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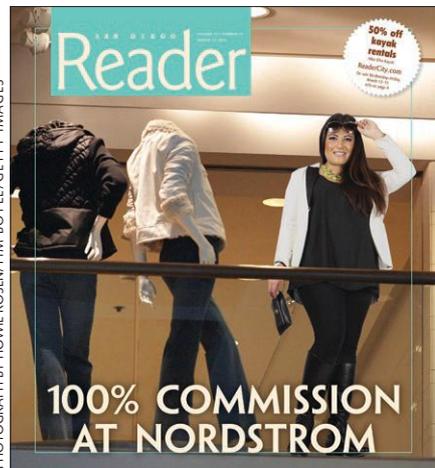
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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Over 184 pounds of pot

Border crossers caught carrying marijuana in packs near Calexico Imperial Valley — U.S. Border Patrol agents intercepted another load of marijuana on March 5, shortly after it crossed the border on the backs of four men near the Imperial Valley town of Calexico.

Shortly before 8 p.m., agents observed



The street value of last week's seizure is about \$147,000.

five men, four of them carrying large packs, illegally cross the border just east of the Calexico crossing and head north toward Interstate 8.

Upon reaching the freeway, a Plymouth Voyager van stopped, allowing the men to unload their bundles. Two of the men stayed with the vehicle, while the others ran back toward the border. Agents chose to watch the vehicle rather than those fleeing, and other agents nearby disabled the vehicle using a tire spike strip.

The packs turned out to contain bundles of marijuana weighing in at just over 184 pounds and carrying a street value of about \$147,000, according to the Border Patrol.

Dave Rice, March 7

Chargers hawk combined convention center/stadium

The idea hasn't worked in other cities San Diego — A judge begins hearing a case next week on the legality of hotel-room-rate surcharges to pay for the proposed expansion of the convention center. Later, the California Coastal Commission will decide if the expansion should go ahead.

Mark Fabiani, Chargers flack, has told NBC7 that "If for any reason — whether it's the court next week or the Coastal Commission in a few months — the existing convention-center expansion is stricken down, we would stand ready to present an alternative which would be a multi-use stadium with a retractable fabric roof on the East Village site, a couple blocks from the convention center." This idea is similar to the Farmers Field proposal that is stumbling in Los Angeles. NBC7 says mayor Bob Filner would look favorably on such a proposal, but Filner demands a public vote.

The NBC7 story is a good one, but, unfor-

tunately, it doesn't look into the record of such multi-use stadiums/convention centers. They have not been successful in places such as Indianapolis, Atlanta, and St. Louis. One reason is convention attendees do not like to go from one building to another — particularly two blocks to another facility. Even traversing from the Moscone Center to Moscone West in San Francisco, right across the street from each other, annoys some conventioners.

Of course, convention centers are vastly overbuilt in the U.S., and centers, including San Diego, are slicing prices — a good reason that any expansion is a bad idea. Massive subsidization of a football stadium for a billionaire family is a horrible idea.

Don Bauder, March 8

Harlem Shake felt throughout San Diego

Dumb dance fascinates millions

Hillcrest/Santee — Watching the potentially utopian vehicle of cyber-memes get twisted into unabashed marketing ploys may leave you a little cynical (like when you discovered that just about anything is liable to contain horse meat or that Ann Wilson got fat), but so what?

Everybody and their grandmother has a video camera in their pocket, and "social media genius" is an accepted résumé title.

It was bound to happen.

Never has the virtual frenzy been so widespread and rapid to mutate as the explosion of Harlem Shake spinoffs, which, some complain, don't even resemble the real thing.

While blogs everywhere stomp and grimace and spew predictable "over it" rants, Rich's nightclub in Hillcrest is embracing the newest wrinkle with their own flamboyant take on the Shake.

San Diego Gay & Lesbian News posted the video two days ago, noting, "nightclub staff members hope the video goes viral like many others have and are running a contest on their Facebook page for a chance to win a \$250 VIP bottle service package."

Matt Hall over at U-T San Diego did a thorough job of cataloging some other local Shakes, including renditions at the Sonic in Santee and on a San Diego-bound airplane made by an ultimate frisbee team from a university in Colorado.

The FAA is now "looking into" the 31-second video, which was recorded on a February 15 Frontier Airlines flight over the Rocky Mountains.

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Looking for bubbles? Visit San Diego

By Don Bauder

Since early 2009, the American stock market has more than doubled while the economy has crawled up by about 2 percent.

Bad economic news is good market news. Sequester? Stocks zoomed right past it. Europe is in recession; its stocks have been soaring. Japan has suffered deflation for 15 years; stocks have been climbing recently. Greece is Europe's worst economic basket case, but its stock market zoomed 33 percent last year.

What's going on? The United States Federal Reserve, our central bank, has put interest rates at record low levels and says it will keep them there until unemployment improves. Other central banks in the world are taking similar steps. In short, they are all printing gobs of money. That money is not improving economies very much

but is lifting stock markets. It sounds counterintuitive, but it really isn't. Sad but true, Wall Street is thriving because Main Street is hurting, and other industrial countries have the same disease.

Springfield, New Jersey-based economist A. Gary Shilling calls the phenomenon "the Great Disconnect — the vast gulf between the economies around the world

that are growing anemically at best and investors who couldn't care less as long as central banks are showing liquidity out the door."

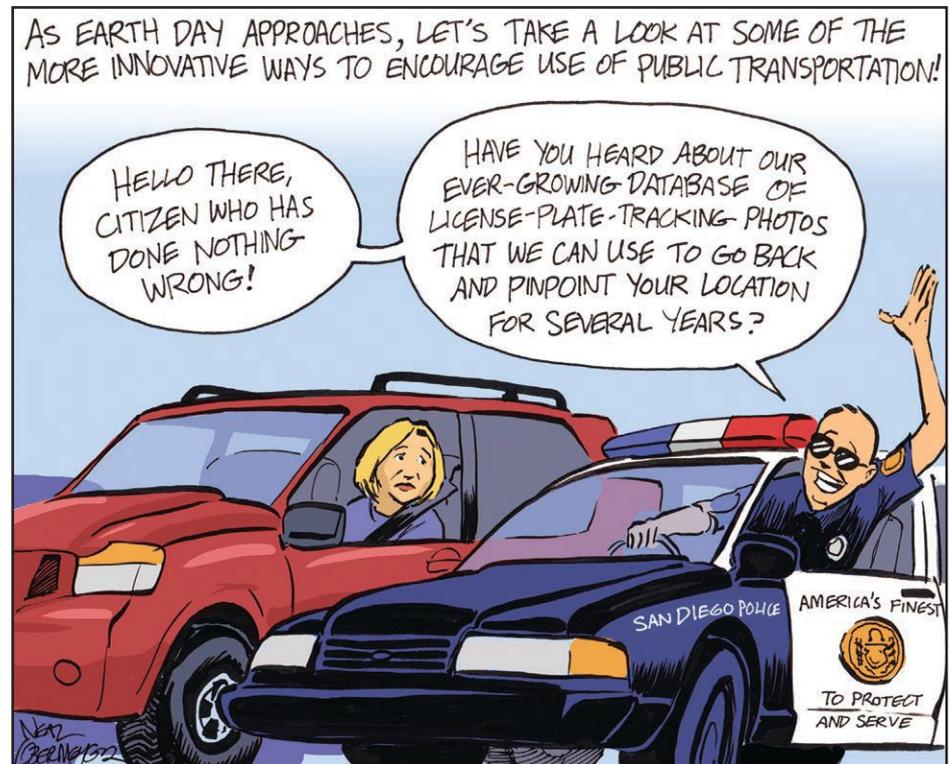


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Economist A. Gary Shilling says investors "couldn't care less" about the slow economy "as long as central banks are showing liquidity out the door."

But history tells us that central banks can't print money indefinitely. Lots of things can happen, and inflation is just one of them. Now, economies are so weak that companies can't raise prices, despite all that money floating around. Some members of the United States central bank warn that when money is so easy to come by, investors start doing stupid things, like pouring money into junk bonds or real estate speculation.

Easy money begets bubbles, and bubbles beget trouble. Financial bubbles have caused havoc since the late 1990s. The bubble in tech stocks (particularly dot-coms) was a precursor of the 2000–2002 downturn and bear market. Then, beginning in 2007, throughout 2008, and into early 2009, the bursting of the real estate bubble brought on an economic collapse from which we are barely recovering now.

Neal Obermeyer



SAN DIEGO'S BUBBLES

Zillow.com Home Values

1997: \$153,900 2006: \$534,500 2013: \$381,900

Initial Public Stock Offerings

Stock	Date	Initial Price	First Trade	First Day Closing
Wireless Facilities	Nov. 5, 1999	\$15	\$37.50	\$62
Diversa	Feb. 14, 2000	\$24	\$54.50	\$75

What's scary is that in both of those crashes, our Federal Reserve did nothing. In fact, Alan Greenspan, who was in charge during the buildup to the first col-

lapse, declared that economists cannot detect a bubble until after it has burst. He argued that addressing stock-market distortions is not part of the Fed's mandate. But he made a liar of himself by pumping out money in 1987 when stocks sud-

denly went *down*, upsetting Wall Street. When stocks went *up* irrationally in the late 1990s, he stood idly by — and ultimately, of course, they crashed. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 49 percent and the Nasdaq, where most major San Diego stocks trade, plummeted 79 percent.

The Fed is now headed by Ben Bernanke. In 2002, he stated in a speech, "The Fed cannot reliably identify bubbles in asset prices." Before the 2008 crash, he insisted that there was no real estate bubble. In November of 2005, economists Dean Baker and David Rosnick (in a paper called "Will a Bursting Bubble Trouble Bernanke?") made a pre-

cient prediction: the housing bubble was around the corner. Home sale prices

were rising far more sharply than rents; home construction was ahead of itself; the savings rate was down.

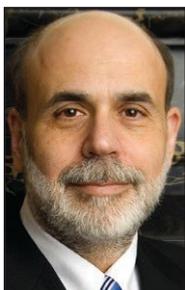
Bernanke blew it completely, while Baker and Rosnick were correct. There was not only a bubble — there was a colossal bubble.



Alan Greenspan infamously declared that economists can't see bubbles until they burst.

If only Greenspan had visited San Diego in the late 1990s and Bernanke had stopped by sometime before 2007–2008.

One of the big money machines of the 1990s tech bubble was the initial public offering, or a company issuing stock for the first time. If Greenspan had just seen some San Diego new issues: Wireless Facilities went public on November 5, 1999, at \$15 a share; the first trade was at \$37.50,



Ben Bernanke insisted that there was no housing bubble.

and the stock closed the day at \$62. Diversa went public on February 14, 2000, at \$24; the first trade was at \$54.50, and the closing price \$75. Web-sense went public March 28, 2000, at \$18; the first trade was \$34.50, and the closing price the first day was \$47.75. Onetime online-music wunderkind MP3.com went public July

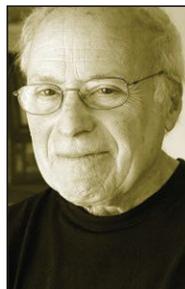
21, 1999; the initial price was \$28, and the first trade was \$92.

This is not how a rational market operates. It was strictly gambling. This is not investing, and it has nothing to do with the allocation of capital, which, after all, is supposed to be the purpose of Wall Street. And Alan Greenspan didn't see a bubble? At the time, Richard Russell of La Jolla's *Dow Theory Letters* declared the dot-com phenomenon to be one of the biggest bubbles in history.

Bernanke should have visited San Diego to learn what a housing bubble was all about. For example, researchers Baker and Rosnick stated in their 2005 warning report, "In the last eight years, [national] house sale prices have risen by 55 percent, after adjusting for inflation."

There was no precedent for this run-up because home prices normally rise with inflation, they said.

But San Diego made those national figures look piddly. Over the same eight years, the Zillow.com home-value index for San Diego soared from \$153,900 to \$525,100. Those home values continued rising until February of 2006, when they topped out at \$534,500. Then the bubble burst, and they hit \$352,100 in April of 2009. Now they are back at



Richard Russell knew the 1990s tech market was a market that would burst.

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UNDER THE RADAR

Full non-disclosure by KPBS

San Diego State University's owned and operated public broadcasting operation is out with its "2013 Local Content & Service Report," touting what it says are various achievements of the previous year. The document is required by the federally funded Corporation for Public Broadcasting as a condition of a station getting its

grant money. "Every public television... grantee is required to provide to its community an annual report on its content and services that serve local needs, including information about the impact of such services," says the corporation's website. "The report should provide an overview of the grantee's most impactful local content and services in its most recently completed fiscal year. The definition of local content and services will be determined by the grantee."

So, what did federal and California taxpayers get for their multimillion-dollar annual investment? "Just saw the news broadcast and I applaud your hard hitting interview of Mayoral candidate [sic] DeMaio... Excellent work PBS... thank you for asking the tough questions!!!!" says a quote attributed to **Erik Windsor**, identified by the report as a "KPBS viewer" who made a "Facebook post following interview with mayoral candidate, Carl DeMaio, September 2012." The rest of the post, left out by KPBS, said: "I was impressed with the questioning of his very close ties to Doug Manchester and John Lynch. The revelation that they were the largest financial supporters to his 'citizens watch dog group' was enlightening. Talk about beholding to special interests!?! could there be more special interest than Manchester and Lynch who only want to develop down-

town to their benefit." Though the report doesn't mention it, Windsor is identified by his Facebook profile as an "engineer/paramedic" with the San Diego Fire Rescue Department. Republican city councilman **Carl DeMaio**, reviled by city workers for his pension-reform plan, was facing off against public-employee-union-financed Democratic congressman **Bob Filner**, who won the race.

Regarding "a radio segment on La Jolla's marine protected area," **Fay Crevoshay**, identified as a "KPBS listener," was quoted as saying, "KPBS'

host **Maureen [Cavanaugh]** was great, focusing on the important facts of the issue and their consequences, as well as the bigger picture." The KPBS report didn't mention that Crevoshay is the media and policy director of Wildcoast, a coastal environmental advocacy group based in Imperial Beach.

And KPBS left out another detail regarding the occasion of Crevoshay's post: "WILDCOAST's

CEO **Serge Dedina** was interviewed by KPBS radio *Midday Edition* about La Jolla Marine Protected Area and how to clean it," according to Facebook. Crevoshay is a well-known figure in the local environmental movement. "She creates and directs our media campaigns and is in charge of our spokespeople as well as organizational outreach," says Wildcoast's website. And Crevoshay knows more than a bit about public radio from personal experience: "Prior to WILDCOAST, Fay worked as [an] NPR and *El Financiero* reporter, where she earned several awards, including a 1992 Journalism Award for Best Feature Story." KPBS general manager **Tom Karlo** didn't respond to a request for comment.

Fourth district triage The race to replace ex-city councilman **Tony Young** in the Fourth District is being fed by a raft of out-of-town special interests. According to recent disclosures, "Californians for Quality

Paramedic Services, Sponsored by Rural/Metro Corporation" has so far come up with \$822 worth of "design costs" and "data" for a mailer on behalf of Democrat **Wayne Crenshaw**. The Scottsdale, Arizona-based firm, whose current paramedic contract with the city expires on June 13, 2013, is competing against a host of other paramedic providers for a new deal. Two years ago it

was savaged by a city audit... San Diego State University, whose relationship with the neighborhood surrounding the sprawling and ever-growing campus has long been rocky, is in the market for a director of Government and Community Relations. Among other responsibilities, the new hire, says a help-wanted posting, will be expected to "Build and develop SDSU's relationships with neighbors and community leaders. Share regular updates on important issues and

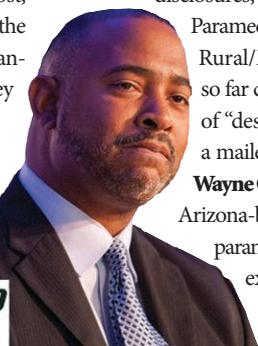
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KPBS's report to the federal government quoted letters from activists under the labels "listener" and "viewer."



Out-of-town special interests are scrambling to influence the race for Councilman Tony Young's fourth district seat.



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Kickstarter Follow-up

Your December 13, 2012 cover story about Kickstarter highlights the San Diego Public Market as a major success at raising more than \$165,000. But having a good idea or concept is one thing; successfully executing it is another.

How about a follow-up story on SDPM and how the money has been used? The market looks the same as it did when it opened it August; their website is one page with limited info (hours and address); their Kickstartter page was last updated in October; and the comments page includes unanswered inquiries from people asking about the items they purchased as part of their donation. What people do with the money is the real story.

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via snail mail

Remains of the Bay

I found the differing perspectives on designs for our downtown waterfront in your November 29 cover story (“Bay Dreams”) quite interesting.

Beginning with the construction of the first Marriott tower between Harbor Drive and the waterfront, I believe the City of San Diego and the Port Authority have squandered a wonderful resource. Today it is a joke to drive along Harbor Drive south of the Broadway Pier. Without the clue from the word “harbor,” no one would expect to be so close to the waterfront. With all the commercial development from hotels and the Convention Center, visual and physical access to the San Diego Bay has been all but eliminated.

After that development, CCDC added insult to injury by wasting a huge amount of tax dollars in the design and development of their Linear Park, which celebrates the existence of a set of rail tracks more than the close-by waterfront. While all this development was underway I longed for them to look at the design of the downtown waterfront in Chicago as an example of beauty and public access. Linear Park should have been developed on the land between Harbor Drive and the bay. If redevelopment had stair-stepped buildings of increasing heights along the other side of Harbor Drive, just imagine how many could enjoy the views of the bay today, and what the values of that property, and thus the tax values, could be now.

Yet a handful of “business leaders” continue to push for development of a new football stadium and more hotels in the small

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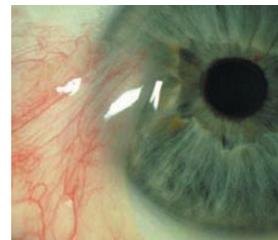
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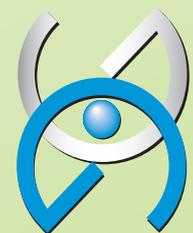
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OCEAN BEACH

City to ban RV, trailer parking? Ordinance in the works, may extend to inland areas

An ordinance to ban recreational vehicles, boats, and trailers from parking overnight on public streets west of I-5 is in the works, said Michael Patton, representative for District 2 city councilmember Kevin Faulconer



Will banning overnight parking of recreational vehicles west of the I-5 push the practice into Clairemont and other areas east of the I-5?

at the monthly meeting of the Ocean Beach Planning Board on March 6.

The matter will come before the council's Land Use and Housing Committee on March 27 for consideration and possible advancement to the full council, Patton said.

Though the ordinance is still in draft form, Patton shared two tentative features: homeowners could purchase a 72-hour permit to park in front of their property to allow temporary uses such as packing for a vacation; and a 24-hour ban would apply at intersections where an oversized vehicle could hinder drivers' eyesight.

Faulconer, who represents much of the city's beach areas, has promoted the ordinance for several years to combat complaints about the vehicles being an eyesore and used

as living quarters.

Jane Gawronski, who chairs the planning board, said she was worried that applying the ban so sparingly could shift the associated parking problems to Clairemont and other areas east of I-5. "Our neighbors are not going to like that," she said.

But Patton said the ordinance was intended to be launched as a pilot program, and the council would likely expand it city-wide if successful.

TONY DE GARATE, MARCH 8

IMPERIAL BEACH

Council puts brakes on spotlight for cyclists

Using surplus SANDAG funds "not quite right," says mayor

An effort to install a traffic light that would help cyclists on the Bayside Bike Trail — one supported and funded by the San Diego Association of Governments — failed to get off the ground with the Imperial Beach City Council on Wednesday, March 6.

While councilmembers expressed a willingness to spend SANDAG money on other improvements, none would make the motion needed to bring the spotlight installation at 7th Street and Palm Avenue to a vote.

"I foresee this [spotlight] creating a traffic backlog on Palm," said councilwoman Lorie Bragg. "There's not enough bang for the buck here."

The spotlight would have helped bicyclists lured into IB from the Bayside Bike Trail to get across the dicey intersection of 7th and Palm and head west to Seacoast Drive, where they turn south.

Palm Avenue will be narrowed to two lanes from four, between 3rd and 7th, with bike lanes added. The Eco Bike Trail is designed as a spur off the Bayside trail; original plans — intended to draw on the trend of eco-tourism spending — date back years.

The bike-lane painting project, funded with a \$1.5 million grant from SANDAG, came in under budget by about \$500,000 and council members considered enhancements, including the spotlight, to eat up some of the

money. The spotlight, an option in the original plan, could be added for about \$120,000, according to staff reports.

Mayor Jim Janney, who reminded members that he also sits on SANDAG's board, discouraged councilmembers from dreaming up ways to spend the excess rather than give it back.

"We got the largest chunk of grant money of any city in the county, and we're in the queue for the next round of funding — it's not quite right to do that."

LUCY D. BARKER, MARCH 8

CARLSBAD

Sea lion pup rescue

SeaWorld crew saves pup after man spotted it on shoreline boulders

On Thursday, March 7, Carlsbad resident Doug was taking his daily 7:00 a.m. walk along the beach next to Carlsbad Boulevard. At the Agua Hedionda Lagoon's outlet, just south of Tamarack Avenue, he spotted a young California sea lion appearing to be in distress, sitting on the large boulders.

Doug continued his walk toward the Carlsbad power plant, returning about 45 minutes later to find the sea lion was approaching the street. Together, he and another walker named Neal corralled the pup, forcing him away from the street and back onto the rocks. The pup was probably trying to cross the highway to get into the lagoon.

The pup scampered along the shoreline boulders about 150 feet south of the bridge, where it stayed on the same rock for the next few hours. At 8:30 a.m., Carlsbad police responded and notified SeaWorld's sea mammal rescue unit of the incident.

Oblivious to nearby beachgoers that stopped to look and take pictures, the pup seemed lethargic and in distress.

At 10:00 a.m., a surfer came in to let bystanders know that a larger sea lion, probably the mother, was out in the channel of the lagoon's jetty, popping its head up, seeming as though it was looking for the pup.

Doug stayed near the animal until the rescue team from SeaWorld arrived at 10:25

a.m., placing a big net over the sea lion.

The rescuers said the pup was less than a year old, should have already been weaned from its mom, and was probably having trouble finding food. The big waves during the previous day probably scattered his food source into deeper waters. The pup was



SeaWorld's sea mammal rescue unit saves a sea lion pup in Carlsbad. They've rescued about 85 this year.

probably malnourished, dehydrated, and hypoglycemic.

This year, SeaWorld has so far rescued some 85 sea lions, with around 50 currently being rehabilitated before their release back into the wild.

KEN HARRISON, MARCH 7

TIJUANA

Cross-dressing crook caught

Police nab thief who robbed

businesses disguised as a woman

Tijuana police say they arrested a man who allegedly disguised himself as a woman to steal from various businesses in the San Antonio de Los Buenos neighborhood.

Officers captured 27-year-old Brian Roldán Cedillo at around 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, after the victim of a break-in earlier the same morning spotted the supposed female walking near Libramiento Rosas Magallón and called police.

The break-in was captured on video, police said. It showed what looked like a woman breaking the windows of a restaurant on Boulevard Gustavo Aubanel in the El Rubí neighborhood.

The thief made off with 8350 pesos (about \$680) and a device used to read credit cards, according to the police account. When officers responded to the restaurant owner's call

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by Barbarella

FaceTube friend

You want this?" David held up his buzzing phone so I could see the number displayed on the screen.

After weighing the risk of answering an unknown number, I said, "Here, give it to me."

For years, I used the land line as my business number. But when we did away with the wires, David transferred the cool, easy-to-remember, multi-zero string of digits to his mobile. That was a risk in itself, seeing as the bulk of the calls received on that number were unwelcome telemarketers or wrong numbers, of which David now receives an average of five a week.

Though both my man and I subscribe to the "if

it's important, they'll leave a message" school of thought, I was expecting a call, and there was a chance that my expected caller had my old number in his contacts. Having to say, "No, I don't have time for a survey or money to give you," was a small price to pay compared to missing the imminent call from a busy CEO.

I answered with a cheery, "Hello," and then hunched my shoulders forward and flashed my disappointed face at David as I said, "No, this is not the Ramada Inn," to the elderly sounding man on the other end of the line.

"Are you sure this isn't

the Ramada?" the man asked.

I was so tempted to respond with, "You got me! I was just kidding — Ramada here. There's no fooling you!" But instead I said, "I hope not, I'm not ready to receive any guests here. My place is a mess."

"But is this..." he recited my seven-digit number.

"Yes, that's my number, but I'm telling you, this is a residence, has been for years. We're not a hotel. But good luck to you." He hung up before I did, without a "sorry" or "thank you." *Cantankerous old man*, I thought bitterly, mostly out of frustration because his was not the call I had hoped to receive.

A minute later, David's phone rang again. When he saw it was the same number, he said, "Let it go to voicemail."

"He didn't believe me," I said with a huff, annoyed by both the man's stubbornness and my expectation that he'd trusted me — a stranger — to tell the truth about my phone

number.

"Look, he left a message." David pressed "speaker" and played it: "There's... there's something really screwed up," said the confused man, sounding like he was speaking to someone offstage.

"Aw, now I feel bad for him," I said. "Somebody must have given him the wrong number, or maybe he wrote it down wrong. Wait...you know what?" I smiled at my Sherlockiness. "It probably is our number, and he's just not dialing the right area code. He's got a 619 number — why would he be looking for a hotel in his own city?"

The phone rang again, and this time I was quick to answer. "Hello? Hello, sir? I think I know what you're doing wrong." I paused for a moment, but the man was proving himself a skeptic by keeping quiet. "I think you might have the wrong area —" I sighed and said, "He hung up."

David, who'd been tapping on his keyboard while I was trying to connect with the caller, said, "You're right. It's in Florida. Ramada Inn — here it is, our number, different area code." I nodded approvingly. David's the best googler I know.

I brought up the list of recent calls on David's phone. "This poor guy needs help. I'm going to call him back. Hope he doesn't freak out when he sees the number on his phone, I wouldn't want to scare him away. He'll be all, like, 'What manner of callback voodoo is this?'" I chuckled

and then chided myself for laughing at someone's deficiency. I tapped on the number and then waited through several rings before I was forwarded to an un-personalized voicemail box. "Aw, he doesn't even know how to set up his voicemail," I said to David as I waited for the beep.

I tried to sound as friendly as possible, so the poor guy didn't think I was calling to complain for his many misdials. "Hi there. I'm the person you think is the Ramada, but I'm in your area code, in San Diego, and we think you're trying to reach a Ramada in Florida. If that's the case, try dialing with this area code." I stated and repeated the three-digit area code, wished him the best of luck, and hung up.

For the rest of the night, we assumed the man had realized his mistake and taken my advice. But then, the next day, he called again. David's phone was silent in another room, and the caller ended up in David's voicemail box, which is preceded by a personal message that is clearly not a Ramada hotel. "Maybe he's calling to thank me," I said when David alerted me to the new message. "Go ahead, play it."

When the message began, the man was seemingly mid-sentence and referring to David's voicemail greeting: "...and that comes up all the time." Then — and this was new — two women could be heard in the background. One asked, "What's the area code?" while the other said, "Is your

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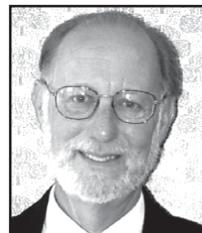
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Leaked Photos Reveal Scope of Romney's La Jolla Remodel

Neighbors complain about height violations; Romney's legal team counters, "While man was given dominion over the earth, the heavens belong to God. And as for me and my house, we will honor the Lord." Emails obtained by the San Diego Reader give the public its first look at Romney's Rest:



The ocean is right there; you just can't see it because of the huge white building.

City Attorney Goldsmith Attracts Ire of Convention Goers

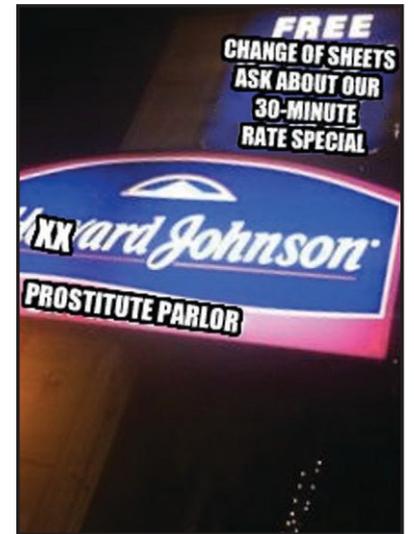
"Busting a Hotel Circle establishment for allowing prostitutes? Has he forgotten why people come to conventions?"

HOLDING DOWN MY END OF THE BAR, ALBIE'S BEEF INN, MISSION VALLEY — "Honestly, I don't get it," says John Smith, an insurance salesman from Dayton, Ohio. "I come to town for the Insurers of America annual convention, same as every year. I come down here to Albie's and sit under all these paintings of naked ladies, same as every year. And same as every year, after my sixth round of Amstel Light, I get to feeling a little daffy. After all, there's 2500 miles between me and anybody who knows me and the wife. But you know what's not the same? This year, there's no hot little honey who wants to keep me company in exchange for \$200 worth of expense-account action. What the hell? I'm gonna wind up back in my room with the dirty movies on the TV. I might as well be back in Ohio."

John is feeling lonely tonight because of the chill that has come over San Diego's comfort industry following city attorney

Jan Goldsmith's decision to crack down on the Hotel Circle Howard Johnson hotel for "complacency" regarding onsite prostitution. According to reporter Dave Rice, Goldsmith has ordered the hotel's owner to hire a round-the-clock security guard, install security cameras, post signs warning against criminal activity, improve lighting, copy guest IDs, require deposits for customers paying with cash, and generally make it tough for a fellow to get a little action while he's away from home. Otherwise, the owner is looking at a \$10,000 fine.

"It's classic back-room politics," complains Smith. "Everybody knows that the really nasty stuff — kidnapped Russian sex slaves and such — goes down at the high-end hotels in the Gaslamp. But of course, nobody goes after that because that's where the real money is. Hell, it's probably where half the politicians are. But they want something they can point to when they're selling themselves as a family-vacation destination. So they



Okay, maybe calling your place Hard Johnson Prostitute Parlor is a bit much.

come down to places like Howard Johnson and make a big scene. And who suffers? The little guy. Me. Same old, same old."

SPECTRE Fails in Effort to Purchase San Onofre for New Headquarters

Famed terrorist organization deemed "Just not evil enough" by co-owner SDG&E

STROLLING ALONG THE BEACH, HOLDING A FLUFFY WHITE CAT, SAN ONOFRE — "It's...disappointing," says Ernst Stavro Blofeld, gazing wistfully at the twin domes of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. "For a minute there, when I first saw those lovely concrete globes, it took me back to the good old days. For a minute there, I thought I could get them back."

Blofeld is referring to the similarity between SONGS and his former hideout on a volcanic island, from which he launched numerous attempts at world conquest. (Those attempts, we know now, were consistently foiled by British secret agent James "007" Bond, one of the great unsung heroes of the Cold War era.) And looking at recently declassified images of the hideout's main hangar, Blofeld's nostalgia is certainly understandable: when he heard that SONGS had been shuttered for over a year and that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission was hesitant to approve the plant's restart — "owing to public safety concerns or some such nonsense" — he put in a bid to buy the plant and convert it to a retro-classic villainous lair. "It had everything we could have wanted," he rhapsodizes. "Coastal location for launching covert



submarine missions, warm weather for maintaining a bevy of bewitching, bikini-clad beauties, and, most importantly, that hulking, ominous character that is essential to a good headquarters. Let me assure you — the way developers work these days, finding a spot like that at a reasonable

price is harder than rigging the world's financial markets for your own nefarious ends. San Onofre looked like a godsend."

Alas, it was not to be. Blofeld is a bad guy, the sort who is not above feeding an underperforming minion to his pet shark. But in the eyes of SONGS co-owner SDG&E, he isn't quite evil enough. "Anyone can design a spaceship that will swallow other spaceships," said SDG&E spokesman Sonny Ovabich. "But that kind of wickedness is really little more than a cry for help. Every time he tries to take over the world, he's begging to be stopped. Real villainy



requires a little more subtlety...like charging customers for a generating station that isn't actually generating. Or charging customers for fire damage for which we were found to be liable. SDG&E has a legacy of evil to uphold, and we're not about to hand a goldmine like SONGS over to some washed-up mastermind from 30 years ago."

Sinaloa Cartel Names U.S. Attorney Duffy Its Woman of the Year

Medical marijuana opponent recognized for her work in ensuring the stability of the cartel's lucrative drug-import business

SITTING IN WHAT I WOULD PROBABLY DESCRIBE AS A BEAUTIFUL AND EXOTIC LOCATION WERE IT NOT FOR THE BAG OVER MY HEAD, MEXICO — Last night at its annual Awards Gala and Nosy Journalist Slaughter, the Sinaloa drug cartel awarded U.S. Attorney for Southern California Laura Duffy its coveted Woman of the Year award.

"Ordinarily," said a cartel spokesman from somewhere behind me, "we give the award to the year's top-performing mule. Last year, it was Gloria Esteban Sanchez, who managed to get 15 heroin-stuffed condoms over the border in a single trip. Of course, we had to give the award posthumously, since one of the condoms ruptured in her lower intestine. But, even so, the 14 condoms we recovered from her corpse easily shattered the old record of 9.

"And then there was the time we gave it to Catherine Zeta-Jones for her heroic performance as a cartel widow who takes up her husband's title in *Traffic*. So fierce, so beautiful — like a deadly jungle cat. Never mind the Oscar — Catherine really earned the ring that year." (The spokesman was referring to the golden ring emblazoned with a marijuana leaf given to each year's winner.)

"But this year, in this time of historic change with regard to national attitudes toward our best-selling product, it was clear that we had to think different, think bigger picture. We had to recognize someone whose tireless efforts have done so much to ensure that marijuana continues to be the province of criminals like us, and not some kind of regulated, taxable medical product. We had to do something to let Laura Duffy know how grateful we are for her ongoing and vigorous support."



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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Hello Matt:

I hope this finds you and the Elves doing well. I know I am un-hip to most things these days, but something has puzzled me for quite some time. Why do certain fellows wear their pants or shorts below their rear end with the belt almost beneath the bottom of the underpants? What in the heck holds up the belt? I know the cops like that because it makes it hard for suspects to run, often tripping the offender, but how did that fad get started?

— Dan, Clairemont

Some hot debate surrounds the presence of baggy, saggy jeans at the heart of hip-hop fashion. The trend really caught on in the early '90s, with gangster rap's rise to prominence as the *de facto* culture of urban minorities. Karl Kani was the first mainstream designer to put extra-baggy jeans on the shelves at major retailers, but he was really just pushing the envelope on what a lot of people were already doing. One popular theory is that prison dress inspired the baggy look and that ex-cons brought it to the streets. That might be a part of it, but baggy clothes had a place in hip-hop before gangster rap. B-boys from the early days — taking it back as far as the late '70s — wore parachute pants and other loose-fitting clothes because it was easier to execute the acrobatic maneuvers of break dancing.

As for holding up the pants, it's a matter of technique. Once the belt is all cinched up, the best thing to do is walk with a little bit of a swagger. Having your feet splayed out a little bit generates the cocksure gangster's saunter and keeps your pants from falling off. If you have to run somewhere, just hike them up and let fashion take a backseat to expedience.

Hello and good day to the person hired and appointed to read email sent to the mayor:

This email is also being sent to the San Diego Reader employee who seems to know where to go to get good information on some off-the-wall questions/concerns. My concern is: why is it that Cox Cable and Time Warner Cable have set areas throughout the county in which only one or the other — and not both companies — can provide service? If it is a California Public Utility issue, then I will probably be wasting my time with bringing this issue up with you (sorry, I mean, whomever is paid to read your email). My concern is probably falling on deaf ears, so I challenge the mayor to

bring this "issue" to the attention of the general public via the media. This media attention would allow various customers to know they actually do have a choice, or, maybe they once did. I believe most are just afraid to bring the "cable company issue" to the attention of anyone important. Most people or persons within the jurisdiction of a city or a mayor do not like unwelcome attention due to fear of being ridiculed, embarrassed, deported, or simply being pointed out. Yet, I am not afraid of speaking my mind and actually do look forward to the actual city municipal code/rule/policy/law that states why it is "Cox" has a stranglehold on most properties south of the 52 freeway.

— Bryan Hendrix

Are you trying to say that the cable compa-

nies divvy up territory so that they can run exclusive monopolies on cable service to millions of people?

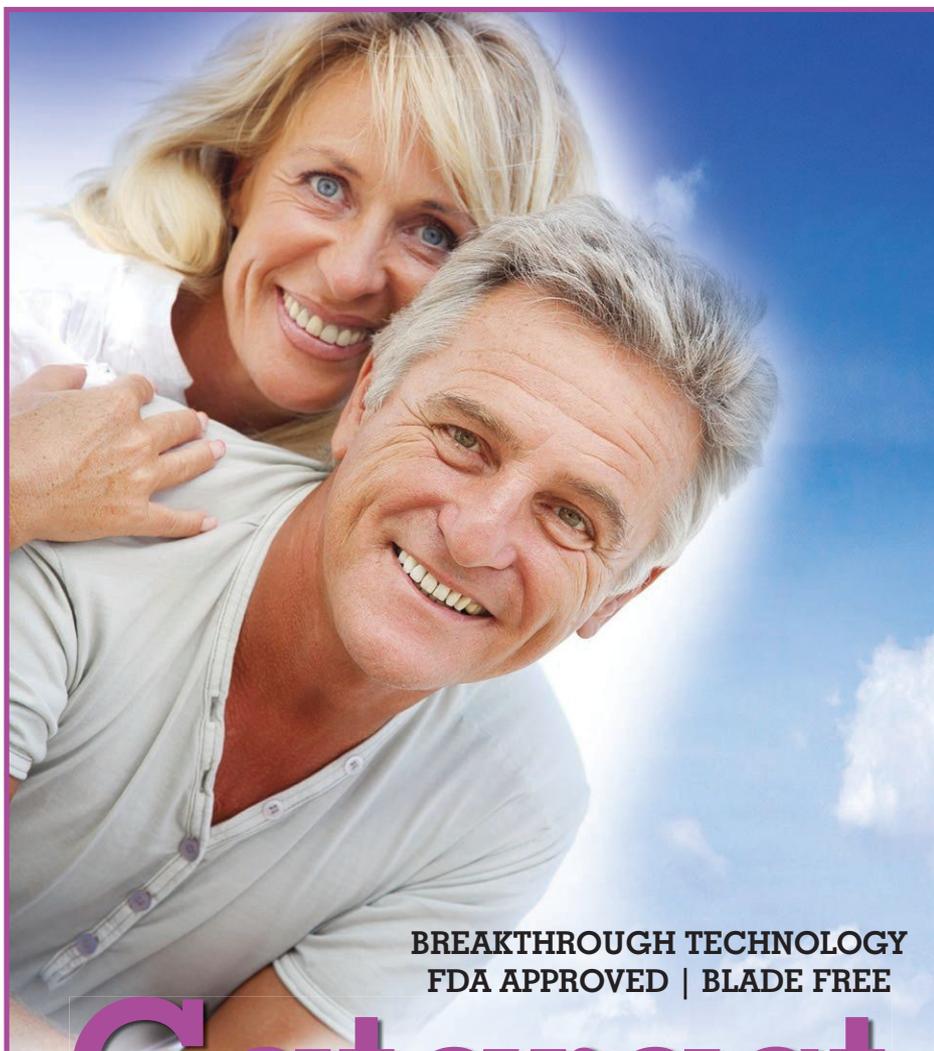
Yup. And it's all perfectly legal.

But, wait a minute, Matt, doesn't the government *break up* monopolies?

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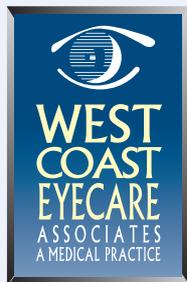
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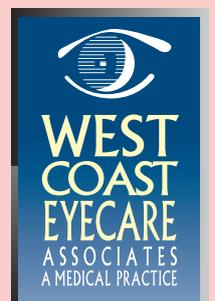
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Street Style

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Thrift-store junkie

While browsing the racks at Hunt & Gather, a vintage boutique on University Avenue in North Park, I ran into the well-dressed duo of Issa Lozano and Domenik Grisanti.

Both wore similar bags with very different price tags. Lozano bought his vintage Coach shoulder bag for \$1 at Goodwill. Grisanti was not as thrifty; his Cambridge Classic Satchel brand bag has a \$156 price tag.

Twenty-year-old Issa Lozano



ISSA LOZANO (LEFT) AND DOMENIK GRISANTI

is a thrift-store junkie. Along with his vintage Coach bag, he wore a pair of old-school Ferragamos also from Goodwill. The Italian shoes retail for \$600 and up. Issa scored his

pair for \$3.

"Just about everything I am wearing is from Goodwill," Lozano said of his outfit.

The 20-year-old's biggest pet peeve is

uninspired fashion.

"A lot of people use Instagram and Tumblr for their fashion choices. They see a photo of someone and copy their style. That's not fashion. It's supposed to be fun and about individuality. This morning I woke up and said, I want to dress like *The Breakfast Club* so that's what I did. That was my inspiration for today."

I'd say Lozano's look is a nice mixture of John Bender meets Brian Johnson: it's preppy with an edgy twist.

Meanwhile, 18-year-old Grisanti wore mostly eBay-purchased items. His leather jacket and T-shirt are both from the online marketplace. He wore a pair of classic Doc Martens boots, which retail for around \$120. He also wore Zara skinny jeans. ■

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TITLE: **Becky Charms & Co.** | ADDRESS: beckycharms.com
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POST TITLE: **The Beekman 1802 Mercantile {UN}Intentional Misleading Information**
 POST DATE: **January 25, 2013**

Let me ask you, how do you feel when people lie to you?

Sometimes people don't know they're lying. Sometimes they don't know they're hurting anyone in the process. That's understandable. Once it's been made known, the decision to make amends and change is up to them.

Here's a brief recap: In 2010, Planet Green aired the first episode of season one of *The Fabulous Beekman Boys*. Self-declared "Fabulous," the show was new, fresh, and whiney. I became an insta-fan. I Tivo'd it, saving all the episodes to watch repeatedly. I never tired of it. I supported Josh and Brent's mission, their vision, and what they were trying to achieve: to gain awareness for and share the importance of farming, sustainable living, shopping at small businesses, and buying products that were "Made in the USA."

Fast-forward to the present day...to January 22, 2013.

While browsing Twitter and checking individual profiles, I noticed a retweet from Beekman1802Boys: "Yay! RT @Kalegal2: Just received my canvas Beekman bag. The quality is outstanding..." [Tweet modified.]

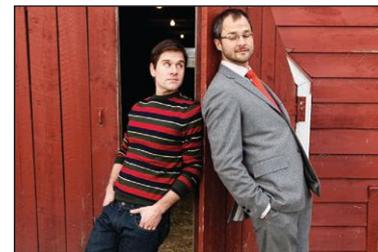
So I replied: "I have the original, made in China!" They replied, "You need to upgrade to American-made." I replied: "I know...right? And to be sure before placing orders, are all items listed in your shop made in the USA?" They replied, "Everything with the exception [of] mugs. Most everything is made within 20 miles of the farm."

(I like to buy American-made when I find something I like. However, I buy all kinds of items from all over the world. I have never stated that I ONLY buy American-made.)

I liked their honesty, and in all fairness, I really wanted to know. I asked my question, they answered my question. I thought we were done. I was surprised when I received another tweet from Beekman1802Boys: "Are the sunglasses you are wearing in your profile pic made in USA?" I replied, "Most definitely not. Though @Disneyland never made claim

to locally source all of its products. So I knew ahead of time." I got another tweet, this one from Beekman Boy Dr. Brent: "Then I don't think you should be on any high-horse, missy. You vote with your pocket book."

Why were they getting so defensive? Remember, I was just asking a question. It



The Fabulous False-Advertising Beekman Boys

wasn't even a hard question. Maybe it was difficult to answer publicly when their website states, "...All Beekman 1802 goods are hand-crafted near Sharon Springs, NY, using only natural ingredients & quality materials..." All?

Again, I thought we were done with this nonsense...NOPE! I understand that when someone calls you out, you get defensive. You get personal. My questions had to do with business; Dr. Brent's next tweet went personal when it quoted from my website. "@beckycharms hmmm...'Perspective, perseverance, sparkle, & charm' not seeing any of those #falseadvertising."

Now now, Dr. Brent; I like that you took the time to quote me. But, it's not okay to trick your shoppers. Tell them the truth. They'll admire you more for it. I know I would. "All Beekman 1802 goods..." Well, all but my Original Beekman 1802 Canvas Tote. All except for the mugs. And my \$28 Limited Edition Beekman 1802 Polka Spot T-Shirt that my mom bought me for my 30th Birthday. "Made in Nicaragua."

The issue: Our family shopped online from the Beekman 1802 Mercantile under the impression that ALL items came from Sharon Springs, NY. We felt we were supporting the Beekman Boys and felt a part of their mission: to support local farms and their communities. We felt duped when we discovered two of our items didn't even come from the USA.

The solution: Change the wording on the home page of the Mercantile and for the Limited Edition Polka Spot T-shirt. Stop claiming "ALL." An apology is also in order, for the omission of the truth regarding the origin of our canvas tote and Polka Spot T-shirt, and for the personal attacks via Twitter.

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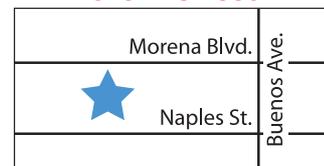


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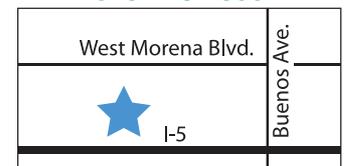
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"It's called a fascinator, honey," I informed my Irishman.

"What kind of party is this going to be?" I asked, picturing my outfit.

"An awesome one," he answered. "I got a frothy green beer hat [\$14.99 at [partycity.com](#)] and flashing shamrock glasses [\$4.95 at [centurynovelty.com](#)]."

"Classy," I said. "There's an Irish saying: 'An Irishman has an abiding sense of tragedy, which sustains him through temporary periods of joy.' That beer hat is your tragedy."

"What are we doing for music?" I asked, changing the subject.

"I wanted a live band, but I blew the budget on your stockings," Patrick winked. "Call your experts and get some recommendations. We'll put together a playlist."

"Our favorite Irish albums around here are Chieftains albums," explained Angela, "and also a somewhat arcane album called *My Love Is in America*, which is the recording of a fiddle fest at Boston College that I happened upon in person [\$4.22 used at [amazon.com](#)]. And *The Wild Rover* is the best drinking song," she added (\$9.99 for an MP3 at [amazon.com](#)).

"My man sang that song at our wedding reception," I reminisced, winking at Patrick. The comment launched him into song:

*I've been a wild rover for many a year,
And I've spent all me money on whiskey
and beer,*

But now I'm returning with gold in great store,

And I promise to play the wild rover no more...

"Okay, Bard of Armagh, back to the playlist," I chided.

"The High Kings is a great band," suggested Brigid, "and I also like 'I Know My Love,' by the Corrs and the Chieftans [\$9.99 MP3s at [amazon.com](#)], and I love Niamh Parsons [*Blackbirds & Thrushes*, \$8.99 for the MP3 album at [amazon.com](#)]."

"*Elemental*, by Loreena McKennitt is beautiful but slow [\$17.99 for CD at [amazon.com](#)], and the soundtrack of *Waking Ned Devine* is fun," she added (\$13.58 for CD, \$9.49 for MP3 at [amazon.com](#)).

"That beer hat is your tragedy."

"If you're rocking out," offered Margaret, "The Pogues' *If I Should Fall from Grace with God* is the very best album from the band that created the genre of Irish folk-punk [\$10.43 for CD, \$4.99 for MP3 at [amazon.com](#)]. Any Pogues record is awesome, though, along with copycats like Dropkick Murphys, Flogging Molly, Fiddler's Green, or the Mahones."

"On the classical side, anything Chieftains," said Margaret. "Van Morrison with the Chieftains...that album is excellent, and his version of 'Star of County Down' is awesome [\$19.98 used CD at [amazon.com](#)]."

For instrumental music, "Derek Bell's *Musical Ireland* is one of my all-time favorite Irish instrumentals [\$13.99 CD at [amazon.com](#)]. His rendition of 'Carrikerfergus' is gorgeous."

Margaret suggested *Susan Reed Plays the Irish Harp* (\$9 CD, \$6.99 MP3 at [amazon.com](#)) any Mary Black (*Mary Black*,

\$13.85 CD; *Holy Ground*, \$14.99 CD at [amazon.com](#)), and Sinead O'Connor's *I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got* (\$8.86 CD, \$9.49 MP3 at [amazon.com](#)). "Sinead O'Connor's versions of the 'Parting Glass' and 'He Moved Through the Fair,' heard in the end scene of the movie *Michael Collins*, are both hauntingly beautiful."

"I hope this helps," Margaret added, "and if not, *Póg mo thóin!*"

"Sassy Irishwoman," complained Patrick, who understands enough Gaelic to know that *póg mo thóin* means "kiss my arse."

"We love classics like Clancy Brothers, the Irish Rovers, Paddy Reilly, Wolfstones, and the Fureys," suggested my Irish pal Bernadette, whose husband Tim performs in an Irish band. "And newer groups like Young Dubliners, Gaelic Storm, and Flogging Molly."

"As for tunes for the playlist," she continued, "include some fun ones like 'The Unicorn,' 'Donald Where's Your Trousers,' 'Goodbye Mrs. Durkin,' 'I'll Tell Me Ma,' and, of course, 'The Rattling Bog.' The party favorite 'The Rooster' by Fair Isle Folk is great stuff."

Other must-have classic tunes for your St. Paddy's party playlist [\$9.99 per MP3 at [amazon.com](#)]: "The Irish Rover," "Wild Colonial Boy," "Fields of Athenry," "Whiskey in a Jar," "Black Velvet Band," "Star of the County Down," "What's Left of the Flag" (the Flogging Molly version), "Many Young Men of Twenty," "Only Our Rivers Run Free," "Grace," "A Song for Ireland," and "Nora."

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SELLING IS SERVICE

That mantra is engrained in my mind as I climb the treacherous employee stairs, reading the large motivational signs; it prepares me for a long shift. I enter the sleek Nordstrom in North County and leave Jessica Swenke behind. I am now employee number 9138934 — a customer-service zombie in trendy attire.

As I stroll through Cosmetics to get to my department, Accessories and Sunglasses, I am

dreading the prospect of checking my sales figures. Commission sounded fabulous during three intense days of training, but when customer returns count against employees, you can grow to despise Nordstrom's generous policy.

I find 9138934 and see that I am at negative \$550. "Damn," I mutter. "It must've been those Gucci sunglasses." At a 9 percent commission rate, I will lose about \$50 on my next paycheck — all because of a return. We Nordstrom salespeople call it *working for free*. I will have to hustle \$550 worth

of scarves, hats, and sunglasses just to break even. Yeah, it happens all too often.

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I pace around the sunglass bay, looking for my next sale.

An edgy-looking older male approaches. "I need to return these," he says.

I recognize the Chanel 330s. They're called Glam Magics, big sellers at any luxury retailer. These \$330 shades look as if they've gone through a washing

machine and then were mauled by a pit bull. Return them, *really?*

"I got these for my girlfriend's birthday a month ago, and my dog chewed them up before I could give them to her. Can I get a new pair?"

This sounds rehearsed, which is normal at Nordies. We salespeople have to just stand there and allow people to come up with the strangest lies so they can get money back for something they either regret buying or stole.

I have two choices: I can take back the damaged merchandise and be chewed out by my boss, or deny the return and be attacked by the customer. Decisions, decisions...

The only rule in the short Nordstrom employee handbook? Use your best judgment.

Always turn returns into sales. Another phrase embedded in my mind from training.

"Sir, I am so sorry," I say, "but I cannot take

these glasses back, due to the scratches on the lenses and condition of the frame. Let's check out some of our new sunglasses and we can find another pair for your girlfriend." This tactic is a bit of a stretch. On the other hand, I have nothing to lose.

"I thought this was Nordstrom," the customer complains. "This is bullshit." He grabs the case and struts off.

Well, nothing gained, nothing lost. But now I need to hustle so I can make some money.

My department manager appears. Kathy (not her real name) seems to be on a power trip.

"Okay, girls!" she says. "Our units per transactions need help right now! If they're checking out plastic-frame sunglasses, have them fall in love with some aviators. And grab a scarf-and-hat combo! Everyone needs these items."

She must be joking.

Look around...we are in Escondido, in a dead store, and to top it off, there's a recession. My sales skills are good, but that won't mean much to the average customer.

In retail, nodding and

there, and maybe a commission or two, but there is a hefty pile of returns from customer service, waiting for me to put them back out on the floor.

"What do you think

"I got these for my girlfriend's birthday a month ago, and my dog chewed them up before I could give them to her. Can I get a new pair?"

going along keep the higher-ups off your back. "Sounds great, Kathy," I say. "You're totally right." *Not.* I may be a sheep in the corporate herd, but I will never drink the Nordstrom Kool-Aid.

I switch over to scarves and hats, hoping for luck

out the smell." I hoist the obnoxious purple wrap that someone probably wore once and returned. In my mind's eye, I see Grandma all gussied up. Must've been bingo night at the casino.

"It's disgusting that we have to put these worn returns back on the floor," Ash says.

A classy older woman walks through the second-floor opening in the mall, and we're suddenly like lions spotting their prey — this store is so dead, most sales associates usually spend their time trying to sell merch to other employees. But if it looks as if a customer has money, we jump all over the sale.

Ding-ding-ding. I am the winner. Everyone gives me the stink eye as the woman comes toward me.

"Hi," I say. "Welcome. How are you doing

tonight?" Closing is at 9:00 p.m., and I am still in the negative, and I am going for the exactly right level of friendly. I need to make this sale.

"I'm not shopping," the lady says. "I just need to get this belt fixed. It's falling apart. I got it 'bout ten years ago."

Before I can think of how to respond, the old gal beats me to it.

"Nordstrom should stand behind their products," she says. "This belt is falling apart. It should not be falling apart."

I want to scream, "Nothing lasts forever!" but being a customer-service-trained individual, I know only too well that I can't be that real.

So I pick up a phone and dial the night manager. I can see the relieved faces of my coworkers — by pure luck, they've escaped

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You may qualify for a Phase 3 clinical drug trial

being stuck with That Lady with the Crazy Return.

When the manager arrives, I introduce her to the customer, then get as far away from the situation as possible. But before heading back onto the floor, I decide to check the department's sales numbers for the day. If I use employee numbers, I can see how my teammates have done, and even the boss. This isn't snooping, only normal practice at Nordies. It keeps the competitive atmosphere thriving.

Me: sales \$0.00, returns \$550.

Ash: sales \$475, returns \$35.

Kathy: sales \$1745, returns \$25.

My hope for making money tonight is dwindling away.

And here is Kathy.

"Girls, it is dead in here!" she says, a smirk on her face. "Call your customers and get 'em in here to shop! We need to make our goal! Make it happen."

It's 7:00 p.m. on a Monday night, and calling customers at this hour is something we all hate and dread, but to stay with the herd, we do as Kathy says.

I dial Jill in Rancho Santa Fe, hoping she won't pick up. Then I can leave my well-rehearsed voicemail.

Score! Another long conversation with a shopaholic, husband-deprived housewife avoided.

I look at my watch. Another two hours have flown by, filled with the folding of hundreds of scarves, then laying them out facing in the correct direction, according to

my manager's standards. And now I can go. Lucky for me I'm not closing tonight. My feet throb as I trek down the once-motivating employee stairs at the end of another disappointing shift in retail sales.

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My mom rushes into my room playing the ultimate backup alarm: "Wake up! You're gonna be late for work!"

It's a serious *oh shit* moment. I have 30 minutes to get ready. That's enough time for hair or a good outfit, but not both.

What the hell am I going to wear? I mentally scroll through my inventory of clothes, trying to settle on something my coworkers — and especially Kathy — will not criticize. On top of everything else, it's mandatory

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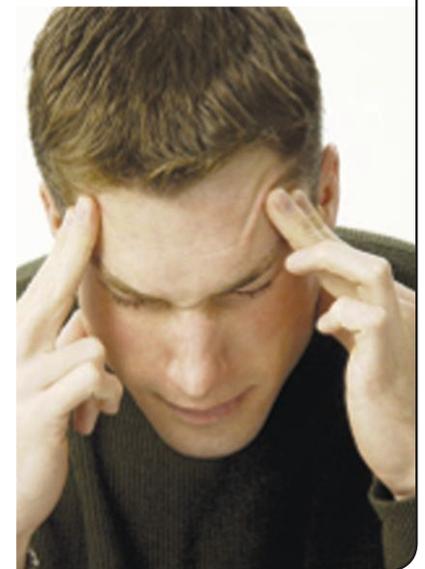
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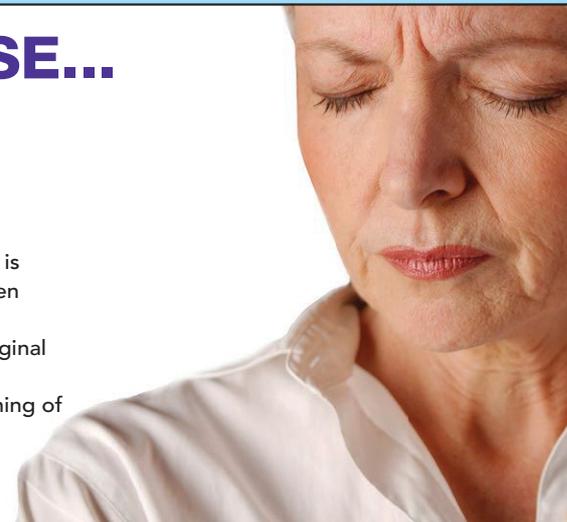
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To Possibly Participate:

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- 2) Must have bothersome symptoms of vaginal dryness, irritation, or painful intercourse
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- 4) Not presently using hormones

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that Accessories employees wear a scarf or headband every day to work. That seems a bit extreme, right?

I pull myself together with an all-black outfit I hope won't receive too many snarky looks from the young, ultra-trendy (make that ultra-snobby) "personal stylists" roaming the store.

"Good morning, gurlies!" I say on my way in. I always greet the customer-service gals. They deserve serious credit for dealing with clowns, day after day.

To my right I see a group of young, egotistical salesmen — with a few oldies sprinkled in — over in Women's Shoes. Now

that is where the money is.

To my left, the Cosmetics employees are gossiping, refreshing their makeup, adding a dab of perfume before starting their shift.

I spot Kathy at a register, typing at the keyboard, and with every step I take toward her, I am preparing for the sales-confidence beating about to go down.

"Hi, Kath — " I begin.

Then I am saved by the bell.

Paula (not her real name) — aka the Shepherd, aka the store manager — announces: "Good morning, my fabulous 364 store! Are we pumped up to have an amazing day

in sales? Please grab your beautiful spotlight item for the month and head up to the rally on the third level in ten minutes." Paula makes everything sound fabulous. This is

"Girls, it is dead in here! Call your customers and get 'em in here to shop!"

misleading.

"Hi, Jessica," Kathy says. "Since we did so awful yesterday, you need to make it happen today. I want you to sell at least three Guccis or Chanel,

three cashmeres, and two hats."

Micro-manage much, Kathy?

I run to the stock room to grab some overpriced gloves for the rally,

upstairs. Hmm...purple or gray? These are the only colors left in backstock of our popular, tech-friendly gloves.

Neither of the colors seems right for the rally,

though. And then I see the manager's tiny old desk squished into a corner of the stock room. You'd think a sales manager at Nordstrom would have a nicer desk and a computer less than ten years old.

On the desk is a pair of red gloves. Perfection.

I ascend the escalator to where a sea of sales personnel waits for the rally.

It is 9:00 a.m., and most of us salespeople look, from the neck down, stylish and ready to have a successful day. But then you look up and see dark circles from closing the night before. Our eyes are begging for coffee from the espresso bar downstairs.

I glance around, feeling as if I am in high school.

The sales gals who sell mature women's clothing are mostly older chicks who have been retail sales associates for years. We call them *lifers*.

The infamous Women's Shoes salesmen look like a pack of bachelors oozing with that typical salesman's stench. They stand around as if they're at a bar, discussing the week's winning and losing football teams. *Typical*.

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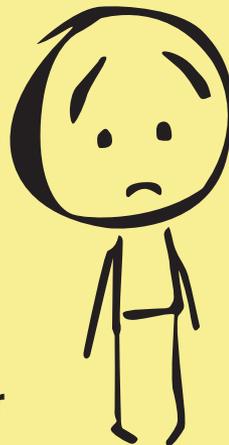
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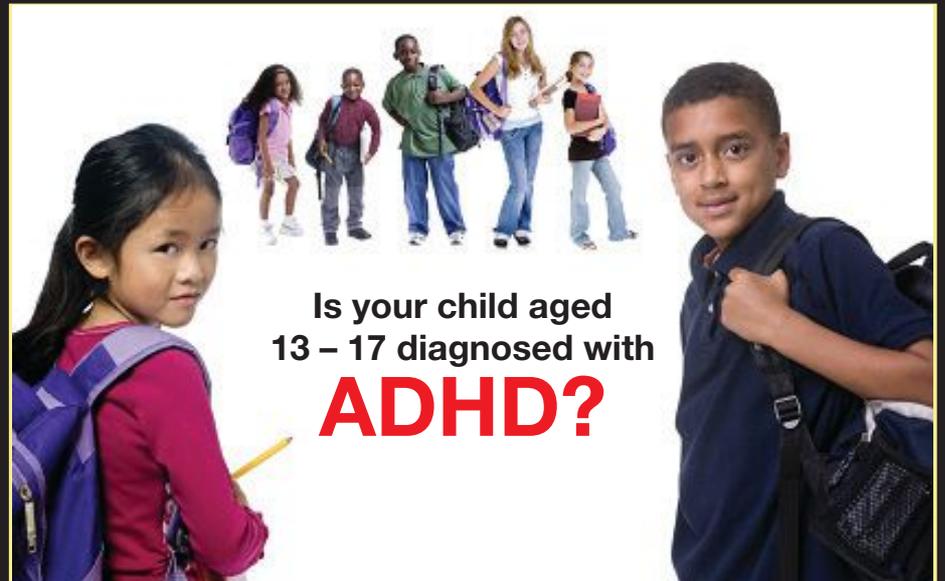
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Paula is going to get everyone fired up to sell and make the store money.

Department by department, sales associates go up to the microphone, trying to score brownie points with Paula, who gives away free drinks from the espresso bar. The retail gods *know* we need it — concealer can only hide so much.

Then we are given our daily sales goals. Then we're dismissed back to our sparkly departments, which have been bedazzled with holiday decorations.

Yes, it's *that* time of year.

Longer shifts, the endless folding of those beloved silver Nordstrom boxes, and the tying of the infamous silver bows. You'd think sales associates would be trained on how to tie bows, on how to wrap boxes perfectly, because that is the standard. But, no.

My first customer of the day — Ina, an older woman who buys a beautiful scarf for her daughter-in-law — asks me to wrap the box.

My skills are about to

be tested. Uh-oh.

I do a hack-job on this poor lady's gift box. When it comes to wrapping presents, not *everyone* is Martha Stewart. But there's no one around to help me fix it, and I can't

vice, and they will do a great job. I'm sorry."

Ina is legitimately mad.

I am sincerely upset that our store wants us to provide this wrapping service without ever teaching us how to do it

"So, I know the wrapping isn't perfect... If you want to get it wrapped nicely, I would recommend going upstairs to customer service, and they will do a great job. I'm sorry."

leave her waiting for long. Every step back is filled with dread and embarrassment.

In one long breath, I say to the customer, "Hi, Ina. Okay, so, I know the wrapping isn't perfect... If you want to get it wrapped nicely, I would recommend going upstairs to customer ser-

properly.

Wrapping is the plague — I'd like to stay far, far away from it.

Ash, my coworker, has started her shift. She approaches with her usual smile, something necessary in this line of work.

"Hey, Jess," she says. "You can take your lunch now."

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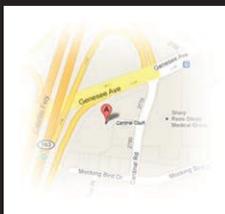
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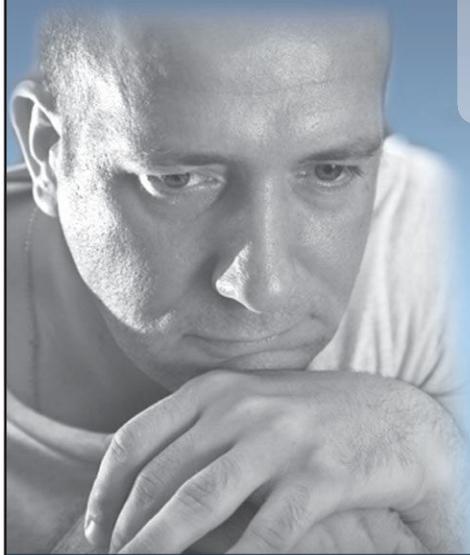
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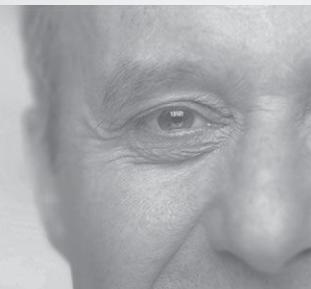
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Oh, and the Nordstrom employee lounge can make or break your lunch.

For instance: the shoes guys always rush to the lounge to grab the clicker for ESPN. The girls and other non-interested employees must opt for another location.

Or: the employee tables are filled to capacity.

Or: Bravo is on the TV, so we are all forced to catch up on the latest *Real Housewives* episode.

Lucky for me, on this day the TV is off. The clicker is nowhere to be found.

I sit at an empty table, hoping to tune out the chatter, the exchange of weird-return stories, the bragging about a large sale.

I go into a daze...

"Jessica Swenke, five-four. Jessica Swenke, five-four."

Oh, that's me. I run to the nearest phone. It's up on the third floor, in St. John, a designer area where you would be lucky to find anything to wear

that's less than several bills.

"Hi, this is Jessica Swenke," I say into the receiver.

"Jessica! It's Nika," says the woman on the other end of the line. "Albert and I are heading over to the mall and want to shop with you for new hair accessories. Just checking

"Oh, wow, that looks incredible. Oh, my gosh, you look stunning. You are just ravishing in that headband."

to see if you're available." "Sounds great, Nika!" I say. "I'll see you and Albert soon. Thank you so much for thinking of me!"

Albert (not his real name) and Nika (not her real name) are regulars of mine. They are a cute couple from Russia, mid-40s, and they *never* shop without one another. Nika returns about 70 percent of the stuff she buys.

I down my espresso and clock back in, hoping Nika will purchase something worth keeping

for more than a month or two. She loves the glitz and glam, so I pull some hair accessories and wraps I think she will love.

Soon Albert is holding Nika's flashy silver purse while she stands at the mirror, trying on accessories.

"Oh, wow, that looks incredible," he says.

"Oh, my gosh, you look stunning."

"You are just ravishing in that headband."

Albert spews these dramatic compliments in a monotone. Nika soaks up the glory. After an hour, he's said it all and Nika is ready to buy.

"Your total is \$85.10," I say. Another hour has passed, and I've earned less than \$9 in commission. I'm thankful that at least it's more than minimum wage.

"Excuse me," another customer says. "I needed some help with sunglasses, but no one was helping me. Do you mind?"

This woman is dressed way down, but she sounds kind.

"Of course!" I say. Night is creeping in, and I am eager for a sale. "Let's go over there."

The woman pulls out older Chanel and Gucci sunglasses cases.

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I grab the current, modified styles of the glasses from back stock. The woman loves them as much as her old ones.

"Total is \$1125.95," I say.

She hands me her card to swipe. It's heavier than usual, and I realize it's the notorious black American Express.

Never, ever judge a woman who isn't decked out in designer duds. Especially when you're 100 percent commission.

Kathy paces up to me after I hand the generous

customer her bag.

"Jessica, I just love the way you sell to customers," she says. "Woo-hoo! You made our sales for the day. Awesome job." Kathy is jumping for joy because, for today, the heat from upper-level management will be off her back. Not to mention, she takes a cut of everything that I sell.

One minute I suck at sales, the next I'm a rock star. I'd better soak in the praise, before it swings back the other way.

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Kathy and Ash jet out for the night, and I am left to go it alone for the oh-so-dreaded closing shift: dusting, cleaning the glass displays, making sure everything is perfectly folded and in its correct place.

A tall order, if you're busy, you know, helping customers. Isn't that my real job?

The store is set to close at 9:00 p.m., but we'll remain open if people are shopping.

It's ten to 9:00 and a

few browsers remain; customers who, when you approach them, say immediately, "I'm just looking." Isn't that what *everyone* is doing here?

The other employees have nasty looks on their faces. They're giving the evil eye to these last stragglers on the second floor. Meanwhile, I scurry around the department, making sure everything is perfect for Kathy in the morning. Not one scarf can be left unfolded, not one pair of sunglasses can be out of place, or I will have to kiss goodbye being on Kathy's good side.

The ten-minute warning sounds: "Attention, customers, our store will be closing in ten minutes." A giant sigh of relief comes from every department on the floor.

Now it's time to get serious. Time to count

the money.

There are three registers I have to count. I know I'll be last in line when we get upstairs to turn in our money bags.

I scramble to write everything down. If I

One register left to count.

"20-40-60-80 — "

Then everything goes black — the store lights are on a timer. Uh-oh. Counting money in the dark heightens my

"The money needs to be facing upwards, Jessica."

miss something, I'll be in deep shit (pardon my French, Kathy). I glance up every 30 seconds. The Women's Shoes team is heading upstairs, followed by Cosmetics, Men's, Jewelry, and Handbags.

I am a one-girl team, trying to finish. Accessories is short-handed. Other departments have three or more people to help.

chances of messing it up.

Finally, I shovel the money bags into my arms and try to balance them as I make my way upstairs. The glamorous and sparkly second floor isn't quite as fabulous in the dark.

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I am the last in a line of very tired but well-dressed

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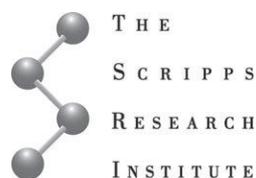
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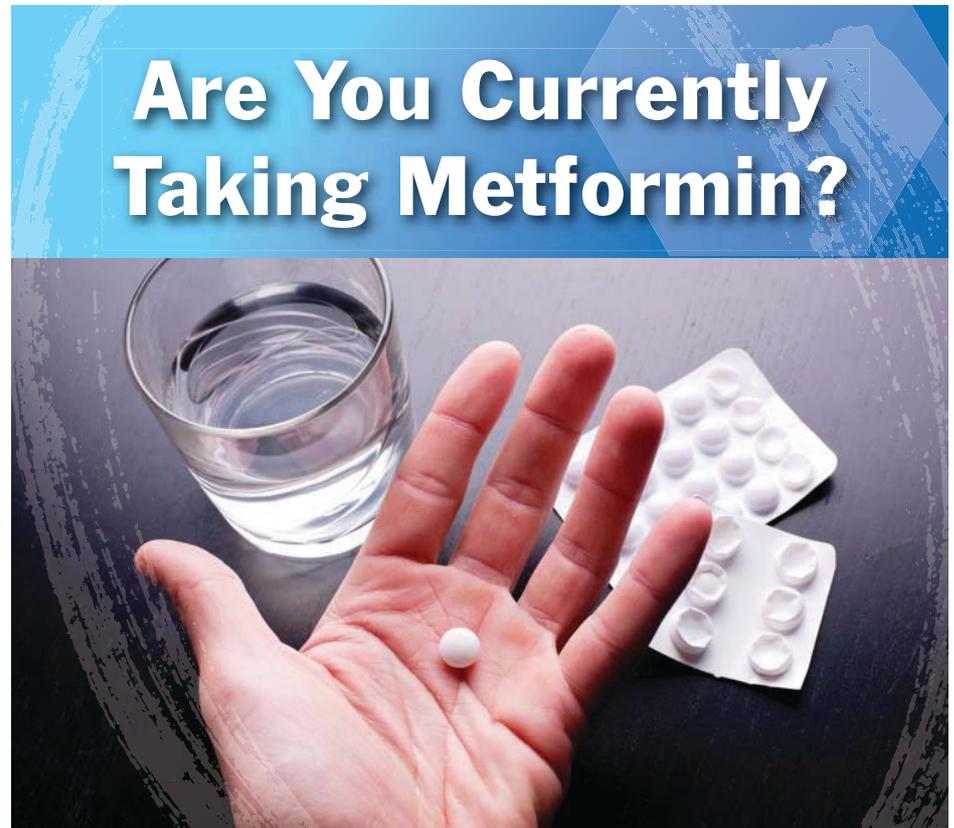
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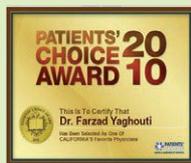
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sales associates waiting to turn in their money bags and be released back into reality. Somehow, I always feel like a mess in this sea of type-A personalities. I scramble to get my money bags filled out and in order.

"Next!"

Laura (not her real name), the customer-service manager, will be counting my bags tonight.

Sigh.

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Just like that, I've devolved from Sales Superstar to Money Bag Mess-Up.

"Yes, ma'am," I say.

I dash to the nearest computer screen and clock out number 9138934.

* * *

I look at the dashboard. "12:30!"

I am 30 minutes early for my 1:00 p.m. shift.

No sense in letting these

curls fall. No sense in letting my make-up melt in the heat. So I go in.

The climb up the once-hopeful stairs at the employee entrance is exhausting. The motivational signs no longer seem bold, but transparent.

Instead of a cheerful hello to the gracious customer-service gals, I make a hard left. I head to Human Resources.

It's a snap decision, but I will no longer answer to 9138934. Kathy, Paula, Laura — I think of them as "Javerts," from *Les Mis* — they can't get me now. Okay, maybe I've seen that story too many times.

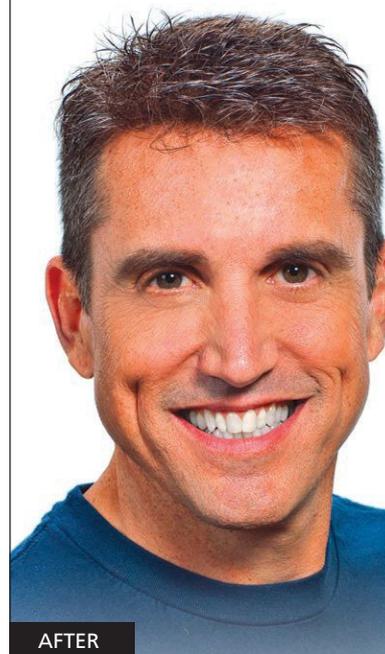
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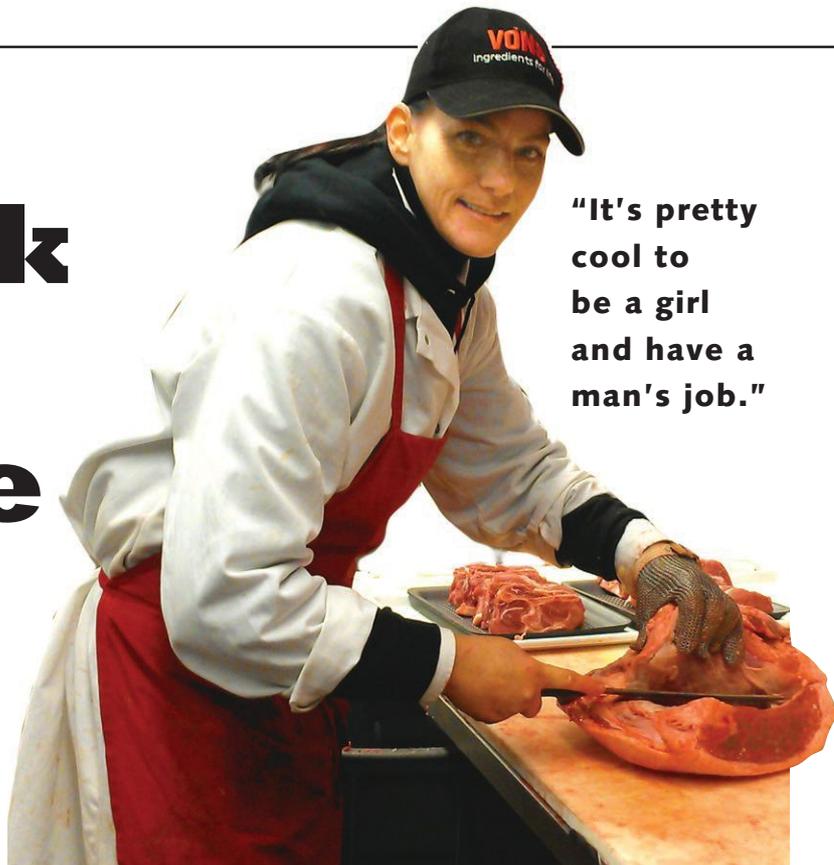
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“I have knee-highs, two pairs of cotton [long johns], and these jeans.” She leans over to show me the various waistbands. Then



Angie Elsbury is the meat-department manager at Vons on Regents Road.

there’s the black-and-gray striped sweatshirt, the long-sleeved white button-down (with polka-dot tie), a T-shirt, and an undershirt.

It’s a Monday afternoon, and we’re standing in front of the meat case at Vons on Regents Road. Elsbury has finished showing me the

“It’s pretty cool to be a girl and have a man’s job.”

territories for which she is responsible as the meat-department manager. The job has her in and out of “the cooler,” a cold room kept at a temperature just above freezing, as well as the seafood and meat cases, parts of the frozen-food aisle, and the bulk of aisle five, the refrigerated section where lunch meats and hot dogs are kept. In other words, Elsbury claims responsibility for “pretty much the whole back part of the store.”

“Hi, you finding everything all right?” she says as people pass by or browse the meat case.

“Yeah, thanks for asking!” a young man responds, mirroring her cheerful tone.

A college-age woman in Ugg boots, leggings, and a flannel shirt approaches gingerly and asks what would be a good substitute for beef brisket. Elsbury walks the woman closer to the meat case and asks what she’s trying to make. The woman’s voice is so small I can’t hear her answer, but Elsbury suggests the beef chuck pot roast.

She recommends adding carrots and potatoes to the slow-cooker.

She pulls two plastic-wrapped packages of meat from the refrigerated case. Either one, she says, would be about right.

“And they’re on sale,” she adds. “Does it, like, shred?” the woman asks.

When Elsbury answers in the affirmative, the woman thanks her and drops one of the two packages into her basket.

“The second part of this job,” Elsbury tells me as the woman walks away, “is knowing how to cook.”

Again, there’s that wide-open-mouthed laugh. Elsbury crinkles her eyes and nose. The face she makes reminds me of Joan Cusack, though Elsbury has less meat on her bones than the actress. A lanky five feet, ten-and-a-half inches, her frame appears slight — even with all the clothing she wears to keep warm.

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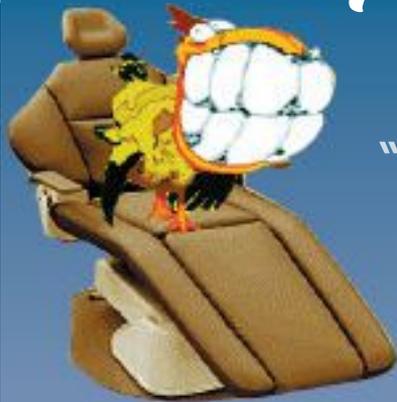
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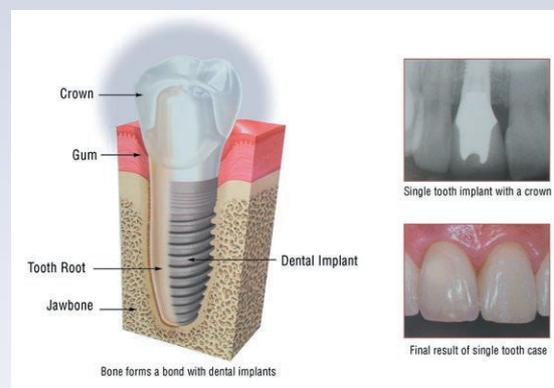
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at Girard and Torrey Pines. This is the seventh Vons she's worked at since she started at 30th and Howard in North Park as a bagger in 2007.

"They call it a 'courtesy clerk,'" she explains. "I was 36 and didn't really want to bag groceries. But I'd just gotten out of prison, and I was so happy to work."

Although we're still standing among the shoppers, she speaks without lowering her voice. More self-conscious on her behalf than she is, I look around for surprised faces.

Elsbury reaches down into the meat case, retrieves a package that needs to be rewrapped, and leads me back behind the counter.

"If it offends someone, I'm sorry," she says of speaking frankly about her past. More often, she says, people will pull her aside and ask for advice on what to do for loved ones who need help.

By the time she was hired at Vons, Elsbury had spent a total of six and a half years incarcerated for possession of a controlled substance. Heroin was her drug of choice. She says she was born addicted to heroin because her mother is an

addict, too. After trying alcohol and speed as a young girl, she discovered heroin as a sophomore in high school.

"I instantly knew that's what I was looking for," she says.

For 21 years, her life revolved around getting high, until one day, during her last stint in prison, she received a message that led to her recovery.

"God spoke to me. It was plain as day. I was in my cell and He said, 'You don't have to be a junkie anymore.'"

After she left the Central California Women's Facility in Chowchilla in 2007, she went into treatment at Casa de Milagros, a women's rehabilitation center. Three months into the six-month program, she was allowed to enroll in the job-readiness training program at Second Chance on Imperial Avenue. There she learned how to shake hands, make eye contact, and explain her situation in job interviews.

"In interviews, when they asked about my convictions, I told them my past revolved around drug use, and [then I said], 'This is what I can do for your

company today. I'm a hard worker, I'm motivated, and I'm friendly.'"

The courtesy-clerk job at Vons lasted a whole three days — until the meat-department manager of that store requested her presence in his department. He promoted her to meat-and-seafood personnel ("MSP," she calls it).

"He saw me working hard," she says.

The new job paid ten cents more per hour, with 24 hours of work each week, in contrast to the 16 allowed to a courtesy clerk. The position included customer service, stocking, and cleaning areas overseen by the meat-department manager.

Behind the meat counter, the black rubber flooring is splattered with blood and chunks of meat. Elsbury has just pulled two 20-pound slabs of strip loin from the "cooler" and placed them on a cutting table flanked by two large garbage cans. On her left hand she wears what she calls a "shark glove" that is made of metal mesh. Grabbing a ten-inch Forschner steak knife (for which she paid approximately \$40) from a knife-block at the corner of

the table, she demonstrates how well the glove works by sliding the blade across her hand before I have time to squeeze my eyes shut or turn away. Elsbury laughs at my squeamishness.

"Tomorrow, I have Five Dollar Friday, and it's boneless New Yorks." She cuts first one and then the other of the slabs of strip loin into smaller pieces — these are New York steaks. "That's down from \$10.99 a pound," she says.

Next, she pulls out a boning knife (also a Forschner). The thin, six-inch blade is almost scary. The fatty pieces she trims off go into the large "bone can" at her left. She places excess meat to her right, on what she calls the "trim pan." This meat will be ground into hamburger.

"It's like a craft. So you can always improve. I like New Yorks better than rib-eyes because they're not as fatty. I broil them seven minutes on each side, sauté an onion and some Baby Bella mushrooms, throw that on top with salt and pepper. That's a gourmet steak. You can use Worcestershire sauce, too."

Although she talks quickly and constantly, Els-

bury keeps her eyes on her work. She trims each piece and places it on a small black styrofoam "boat" (four to a larger boat for "value packs").

Elsbury held the position of meat-and-seafood professional for nine months before she decided to apply to Vons' in-house journeyman-butchers apprenticeship program. She didn't believe she'd get the position but was eager to prove herself in the interview.

"I wanted them to see who I am," she says.

In the end, she landed one of seven spots in the program, but soon after she got the news, corporate decision-makers brought up her parole status, which prohibited the use of knives. The way she tells it today, it was but 15 minutes later that she received a call from her parole officer, informing her that she was officially discharged from parole.

The apprenticeship began with a four-week class at the Vons at Clairemont Square. The first week included eight hours a day of book work, studying from *Best in Class Cutting*, which is full of diagrams, pictures, and information

about the shelf-life of different meats; the names of different cuts of meat and which part of the animal they come from; safety, rotation, ordering; weights and measurements; and so on. During the second, third, and fourth weeks, Elsbury and her classmates learned to cut. They practiced cutting, then were sent to stores around the district to continue practicing.

At the end of the four-week program, Elsbury was sent to train under three journeymen cutters at the Vons on Midway Drive.

"I got a lot of attention," she says. "Which was good, but it was also, like, 'Don't do that. Do it like this. What is that? What are you doing?'"

Training under journeymen butchers can last as long as two years before an apprentice becomes a journeyman herself. At three points within the first six months of Elsbury's training, her teacher from the classroom and the meat merchandiser for the district called upon her to perform block tests. The first came around the end of the three-month mark.

"They give you a list a week before the test, so

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you can order [the meat] you need, but they won't tell you what you'll cut out of it," she explains. "When it's time for the test, they'll say, 'I want two London broil value packs, a top round roast, cube steak, stir-fry, stew, and a top round thin.' And then they'll stand there and time you. They test you on time and craftsmanship."

That first block test was for boneless meats. The second, given a month or two later, was bone-in. The final included some of everything. Elsbury still has the report her teacher wrote up and gave to the merchandiser after her final exam.

"He recommended that I was ready to run a small cutting shop. At that point, my strengths were in boneless cutting."

And now?

"When I look at my

meat, it looks really good," she says. "I'm proud of my cutting."

While still in the apprenticeship, Elsbury was transferred to the North Park store, where she continued to train under two journeymen. After about six months at North Park — by then she had a total of nine months in the apprenticeship — she was transferred again, this time to Hillcrest, where they made her "acting manager" of the meat department. The position was temporary but required her promotion to journeyman.

Three months later, she applied for and landed a permanent post as meat-department manager, the highest-paid in-store (union) position. She began at Tierrasanta, then transferred to Mission Gorge, and then to Girard and Torrey Pines, where she

stayed for a year and a half. Currently, she makes \$14 an hour more than before she entered the apprenticeship, a total of \$22.08 per hour.

"It's pretty cool to be a girl and have a man's job," she says. "I like it."

When Elsbury finishes cutting and trimming the New York steaks, she places the styrofoam trays on a cart. One of her five employees, a young man named Dominic, wheels the cart away to be wrapped and shelved for tomorrow's sale.

"You should talk to her," she calls after him. "You can tell her what an awesome boss I am!"

They both laugh.

"Last time it was Five Dollar Friday, I came in second place in the district," she says. "But they had two cutters, and here it was just me, so I feel like I won."

She explains that the district tracks and reports which meat department (of its 18 stores) cuts and sells the most meat on Five Dollar Fridays.

"It's not a real competition," she says. "I just make it a competition because I want to take down all the meat-department managers that have been around forever."

After she washes her hands, Elsbury's done for the day. She strips off the apron and sweatshirt and changes out of black shoes, the soles of which have bits of meat stuck to them, and into a pair of black Converse low-tops. Skinny jeans and curveless hips make her look like a skater boy from the waist down. Were it not for the lines around her eyes and mouth, her dress and mannerisms might cause her to be mistaken for someone 20 years her junior.

On her way outside, store employees wave and call, "Bye, Angie!"

She smiles and waves in return.

Although the joy and positivity does not disappear, her voice takes on a more melancholy tone when she opens her phone to show me a picture of her daughter, Gabby, to whom she gave birth in jail.

"The courts told me I had to quit using [drugs] to keep her," she says. "I told them I couldn't, because that's where I was at the time."

The photo is two weeks old, taken in the home of Gabby's adoptive parents in Santee.

"We look just like each other, don't we?"

Gabby is 12 now. For the first few years of her life, Elsbury was allowed two visits per year. Last year was the first time she was invited to the house. The visits occur more frequently now. In the past month, they've seen each

other twice.

"We're Facebook friends," Elsbury says proudly.

Recently, she moved to Lakeside to be closer to Gabby. Before the move, she'd been living in Pacific Beach with her mother (now seven years clean and sober, one year longer than Elsbury).

"I have a boyfriend," she says. "It's time to be on my own."

It's just after 5:00 p.m., and the parking lot is crammed with cars. The automatic doors leading into the store hardly have time to shut before they open for someone else. The fluorescent lights inside glow brightly against the dreary winter evening. The occasional passerby strains to see what we're looking at, huddled over Elsbury's phone.

Again, she flips through pictures until she finds one of herself in a red dress, standing next to a man in slacks and a tie.

"His name is Jason. That was the night he took me to see *Stomp*," she says. "I never went on a date like that."

Elsbury also has photos of meat — and not just a couple. She scrolls through shot after shot of raw flank steaks and boneless New Yorks and ribeyes. She shows me pictures of a big seven-bone (shoulder of the cow), a whole hanging ribeye butterflied into the shape of a heart (which she used for a while as her Facebook profile photo).

"I skinned a whole pig once," she says.

But why the pictures of raw meat? I ask.

"Because I love my job!" She slips the phone back into her purse.

Elsbury never finished high school, but she has a serious enthusiasm for learning. Her seat on the board of directors at Sec-

ond Chance (which she's occupied for about two and a half years) has proven fertile ground for acquiring new vocabulary.

"They say all these big words I don't even know. At first, I would just sit there and write them all down and look them up later." She laughs. "But at the last meeting, I think there was only one word I didn't know."

In her spare time, Elsbury takes cooking classes at Great News, so she can swap recipes with customers. At home, she subscribes to six cooking magazines, which she reads front to back. She cuts out pictures of food from the magazines, hangs them on her bulletin board, and then tries to recreate each dish, down to the garnishes.

In the next month or so, she'll be spending three weeks of vacation time and \$7000 to attend a course on whole-beef butchering in Beverly Hills. She's not worried about the money or the time because she sees it as an investment in her future.

"It's like going to college," she says.

The evening darkness settles in and the parking-lot lights come on. We begin to part ways. But before we do, Elsbury says, "You know what I'm excited for? There are a lot of people who don't know I'm alive. And I'm thinking maybe they'll see this [article] and say, 'If she can do it, then maybe I can, too.' That's my real job."

Her job, she feels, is about more than the meat. The example she gives is of a woman having a bad day, but when she serves her family a great cut of steak, it makes her feel better, and then she doesn't yell at her kids.

Elsbury laughs again.

"I always tell my guys, 'We're saving the world, one steak at a time.'" ■

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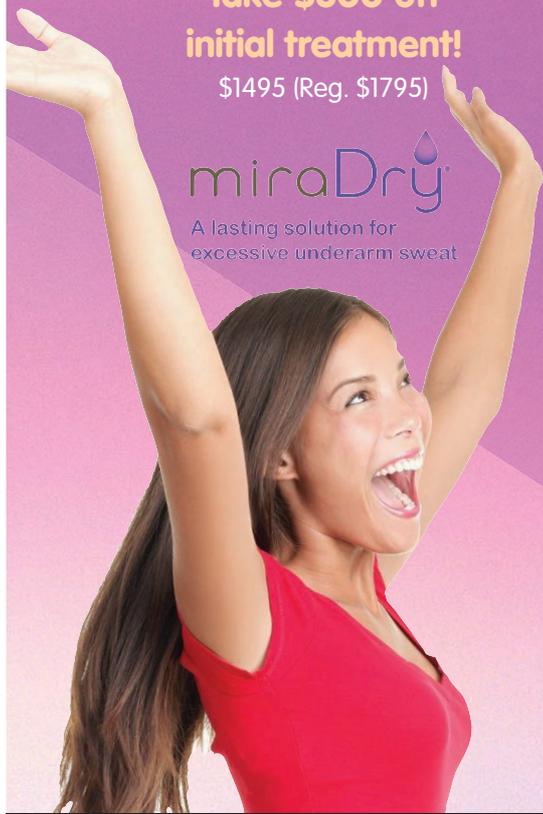
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Greenspan actually hinted of a stock-market bubble in 1996, then backed down and fed it with more easy money until the crash. Now, many think Bernanke's extremely easy money policy will create another housing or stock-market bubble. He doesn't see it, and frankly, neither do I at this point, but some kind of unhappy result of this madcap money printing is inevitable. As Aldous Huxley once pointed out, "That men do not learn from the lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons of history." ■

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Under the radar

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major university expansion projects. Attend community meetings as SDSU's representative, delivering updates and building support for key initiatives." Also: "Develop and maintain strong relationships with local government and community leaders to advance SDSU's strategic priorities including setting up meetings for the university president and other university

leaders." No salary range is given.

Costs of doing city business

Republic Services, the big Phoenix-based solid-waste operation with a wide footprint in San Diego, has of late been anteing up the bucks at city hall. According to its latest lobbyist filing with the city clerk, company employees were conspicuous at the post-election December fundraiser held by Democratic mayor Bob Filner. The firm has recently been seeking an "agreement with the city to obtain use of city property adjacent to 8364 Clairemont Mesa Blvd," which is the company's local headquarters. Republic employees **Alberto Guardado** and **Jim Abroso** lobbied city chief operating officer **Jay Goldstone** and **Jim Barwick** of real estate assets. Both Ambroso and Guardado kicked in \$300 to Filner on December 6, as did the company's **Jeff Andrews**. Another employee, **Neil Mohr**, came up with \$250. For good measure, Mohr also gave a post-election \$200 to GOP city councilman **Scott Sherman** on November 29, as did Ambroso... Lobbyist **Richard Ledford** has picked up a new client. According to a recently filed disclosure report, the former aide to GOP ex-mayor **Susan Golding** is working for Prime Time Shuttles to "identify, enhance, and facilitate new business opportunities for client in San Diego." In case there was a question, the "outcome sought"

is "new transportation contracts for client." The report notes "fundraising activities" by the lobbyist on behalf of city-council Democrats **Marti Emerald** and **Sherri Lightner**. Ledford also works for the California Dental Association "to promote the continued fluoridation of potable water supplied by the City of San Diego."

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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Housing drop

Number of S.D. homes on market plunges nearly 40 percent

San Diego County — The number of San Diego County homes listed for sale on Zillow plummeted by 39.4 percent for the year ended late February, the company reported today (March 7).

Among the 30 largest metro areas, the contraction in California was dominant: Sacramento's drop was the nation's largest, down 48 percent; Los Angeles was down 45.7 percent; San Francisco, 40.9 percent; followed by San Diego. The nationwide number was

down 16.6 percent. This portends higher prices ahead.

Zillow chief economist **Stan Humphries** says, "The supply of for-sale listings continues to dry up, driven in part by potential sellers trapped in negative equity [value of the home less than the balance of the mortgage] and homeowners that won't sell out of fear they won't be able to find a suitable home to buy later." But the lower inventory will result in higher prices, and many homeowners will no longer be underwater and will list their homes, thus easing the inventory crunch.

Don Bauder, March 7

Twelve years for child prostitution

Pimp used internet ads to lure underage girls

San Diego — A local man was sentenced to 12 years in prison on Monday, March 4, for pimping out underage girls.

The 20-year-old **Carlos Alberto Garcia**, who pleaded guilty last August, "made thousands of dollars pimping out underage girls using Internet ads," according to a U.S. Attorney's Office release.

One 17-year-old victim, according to a Courthouse News Service report, was

beaten and stripped before Garcia "forced her into a cold shower, poured ice on her, and made her stand in front of an air conditioner" for concealing \$300 from him. Following the ordeal, she was forced to accompany Garcia to the Fashion Valley mall, where he used money obtained through her prostitution to buy himself a pair of \$685 Gucci sneakers.

According to U.S. Attorney **Laura Duffy**, reports of sex trafficking of children have increased as much as 600 percent throughout the Southern California region in recent years. Criminals have increasingly been using social-networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter to lure potential victims.

Dave Rice, March 6

Filner lawsuit: a tangled tale of GOP judges

The mayor's entering a clubby world of Republican judicial cash and big business ties

San Diego/Coronado — Mayor **Bob Filner** — who appeared before San Diego Superior Court judge **Timothy B. Taylor** today to unsuccessfully argue against an expedited hearing of the lawsuit brought against him by hotel moguls — is more familiar

with the halls of Congress than the tangled netherworld of the local judicial benches of both state and national government.

Though Taylor's ultimate decision in the case is far from certain, and last month he ruled against the city's so-called Plaza de Panama project, Filner's legal road is virtually sure to be crowded with plenty of insider intrigue, most of it of the Republican variety.

Even in his historic ruling against the city, Taylor expressed sympathy with its plight, saying, "The loss of the generous funding offered by [Qualcomm founder **Irwin Jacobs**] will be a sad day for San Diego."

The elderly **Jacobs** is a liberal-leaning Democrat and not especially well loved by the local GOP establishment.

The same cannot be said for **C. Terry Brown**, **Bill Evans**, and **Richard Bartell**, the triumvirate of well-connected hotel magnates who are the apparent prime movers behind the lawsuit against Filner.

Appointed judge here in January 2005 by Republican Gov. **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, Taylor was a lawyer for two decades with the big firm **Sheppard, Mullin, Richter &**

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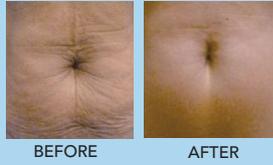
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Hampton, which frequently lobbies city hall for well-heeled corporate clients.

Taylor has often ruled for big business; in April of last year, he tossed a complaint against a Walmart complex at the old Farmers Market building between Sherman Heights and Logan Heights that plaintiffs claimed hadn't received sufficient environmental review.

Taylor's background bears more than a few similarities to that of San Diego Republican city attorney Jan Goldsmith, an advocate of the wealthy hoteliers who have helped pay for his political campaigns for decades.

Goldsmith, who, like Taylor, was a resident of tony Coronado before Goldsmith moved into a small apartment across the bay to run for city attorney, was appointed a judge here in December 1998 by Republican Gov. Pete Wilson, the former mayor of San Diego who also was cozy with the hotel moguls here and derived heavy campaign funding from them.

And Goldsmith and Taylor have at least one more thing in common: their wives are both judges.

Taylor's wife is U.S. Bankruptcy court presiding judge Laura Taylor. She, like her husband, was a lawyer with Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton.

Matt Potter, March 5

\$2M for a rainy day/suing the mayor?

As Filner lawsuit plays out, tourism district is sitting pretty on "catastrophe reserve fund" stash
San Diego — The feud between mayor Bob Filner and Jan Goldsmith spilled over into a San Diego Superior Court room during a March 5 hearing.

"For the record, your honor, I do not have an attorney," Mayor Filner told judge Timothy Taylor in court, according to NBC reporter Wendy Fry's Twitter feed.

"I feel it's a deep conflict

of interest [between the] city attorney and myself. He has stated in front of press that my actions are illegal," added Filner.

And while the question of whether City Attorney Gold-

smith will represent Filner in court has not yet been answered, it's safe to say that the Tourism Marketing District does not have any concerns about how to pay for its legal expenses.

The district has access to millions of dollars that it has stashed into a "catastrophe reserve fund" since 2007. According to the published minutes from an August 15 meeting financial report, the

Tourism Marketing District had \$1.8 in revenues in the "opportunity/catastrophe fund."

Dorian Hargrove, March 6

Comments

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free not to respond to press inquiries into their practices?

In Miller obit, U-T misses the boat

Former district attorney Ed Miller battled and finally nailed C. Arnholt Smith *San Diego* — In all but a few daily newspapers, such as the *New York Times*, obituaries tend to gloss over or not even mention news that a community doesn't want to recall. So it is with the *U-T's* report today (March 4) on the death of former U.S. attorney and district attorney Ed Miller, one of San Diego's true battlers against entrenched corruption.

Back in the 1950s, 1960s, and into the 1970s, San Diego was essentially controlled by banker/conglomerateur C. Arnholt Smith and his close associate, bookmaker John Alessio, whose family owned major slugs of Smith's empire.

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When Miller was U.S. attorney, one of the Alessio family members was convicted of interstate gambling in support of racketeering. Smith was close to Richard Nixon. When Nixon won the presidency, he replaced Miller with one of Smith's cronies. Miller later ran for D.A. and defeated another Smith crony. Federal prosecutors sent John and Angelo Alessio to prison but were not able to put Smith away, despite his obvious financial crimes.

As D.A., Miller took the case and was able to get Smith on tax evasion. He finally got eight months.

Don Bauder, March 4

Fifteen-year-old girl missing

Family seeking help locating girl who has not been seen in eight days *Tijuana* — A Tijuana family is seeking help in locating their high-school-age daughter, as she has been missing

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since February 24. Angélica Camacho Campos was last seen in Zona Centro with friends and failed to return home.

She is around 5'7" in height and weighs 143 pounds. She has two distinctive piercings below her bottom lip.

Authorities are asking to keep watch for the missing girl in the Tijuana and San Diego areas. If you have information on the possible whereabouts of Angélica, call the Center for Missing Persons at 664-104-2800 extension 2956. You can also call the anonymous tip number 089 if you are in the Tijuana area.

K. Mennem, March 4

Romney rebuilds...

City emails show Romney fast at work on La Jolla remodel three days after losing the election *La Jolla* — On Sunday, former GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney emerged for

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his first interview since losing the election in November.

According to a report from Reuters, the GOP contender and his wife Ann have been holed up in their beachfront home in La Jolla.

That, however, doesn't mean the couple has been wallowing in defeat for the past four months. In fact, it appears that much of that time was spent preparing for the complete overhaul of their oceanfront vacation home.

Emails obtained in a public records request show that it took the former governor only two days before contacting lawyer Matt Peterson to get the project back on track with the city.

A hearing date on the project, which calls for tripling the size of the current home as well as adding a 3600 square-foot basement and a garage with car-lifts, is expected to be scheduled later this month.

Dorian Hargrove, March 4

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Susie

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phone from here?" The man responded, "Uh, no. When I'm here, do I need to put in your area code?" One of the women began to answer, "If your phone is from another — " and then the message ended.

"Oh, thank Christ, he has some real help there,"

I said. "He probably didn't even get my message. I'm wondering if he even realizes he has voicemail."

"What was it Einstein said about the definition of insanity?" David cocked his head in thought. "Wait, I have it — doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results."

"I don't think this guy is insane, beh-beh. I think he's just old. Do

me a favor — never let me fall that far behind the technology curve. It's got to be a scary, confusing world for people who are out of touch."

"I've got you covered," David said with a smirk. "The first thing you have to do is sign on to something called FaceTube." ■ (@barbarellaf)

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amount of land that may be practical for redevelopment. Unbelievable!

At least we still have the portion of the harborfront north of the Broadway Pier where it is possible to see and access the water. Because it is not likely the Hyatt, Marriott, and Convention Center will be torn down anytime soon, this remains our only hope.

So, what should be planned now for what remains of our waterfront? I don't pretend to be an expert in design but it seems reasonable that all competing uses should be considered and evaluated, not just one or two. I would hope recreation and open space would be enhanced, along with any further commercial and residential use. I do agree that designs should consider extended hours of use so it would encourage safe congregation and enjoyment after dark.

To me the question is if this will be done in favor of residents and visitors at large, or will it be more of the same to benefit a small number of developers?

Tim
San Diego

How's Anne Albright?

I have always been curious these last many years to find out whatever happened to Anne Albright. I wonder if she still writes, if she's happy, if her marriage stayed together, and how her kids (grown by now) are doing. I always enjoyed her back-page column and finding out what things — disasters or happy — had happened in her life. If we could find out, I would be really happy to have my questions answered.

Anne, I always liked you and I still miss you. For me it's not the same without your column.

Name Withheld
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Under the Radar: "Latham's Multiple Masters"

Published March 7

Latham & Watkins has received a lot more money from the city, more than \$10 million, in fact. This was revealed in September, when Goldsmith wanted to pay the law firm up to \$500,000 for help with the Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation matter.

By *dwbat* Mar. 6, 2013 @ 5:17 p.m.

Fun stories from the past...
Published: Tuesday, Sept. 16 1997 - Deseret News
California Assemblyman Jan Goldsmith tried to push a bill making the critters [Ferrets] legal as pets one year, but he made the mistake of wearing a new toupee to the Capitol. That was the end of the bill. According to the Sacramento Bee, House Speaker Willie Brown pointed to Goldsmith and deadpanned that the bill was "deader than that thing on his head."

By *Ponzi* Mar. 10, 2013 @ 11:28 a.m.

Sporting Box: "Instant Replay Solution"

Published March 7
Very good and timely story. I too have been doing research into the personal drone phenomenon that is quietly occurring. GPS, lithium batteries, micro-controllers and sensors, composites, miniature hi-res cameras, 3D printing and other technologies have become so evolved and practical, it seems like they may be the next personal computer. Like PC's, we just have to figure out why we might need them.

The industrial users have plenty of applications for these flying robots. Many small drones are being developed that have high payload capaci-

ties of 50 pounds and more. In the not so distant future, small drones may be delivering packages or pizzas to our homes. Obviously, they have valuable uses in search and rescue and getting supplies to hard to reach locations, such as during a disaster.

When I began looking into personal drones, I came across a San Diego company called 3D Robotics that sells UAV drones, accessories and kits. The founders of the company were inspired by the community of drone enthusiasts they attracted with a blog called DIY Drones. That blog was started by Chris Anderson, former writer for The Economist and Editor-in-Chief of Wired Magazine until 2012.

There is also a new breed of even smaller drones coming, like this drone you can put in a shirt pocket, the Robot Dragonfly - Micro Aerial Vehicle.

People could use Dragonfly drones to film themselves skiing, cycling, you name it. The question about little drones like this is what happens when they show up at sporting events, the beaches, concerts, trying to snap up close personal photos of an athlete or celebrity.

By *Ponzi* Mar. 7, 2013 @ 11:21 a.m.

It's always stroke and counterstroke, so I'll be waiting for the Sharper Image DroneKillah Mark 7: "See how your nosy neighbor likes it when you put a tiny sidewinder up the tailpipe of his super snooper." I assume having a drone interceptor is covered by the 2nd Amendment.

By *jmr1944* Mar. 9, 2013 @ 10:48 a.m.

Or capture it with a large fishing or butterfly net. Using a paintball gun might be fun too.

By *Ponzi* Mar. 9, 2013 @ 11:16 a.m.

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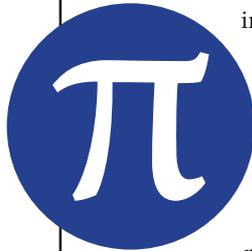
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WHEN: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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

There will be over 120 parade entries: bagpipers and high-school marching bands, police and fire department units, floats, dancing groups, and more. The Irish Festival in Balboa Park (Sixth Avenue and Maple Street area) features entertainment on two stages, including Irish step dancers and a full afternoon line-up of Irish folk singers and bands. There will be craft booths, food booths, a Celtic village, beer gardens, and a kids zone with rides. Contact: Colleen Murphy at ccmurphy2@yahoo.com.

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

WHERE: Balboa Park, 619-582-4441 or 858-268-9111; stpatparade.org

Friday | 15

SAN DIEGO DANCES

A "roving mini-festival" of dance by the PGK Dance Project, featuring choreography by Peter G. Kalivas, Natasha Ridley, Donna Scro, Viviana Alcazar, guest company Freespace Dance/NJ, and participants of a local workshop led by Kalivas and Scro. Wine and beer concession provided by Bluefoot Bar & Lounge and Soda Bar. \$15-\$20.

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: 3rd Space, 4610 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-255-3609; 3rdspace.com

Sunday | 17

GROWING PUBLIC ART IN FALLBROOK

Event features five artists participating in demonstrations and interactive projects, Irish food, refreshments, a silent auction, and an opportunity to work with an artist to create a masterpiece. Artistic media include oil and watercolor painting, sculptures, and metal pouring. This annual fundraiser will benefit Fallbrook's 2013 project, an "organic wall" mural that is being planned by local artisans. Admission ticket includes dinner and dessert. \$15.

WHEN: 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Art Campus, 310 East Alvarado Street, Fallbrook. 760-458-7267; fallbrookchamberof-commerce.org

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Monday | 18

SCULPTING CLASS

Local artist Jeannie Ortiz leads the class. "We work in a variety of materials, from modeling clay to soap, plaster, wood, stone, and whatever else we can get our hands on." Meet under the palapa at the top of the hill.

WHEN: 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Alta Vista Botanical Gardens, 1270 Vale Terrace Drive, Vista. 760-414-1056; jeanniem.ortiz@cox.net; altavistagardents.org

and local horticulturist, will sign books after the meeting, which will be held in room 104 of the Casa del Prado.

WHEN: 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: 1800 El Prado, Balboa Park. Info@cnpssd.org; cnpssd.org

Wednesday | 20

MUSHROOMS AREN'T JUST FOR DINNER

Test out one-of-a-kind building blocks made entirely from fungi. San Francisco-based artist Phil Ross creates forms from the strands of mushrooms, called mycelium. Participants invited to build a structure with these strong and sustainable materials. All ages welcome. Recommended for ages 3 and up.

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

WHERE: New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue, East Village. 619-233-8792; thinkplaycreate.org

Tuesday | 19

NATIVES FOR NOVICES

The California Native Plant Society and Clayton Tschudy, of Tschudy Designs, present "Reliable Wildflowers in the Garden." Followed by a presentation by Greg Rubin from his new book *The California Landscape: Design Guide to Restoring Its Beauty and Balance*. Rubin and co-author Lucy Warren, garden writer



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Outdoor markets in Haiti are colorful places.

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

By Vivian Lee Croft

I stepped off the plane and onto the tarmac and was directed toward a small white building with bright blue lettering: "Toussaint Louverture."

The massive cracks in the side of the building were visible even before we touched down. I followed the crowd — Haitians returning home, visiting relatives, modestly clad missionaries, church groups with several duffel bags per person — until we started down a single escalator, bound for security checks and baggage claim.

I travel light, usually with only a backpack and a laptop bag, so I was able

to skip over the baggage-claim area, which was nothing more than piles of bags about a 20' x 20' floor. After declaring only myself and my media equipment, I found my way outside. I was thrust into a huge crowd of people, all men, and all extremely interested in carrying my bags to their car. My friends were waiting for me, but finding the two sisters in the sea of eager-to-be-paid drivers took a little longer than anticipated.

The girls found me. I ran over and embraced them and then we headed toward their home...or, rather, home base, workspace, supply storage, where the day-to-day operations of their non-profit are situated. Most of their time is spent in the field, visiting families enrolled in one or more of their social programs. I learned all this on the 90-minute drive from the airport.

They spend a majority of their work hours in a truck, driving over rough terrain to appointments sometimes hours away from Port-au-Prince. Going to their home first would help me ground myself for a week in the homes of some of Haiti's most needy.

We traveled along bumpy unpaved

roads lined with litter and the occasional farm animal tied to feed off what grass grew nearby. We drove through the center of a few villages. Each side of the narrow street was lined with umbrella carts or simple stands full of items such as clothing, fruit, school supplies, live chickens, mattresses, repurposed goods, and art.

The main roads are filled with Haitians — on foot, mopeds, even bicycles, although I'm not sure how a bicycle tire can survive on these rocky roads. Competing with the traffic of cars, trucks — I can't fathom how movement works so well here. But the

flow is constant. Almost effortless. Traffic, people, animals are all moving together, all the time. There is no stopping in Haiti.

Testaccio, Italy

By Mary Spierling

When you're in Rome and need a break from frescos and friezes, hop onto Metro Line B and get off at the Piramide stop to visit one of its most authentic neighborhoods — where butchers and artists

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Other Adventures



walterbeys: Guanabara Bay, Rio de Janeiro (taken from an airplane)



robertchartier: Llamas on the trail in the Eastern Sierra Mountains at 10,000 feet



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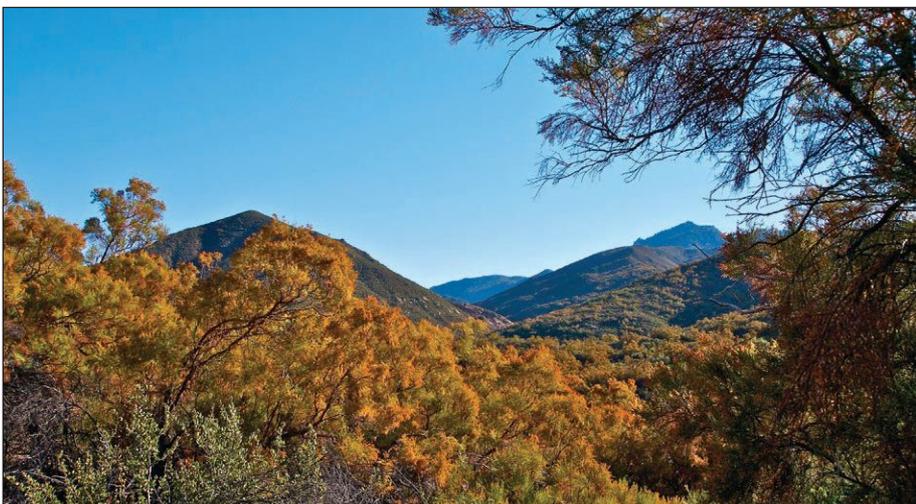
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Hiking length: A little less than 8 miles, out and back. **Difficulty:** Intermediate with elevation gain/loss of about 1000 feet. Stream water must be treated before drinking.



Ribbonwood casts a golden tint to the chaparral-covered hillsides along Agua Caliente Creek

This section of the Pacific Crest Trail is a welcome sight for through-hikers on their way to Canada after spending many days

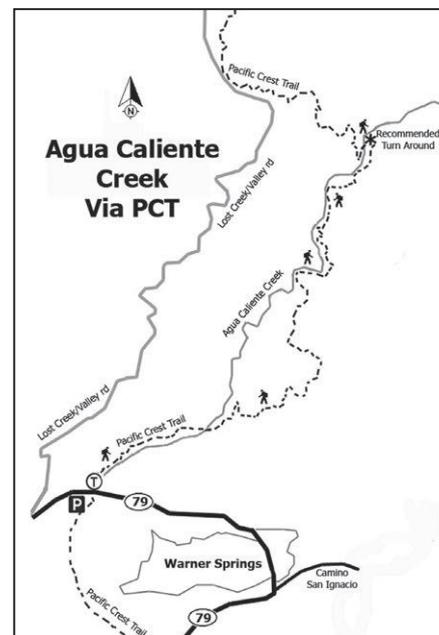
in waterless stretches of the desert. Day-hikers will likewise enjoy the oaks and sycamores alongside a stream as well as some great

chaparral and wildflower habitat. In most years, water flows beside several miles of the trail as Agua Caliente Creek descends from the

San Ysidro Mountains. However, it is best not to count on water being present since in some years the creek goes dry by late summer.

Initially the trail is just above or on a broad sandy wash studded with towering coast and Engelmann live oaks, interspersed with sagebrush and non-native grasses. The trail here is on Warner Ranch property that the PCT legally crosses as a result of an easement. Numerous horse tracks and a dirt road intertwine, but the PCT is well marked and easily followed. After trudging through the sand for about a mile, the trail crosses the stream and begins a gradual climb up a chaparral-covered hillside, leaving Warner Ranch property and entering the Cleveland National Forest.

Chamise dominates the chaparral at first, but as the trail climbs, becomes more abundant, forming a nearly 20-foot canopy over the trail. When the ribbonwood is in bloom in October, it casts a golden glow over the entire chaparral-covered hillsides. Less frequently encountered is hollyleaf redberry, mountain mahogany, bigberry manzanita, white sage,



toyon, ceanothus, scrub oak, sugar bush, Spanish bayonet, Mojave yucca, cane cholla, and desert prickly pear. A late winter or spring visit has an additional reward with numerous blooming herbaceous plants, including golden yarrow, Chinese houses, owl's clover, paintbrush, showy penstemon, scarlet monkeyflower, and many others.

After hiking about 3 miles, listen for the sound of water

flowing over rocks as you descend toward the stream. The trail then follows the stream for almost a mile, crossing it several times. While hiking along the stream, note passing through a riparian forest dominated by coast live oaks, sycamores, arroyo willow, cottonwoods, and Coulter pines. The trees here aren't as large as those encountered in the first part of the hike, but they are much more numerous and provide almost constant shade.

After nearly 4 miles, the trail leaves the stream and begins to switchback up the hillside. This may be a good point to turn around and retrace your steps. If you were focused on the trail ahead on the way to this point, the journey back is an opportunity to enjoy the views to the west toward Lake Henshaw and Palomar Mountain.

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BOOK SIGNINGS

West Coast Hip-Hop Book Signing/Gallery Michael Miller is responsible for some of the most iconic hip-hop images of all time. Showcasing 20 years of photography, including: Tupac, Eazy-E, Too Short, NWA, Snoop, and Cypress Hill. All the West Coast rap artists from the '90s. Saturday, March 16, 6 to 9pm. The Lower Left, 465 17th St. (EAST VILLAGE)

Tea with Christopher Castellani Ladies Literary Tea Adventure includes tea, book discussion, Q&A, author signing, and an

opportunity to meet Christopher Castellani up close and personal. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event. Or pre-order now. Only books pre-ordered here or purchased at the event will be available for signing. 619-300-2532. Saturday, March 16, 2:30pm; \$40. Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

MWGBG Weekend in the Gardens A great variety of classes will be offered in basket making and gourd art taught by instructors from all over the United States. Also, basket making and gourd-art suppliers will have booths accessible to the public. An exhibition of original work by guild members and weekend instructors will also be held. baskets-gourds.com. May 4-5, 2013, 9am to 4pm. San Diego Botanic Gardens (ENCINITAS)

Adult and Pediatric First Aid and CPR This course teaches students to recognize and care for a variety of first aid emergencies such as burns, cuts, sudden illnesses, head, neck, back injuries, heat/cold emergencies and how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies for victims of any age. Students who complete this course will receive a certificate for Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED valid for two years. Thursday, March 14, 6pm; \$110. Red Cross San Diego / Impe-

rial County Chapter, 3950 Calle Fortunada. (KEARNY MESA)

Adult and Pediatric First Aid and CPR Students who complete this course will receive a certificate for Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED valid for two years. Saturday, March 16, 9am; \$110. South Bay Community Center, 311 Del Mar Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

Chinese Conversation Class Learn Chinese language and culture during the lunch hour. Continues on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month through May. Thursday, March 14, 12:15pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Family Science Saturdays: Air From parachutes to flying things, explore the forces that affect how things behave as they slip, slide, glide, float, and fall through the air. Activities included with admission. 619-238-1233. Saturdays, 1pm; through Saturday, March 30, \$9-\$11. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Hammered Heart Using acrylic sheet, learn to create a simple die shape and recreate the shape in metal. This is a technique that mimics the use of a hydraulic press but is done by hand without expensive equipment. Learn to saw and file acrylic sheet, and to drill, punch, anneal, and texture metal. This will all be brought together by wire weaving the piece to a frame enhanced with beads. Materials fee includes acrylic die material, copper, steel wire, beads, chain, and use

of tools. Instructor Cooky Schock. 619-223-0058. Sunday, March 17, 10am; \$96-\$108. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

International Conference on Inclusion Conference will feature new skill-building workshops, presentations, performances, and networking opportunities. You can also earn up to 1.3 CEUs. Learn how to accommodate a range of abilities, support positive behavior in new ways, communicate effectively with parents, teach social skills, and encourage peer acceptance. Sessions will include: music and yoga strategies for inclusion; advocacy for all; parent panel; sensory processing; social emotional support; autism; infant and toddler support techniques; infant soothing techniques; and reflexology. Thursday, March 14, 8am; Friday, March 15, 8am; \$180-\$465. Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Place. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Personal Growth Retreat The Course of 10,000 Days retreat will focus on: how to create more happiness and abundance; five steps to end career frustration; how to get closer to achieving your goals; how to expand your circle of influence and build new relationships — or find new romance; three tips for getting “un-stuck;” how to attract money; how to be a better money manager; and more. 760-787-0414. Friday, March 15, 6pm; Saturday, March 16, 8am; \$195-\$345. 21 and up. Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Photographing People Participants will learn the basics of photographing people, including how to

approach people, backgrounds and foregrounds, natural light, shadow, and composition. Class will take place at the Little Italy farmers' market. Some experience photographing with your digital camera is recommended. Instructor Sarah Meghan Lee. Two dates available. Info@artacademyofsandiego.com or 619-231-3900. Saturday, March 16, 9:30am; \$60. Art Academy of San Diego, 3784 30th Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Seven Pillars of a Healthy Home Workshop addresses home safety concerns and home accessibility. Friday, March 15, 10am; free. McClellan Senior Center at Brengle Terrace Park, 1400 Vale Terrace. (VISTA)

Small Business Boot Camp Featuring two programs: one for new and aspiring business owners and one for seasoned business owners. The Start-Up Program will cover: how to make a business plan; business entities; small business financing; creating a website that sells. The Growth Program will cover: what you need to know about business taxes; successful money management for businesses; social media strategies. Registration includes breakfast and parking. Event held in Celebration Hall. 619-795-7250. Saturday, March 16, 8am; free. Joe and Vi Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue. (EMERALD HILLS)

Soap Making Before modern conveniences, homesteaders had to make their own soap out of animal fat, wood ashes, and water over a large kettle only once or twice a year. Participants make their own modern-day glycerine soap and learn about the process of pioneer soap making. 760-632-

9711. Saturdays, 12pm; Sundays, 12pm; through Sunday, March 31, free. San Dieguito Heritage Museum, 450 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

COMEDY

Sucia Latino Comedy Night Come out for Socia Latino Comedy Night, featuring some of the best Latino comics in Southern California! This show will feature Nick Guerra, Robert Zapata, Daniel Weingarden, and more! Tickets are \$16. Wednesday, March 20, 8pm. The American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue (DOWNTOWN)

Comedy Cavalcade 2013 The Point Loma Rotary Club presents the 10th annual Comedy Cavalcade to benefit local and international charitable service projects. This year's event showcases renowned comedians Maria Herman, Marc Christopher Lawrence, and headliner Sam Fedele. Hosted by Tony Calabrese. 619-243-7901. Friday, March 15, 8pm; \$25. 18 and up. Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal. (POINT LOMA)

National Comedy Theatre Based completely on audience suggestions, the cast creates an entire show from scratch. Appropriate for all audiences. 619-295-4999. Thursdays, 7:30pm; Fridays, 7:30pm and 9:45pm; Saturdays, 7:30pm and 9:45pm; Sundays, 7:30pm, \$12-\$15. National Comedy Theatre, 3717 India Street. (MISSION HILLS)

Russell Hicks Comedian Russell Hicks. Friday, March 15, 7:30pm and 9:45pm; Saturday, March 16, 7:30pm and 9:45pm; \$15. 21 and



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mingle with intellectuals and immigrants, and everyone eats well.

The working-class neighborhood of Testaccio, in the southern part of Rome, is one of its most underrated areas. Still chock-full of the history like the rest of the Eternal City, it contains real pubs, markets, late-night clubs, and some of the city's best restaurants. It feels like everyone knows everyone here. You'll find Italian pubs with beer menus from around the world as well as extensive wine lists with excellent antipasto at reasonable prices.

A popular spot for off-work bartenders, expats, students, and late-night partying Romans is On the Rox, located on the busy Via Galvani. The 35-foot bar guarantees that patrons won't spend too much time off the dance floor, and the outdoor patio caters to those more interested in conversation with their cocktails. There are daily drink specials and an aperitivo buffet.



A sampling of sweets from the market

In the heart of Testaccio, view emerging Italian and European artists at the edgy MACRO Testaccio, the offspring of MACRO Roma (the museum of modern art in Rome).

A must-see in the neighborhood is the Piazza Testaccio food market, considered one of the best in Rome. This is where Romans buy everything from meats, cheeses, and vegetables to clothing and household items.

If you plan to stay the night here, the Bed & Breakfast Testaccio at Piazza di Santa Maria Liberatrice is an ideal location with a young international crowd.

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up. Mad House Comedy Club, 502 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Stage Monkeys Improvised Comedy Always unscripted and spontaneous, group takes one single suggestion from the audience to catapult them into characters, scenes, games, songs and more. Friday, March 15, 8pm; \$5. 18 and up. Twigg's Bakery Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

DANCE

Argentine Tango with Colette

Learn Tango Now! Take a first Free class this Monday, March 18, at 7pm, or Wednesday, March 20, at 7pm (or any Monday or Wednesday at 7pm thereafter!) at Dance Place San Diego. No need for a partner. We will introduce you the passion and magic of Tango. Visit www.tangowithcolette.com and call today: 514-726-5567. Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxton Road, Studio 106. (POINT LOMA)

Contra Dancing No partners needed and no experience necessary. Calling by Susan Petrick. Live music by Uncle Farmer. Teaching from 7:30-8:00. Dance starts at 8:00. Discounts for teens and children, college, and military. Soft-soled shoes only, please. Friday, March 15, 7:30pm; \$12. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Flamenco Dance Show Live show features singer-dancer Oscar Valero, guitarist Juan Moro, rotat-

ing guest artists including Erika Lopez, Carlos Villatoro, Patricia Lotufo, Malka Winograd, and the dancers of the Academia del Baile Español. Friday, March 15, 8:30pm; \$10. Gran Tapa, 611 B Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Intro to Aerial Silks Students will learn to use special fabric to wrap, suspend, fall, swing, and spiral their bodies into and out of various positions. Aerial silks may be used to suspend in the air, striking poses and figures while flying. Limited to six students per session. Instructor Laura Dasi. Thursdays, 5pm; through Thursday, March 28, \$175. 18 and up. Malashock Dance, 2650 Truxton Rd., Suite 202. (POINT LOMA)

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

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

The Hacienda Project This site-specific event with San Diego Dance Theater will move audiences

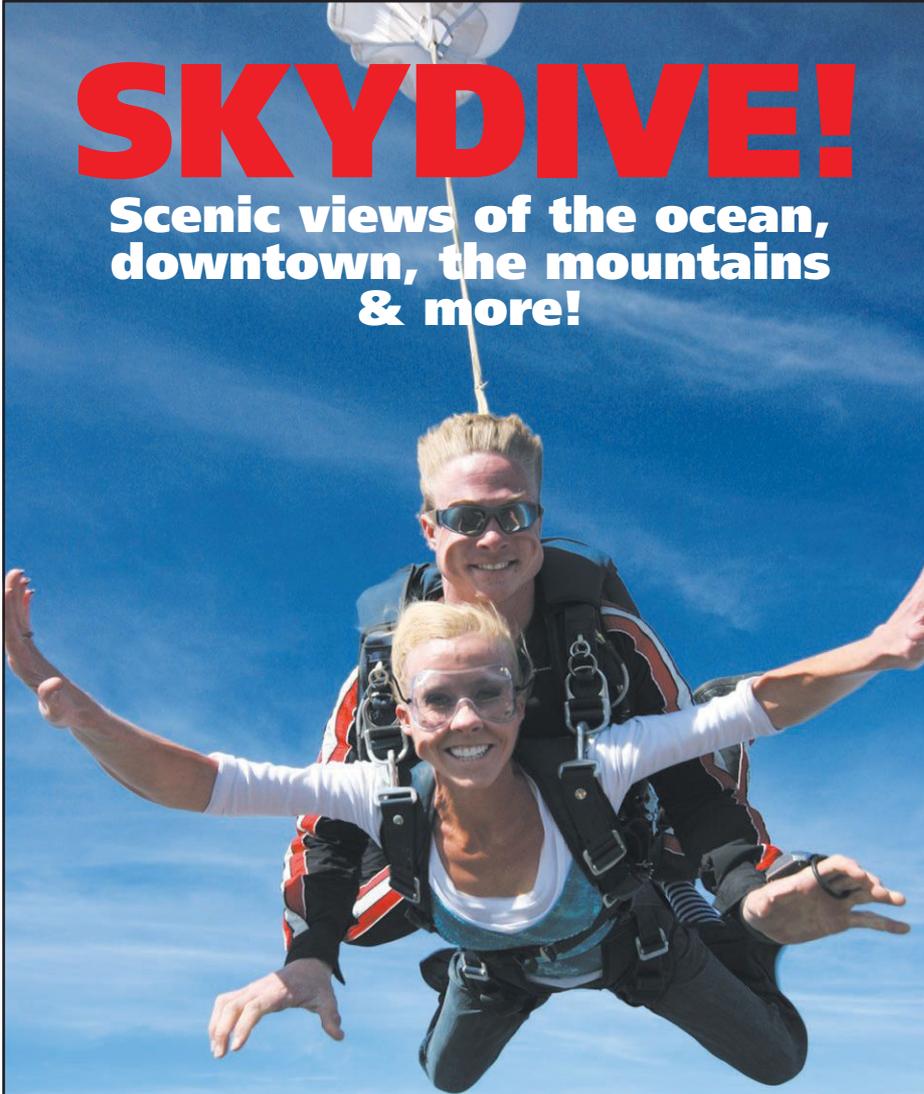
to four sites in the 2.1-acre park to see newly created work. Choreographers include: Jean Isaacs, Liv Isaacs-Nollet, and Marsha Rushing. Three showings. Audience encouraged to arrive early. 619-225-1803. Saturday, March 16, 10am, 11am and 12pm; free. Magee Park, 258 Beech Avenue. (CARLSBAD)

winterWORKS Directed by Yolande Snaith, winterWORKS features new dance theatre works choreographed by UC San Diego's Eric Geiger, Amanda Banks, Darcy Naganuma, and Paul Laurey. Thursday, March 14, 8pm; Friday, March 15, 8pm; Saturday, March 16, 8pm; \$10-\$20. Mandell Weiss Center for the Performing Arts, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Gun Violence The March meeting of Escondido Democrats will discuss how the average citizen can help stop gun violence. Speakers include Joan Keefe, representing "Moms Demand Action for Sensible Gun Laws," and Escondido deputy mayor Olga Diaz. Saturday, March 16, 10:30am; free. Escondido Chamber of Commerce, 720 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

Voyagers Toastmasters Improve business communications and speaking skills. Club meets every Thursday. Contact: Mark Shapiro, mshapiro@srs-techpr.com. Thursdays, 7am; through



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LOCAL EVENTS

Thursday, May 29, free. 18 and up. Café Coyote, 2461 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

FOOD & DRINK

St. Patrick's Day with the Downs Family Irish Stout! Erin go brah! I think that's what the Irish say for good luck! We'll have our Downs Family Irish Stout, Reuben cheesesteaks, and fried oysters for everyone to indulge in! Let's get green! A cask of mint chocolate Downs Family Irish Stout hits the lines at 2pm! monkeypawbrewing.com. Sunday, March 17, 2 pm. Monkey Paw, 805 16th Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Beer and Bacon Sunday Brunch A farm-to-table brunch, including four slices of hickory smoked bacon from Iowa Meat Farms, rosemary fingerling potatoes from Weiser Farms, a cheesy scramble made with smoked cheddar and locally sourced eggs, French toast crostini with pomegranate-sangria syrup, and a flight of four craft beers. Sundays, 10am; \$20. Amplified Aleworks (at California Kebab and Beer Garden), 4150 Mission Boulevard #208. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Beer and Cheese "Dr." Bill Sysak hosts an afternoon of unexpected

flavor combinations as he pairs artisanal cheeses with beers from around the world. Pairings include: Cabecou Feuille with Liefmans Kriekbier; La Tur with Dupont Avec Les Bons Voeux; Camembert Le Pommier with Orval; Bleu d'Auvergne with Stone Smoked Porter; Monte Enebro with Lost Abbey Cuvée de Tomme; Ballerina Gouda with Green Flash/Pizza Port Carlsbad/Stone Highway 78 Scotch Ale aged in Scotch Whisky Barrels; "Chuck/Jeff/Mitch" Blend; and Colston Bassett Stilton with J.W. Lees Harvest Ale 2006. Sunday, March 17, 12pm; \$51. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Celiac Awareness Tour Expert presentations, live cooking demonstrations, yoga classes, Irish dance performances, a comedian, gluten-free food and beverage samples, and gluten-free prizes. Children's pavilion features a St. Patrick's Day coloring contest, balloon twisting, and face painting. 440-799-4344. Saturday, March 16, 9am; Sunday, March 17, 9am; \$15-\$25. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Crawl Around the Bar St. Patty's Day Celebration — "Crawl Around the Bar" — Bar Crawl — Win \$10 You don't need to crawl from bar to bar on this one, just crawl on your hands and knees all around the bar and win a \$10 gift certificate! (one per customer) Plus, drink specials: \$3 Guinness, \$4 Jameson, and \$2 green beer. Corned beef and

Rhyme & Verse

At the Vietnam Memorial

A poem by George Bilgere

The last time I saw the name Paul Castle it was printed in gold on the wall above the showers in the boys' locker room, next to the school record for the mile. I don't recall his time, but the year was 1968 and I can look across the infield of memory to see him on the track, legs flashing, body bending slightly beyond the pack of runners at his back.

He couldn't spare a word for me, two years younger, junior varsity, and hardly worth the waste of breath. He owned the hallways, a cool blonde at his side, and aimed his interests further down the line than we could guess.

Now, reading the name again, I see us standing in the showers, naked kids beneath his larger, comprehensive force — the ones who trail obscurely, in the wake of the swift, like my shadow on this gleaming wall.



"At the Vietnam Memorial" was originally published in Bilgere's collection *Big Bang*. His most recent book of poems is *The White Museum*, chosen by Alicia Ostriker for the 2010 Autumn House Poetry Series. He received a Pushcart Prize in 2009 and won the May Swenson Poetry Award in 2006 for *Haywire* (Utah State University Press). His poems are

heard frequently on Garrison Keillor's *Writer's Almanac*, and he has appeared as a guest on *A Prairie Home Companion*. He teaches at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. "At the Vietnam Memorial" is printed by permission of the author. George Bilgere's photo is by Gary E. Porter.

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cabbage, \$4 happy-hour plate til 7pm; \$8 after 7pm. Specials good Saturday, March 16; Sunday, March 17; Turquoise Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Epic Beer Festival San Diego Sample over 230 beers from 80 craft brewers. Three different sessions to choose from. Friday, March 15, 7pm; Saturday, March 16, 1pm and 7pm; \$40. 21 and up. San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Paddy Fest The Official Bar Crawl After Party features Jame-o, Stellas, and horseshoes. Bud Lights and Blue Moons. Pots of gold and rainbows. And those green balloons. Saturday, March 16, 5pm;

\$5-\$25. McFadden's, 731 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Saint Paddy's Day PubCrawl Drink specials for at least three hours at each location include: \$2 draft beers; \$3 well mixers; \$4 shots (whiskey). Friday, March 15, 5pm; Saturday, March 16, 12pm; Sunday, March 17, 12pm; \$10-\$20. 21 and up. Taste & Thirst on Fourth, 715 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Sam the Cooking Guy The celebrity chef creates a culinary tasting tour in the store. Featuring an ice cream sundae station, balloon animals, and a wheel of prizes. 619-704-1440. Saturday, March 16, 12:30pm; free. Point Loma Grocery

Outlet, 3948 W. Point Loma Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Science on the Rocks: Pizza, Pinot, and Pi An after-hours party for adults 21 and older, celebrating Pi Day (3.14) and Einstein's birthday. Ticket includes access to hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, and activities. Identification required. A cash bar features beer, wine, and cocktails. Thursday, March 14, 6:30pm; \$15-\$20. 21 and up. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Ten-course dinner paired with Stone Brewery beers. \$42.50 plus tax and gratuity includes all ten courses and all five beers. Reservations from

4:30pm on. 619-295-3939. Saturday, March 16, 4:30pm; Sunday, March 17, 4:30pm; 21 and up. Wine Vault Bistro, 3731-A India Street. (MISSION HILLS)

St. Patrick's Day in the Aztec Beer Garden Entertainment begins at noon with Celia Lawley and her trio, followed by Steelin' Tin. Beer Garden will be tented just south of Main Street on Indiana and will feature local Aztec brews. Saturday, March 16, 9am; free. 21 and up. Downtown Vista, Santa Fe Avenue at Main Street. (VISTA)

St. Patrick's Day Celebration Get started early with \$4 Jameson and Bass Stout Ale until noon. 858-272-6066. Sunday, March 17, 6am; \$4-\$6. 21 and up. Tavern at the Beach, 1200 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

St. Patty's Day Celebration Irish food specials all day, green beer, and live Irish music from 1 pm until 4 pm. Sunday, March 17, 1am; \$5-\$15. 21 and up. Barley-mash, 600 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Three-Way Dinner Series Chefs Donald Lockhart, Simon Dolinky and Christian Graves will come together for a series of three-course dinners held between their three restaurants. Seasonal ingredients will inspire the dishes served at each dinner, starting with peas. This first event is held on Lockhart's turf at Cusp, and he will be responsible for preparing the entrée. Chef Graves will tackle the appetizer, while Dolinky whips up dessert. Peas have to be incorporated into each course, though they don't have to be the star ingredient. Each chef will also create an amuse-bouche to be served at the start of the meal. The menu will showcase each chef's talent, inventiveness, and individual cooking style. Reservations: 858-551-3620. Thursday, March 14, 7pm; \$35. Cusp, 7955 La Jolla Shores Dr., 11th floor. (LA JOLLA)

Zane Patrick's Day Live Irish music and performances, games, prizes, contest, and an open bar. Hosted by Zane Lamprey, Steve McKenna, and Pleepleus. Saturday,

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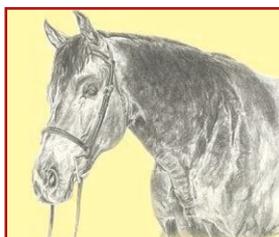
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"Rematch: Judgment of Paris"

A wine-tasting event that pits the best California wines against the best that France has to offer. Guests will have the chance to taste six wines from the best vintners in California and France, as well as enjoy hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, live music, and voting to determine which wines are guests' favorites. All proceeds benefit Mama's Kitchen, a free countywide meal-delivery service for men, women, and children affected by AIDS or cancer. 619-233-6262. Thursday, March 14, 6:30pm; \$50. San Diego Marriott Del Mar, 11966 El Camino Real. (CARMEL VALLEY)

FOR KIDS

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Missoula Children's Theater cast 60 local children in this

new musical. 858-748-0505. Saturday, March 16; Poway Center for the Performing Arts, 15498 Espola Road. (POWAY)

Butterflies in Zoro Garden

The Friends of Balboa Park release hundreds of butterflies as part of Balboa Park's Family Science Day. Children 12 and under will have the opportunity to release a live "painted lady" butterfly into the insect-friendly garden. Live ladybugs will be handed out as well. There will be butterfly crafts and butterfly face painting for younger kids. Info@friendsofbalboapark.org. Saturday, March 16, 12pm; free. Zoro Garden, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Computer Science the Fun Way

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come. Sibling discounts and referral discounts are available. Computer Science Building, Room 1202. Contact@thoughtstem.com. Sundays, 11am and 1:30pm; through Sunday, June 16, \$50. 8 and up. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

The Mama Doni Band

The Mama Doni Band celebrates Jewish culture with high-energy, interactive family rock concerts and acoustic Shabbat experiences, with a blend of reggae, rock, disco, Latin, and klezmer. Perfect for ages one to eight years old (with free admission for children), every family who buys tickets will receive a free copy of their award-winning CD, *Shabbat Shaboom*. Sunday, March 17, 10:30am; \$12-\$14. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2822 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

Young Writers Fiction Workshop

In this four-week workshop with Tammy Greenwood, writers aged 8-12 will learn the fundamental elements of fiction. Students will

read stories, engage in class discussions, learn writing techniques and terms, and practice writing skills while fueling creativity. Students will explore their imaginations and learn how to shape their ideas into narratives. Saturdays, 2:30pm; through Saturday, March 23, \$90-\$108. Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

LECTURES

DNA Activation Workshops

Guillermo Ferrara, bestselling author of *Adam's Secret*, leads DNA Activation Workshop, involving science, yoga, and myth. Participants are introduced to genetics and its links to spiritual part of life. Known for his great sense of humor, Guillermo leads everybody to the understanding of the field and gives practical recommendations. Workshop conducted in Spanish with simultaneous translation. Tickets at Eventbrite.com and

LoveMeditationCenter.org. Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28, 2013, 11am to 6pm. Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way. (MISSION BEACH)

"The Neuroscience of Extraordinary Places"

Friends of San Diego Architecture presents: "The Neuroscience of Extraordinary Places: Machu Picchu and the Great Wall" with Dr. Eve Edelstein and photographer Mike Torrey. Saturday, March 16, 9:30am; free-\$5. NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Archiving and Digitizing Your Family Keepsakes

Denise May Levenik speaks for the Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego. Meeting begins with user groups for the Macintosh and DNA Genealogy. Saturday, March 16, 9am; free. Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Gull-Billed Terns

Kate Good-enough lectures on the species, its conservation and management,

and how science is vital in assisting management with diet and habitat needs. Saturday, March 16, 10am; free. Tijuana River Estuary, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

How to Buy a Used Piano

Learn what piano buyers should know when picking out a bargain. Reservations: 858-586-7000. Saturday, March 16, 11am; free. Greene Music Recital Hall, 7480 Miramar Rd., Suite 101. (MIRAMAR)

Military Intelligence

J.T. Strong presents, "Military Intelligence: Never an Oxymoron, Always a Can of Worms," which addresses intelligence as the world's second oldest profession, the nature of military intelligence as it differs from general or political intelligence, and the predominant role it has played throughout history. Thursday, March 14, 1pm; free. 18 and up. Rancho Bernardo Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

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Phillips Brooks (1835–1893) was an American clergyman, author, and poet who served as bishop of Massachusetts in the Episcopal Church for two years, 1891–1893, before his death. Besides this famous passage from his sermon "Going up to Jerusalem," Brooks is also best known as the lyricist of the

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Assistant Secretary of State for Conflict and Stabilization Operations, will address the question of how U.S. foreign policy can promote the peaceful resolution of conflicts. Thursday, March 14, 7am; University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

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St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival The parade travels up Fifth Avenue from Laurel to Upas Street and then returns down Sixth Avenue to Laurel. There will be over 120 parade entries: bagpipers

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Thursday Night Thing This signature event brings together artist talks and performances, hands-on activities, live music, and cocktails, this time inspired by *Elemenalithmus*, Scoli Acosta's first solo exhibition in a museum on the West Coast. Acosta will stage a performance referencing Abbie Hoffman's attempt to levitate the Pentagon, as well as engaging his own vibrating, pentagonal tambourines. The performance will also incorporate a

screening of Marker's *The Sixth Side of the Pentagon*. Bites from MIHO Gastrotruck. Thursday, March 14, 7pm; \$8-\$10. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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

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A stone statue sitting atop a grave in a Roman cemetery has lost its head.

Jessica Lange and Jeff Bridges have two things in common, photography and *King Kong*. My favorite Lange movie is *Blue Sky*, where she plays the self-involved, sexually restless Army wife of Tommy Lee Jones. Jeff Bridges is so steady that it's hard to name one stand-out performance, though his sweet-and-sour roles in *The Fabulous Baker Boys* and *American Hero* are peerless, and let us not forget the dizzed jauntiness of the Dude.

Lange's first role was the damsel in the 1976 remake of *King Kong*, Bridges playing opposite her. It's memorable now only for its substitution of the World Trade Center Towers for the Empire State Building. After being displayed in a hideous public performance, Kong breaks loose on a rampage to find the fair Dwan (Lange), who is being protected by the paleontologist Prescott (Bridges). Kong heads to Lower Manhattan because it reminds him of his habitat on Skull Island, and the towers let the filmmakers stage a new kind of action: instead of clinging like a steeplejack to the Empire State spire, swatting airplanes, the newer, bigger Kong leaps from one tower to the other, though the original posters showed him straddling them, which never happens.

The bit of trivia useful to me here is that the tender, exquisite Lange (poor Kong didn't stand a chance) and Bridges (looking, as actors do when playing scientists, like a squeal toy) are also serious photographers. Several years ago, the Museum of Photographic Arts hosted a traveling exhibition of Bridges's pictures, all taken on movie sets. Now MOPA is showing a selection of Lange's work, which gives no clue that its author works in movies. Bridges's images have a *Gee-wow-look-it!* enthu-

siasm for the mechanical magic of the movies. Lange's have nothing to do with cinema, they're more recondite and discrete; they make us aware that she's trying to find and show us something in

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a self-consciously artful way. The first thing you notice in Lange's photographs is the quality and positioning of light. Bridges's images are high-gloss and transparent, Lange's are blotchy, opaque, and congested with darkness. She can turn light into a substance. A stone statue sitting atop a grave in a Roman cemetery has lost its head, but the white light that strikes the sheared-off plane looks like milky matter rising from within. A woman sitting in a church pew in Finland is nearly washed out by blechy sunlight falling through a huge clerestory vault; it's a slightly shopworn moment of enlightenment except for the arresting warp in the scene: the revenant — a faint outline of a human figure on the wall beneath the window.

Lange likes abraded, roughed-up textures. Some pictures look as if they've been rubbed with ground-up graphite. She often shoots (with a film-loading Leica) at low speeds in available light, so the contents of any image may look imperfectly defined. She's absolutely at ease with ambiguity. Her whites have a lot of gray stirred in, her blacks are ashy, and her textures are granulated, open-pored, or pebbled. You want to run your hand across the paper to feel the uneven surfaces. As if to contribute to their unfinished, raw look, she exhibits the uncropped images so that the paper edges show. I respect the purity of intent: the edges become part of the dramatic irregularity of her work. But the effect also pulls the pictures toward an affectation of artlessness. She says her pictures are simply acts of seeing and that confronting



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Jessica Lange: unseen, is on view at the Museum of Photographic Arts until May 19, 1649 El Prado, San Diego, 619-238-7559; mopa.org

those acts is all she requires of us, and therefore, the exhibited images have no identifying labels. It gives the pictures a literary, "thing itself" aura that feels to me unnecessarily coy, though I know coyness isn't the intent.

Lange's imagery isn't documentary. Her model is Robert Frank, and, like him, she wants to find in reality's visual stream an unscripted jolt of feeling and awareness. Technically she borrows from Frank's penumbral moodiness, and her work has his kind of cultivated imperfection: point of view is often angular; the contents aren't crisp and determined but smoky and amorphous; and very few pictures are posed. When her technical boldness and emotional readiness are really cooking, Lange is capable of amazing instants. In her most exciting image, shot from a sidewalk, a pit bull's snaggle-toothed muzzle leans over the edge of a roof, framed by phone wires. The dog's terrifying,

looming presence has an indefinably mythic force: it's an image of a menacing, inescapable "watcher."

Lange loves motion and mysterious activity; the open-grained wash and blur of action make her images seem anxious, impatient to catch the world as it moves around and past us. She's attracted by spectacles and entertainments, and she has an unquestioning respect for the strange, the inexplicable, the uncanny. In my favorite photo, a rickety amusement-park ride — a Tilt-a-Whirl, I think — lurks in a blustery chaos of smeared and jiggling lights: the ride's attendant is running past as if panicked. It's an image of manic life and dramatizes a world tipsy with energy. She also has a keen feeling for children and social ritual. In one unsettling image, a young girl solemnly holds in her extended arms, like an offering, a snake. (She looks like a priestess trainee.) In another, two young lovers lie in the grass as if in a movie ro-

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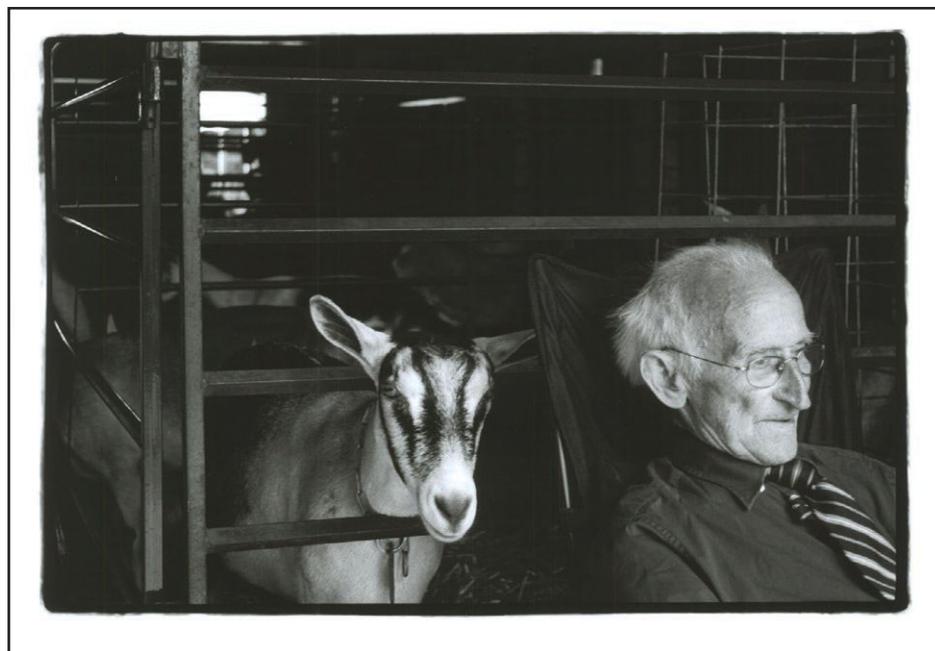
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mance, watched over by a sign: CHERRY CHILL. The slyest, most sensuous picture is a detail of a woman's foot slipping into a shoe: the sensuousness is sharpened by the elided contours and misted definition, and the instant seems one brief bit in an unfinished narrative.

She also has a special feeling for the blending of sacred and profane and has made an interesting essay on an annual festival in Chiapas that celebrates the so-called Nameless Days. In the Mayan calendar, a year is 360 days long; the 5 leftover, nameless days (called also the Lost Days), are considered an unstable, unlucky time: the world goes topsy-turvy, the spirit world abruptly intrudes on familiar daily reality, and dire underworld spirits menace normal life. In observance of this fateful time, some people stay shut in their houses, some don't bathe or wash their hair, and no one dares commence a new enterprise. Lange's images show us celebrants dressed as monkeys and wolves; some wear animal-skeleton costumes; some cross-dress. A picture of a wolf-human clutching a baby doll stopped me with its comic dread. Mexico has inspired Lange's best work. Another series features the folks and entertainments (like that Tilt-a-Whirl) of a traveling carnival: shy, young dancing girls in tacky costumes; locals gathered around a game of chance; and an empty, acidly lit old-style shooting gallery that looks like a sad, abandoned movie set.

The Nameless Days is one kind of ceremonial. A village dance night outdoors is another, and Lange's pictures of older couples dancing are a delicate, sober study of the life of the affections. These 60-somethings still use dance as an instrument of romance and intimacy. And to see them really clearly you have to get intimate with them, with the pictures, I mean, because they don't snap into focus unless we get right up on top of them. It matters that they are



As if to contribute to their unfinished, raw look, Lange exhibits the uncropped images so that the paper edges show.

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all older people. Once on top of them, you feel human and pictorial energy as one bundle of sensation. Lange, in effect, is using her camera to draw us close enough to join the dance of time passing. ■

ART

"Gift" Women as Givers The Feminist Image Group presents "Gift" as a part of Mesa College's celebration of Women's History Month. In this group exhibition FIG members will offer gifts to the public, exploring women's and artists' complex roles as givers in society. A panel discussion after the opening will more broadly approach women's place as givers in various historical, cultural and political settings. Panelists include Doris Bittar, Amy Galpin, Allison Wiese, and Allyson Williams. Moderator: Susan Myrland. Exhibition runs through April 18, 2013. Thursday, March 14, 5pm; **free**. Mesa College Art Gallery, 7250 Mesa College Drive. (MESA COLLEGE)

"San Diego Dances" A "roving mini-festival" of dance by the PGK Dance Project, featuring choreography by Peter G. Kalivas; Natasha Ridley; Donna Scro; Viviana Alcazar; guest company, Freespace Dance/NJ; and participants of a local workshop led by Kalivas and Scro. Wine and beer concession provided by Bluefoot Bar and Lounge and Soda Bar. Friday, March 15, 7:30pm; Saturday, March 16, 7:30pm; \$15-\$25. 3rd Space, 4610 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Alternative Accounts Ross Frank, a UCSD professor who led his students through the creation of *Alternative Accounts*, will speak on the ledger art of Plains Indians and on the process of putting the show together. Saturday, March 16, 10:30am; **free**-\$12. San Diego

Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Art-on-the-Green Gallery member artists display their artwork every weekend (good weather permitting) on the lawn in front of the resort. 760-434-8497. Saturdays, 9am; through Sunday, March 31, **free**. Carlsbad Inn Beach Resort, 3075 Carlsbad Boulevard. (CARLSBAD)

ArtStop: Peter Paul Rubens John Digesare discusses Peter Paul Rubens during this 15-minute, staff-led tour of one to three works on view. Thursday, March 14, 12pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

BYOB Painting Class All supplies provided, no prior experience required. Step-by-step instructions by an experienced artist. 619-508-4741. Fridays, 7pm; through Friday, March 29, \$25. 21 and up. Noric Fine Art Gallery, 7400 El Cajon Boulevard #303. (EL CAJON)

Developing a Drawing Informal drawing workshop gives adult and teen participants the opportunity to draw from objects in the collection while being guided by a trained drawing instructor. Gallery visit: Art of East Asia. Class fee includes all supplies. Friday, March 15, 2pm; \$10-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Drop-In Day: Abstract Geometric Collage Children ages 6 to 12 explore a new art-making activity inspired by paintings,

sculptures, and drawings on view. Participants also play with games, earn prizes from the Search and Find, and engage in family-friendly, docent-led tours. Sunday, March 17, 1pm; **free**-\$12. 6 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Growing Public Art in Fallbrook Event features five artists participating in demonstrations and interactive projects, Irish food, refresh-

ments, a silent auction, and an opportunity to work with an artist to create a masterpiece. The artists represent oil and watercolor painting, sculptures, and metal pouring. This annual fundraiser will benefit their 2013 project, an "organic wall" mural that is being planned by local artisans. Admission ticket includes entrée and dessert. 760-458-7267. Sunday, March 17, 4pm; \$15. Art Campus, 310 East Alvarado Street. (FALLBROOK)

Happy Little Trees – a Silent Art Auction Female Coup D'Etat for this edition of Happy Little Trees. Support local creativity on this night filled with art, drinks, and music. Thursday, March 14, 8pm; **free**. 21 and up. El Dorado Cocktail Lounge, 1030 Broadway. (EAST VILLAGE)

Japanese Brush Painting Exhibition Sprays of pink cherry blossoms (sakura) appear in painted form during the 11th annual Friends of Taka Sumi-e art society show and sale. The show features displays of traditional Japanese flower arrangements, a tea ceremony, a fashion show, and performances by Japanese dancers and musicians. Highlights include demonstrations of brush painting by Takashi Ijichi. Held in room 101. Saturday, March 16, 11am; Sunday, March 17, 11am; **free**. Casa del Prado, 1800 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Memories in the Making Art Auction San Diego and regional artists including Patrick Carney of Carlsbad, blown-glass sculptor Robert Verhees, illustrator Sue Turn-

bull, industrial designer Smadar Samson, and graphic artist Mark Sherman are among those that will have art featured for auction. Cost includes gourmet food, wine, and live entertainment. All proceeds will benefit the Alzheimer's Association San Diego/Imperial Chapter. Event held in the Hahn University Center. Contact: Caroline Harwood at Charwood@alz.org. 858-492-4400. Friday, March 15, 6pm; \$175-\$250. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Renaissance Chopines and Baroque Heels By starting with footwear, Elizabeth Semmelhack will explore how issues as varied as New World exploration to Enlightenment thinking influenced the construction of gender and the proclamation of wealth through dress, and will reveal how concepts established during this 100-year period continue to inform perceptions of dress today. Friday, March 15, 10am; \$8-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Spring Clean Sweep Artist reception for show featuring Rodger Heglar, Bonnie Owen, Melinda Newman, Roberta Greene, Tia Grantz, Michele Jackson, Sharon Ford, Tyla Colten, Richard Warner, Catherine MacDonald, Joyce Nash, Terri Soppe, Judy Nora, Raye Anne Marks, Jeffrey R. Brosby, Patricia Jasper Clark, and Beverly La Rock. Show continues through April 21. Saturday, March 16, 7pm; **free**. La Jolla Art Association Gallery, 8100 Paseo del Ocaso, Suite B. (LA JOLLA)



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One catfish at a time

“I know,” he says, “this is a crazy hole in the wall. But it has always been a dream of mine.”

Suddenly, we're in the countryside. I'm walking across an arched bridge and looking down at Market Creek, a gurgling rill flanked by luminous green meadows.

Behind me: Market Creek Plaza, built like it's out of Aztec times...or Egyptian, maybe. Yellow domes, purple towers, mosaic walkways, lots of restaurants, and even a Food4Less supermarket in the same dreamy design.

Then you cross the footbridge to the other side of the creek, and the only thing between you and empty land is this big community center and a parking lot.

So, now that I'm out here in the country I'm discovering that there's no other way back. I'm

just trying to find one when I spot this sliding window in the back wall of the community center. It's too small to get your head through. Has a sign: “Red Rooster Catfish, where Mmm Kisses Ahh!”

A tin rooster, painted red and yellow and blue, stands on the window's ledge.

Now a face appears. Lisa. Dressed in red, with a pink apron. “What would you like?”

She hands me a menu. It has everything from catfish to tilapia to tiger shrimp to —

hey! — frog legs. We're talking Louisiana country cooking. Prices go from \$2.95 (for fried pickles) to \$4.15 for a catfish sandwich to \$14.75 for two pieces of fried catfish with fried tiger shrimp.

Who'd've guessed? A full-on Louisiana cookhouse, here behind a li'l window in a community center in the middle of a field.

To get things rolling, I ask for breaded fried tilapia with a side of cheesy corn nuggets and a Hawaiian bun (a deal at \$5.50). And a bottle of Stewart's Root Beer (\$1.69), “created in Ohio in

1924, named top root beer at the 2006 World Cup of Root Beer.”

Lisa gives the order slip to this live-wire guy in a red chef's outfit, Frank. He's just finishing up on the phone. “Okay, kinfolk,” he says. “What else can I get for you, champion? All right! Make that 15 minutes.”

“What's going on?” I ask Lisa. “How can anybody do business out here in the back of beyond?”

“Frank's a visionary,” she says. “He always dreamed of starting his own Louisiana catfish restaurant. Catfish and beer. That's the Louisiana thing. This is a start. He's making it happen by word-of-mouth.”

My tilapia comes in five minutes. I take the black polystyrene box of goodies back to where

a couple of umbrellas shade two lonely concrete tables and benches. Can't get over how country this is. There's just me, wind sifting through the trees, a distant trolley disappearing, the parking lot, the creek. There're a couple of crows cawing and no other sounds. How do these people get customers?

The tilapia's breaded and has those corn nuggets and the Hawaiian bun with it. Plus a spicy tartar sauce. It's pretty delish and filling. But now I wish I'd come up with another buck and got some catfish, seeing as how

that's Frank's main thing.

Then Frank comes out to take a photograph with a little gal who's here with her great-grandma to get catfish — and to sell Girl Scout cookies.

When he's finished talking to them, he comes and sits down at my table. “I know,” he says, “this is a crazy hole in the wall. But it has always been a dream of mine. I'm from Shreveport, Louisiana. Back there, reputation was everything. You'd travel the bayou backroads, mud, potholes, in the dark, maybe, and then you'd arrive at a place

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Frank, Red Rooster's owner and chef, makes his own posters.



Frank (with Lisa) says he's publicizing his oddly located restaurant Louisiana style — word-of-mouth. “Back there, reputation was everything.”

cooking can cause fresh frog legs to twitch.”

Twitch? Aye!

Yes, they are a bit chewy, and the white meat does taste like chicken, but I can't detect any twitching. Also — is it my imagination? — I swear you can taste the bayou in there.

Once you get past all this, it's worth it. And, turns out frog legs are rich in protein and Omega-3 fatty acids. And, if it's a bullfrog, you're helping to limit a critter that's right now invading the west and as outta control as fire ants.

Meanwhile, Frank says he's working on having his dream restaurant in the plaza ready over the summer.

I start for home. Notice a quote in metal letters high up on the Jacobs Center. It's from the man who made this big community center happen, Joe Jacobs himself.

“And what did we start with? Nothing more than opportunity.”

Guess you could say the same about Frank. ■

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in the trees, and it would be crowded with people, cars, because people knew that here was a good cook. I always believed, if you cook it right, people will come.”

Frank was in the Navy, based in Japan, and Australia. Then he worked for Pfizer, the pharmaceutical company. “Budget and contracts manager. But I had this idea. So, finally, I left Pfizer. I couldn't get financing because of the recession. But my grandma always says, take it one catfish at a time. So I just got me a ten-by-ten tarp and set up under it in the parking lot of a supermarket. Then an Elks Club manager invited me to go cook in their kitchen. Then these people at the Jacobs Community Center here tested my cooking and invited me to use this space in the back of their building. As an independent business, but also cooking for them. People know me now.”

Frank's ultimate dream is to get a restaurant space across the footbridge in Market Creek Plaza. “With beer for the gents and moscato [muscat] sweet wine for the ladies. That's what I'm working on now.”

Actually, the best moment for me comes a few days later. Hop off the trolley and head over that footbridge again: gotta try those frog legs.

Frank's waiting.

“Ah! Pond chicken,” he says. “That's what we call the frogs, because they taste so like chicken.”

He cooks me “three sets” of frog legs, plus spicy beans, a bun, and spicy tartar sauce for \$9.25. And here's the thing: each “set” is a pair of jumping legs. They sit there on your plate, fried but still intact, as if three headless frogs were about to leap off of your plate. It's a bit, well, disturbing, if you wanna know the truth.

I watch the legs carefully. Because I've just read in Wikipedia that “frog muscle does not resolve rigor mortis as quickly as warm-blooded muscle [chicken, for example], so heat from

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Socks knocked off

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Heat Bar and Kitchen

Despite the fact that it's *right* up in my neighborhood, I seldom travel Park Boulevard south of University. What can I say other than that it's just not an appealing couple of blocks...until now! Oscar-worthy dramatic flair aside, Heat Bar and Kitchen (3797 Park Boulevard, 619-546-4328) somehow eluded my notice the past couple of months since they opened on the side of the street that's technically North Park but spiritually Hillcrest. I poked my head in there during happy hour and the place is now on my radar in a big way.

More restaurant than bar, Heat doesn't have a full liquor license, so drinks are limited to beer, wine, and sake mixers.

Out of curiosity, I tried one of their sake cocktails. Somebody at the bar had the bright idea to put sake, agave nectar, *sherry* (I know!), and a splash of soda water together and serve it up with a twist. Honestly, it's brilliant and different. I tried no other drinks, but they had me at sake and sherry, anyway.

Happy hour at Heat is 4-6:30 and pretty much everything is \$5, a uniformity I admire. I sampled the daily crudo, which turned out to be a trio of shrimps dressed with a spicy but otherwise unidentifiable sauce. They were perfectly cooked, brushed with a little pesto, and augmented with some marvelous pickled kumquats. I only wanted a little more input from the sauce.

A order of wings came out with the kitchen's

version of hoisin sauce, the flavor of which the cooks nailed. Additionally, the wings had been fried *hard*, but in a good way. I love being able to bite the crunchy cartilage off the ends of the wing bones and having the skin fried to crispy, golden perfection.

Even the sliders — most pedestrian of happy-hour snacks — surpassed my expectations. The plump patties were cooked to a beautiful rare (per my request) and sat on buttery, golden buns. Crispy sliced pickles, "bacon jam," and a zesty aioli finished them off. Exceptional.

I've had a grouchy week devoid of rave reviews, but Heat really knocked my socks off for \$20. I think they're punching way above their weight and I hope they keep it up. I must explore their dinner menu sometime soon.

by Ian Pike

FEAST!



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Beer & bacon brunch

Since opening shop in November at California Kebab and Beer Garden (4150 Mission Boulevard #208, Pacific Beach), Amplified Ale Works managing partners J.C. Hill and Alex Pierson have been dialing in their beer-and-bacon brunch and, last week, announced it as a fixture Sunday special.

"It just so happened I tried this particular cut of bacon from Iowa Meat Farms and it was the best I'd ever had," Hill says in a press release.

"I thought it'd be the perfect canvas to pair a variety of beers with. We always wanted to try a weekly food-beer pairing and that's how Beer Bacon Brunch was born. Now we've decided it's here to stay."

The farm-to-table brunch (10 to 2) goes for



The skeleton returned, all brown and crispy, and I got to crunch the entire thing, head and all!

\$20 and included four slices of hickory-smoked bacon, rosemary fingerling potatoes, a smoked cheddar-and-egg scramble, french toast crostini with pomegranate-sangria syrup, and a sturdy helping of four craft beers.

"We select different beers each week that complement the brunch items," says Hill.

"I like pairing a light, Belgian ale for the french toast crostini and a robust porter for the bacon, but the actual beer changes each week."

Despite his credentials as a certified *cicerone* and the several years of homebrewing experience under his belt, Hill acknowledged early on that he would need a seasoned brewmaster to run the show.

"My passion for beer and homebrewing would not translate to professional brewing overnight," says Hill.

by Chad Deal

Whole horse mackerel?

After my trip to AI Sushi, which was more disappointing than thrilling, I followed a tip from a reader (thanks, Reg!) to Sushi Mura (2816 Historic Decatur Road, 619-241-2587) in Liberty Station. It's new, open since sometime in December, and the building doesn't really "pop" or anything. It looks unkempt from without and it's on the end of the mall in a weird spot.

Still, I forged ahead in the quest for sushi consolation.

Walking in and past the sushi bar, I knew I would be in for some kind of a treat. The chilled case displayed beautiful fish, all lovingly prepared and protected in a way that bespeaks great professionalism. As the server (a young guy with great tableside manner) rattled through the specials, I started to get excited, bouncing in my seat like a little kid.

A whole horse mackerel, you say? Yes, please! These guys have to be ridiculously fresh for raw service, since they spoil easily. The sushi chef filleted the little fish, made sashimi and a few rolls from the flesh, and presented the entire dish with the mackerel carcass skewered in place and used to decorate the serving tray. The sashimi was finely scored and dressed with a tiny bit of grated ginger, scallion, and a light soy sauce to complement the rich, oily fish. It was beautiful to look at and even better to eat. I only wish the server had told me it was \$25 *before* I'd ordered it.

Even better, after I'd eaten the sashimi, the fish bones went back to the kitchen for a long, hot soak in the fryer. The skeleton returned, all brown and crispy, and I got to crunch the entire thing, head and all!

I could have stopped there, but I had to try an order of sea-bream nigiri and some *tekka maki*. Both were indulgent. The sea bream (\$8) was perfectly dressed with just a light coating of soy sauce so as not to obscure the delicate fish. The rice was beautiful: sticky and sweet but still retaining its essential texture. Even in the *tekka maki* (\$4), the individual grains of rice were still perceptible. Each bite was beautiful and truly a cut (or three) above the average, bargain sushi joints.

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I've been writing so much about our vibrant beer scene of late that it's been awhile since I've let you in on some of the eating I've been doing. So, without further adieu, allow me to expound on the virtues of Table 926 (926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach).

Just over a year ago, Table 926 took over the spot in the nether region between PB and Bird Rock that formerly housed the dilapidated Café Orleans. In doing so, they've updated the space into a lovely, inviting eatery outfitted in dark woods and turquoise, a colorful nod to the street it calls home. Maybe it had something to do with the fact I was stepping in from a cats-and-dogs rainstorm, but rarely have I felt as instantly comfortable. It definitely had a lot to do with the friendly servers, who, despite looking stretched having to service a rather large number of tables per person, come across as able pros with tons of positive personality.

What first attracted me to Table 926 was its menu. I do a lot of perusing online and this is a bill of fare that is consistently one of the most compelling in town. The dishes that comprise it are easily graspable in their simplicity, but gussied up to just the right degree, courtesy of seasonal ingredients and touches from chef Matt Richman. Influences from Spain, France, Italy, and Mexico make standard proteins such as chicken breast, salmon, and steaks interesting to even the most jaded foodie (i.e., me). It's my opinion that few things are as appetizing as a well thought-out menu, and it took me 15 minutes to figure out what I wanted to eat because everything sounded so smart and appealing.

Seeking warm comfort to combat the chill of the storm, my wife and I started with duck-confit "carnitas" tacos wrapped in corn tortillas with queso fresco, and char-roasted brussels sprouts. The duck was perfectly cooked, coming across every bit as moist and succulent as actual pork carnitas, but what sealed the deal were the house-made salsas. A smoked chili variety had nice smolder and good heat, but its tomatillo-avocado counterpart packed a spicy zing that livened up the upscale street treat.

I'm a bit over brussels sprouts. I've eaten more in the past three years than during the 30-plus that preceded that

span. But, having consumed so many dwarfish cabbages, I can certainly discern a good one from a bad one. 926's are nice enough, but some were a bit over-charred for my liking. I'd have rather had them cooked at a lower temperature so there was less exterior black and less rawness in the middle. Still, with a salty vinaigrette made from Dijon mustard and white anchovy paste and a bit of Parmegiano-Reggiano, it's a nice take on this ubiquitous veggie. Next time, I'll be sure to ask them not to skimp on the dressing, as the bowl I was served could have benefited from more of that.

It takes a lot for me to pass up pork cheeks. 926's are talked about often and positively by those in the know. But when presented a nightly special menu that included a wild-game trio of roasted Guinea fowl, grilled quail, and duck-orange sausage, I couldn't resist. Not only do I love these all three varieties of poultry, but cooking up small birds is a true sign of a chef's skill. Richman killed it: the Guinea fowl was done through, yet moist; the quail was perfectly cooked and so tasty I sucked every piece of meat off its tiny appendages, and the sausage tasted like a zestier condensed version of duck a l'orange.

The missus ordered pork tenderloin with toasted fregula, pea vines, roasted baby fennel, hedgehog mushrooms, and a blood-orange demi glace. The portioning on that dish



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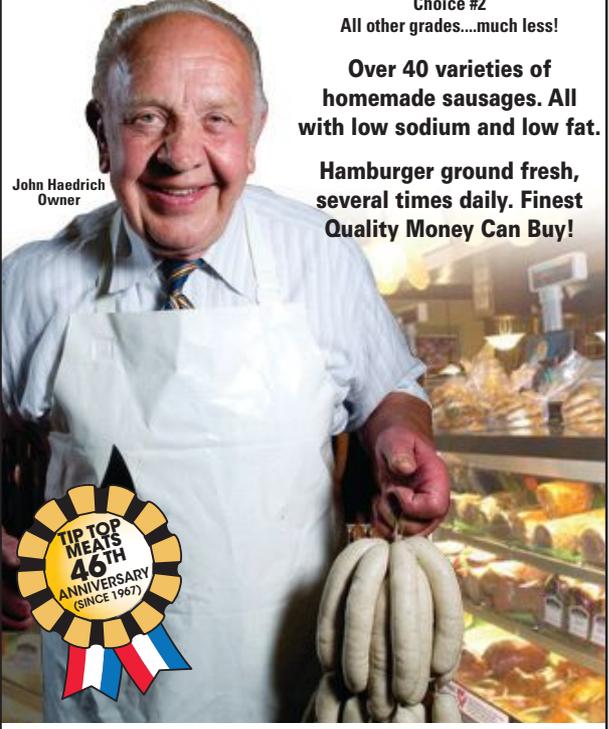
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was mammoth. The pork was cooked just right — deep brown on the outside and pink in the center. And the mushrooms actually tasted like something. They were meaty and well seasoned, which is so often not the case with fungi.

If there was a shortcoming during the savory part of the meal, it was that the faro and spinach on my dish and the fregula on my wife's were all extremely salty. Others I've spoken to who regularly dine at the restaurant report similarly sodium-rich food but, like me, are willing to overlook it because the cooking and flavors are of such quality otherwise. Still, it's an easy thing to fix and I hope they will.

One of the most pleasant surprises at 926 was their pastry chef. A young visionary who's worked at the Michelin-starred the French Laundry, L'atelier de Joel Robuchon, and St. Helena's the Restaurant at Meadowood, Sherman Chan is putting together one of the most interesting dessert menus anywhere. Her end notes employ flavor combinations that seem too

disparate to work and bring on textures that are way out there. I'll be honest — some are money and some are not — but I have to commend her for her creativity and risk-taking. This, even after finding fault in her "Mad Hatter," a scoop of Cara Cara orange marmalade sorbet, Earl Grey shortbread cookies, and apple syrup-poached cubes of white yam over a crumble of white chocolate created by roasting the white chocolate into a caramel consistency, then folding in non-roasted white chocolate and letting the mixture come back to room temperature.

Individually, each component is delicious (with the exception of the sorbet, which was overwhelmingly bitter due to the accidental inclusion of some pith), but together, the combination is a bit of a reach. Still, it was fun to have something completely new to me, and her plating was thoughtful and gorgeous. A chestnut semifreddo with crunchy chocolate praline bits and a brown butter sauce that was absolutely bananas showed how much she can do with more traditional flavors. She's certainly one to watch, as is this restaurant.

by Brandon Hernández

Fast fish

I guess it's because I've been dreaming, looking over the bridge rails of Los Peñasquitos ("the little cliffs") river, watching the white heron watching for fish in the sunlit pool among the reeds.

When I come in here, I'm thinking fish. This is Ali Baba's Cave. Sorrento Valley.

Raced in here when I realized I was starving and I had 15 minutes before the southbound Coaster was due to turn up. So, I crossed the footbridge (ducks, more fish below!) and then across Roselle Street toward a row of shops with no neighbors, the last sign of civilization before the hills soar upward and head for the coast.

It's funny, because this shop row is about as boring as you could possibly build. But open the doors into Ali Baba's (10920 Roselle Street, Sorrento Valley, 858-784-7515), and the place is rockin'. It's filled with alcoves that look like Ali Baba and his 40 thieves made themselves a pretty cozy hide-out here. At the back they have a crazy U-shaped bar. Crazy, because tons and tons of people are here all talking like they'd just come out of a football match, shouting across groups,

trying to get the two bar gals' attention.

Where did they all come from? It's like discovering a rave scene on a plain on Mars. I collapse onto the last free stool at the bar. "We're from high-tech, all those glassy offices," says Scott. He's sitting nursing his beer and his laptop. "Valley's full of them. I work at Pfizer, right up the hill. You should see this on a Friday night. You in a hurry?"

He must notice me twitching. "Got to catch this Coaster or life's not worth a plug nickel," I say.

"Kristie. Kristie!" Scott's calling to the tall blonde gal behind the bar who looks a bit like Anne Coulter. Her hands fly as she talks to customers.

"He needs something quick," says Scott.

I look at the menu. Ask for a Pepsi (\$2.50). Gotta work tonight. And, what the heck, fish and chips, \$6.95.

"Can you do them in time?"

"Can you do them in time!?" shouts Kristie over the hubbub. She's looking at another blonde lady standing in front of the kitchen. Stacie.

"What time's his train!?" Kristie looks at me.

"5:40," I say. "Fifteen minutes."

"Fish and chips? No problem,"

says Stacie before she disappears.

Scott says he works in research into cancer, creating drugs that narrow-target different types. "Our building's right at the top of this cliff," he says. "If I just lay down and let myself roll I'd be here in three minutes."

Kristie brings me two cans of Pepsi. "That's because he's nicer than you," she says to the two guys on my left. "He doesn't make my life difficult."

"So, what causes cancer?" I ask Scott, like I had the next 15 hours to work this out.

"Stress, the food we eat, the lifestyle we lead. Look at the Okinawans..."

I start wondering if they eat a lot of fish there.

This is when Stacie scoots up with my fish and chips.

Three golden slabs of cod, lots of fries, a pot of tartar sauce, and a tomato-and-vinegar-tasting red seafood cocktail sauce.

Course, now it's 3:37. I see that blue and green monster pulling in across the creek, bell donging.

"Plastic bag!" says Kristie.

"Plastic bag!" says Stacie as though this is an operating room.

"See ya," says Scott as I'm grabbing everything, slapping down two Lincolns, and heading for the door. "Careful of the bones."

Get home, and Carla and I add a bit of salad and split what turns into a dangd good light meal.

"Where'd you find this?" she says.

"In the wilds of Sorrento Valley," I say. "And I mean wild."

by Ed Bedford

Bro-dudes and Benedict

I'd stopped by Bailiwick — a new cocktail bar downtown at 756 Fifth Avenue — a while ago and had a good experience with the drinks and vibe there. It was chilled out and stylish; and the cocktail menu was sincere without being pretentious. I'd been told the restaurant planned to open for brunch, so I gave it a little while and finally made it back there for an afternoon breakfast session. Brunch runs until 3 p.m. every Sunday, so there was no need to hurry.

The scene at brunch was *crazy*. It was wall-to-wall Ed Hardy'd bro-dudes and their girls getting absolutely slammed on bottomless mimosas (\$15). And the music was *loud*, like, "this goes to eleven" loud. I didn't think that fit the Anthropologie-esque decor of the bar, which was as hipsteriffic as ever, but I guess there's nothing alterna-



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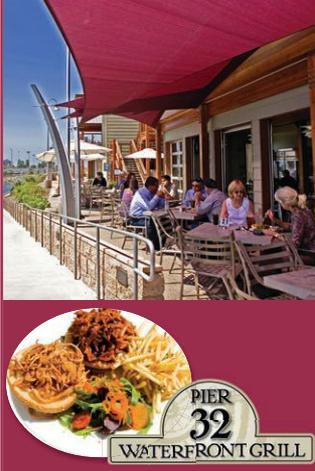
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tive about vintage decorations and housemade bitters anymore. I'm not complaining or anything, because Bailiwick is still cool looking and has good drinks, but it's definitely not the scene I thought it would be, judging by appearances alone!

Brunch didn't amount to many choices, but they also weren't expensive. Everything was, give or take, within the \$10 range. A few things topped that price, but not by much. Overall, the cuisine didn't live up to the promises that the concept makes. The *poussin* (a little-used term for a young chicken) sat atop a bed of quinoa and chorizo with a few micro-greens strewn about for color. The chicken, while diminutive, had a nice texture and crackly skin, almost as though it had been prepared like duck confit. Mixed together, the quinoa and chorizo formed an adequate side dish; the maple-syrup flavor, though it was a bit heavy, meshed nicely with the zesty sausage. The effort at thinking outside the brunch box was all right, but the execution wasn't there.

A veggie Benedict used not one but *two* separate plates. The eggs and vegetables were confined to a cast-iron skillet and that sat on top of a wooden board alongside some thin slices of toast and a ramekin of excellent fig preserves. The toast and preserves were probably the strongest portion of the dish, as the overcooked omelet, negligible drizzle of Hollandaise, unidentifiable greens, and lonely stalk of asparagus underwhelmed. Throwing a good-sized ball of decent mozzarella cheese on top of the whole thing helped a little, but as re-thought Benedicts go, Bailiwick's was mediocre at best.

The kitchen at Bailiwick isn't going to wow anyone who comes looking for a special brunch — that much is certain — but the lively scene and momentous amount of drinking going on inside give weekend warriors an excellent excuse for some high-class day-drinking. If anything, the food's only there to soak up the mimosas.

by Ian Pike

Gyros hit Coronado

Salah Jamel learned his art in Baghdad and Damascus. Now he's bringing it to life in Coronado. I come across him inside Pizza and Greek Grill (933 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4059).

As I come in, he's just painting his name on the bottom

left-hand corner of his way-big mural of Santorini. There, the ocean-filled crater where, they say, the fabled city of Atlantis disappeared.

On the opposite wall, Salah has painted the same-sized mural of the Akropolis, looks like. He didn't have much time: "It was about two, three days for each," he says.

The murals stop about four feet above the floor. "That's the height of the benches," he says. "This will be a restaurant."

That's what I've come for. Food. Because even before this place changed its name from "Coronado Bottle Store" to "Pizza and Greek Grill," you could get good-value Mediterranean food here. You just had to fight your way through the racks of liquor to get to the food counter at the back.

I liked their prices. Like, gyro sandwiches for under \$5.

But, no. Today, I want a plateful. One for Carla, one for me. For here, even though now eatin's limited to just a couple of tables outside.

So I tramp through a long concrete wasteland, past brown leatherette booths stacked against the walls, waiting to be set up in the front, till I get to the kitchen counter, and Sam.

"Uh, we want to eat here," I say. "That still okay?"

"No problem," says Sam. "But outside. I can bring it out to you. Sorry for the mess."

They have about ten plates going for \$6.99 each, including a 1/2 lb. burger and fries (compare that to Burger Lounge prices across the road, \$7.95, no fries). But I go for a beef-and-lamb gyros plate and Carla chooses the chicken souvlaki.

Kinda nice outside in the sunset, even with the construction going on inside. Sam brings the tray of plates. And, hey, what you get for what you pay...so much on these plates.

The gyro meat tastes rich. You get the taste of lamb coming through. And the chicken has that nice charred tang.

Plus, tasty basmati rice underneath the meat and the grilled bits of skewered onion and tomato and green pepper mix well with the bowl of tzatziki sauce you get. And you have a nice tart dressing for the olive, raw onion, tomato, and lettuce salad that lies under the chicken kebabs. Four quarters of pita bread tamp down the sharpness, too.

Carla, the history buff, says souvlakis — meat on skewers — have been around at least 4000

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years. "I've seen firedogs that old," she says, "in museums." "Firedogs?"

"Andirons, the carved chunks of metal or stone. You'd lay the skewers with meat chunks and veggies across two of them with the fire in the middle."

I swear. What this lady don't know... But, funny to think that people back then were eating exactly what she's eating today.

Lordy. Full. Both of us. I keep forgetting what value you get in these Mediterranean places. The guys here are Chaldean. When Sam asks how it is, I answer with the one Aramaic word I can remember:

"Randa! Good!"

Sam says they should be open as the full-on café with Salah's art in its finished glory around the middle of the month.

by Ed Bedford

Sloppy's Burritos opens in Hillcrest

When I was eating at that new pizza place in Hillcrest, workers were putting the finishing touches on yet another new restaurant in the plaza at Fourth and

University. "Sloppy's Burritos," read the sign, with a little avocado pictographic for the "o" in "Burrito." Curiosity is a big motivator for me, so I've already gone in there to see what's what. With a name like "Sloppy's," I didn't think it would be a stereotypical burrito shop. It looked good in there, with lots of blue paint and shiny, new, glass parts everywhere. All the employees were smiling and seemed ready to leap out of their skins for the chance to serve me.

Hey! Turns out it's Mission style burritos!

Yup, they've got steam tables set up and an assembly line for building burritos in the San Francisco style. Steam the tortilla, pile it with rice, beans, meat, guacamole, sour cream, pico de gallo, and lettuce, and wrap it up tightly in a piece of aluminum foil.

Their twist is that almost everything is organic, natural, or otherwise deemed wholesome for you and yours to consume. I don't hate that. It's not connected to Project Pie, but Sloppy's also uses the "one price" model. All the burritos (or rice bowls...or salads) are \$7.25 and you get to have them however you want. Uncanny coincidence!

Still, Freebirds tried foisting

Mission-style burritos on the San Diego hoi-polloi a little while back, and they had all the capital they could want behind them. It didn't work, and now the building next to Urban Outfitters is getting a remodel. I haven't had the time or inclination to find out what it will be. Anybody know?

The thing is, San Diegans don't particularly like this kind of burrito. It's just not our thing. Sloppy's burrito was okay, as steamed burritos go. The chicken and pork tasted mostly the same (seasoned white-meat flavor), but it was better than Chipotle, and they had a Boylan's soda fountain (I made my own cherry cola) just like the pizza place next door. The people who run it are ambitious and they're already looking at Little Italy for an expansion, but they fight an uphill battle. I know there are people out there who are craving one of these burritos, but will they be numerous enough to sustain a business?

Sloppy's Burritos, 3884 Fourth Avenue, 619-269-2697. Open daily 11-10.

by Ian Pike

Animalized!

I thought I knew downtown. But here I am walking up First Ave-

nue from Broadway, heading past the Bristol Hotel for the trolley when something at the bottom of a sign on the sidewalk stops me. You could miss it if you blinked.

It's a li'l sandwich board outside: "Happy hour 7 days a week, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. featuring... clever snacks from the kitchen."

Hmm... First Avenue Bar and Grille (inside the Bristol Hotel, 1055 First Avenue, downtown, 619-232-6141). It's a businessman's attire. I'm not exactly in business hotel and I don't exactly get a businessman's rack of gold cards, but I go in anyway.

"Is it happy hour?" I ask at the reception desk.

"It is, sir," says the gal. And she hands me a card that says "Enjoy a glass of our craft beer or featured wine for only \$1."

Not sure how long this is going on but I'll take it. I head through some doors and then someone points up three steps to the left and here I am in a dark-paneled half-circle bar.

Maroon carpet, low lights, a bunch of customers on the stools, some of them eating on white china, all chatting with the bar-keep, Melissa.

When she comes to the wall table I'm sitting at, I ask for the Stone Pale Ale. She leaves a card with the HH offerings. Draft

beers are normally \$3, already a great price, so this little card is a total deal. Guess it pays to stop at the reception station.

On the food menu, they've got "fire-roasted" brussels sprouts (\$3), thyme-flavored fries (\$3), poutine (Canadian fries and gravy, \$4), Caesar salad (\$4), prosciutto-wrapped shrimp (\$7), and a burger with bacon, cheddar, and fries (\$7).

Burger would be the obvious thing, but for some danged reason, I go to the things I hated as a kid, the brussels sprouts. Partly because they're only \$3. Then I order the poutine as a belly-filler.

Oh, man. I needn't have bothered. One, the sprouts. They are totally divine. Sweet, sautéed, carbony, crunchy, with almonds on top. I have to stop the chef, Kirk Kocurek, as he passes.

"I kind of brainstormed this up with the corporate chef," he says.

"They're made with roasted tomatoes, Sriracha sauce, honey, lime juice, and toasted garlic in there, along with caramelized onions and almonds."

Lord. If I'd known, I would have done two things differently. I'd've ordered a (\$1!) sweetish white wine instead of the beer, and I would have canceled the poutine, which is great, but

not necessary. I'm full after the sprouts. And don't want to spoil the aftertaste.

And I'd've loved the thought of getting out of this swank hotel with its classy little bar totally satisfied for \$4.

I mean, the poutine's good. None of the traditional cheese curd, but really rich, all the same.

"We animalized it," says Kirk. Animalized?

"It's a California thing. Really means we made it extra messy. It's got extra sauce, cheddar cheese, caramelized onions. Rich for one person. Really, it's for sharing."

I get about halfway through the poutine by the time I have to leave. But what a great feeling. Even with the poutine, I'm out on the street for \$8, plus tax and tips. Say ten, eleven bucks total.

I ain't complaining.

by Ed Bedford

Late Saturday afternoon lunch

Mikko, an "authentic sushi and Japanese cuisine" restaurant, sits just off the 5 freeway, at Carlsbad Village Drive (Elm Avenue, to older locals). Many Carlsbad residents and others have been offering their patronage to the establishment quietly occupy-

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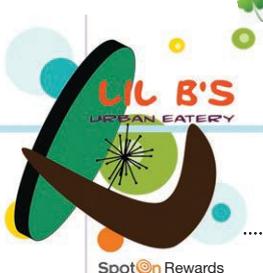
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ing a space in the Albertson's shopping center for about 15 years. Though our family has had dinner there many times, we dropped by to check it out for a late Saturday afternoon lunch.

The restaurant was dark and peaceful as we entered. The sushi chef was creating at the sushi bar and a moment passed before a young man hustled over to seat us. After an unusually long wait, our server finally stopped by our table to take our order. I chose the tempura asparagus roll (\$6.95), miso soup (\$1.25), and some green tea (\$.50). My partner and our daughter both chose the chicken teriyaki (\$7.50), hers from the kids' menu (\$5.75).

Our meals were served quickly and the food presented with care. Though their green salad is about as basic as a restaurant can serve and therefore, not noteworthy by itself, the dressing makes it worth mentioning. I've never tasted a dressing like the one that they use. It has a fresh, light taste, which belies the thick appearance. My tempura asparagus roll was delicious, and I received enough pickled ginger for the entire serving. According to my dining partners-in-crime, their teriyaki chicken meals were also satisfying. My daughter especially liked getting orange slices with her food. Mikko serves generous portions, and in the case of the teriyaki chicken, they are generous with the sauce.

Mikko, 1025 Carlsbad Village Drive, 760-730-0088.

by Amy Davis

Breakfast in Mission Beach

I'm looking deep into my Turkish coffee cup. The grounds have about three bumps up the left side and a loose column way up to the lip on the right.

"Huh," I'm saying to Jesús and Sarah. "What does this mean?"

"I think it means good health," says Jesús.

"Long life and good health," says Sarah.

Okay, actually we're talking tasseography, the art of telling the future from what you see in coffee grounds or tea leaves, or even wine sediments. And none of us here know how to read the danged coffee grounds to tell the future.

But tasseography is part of the deal when you buy Turkish coffee here (\$2.10), at least in the menu. It's a carry-over from the lady who started this place, the Olive Café (805 Santa Clara Place, off Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-1224).

She was Turkish and had blue glass eyes placed everywhere to ward off the evil eye and bad spirits if they were about.

And eight years ago, when Sarah Mattinson bought the place, she lost the blue eyes but kept a lot the same. Including this Turkish coffee. Delicious, once you get used to all the gloopy grounds and a kinda tinny taste at first.

But, actually, I'm here for breakfast. It's all day, so no pressure. And the outside patio is great, with flowers and trees in this quiet streetlet off Mission Boulevard. You get the neighborhood, vacationers, the student laptop crowd, and even the kids coming shivering from lessons at the surfing school.

They have dozens of egg combos, but I choose Cousin's Favorite Scramble. Turns out Sarah's cousin Michael made up this combo. Michael had taste, and so does the scramble. It's three eggs scrambled up with green chilies, bacon, onion, cheese and avocado. Lots of avocado.

Man, it's delicious. You get hash browns and toast (I opted for sourdough), too. But with a few splots of Tapatío, it's the perfect way to kick off your day. Costs \$8.25. Not the cheapest,

but you get a lot. And the tastes are beautiful, helped by the coffee, of course. Before the Turkish, I got a large house coffee for \$1.85, with endless refills when you buy a meal.

I end up putting preserves on my toast, getting that Turkish coffee, and watch the world go by from the patio.

Met Sarah about a year ago at the ice cream joint next door. Now she's united the two into one big patio eating corner.

So, when's the coolest time to be here?

"Eight-fifteen in the morning," she says. "That's when we bring our scones out of the oven. Everybody turns up to have them hot and fresh. Especially the mixed-berry scones [\$2.75]."

Ooh, man, I could live here. All these little walk-only alleys with their cute cottages, and a local café like this, one block from the ocean, but tucked away. Even the postman stops and squats to pet the dogs when they bark recognition yelps at him.

Feel like calling Carla and telling her to start packing our bags. But will we? The coffee grounds wouldn't tell.

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Ridiculous Hawaii. In accordance with their longstanding devotion to vinyl, Heavy Hawaii will be selling both CD and vinyl versions of their new full-length, *Goosebumps*, at the Casbah release party on March 18. "Music alone is a tough market, and vinyl is

Keylargo, Bahamas says, "Just about every former member appears on *Goosebumps*." The cover photograph shows someone walking a Razor scooter through a park, wearing a *Scream* mask, and swinging an spewing fire extinguisher. "The cover was very much inspired

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the inside track

a really tough market," says Matt Bahamas. "We released music, cassette only, and those sold, but unless you're Sonic Youth and releasing a vinyl box set on Record Store Day,

by Mexican culture," says Bahamas. "You'll see kids still wearing old Freddie Krueger masks and shit, as if those movies were released this past year." To promote the album, the group



Matt Bahamas: "Those fire extinguishers...caused a bit of panic."

it's a big gamble." Last year, the band's label, Art Fag Recordings, pressed a three-song vinyl seven-inch, "Superbowl XXIX," limited to 500 copies.

Having recently pared the group down to a duo with Jojo

shot a video in January ("right off of the 94") that emulates the cover photo.

"It's funny, those fire extinguishers we let off caused a bit of panic. That stuff doesn't just quickly dissolve; it floats

around in the sky for while. I think the locals thought there was a fire where we were filming and, next thing you know, there's fire engines and helicopters scoping the area.... We didn't realize the choppers and trucks were there because we were so focused on getting the filming done before dark. Once we realized what we had caused, we got a little freaked and left. I'm not sure if we were on private property or if we would be fined for having these trucks come out."

As for the long-planned 12-issue comic-book series Bahamas co-created with Wavves frontman Nathan Williams, "The first *Negative Dad* book is done.... The book is about two boys uncovering an intergalactic conspiracy between Earth and other planets. It's been a blast to write, especially with my best friend.

"It will for sure be released this summer. Very excited for Comic-Con. We're gonna do something ridiculous."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Bujwah Hill. Growing up in the desert agricultural town of El Centro, Matt Zavala and friends staved off boredom by going on renegade wheat-paste missions, causing trouble, and shredding every skateable surface in town.

"All of this evolved out of skateboarding," says Zavala, a pastor's son who runs Bujwah Clothes with his brothers Daniel ("He's the boss"), Jacob ("We

call him the 'hat maker' — he does all the embroidery), and designer Carlos Gonzales.

"We were just a bunch of friends chillin' on El Dorado



Out of the trunk: East County crew gearing up for their grand opening in Golden Hill, with bands, boards, and a whole lotta Bujwah.

block and we started this company called Frontier Skateboards. It was me, Sebastian Ulloa (Batwings), Joe Pipkin, and Ernie Quintero (the Spits, Slab City). We were selling skateboards out of the trunk, making some money for the crew because we were all broke. My brother Daniel and his friend Tony came up with this concept called Bujwah in 1999."

Fast forward 15 years and the Bujwah team has designed shirts and fliers for festivals such as Desert Daze and Fuck That Fest, which, Zavala explains, is "a fuck you to Fuck Yeah Fest, not against [promoter] Altamont, but because it was cheaper."

They've also curated a handful of art and music shows, including the Strange Tour, which took Beaters and Pool Honeys from L.A. to

San Diego to TJ to Mexicali and ended with special guests Blackfeet Braves in El Centro bar Strangers, owned by Bujwah/Frontier co-conspirator

Ernie Quintero.

Bujwah is now gearing up for the grand opening of their storefront in Golden Hill (23rd and Broadway).

To inaugurate the shop, Matt and company are teaming up with Fullerton-based Burger Records to throw a party on Sunday, March 24, at Tower Bar, featuring Bruin, Gap Dream, the New Rivers, Pool Honeys, Little Girl Blue, Cosmonauts, Traumahelikopter, and DJ Lee Noise.

In addition to hosting monthly shows, the store will carry Bujwah threads, music from Burger Records, band merch, skate gear, and works by borderland artists including Daniel Zavala, Star27, D. Gibson, and Adam Moyes.

"We are trying to make a scene in Golden Hill," says Zavala, who, along with his

brothers, built the shop's interior from the ground up.

"Lots of business owners were telling us to move down to Kensington because that's where all the foot traffic is at. But I've been going against the grain all my life. Hopefully people follow and start making something in Golden Hill."

— Chad Deal

A very angry kid. After "floating" for eight years in a nonproductive, antimusic fog, Brandon Van Ekelburg found his new creative calling three years ago.

The former frontman of a Grossmont High metal band called Hostile Intentions (think: Slayer), Van Ekelburg found rap. He took the stage name of Van Brando and started rapping with passion about real-life struggles.

"I had a guy I worked with at Petco who made rap beats. He said I had a voice for rap and he said I should try it. I laughed my ass off. I said 'Fuck, no.' But he convinced me to make some tracks on his piece-of-shit computer."

Van Brando, 29, started playing live at a 2010 Halloween house party. He then hooked up with producer/recording-studio owner Greg Garrison, who convinced him to start recording at his El Cajon-based Multi-Player Productions. Garrison plays all the instrumental tracks, which span rock, punk, and

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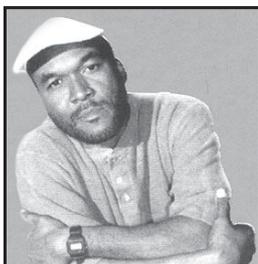
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metal. The result is 20-plus tracks of Van Brando's "real-life shit" — lyrics that tap into his struggles and his rage over his dad who "fucked over my whole family.... I went to jail over my anger a couple times when I was 19 and 20. I never stole from anyone. I was charged with assaulting a cop. What he did was unlawful. He kicked me. But I looked at it as karma. I wasn't doing right things. I was cheating on females. There was other stuff.



Van Brando's rap is about real life, not radio life.

The pay-to-play component doesn't bug Van Brando; what does is the fact that he has to play alongside other aspiring rappers who want to sound like every hit on Z90.

daily blogs

Helzer, Grinnell & Hubbard: The ARC Trio

By Robert Bush — March 10, 3:44 p.m.

A Scribe Amidst the Lions calling it quits

By Jay Allen Sanford — March 9, 5:38 p.m.

Basshenge Technology techno dance series at AC Lounge

By Chad Deal — March 9, 3:12 p.m.

Excuse me: any spare change for harp fest?

By Dave Good — March 9, 2:46 p.m.

Joe Garrison & Night People live at 98 Bottles

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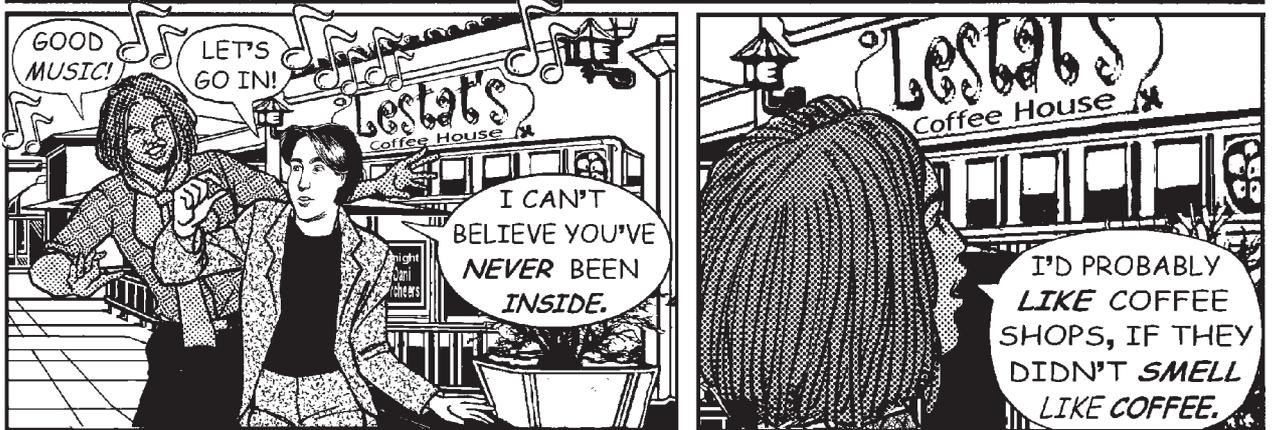
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I was a very angry kid."

Last Sunday he played a once-a-month competition at the Stage, downtown, hosted by DJ Bille Knight. He says 14 or so artists who agree to buy \$100 worth of \$10 pay-to-play tickets usually perform at those contests. "I sold 25 tickets for the last one, so I got to keep \$150 [above the \$100 guarantee]." The artist judged best-of-show gets \$500 in cash.

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: NORMAL HEIGHTS JAY ALLEN SANFORD



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"Ninety percent of the stuff [performed by the other competitors] sounds like the same kind of stuff you hear on the radio every day."

For those fellow artists who only want to go with the flow, Van Brando wrote "Little Rappers": *So you call yourself a rapper/ More like a borderline slacker/ Wasting your time, one toke at a time/ Seeing your performance makes me so damn sick/ Even Slick Rick would be calling you a prick.*

— Ken Leighton

Bottling digestible jazz.

Science Fiction Jazz wants to cut a full-length LP. They really do.

"We have enough material to play a three-hour show," says guitarist Aaron de la Rosa. "It's just a matter of getting into a studio and actually recording it."

In the meantime, the group's sole release is a self-titled EP with tracks such as "Swamp-foot" and "Mt. Scurvy." It's

a mix of competent, clean jazz progressions and funky, meandering vamps. The band's name is an ode to their self-confessed geekery and *Star Wars* fandom more than anything else, although the



What's with the name? Geekery and *Star Wars* fandom.

drummer reportedly grabbed the phrase "science fiction" off of a poster when the group needed a name.

"For now, performing is a bigger priority than recording," says de la Rosa. "We want to go back out on tour, maybe through the Pacific Northwest

or Arizona. At the same time, we would love to have a new album recorded before we set out. That way we'd have something to tour with."

Lately, they've been playing around San Diego at diverse

venues. They played the UCSD Loft with the Afrojazziacs, and they'll be playing at a comic-book release party later in the month. They try to play a show every other weekend so band members can take some time to work on side projects. Aaron's alter-ego plays guitar

in a Euro-Gypsy footstomping outfit called Quel Bordel, while his brother Allen strays more toward indie rock in his band Porn Film.

One of the biggest things that complicates the group's desire to record is the improvisational nature of their shows.

"An eight-minute song might be ten minutes long the next time we play it," explains de la Rosa. "Trying to figure out just how to record something we play so differently live is tricky. I mean, you want the album to make people say, 'Wow. Cool. I like these guys!' But, then it has to be an even better experience live. That's a hard thing to bottle and make digestible."

— Ian Pike

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Thursday 14

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Friday 15

Keeping the whiskey flowing at the Normal Heights hot spot, a barnload of bands will fill the Void Friday night, including **Stalins of Sound**, **White Mule**, **Kodiak**, **International Dipshit**, **Jeans Wilder**, **Shiva Trash**, **Last Years**, and **Hoodrat**. For the rest of the stagey details on this rocket-fueled weekend affair, get to thevoidsd.com.... Right up the street at Soda Bar, garage-rock quartet the **New Kinetics** takes the stage after **Paragraphs**, **Recordable Colors**, and **Ed Ghost Tucker**. You checked out the Kinetics' *In Stereo* yet? Get on it: thenewkinetics.bandcamp.com.... Some more local LOUDness over at Tin Can Ale House, where **Black Market III** does its bluesy grease-punk biz after **Leanna May & the Matadors** and **Hello Penelope** do theirs.... Down the big hill, SoCal punk perennials the **Swingin' Utters** swing into Casbah after acoustic blues-punk duo **Sean & Zander** (Schloss of Circle Jerks), **Wild Roses**, and the **Widows**.



DENGUE FEVER AT CASBAH

Saturday 16

Casbah catches **Dengue Fever** Saturday night. The L.A.-based ethno-indie hits have fused comfort-zone Cambodian surf-pop (sounds that found Cambodia via U.S. forces radio in the '60s) to spy soundtracks, funky jazz, psychedelia, and synthy new wave to great success over their 12-year career, in critical praise, world-music awards, and philanthropics for the folks back home. The band's latest record, *Cannibal Courtship*, is a pretty decent party platter as well as a barometer for where their art is, which is not far from where it was 12 years ago, blowing on the breeze of those beautiful Cambodian beaches. Speakinowhich, our own **North Beach** (née Short Eyes) opens the show with the Southland sand pop off of their debut disc, *Granado's*.... Best of



GREENSKY BLUEGRASS AT PORTER'S PUB

the rest: roots-rocking SDMA winners **Dead Feather Moon** glows on Soda after **Brothers Weiss** and **Mrs. Henry**... Dizzy's does a double-dip of jazz trios Saturday night, including saxophonist **Ian Tordello's** outfit and guitarist **Peter Sprague's**

three-man band...from the dancehalls of Jamaica, reggae singer **Carlton Livingston** ("100 lb. of Collie Weed") visits Brick...while jammy funk 'n' jazz band **Carl Denson's Tiny Universe** takes the stage at Belly Up in Solana Beach.

Sunday 17

Happy St. Paddy's, the one day a year we all got a little bit of the beggorah. Can't think of a better venue to wash down the corned beef and cabbage

than Porter's Pub at UCSD, especially since the band on hand is **Greensky Bluegrass**. A five-piece bluegrass band from Kalamazoo in Michigan, they're Irishish, with their jaunty acoustic and banjo chops and full-band sing-alongs. Saw these cats several times out at the Joshua Tree Roots Fest, and they're always an audience favorite. They used to do a pretty kewl cover of "Everybody Wants to Rule the World," if ya get droonk enough to yell that out, laddy. Beantown troubadour **Ryan Montbleau** opens the show.... And speaking of

rootsy troubadours, **Richard Buckner** will be at Soda Bar in advance of this year's anticipated Merge set, *Surrounded*. Lo-fi-folkies **Midnight Pine** set that up. Gotta tell ya, every time 21-year-old Pine singer Shelbi Bennett steps to the

mic I get goosebumpy. And Al Howard's songs suit her to a tee.... 'Round town: NYC buzz band the **Virgins** join **Color** and **Har Mar Superstar** at the Casbah. The Virgins on Tuesday dropped sophomore set *Strike Gently*...and Boise thrash-metal heads **Krystos** will take down the Shakedown after like-minded locals **Axis of Death**, **Aim to Kill**, and **Xpulsion**.

Monday 18

The Vegas-based indie-pop act **Imagine Dragons** hits House of Blues Monday night. The quartet's touring in support of their debut disc *Night Visions*, which, despite the hit single, fails to get a foothold with many critics — "So polished that it slips right in one ear and out the other." That's what radio's for, yeah?... Off the beaten path, you got the Seattle-based folk-pop four piece **Ivan & Alyosha**



THE SPITS AT TIL-TWO

at Soda Bar. The NPR-approved group is out to tout this year's *All the Times We Had*. I&A's tourmates, the dream-pop duo **Lemolo**, open the show...while Casbah stages Bay Area band **Grass Widow**, vocal-pop throw-backs that mesmerize with their chops as well as their words. Our own tropical fuzz-pop trio **Heavy Hawaii** up first. Catch up with HH via Jay's report on the video shoot for their new single, "Airborn Kawasaki," in this week's Blur.

Wednesday 20

"Punk for the people." Humpnight hits like the **Spits**, as the Midwest mainstays play Til-Two after our own **Creepy Creeps**, **Lumps**, and **Useless Eaters**...No? Soda Bar sets up punk-rawk Tampa Bay band **Merchandise** with **Wet Hair**

and **Ditches**...Turkish alt-rock quartet **Mor ve Ötesi** ("Ultraviolet") takes the stage at Bay Park bar the Griffin after **Twenty7** and **Hargo**...borderland garage-rock band **Electric Healing Sound** plugs in at Tin Can Ale House after the **Ballantynes** of Vancouver and San Fran band **Posole**...while local noiseniks **Retox**, **Secret Fun Club**, **Anthrot**, and the **Innerds** play the Ché Café in La Jolla. I'm over. And out.

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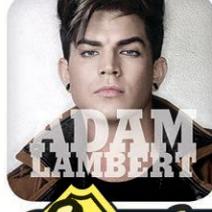
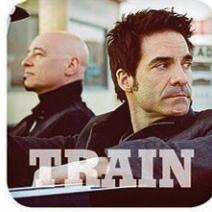
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Friday, 9pm — Hitman Honey.
Saturday, 9pm — Todo Mundo. \$7.
Sunday — BoomSnap and Tim O'Malley.
Monday, 9pm — San Diego Music TV Showcase. **Free.**
Tuesday, 9:30pm — 710 Bass Club.
Wednesday, 9:30pm — Open Mic Open Jam.

ArtLab:

Wednesday, 8pm — Robin Henkel Band with Whitney Shay and Billy Watson. **Free.**

Bahia Resort Hotel:

Friday, 9pm — Timothy H. **Free.**

Bar Dynamite:

Tuesday — Boom Bap.
Wednesday — Dance Klassique.

Bar West:

Thursday, *Sunday*, *Tuesday* — Mikey Beats.

Barleymash:

Thursday — Chris Kutz.
Friday — Demon.
Sunday — Artistic.
Monday — Demon.

Belly Up:

Thursday — Conspirator.
Friday, 9pm — Stepping Feet. \$13-\$23.
Saturday — Karl Denson's Tiny Universe and Nigel Hall Band.
Sunday — Odesza, Emancipator, Little People.
Monday, 9pm — Josh Ritter.
Tuesday, 8pm — The Joy Formidable. \$18-\$37.
Wednesday, 9pm — The Pimps of Joytime and Vokab Kompany.

Block 16 Union & Spirits:

Thursday, 7pm — Casey Donahew Band. \$10-\$50.

Brick by Brick:

Thursday, 8pm — Midnight Starr's EDM. \$5-\$10.
Friday, 8pm — Hi Def Dynamite Pajama Party. \$8.
Saturday, 7pm — Carlton Livingston and 100 lbs of Collie Weed. \$20-\$25.
Wednesday, 8:30pm — SD Music TV Open Mic. **Free.**

Café Ipé:

Sunday, 11:30am — Darius Degher and Cordelia Degher.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido:

Friday, 7:30pm — An Irish Hooley with Slugger O'Toole. \$34-\$39.

Casbah:

Thursday — Neil Hamburger, Brett Gelman, K-Strass. \$10-\$12.
Friday — Swingin' Utters, Sean & Zander, Wild Roses. \$15.
Saturday — Dengue Fever.
Sunday — The Virgins and Har Mar Superstar.
Monday — Heavy Hawaii album release.
Tuesday — Matt Costa and Carly Ritter.
Wednesday — Citizens and Lovelife. \$8.

Ché Café:

Saturday, 7:30pm — Oceanside System, Creative Conspiracy, Rat Jam. \$7.
Wednesday — Retox.

Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant:

Saturday, 7:30pm — Larry Okmin & the Full House Band. \$5.

Coyote Bar & Grill:

Thursday, 6pm — Clay Colton Band.
Friday, 6pm — Big.
Saturday, 6pm — Talour Made.
Sunday, 5pm — Not Katie.
Wednesday, 6pm — Smokestaxx.

Dirk's Niteclub:

Friday, *Saturday* — Nemesis.

Dizzy's:

Friday, 8pm — re:Trio. \$10-\$15.
Saturday, 8pm — Ian Tordella Trio and Peter Sprague Trio. \$10-\$15.

Downtown Vista:

Saturday, 9am — St. Patrick's

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Once a beach band, always a beach band? Thicker Than Thieves will kick off their spring tour in Ocean Beach, not so far from where it began for them more than a decade ago. That would be Pacific Beach, where Thicker Than Thieves started out playing beach parties and bars. They were like a local version of Bad Brains with musical quotes from Bob Marley and whatever British post-punk bands there were that struck Jamin Hazelaar's fancy. He's the head Thief and, as such, knows perhaps better than anyone the uphill battle of being early on any sort of trend. Other than Buck-O-Nine, he says, "There really wasn't anyone else in San Diego at that time who was doing what we were doing," meaning

the sounds that come from blending reggae and ska with punk rock.

Jamin Hazelaar grew up in a musical family and started performing at the age of nine. Not so unusual — that seems to be about the age when parents begin sticking clarinets or trumpets or violins in their kids' hands. Hazelaar did recitals and musicals and plays as a child, and that's where he worked out all of the mistakes that new singers must make. He's a strong frontman; even in the earliest surf-punk days of TTT, I thought him preternaturally calm and self-possessed.

In 2002, the band released their first full-length CD, *Smuggler's Run*, said to have been inspired by a surfing trip (they have a new EP due this fall). It follows that the Thieves' music and surf/skater aesthetic has made them favorites on such festival stages as the Van's Warped Tour and the Costa Rica Caricaco Festival. Handy, because



THICKER THAN THIEVES

their Facebook page says the Thieves divvy their time between the California coast, Costa Rica, and Hawaii. Once a beach band, always a beach band.

Project: Out of Bounds and So Cal Vibes also perform.

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Day in the Aztec Beer Garden. **Free.**

Epicentre:

Friday — The Story So Far and Man Overboard.

Flame:

Saturday, 9pm — MayStar's Diamond Dust. \$3-\$5.

Gaslamp Quarter:

Sunday, 2pm — ShamROCK 2013. \$35-\$45.

Golden Acorn Casino:

Friday, 7pm — The Pine Creek Posse Band. **Free.**

Good Guys Tavern:

Sunday, 2pm — Deborah Blake & Zero Gravity. **Free.**

Gran Tapa:

Thursday, noon — **Moonlight Orchestra**. Folksy chamber and early music.
Thursday, 5:30pm — **Carlos Velasco**. Latin guitar and vocals.
Thursday, 8pm — **Dusty Brough Guitar & Friends**. Flamenco, bossa, and gypsy jazz.
Friday, 6:30pm — **Juan Moro**.

Flamenco guitar dinner music.

Friday, noon — **Moonlight Orchestra**. Folksy chamber and early music.

Friday, 8:30pm — **Flamenco Dance Show**. Live show features singer-dancer Oscar Valero, guitarist Juan Moro, rotating guest artists including Erika Lopez, Carlos Villatoro, Patricia Lotufo, Malka Winograd, and the dancers of the Academia del Baile Espanol. \$10.

Saturday, 5:30pm — **Pan Am**. Bossa nova, jazz.

Saturday, 5:30pm — **Bviolin Trio**. Fusion/world music.

Sunday, 5pm — **Carlos Velasco**. Latin guitar and vocals.

Sunday, 5pm — **Grupo Bohemio**. Romantic light opera.

Tuesday, noon — **Moonlight Orchestra**. Folksy chamber and early music.

Tuesday, 6:30pm — **Tomcat Courtney**. Born in 1929, Tomcat Courtney performs original down-home blues.

Wednesday, noon — **Moonlight Orchestra**. Folksy chamber and

early music.

Wednesday, 5:30pm — **Agave Guys**. Latin guitar and vocals.

Griffin:

Thursday, 9pm — The Roman Watchdogs. \$8.

Saturday, 8pm — Audio Addiction, Implants, Bankers Hill. \$12.

Monday, 9pm — Small City Calling. **Free.**

Wednesday, 8pm — Mor ve ötesi, Twenty7, Hargo. \$25-\$30.

Henry's Pub:

Tuesday, 9pm — Roy Rapid & the Rhythm Rock Trio. **Free.**

House of Blues:

Thursday, *Friday* — Groove International.

Sunday, 3pm — The Santana Brothers.

Monday, 7:30pm — Imagine Dragons, Atlas Genius, Nico Vega. \$22-\$34.

Tuesday, 7:30pm — The Specials. \$33-\$36.

Wednesday — Andrew

McMahon, Barcelona, Erland Wanberg.

Jumping Turtle:

Tuesday, 9pm — SDMusicTV North County Open-Mic.

Ki's Restaurant:

Friday, 8:30pm — Robin Henkel & Billy Watson. **Free.**

La Costa Coffee Roasting:

Friday, 7pm — Tony Taravella. **Free.**

Lestat's Coffee House:

Friday — Jason Myles Goss and Jill Nooren.

Saturday — Allison Lonsdale.

Sunday — The Storelines Band.

Monday — Open Mic with Chad Taggart.

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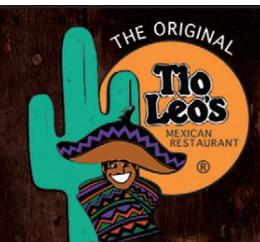
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Saturday, 10pm — Crown City Bombers. Free.
Sunday, 7pm — Rockin' Elvis Fest. \$10-\$30.

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Friday, 8pm — Gangrene and Zoolay. \$15.

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EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

mbv **My Bloody Valentine**

By Richard Dotson

Mark February 2, 2013, on your calendars as "the day My Bloody Valentine broke the internet." Why? Because on that day the band released *mbv*, the follow-up to a perfect album: 1991's *Loveless*.

Twenty-two years of anticipation broken by two Facebook posts. (Ah, the power of the internet.) Those of us who could make it through the "403

error" on the band's site saw that the impossible was indeed possible. There is life after *Loveless*. After determining whether or not I was dreaming, I purchased the album. My card was accidentally charged three times. Ain't even mad.

mbv, like the rest of the band's discography, is an album that feels timeless. It's remarkable that My Bloody Valentine has retained the same ambition and relevance they had 22 years ago. The first three songs start where "Loveless" left off: a swirly pink hurricane of vacuum-cleaner shoe-gaze bliss. The next three songs present the concision and youth of *Isn't Anything* and its adjacent EPs. The final three songs are something unexpected — a structured drone jungle that ends the album with an ear-splitting roar.



A swirly pink hurricane of shoe-gaze bliss

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Townshend, Daltrey play **Quadrophenia**

By Robert Duffy

Forty years after the album's release, the Who have hit the road with *Quadrophenia*, a tale of Jimmy the Mod's identity crisis, as told by rockers of stadiums.

From ambient opener "I Am the Sea" and on through the album in its entirety, Townshend, Daltrey, & Co. rarely paused for a breath. "The (real intro!) Real Me," with powerful brass, was overwhelming in its

grace and bombast.

Townshend's trademark slashing, windmill arm, and Daltrey, spinning the mic like a lasso, both appeared timeless. The late, great Keith Moon and John Entwistle made guest appearances via tape of Moon's "Bell Boy" vocal and Entwistle's live "5.15" bass solo.

As Townshend says, "The Who are a brand, not a band anymore," and there was, in parts, a feeling of Vegas cabaret about it all. But, in an era when pop music is more soap opera than rock opera and songs are sold by no-hopers, Townshend's high numbers prove more worthy than ever.

Concert: The Who play Quadrophenia

Date: February 5

Venue: Valley View Casino Center

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Rockers of stadiums (photo by Daniel Knighton)

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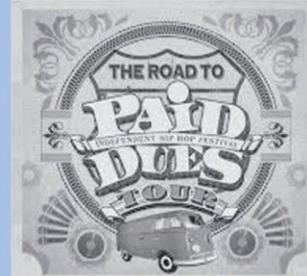
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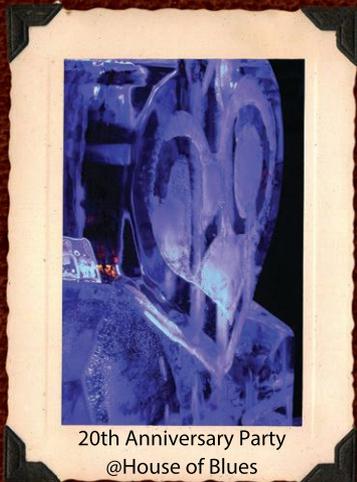


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Moonlight Orchestra

Folksy chamber and early music. **Thursday**, March 14, 12pm; **Friday**, March 15, 12pm; Gran

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March 22 — Split Finger and Subliminal Trip.

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March 21 — The David Mosby Quartet.

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March 29 — Danny Green Trio with Lori Bell.

March 30 — Cathouse Thursday.

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March 22 — Janis Ian.

March 24 — Battlefield Band.

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March 28 — VinOpera: A wine & music dinner.

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March 30 — Carlos Olmeda.

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March 23 — Elizabeth White Clark.

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March 26 — Boom Bap.

March 27 — Dance Klassique.

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March 21 — Mike Czech.

Bay Hill Tavern: 3010 Clairemont Dr., Clairemont, 619-276-3462.

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March 21 — Kenny Rogers.

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March 23 — The Atomic Punks and 619.

March 24 — Gordon Lightfoot.

March 25 — The Mavericks.

March 26 — Mika.

March 27 — Big Penny and Lee Koch.

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March 29 — Living Colour.

March 30 — Who's Bad.

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March 23 — The Weener Pigs.

March 29 — Errol Dunkley.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-839-4138.

March 24 — Fauré Requiem.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.

March 21 — Wavves, Fildar, Cheetahs.

March 23 — Black Lips, Night Beats, Beach Party.

March 24 — Black Lips and Night Beats.

March 25 — Heartless Bastards.

March 28 — Daedelus, Two Fresh, Ryan Hemsworth.

March 29 — Caveman and Pure Bathing Culture.

March 30 — Golden Grrrls.

March 31 — Iceage and Milk Music.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311.

March 21 — Allison Weiss, Candy Hearts, Pentimento.

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B St., Downtown San Diego, 619-235-0804.

March 22, March 23 — Heart and Soul.

March 29 — New Orleans Jazz Orchestra with Irvin Mayfield.

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March 21 — Shelle Blue Band.

March 22 — Clay Colton Band.

March 23 — Soundvault.

March 24 — Billy Watson.

March 27 — The Brokers Band.

March 28 — Rhythm Method.

March 29 — Danny Langdon.

March 30 — Mystique EOS.

March 31 — Smokestaxx.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.

March 22, March 23 — Serious Guise.

March 29 — Noisy Toys.

March 30 — The Farmers.

Dizzy's: 4275 Mission Bay Drive (in the showroom at San Diego Jet Ski Rentals), Pacific Beach, 858-270-7467.

March 24 — Women in Jazz.

El Cajon Brewing Company: 110 N. Magnolia, El Cajon, 619-873-0221.

March 27 — Robin Henkel Blues Trio.

First United Methodist Church of San Diego: 2111 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-297-4366.

March 25 — Houghton College Choir.

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March 21 — Moonlight Orchestra.

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March 23 — Latin Magic.

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March 21 — Schematic, Asker, Man On Earth, Gone By Daylight.

March 22 — Two Story Zori.

March 26 — Small City Calling.

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March 30 — Gap Dream.

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March 29 — Kerli.

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March 21 — West of 5.

March 23 — Los Bunkers.

March 25 — Anthrax, Exodus, High on Fire, Holy Grail.

March 30, March 31 — The Airborne Toxic Event.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577.

March 24 — Robin Henkel & Billy Watson.

The Irenic: 3090 Polk Ave., North Park, 619-624-9335.

March 21 — Christopher Owens.

Jimmy Love's: 672 Fifth Ave., Downtown San Diego, 619-595-0123.

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March 29 — Cadillac Wreckers.

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March 31 — Sounds Like Four.

Typhoon Saloon: 1165 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-373-3474.
March 22 — DJ Baby Chino.
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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 Restaurant: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$4.50 wells, wine, draft ale, margaritas, mixed drinks.

BANKERS HILL

Bertrand at Mister A's: Monday-Friday, 2:30-6pm: \$5 wells, \$6 wine, \$10 cocktails, \$4 local brews. Bar or patio only.

BAY PARK

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

BONITA

Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hoo-kah: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm:

\$1 off wine and bottled beer, \$2 off wells and drafts.

CARDIFF

Beach House: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.95 draft/domestic beer, \$3.45 wells, \$3.95 bloody mary & house wine, \$4.95 well martini, \$5.95 cosmopolitan, mojito, margarita, bloody mai tai.

CARLSBAD

The Alley: Daily, 11am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestics.

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.

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co.: Monday-Friday, 11am-2pm: \$3 house microbrews.

CARMEL VALLEY

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

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

CHULA VISTA

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

CITY HEIGHTS

Nate's Garden Grill: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm; \$1 off all beer & wine.

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

California Kebab: Monday-Friday, 3-8pm: \$1 off pints, \$2 off pitchers. Saturday-Sunday, all day: \$1 off pints, \$2 off pitchers.

CORONADO

Danny's Palm Bar: Daily, 3-6pm: \$3 shots.

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

DEL MAR

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

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

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

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

La Gran Tapa: Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 craft beers, \$4 cask wines. \$3 & \$4 tapas, free tapitas at the bar.

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

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

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

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

EAST VILLAGE

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

EASTLAKE

Chili's: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 3pm-close: \$1 off drafts, discounted margaritas. Discounted nachos, fried cheese. Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts, discounted margaritas. Discounted nachos, fried cheese.

EL CAJON

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

ENCINITAS

Cap'n Kenos: Daily, 6am-midnight: \$2.50 wells, pints of beer. (Monday-Friday, free chicken 4-5pm.)

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

ESCONDIDO

Brigantine: Monday, 11:30am-close: \$6 vodka cosmo, merlot, chardonnay. Saturday, 11:30am-7pm: \$6 vodka cosmo, merlot, chardonnay. Sunday, 3:30-7pm: \$6 vodka cosmo, merlot, chardonnay.

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

Camel's Breath Inn: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: Discounted drinks. 11pm-1am: Discounted drinks, hot wings, lumpia.

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

HARBOR ISLAND

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

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

HILLCREST

Busalacchi's A Modo Mio: Monday, 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.

CJ's Club: Daily, 5-7pm, 9pm-midnight: \$2.75 wells.

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.

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.

JAMUL

Brody's Burgers & Beer: Monday-Friday, Monday-Friday, 3-6pm, \$2 off drafts, \$1 off potato sides.

KEARNY MESA

Proud Mary's Southern Bar & Grill at the Ramada: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2 Premium Drafts, \$4.25 Premium Well drinks, \$5 Appetizers, \$3 Bourbon Slushy

KENSINGTON

Clem's Tap House: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 off all beer and wine flights.

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

LA JOLLA

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

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

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

Mr. G's Tavern: Tuesday, 10am-noon, 4-7pm: \$3 margaritas, \$4 hornitos, \$5 patron, \$3 corona. Wednesday, 10am-noon, 4-7pm: \$3 well whiskey, \$4 Jim, Jack, Johnnie & Jameson. Friday, 10am-noon, 4-7pm: \$4 drink specials. Saturday-Sunday, 10am-noon, 4-7pm: \$5 long island, \$5 bloody mary.

LAKESIDE

Coo Coo Club: Monday-Friday, 6-8pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

LEMON GROVE

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

LEUCADIA

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

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The New Morena Club | M1319: Daily, 2-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.50 wells and domestic bottles.

LITTLE ITALY

The Glass Door Restaurant & Lounge: Daily, 3-7pm: \$5 specialty cocktails (Mojitron, Ginger Pear Smash, mint-tea juleps, margaritas, & Cuba Libres). \$3 French dipper sliders, \$10 charcuterie platter & artisan cheese plate.

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

MIDWAY DISTRICT

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

MIRA MESA

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

Callahan's Pub & Brewery: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 select house beer, select domestic drafts, well

drinks, house wine. \$1 off Irish nachos, pub chips, herb/garlic/cheese bread.

MIRAMAR

Brewski's Bar: Monday, Noon-2am: \$1 off pints. Tuesday, Noon-2am: \$2 Margaritas. Wednesday, Noon-2am: \$3 Jack & Coke. Thursday, Noon-2am: \$3 Jäger bombs. Friday, Noon-2am: \$3 Fireball shots. Saturday, Noon-2am: \$4 Long Islands. Sunday, 10am-2am: \$2 well drinks.

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

MISSION BEACH

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

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

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: Daily, 2pm-2am: \$5.00 off beer and wells.

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

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

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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.

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

Rosie O'Grady's: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers (including Sam Adams). Tuesday, all day: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers (including Sam Adams).

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.

Sabuku Sushi: Daily, 4-6pm; \$5 Shiso Craze, \$5 Buku Bites, \$5 Buku Nachos, \$7 Twice Baked Mussels, \$7 Seared Ahi Tacos. \$5 Large 20+oz Asahi or Sapporo, \$5 Rock Sake's, \$7 All cocktails & wines (by the glass)

OCEAN BEACH

Mother's Saloon: Monday, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: \$3 Jägermeister shots. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. Tuesday, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers. 7pm-close: \$3 Fireball shots; \$1.50 tacos. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. Wednesday, 7pm-close: \$5 Rolling Rock and shot; \$1.50 TJ dogs. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. Thursday, 9pm-close: \$3 you-call-its; \$1.50 sliders. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts; 1/2-off appetizers; \$2.75 well. 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts. Saturday-Sunday, 11pm-close: \$2.75 well; \$1 off drafts.

OCEANSIDE

Aryana at Holiday Inn: Daily, 5-7pm: \$2 domestics, wells; \$3 premiums, glass of wine. Appetizer specials.

P's & Q's Sports Pub & Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$3 premium pints. \$3 chicken wings.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

25Forty Bistro and Bakehouse: Tuesday, 5:30-8pm: Free buffet of pasta, cheese, meat, and salads with purchase of a beverage. Wines starting at \$4.

Acapulco Mexican Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers, \$1 soft taco, \$3 draft beer,

\$3.50 well, house wine, \$3.95 house margarita.

Old Town Mexican Café: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials. \$2 Taco Tuesday (chicken, beef, fish, carnitas); \$2.50 margaritas, Tecate, tequila.

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: Daily, 4-7:10pm: 1/2-off food & booze.

The Australian Pub: Monday-Friday, 7-9pm: \$3 Long Islands. Saturday, \$2.50 Karl Strauss. Sunday, \$3 bloody marys.

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.

The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa: Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 craft beers, \$4 cash wines. \$3 & \$4 tapas, free tapitas at the bar.

POINT LOMA

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: Daily, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

Jimmy's Famous American Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: 1/2-off all appetizers, drafts, wells, and select house wine.

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: pan-crusted calamari, tempura avocado, veggies and hummus, more.

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$1 off all wells, drafts, bottles, wine.

RAMONA

Boll Weevil Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2 off all pitchers.

Cheers: Monday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$10 steak. Tuesday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$1 tacos. Wednesday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$50 wings. Thursday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Bernard'O Restaurant: Monday-Saturday, 4:30-7pm: \$4 wells, \$2.75 domestic, \$3.50 imported/specialty, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 house wine.

Café on the Park: Monday-Friday, 5-6:30pm: \$3 wells, \$4 house margaritas, 1/2-off house wine by the glass, \$1 off beer. Complimentary cheese & crackers, 1/2-off appetizers.

Kelly's Public House: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$3.50 wells, house wines.

RANCHO PENASQUITOS

Deli Stop Sports Pub: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off all beer; \$3 Corona or glass of wine. \$1 off all appetizers.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Da Boyz Pizza & Pasta: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 2-6pm, 9pm-close: \$2 draft, \$3 glass select wine.

Press Box Sports Lounge: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: Half-off appetizers, \$1 off drafts, house wine, and wells.

RANCHO SANTA FE

Delicias: Daily, 4-6pm: \$5 draft beers, house wines, wells.

SAN MARCOS

Back Alley Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 11am-9pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$4.50 imports and house wines. \$1 Taco Tuesday, 50¢-a-Wing Wednesday, \$1 off pitchers Thirsty Thursday.

The Jumping Turtle: Monday, 11am-close: PBR \$2.75/pint, \$6.75/pitcher. Tuesday, 11am-close: \$2 Corona, Pacifico, margaritas. Wednesday, 11am-close: \$4 drop drinks. Thursday, 7pm-close: \$3 Jäger, \$2.50 Bud Lime. Friday, 5pm-midnight: \$5 Long Islands. Saturday, 11am-close: \$3 Orange Patrón, Tanqueray. Sunday, 11am-close: \$2.50 bloody marys.

SANTA YSABEL

Santa Ysabel Resort & Casino: Monday, Mojito Monday: \$4 Irish Mojito. Tuesday, Tropical Tuesday: \$4 Tropical Dream. Wednesday, Wicked Wednesday: \$5.50 Speedy Gonzalez. Thursday, Thirsty Thursday: \$2 bottled domestics. Friday, Fiesta Friday: \$4 classic margarita. Saturday, Sweet Saturday: \$5 pineapple-Midori martini. Sunday, Sunset Sunday: \$4 Amaretto Sunset.

SANTEE

Landre's Sports Bar & Grill: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. \$5 appetizers: potato skins, garlic/bacon fries, shrimp cocktail, more.

SCRIPPS RANCH

Stone Flats: Daily, 3-5pm, 7-9pm: \$1 Bud/Bud Light; 1/2-off all other beer/wine.

SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: Sunday, \$2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. \$3.50 mimosas, bloody marys.

SHELTER ISLAND

Blue Wave Bar & Grill: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off drinks; \$3-\$5 appetizers, including jumbo shrimp cocktail and crispy fried calamari.

Fiddler's Green Restaurant: Daily, 5-7pm: \$4 house wine and house beer, \$5 well drinks and margaritas.

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 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.

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They came to hear King

"I'm so happy tonight, I'm not worried about anything, I'm not fearing any man."

make it a hard and fast rule when entering a theater: leave expectations at the door. Even if I know the play or the subject, I want as clean a slate as possible. Be open to the work rather than impose what I think should happen. Or, as Meatloaf sang, "Let the drama tell your heart what to do."

There have been exceptions. Katori Hall's *The Mountaintop*, currently at the Rep, became one.

For reasons both surprising and annoying, I wrestled with much of her 90-minute comedy-drama about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s last night on Earth. And because of the Critic's Code — thou shalt not reveal the plot twist upon which an entire play hinges — I can only suggest my reasons why.

In 1968, Dr. King planned to take the Poor People's Campaign for civil rights and justice to new territory: the North. Until then, the movement had been restricted to Southern states. At Washington, D.C., thousands of protesters would hold a convention and erect a shantytown to show the world the faces of poverty and hunger.

Dr. King announced he'd be in Memphis, beginning March 30, to support the sanitation workers' strike ("we are God's sanitation workers," he said, "working to clear up the snow of despair and poverty and hatred"). On March 16, Robert

Kennedy announced he would run for president — and seek Dr. King's counsel. On March 31, president Lyndon Baines Johnson announced he would not run for reelection. Bobby and Dr. King were vehemently against the war in Vietnam.

On April 2, exhausted, Dr. King declined to speak at the Mason Temple in Memphis. His M.D. ordered him to rest at the motel. But when Dr. King didn't enter the stage behind

Reverend Ralph Abernathy, the assemblage became restless. Abernathy phoned King. "This isn't my crowd," he said, "they came tonight in this storm" — a lethal tornado was scouring Tennessee — "to hear King."

Dr. King dragged himself to the temple and gave a speech both unforgettable — "I'm so happy tonight, I'm not worried about anything, I'm not fearing any man. MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY OF THE COMING OF THE LORD!" — and unforgettably prophetic.

On Thursday, April 4, 1968, at 6:01 p.m., as Dr. King stood on the second-floor balcony of the Lorraine Motel waiting for his ride to a buffet dinner, what sounded like a firecracker echoed across Mulberry Street.

An hour later, he was pronounced dead at St. Joseph's Hospital. He was 39.

THEATER

JEFF SMITH



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Camae, the maid, talks trash, even blasphemes before the Almighty.

The Mountaintop, by Katori Hall

San Diego Repertory Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza, downtown

Directed by Roger Guenveur Smith; cast: Larry Bates, Danielle Mone Truitt; scenic design, Christopher Ward; costumes, Anastasia Pautova; lighting, Sherrice Kelly; sound/projection design, Marc Anthony Thompson
Playing through March 31; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-544-1000

Noam Chomsky: "[Dr. King] was going beyond racist sheriffs in Alabama to northern racism, which is much more deep-seeded and class-based. The civil rights movement was partly destroyed by force and partly frittered away at that stage. It never really made it past the point

where you get into class issues."

I brought expectations to the Rep's opening night that I had trouble shaking, at first: the memory of the monumental event and the aftermath, as the country almost ripped itself apart in a frenzy of hatred.

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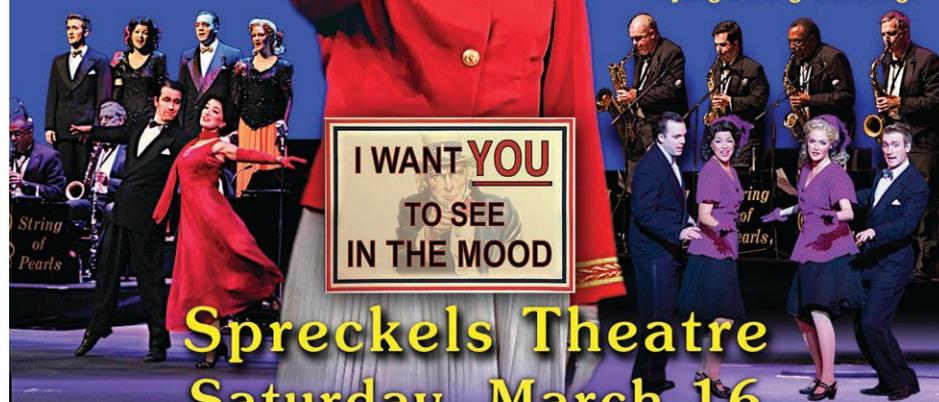
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And Katori Hall's play about the tragedy? It's a fable. The earth only shakes outside the motel, where Dr. King spends some of his last hours with a maid. And she, it turns out, is by far the better-written character.

The play touches on historical details but — and here's where my expectations grew fangs — isn't all that shocked by them. It locates Dr. King in a metaphorical relay race (videos of Tommie Smith, John Carlos, and Lee Evans running in the '68 Olympics, held that summer, enhance the notion), and he passes the baton to the next leaders. Post-Dr. King videos projected on a screen, however, reveal that no single person has carried it anywhere near as high or ran as far.

Mountaintop isn't about the greatness of Dr. King. It's an often whimsical piece about the denial of death and the need to let go, the irreverence extending into the afterlife.

For the Rep, Christopher Ward's set is two places at once: humble furnishings suggest room 306 of the Lorraine Motel; but they're inside a giant TV set. The long, thin curtain that separates them serves as a portal to different dimensions.

King was no saint. "When Martin's relaxed," said Reverend Billy Kyles, who was at the motel, "he's relaxed." As written, and as performed by Larry Bates on opening night, King's hard to place. Though Bates has some fine moments, especially toward the end, he's missing Dr. King's gravitas. Playing his moral solemnity too heavily would cut against the fable. But leaving it out makes the portrait too lightweight, even cartoonish in the middle section, as does his reticence to make a move on the maid.

Her name is Camae. She

talks trash, even blasphemous before the Almighty (and if this deity has a local church, I'm joining!). Camae has such a tricky agenda she calls for a tour de force performance. The amazing Danielle Mone Truitt shoulders the burden with such ease, she makes the irreverent plot twist not only believable but fun and moving. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Doubt, a Parable

PowPAC stages John Patrick Shanley's drama about ingrained bias and the pain it can inflict. Raylene J. Wall directs. POWPAC, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 14.

Gypsy!

Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center presents the popular musical about the famous queen of the stage Gypsy Rose Lee, and her determined stage mother — Mama Rose. LAWRENCE FAMILY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, 4126 EXECUTIVE DR., LA JOLLA. 7PM THURSDAY, 1PM SUNDAY, 4:30PM SUNDAY.

I Am a Man

As part of the San Diego Rep's "surround" events, for its production of *The Mountaintop*, Antonio T.J. Johnson reads Oyama's drama about the sanitation strike that



The Old Globe Theatre stages *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* through April 14.

brought Dr. Martin Luther King to Memphis.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-544-1000. 7PM MONDAY, 7PM TUESDAY.

Love, Sex, and the IRS

Mira Mesa Theatre Guild presents this comedy about out-of-work musicians who have been filing tax returns listing them as rocky roads married. The day of reckoning comes. WANGENHEIM MIDDLE SCHOOL, 9230 GOLD COAST DR., MIRA MESA. 858-578-1400. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 16.

Mack & Mabel

Community Actors Theatre presents the Jerry Herman musical about the silent film era. Mack Sennett recalls the glory days of Keystone Studios. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH ST., COLLEGE AREA. 619-264-3391. 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 17.

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.) *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

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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.

Next to Normal

Visionary Musical Theatre Company states the Pulitzer Prize-winning rock musical about Diane Goodman's struggles with bipolar disorder and the effect it has on her family. Spencer John Powell directs. MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 858-598-7620. 7PM THURSDAY, 7PM FRIDAY, 2PM SATURDAY, 7PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

Night Stage to Big Shaft

Peggy Sue Productions presents a dinner-theater show set in 1853. "When a new mine and a dead lawyer are discovered, everyone becomes a suspect." MIKKI'S CAFE, 1639 EAST VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Once on This Island Junior

Pacific Children's Theater presents the story of Ti Moune, who must unite the different social classes on her island "through the power of love." MISSION HILLS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 4070 JACKDAW ST., MISSION HILLS. 619-296-2169. 7PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 17.

Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka

The Pickwick Players offer the popular musical based on Dahl's

children's book about Charlie Bucket's adventures in Willy Wonka's factory.

C-3 PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, 4579 MISSION GORGE PL., GRANTVILLE. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 16.

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, THROUGH MARCH 17.

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The Mountaintop

San Diego Repertory Theatre presents Katori Hall's drama about the

final night of Dr. Martin Luther King's life, standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. Roger Guenveur Smith directs. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-544-1000. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 31.

The Odyssey

Grossmont College presents Mary Zimmerman's theatrical adaptation of Homer's epic about Odysseus' journey from fallen Troy to Ithaca. Beth Duggan directs. STAGEHOUSE THEATRE, 8800 GROSSMONT COLLEGE DR., EL CAJON. 619-644-7234. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 23.

The Wizard of Oz

Encore Theatre stages the popular story about young Dorothy Gale of Kansas, who discovers what lies over the rainbow: witches, munchkins, and a wizard who looks really familiar. ENCORE! THEATER, 9620 CAMPO RD., SPRING VALLEY. 619-670-1627. 7PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 7PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 17.

Time Stands Still

Compared to his other works, like Pulitzer Prize-winning *Dinner with Friends*, Donald Margulies's four-hander feels dated and formulaic. He says he wrote it "to capture a sense of the way we live now," but it's mostly about issues that were hot back in the 1980s. The North Coast Rep gives the play a solid production, from Marty Burnett's whitewashed brick loft to Peter Herman's make up (realistic scars slowly heal) to capable performances by Francis Gercke, Mhari Sandoval, John Nutten, and especially Stacey Hardke (who blooms from a ditz to a grounded adult). The story's about a truce in the lives of war correspondents. The time-out prompts Sarah and James to reassess choices and roads not taken. *Worth a try.*

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 17.

To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday

OnStage Playhouse presents Michael Brady's drama about David. His wife died almost two years ago. He has yet to recover. Charles Peters directs. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 13.

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Like *Someone in Love* is a logical follow-up to Abbas Kiarostami's *Certified Copy* (2010). From its opening long take — the lead character speaks from outside the frame — the director's sleight of hand draws us headfirst into this tale of purposeful miscommunication and calculated role-playing.

Certified Copy was the first narrative feature Kiarostami filmed outside of his native Iran. *Like Someone in Love* was shot entirely in Tokyo with a Japanese cast. Akiko (Rin Takanashi) — co-ed by day, call girl by night — is coerced by her pimp into turning a trick with a preferred, recently widowed client (Tadashi Okuno). The two form a precipitous alliance during the course of two days spent together.

Few filmmakers have an affinity for photographing characters in cars quite like Kiarostami. Forced to blow off a brief stopover from her grandmother, Akiko listens as the elderly woman sums up her entire visit in a series of incoming answering-machine

messages that she plays back en route to her appointment. (To Akiko's credit, she insists the cabbie pass by the train depot.)

A painting that hangs in the old man's apartment adds a key piece to the film's puzzling themes of resemblance and character. Akiko's uncle gave her a certified copy of the picture, *Training a Parrot*, when she was 14. The child

in the picture bears a striking resemblance to Akiko. "He told me it was my portrait," she recalls, "that he painted it." To the old man, it's a picture of a girl teaching a parrot to speak, but according to Akiko's grandmother, it's the parrot that's doing the coaching.

There is not a shot or gesture in the entire film that could not withstand rigorous visual analysis, yet this is far removed from the "coffee table movie" pleasantries of, say, *Anna Karenina* or *Les Misérables*. It's the work of an assured master whose greatest virtue is making it all look so easy.

The title connotes more than just the lush tones of the Ella Fitzgerald song after which it was named. *Like*

MOVIES



For his latest film, *Like Someone in Love*, director Abbas Kiarostami ventures into the land of escorts with cheerful fun-time calling cards.

Someone in Love perfectly sums up the glow cinemathusiasts will feel upon exiting the theater.

— Scott Marks

HURRICANE "TINY" RIPS THROUGH THE SAN DIEGO LATINO FILM FESTIVAL

The phone rang just as I was pulling

into the parking stall at Digiplex Mission Valley. "Where are you, man?" a familiar voice growled. "I'm upstairs in a holding area."

When we spoke earlier in the week, "Tiny" Lister assured me that he was coming to San Diego for the Latino Film Festival's premiere of his latest film, *K-11*. Tiny — the veteran

character actor many will recognize as the heroic inmate from *The Dark Knight* — is a man of his word!

Festival programmer Glenn Heath had this bemused *I can't believe this is happening* look on his face as he escorted me upstairs to meet the man. It didn't take long for me to spot Tiny's broad, door-jamb-splintering shoul-

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IN THEATRES MARCH 15

ders in the crowd.

Shaking hands with Tiny was like sticking my mitt in a vise and meeting him was a thrill beyond compare. But with all due respect to Mr. Lister, he wasn't the main attraction. Fans packed the lobby of the Digiplex hoping to get a glimpse of Mexican superstar Kate del Castillo. Watching the mob funnel its way past the ticket-taker was the closest I've come to a *Day of the Locust* moment since moving to San Diego.

K-11 was my first introduction to the comely Ms. del Castillo. After seeing her performance as Mousey, the foul-mouthed, tyrannical tranny inmate, it wasn't clear if this crowd, weaned on the actress's popular *telenovelas*, was ready for such a bold departure. And meeting Kate in person was a bit of a jolt. Her makeup man on *K-11* should either get an Oscar or

prison time, so dramatic is her transformation.

Allow me a fleeting moment of flagrant self-congratulation. When it was over, I tracked down Tiny to offer one last thank you. "I came for you," he smiled as he shook my hand. "You got me so excited about the Latino Film Festival that I had to come." Thank you, Mr. Lister. Thank you!

There are still many films to be seen at the 20th Anniversary San Diego Latino Film Festival. Join me and fellow critics Brian Lafferty and Yazdi Pithavala this Saturday night, March 16, at 5 p.m. when we host the San Diego Film Critics Society's presentation of *Fecha de Caducidad (Expiration Date)*.

And even if you missed the premiere, you still have a shot at seeing *K-11*. It's the inaugural film when the Media Arts Center opens the Digital Gym, its new screening facility, on March 29. Visit sdlatinofilm.com for the festival program book and more information.

— Scott Marks

WHY POLL WHEN YOU CAN IMPALE?

When I was young, my parents would yell, "What are you wasting your time at the movies for? Why not read a book?" Nowadays the parental war cry has been altered to, "Stop playing video games! Get the hell out of the house and go to a movie!" And yet, a recent *Reader* poll indicates that only 4 percent of respondents go to the movies each week.

Don't you realize that movies still are your best entertainment value? When was the last time you paid to see a concert, play, or opera? Scratch that last question. The only opera my readers regularly attend is the one starring the Marx brothers. Would you really rather select your evening's entertainment choices from a red box that spends most of its time doubling as a rest area for the homeless in a 7-Eleven parking lot?

Look, I love my flat-screen TV and Blu-ray player as much as the next guy, and I hate getting dressed to leave the

house. But, even I like a *little* social interaction, and what less interplay is there than going to the movies? No eye-contact, no speaking — unless you're the @#%& who was seated next to me during *Mike Tyson: Undisputed Truth* — and, if you spend the majority of your entertainment dollars at a commercial multiplex — nothing to challenge you!

No, Barbara, and *Dead Man Down* — three outstanding times at the movies — are currently playing. (The San Diego Latino Film Festival could also use your support.) And screw the critical embargo: *Olympus Has Fallen*, opening later this month, is a terrific pre-summer blockbuster. Even seeing *The Wiz* prequel or a Tina Fey "comedy" counts as a night out.

Don't let motion-picture exhibition as we know it cease to exist. I'm begging you. Get more out of life. Go to a movie this weekend!

— Scott Marks

REVIEW: MIKE TYSON: UNDISPUTED TRUTH

"Anyone see *Tyson*?" the former undisputed heavyweight champion of the world asked the packed crowd at his March 5 performance of *Mike Tyson: Undisputed Truth*. Mike was referring to James Toback's 2008 documentary. "I love James Toback and all," he continued, "but *Tyson* is real dog shit compared to what you're gonna see tonight."

It was everything you'd expect from a Spike Lee–Mike Tyson collaboration, at least when Mike remembered to hit his mark. "Wait," he'd say stopping in his tracks. "I should be on the other side of the stage!"

He occasionally fumbled with the lines and blocking, and at times it appeared as though *Cyrano* was whispering the words into an earpiece for Mike to recite. But for the most part, Mike Tyson owned the stage of the Balboa Theatre.

At times he was a stomping "gorilla," chewing up and spitting out recollections of former battles both in and outside the ring. He scored his first knockout when he was ten years old. On the receiving end was a local thug who had ripped the head off a pigeon before chucking it Mike's way.

Mike's raging was frequently offset by moments of surprising intimacy and candor. To those critics who have taken Tyson to task for resorting to pathos in dealing with the accidental death of his four-year-old daughter, *Exodus*, I say, you try burying a kid. My pathos-o-meter is always set to high, and not for one moment was there a sense that he was trying to turn this tragedy into something analogous

to an Oprah special.

There was much I did not know about the champ. He was arrested 38 times by the time he turned 12. For Mike, going to juvie was like *Cheers*: "Everybody knew my name." In Cus D'Amato, Tyson found a trainer, manager, and legal guardian. Two years later, a 14-year-old Tyson was "knocking out grown men."

For a man who has spent a good chunk of his post-boxing days asking others for forgiveness, when it comes to Robin Givens, Iron Mike shows no mercy. He recalls a time when their bitter breakup was fodder for every entertainment news program and supermarket tabloid in the land. The marriage was going to hell, but the lovemaking was so good the couple wanted to maintain joint custody of their sexual relationship.

Mike sat waiting impatiently at Robin's doorstep when he saw her car — with a white boy in the passenger seat — tooling up the driveway. Riding shotgun was a then relatively unknown Brad Pitt. Here's pretty-boy Pitt expecting to receive class head from the *Head of the Class* star and instead finds the champion of the world, with the exact same thing on his mind, pacing the porch.

"You should have seen the look on his face when he saw my black ass," Mike chuckled. "They looked like Robert Redford and Pearl Bailey."

The self-proclaimed "Prozac-popping ear-biter-turned-stage performer" held my interest firm for 90 minutes. I was kinda sad to see it end. Picture to follow.

— Scott Marks

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by David Elliott, Matthew Lickona, John Rubio, Scott Marks, and Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release, and by rating are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

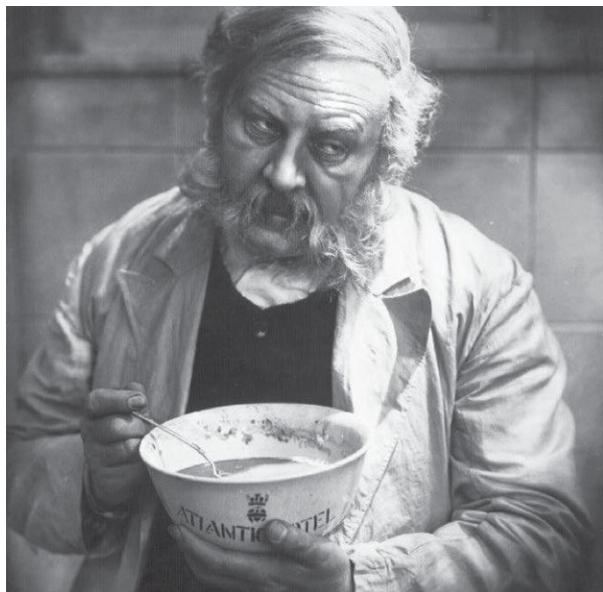
2001: A Space Odyssey — Much of its reputation comes from exposing the masses to special effects that had been done much more excitingly, not to mention economically, in experimental shorts. Only where money really counts — the finicky construction of model spaceships — does it move into new territory. Kubrick's paranoid spoofs on modern technocracy have never been very sharp — not then, not before (*Dr. Strangelove*), and not after (*Clockwork Orange*). Nonetheless a definite feeling of awe creeps in now and then during this incomprehensible chronicle of mankind from birth to rebirth. 1968. — D.S.

★★★★

21 and Over — At last. After the "We're too old, but who cares?" middle-aged

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Priorities and Antipathies DUNCAN SHEPHERD'S MOVIE REVIEWS



The Last Laugh to A Serious Man

For 38 years, Duncan Shepherd served as the film critic for the San Diego Reader. Shepherd was a disciple of Manny Farber, a man Roger Ebert once called "the great iconoclast of American film criticism." Like Farber, Shepherd sought to assist moviegoers "in seeing what was in front of their faces, to wean them from Plot, Story, What Happens Next, and to disabuse them of the absurd notion that a film is all of a piece, all on a level, quantifiable, rankable, fileable." Instead of simply describing a film's attributes, he took hold of it like Jacob wrestling the angel, and sought to see it face to face. Volume 1 of the series collects those relatively few films that merited his highest indicator of priority, from 1924's *The Last Laugh* to 2009's *A Serious Man*.

hijinks of *The Hangover* and the “We’re too young, but who cares?” high-school hijinks of *Project X*, the Drunken Bromedy genre takes up the entirely age-appropriate collegiate hijinks of *21 and Over*. Miles Teller plays the master-bantering mastermind, Skylar Astin is the nice Jewish kid who’s maybe settling down a tad early, and Justin Chon is the stressed-out Asian birthday boy they set out to inebriate on the night before he interviews for med school. Chon is a charmer, but sadly, he spends much of the film as unconscious baggage for two dudes crossing that magical border between youth and adulthood. The whole thing is a happy fantasy of debauchery: yeah, the boys get spanked for their transgressions, but each soggy thread is neatly tied by the end, and nobody’s even hung over the next morning. 2013. — M.L.

★

Barbara — Germany’s entry for the Best Foreign Language Film Oscar at the 85th Academy Awards (it didn’t make the cut) is an unyielding Cold War drama set in East Germany, 1980. Barbara (Nina Hoss), a capable young doctor, is sentenced to a small town clinic after an application for an exit visa results in her being booted from Berlin. No one except her West German lover (Mark Waschke) — they’re planning on defecting together — is to be trusted, not even a seemingly sincere co-worker (Ronald Zehrfeld), who could be compiling a file on her for the Stossi. *Barbara* is not another flimsily constructed propagandistic docudrama; director Christian Petzold (*Jerichow*) expertly sustains dramatic tension while smuggling in his political agenda. Hoss’s performance as the pent-up medico is a stunning exercise in self-control, and the clincher packs an electrifying wallop. Well worth your time. 2012. — S.M.

★★★★

Beyond the Hills — Director Cristian Mungiu follows up his film *4 Months, 3 Weeks, and 2 Days* with a harrowing, unsentimental, but hugely sympathetic story of a tiny religious community’s attempt to care for a damaged soul who comes into their midst. Voichita and Alina are young women who cling to one another during their days in a Romanian orphanage. Years later, Voichita has found refuge in God and belonging in her spiritual family at the New Hill Orthodox monastery. But Alina believes her only refuge is Voichita, and her belief, untethered by reason or rule, takes on a destructive power. The story bears the grim stamp of inevitability; what makes the film extraordinary is the care with which conventional life and thought are rendered. Its members are separated by varying degrees of wisdom, sophistication, and superstition, but they are bound by a wholehearted commitment to love. Which, of course, is no stay against disaster. 2012. — M.L.

★★★★

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. — M.L.

★

Bullet to the Head — A bullet rips

through the heart of two studio logos, announcing the return of Walter Hill to the genre that brought him fame, the action comedy. Sylvester Stallone and Sung Kang perform a nifty reversal on the characters Nick Nolte and Eddie Murphy played in Hill’s *48 Hrs.* With a Kevlar toupée and tanned bark that resembles wubbling 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.

★★★

The Call — Halle Berry plays a 911 operator who gets involved with the hunt for a serial killer who targets young women. 2013.

Dark Skies — Aw, the folks behind *Insidious* and *Sinister* seem to have gotten away from the ol’ title formula for this one. What about *Malevolent*? *Foreboding*? *Malcontented*? Anyway, this is a scary movie with supernatural elements.

Dead Man Down — *Reader* critic Scott Marks calls it a great modern noir!

Django Unchained — Quentin Tarantino fails to do for slave owners what he did for Nazis in this, his long-awaited western (southern?) follow-up to the epic war comedy *Inglourious Basterds*. Oscar-winner Christoph Waltz returns to the Tarantino fold as Dr. King, a German dentist-cum-bounty hunter hot on the trail of a pair of nefarious outlaws. Once again, the connivingly charismatic Waltz is well mannered to the point of achieving a near-Oliver Hardy sense of nirvana. He also offers a crash course in mentorship to uppity slave Jamie Foxx, eager to save his wife from ruthless plantation lord, Leonardo DiCaprio. For its first third, *Django Unchained* plays like an agreeable cross between *Blazing Saddles* and *Mandingo*. (There is a hilarious bit about proper eyehole placement in KKK cowls.) Once they reach Leo’s Candyland, however, the film becomes talky and set-bound, and the third act is little more than an excuse for bloodletting. Still, politically speaking, there’s more truth told here about money and its ability to buy miscegenation than anything on display in *Lincoln*. Worth seeing, but not a good enough romp to justify its 165-minute running time. With Kerry Washington, Don Johnson, Franco Nero, and Samuel L. Jackson as the spitting image of cotton-haired Woody Strode in Ford’s *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*. — S.M.

★★★

Don’t Stop Believin’: Everyman’s Journey — This documentary “Faithfully” records how Filipino singer Arnel Pineda landed a gig as the lead singer for Journey and led the classic rock band on a hugely successful tour. Discovered on YouTube by guitarist Neil Schon, Pineda flies to LA and goes through a rough initial audition. But the old pros “Don’t Stop Believin’,” and Pineda quickly justifies their faith. Some band members also worry how he will respond to the Bright “Lights” of

show business. But again, Pineda proves that he can perform “Any Way You Want It,” and longtime fans welcome him with “Open Arms.” Through it all Pineda stays grounded — he doesn’t tell his family, “I’ll be Alright Without You.” It’s a happy story: a young man’s *Escape* from crushing poverty, his *Evolution* from lounge singer to rock star, and his *Journey* to new *Frontiers*. But in no way is there enough material here for a feature-length film. 2013.

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Emperor — An admirable film, well cast, that seeks, Graham Greene-like, to poke around in the smoking aftermath of World War II: *Now what?* Now generals must behave like politicians, including Supreme Commander General Douglas MacArthur (a craggy, cagey Tommy Lee Jones), who appears intent on a full conversion to political life despite his scorn for voters. And now other generals must behave like detectives, including Bonner Fellers (a fine, soldierly Matthew Fox), tasked with finding out just how much the Japanese emperor had to do with Pearl Harbor and the war that followed. But alas, “admirable” is not the same as “compelling.” It’s not fair to say that the film doesn’t know whether it wants to be a political drama, a detective story, or a love story; it wants to be all three. But while the stories build on one another, they also tend to get in each others’ way. 2012. — M.L.

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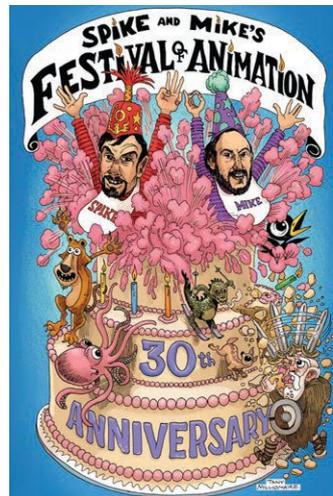
Gangster Squad — *Gangster Squad* may lack brains and heart, but it’s got guts. You get to see ‘em right at the outset, when a Chicago crook who dares to cross power-mad Los Angeles gangster Mickey Cohen (a guttural Sean Penn) gets ripped in half by a couple of sedans. (Then again, you get to see brains, too — but that’s not until later on.) So yeah, there’s plenty of violence. And Ryan Gosling is handsome, and Emma Stone is old-fashionedly pretty. And Los Angeles circa 1949 looks great. Beyond that, this tale of a good cop in a crooked town who tries to clean things up by forgetting about the law and treating American gangsters like an enemy army is a casserole made from tired leftovers. Blend up *The Untouchables*, *Dick Tracy*, and *Mulholland Falls*, drain off the moral intrigue, sprinkle with bits of soul-searching, reheat, and serve. With Josh Brolin, Nick Nolte, Robert Patrick. 2013. — M.L.

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A Good Day to Die Hard — Other than Bruce Willis reprising the role of John McClane, nothing in the film bears even the remotest connection to any of its four predecessors. McClane pulls up stakes and catches the first red eye to Russia to help his son (Jai Courtney) have fun “killing f@#” Never much to begin with, director John Moore (*Flight of the Phoenix*, *Max Payne*) seems to forget more about filmmaking with each passing project. Cinematographer Jonathan Sela combines faltering pans with 20x1 zooms as his camera searches (frequently in vain) for an object or person to hold onto. The action sequences here are incoherent blurs that make the rapid rhythms of *The Bourne Identity* look like sublime samples of silent Soviet dialectical montage. The third act plays out inside the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, but take my word for it: this is a bigger disaster than the 1986 meltdown. 2013. — S.M.

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Greedy Lying Bastards — The impact of global warming is the subject of yet another series of talking-head testimonials and finger-wagging rebukes aimed at those deep in “climate denial.” As if Al Gore’s conveniently filmed Learning Annex lecture wasn’t enough, documentarian Craig Scott Rosebraugh dredges up one more



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Calendar MOVIES

bucket of cold water to throw in the faces of nonbelievers. Say what you will about the opposition's heinous use of deceitful tactics, passing off a clip from Frank Capra and Bell Laboratories' 1958 classroom short, *The Unchained Goddess*, as an unheeded clarion call about the dangers that lie ahead doesn't do much to bolster Rosebraugh's trustworthiness. Liberals will stand in line, conservatives will shun it, and cinephiles, looking for a challenging piece of filmmaking to drop ten dollars on, will wish they had waited for it to play on public television. 2012. — S.M.

★

Identity Thief — Don't blame the Apataw 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.

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The Incredible Burt Wonderstone — Funny enough satire about that tragic juncture in American history where the glitz of "big room" Vegas illusionists was eclipsed by common street magicians. There's a moment where the title character, played by Steve Carell, encounters his childhood idol and inspiration, Rance Holloway (Alan Arkin), in a nursing home. Carell can barely contain himself when he begins to express just how big an impression Holloway left. Arkin's reaction is priceless, an inspired combination of

"Yeah, yeah, get on with it" eye and head roll that once again underscores his comedic indispensability. In a film where Carell and Jim Carrey do their best to out-mug each other, the real magic is Arkin's (and Steve Buscemi's) exalted underplaying. Ditto for Olivia Wilde who, with *Butter* and *Burt Wonderstone*, is blossoming into an accomplished light comedienne right before our eyes. TV veteran Don Scardino directs. With James Gandolfini and Brad Garrett. 2013. — S.M.

★★

Jack the Giant Slayer — A bag containing cholesterol-free, nutrient-dense seeds that have the power to change the world falls into the wrong hands. Fee-fi-ho-hum! All of the costumes, elaborate sets, lush cinematography (thank you, Newton Thomas Siggel!), and naturalistic use of depth don't amount to a hill of beans in this giant time-slayer. Talk about a colossal comedown: this is brought to you by Bryan Singer and Christopher McQuarrie, the team behind *The Usual Suspects*. (It was co-written by Darren Lemke which might explain why all the CG behemoths look like something out of *Shrek 3D*.) Nicholas Hoult should have

stuck with warm (as opposed to cyclopean) bodies, while the rest of the lettered cast (who should have known better) — Ewan McGregor, Stanley Tucci, Eddie Marsan, Ian McShane, and Bill Nighy — are along for the paycheck. 2013. — S.M.

★

The Last Exorcism Part II — Things were going so well for Nell (Ashley Bell) in the group home where she was deposited after all the mishigas that went down in the first *Last Exorcism*. But the demon Abalam refuses to allow Nell to move on. For 75 minutes, Ed Gass-Donnelly's film chugs along with the requisite amount of shrieking violin strings, schlock-shocks, and radio transmissions that only our heroine can hear. Then suddenly, the proceedings veer in the direction of nutsy. Neither priest nor fundamentalist was invited to the casting-out party. This time it's Calder (David Jensen), a corporate suit, who performs the cleansing. SPOILER ALERT: I've seen just about every filmed exorcism there is, and to the best of my knowledge, this is the first time the exorcist takes the "kill or cure" approach. But while the ending didn't entirely justify the means, it was engaging

enough that I didn't leave the theater angry. 2013. — S.M.

★★

Life of Pi — If Ang Lee's adaptation of Yann Martel's novel had been nothing more than the story of a teenaged boy who survives a shipwreck only to find he must share his lifeboat with a Bengal tiger, it might have been a very fine — and often visually astonishing — adventure movie. But for better or for worse, *Life of Pi* aspires to be much more than that. For better: the adventure is strong enough to bear the weight of some larger meaning. For worse: that meaning is spelled out and hammered home in a pair of talky bookends. This isn't a film about a boy lost at sea; this is a film about humanity adrift, about the importance and significance of storytelling, about religion and God him/her/itself. That doesn't have to be a bad thing; it doesn't take much to see the tiger as death itself, an immutable and inescapable fact that nature imposes on every person. The boy struggles against it. He tries to trick it. Eventually, he realizes he must make peace with it. And somewhere along the line, he realizes that the certainty of death is what has helped

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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Amour (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:35) 4:25; **Argo** (R) Fri-Sun (11:25, 2:10) 4:45, 7:25, 10:05; **Bless Me, Ultima** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:50, 2:25) 5:05, 7:30, 9:55; **Don't Stop Believin': Everyman's Journey** (Not Rated) Fri (1:00) 4:55, 7:35, 10:10 Sat-Sun (11:40, 2:20) 4:55, 7:35, 10:10; **Emperor** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:35, 2:00) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; **Grapes of Wrath (1940)** (Not Rated) Sat 7:00p.m.; **Greedy Lying Bastards** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:15); **Identity Thief** (R) Fri-Sun (12:10, 2:40) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15; **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:20, 1:05, 2:05, 3:50) 4:50, 6:45, 7:40, 9:30, 10:25; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:00, 3:20) 6:30, 9:40; **Searching for Sugar Man** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 7:20, 9:25; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri (10:50, 11:55, 1:25, 2:30) 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:40 Sat (10:50, 11:55, 1:25, 2:30) 4:15, 5:15, 8:00, 10:40 Sun (10:50, 11:55, 1:25, 2:30) 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45; **The Call** (R) Fri-Sun (11:15, 12:30, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45) 5:00, 5:55, 7:15, 8:15, 9:35, 10:30; **Warm Bodies** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (3:25) 5:35, 7:50, 10:00; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri-Sun (12:25, 3:40) 7:05, 10:20

Regal Horton Plaza
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
21 and Over (R) Fri (11:40, 2:10, 4:55) 7:35, 10:00 Sat (2:10) 4:55, 7:35, 10:00 Sun (11:40, 2:10) 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; **Dead Man Down** (R) Fri (11:05, 1:45, 4:30) 7:25, 10:05 Sat-Sun (11:05, 1:45) 4:30, 7:25, 10:05; **Jack the Giant Slayer** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (2:20) 10:20; **Jack the Giant Slayer 3D** (PG-13) Fri (11:30, 5:00) 7:45 Sat-Sun (11:30) 5:00, 7:45; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:45) 7:15; **Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:00, 2:15, 3:00) 6:30, 9:30, 10:15; **Side**

Effects (R) Fri (11:50, 2:30, 5:05) 7:40, 10:10 Sat-Sun (11:50, 2:30) 5:05, 7:40, 10:10; **Snitch** (PG-13) Fri (11:35, 2:25, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20 Sat-Sun (11:35, 2:25) 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; **The Incredible Burt Wonderstone** (PG-13) Fri (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:10 Sat-Sun (11:15, 2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 10:10; **The Metropolitan Opera: Francesca da Rimini** (Not Rated) Sat 9:00a.m.

KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Like Someone In Love (NR) Fri (2:00), (4:30), 7:00, 9:15, Sat & Sun (2:00), 4:30, 7:00, 9:15, Mon-Thu (4:30), 7:00, 9:15; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) With "Crazed Imaginations" Shadow Cast, Sat: 12:00 Midnight, Discount Shows at Landmark's Ken Cinema Indicated in Brackets (" "); **The Silence** (NR) Opens Friday, March 22

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
Argo (R) Fri-Sun 10:15, 1:10, 4:05, 7:00, 9:55; **Beautiful Creatures** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 4:05, 7:05, 10:05; **Dead Man Down** (R) Fri-Sun 10:55, 1:45, 4:35, 7:30, 10:15; **Django Unchained** (R) Fri 11:10, 2:50, 6:25, 10:00 Sat 2:50, 6:25, 10:00 Sun 11:10, 2:50, 6:25, 10:00; **Escape from Planet Earth** (PG) Fri-Sun 11:15, 1:40; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:05, 1:30, 4:50, 8:15; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri-Sun 10:00, 1:05, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20 Fri-Sun 11:30, 6:00; **Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun 10:45, 1:50, 2:35, 5:00, 8:05, 9:05; **Safe Haven** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:25, 1:10, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40; **Stoker** (R) Fri-Sun 11:00, 1:35, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; **The Call** (R) Fri-Sun 10:05, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **The Metropolitan Opera: Francesca da Rimini** (Not Rated) Sat 9:00a.m.; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri-Sun 11:00, 2:35, 6:10, 9:45

Landmark La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Emperor (PG-13) Fri: (1:50), 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, Mon-Thu: (1:50), (4:30), 7:00, 9:30; **Beyond The Hills** (NR) Fri: (2:00), 5:00, 8:00, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, Mon-Thu: (2:00), (5:00), 8:00; **The Gatekeepers** (PG-13) Academy Award® Nominee-Best Documentary, Fri: (2:10), 4:40, 7:20, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40, Mon-Thu: (2:10), (4:40), 7:20, 9:40; **Quartet** (PG-13) Fri: (2:20), 4:50, 7:10, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:35, Mon-Thu: (2:20), (4:50), 7:10, 9:35, Discount Shows at Landmark's La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets (" "); **Ginger & Rosa** (PG-13) Opens Friday, March 22; **On The Road** (R) Tentatively Opens Friday, March 22

MIRA MESA

Regal Mira Mesa
10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
21 and Over (R) Fri (10:00, 12:25, 2:55, 5:35) 8:05, 10:35 Sat (10:00, 12:25) 2:55, 5:35, 8:05, 10:35 Sun (10:00, 12:25) 2:55, 5:35, 8:05, 10:25; **Argo** (R) Fri (9:40, 12:30, 3:30) Sat 3:30p.m. Sun (9:40, 12:30) 3:30; **Dead Man Down** (R) Fri (10:50, 1:50, 4:55) 7:50, 10:45 Sat (10:50, 1:50) 4:55, 7:50, 10:45 Sun (10:50, 1:50) 4:55, 7:45, 10:30; **Django Unchained** (R) Fri (3:25) 7:10, 10:50 Sat 3:25, 7:10, 10:50 Sun 3:25, 7:05, 10:30; **Emperor** (PG-13) Fri (10:20, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sat-Sun (10:20, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Escape from Planet Earth** (PG) Fri (11:05, 1:25, 3:45) Sat-Sun (11:05, 1:25) 3:45; **A Good Day to Die Hard** (R) Fri (11:55, 2:40, 5:20) 7:55, 10:25 Sat-Sun (11:55) 2:40, 5:20, 7:55, 10:25; **Identity Thief** (R) Fri (11:25, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30 Sat (11:25) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun (11:25) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20; **Jack the Giant Slayer** (PG-13) Fri (10:05, 4:10) 10:00 Sat-Sun (10:05) 4:10, 10:00; **Jack the Giant Slayer 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:10) 7:05; **Life of Pi** (PG) Fri (3:55p.m.) Sat-Sun 3:55p.m.; **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (9:50, 12:50) 6:50, 9:50; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri (9:30, 10:55, 12:40, 2:05, 3:50, 5:15) 7:00, 8:25, 11:30 Sat (9:30, 10:55, 12:40, 2:00) 3:50, 5:15, 7:00, 8:25, 11:30 Sun (9:30, 10:55, 12:40, 2:00) 3:50, 5:15, 7:00, 8:25; **Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D** (PG) Fri (11:45, 3:00) 6:15, 9:30 Sat-Sun (11:45) 3:00, 6:15, 9:30; **Oz The Great and Powerful: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG) Fri 10:10, 1:20, 4:30, 7:35, 10:40 Sat 1:20, 4:30, 7:35, 10:40 Sun 10:10, 1:20, 4:30, 7:35, 10:30; **Safe Haven** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:15p.m.); **Side Effects** (R) Fri-Sun 10:20p.m.; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri (10:15, 1:05, 4:00) 6:55, 9:55 Sat-Sun (10:15, 1:05) 4:00, 6:55, 9:55; **Snitch** (PG-13) Fri (11:00, 1:45, 4:25) 7:20, 10:15 Sat-Sun (11:00, 1:45) 4:25, 7:20, 10:15; **The Call** (R) Fri (9:35, 11:35, 2:10, 4:40) 6:10, 7:30, 8:45, 10:05, 11:35 Sat (9:35, 11:35) 2:10, 4:40, 6:10, 7:30, 8:45, 10:05; **The Incredible Burt Wonderstone** (PG-13) Fri (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 6:20, 7:25, 9:05, 10:10, 11:40 Sat (11:15, 2:00) 4:45, 6:20, 7:25, 9:05, 10:10, 11:40 Sun (11:15, 2:00) 4:45, 6:20, 7:25, 9:05, 10:10; **The Metropolitan Opera: Francesca da Rimini** (Not Rated) Sat 9:00a.m.

MISSION VALLEY

AMC Fashion Valley
7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)
21 and Over (R) Fri-Sun 11:15, 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:40; **Dead Man Down** (R) Fri-Sun 10:40, 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35; **Emperor** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:10, 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:35; **Escape from Planet Earth** (PG) Fri-Sun 10:10, 12:45, 3:05, 5:30; **A Good Day to Die Hard**

(R) Fri-Sun 10:50, 1:25, 4:05, 6:40; **Identity Thief** (R) Fri-Sun 10:25, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:20, 10:20, 4:15, 10:10; **Jack the Giant Slayer 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 1:20, 7:15; **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun 10:00, 1:00, 4:00; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri-Sun 10:45, 2:00, 5:10, 7:00, 8:20, 10:15; **Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30, 2:45, 6:00, 9:20 Fri-Sun 10:00, 1:15, 4:20, 7:30, 10:45; **Safe Haven** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:35, 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:25; **Side Effects** (R) Fri-Sun 8:00, 10:40; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri-Sun 10:30, 1:40, 4:45, 7:45, 10:40; **The Call** (R) Fri-Sun 10:05, 11:20, 12:30, 2:15, 3:15, 4:50, 5:50, 7:30, 8:30, 10:15, 11:00; **The Incredible Burt Wonderstone** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:15, 11:05, 1:00, 1:50, 4:00, 4:55, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:50; **The Last Exorcism Part II** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 9:30p.m.; **Warm Bodies** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:45, 2:30, 5:20, 8:05, 10:30

AMC Mission Valley
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
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Ultrastar Mission Valley Hazard Center
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
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SAN DIEGO

Arclight La Jolla
4425 La Jolla Village Dr Ste H60 (858-768-7770)
21 and Over (R) Fri-Sat 1:50, 8:40, 12:15 Sun 1:50, 8:40; **Emperor** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:00, 12:00, 3:10, 4:35, 6:45, 9:00; **A Good Day to Die Hard** (R) Fri-Sun 11:05, 1:20, 4:10, 8:35, 10:40; **Identity Thief** (R) Fri-Sun 11:35, 1:55, 4:50, 8:30, 10:45; **Jack the Giant Slayer** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:05, 10:55; **Jack the Giant Slayer 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:30, 2:20, 8:00; **Les Miserables** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:25, 1:40, 3:45, 6:50, 9:40; **Life of Pi** (PG) Fri-Sun 12:05, 6:00; **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun 11:00, 2:05, 4:40, 7:00, 9:45; **Side Effects** (R) Fri-Sat 9:45, 11:20, 1:25, 3:40, 5:25, 6:10, 7:30, 10:25, 11:50 Sun 9:45, 11:20, 1:25, 3:40, 5:25, 6:10, 7:30, 10:25; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri-Sun 9:55, 10:55, 1:30, 2:35, 5:15, 6:15, 7:50, 9:25, 10:05; **The Impossible** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:25, 1:35, 4:05, 7:05, 10:35; **The Incredible Burt Wonderstone** (PG-13) Fri-Sat 11:15, 12:00, 12:30, 1:45, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:45, 5:45, 6:00, 6:30, 7:15, 8:15, 8:45, 9:30, 10:30, 11:15, 11:45 Fri-Sat 10:30, 1:00, 7:45, 10:00, 12:15 Sun 10:30, 1:00, 7:45, 10:00 Sun 11:15, 12:00, 12:30, 1:45, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00; **Warm Bodies** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:05, 4:00, 11:00

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Stoker (R) Fri: 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50, Sat & Sun:

11:40, 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50, Mon-Thu: (2:15), (4:50), 7:30, 9:50; **Barbara** (PG-13) Fri: (2:00), (4:40), 7:15, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45, Mon-Thu: (2:00), (4:40), 7:15*, 9:45, * **No** 7:15 PM Show Tuesday, 03/19/13; **Stoker** (R) Fri: (1:40), 4:10, 6:40, 9:10, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10, Mon-Thu: (1:40), (4:10), 6:40*, 9:10, **No 6:40 PM Show Thursday, 03/21/13; **No** (R) Fri: (1:30), 4:20, 7:00, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (10:50), 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40, Mon-Thu: (1:30), (4:20), 7:00, 9:40; **Quartet** (PG-13) Fri: (1:50), 4:30, 6:50, 9:15, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 1:50, 4:30, 6:50, 9:15, Mon-Thu: (1:50), (4:30), 6:50, 9:15, Discount Shows at Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "()"; **Ginger & Rosa** (PG-13) Opens Friday, March 22; **Lore** (NR) Opens Friday, March 22; **On The Road** (R) Tentatively Opens Friday, March 22; **Upside Down** (PG-13) Opens Friday, March 22

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Amazing Journeys (Not Rated) Sun 6:00p.m.; **Cosmic Collisions** (Not Rated) Fri-Sat 3:00, 7:00 Sun 3:00p.m.; **Flight of the Butterflies IMAX** (Not Rated) Fri 5:00p.m. Sat-Sun 11:00, 5:00; **Rocky Mountain Express** (G) Fri 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat-Sun 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **To The Arctic IMAX** (G) Fri-Sat 1:00, 6:00 Sun 1:00p.m.

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 Dr (800-326-3264)
21 and Over (R) Fri-Sun 10:20p.m.; **Dead Man Down** (R) Fri-Sun (11:10, 1:50) 4:55, 7:40, 10:15; **Escape from Planet Earth** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:45, 1:55) 4:00, 6:05, 8:10; **Identity Thief** (R) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:45) 4:25, 7:05, 9:55; **Jack the Giant Slayer** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:40, 2:10) 4:45, 7:10, 9:40; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:15, 11:55, 2:05, 2:50) 5:00, 5:45, 8:00, 10:45; **Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:20) 4:15, 7:00, 9:50; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri-Sun (11:20, 2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **The Call** (R) Fri-Sun (10:35, 12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 10:45; **The Incredible Burt Wonderstone** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:15, 3:35) 6:00, 8:20, 10:35

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
21 and Over (R) Fri (10:55, 1:40, 4:05) 6:45, 9:50 Sat-Sun (10:55, 1:40) 4:05, 6:45, 9:50; **Argo** (R) Fri-Sun (11:40, 2:25) 6:20, 9:30; **Dead Man Down** (R) Fri (10:40, 1:30, 4:35) 8:05, 10:55 Sat-Sun (10:40, 1:30) 4:35, 8:05, 10:55; **Emperor** (PG-13) Fri (10:30, 1:20, 4:10) 7:10, 10:00 Sat-Sun (10:30, 1:20) 4:10, 7:10, 10:00; **A Good Day to Die Hard** (R) Fri-Sun 10:30p.m.; **Identity Thief** (R) Fri (11:25, 2:10, 4:55) 7:50, 10:35 Sat-Sun (11:25, 2:10) 4:55, 7:50, 10:35; **Jack the Giant Slayer** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:40) 10:25; **Jack the Giant Slayer 3D** (PG-13) Fri (4:30) 7:25 Sat-Sun 4:30, 7:25; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:30, 11:30, 11:55, 2:35, 3:50) 6:30, 7:30, 9:45; **Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D** (PG) Fri (11:00, 1:35, 2:05, 4:50) 7:00, 8:00, 10:10, 11:00 Sat-Sun (11:00, 1:35, 2:05) 4:50, 7:00, 8:00, 10:10, 11:00; **Safe Haven** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:15, 2:30) 6:40, 9:35; **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Fri (10:50, 1:55, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45 Sat-Sun (10:50, 1:55) 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; **Snitch** (PG-13) Fri (11:05, 1:50, 4:40) 7:35, 10:15 Sat-Sun (11:05, 1:50) 4:40, 7:35, 10:15; **The Call** (R) Fri (11:10, 1:45, 4:20) 7:20, 10:20 Sat-Sun (11:10, 1:45) 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; **The Incredible Burt Wonderstone** (PG-13) Fri (11:20, 2:15, 5:00) 7:40, 10:40 Sat-Sun (11:20, 2:15) 5:00, 7:40, 10:40

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
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SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade
770 Dennery Road (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

Regal Rancho Del Rey
1025 Tierra del Rey (619-216-4707)
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UltraStar Chula Vista
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)

Bullet to the Head (R) Fri-Sun: (2:15), 7:15, Mon-Thu: 7:15 PM; **Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters** (R) Fri & Sat: (11:30 AM), (2:00), 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, Sun: (11:30 AM), (2:00), 4:30, 7:00, Mon-Thu: 4:30, 7:00; **Mama** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (12:15), (2:30), 4:45, 7:00, 9:15, Sun: (12:15), (2:30), 4:45, 7:00, Mon-Thu: 4:45, 7:00; **Gangster Squad** (R) Fri & Sat: (11:30 AM), 4:30, 9:30, Sun: (11:30 AM), 4:30, Mon-Thu: 4:30 PM; **A Haunted House** (R) Fri &

Sat: (11:00 AM), (1:15), (3:30), 5:45, 8:00, 10:15, Sun: (11:00 AM), (1:15), (3:30), 5:45, 8:00, Mon-Thu: 5:45, 8:00; **Les Miserables** (PG-13) Fri-Sun: (2:15), 8:15, Mon-Thu: 8:15 PM; **Parental Guidance** (PG) Fri-Sun: (11:45 AM), 5:45, Mon-Thu: 5:45 PM; **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Fri-Sun: (12:30), (4:00), 7:30, Mon-Thu: (4:00), 7:30; **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Fri-Sun: (12:15), (4:00), 7:45, Mon-Thu: (4:00), 7:45; **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) Fri-Sun: (11:15 AM), (1:45), 4:15, Mon-Thu: 4:15 PM; **Lincoln** (PG-13) Fri-Sun: (12:45), 4:15, 7:45, Mon-Thu: 4:15, 7:45; **Skyfall** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 6:45, 10:00, Sun-Thu: 6:45 PM; **Wreck-It Ralph** (PG) Fri & Sat: (11:15 AM), (2:00), 4:45, 7:15, 9:45, Sun: (11:15 AM), (2:00), 4:45, 7:15, Mon-Thu: 4:45, 7:15

EASTLAKE

AMC Otay Ranch
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
Call theater for program information.

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
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NATIONAL CITY

AMC Plaza Bonita
3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386)
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NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Digiplex River Village
5256 Mission Rd (760-945-8784)
Dead Man Down (R) Fri-Sat (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 10:15 Sun 4:30p.m.; **Jack the Giant Slayer** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:30 Sun (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45; **Oz The Great and Powerful** (PG) Fri-Sat (11:00, 12:00, 2:00, 3:30) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00 Sun (11:00, 12:00, 2:00, 3:30) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00; **Running the Sahara** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 7:10p.m.; **The Call** (R) Fri-Sat (12:15, 2:45) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sun (12:15, 2:45) 5:30, 8:15; **The Incredible Burt Wonderstone** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:30, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 Sun (11:30, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15; **Yannick Nezet-Seguin Conducts The Rite of Spring** (Not Rated) Sun (12:30p.m.)

ESCONDIDO

Regal Escondido
350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
Call theater for program information.

POWAY

UltraStar Poway
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Call theater for program information.

SAN MARCOS

Regal San Marcos
1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)
Call theater for program information.

TEMECULA

UltraStar Temecula Tower Cinemas
27531 Ynez Road (951-699-2205)
Call theater for program information.

VISTA

Krikorian Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Dr (760-945-7469)
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him cling to life. Storytelling! Significance! Ditto the boy's struggle with faith: he prays, and things happen. Are those things answer to prayer or just things that happen? Don't worry about answering; the film is happy to do that for you. The viewer does get to make a choice at the end, but it's not a choice about anything as exalted as the existence of God. It's more about where we find consolation during our own adventure in the lifeboat. With Irrfan Khan, Suraj Sharma. 2012. — M.L.

★★

Like Someone in Love — Reviewed this issue. — S.M.

★★★★★

Mama — Boy kills girl and self, thus forcing their young daughters, Victoria (Megan Charpentier) and Lilly (Isabelle Nélisse), to spend five years in a deserted cabin being raised by mom's ghost. The feral siblings are eventually captured and placed in the home of their father's twin brother (Nikolaj Coster-Waldau) and his girlfriend, a brunette, bobbed, and raccoon-eyed Jessica Chastain. Unless your nerves can't stand the shrieking violins that accompany every popping head, there is not a legitimate jolt in the entire picture. Logic never enters into it: noontime sun pours through the windows as Chastain chastises the girls for being up past their bedtime. When a Mama-induced fall places Coster-Waldau (or is it Scott Speedman?) in a comatose state, a nonplussed Chastain goes about her life as if nothing happened. The lifts from *Marnie*, *Rear Window*, and *Un Chien Andalou* show that director and co-screenwriter Andrés Muschietti did his homework. But the manner in which he smuggles in the homages proves that he learned nothing from his teachers. With

only two expressions in her acting kit — pained and more pained — Chastain is rapidly becoming her generation's answer to Harrison Ford. The biggest stiff in this spook show is Daniel Kash, who barely registers in the perfunctory role of an earnest sawbones bent on rescuing the girls. Throw *Mama* from the multiplex.

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Oz The Great and Powerful — Insert sinking balloon joke here. James Franco mugs his way through director Sam Raimi's candy-colored CGI wonderland as a carnival magician who finds himself called upon to rally the oppressed people of Oz to believe in him. Or, at least, to believe in the power of their dreams? Anyway, belief is important. But the actor proves as insincere as his character, and it's up to Michelle Williams as Glinda the Good Witch to keep things interesting as you follow the well-worn turns in the yellow brick road. (That she manages to do so without letting her sweetness turn saccharine is the real great and powerful thing here.) She gets dubious help from Zach Braff, doing schtick as a flying monkey, and from Joey King as a spunky china girl who reminds the ersatz wizard not to be a cad. Mila Kunis and Rachel Weisz play Glinda's dark-haired sisters. 2013. — M.L.

★

Phantom — Ed Harris goes gaunt and haunted for his portrayal of a disgraced Russian submarine captain whose final mission turns out to be much more dangerous than he had planned. (The sub is diesel, but its cargo is nuclear and its crew is compromised.) The film's look is right — Harris's ruined face is matched by the ancient sub he commands — but the sound is strange. It's one thing to have American actors dispense with any attempt at Russian accents; it's another to have them dispense with any attempt at Russian idiom. David Duchovny as the villain is absolutely David Duchovny as the villain (though it's not his fault he's saddled with

so much exposition), but William Fichtner turns in a fine performance as a loyal friend and officer. Writer-director Todd Robinson keeps things trim, but yields to self-indulgence during a hallucinogenic fit of epilepsy and a doozy of an ending. 2013. — M.L.

★

Rocky — The prizefighting premise — a second-rate Philadelphia pug named Rocky Balboa gets a shot at the heavyweight title — functions very well as a metaphor for the making of this penny-saving, corner-cutting movie — a second-string actor named Sylvester Stallone gets a shot at the Oscar. But the boxing doesn't function very well as boxing; it more closely resembles the bloody, contrived, seesawing melodramatics of professional wrestling. Moreover, the movie's gritty details of environment and character are really nothing but decorative touches to cover up the essential Cinderella-story sweetness, the rabid underdog sympathies, and the resilient optimism. *Rocky*, a nice little movie at best, is primarily about how an Ugly Duckling, languishing in a pet shop behind her 1947-style glasses frames, flowers into fulfilled womanhood under the ham-fisted attentions of a palooka who calls himself "The Italian Stallion." And it really has less kinship to the hard-boiled *Kid Galahad*-type movie than it has to the soft-hearted *Marty* type. With Talia Shire, Burt Young, Burgess Meredith; written by Stallone; directed by John G. Avildsen. 1976. — D.S.

★★★

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.

★★★

Snitch — Those expecting two hours of non-stop punches and explosions are in for a rude awakening. Former stuntman-turned-writer/director, Ric Roman Waugh, rocks Dwayne Johnson's world with a focused piece of genre storytelling that doubles as a dead-on assault against the war on drugs. Under federal laws known as mandatory minimums, Johnson's son 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. The film's only drawback is its unnecessary (and persistent) employment of hand-held cinematography. If you can afford The Rock's salary, surely a tripod can't be that big an expense. The supporting cast — including Susan Sarandon, Barry Pepper, and Benjamin Bratt — is uniformly superb. 2013. — S.M.

★★★

Stoker — For his first American film, South Korean director Chan-wook Park, best known to American audiences for *The Vengeance Trilogy*, cast Mia Wasikowska in the role generally reserved for a pale Asian chick whose face is frequently obscured by stringy black hair. A mysterious relation (Matthew Goode) shows up at his brother's funeral to instantly assume the role of father to Wasikowska, the teenage niece he never met. (Nicole Kidman plays

her teetering mom.) After the screening, a colleague confessed that the title's allusion to *Dracula*, combined with Park's previous film, *Thirst*, led him to believe *Stoker* was a vampire picture. One mention of an "Uncle Charlie" assured me beyond a shadow of a doubt that the only blood sucked was going to be out of Hitchcock's veins. No matter how carefully the action is staged and lit, there is nothing we haven't seen before. 2013. — S.M.

★

Warm Bodies — A date movie for every guy whose girlfriend forced him to watch sparkly vampires fall mopey 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.

★★

Yossi (Ha-Sippur Shel Yossi) — A ten-years-on followup to the gay Israeli wartime love story *Yossi & Jagger*. Yossi — a closeted, aging, thickening Israeli doctor — hasn't had a lover since Jagger's death during a nighttime ambush. Lover? He hasn't had a *life*. (Nothing says "quiet desperation" like a scene of a man unbuttoning his pants in a dark room with only his computer for company.) But a chance encounter with Jagger's mother, together with a few wrenching sexual humiliations, serves to rouse him from his torpor. He remains himself, rumpled, fumbling, and stunted, but at least he's trying. And while the handsome soldier he meets on vacation may qualify as fantastical — the gay version of a manic pixie dream girl — the film has a disarming, apolitical frankness that lends it a measure of reality. 2012. — 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 in a man's world. She is a "Hawksian" professional of the highest order: the real-life person upon whom the character is based spent 12 years — her entire career with the CIA — doggedly pursuing the mission at hand. The Agency accuses the film of taking "significant artistic license, while portraying itself as being historically accurate" in its depiction of the government-sanctioned waterboarding of a messenger as a means of obtaining the vital clue needed to pinpoint the exact location of Bin Laden. Is Bigelow juggling the facts or exposing truths many hold to be self-evident? When it comes to establishing and maintaining tension, there wasn't a better American genre picture released this year. Refrain from viewing it as historical record and you won't leave disappointed. 2012. — S.M.

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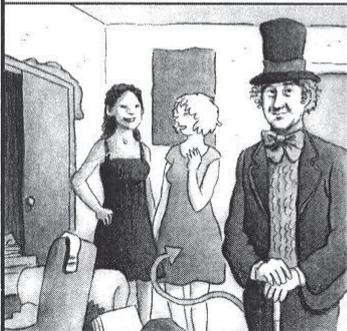
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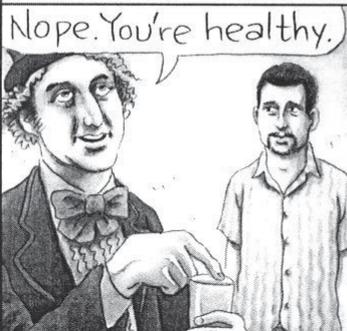
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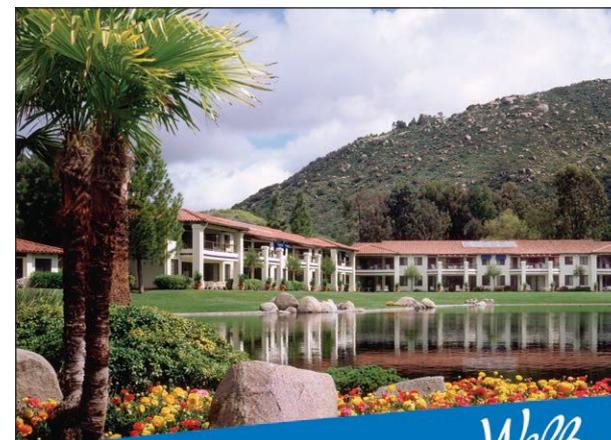
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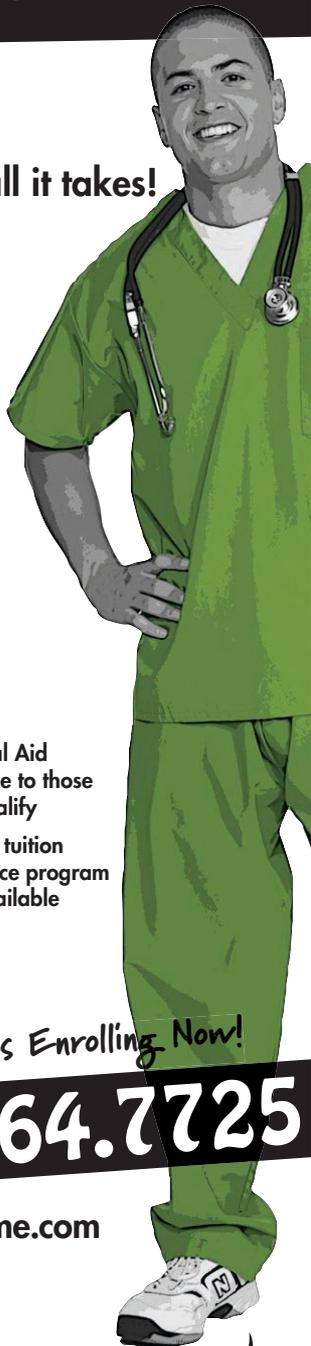
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later in the day, they discovered that what looked like a woman on the videotape was really a man disguised as a woman.

Police said a search of a handbag Roldán was carrying turned up the credit-card reading device, a wig, and feminine accessories.

BOB MCPHAIL, MARCH 7

TIJUANA

Don't bribe the cops (anymore)

Record number of bribery prosecutions in February

The longtime practice of offering Tijuana cops a little cash to buy your way out of a legal jam could now land you in jail.

In a March 2 press release, the city's Department of Public Safety reported a record-breaking 57 arrests for attempted bribery in February — an average of around two such arrests per day.

According to police, there were 49 bribery arrests in January, bringing the total so far this year to 106. If the trend continues, officers will easily surpass such detentions made in 2012, when there were 191 arrests.

Among the January and February cases,

according to the news release, the bribes offered ranged from 2000 pesos (about \$163) to release a group of drug dealers in the Mariano Matamoros area, to 100 pesos (about \$8) to ignore a traffic infraction in the Empleados Federales neighborhood. The bribery crackdown is part of a campaign launched by Tijuana mayor Carlos Bustamante, who has pledged to clean up the long-sullied reputation of the city's police force.

BOB MCPHAIL, MARCH 4

OCEAN BEACH

People's Food Co-op to expand

Grocery store's parking lot and storage space near capacity

The Ocean Beach People's Food Co-op is looking to expand its grocery store located at 4765 Voltaire Street. General manager Nancy Cassidy addressed the issue in the March 2013 monthly newsletter.

"We are reaching full capacity in the back-stock coolers, as well as in our parking lot many times throughout the day," said Cassidy. The co-op parking lot is famously cramped, and circling autos increase their carbon footprint outside the "green" store by having to wait for a spot to open up.

Cassidy noted that "we have done extensive exploration in communities all over San

Diego for the past few years, looking for sites that meet criteria for traffic, parking, truck loading, and affordability."

The co-op is seeking feedback and input from members and the general public.

GAIL POWELL, MARCH 3

KENSINGTON | TALMADGE

Fairmount Avenue improvements en route?

Planning group supports Caltrans grant to make street safer for pedestrians and cyclists

All but two Navajo Community Planners, Inc., (NCPI) members voted February 25 to send a letter stating they supported the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group (KTPG) and the City of San Diego applying for a Caltrans grant to study what NCPI chair Anthony Wagner described as making Fairmount Avenue "safer and more maneuverable."

According to the February 13 Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group agenda, modifications to be planned for would include bike paths and pedestrian lanes on Fairmount between Meade Avenue and the Grantville trolley station. Also proposed for planning were roadway improvements at the Interstate 8 interchange, Fairmount and Montezuma interchange, Aldine Drive, and the intersec-

tion of Fairmount and El Cajon Boulevard.

KTPG chair David Moty and writer Joan FitzSimons (both of whom spoke at the meeting) learned that most Navajo Community Planners members had not seen the application that proposed expanding the Fairmount



Improvements would allow bike and pedestrian access to Grantville trolley station (pictured).

median to a minimum of 20 feet in the area between Meade and I-8. This would allow bike and pedestrian access to Camino del Rio South and the trolley station.

LIZ SWAIN, MARCH 4

CHULA VISTA

School District Realty Co. Should Sweetwater Union district change its name after development gambit?

The Sweetwater school district owns several properties that it is trying to flip into condo/apartment developments. The properties,

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located in western Chula Vista, are on L Street, Third Avenue, Fifth Avenue (district headquarters), and Moss Avenue.

The *Reader* reported last month that in March 2012, then-interim superintendent Ed Brand asked the board to approve the use of

funds — \$347,500 — from the district's special reserve for a vaguely worded resolution involving the "hiring of E2 ManageTech to begin the process of re-entitling the district non school properties for future development of L Street."

The L Street property was originally purchased in 2004, intended for the relocation of district headquarters.

Trustee Pearl Quiñones expressed con-

cern about the repetitious use of monies for consultants and market studies and requested that the board be updated soon.

A year has gone by without a public update.

E2 ManageTech, according to the records request, subcontracted to several companies, which are working toward making all four of the district properties "shovel-ready" for development.

SUSAN LUZZARO, MARCH 5

Comments

ERUPTING MARCH 5@ 6:07 P.M.

The long and short of it is school districts should not be using bond monies or tax dollars to be speculating in property. We are in trouble with this property. Why not include the public in the decisions? It's our money. Could we have sold it at a big loss to get out from under it? Are we going to throw good money at this?



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PACIFIC BEACH, \$1250.
2BD+1BA cottage with shared yard. Close to all. Walk to bay. Laundry, parking, patio. No pets. 4115-1/2 Inghram Street. 858-270-4674.

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PACIFIC BEACH, \$1425.
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PACIFIC BEACH, \$1850.
2BD+1BA house. Large backyard with fruit trees! Stove, refrigerator. Wood floors. Laundry hookups. Garage plus driveway parking. No pets. Available 4/21/13. 1754 Thomas. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2400.
3BD+3BA plus extra room, townhome in quiet area of North Pacific Beach. All appliances plus stack washer/ dryer. Fireplace. Private balcony and deck. Small patio. Garage plus parking space. Available 4/10/13. 2045 Emerald. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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1BD+1BA and 2BD+1BA. Quiet, gated entrance. Ceiling fans, laundry, off-street parking, pool. Building well maintained. No pets. Available now. 619-279-0031, akarnazes@yahoo.com.

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POINT LOMA, \$1250 & UP.
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Downtown

BANKER'S HILL, \$1450.
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DOWNTOWN, \$400 & UP.
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Affordable rooms near Petco Park. Utilities included. Common kitchen, bathrooms, laundry, vending machines. Star Hotel, 522 7th Avenue & Island. 619-235-6068. www.HughesManagement.net.

DOWNTOWN, \$486-625.
Cozy rooms, very comfortable, convenient location. Historic building near C Street Trolley. Choice of common or private bathrooms. Utilities included. Free cable TV, on-site laundry, vending machines, modern elevator. Southern Hotel, 1159 6th Avenue at B. 619-239-3808.



DOWNTOWN, \$500 & UP.
Studio+1BA. Rooms \$500/ up. Studios \$650/ up. Clean and quiet. Includes utilities and free cable, on-site laundry, elevator. Excellent location, convenient to all. No pets. Arlington Apartments, 701 7th Ave. and G St. 619-231-2385. www.HughesManagement.net.



DOWNTOWN, \$500-600.
Large, furnished rooms with high ceilings, tall windows. Includes utilities and cable. On-site laundry and kitchen. No pets. Excellent location across from Horton Plaza. Windsor Hotel, 843 4th Avenue. 619-231-2385. www.HughesManagement.net.



DOWNTOWN, \$550-800.
Price meets function. Spacious studios and rooms with private bathroom. Utilities included, on-site laundry. Some parking available. Near City College and trolley. Mitchell Apts., 901 10th Avenue at E Street. 619-235-6068. www.HughesManagement.net.



DOWNTOWN, \$650 & UP.
Best deal in East Village! Spacious units in small complex with gated courtyard. Utilities included. No lease. No pets. Tenth Avenue Apts. 743 10th Avenue. 619-239-1639 x2. www.HughesManagement.net.



DOWNTOWN, \$700-900.
The best of Downtown at your doorstep! Updated studios and one bedrooms by Petco Park, Gaslamp and Horton Plaza. Air conditioned units include utilities and free cable. On-site laundry. Arthur Hotel at 728 Market Street. 619-239-1639 x2. www.HughesManagement.net.

DOWNTOWN, \$800 & UP.
Little Italy efficiency apartments with laundry. Private bath, cable TV, microwave, refrigerator. Utilities included. Secure, quiet, charming. Near trolley/ bus lines, blocks from harbor. On-site manager. Villa Caterina, 1654 Columbia Street. 619-232-3400.

DOWNTOWN, \$850 & UP
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DOWNTOWN.
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DOWNTOWN.
Starting at \$175 weekly. Furnished rooms. Beautiful building, new. Refrigerator, microwave, TV, cable. 920 Beech Street. Call 619-234-1952.

GOLDEN HILL, \$1295.
2BD+1BA quaint detached cottage. W/D connections, hardwood floor in living room, off-street parking, outdoor seating area, gated complex. Views to Coronado and downtown. 2714 Broadway. Call 858-768-4333 or visit www.cal-prop.com.

GOLDEN HILL, \$795.
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East County

EL CAJON, \$975.

2BD+1BA. Close to all. Off-street parking, pool, on-site laundry, clean and quiet. Great location on bus line. 619-312-0606.

EL CAJON, \$850.
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EL CAJON, \$795.
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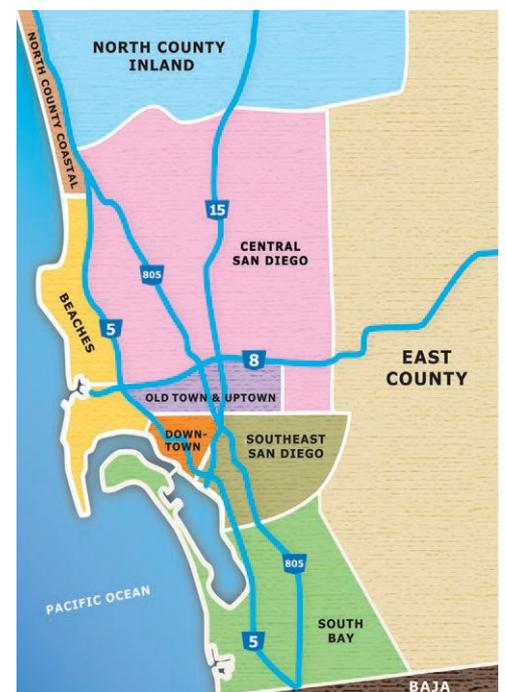
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RULES OF THE GAME

- Submit your completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results and ranking are posted online each week to SDReader.com/puzzle. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
- Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name.
- The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
- Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489**; or mailed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy; or scanned and e-mailed to puzzles@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

And now for the really small print:

- All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- Late entries will not be considered.
- We will draw 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.
- One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

- Ravel composition that debuted at the Paris Opera in 1928
- One putting out feelers
- "The check ___ the mail"
- Use for sustenance
- Part of DJIA
- 2008 National Book Award for Poetry winner Mark
- With 18-Across, on a negative course
- See 17-Across
- I may precede them
- "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich" author
- Suffix with girl or boy
- Petting zoo sound
- Pulitzer-winning biographer Leon and others
- With 31-Across, famous villain of children's literature
- See 28-Across
- Ear-related
- Together, in Toulon
- Emmy-winning TV show ... or this puzzle's theme
- Falafel holder
- Leaves out
- With 48-Across, 1998 Christian Slater/Cameron Diaz film
- See 44-Across
- Sch. George W. Bush attended after getting a 1206 on his SATs
- ___Lingus
- Game-ending cry
- Quarter-mile, maybe
- "Lady Marmalade" singer with Christina Aguilera, Lil' Kim and Pink

- With 58-Across, taking away one's credibility
 - See 56-Across
 - Southernmost cross-country U.S. highway
 - Only U.S. state whose constitution includes the term "pickup trucks": Abbr.
 - Chain smoker's buy
 - Holiday song closer
 - Bro's sib
 - River seen from Windsor Castle
- ## Down
- Texter's closest pal
 - Across, in poetry
 - Bill Clinton or Barack Obama, but not George W. Bush
 - NHL's Oilers, on scoreboards
 - Zombie who directed "House of 1000 Corpses"
 - Carousing
 - Extra: Abbr.
 - Word after waste or want
 - Infrequently seen bills
 - "Me! Me!"
 - Horse color
 - The "se" in per se
 - Big Apple residents, for short
 - "That was a close call!"
 - Tokyo theater performance
 - "Don't make ___ habit"
 - Moo ___ pork
 - Apt name for a gardener?
 - Vitriol
 - Spot for a screwdriver
 - Soulful Baker
 - What a tiny circle may signify: Abbr.
 - How Rome wasn't built

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- Message from police HQ
- Nobelist name of 1922 and 1975
- French friend
- "Correct answer!" sound
- ___ Friday's
- Fig. in an identity theft case
- Conceit
- The only prime number comprising an even number of identical digits
- Winterize, as a coat
- China's currency unit
- It incited a 1773 party
- Bear and Berra
- Some major golf tournaments, informally
- Corp. recruits
- "___ Baba and the 40 Thieves"
- "Well, lah-di-___!"
- Grp. with a piece plan?
- It's often pressed for cash
- Stooge with bangs
- They can always be seen right in the middle of dinner

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- Prizes will be available for pickup at the Reader offices front desk from the Thursday your name appears in print to the following Thursday at 5 p.m.
- Chad Griffith, Poway, 6.
 - George Jackson, Oceanside, 6.
 - Martin Soblick, Del Mar, 6.
 - Irving Metzger, San Diego, 4.
 - Sunny Nelson, El Cajon, 4.

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SANTEE, \$1200.

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SPRING VALLEY, \$635.

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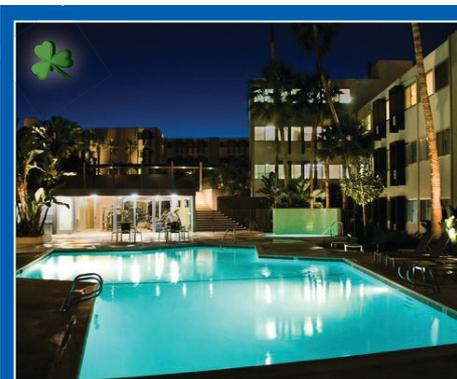
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KENSINGTON-TALMADGE, \$1450.

2BD+2BA Beautiful, extra large lower unit located in a small, Spanish-style gated complex. Dining room, large private patio, custom bath furnishings, 2 parking spots. Small pets OK. 4638 Kensington Drive. 619-804-3325.

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1BD+1BA Upstairs, Walk-in closet, dishwasher, A/C. Laundry on site. Gated, Parking Space. Available now. 4471 48th Street #C. www.cethron.com, (619) 295-1100.

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1BD+1BA apartment. Available 3/15/13. 4517 30th St. #5. www.AMGSD.com. 619-295-1165.

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1) Submit completed puzzle of any difficulty level (Easy, Medium, Hard or Evil) to the Reader each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results and ranking are posted online at SDReader.com/puzzle. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.

2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name. Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are cut into pieces will be disqualified.

3) We will draw 10 names from weekly puzzle winners; no clever words or limericks required.

4) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

5) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489**; or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803; or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy; or scanned and e-mailed to Sudoku@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

7) Late entries will not be considered.

8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:**EASY:**

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- Pauline O'Malley, Point Loma, 6.
- Lisa Sallers, Chual Vista, 4.
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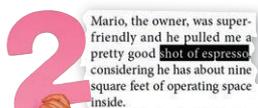
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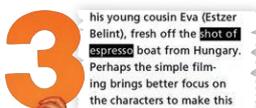
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Government in Action

— The Philadelphia Traffic Court has been so rife with ticket-fixing since its founding in 1938 that a recent Pennsylvania Supreme Court report on the practice seemed resigned to it, according to a November *Philadelphia Inquirer* account. One court employee was quoted as defending the favoritism as fair (as long as no money changed hands) on the grounds that anyone could get local politicians to call a judge for him. Thus, said the employee, “It was the [traffic] violator’s own fault if he or she didn’t know enough” to get help from a political connection. Traffic judge Christine Solomon, elected in November 2011 after a career as a favor-

dispensing “ward healer,” said the ticket-fixing was “just politics, that’s all.”

— More than 200 school districts in California have covered current expenses with “capital appreciation bonds,” which allow borrowers to forgo payments for years — but at some point require enormous balloon payments. A *Los Angeles Times* investigation revealed that districts have borrowed about \$3 billion and thus are on the hook for more than \$16 billion. “It’s the school-district equivalent of a payday loan,” said California state treasurer Bill Lockyer, a former school-board member who said he’d fire anyone who sought such loans. (Some defenders of the loans pointed to schools’ occasional need for immediate money so they could qualify for federal matching grants — which, to the districts, would be “free” money.)

Great Art!

— In October, Austrian artist Alexander Riegler installed a one-way mirror in the ladies’ room at a café in Vienna to allow men’s room users to peer inside (in the name of “art,” of course). Riegler said he wanted to start a “discussion of voyeurism and surveillance.” Men could see only the faces of women standing at the lavatories, and he said then that in January,

he would reverse the process and allow women to peer into the men’s rooms. (The café had posted a sign advising restroom users that they would be part of an art project.)

Police Report

— Anthony Johnson, 49, was convicted in October in Hartford, Conn., of stealing an improbably large amount of money — as much as \$70,000 a weekend, off and on for five years — by crawling on the floor of darkened theaters and lifting credit cards from purses that movie-watching women had set down. The FBI said Johnson was careful to pick films likely to engross female viewers so that he could operate freely. He was often able to finish up, leave the theater, and make cash-advance withdrawals from ATMs before the movie had ended.

— In October, a 34-year-old man being detained by Port St. Lucie, Fla., police on an indecent-exposure complaint convinced the officer to free him based on showing the officer his testicles. (A woman had complained that the man was masturbating in public, but the man apparently demonstrated an impressively severe rash that he said he could not avoid scratching.)

— Niles Gammons of Urbana, Ohio, apparently did some partying on Saturday night, Nov. 3, be-

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— Justin Jedlica, 32, of New York City, bills himself as the “human Ken doll” after a ten-year odyssey of cosmetic surgery (90 procedures) to achieve the “perfect” body. “I love to metamorphosize myself, and the stranger the surgery, the better,” he told ABC News in October, even though the amount of silicone in his body, say doctors (when told of Jedlica’s various implants), has reached a dangerous level. He dismisses actually “earning” the body, through gym workouts, as just “not exciting, not glamorous.” (Of course, the “perfect” body is never perfect, Jedlica acknowledged, as illustrated by his recollection of his first surgery — to get a perfect nose — which is still not done after three follow-ups. “Just got to get that nose up a few more millimeters,” he said.)

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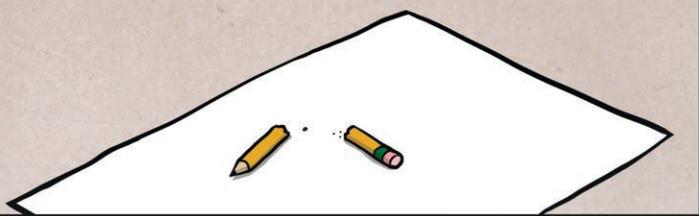
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I'm not scared of you, Blank Page. You think I'm afraid? Ha! That's what I say. I say, "Ha!" I mean, sure, it's a little daunting to try to come up with a new gem every time I sit down. And I won't pretend that I don't stare endlessly into your white abyss, Page, obsessing over my inevitable failure at creating something interesting or witty or both. And sure, after I fill you with words, I'm generally unhappy with the particular words I chose and the way I ordered them and also my life and all my choices and the fate of the universe.

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WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE DRIVE IN SAN DIEGO? I don't like to drive anywhere! I rarely leave San Carlos. But if I were to, let's say, maybe up the 8, heading toward the casino, east.

WHERE'S YOUR LEAST FAVORITE DRIVE? Downtown. By far.

WHERE DO YOU ENCOUNTER THE WORST TRAFFIC? On the freeway. Since I rarely have to go on the freeway, I'd have to say, probably the 5 north...say, up to the Orange County area.

WHAT'S YOUR COMMUTE LIKE? I don't have to commute very far because all of my jobs are right around here. Well, I take that back: Lakeside. I suppose Lakeside is the farthest I ever have to go.

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