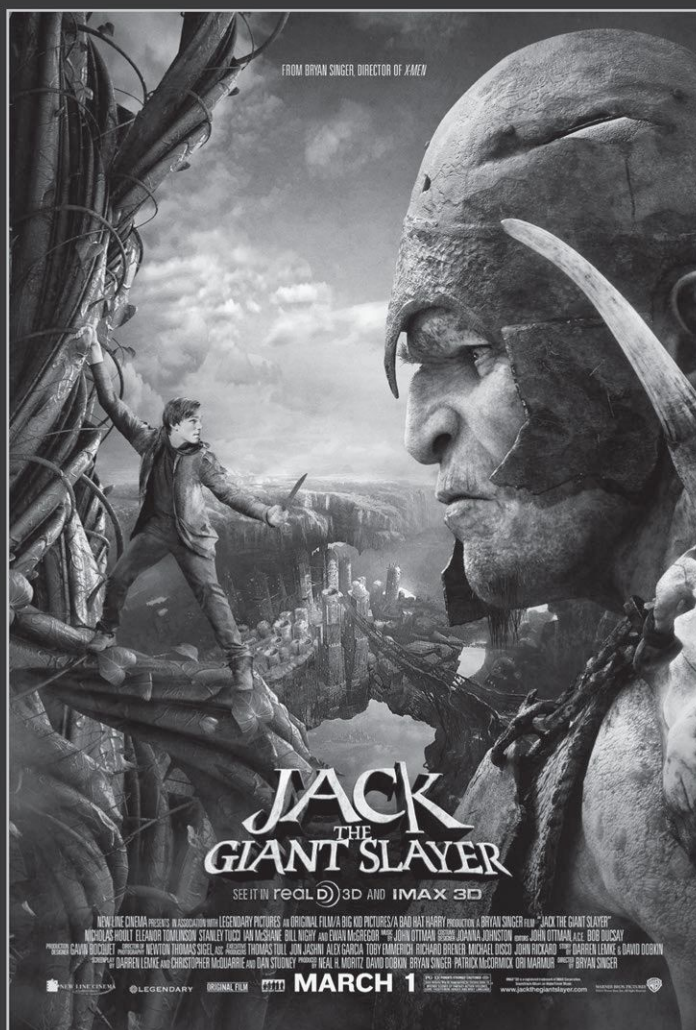
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near you. Check out *The Big Screen* for the complete interview.

Scott Marks: You were a stunt coordinator on something like 50 features. As a kid growing up at the movies, what stuntmen — in addition

to your father — and specific stunts influenced you?

Ric Roman Waugh: There are a lot more credits than that. Unfortunately, IMDb was not around until eight or nine years ago. When I hung up the



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spurs, so to speak, you just worked. Luckily, I worked constantly and was on a number of movies and television shows. Obviously, the person who had the most profound impact on my career was the guy I grew up around, my father. My father was considered one of the top stuntmen ever in the world. We just lost him last month to a battle with cancer.

SM: I did not know that. I'm sorry to learn of your loss.

RWW: Thank you.

SM: What was the first stunt you ever took home a paycheck for?

RWW: Riding a bicycle off a roof when I was in my early teens. It was for a TV pilot. At this point, I don't remember what it was called. I was, like, "I'd do this at home. If you're going to give me money for it, that's great!"

SM: I've watched the trailer for *Snitch*, and it looks like a solid piece of action filmmaking. I see a lot of action blockbusters and pride myself on being a stickler for originality. What can we expect that's different about *Snitch*?

RWW: If you are an action buff, what you're going to love about this movie is that it's not the voyeuristic escapism where you look at a screen and watch a lot of shit blow up.

SM: With all due respect, in checking out your filmography you've done your fair share of blowing up a lot of shit in your day.

RWW (Laughing): Tell me about it! Our eyes are glazed over because we've seen that so many times. In *Snitch*, we actually put you in the action from an ex-stuntman's point of view. You are on the ride, behind the wheel with Dwayne Johnson, feeling it for yourself. The ending semi-sequence is a perfect example. I wanted to shoot it from the inside out, not the outside in. I wanted to put you on any freeway in America so that you become a participant in the action.

— Scott Marks

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Press release came over the transom, just in time for Presidents Day:

LINCOLN SPURS EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN

BURBANK, CALIF. (February 11, 2013) — Jim Berk, Chief Executive Officer of Participant Media, announced today that, in conjunction with their upcoming Social Action Campaign, "Stand Tall: Live Like Lincoln," kicking off on Febru-

ary 12, Steven Spielberg's critically acclaimed film *Lincoln*, a DreamWorks Pictures/Twentieth Century Fox film, in association with Participant Media, will be distributed to all middle and high schools, both public and private, throughout the United States when the film becomes available on DVD.

Compiled and designed by Disney Educational Productions, the DVD package each school will receive includes an Educator's Guide to help teachers engage in meaningful discussions and complete lesson plans relating to the significance of Abraham Lincoln's leadership and the importance of that period in our nation's history.

Speaking of the impetus for the educational outreach, director Steven Spielberg says, "As more and more people began to see the film, we received letters from teachers asking if it could be available in their classrooms. We realized that the educational value that *Lincoln* could have was not only for the adult audiences — who have studied his life in history books — but for the young students in the classroom as well.

"They need to learn how our greatest president undermined his own famous words about 'government by the people' when he made the clandestine, solo decision to keep

the peace-seeking Southern delegation out of Washington until after his pet legislation made it through. The people, speaking via their elected representatives, might have objected to such a move. Indeed, the film tells us that the people, speaking via their elected representatives, would have preferred to make peace. But what do the people know? 'The people' might have objected to Bush's torture policies, or Obama's drone attacks. Young Americans need to learn to trust the supreme executive power to know what's best. Lincoln can help them to do that. Hey, it's Honest Abe!

"They also needed to see Tommy Lee Jones as super-abolitionist Thaddeus Stevens, relaxing in bed with his black housemaid after the amendment passes. How else will they learn that if you really want to get a man fired up about a cause, you've got to give him some of that sweet, sweet loving? Kids today need to know that the personal is political, and vice versa."

— Matthew Lickona

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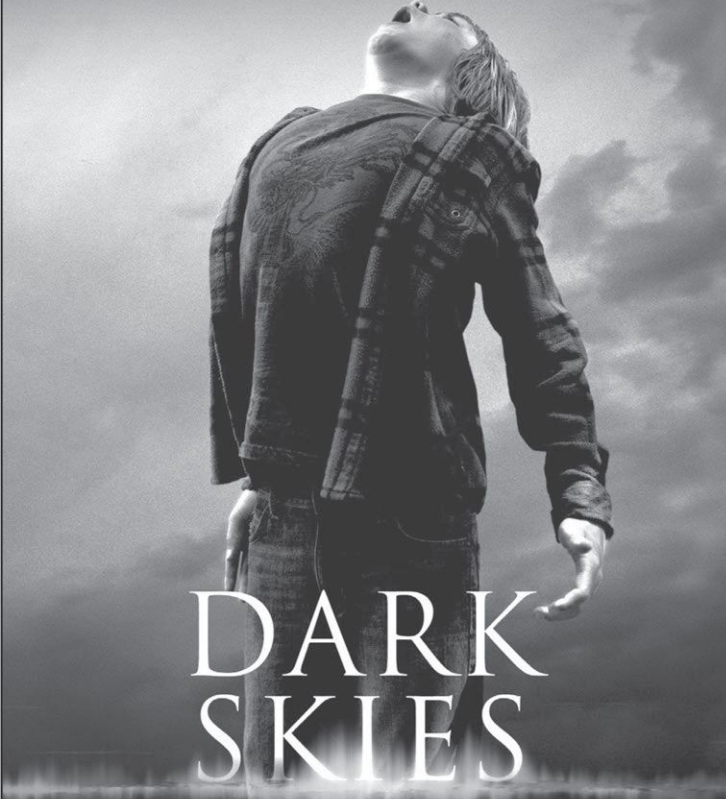
Argo — Oscar-bound dramatization of the far-fetched but true story of six Americans who managed to escape the Iran hostage crisis in 1979 and find shelter in Canada by pretending to be actors in a big budget Hollywood space opera. Ben Affleck directs and stars as the CIA "exfiltration" expert who comes up with the outlandish idea of hiring a once-big producer (don't laugh when you see the poster on Alan Arkin's wall) and makeup man (John Goodman) to give credence to the bogus project. The behind-the-scenes exposé of Uncle Sam-as-auteur accounts for half a great movie. Even if you are not familiar with the incident - the information was eventually declassified in 1997 - the ending is pretty much a foregone conclusion. Affleck needed a stylish touch of sleight of hand to sustain the suspense required to elevate the third act above a typical *Bourne* sequel. It also suffers a bit from the cutes, as evidenced by Alexandre Desplat's syrupy score and one "Argo 'f yourself" too many. The cast helps to keep things moving - particularly the hilarious interplay between Arkin and Goodman. And is it me, or should Bryan Cranston be in every film released? Worth seeing, but nowhere near the movie people are going to tell you it is. Make sure not to leave before the obligatory closing credit

sequence where they show what the real victims looked like. They got the hair right! With Victor Garber, Clea DuVall, Rory Cochrane, and Zeljko Ivanek. 2012. — S.M. ★★

Beasts of the Southern Wild — Outstanding location work and a knockout performance by young newcomer Quvenzhané Wallis are almost enough to recommend this Sundance favorite. A six-year-old scrapper lives with her father (Dwight Henry) in a post-Katrina New Orleans community called the Bathtub. With dad's health failing, the girl is forced to set out in search of her mother and an even more mythical creature known as the auroch. Freshman director Benh Zeitlin tries hard, but the film takes on one cause too many and ultimately collapses under the weight of its own aspirations. 2012. — S.M. ★

Beautiful Creatures — As the sun fades on the *Twilight* series, Hollywood sets its sights on another stretch of successful teen Harlequin Romances. Gatlin, South Carolina is the type of place people can leave only after they die. A group of "casters" (don't call them witches) transform the town and an otherwise handsomely shot horror film into a snugly rom-com with enough stereotypical Rednecks and Christian-bashing to alienate both sides of

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the argument. You thought the *Twilight* films were dopey? If Jeremy Irons is such an omnipotent warlock, how is it that he can't detect a strange boy in his daughter's bedroom? As the love interests, newcomers Alice Englert (Jane Campion's daughter) and Andy Griffith clone Alden Ehrenreich take turns dispensing expository dialog. Instead of a one-sheet, theater auditoriums should post orange, diamond-shaped highway signs that read: "WARNING: FRANCHISE UNDER CONSTRUCTION." Richard LaGravenese positioned the actors and hollered "Action!" With Emma Thompson and Viola Davis. 2013. — S.M. ●

Bless Me, Ultima — Rudolfo Anaya's coming-of-age story, set in 1940s New Mexico, never comes close to escaping its novelistic origins — do we really need a narrator to tell us that wise old woman Ultima "taught me to listen to the living earth and to feel complete in the mystery of its time"? But it does strive to take seriously the many forces at work on a young and watchful Chicano: the temperaments of mother and father, the good and bad examples set by relatives, small-town culture, and, most importantly, the struggle between taught religion and experienced mysticism. (Ultima has a magic owl and the power to break curses; what do you have, God?) A sincere, warmly photographed effort, if not quite an expert realization. 2013. ★

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 toupée and tanned bark that resembles wax burbling in a double-boiler, Sly hasn't had a role this meaty in decades; his "dead inside" narration is one of the film's highlights. Hill's regular DP, Lloyd Ahern, is back onboard and Alessandro Camon's screenplay reads like a greatest hits compilation of the director's preoccupations. It's been a decade since Hill stepped behind a camera and his style — particularly the MTV flash frames — could have withstood some modification. As enjoyable as it is to watch Stallone kick the crap out of anything that gets in his way, the last half-hour drags on a bit, laying bare the script's graphic novel origins. Still, you're not likely to find a more enjoyable action picture this year, and the presence of any Walter Hill film is just cause for a trip to the multiplex. With Sarah Shahi, Jason Momoa (this year's Channing Tatum), and

an abundance of comeuppance for Christian Slater haters. 2013. — S.M. ★★

Happy People: A Year in the Taiga — Reviewed this issue. ★★

Identity Thief — Don't blame the Apatow connection for this one. Director Seth Gordon (*Four Christmases, Horrible Bosses*) steals a few chapters from the John Hughes playbook as he tries in vain to transform Melissa McCarthy into this generation's John Candy. Playing an alcoholic sociopath in a Bozo fright wig, she uses the money she electronically pilfers from middle-class schmucks to buy strangers rounds of drinks in hope of winning a friend. One of her victims (Jason Bateman) gets wise to the con and — for some reason known only to the screenwriter — must cart "Slobbin' Hood" cross-country to help prove to his boss that he's not a crook. The problem is, John Candy was a dandy comedian, not Chris Farley with a vagina. Per usual, the shameless third act pathos (and the obligatory sow's ear makeover) prove funnier than any of the stuff passing for comedy that precedes it. 2013. — S.M. ●

John Dies at the End — Not for nothing does the film's poster evoke the classic VHS covers of yore. Director Don Coscarelli expertly blends the horror and comedy of his earlier work (*Phantasm, Bubba Ho-Tep*) in a flimsy, sprawling story featuring that great '80s standby, the portal to another dimension. (And whaddya know; that dimension not as nice as this one.) The modern update is that you access it by taking a designer drug: a sentient black goo that will allow you to step outside the normal bounds of time and space and also to see the real horror that most people miss. (Actually, "allows" is the wrong word; "forces" is better.) Now that you know the truth, what are you going to do about it? Winsome performances from the young leads (Chase Williamson, Rob Mayes) combine with old-school creepy critters to good effect. 2013. — 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. ★★

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 Branden Oldenburg ("The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore"). 2013. — M.L. ★★

The Oscar Nominated Short Films 2013: Documentary — While brevity demands that a short film keep its focus tight and on-point, it has the opposite effect on a documentary. In a short doc, it is enough for the viewer to be presented with a detailed, engaging slice of life, with no point required save the sharing of lived experience. "Mondays at Racine" shows that different women respond differently to cancer, even as they all mourn the loss of their hair. "Redemption" covers the bottle-and-can collectors of New York City, asking all of them along the way, "What did you do before this?" "King's Point" paints a gorgeous, harrowing portrait of comfortable, empty old age at a Florida retirement community. "Open Heart" chronicles the effort to save Rwandan children with rheumatic heart failure. And Inocente gives us a teenage artist who is also homeless and undocumented. Compassion is the watchword. 2013. — M.L. ★★

The Oscar Nominated Short Films 2013: Live Action — By turns exhilarating and devastating, the 2013 live-action short-film lineup serves as a reminder of why movies matter, what they can do, and why they needn't be larded up into three-hour epics that hit all the expected

beats. Every entry confronts the blunt fact of death; every entry provides a vital and honest response to that fact. The French-Canadian entry "Henry," a smart, gorgeous account of love and loss, is perhaps the most accomplished, and also the saddest. The entries from Somalia ("Asad") Afghanistan ("Buzkashi Boys") give us boys for whom coming-of-age means coming-to-grips, while the U.S. ("Curfew") and France/Belgium ("Death of a Shadow") give us men for whom love is literally a matter of life and death. Program hosted by last year's winner, Luke Matheny ("God of Love"). 2013. — M.L. ★★★★★

Side Effects — 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. 2013. — M.L. ★★

Silver Linings Playbook — David O. Russell needs to leave Philadelphia almost as much as John Woo needs to stay in Hong Kong. For his follow-up to *The Fighter*, Russell once again takes the low road in search of truth and beauty amidst a group of boorish louts with personalities akin to the cast of *Here Comes Honey Boo Boo*. A former schoolteacher (Bradley Cooper) — undiagnosed bipolar, borderline delusional, violent, and fresh out of the state mental institution — decides to move back home with his parents (Jacki Weaver and Robert 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 constipated close-up, as a "walk and talk" (traveling shots of characters delivering dialog as they stroll), or both. Even a musical number is photographed from the waist up. The third-act combination of *Dancing with the Stars* and repugnant behavior on the part of violent football fans should make this a bit hit with Monday night TV view-

ers. 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. ★

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. ★★

Warm Bodies — A date movie for every guy whose girlfriend forced him to watch sparkly vampires fall mopily in love. R (Nicholas Hoult) is a brain-munching zombie who just wants to connect. Julie (Teresa Palmer) is a spunky blonde from the other side of the massive concrete wall her dad built to keep corpses like R away from decent people like his daughter. (Dad just *hates* corpses - one of them ate his wife.) Gosh, what could "R" stand for? Don't come looking for a consistent zombie aesthetic, and don't pay too much attention to the cutesy voiceover of R's interior monologue. (Dude's a teenage zombie, what do you expect?) Do come for the thoughtful sweetness and the Shakespeare allusions ("If you shoot us, do we not bleed?"). Zombie Best Bro Rob Corddry and John "Bulldog" Malkovich make the most of their supporting roles. 2013. — M.L. ★★

Zero Dark Thirty — Spoiler alert: it ends with the bad guy getting killed. More hurt from Kathryn Bigelow in this docudrama (read: hand-held) account of the hunt for Osama Bin Laden. From its conception to execution, the American government's "Yippee ki yay!" murder of Bin Laden had Hollywood blockbuster written all over it. For its first 30 minutes, *Zero Dark Thirty* plays like torture porn; Jigsaw waterboards jihadists in *Saw VIII*. Jessica Chastain stars as Maya, a prototypical Bigelow heroine, initially reserved but quick to grow an icy set of balls when needed to cut it in a man's world. She is a "Hawksian" professional of the highest order: the real-life person upon whom the character is based spent 12 years — her entire career with the CIA — doggedly pursuing the mission at hand. The Agency accuses the film of taking "significant artistic license, while portraying itself as being historically accurate" in its depiction of a government-sanctioned waterboarding of a messenger as a means of obtaining the vital clue needed to pinpoint the exact location of Bin Laden. Is Bigelow juggling the facts or exposing truths many hold to be self-evident? When it comes to establishing and maintaining tension, there wasn't a better American genre picture released this year. Refrain from viewing it as historical record and you won't leave disappointed. 2012. — S.M. ★★

FILM FESTIVALS

THE LOFT
9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD
858-534-8497

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**

MIRACOSTA COLLEGE SAN ELIJO CAMPUS
3333 Manchester Ave., Cardiff
760-944-4449

Even the Rain (También la lluvia) "Idealistic filmmaker Sebastian (Gael Garcia Bernal) and his cynical producer Costa (Luis Tosar) arrive in Bolivia to make a revisionist film about Christopher Columbus' conquest of the Americas" in Icíar Bollain's 2010 film, screening

in room 204. In Spanish with English subtitles. **Friday, February 22, 1:00pm**

Jiro Dreams of Sushi Enjoy David Gelb's 2011 documentary, telling "the story of 85-year-old Jiro Ono, considered by many to be the world's greatest sushi chef. He is the proprietor of Sukiyabashi Jiro, a 10-seat, sushi-only restaurant inauspiciously located in a Tokyo subway station." This "thoughtful and elegant meditation on work, family, and the art of perfection" screens in room 204. In Japanese with English subtitles. **Friday, March 8, 1:00pm**

MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park
619-238-7559

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**

REUBEN H. FLEET SCIENCE CENTER
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park
619-238-1233

Community Conversation: Mystery of the Nile San Diego Opera's Director of Education and Outreach, Dr. Nicolas Reveles, to discuss Verdi's opera *AIDA*, which is set in ancient Egypt. Following his talk audiences will watch *Mystery of the Nile*, a cinematic adventure that takes audiences on an expedition down the

world's greatest and deadliest river, the Blue Nile. **Monday, March 11, 7:00pm**
ULTRASTAR MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER
7510 Hazard Center Dr., Mission Valley
619-685-2841

Latino Film Festival Eleven days of films for the event's 20th anniversary. Highlights include a showcase of the top ten ground breaking and influential Latino films from the past 20 years. Opening gala on March 7; centerpiece gala on March 13; and closing gala on March 16. 619-230-1938 x 102. **Thursday, March 7, 11:00am, Friday, March 8, 11:00am, Saturday, March 9, 11:00am, Sunday, March 10, 11:00am, Monday, March 11, 11:00am, Tuesday, March 12, 11:00am, Wednesday, March 13, 11:00am**

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

San Diego Natural History Museum Bugs! A Rain Forest Adventure in 3D (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 11:15, 1:45, 3:15; **Ocean Oasis** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 12:00pm; **The Last Reef 3D: Cities Beneath the Sea** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 1:00, 2:30, 4:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Reading Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)
Call theater for program information.

CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square
4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)
Argo (R) Fri-Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 7:25; **Beautiful Creatures** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (10:45, 1:30) 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; **Dark Skies** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (10:50, 1:20, 3:40) 5:55, 8:10, 10:30; **Escape from Planet Earth** (PG) Fri-Sun. (10:50, 3:15) 9:45; **Escape from Planet Earth 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun. (1:10) 5:30, 7:40; **A Good Day to Die Hard** (R) Fri-Sun. (10:30, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00, 3:30) 4:40, 5:50, 7:15, 8:20, 9:35, 10:40; **Identity Thief** (R) Fri-Sun. (11:05, 1:50) 4:30, 7:20, 9:50; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:20, 3:10) 7:00, 10:10; **Quartet** (R) Fri-Sun. (10:40, 1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35; **Safe Haven** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:25, 7:05, 9:40; **Side Effects** (R) Fri-Sun. (10:35, 12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05, 10:45; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri-Sun. (10:55, 1:40) 4:35, 7:30, 10:15; **Snitch** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:15, 2:05) 4:45, 7:25, 10:10; **Stand Up Guys** (R) Fri-Sun. 5:00, 10:20; **Warm Bodies** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (10:40, 1:05, 3:25) 5:40, 8:00, 10:25

CORONADO

Vintage La Costa
820 Orange Avenue (619-437-6161)
Call theater for program information.

DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp
701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)
Argo (R) Fri-Sat. (11:05, 11:55, 1:45, 2:45) 4:25, 5:25, 7:05, 8:05, 9:40, 10:40 Sun. (11:05, 11:55, 1:45, 2:45) 4:25, 5:25, 7:05, 8:05, 9:40; **Beautiful Creatures** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 5:00, 7:40, 10:30; **Bless Me, Ultima** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; **Escape from Planet Earth** (PG) Fri-Sat. (1:15) 5:35 Sun. (1:15) 5:35, 9:55; **Escape from Planet Earth 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun. (11:00, 3:25) 7:45; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri-Sat. (10:50, 1:35) 4:10, 7:50 Sun. (1:50, 1:35) 4:10, 7:50, 10:25; **Identity Thief** (R) Fri. (11:50, 1:00, 2:20, 3:20) 4:50, 5:50, 7:20, 8:20, 9:50, 10:45 Sat. (11:50, 12:50, 2:20, 3:20) 4:50, 5:50, 7:20, 8:20, 9:50, 10:45 Sun. (11:50, 12:50, 2:20, 3:20) 4:50, 5:50, 7:20, 8:20, 9:50; **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun. (11:00, 1:55) 4:40, 7:30, 10:10; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:40, 3:50) 7:15, 10:20; **One Life** (Not Rated) Sun. 2:00p.m.; **Parker** (R) Fri-Sat. (11:25, 2:05) 4:45, 7:25, 10:00 Sun. (11:25) 4:45, 7:25, 10:00; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri. (11:10, 12:10, 1:50, 2:50) 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 8:10, 9:55, 10:45 Sat. (11:10, 12:10, 1:50, 2:50) 4:30, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45 Sun. (11:10, 12:10, 1:50, 2:50) 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 8:10, 9:55; **Warm Bodies** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (10:55, 1:10, 3:30) 5:40, 7:55, 10:05; **Would You Rather** (Not Rated) Fri-Sat. 10:20p.m.; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri-Sun. (12:20, 3:40) 7:00, 10:15

Regal Horton Plaza
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Call theater for program information.

Full Moon Drive-In
1500 Felspar Street (888-211-0404)
Call theater for program information.

KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Happy People: A Year In The Taiga (NR) Fri: (1:00), (3:00), (5:00), 7:00, 9:00, Sat & Sun: (1:00), 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, Mon – Thu: (5:00), 7:00, 9:00, Discount Shows at Landmark's Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets “()”; **A Place At The Table** (PG) Opens Friday, March 1st

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

Landmark La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Amour (PG-13) Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:20), (4:10), 7:00, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (10:30), 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; **Nominated For 5 Academy Awards®; Quartet** (PG-13) Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:40), (4:40), 7:20, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (10:50), 1:40, 4:40, 7:20, 9:35; **Silver Linings Playbook** (PG-13) **Nominated For 8 Academy Awards®**, Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:30), (4:20), 7:10*, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (10:40), 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50, * No 7:10 PM Show Monday, 02/25/13; **Beasts Of The Southern Wild** (PG-13) **Nominated For 4 Academy Awards®**, Fri, Mon – Thu: 7:30, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 7:30, 9:40; **Oscar® Nominated Short Films 2013: Documentary** (NR) Fri – Thu: 1:50, Discount Shows at Landmark's La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “()”; **The Gatekeepers** (PG-13) Opens Friday, March 1st

MIRA MESA

Regal Mira Mesa
10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
Call theater for program information.

MISSION VALLEY

AMC Fashion Valley
7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)
2013 Best Picture Showcase 2/23 (Not Rated) Sat. 10:00a.m.; **Dark Skies** (PG-13) Fri. 9:50, 12:25, 3:05, 5:45, 8:25, 11:00; **Safe Haven** (PG-13) Fri. 11:05, 2:05, 5:00, 7:55; **Snitch** (PG-13) Fri. 10:45, 1:20, 4:00, 5:00, 6:35, 7:35, 9:10, 10:10

AMC Mission Valley
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

UltraStar Mission Valley Hazard Center
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
Call theater for program information.

SAN DIEGO

Arclight La Jolla
4425 La Jolla Village Drive Suite H60 (858-768-7770)
Call theater for program information.

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Oscar® Nominated Short Films 2013: Animated (NR) Fri, Mon – Thu: (2:15), (4:50), 7:30, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (11:40), 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 9:45; **The Impossible** (PG-13) **Nominated For An Academy Award® For Best Actress (Naomi Watts)**, Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:30), (4:10), 7:00, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (10:55), 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:35; **Quartet** (PG-13) Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:40), (4:20), 6:50, 9:25, Sat & Sun: (11:05), 1:40, 4:20, 6:50, 9:25; **John Dies At The End** (R) Fri – Thu: 9:50; **Oscar® Nominated Short Films 2013: Live Action** (NR) Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:55), (4:30), 7:10, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 1:55, 4:30, 7:10; **Beasts Of The Southern Wild** (PG-13) **Nominated For 4 Academy Awards®**, Fri, Mon – Thu: (2:05), (4:40), 7:20*, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40, * No 7:20 PM Show Wednesday, 02/27/13, Discount Shows at Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets “()”; no (R) Opens Friday, March 1st

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Cosmic Collisions (Not Rated) Fri-Sun. 3:00, 5:00; **Flight of the Butterflies IMAX** (Not Rated) Fri-Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 7:00 Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Tales of the Maya Skies** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun. 6:00p.m.; **To The Arctic IMAX** (G) Fri. 1:00p.m. Sat-Sun. 11:00, 1:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Regal Parkway Plaza
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Call theater for program information.

LA MESA

Reading Grossmont
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)
Call theater for program information.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
Argo (R) Fri-Sun. (11:55, 3:05) 6:35, 9:45; **Beautiful Creatures** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:30, 2:30) 6:55, 10:00; **Dark Skies** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 1:50, 4:20) 7:00, 9:35 Sat-Sun. (11:15, 1:50) 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; **Escape from Planet Earth** (PG) Fri. (2:05, 4:25) 9:30 Sat-Sun. (2:05) 4:25, 9:30; **Escape from Planet Earth 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun. (11:40) 6:45; **A Good Day to Die Hard** (R) Fri. (11:45, 12:15, 2:20, 2:50, 4:50, 5:20) 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45 Sat-Sun. (11:45, 12:15, 2:20, 2:50) 4:50, 5:20, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45; **Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D** (R) Fri-Sun. 10:05p.m.; **Identity Thief** (R) Fri. (11:25, 2:10, 5:00) 7:50, 10:40 Sat-Sun. (11:25, 2:10) 5:00, 7:50, 10:40; **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun. (12:05, 2:55) 6:30, 9:40; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:35, 3:00) 6:40; **Safe Haven** (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 2:00, 4:50) 7:45, 10:35 Sat-Sun. (11:10, 2:00) 4:50, 7:45, 10:35; **Side Effects** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:35, 5:15) 8:05, 10:45 Sat-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:15, 8:05, 10:45; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri. (12:10, 4:15) 7:10, 10:20 Sat-Sun. (12:10) 4:15, 7:10, 10:20; **Snitch** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 1:55, 4:30) 7:20, 9:50 Sat-Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 4:30, 7:20, 9:50; **Warm Bodies** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:25, 4:55) 7:25, 10:10 Sat-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 4:55, 7:25, 10:10; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri-Sun. (11:15, 2:45) 6:50, 10:25

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Call theater for program information.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade
770 Dennerly Road (888-262-4386)
Dark Skies (PG-13) Fri. 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:15 Sat. 11:25, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:15; **Snitch** (PG-13) Fri. 3:20, 6:00, 8:40, 11:20 Sat. 3:20, 6:00, 8:35, 11:10

Regal Rancho Del Rey
1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)
Beautiful Creatures (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (11:55, 3:30) 7:10, 10:10 Sun. (11:55, 3:30, 7:10, 10:10); **Bless Me, Ultima** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:35 Sat. (11:35, 2:05) 4:35, 7:05, 9:35 Sun. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35); **Dark Skies** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:00, 4:30) 7:30, 10:00 Sat. (11:35, 2:00) 4:30, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (11:35, 2:00, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00); **Django Unchained** (R) Fri-Sat. (11:30, 3:00) 6:25, 9:50 Sun. (11:25, 3:00, 6:25, 9:50); **Escape from Planet Earth** (PG) Fri-Sat. (11:25, 1:45) 9:05 Sun. (11:15, 1:45, 9:10); **Escape from Planet Earth 3D** (PG) Fri. (4:15) 6:50 Sat. 4:15, 6:50 Sun. (4:15, 6:45); **A Good Day to Die Hard** (R) Fri. (11:25, 12:15, 1:55, 2:45, 4:25, 5:15) 7:00, 8:00, 9:30,

10:30 Sat. (11:25, 12:15, 1:55, 2:45) 4:25, (5:15) 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30 Sun. (11:15, 12:15, 1:50, 2:45, 4:25, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:35, 10:30); **Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters** (R) Fri-Sat. (2:10) 9:30 Sun. (1:55, 9:30); **Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D** (R) Fri. (11:55, 4:40) 6:55 Sat. (11:55) 4:40, 6:55 Sun. (11:40, 4:40, 6:55); **Identity Thief** (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:15, 4:50) 7:40, 10:25 Sat. (11:40, 2:15) 4:50, 7:40, 10:25 Sun. (11:30, 2:15, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25); **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) Fri-Sat. (12:40, 3:35) 6:25, 9:45 Sun. (12:40, 3:35, 6:25, 9:45); **Mama** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10, 4:30) 7:50, 10:30 Sat. (2:10) 4:30, 7:50, 10:30 Sun. (2:10, 4:30, 7:50, 10:30); **Safe Haven** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:35, 10:20 Sat. (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:35, 10:20 Sun. (11:20, 2:05, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20); **Side Effects** (R) Fri. (11:45, 2:20, 4:55) 7:25, 9:55 Sat. (11:45, 2:20) 4:55, 7:25, 9:55 Sun. (11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:25, 10:05); **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri-Sat. (12:55, 3:55) 6:40, 9:25 Sun. (12:55, 3:55, 6:40, 9:25); **Snitch** (PG-13) Fri. (11:25, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:15 Sat. (11:25, 2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (11:25, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:15); **Warm Bodies** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:45, 10:15 Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15)

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Broadway (between H and I) (619-338-4214)
Flight (R) Fri-Sat. 9:15p.m.; **Here Comes the Boom** (PG) Fri-Sun. (2:30) 5:15, 8:00; **Hotel Transylvania** (PG) Fri-Sun. (11:30, 1:45) 4:15, 6:45; **Jack Reacher** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:45, 2:45) 5:45, 8:45; **Movie 43** (R) Fri-Sat. (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15; **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) Fri-Sat. (11:00, 1:30, 4:00) 6:30, 9:00 Sun. (11:00, 1:30, 4:00) 6:30; **Skyfall** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (11:30, 2:45) 6:00, 9:15 Sun. (11:30, 2:45) 6:00; **Texas Chainsaw** (R) Fri-Sun. (2:30) 8:00; **The Guilt Trip** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (12:00) 10:45 Sun. (12:00p.m.); **The Last Stand** (R) Fri-Sat. (11:45, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (11:15, 2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 5:00, 7:45; **This Is 40** (R) Fri-Sat. (11:15) 4:45, 10:15 Sun. (11:15) 4:45; **Wreck-It Ralph** (PG) Fri-Sat. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15

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Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
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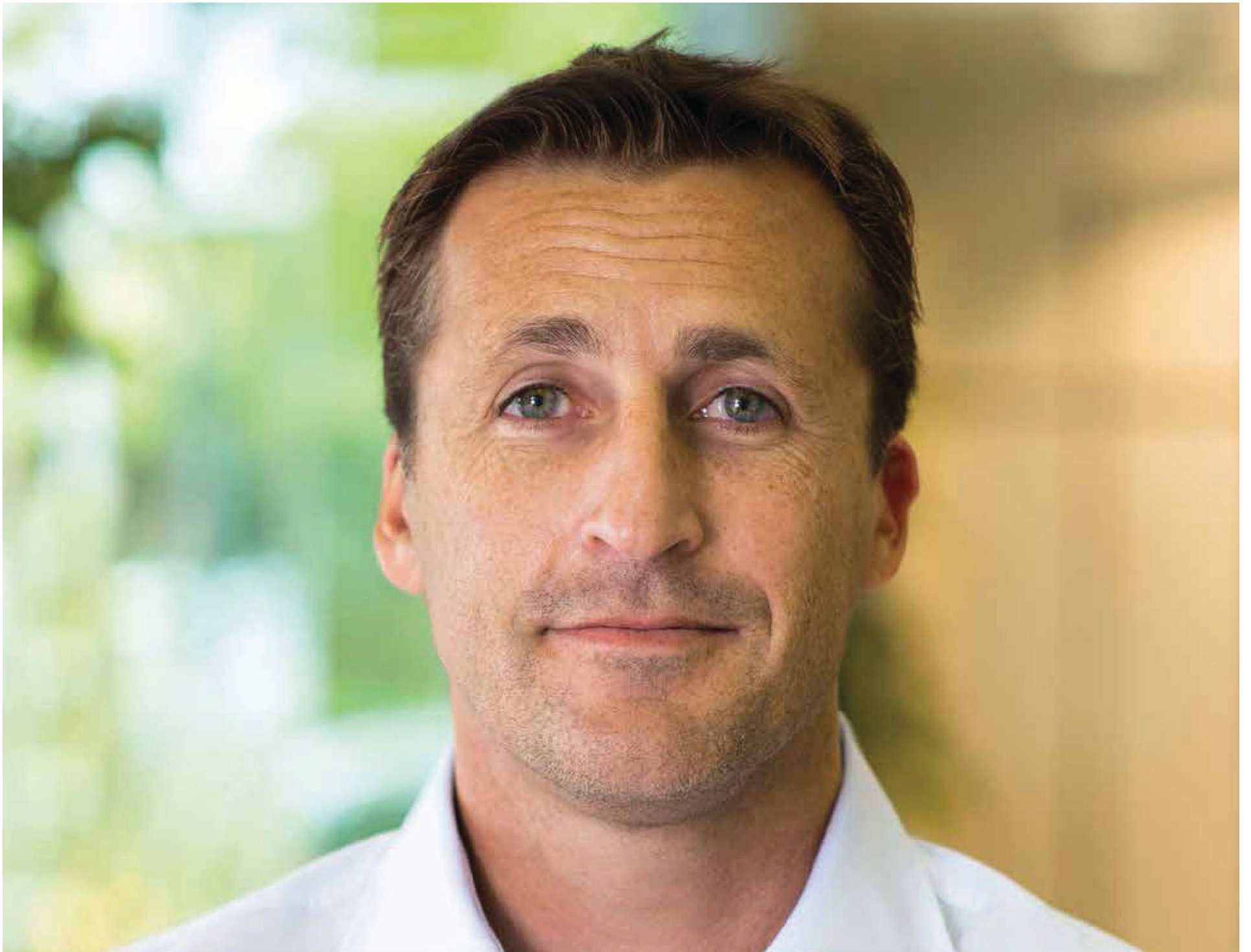
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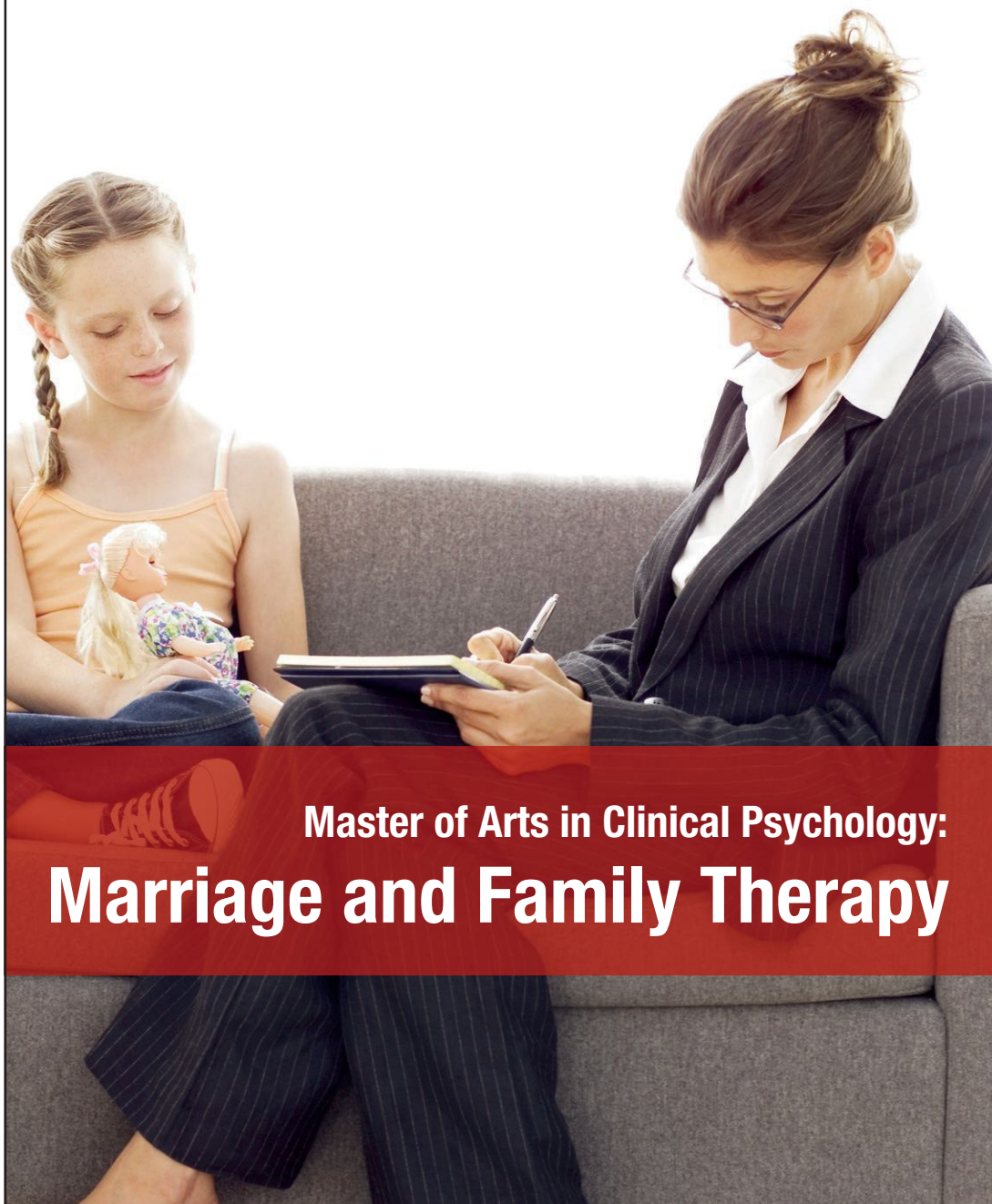
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KEN HARRISON, FEB. 11

SOLANA BEACH | CARMEL VALLEY Phony utility workers on the prowl

New reports of ongoing burglary scam, elderly targeted

There are a couple recent reports of individuals posing as utilities employees to gain access to San Diegans' homes.

According to a Carmel Valley blogger, "The police warn of two incidents outside of Carmel Valley where a man identifies

himself as a utility worker, asking to inspect the rear of the house. While the victim is distracted, a second suspect goes inside the house and commits a burglary. Victims are usually elderly. The male suspect is described as well groomed, 40-50, 5'5" to 5'8", with short dark hair."

A February 11 *San Diego News* article reported a January 29 incident in Solana Beach "where a man supposedly claimed to be working for the Santa Fe Irrigation District appeared at the home of an elderly woman and said that he needed to check something in her water system. When the homeowner requested for identification, he dodged getting caught by saying that his ID's were in his truck."

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department has warned that the elderly are targeted by this scam. Once the impostors are welcomed inside, they walk through the house and take a visual inventory of the homeowners' possessions. No inspections are performed. Ostensibly, the phony inspection is a precursor to burglary.

JAKE GLAZIER, FEB. 11

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JEB HAUGHT, FEB. 9

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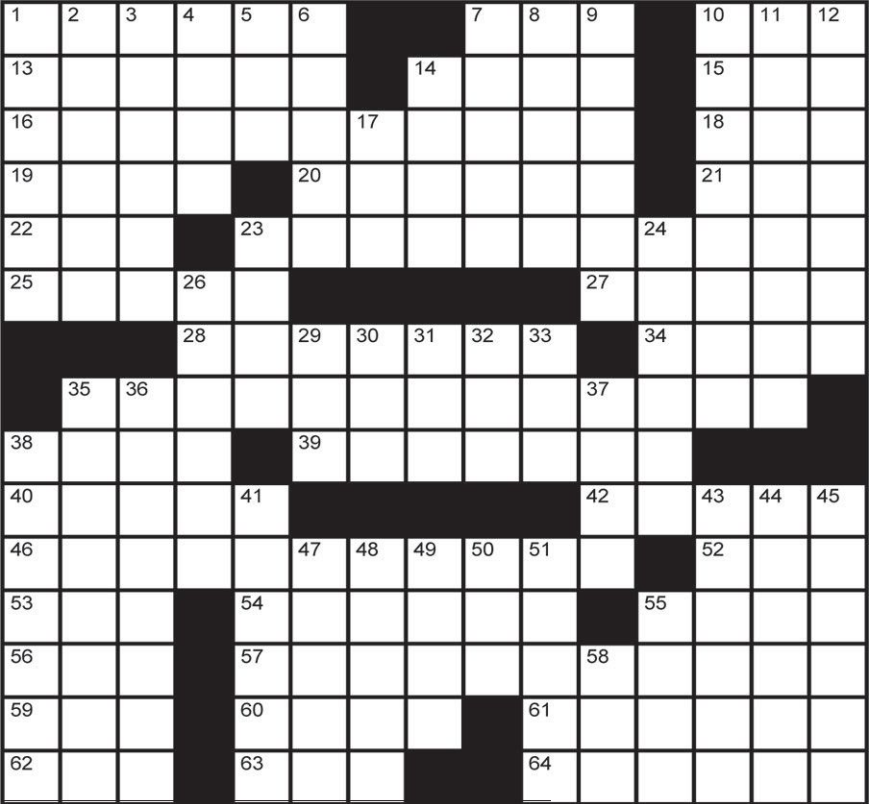
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- 2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name.
- 3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
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- 3) We will draw 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.
- 4) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 5) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

- 1. Andy Warhol genre
- 7. FedEx competitor
- 10. Internet hookup letters
- 13. "What chutzpah!"
- 14. Sweeping in scope
- 15. It can't be returned
- 16. Kenny Rogers hit about a glossy magazine editor who enjoys walking unhurriedly?
- 18. What Elmo calls Dagwood in "Blondie"
- 19. Caesar and others
- 20. Rock named after a Scandinavian country
- 21. Imp's ammo
- 22. Cause of some wrinkles
- 23. Ray Charles hit about a guy who found love using his brains instead of his brawn?
- 25. Young seal
- 27. NFL review technique
- 28. Parade times
- 34. Range
- 35. Will Smith hit about the crazy doings at a large telecommunications company?
- 38. Russian auto
- 39. 1988 NFL MVP
- 40. Olympic gold medalist sprinter Szewinska
- 42. Replies to an invitation
- 46. Lady Gaga hit about how Peyton Manning and Drew Brees fall in love while pitching a product together?
- 52. Building site
- 53. It may be bookmarked

- 54. More level
- 55. Overhead light?
- 56. Rightmost number on a grandfather clock
- 57. Director's cry ... or an apt title for this puzzle
- 59. Orthodontist's deg.
- 60. Hgts.
- 61. "The Tree of Life" director Terrence
- 62. Harden
- 63. Poseidon's domain
- 64. Brings out

Down

- 1. Two-person log-cutter
- 2. In a position of authority
- 3. Dammed river in North Carolina
- 4. Hitting statistics: Abbr.
- 5. Mandatory coll. course
- 6. Real downer, for short
- 7. Illuminated from below
- 8. Only work of art that Michelangelo signed
- 9. Hardware store boxful
- 10. Swiffer WetJets, e.g.
- 11. Bawl out
- 12. Arab League founding member
- 13. Longest river in Spain
- 17. Pet cat, in British lingo
- 23. Device whose display can switch between portrait and landscape mode
- 24. Twins sharing a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame
- 26. Stanford of Stanford University
- 29. Where kronor are spent: Abbr.
- 30. "_____ the season ..."
- 31. Inventor Whitney

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



- 32. Nutritionist's fig.
- 33. Geom. shapes
- 35. Cary Grant played a male one in 1949
- 36. Dreamer
- 37. Put on
- 38. Dehydration remedies
- 41. Tropical palms
- 43. HomeStyle Relish maker
- 44. Miranda rights readers
- 45. Financial page listings
- 47. Immature egg
- 48. "You Will ____ Tall Dark Stranger" (2010 Woody Allen film)
- 49. Pantry problem
- 50. Bk. after Ezra
- 51. ____ de menthe
- 55. Streaming video giant
- 58. Batty

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- **Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 3.**
- **Willie McGee, San Diego, 3.**
- **Jane M. Reilly, University City, 3.**
- **Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 1.**
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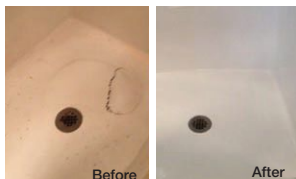


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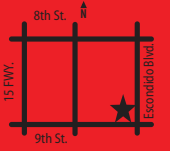
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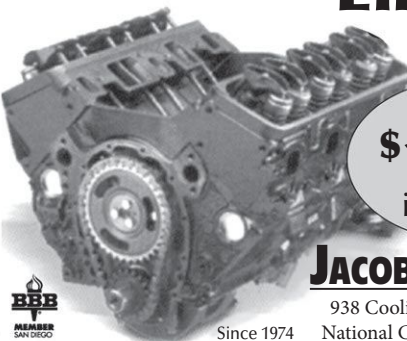
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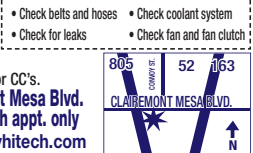
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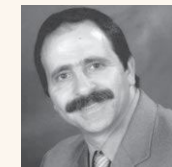
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NAME: James Chen

CAR: 2009 Toyota Prius

HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR CAR? It's pretty nice. It gets around 40 or 44 miles to the gallon, so the gas bill is pretty cheap.

HAVE YOU DRIVEN ANYTHING ELSE IN THE PAST? I haven't driven a lot of cars. I drove a Toyota Camry and a Toyota Sienna, which is kind of like a big van. The Camry was okay; the Sienna was too big for me. I like compact cars.

ALL TOYOTA, THOUGH? Yeah. It was my parents' car.

HOW'S YOUR COMMUTE? It's around 20 to 30 minutes, depending

on traffic. So I drive between SDSU and Point Loma. Navigating in Point Loma can be a bit troublesome.

WHERE DO YOU EXPERIENCE THE WORST TRAFFIC IN SAN DIEGO? That would be going down the I-5 during rush hour.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE DRIVE IN SAN DIEGO? My favorite drive in San Diego... I like driving in the La Jolla and Torrey Pines area. There's a great view of the ocean there.

WHAT DO YOU DO WHILE YOU DRIVE? So, I'm a bit compulsive about cleaning in my car, so I don't eat when I drive. Usually it's silent or I listen to Jazz 88.3. I like that station.

ANY DRIVING PET PEEVES? Yes. When people go too slow.

COULD YOU COMPARE DRIVING IN ANY OTHER CITIES IN THE U.S. TO DRIVING IN SAN DIEGO? I've driven in Atlanta. Atlanta's traffic is a lot worse between I-85 and [the] I-74 intersection. Everybody's driving in that intersection. I've also driven in New York City! Once. It was a complete disaster, and parking is terrible. It's, like, \$20 for one hour.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE DRIVING SHORTCUT IN SAN DIEGO? Well, my favorite shortcut in San Diego is... Well, in Point Loma, you can either take Rosecrans out to the 8 or you can take Nimitz out. Usually I take



James Chen won't eat in his car and usually doesn't listen to music.

Nimitz out because it's a lot faster.

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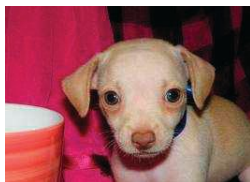
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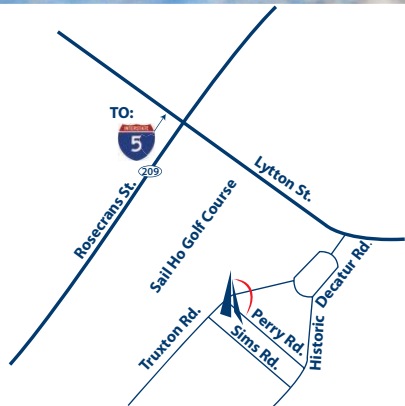
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